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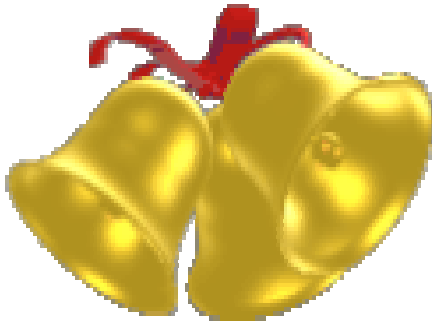
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The Reunion Committee wish our members a Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all in Perth for the Reunion in August 2001.

Reunion 2001

DATE: 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th August 2001

WHERE: Perth, WA.

Plans are well underway, don't forget if you have a special interest that you would like to do or see whilst in WA let us know so we can try and organise it for you.

We have made a lot of plans and things are looking good, there is still a lot to be done though. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the itinerary and registration form, **please** complete and return the **registration form** by January 31st so we can make the final arrangements. If you want to come but you are having some trouble, let one of the committee know so we can see if we can help out in some way.

A **registration form** has been included for you to complete and return Dianne Garbin, Manager, Floreat World of Travel, 43 Kirwan Street, Floreat WA 6014 sales@floreat-travel.com. Dianne is an ex RAEME Major who now runs her own travel agency and is more than willing to assist us with our reunion. A registration fee of \$100 is required to cover BBQ's, transport to and from functions, deposits for accommodation bookings, tour bookings, name badges and other incidentals.

The events have been rearranged as the Vietnam Veterans Day is normally held on the Sunday, in 2001 will be held on Saturday the 18th August. On Monday morning we will be having a goodbye brunch at a surprise venue.

A list of members and their contact details are included with this newsletter, find your mates, give them a call to see if they are coming!!! It is only eight months away.

Reunion 2001 Itinerary

Date	Event	Place	Time
Friday 17 th August	Registration	Grand Chancellor Hotel	1400hrs onwards
	Fellowship	Grand Chancellor Hotel	1700hrs onwards
Saturday 18 th	Breakfast	At your hotel	0800hrs
	AGM	Grand Chancellor	1000hrs
	Ladies tour	City tour	1000hrs - 1200hrs
	BBQ Lunch	Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Kings Park	1200hrs
	Vietnam Veterans Day Service	Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Kings Park	1430hrs
	Fellowship	Forrest Tavern	1630 hrs
Sunday 19 th	Breakfast/ Free time	At your hotel	0800hrs
	River Cruise – Luncheon	Onboard the Decoy, down the Swan River	1200hrs
	Fellowship/free time	TBA	1700hrs
Monday 20 th	Goodbye Brunch	Surprise Venue	1000hrs

There maybe some minor alterations to times and events.



Please return this completed form with your registration fee of \$100 (made payable to Floreat World of Travel) addressed to Dianne Garbin Manager Floreat World of Travel 43 Kirwan Street, Floreat WA 6014 sales@floreat-travel.com before 31st January 2001.

Number attending: Arrival Date: Departure:

Other

Apartment	YES/NO
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Hire Car	YES/NO
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Other:	
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Perth Zoo

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PLACES OF INTEREST AROUND PERTH

These are just some of the places of interest around Perth and Fremantle that you and your wife may be interested in during your stay.

PERTH

Kings Park is a World renown Park. Tours can be arranged but it is just to walk. Wireless Hill is also a wild flower reserve and handy to the city. Other places are- museums, Zoo, River trips, Whitemans Park, Burswood Casino, Swan Brewery. Just out of Perth is Arden Park and the Tulips should be in full bloom. There is also Rottnest Island for a day trip.

FREMANTLE

Fremantle being the original Port is the older part of the area. It has Art, Maritime, and Power Museums which are very interesting. There is also the old Fremantle Jail considered to be one of the harshest jails in its time. There are various markets with some on the Wharf. The Café Strip also draws a lot of visitors.

The R.S.L. in the city has good lunchtime meals at a reasonable price. There are many operators that conduct one and two day tours to places such as Wave Rock, The Pinnacles and Strombolis at Cervantes.

The weather is usually good but expect some rain. You will need warm clothing as the days are usually good but the nights can get cool.

Vale

DONALD ARTHUR WALL passed on in April 1999 at Brisbane. It was with sadness that those who attended the reunion did not get to see him, as he passed away the week before. The Members of 17 Const Sqn Workshops extend to his wife and family our deepest sympathy on their loss. Don was our RAAOC Clerk.

THOMAS ALBERT GODDARD passed away in August 2000 at Alice Springs. The Members of 17 Const Sqn Workshops extend to his wife and family their deepest sympathies on their loss. Tom was a Plant Fitter attached to the Workshops

R.I.P

Can You Help??

The following requests for help/information have been received through our website, any help would be appreciated.

My husband was a Plant Engineer in SVN from 23/07/69 to 27/08/70.

Is there another listing?

Special Service Viet Nam (Southern Zone)

Eric John STRUB 1201009

02/02/48 to 30/10/99

I would like to contact any who worked with him as I have lots of slides that he took of workmates which could be of interest to them now.

Diane Strub

diavia@dingoblue.net.au

I just writing to u about my dad, he was in your sqn in 1966 to 67. He's name was Geoffrey George Morris. He has past away now in 1994. I was 6 when I saw him last and I found him in 1991, I travelled to see him and it was great to meet him after all these years. So I was wondering if I could be invited to the reunion next year as my father has died over there, and it would be great to meet some of his mates.

So if you would let me know I would be greatfull. Do you now where I can get my fathers service records from. hope to hear from u soon

from his son David

sniper6@primus.com.au

(note: his father was an Engineer, not RAEME)

Would anyone like to share in the entry of a dual handed yacht in the "Together Alone" Around The World Yacht Race in November 2001.

The design is a John Swarbrick light/single handed sloop, self tacking head sail, deep dagger keel, water ballast etc. etc. etc.

Hobart, Uruguay, Cape Town, Hobart.

About 1/3 complete (Hull to lock-up stage).

Regards, Piet Ellnor.

PietEllnor@bigpond.com

(note:Piet was an Engineer who served 12/68/10/69)



The following are requests from our Guestbook on the web, some of these are old but still relevant.

Name:	Trevor Dunne
Email:	boxcar@southwest.com.au
From:	Perth WA
Time:	1999-08-22 18:14:47
Comments:	A great site - I served in many RAE units mainly in Sydney area. Does anyone know contact details for Terry 'Stretch' PETERS? Believe he served with 17 Const in SVN - last saw him in Sgt's Mess SME about 1983

Name:	LUCAS TELLEY
Email:	Lucas.Telley.1808179@army.defence.gov.au
From:	Townsville
Time:	1999-07-27 09:56:30
Comments:	My father, Michael Telley, served with 17 Construction in 67. He was detached to 1st LAD Armoured Regt. Anyone who has any info on anything regarding the above, please contact me. Very impressed with the page, hope that it only grows with more info and pictures

Name:	Andrew Cusack
Email:	cusack6@hotmail.com
From:	Edinburgh South Australia
Time:	1999-06-09 16:03:59
Comments:	A great page. My father (Graham) served as an F.E. in 17 Construction, between 70-71. He would love to hear from any others from that time. Thanks

Name:	Jenny Bailey (Meehan)
Email:	b2bailey@hotmail.com
Time:	1999-01-26 14:25:09
Comments:	Daughter of the late WO 1 David Meehan (whiplash) who passed away on the 23 June 1994.would appreciate any correspondence from ex serving members and serving members who knew my father and served with him during his time in the army

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Name:	COLIN BERG
Email:	AMTOTA@bigpond.com.au
From:	SILVERDALE NSW
Time:	1998-12-03 19:42:59
Comments:	I am a vet who served with 85 Transport Platoon Jul 70/ Jul 71. I spent a couple of months carting troops, building supplies and working solely for 17 Const in late 1970 working out of Nui Dat. We built ARVN housing in Baria and other villages in the area. One project was the ARVN housing next to the morgue behind the Baria hospital. I would be pleased to hear from any troops who worked on this or other projects built in late 1970. I have many slides any stories from these projects. Returned to SVN in Nov 1996. Our projects were still standing so you "Ginger Beers" must have done a pretty good job. Regards to all.

Name:	Rick Lang
Email:	langr@mpx.com.au
From:	Cairns. Qld.
Time:	1998-05-09 11:08:35
Comments:	I was in 17 Construction, 69/70 as a planty, at this point in time I would like to make contact with anyone from that time.

Photos Required

If you have any slides or photos of people and places from your time in Vietnam that we could borrow for the reunion it would be appreciated. We can copy them and they will be returned to you. Many thanks to the people who have sent some in already, they will be returned to you soon.

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