



NEWSLETTER - June 2018

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Amazing ALBANY



What The Prez Sez

Our Albany reunion is now very much underway. As you would have read in the last newsletter, Snow and I visited Albany in February of this year and made some headway in our efforts to make 2019 another great reunion. This newsletter has an agenda that will outline all of the activities which we have chosen. There were many activities that we investigated during our trip and unfortunately, we are just not able to fit them all into the time we have available to us. Future newsletters will highlight some of these activities and you may wish to partake in these in your own time whilst visiting Albany.

In our endeavours to find the best available accommodation, we visited a number of caravan parks around Albany and surrounds and without doubt, the Big 4 Caravan Park at Emu

Point was the outstanding choice for our accommodation needs. All of the venues we have selected for various functions/events are in accordance with our needs and are of a high quality and standard.

In our organizational ventures, we were very fortunate to have been accompanied by the President of the RSLWA, Mr Peter Aspinall. Peter introduced us to the Mayor of Albany, Dennis Wellington, who has given us access to the City of Albany Events Manager. This has been a huge benefit to us and in recognition of our appreciation, we will invite the Mayor to be our guest at our dinner on the Thursday night. Peter Aspinall has agreed to be our Guest Speaker - so, we feel privileged to have such dignified guests at our premier event.

I am happy to report that it is all coming along nicely.

George

VALE

It is with the heavy heart that we announce the passing of the following:

Margaret Craft - much loved wife of Ian Craft. Margaret passed away on the 8th March 2018. Margaret accompanied Ian to many of our reunions and openly stated that she thoroughly enjoyed meeting and catching up with members and their partners. ***Sadly missed.***

Kevin (Kev) Pearce - Kev Pearce served two tours of Vietnam, both with 17 Construction Squadron Workshop. Kev and his loving wife Cheryl regularly attended our reunions until Kevin's health began to deteriorate. Kev passed away on the 25th March 2018. Kevin was a great supporter of our association, ***Lest We Forget***

Robert (Bob) Cook - Bob Cook was a National Serviceman who served with our unit between 1969 and 1970. Bob, along with his devoted wife Christine, were staunch supporters of our association and regularly attended our reunions. Bob had been ill for some time and passed away on the 9th May 2018. ***Lest We Forget***

Our sincere sympathy to the Craft, Pearce and Cook families.



THE ALBANY REUNION

Our Home Base for the Albany reunion will be at Emu Point which is located approximately ten kilometers north east of Albany. Emu Point is a rather small community with numerous holiday and recreational facilities. The reunion will be held from the 14th 'til the 18th October 2019. All functions and activities will take place within the Albany region with a number of functions held at the Emu Point Sporting Club, the Sporting Club is located directly behind, and within easy walking distance, of our selected accommodation park. Members attending functions held away from Emu Point will be transported by bus to and from the various locations.

Within Emu Point there is a Coffee Shop which is located right on the point itself. There is ample car parking available, but it is a nice walk from the holiday park.

If you enjoy a good feed of fish and chips, there is a little seafood café called "The Squid-Shack" in Emu Point. It is well worth a visit if you are looking for a place for a good meal.



The Squid Shack



The Emu Point Cafe



The beach at Emu Point

ACCOMMODATION

Our selected choice of accommodation is ***The Big 4 Emu Beach Holiday Park, Emu Point***. We have negotiated a discount of 15% for all members staying at the park. (You do not have to be a Big 4 member). The park has a large selection of powered and non-powered sites with very clean amenities. There is also a wide range of Self Contained Units for members who are non caravanners. You have a choice of units from:

3 Bedroom Villa - Three Bedroom (Sleeps 8)

2 Bedroom Holiday Home - Two Bedroom (Sleeps 5)

Large Chalet - Master bedroom and 2 sets of bunk beds in second bed room (Sleeps 6)

2 Bedroom Villa - Two Master Bedrooms (Sleeps 4)

Small Family Apartment - Master Bedroom and a double bunk (Sleeps 4)

Large Family Apartment - Queen bed in master bedroom plus 2 single beds in second bedroom (Sleeps 4)

Deluxe Medium Chalet - Queen bed in master bedroom plus 2 single beds in second bedroom (Sleeps 4)

Medium Chalet - Queen bed in master bedroom plus 2 single beds in second bedroom (Sleeps 4)

Small Chalet - Queen bed in master bedroom plus 2 single beds in second bedroom (Sleeps 4)

King Spa Apartment - King size bed with large spa (Sleeps 2)

Studio Apartment - Perfect for two (Sleeps 2)

Please be aware that although there is a wide range of units, there is a limit in numbers, so you will need to know that it is a “*First in - First Served*” basis. You could consider sharing with another couple to keep your costs down.

For more detailed information on these units click on the following link.

<http://17construction.org.au/Cabin%20Descriptions%20with%20photos.pdf>

To make your booking:

Contact: Geoff Green

Phone: (08) 9844 1147

Mobile: 0497 856 816

Email: geoff@emubeachhp.com.au (Click to email Geoff)

Website: www.emubeachhp.com.au (Click to access the website)

***** IMPORTANT *****

It is important that you inform Geoff Green that you are from **17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association** to ensure you get your 15% discount. The discount will apply for the whole of your stay if you choose to stay longer than the reunion days.

TRAVEL

For those members who will be travelling other than by car and are in need of transportation, we have engaged a Travel Agent who can assist you in your transport needs to Albany.

TRAVEL AGENT DETAILS:

Contact: Alison Parker

Mobile: 0407 778 841

Email: Alison.Parker@travelmanagers.com.au (Click to email Alison)

Website: travelmanagers.com.au/AlisonParker (Click to access the website)

Once again - Please let Alison know that you are attending the **17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association** Albany Reunion.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

If you are a ***lawn bowler***, the Emu Point Sporting Club has high quality greens. The club welcomes any member who wishes to have a scroungers game of bowls. Contact Sheryl Lee on 08 9844 1156. Tell her you are with the 17 Workshop and attending the 2019 reunion.

For those who wish to play a game of ***golf***, the Albany Golf Club is right next door to Emu Point.

REUNION AGENDA**REUNION DATES 14th October – 18th October 2019****MONDAY 14th October 2019**

1530 – 2200 Registration and Comradeship - Emu Point Sporting Club.

TUESDAY 15th October 2019

1000 – 1300 Meeting (Civic Rooms Albany Shire Offices incl light lunch)

1000 – 1300 Ladies Tour (Incl lunch)

1600 B B Q Dinner - Emu Point Sporting Club

WEDNESDAY 16th October 2019

1000 – 1200 Parade and Service - City of Albany

1200 – 1300 Lunch - Due South Convention Centre

FREE EVENING

THURSDAY 17th October 2019

1030 – 1230 Tour of ANZAC Centre.

1230 – 1330 Lunch - Garrison (BYO)

1800 – 2400 Semi Formal Dinner - Le Grande Motel

FRIDAY 18th October 2019

0900 - 1200 Brunch - Emu Point Sporting Club

1200 Wind up and farewell.

FREE EVENING

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE 2017 REUNION

17 CSW INCOME & EXPENDIATURE @ 23 Sep 2017

Opening Balance	\$9,961.79
Income	
Donations - Garlin & Jones	\$2,000.00
Registration Income	\$20,615.00
Shirts/Hats Payments	\$2,699.70
Aust Zoo Refund	\$237.90
Raffles	\$2,060.00
Subtotal	\$27,612.60

Expenditure

Buses	\$1,925.00
Aust Zoo Entry & Lunch	\$5,800.00
RSL Catering & Sundry Expenses (4/9 7/9)	\$13,712.45
Band @ Formal Dinner	\$650.00
Ladies Morning Tea @ Montville	\$500.00
Farewell Breakfast	\$793.90
Shirts, Hats & Sundries	\$5,034.33
Stubby Coolers	\$361.00
Newsletters, Postage & Stationary	\$1,925.72
Poppy Crosses	\$120.00
Additional Raffle Prizes	\$237.40
Refunds to Members	\$463.00
Gifts (for Presenter and Raffle Prizes)	\$220.00
Subtotal	\$31,743.28

Closing Balance	<u>\$5,831.11</u>
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Current Repatriation Benefits for Gold Card Veterans

As of 01 Jan 2018:

*Here is the list of Pharmacy Medications available to Gold Card Veterans - but let me say that when you go to your doctor make sure you take the list with you as he/she may not be aware of all these medications being available to Veterans under the RPBS scheme; if you should have any problems ask your Doctor to contact **DVA Pharmacy approvals on 1800 552 580** for an Authority.*

Repatriation Benefits List

(The following is a list of products, that are available on a Doctors prescription, for Gold Card Repatriation Patients)

Skin Care:

Sorbolene and Glycerine Cream, Calmurid Cream, Pinetarsol Solution, Hamilton Skin Therapy Wash, QV Bath Oil,

QV Cream -- (DVA Authority required)

Hair Care:

Sebitar Shampoo, Sebi Rinse Conditioner, Selsun

Nizoral Shampoo, -- (DVA Authority required)

Sun Care:

15+ Cream, Lotion, and Solarstick, Ego Sun Sense 50+, Aquasun.

Oral Hygiene:

Savacol Aquae Spray for Dry mouth

Allergies:

Telfast, Claratyne, Zyrtec, Phenergan, Drixine Nasal Spray, Beconase Nasal Spray, Rhincort Nasal Spray, Sudafed, Demazin Tablets

Cough Mixtures:

Senagar & Ammonia, Durotuss

Fibre Supplements & Laxatives:

Nucolox, Normacol, Metamucil, Coloxyl with Senna, Senokot, Movicol powder sachets, Glycerine Suppositories.

Dressings:

Micropore Tape, Cutifilm Plus Waterproof Dressings, Melolin Dressings, Handy Banages, Cotton Wool, Betadine Antiseptic, Solugels, Barrier Creams, Disposable Gloves, Prantal Powder, Bac-troban Cream or Ointment.

Antifungal Agents:

Lamasil cream, Canesten Cream, Loceryl Nail Paint,

Hydrozole Cream -- (DVA Authority required)

Haemorrhoidal Treatments:

Proctocedyl Ointment -- (DVA Authority required) Suppositories, Anusol.

Ear Preparations:

Ear Clear for Wax, Waxsol, Ceromol Ear Drops,

Eye Drops: Ircal Eye Ointment, Refresh Tears Plus 15 mil.

Vitamins & Minerals:

Calcium sup Tablets, (Caltrate), Vitamin B1 (Betamin), Magnesium Tablets (Mag-Min), Aco-min Liquid Tonic,

OsteVit-D – (Vitamin D) -- (DVA Authority required)

Multivitamins – (DVA Authority required)

Joint Pain & Arthritis:

Metsal Cream or Liniment, Arthro-Aid (Glucosamine). Osteomol 665 Paracetamol (*replaces Panadol Osteo Tablets*)

Voltaren Emulgel -- (DVA Authority required)

Fish Oil Capsules 1000mg -- (DVA Authority required)

Sexual Health:

Viagra, Cialis, Caverject

Pain:

Asprins - Cartia, Astrix Capsules, Cardiprin, Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Panamax Co, Panadeine Forte.

Weight Loss:

Optifast, Xenical.

Various:

Nicorette Patches (Quit Smoking), Vermox, Imodium, Gastro-Stop, Ural Sachets (Urinary Alkalizer)

** Always check with your GP, as this list changes from time to time. (You could have been paying full price for any of these items without realising you could have them on a prescription, thereby reaching the Safety Net of **\$384.00** sooner. Remember after your **60 prescriptions per annum, at \$6.40 each** your prescriptions are free.)*

*Some Pharmacies are charging discounted scripts at \$5.40 each, be aware if you take the discounted price you will need to accrue **\$388.80 (72 scripts)** to reach the Safety Net,*

SOME STATISTICAL DATA

Different types of phone call duration:

Boy to Boy	00:00:59	Boy to Mum	00:00:50	Boy to Dad	00:00:30
Boy to Girl	01:23:59	Girl to Girl	05:29:55	Husband to wife	00:00:03
Mum to Married Daughter	10:50:58	Wife to Husband	14 Missed Calls		

Those Who Have Responded

At this point in time there has been a very good response to the “*Expressions Of Interest*” in attending the Albany reunion. The following is a list of those, so far, who have expressed an interest in attending:

Brian Bailey, Ian Betteridge, Stewy Brett, Rod Brown, Bob Callinan, Greg Carson, Chatty Chatten, Ryan Critchlow, Mick Culley, Denis Cush, Daisy Day, John Farmelo, John Fenton, Victor Fratus, Lance Gillespie, Don Goldman, Roger Herrod, Tom Hurford, Jenko Jenkinson, George Jones, Roger Keegan, Derro Lennox, Dave Lindeman, John Lewin, Wes Lugowski, John Lynch, Steve MacFarlane, Leigh McMartin, Brian Pope, Alan Pratt, Jack Reeves, Cliff Richards, Graeme Robinson, Kerry Ryan, Don Sims, Andy Smithett, Havachat Thornton, Bob Vear, Philip Vitale, Tom Yellow, Don Walker, Barry Warn, Snowy Whykes, Tony Zammit.

If you have not yet returned your “*Expression of Interest*” and you do intend to come to the ALBANY reunion, please click on the following link. (If it does not work, cut and paste the link into your browser).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeubs_WNay5uUIHkE-WxSYbip17I_EAwO_X1ZB_VoALARHtqg/viewform

If you do not have an email address, please inform the Sec/Treas at the address on the front page, that you wish to attend the Albany reunion.

A more detailed request form will appear in the next issue.



The wreath laying ceremony at Maroochydore - Sunshine Coast reunion September 2017