

17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association



NEWSLETTER - May Edition 2010

What The Prez Sez

I wish to thank all of our members who completed the Cruise Survey which resulted in the majority favouring a Short Break Cruise within Australian waters. I would also thank the Committee Peter & Andy, State Representatives, our Webmaster Alan & our Editor Snow for their contributions.

From the attached brochure you can see we are planning a three night cruise out of Sydney sailing on Friday 29th April 2011. For the romantics an evening sailing ensures viewing the lights of Sydney will be something special as will our entry through the heads as the sun comes up upon our return.

The Pacific Jewel will provide many opportunities to socialise with all meals & entertainment included in the cruise cost. We only pay for beverages & gaming in the casino. For the ladies there is a Day Spa attraction. Remember the cruise is the reunion so you can become totally involved in

ship activities & entertainment or just relax.

The twin cabins consist of two beds at floor level whilst the quads do have double bunks so the decision for couples is fairly easy but for the single guys who want to minimise costs by sharing, talk to your friends & decide whether a twin or quad is for you.

Some members have indicated a willingness to arrive in Sydney early to participate in the Anzac Day march through the city. Whilst this is not part of the reunion we can organise to assemble under our banner & either march with the RAEME contingent or with 17 Construction Squadron who have a new active Association which has been formed in Sydney.

Our hard working Travel Agent, Dale Harris, has hounded the cruise companies to obtain cruise dates & prices; this has been an unenviable task as the cruise companies don't give much early detail. There is now another hurdle; the major Travel Agents on be

half of the cruise companies are now starting a promotional campaign for these Short Breaks, which are very popular with people who want to sample a cruise before they embark on longer cruises.

So, it is imperative that the Travel Form be completed for each passenger & the deposit for each passenger be forwarded to Dale promptly (I would suggest not later than the end of June). Dale has reserved 50 cabins with P&O but they will not hold them unless the deposits are paid. I know many of us do not decide to attend our reunions until late due to a variety of reasons including health but, a cruise was agreed at The Alice allowing time to plan.

As the brochure in the Newsletter states "*Don't Delay Deposit and Book Today*"

John Fenton
President

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J113	29 Apr 11	3	Sydney - Sydney	\$469	\$484	\$639	\$689	\$879

P&O CRUISES

This is how to holiday

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IMPORTANT - Make Your Booking NOW

Please read the brochure **VERY CAREFULLY** as the information is critical. The timing and response to the registration request is urgent. If you are intending to take the cruise, you must contact the Travel Agent ASAP and pay your deposit. The bulk booking that is held for us will be released if YOU do not reply.

Reunion organised activities will be minimal as the cruise caters for passengers throughout the time at sea.

However, there will be activities organised by the committee, the important thing is that you decide and register NOW. We will inform you of organized activities in the next newsletter.

***BOOK
NOW***

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IMPORTANT

Please inform Dale that you are with the
17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Cruise



URGENT - BOOK NOW

Attached to this newsletter is a form that you **MUST** complete to register for the reunion.

Please Note that the information required needs to be accurate. BOTH you and your partners names can be included on the one form but **FULL** details must be included. For example - *Colin Banks and Margaret Banks* NOT *Col & Marg Banks*.

Please fill out the form and return it to the address provided. It is recommended that you make contact by phone or email and talk to Dale to avoid any confusion.

What Happened At The Alice

Feedback from the Alice Springs reunion was very positive. In fact, it was really terrific. A number of people attended for the first time and have vowed not to miss another.

We were well looked after by the proprietors of the Elkira Motel, our Bus Service was fantastic and our functions were very enjoyable.

The staff of the Elkira Motel really got into the spirit of our reunion by wearing caps that we provided for them.

Our first function was highlighted by the staff presenting every member in attendance with a "Little Bear" clip on. A really nice touch that was appreciated by the members.



Dinner at the Elkira

The Motel applied for a special license so that the bar could remain open until late. It was obvious the next morning as to who took advantage of this gesture.

The caravan park was only two kilometers down the road and our bus company provided a ferry service for the *Grey Nomads* who wished to stay on and continue enjoying the camaraderie. The venue was good, but the hospitality was outstanding.

Dinner Under The Stars

Dinner Under The Stars was a special event where we were taken out into the MacDonald ranges for a Bar B Q dinner and entertainment. Danny, our MC, gave

us a humorous insight on how to make a bush damper. Eight metric hands full of flour along with three mouths full of water, chuck in a bit of salt and away we go.



Danny making the damper

A Bushman's Evening with Ted Egan



Ted Egan autographing his latest CD

Ted Egan lived up to his promise and entertained us at his house. With log fires, plenty to eat and drink and fully entertained by Ted, we had a great night. Ted Egan

is well respected throughout Australia and is an icon in the Territory, we certainly were very privileged to be in his company. A true Aussie in deed!

Far Right - Unit photograph after the service. The piper who marched us on is second from the left.

Right - Group photograph with the late Merv Flanders.



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Date of Birth.....

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Contact Phone number's:

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Email Address:

Disable cabin: Y/N

Single Cabin: Y/N

Twin Cabin: Y/N

Triple Cabin: Y/N

Quad Cabin: Y/N

Name of person /people sharing with

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Emergency Contact Details:

Person

Relationship

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Travel Insurance Quote required: YES OR NO

Please advise any Pre existing Medical condition's by phone and I can obtain a quote

Airfare required YES or NO

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From:

Melbourne

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Other:

Frequent Flyer Membership Number

Frequent Flyer Programme:

(If award seats are to be used please contact programme direct to arrange)

Cruise Only YES or NO

Pre or Post Sydney Accommodation: YES or NO

Star rating 5 star // 4 star // 3 star

Please return ASAP with a \$200.00 per person non refundable deposit at time of booking. (To avoid any disappointment)

Cheque's / Money orders Made out to Harvey World Travel Menai

Direct Deposits (EFT) account on application

Credit cards (fees apply)

Gift Vouchers

Thank you please call with any questions.

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