



17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association



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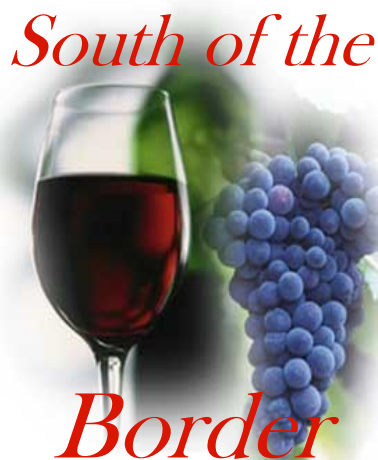
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Clare Valley Reunion

The Clare Valley reunion is now in full swing with numbers coming in regularly. The trend this year is for members to stay at the Clare Caravan park although good numbers are staying at the Country Club.

At this point in time we have 135 people attending the reunion. You still have time to register but it is requested that you do so ASAP as we need to confirm numbers before September of this year. The sooner we can confirm numbers, the better the discount will be for members and the registration fee can be determined.

"The next couple of newsletters will be distributed only to those attending the reunion."

This will be the last general newsletter to ALL members for the time being. The next couple of newsletters will be distributed only to those attending the reunion. So please note that if you have not registered before September, you will not receive reunion updates.

A number of members who are caravanning to Clare are staying on for a longer holiday. If you are intending to take a longer break you will

need to inform the Secretary so that your stay can be discounted at the special rate for our reunion.

The next newsletter will include contact details for the Clare Country Club, the Clare Caravan Park and the Travel Agent. For those members who have already registered and require a cabin at the Clare Caravan Park, your cabin number has already been allocated.

Clare in the Spring

The Clare Valley is typical of the southern Australian wine regions. The climate in spring, particularly in the evenings can be quite cool. Although the winter months will have passed, spring can bring rain and the days can be warm. Please make sure that you have appropriate clothing.

*There are many activities in the Clare region, if you intend making a holiday of the reunion you will find various activities on the web. Just type in: **Clare Valley** into your browser and you will find all you need to get around.*

If you are not on the internet there is plenty available at the Clare Information Centre.

Members who are travelling to Adelaide by air or rail will be transferred to Clare by bus. The cost of the fare will be included in your travel package. The travel agent will inform you of the details once our numbers are confirmed. **Please note that if you make your own travel arrangements (air or rail) you will need to find your own way to and from Clare.**

What is Happening in Clare

The Reunion Agenda

Thursday 12th September - *Members Arrive at Clare*

Friday 13th September

0900 Welcoming Breakfast - *The Last Word Inn (All inclusive)*
1930 BBQ Dinner - *The Clare Golf Club (buy your own drinks)*

Saturday 14th September

0900 Ladies Tour - *Tour of Mintaro - Morning Tea Included*
1000 Members Meeting - *Morning Tea*
1600 Formal Dinner - *Bungaree Station Wool Shed - Jacket and Tie*
(All inclusive)

Sunday 15th September

0900 Day Tour - *Tour of the Clare Valley (Buy your own morning tea and lunch)*
1900 Farewell BBQ - *Informal BBQ at the Clare Caravan Park (BYO Drinks)*

Monday 16th September - *Members Depart Clare*

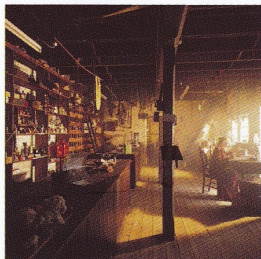
Those members who are attending

Currently we have 135 people registered to attend our reunion. The following is a list of members who have registered for the Clare reunion:

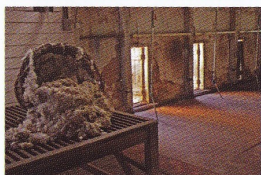
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BUNGAREE STATION

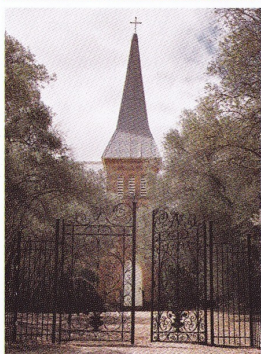
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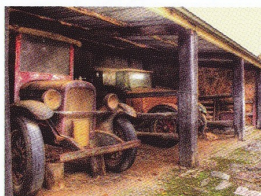
Tours of Historic Bungaree Station: Visitors to the beautiful Clare Valley can visit Bungaree through an audio tour exploring the historic station complex, including the Station Store, Homestead Gardens, Church and Woolshed.



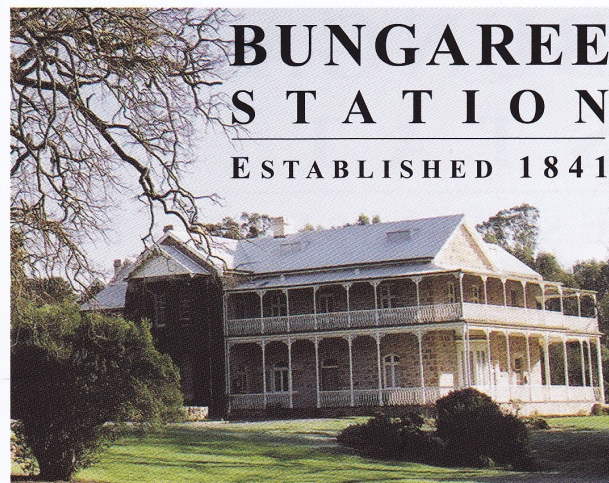
These tours are available at \$11 per person and take about 1-2 hours.



As Bungaree is a working farm and can be closed for functions, it is essential to phone ahead to book your tour.



LOCATION: 12 kms north of Clare, Highway B82
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BUNGAREE STATION

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Located 12 kilometers north of Clare, historic Bungaree Station offers both a range of accommodation in heritage buildings and also tours of the historic station complex.



Heritage Bed and Breakfast Accommodation: We offer an experience rather than just a bed!



Stay in self contained heritage cottages and apartments or in individual Stable bedrooms.



Enjoy the beautiful surrounds and wide open spaces, feed the farm animals, have a BBQ, or simply relax in front of the fire with a glass of local wine!



Accommodation prices range from \$44-\$99 per person per night, with accommodation for children aged under 12 reduced to half the normal rate.

ABOVE: Bungaree Station, we will have our formal dinner in the shearing shed.

LEFT: On Site cabins at the Clare Caravan Park



ARMY Combat Badge (ACB)

Award of the Army Combat Badge (ACB)

Past President, John Fenton, after extensive research formed the view during 2010 that members of our Association were entitled to be awarded the Army Combat Badge (ACB). For ex-serving members the application must be recommended by Head of Corps (HOC) prior to submission to Defence HQ.

John applied the guidelines of Defence Instruction (Army) 119-1, Army Combat Badge, & on 14 June 2010 submitted a comprehensive application supported by a Nominal Roll of all Workshop personnel who had served in Vietnam & a Statutory Declaration to the Director General Personnel (Army) for consideration, John's aim, if the ACB was awarded, was to present them to members during the Reunion Cruise. The application was submitted as a Corps Association submission.

The response from DG Pers (A) was that the application would take approximately six months to process due to the backlog of applications, this timeline fitted nicely with the planned Reunion Cruise.

When nothing was heard & the Reunion had come & gone, John contacted the HOC Cell at Bandiana & resubmitted copies of all documentation that had originally been forwarded to DG Pers (A).

On 12th September 2011 (well outside the six month guideline) DG Pers (A) wrote to John indicating that the award of the ACB was not approved because 17 Const Sqn Wksp was not "formally" Force Assigned to a Combat Team/Battle Group for an aggregate of 90 days.

Because 17 Const Sqn & 17 Const Sqn Wksp was originally deployed to Vung Tau, there continues to be a misconception within the Defence hierarchy that the Units were solely deployed there. Whereas in fact once the Sqn HQ with Engineer Troops & Wksp was deployed to Nui Dat, leaving some elements at Vung Tau, & conducted Operations throughout Phouc Tuy at the direction of the Task Force Commander it is considered that the role of the Sqn & Wksp were indeed in support of a Combat Team/Battle Group.

John's application on behalf of all Wksp members using the Corps Association criteria of the Defence instruction, as stated, was rejected, however if individuals believe they have an entitlement to the ACB by being Force Assigned to a Combat Team/Battle Group for an aggregated of 90 days they can submit an individual application.

What is galling is that as we all know the Sqn & Wksp were situated basically the width of the road from 1 Fd Sqn & Wksp at Nui Dat & performed similar roles throughout the Province in support of the Task Force. As Ned Kelly said as he was about to be hanged "such is life".

Thanks John

Gentlemen, Our immediate Past President, John Fenton, achieved a lot for this association whilst he was in the chair. Through John's initiatives we received grants for our reunion, help for some members requiring DVA assistance and other activities. The above document outlines some of John's work in applying for the ACB for our unit members. Although this was not successful, I would like to express gratitude on behalf of the members for John's hard work and dedication. Thanks again John. - *Snow*

LOOKING FOR A LOST MATE

Ken Burton is looking for a lost mate. **David Harper** if you are reading this, Ken would like to make contact with you. Please contact the Secretary (details on page one of the newsletter). Snow will then put you in touch with Ken.

SICK PARADE

John Lynch has been hospitalised for the second time with a serious illness. Lynchie is now back home recovering.

Dorothy Garlin Wife of Life Member Danny Garlin is still unwell and remains on the sick list.

Adrian Blackburn was travelling in Northern Queensland when he suffered some very severe heart problems culminating in delicate heart surgery. Adrian is now on the road to recovery.

We wish ALL members who are currently suffering health problems a speedy recovery

JOCK FULTON

I had an email from **David Fulton**, the son of **Jock Fulton** who served with the Workshop from April to November 1968. David informed me that Jock is not travelling all that well and is in a home in WA. Jock has trouble remembering much nowadays, but when David receives our newsletter, he takes it over and reads it to Jock. David tells me that Jock gets a kick out of this and he would like to continue receiving our newsletter.

Good luck David, we wish you and 'the old man' all the very best.

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MISSING MEMBERS

We have lost contact with the following members. If you know the whereabouts of any of these missing members, please contact them, if they are interested in staying in touch with the Association, they can contact the Secretary and be put back on the distribution list.

Brian FLETCHER	Ron MUNRO	Trevor SCALES
Barry HODSON	Kevin O'LEARY	Glenn SMITH
Paul KENNEDY	Trevor PAYNE	Anthony STONE
Bob LEE	Ernest PLUMRIDGE	Bob STOW
Mick MAGILL	Barry QUIN	Lewis TAYLOR
Phillip MANNING	Graeme RAMSDEN	Ralph TEESSON
Colin MARTIN	Graeme RICHTER	John TRINDER
Gary McDONALD	Lawrence RYAN	George WHATMAN
Zinard MILEIKA	Bill SANDS	Dennis YOUNG

YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO REGISTER

If you have not already registered and would like to attend the reunion - ***It is not too late.*** Just fill out the attached form and send it back to the Secretary As Soon As You Possibly Can and you will be registered.

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The Secretary/Treasurer
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2013 CLARE VALLEY REUNION

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE REUNION

(Please tick)

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NAME: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING (*Including Yourself*): _____

NAME OF PARTNER/OTHERS ATTENDING: _____

HOW WILL YOU BE TRAVELLING:

Driving

☐

Fly/Bus

☐

Fly/Hire Car

☐

Other (Please Specify):

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WHAT TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION IS REQUIRED: *Country Club (Solo)*

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Country Club (Shared)

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Caravan Park (Cabin)

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Caravan Park (Site)

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DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS (*ie Wheelchair access, sharing request etc.*)

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Please indicate:

**** Please return to the Secretary/Treasurer As Soon As Possible ****