

Saturday, 13 February 2010

Welcome to our first Newsletter from the 2011 Committee:



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Reunion Dates: Thur 11th Apr – Tue 26th Apr 2011

Note: Mon 25th Apr is Easter Monday/ANZAC Day

RNZN Reunion Background:

Thanks must go to Kelvin Kershaw & George McGarvey who instigated this Reunion concept after a phone call to catch up for a beer. At the time, Kershaw was in Broome and George was in Alice Springs – so Kershaw drove the 4,000 kms down to Alice Springs (which is the equivalent of driving from the tip of the North Island to the Antarctic - I'm sure you get the picture...) and celebrated the first event with approx 24 others who made the journey from NZ & around Australia.

Since then, word has spread, technology has kicked in and attendance has continued to climb with approx 100+ people attending the Perth Reunion in 2007 & this year there were more than 200 people at Penrith to celebrate the Sydney 2009 Reunion.

Each Committee is comprised of volunteers who nominate (coerced, cajoled and congratulated) for the following Reunion at the final Meeting of each event. They have all done a fantastic job and it is an open invitation to ALL ex & serving members of the Royal New Zealand Navy from ALL Branches, ALL Intakes & ALL Ship's & Shore establishments.

While it is exclusively held on Australian soil, it is very heart warming to see familiar faces of those still living in New Zealand & also from abroad who share their precious memories, hilarious stories as well as that unique sense of family to these Reunions.

Venue: The Radisson Resort, Gold Coast

A rigorous & extensive selection process eventually resulted in the "Radisson Resort" being chosen as the venue for the 2011 Reunion as it exceeded other venues in three critical selection areas:

1. Accommodation costs **which include breakfast !!**

2. Sufficient recreation spaces (bars & pool area) for catching up after the days activities and throughout the weekend. Dedicated staff also provided
3. Complimentary Shuttle Transport to various retail outlets such as Robina Shopping Centre, Pacific Fair, Jupiter's Casino, Marina Mirage & Seaworld. (Theme Parks can be arranged with the concierge)

The Radisson Reservations Team will take care of the Accommodation Bookings so use this link to Book Your Accommodation <http://www.radisson.com/goldcoastau> (there is also a link to our very own Reunion Webpage which is still under construction)

Accommodation Costs (which include Breakfast) are:

Resort Rooms

Single Guest - \$179

Two Guests - \$197

Resort Twin Rooms

Two Guests - \$197

Upgrade to Golf View: \$20 per night

Upgrade to Garden Spa: \$60 per night

Upgrade to Ultima Suite: \$120 per night

These costs are at a premium but represent excellent value for a Resort on the Gold Coast over a long weekend

Parking:

Valet parking is \$4 per car per day

Undercover parking is complimentary

Registration: (Non Refundable)

It still costs \$50 Australian so complete the attached Registration Form using your Surname and Service Number as a reference and get it back to us.

Note: The Registration Fee is Non-Refundable

Reunion Daily Orders:

Daily Orders are yet to be promulgated however a brief Summary of this great event for 2011 is as follows:

Thursday 21st Apr, 2011

Check In at Radisson Resort (Reunion Desk)

Registration Confirmations

Pohiri / Welcome

Local Aboriginal Community Reply (tbc)
Refreshments (Finger Food)
Drinks

Friday 22nd Apr

Free Day
Banyan run – weather permitting & subject to liberty boats availability
Hands to bathe

Saturday 23rd Apr

Daily activities
Formal Dinner: Men – Suits & Tie, Women – Evening Wear

Sunday 24th Apr

Recovery Day

Monday 25th Apr: Easter Monday / ANZAC Day

Travel to Dawn Ceremony (Location to be advised)
Return to Southport RSL
On completion: Optional – Return to the Radisson for post-ops
review/washdown

Tuesday 26th Apr:

Breakfast / Meeting – Nominate Reunion Committee for 2013
Check Out

More information will follow as the details are finalised so keep safe & have a
fantastic New Year

John White – Secretary
RNZN Reunion 2011 Committee