

17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association



NEWSLETTER - September 2008 Edition

What The Prez Sez

Our Alice Springs reunion is now only eight months away and time is ticking away fast. If you **ARE** coming along and you have **NOT** yet indicated your intentions, please contact the Secretary (Alan Pratt) on (08) 94706414 (Home) or 0407773343 (Mobile).

This reunion has been planned with the focus on being informal and when you look at the agenda you will notice that functions have been organised in a relaxed atmosphere, there is no need to bring formal attire.

At the Darwin reunion I indicated that a goal of this committee would be to endeavour to keep your costs to a minimum and eliminate the need to keep dipping into your pocket. I think we have achieved this; if you look closely at the total reunion package you will see that the only cost outside of travel, accommodation and registration fee is your lunch on Friday and your breakfast on Friday and Saturday. It was decided not to include breakfast in the accommodation charges as people can then choose what they want and pay for what they have.

A significant factor is, that this has been achieved with only a slight increase in the registration fee.

There has been a number of contributing factors in keeping our costs down, these will be highlighted in due time, however, I must say that the fund raising and raffle is a very significant part of our budget and I ask that you support these activities to the max and return your raffle tickets **As Soon As Possible**.

Keep smiling and keep healthy. See you in The Alice - **Snow**

Accommodation

We have selected two types of accommodation. The first is the **Best Western, Elkira Motel**. The second is The **Stuart Caravan and Cabin Tourist Park**.

THE ELKIRA MOTEL

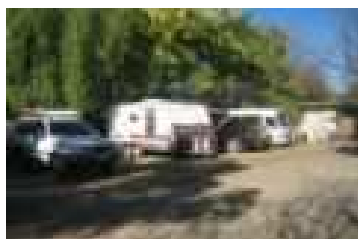
This is a newly renovated Motel and offers very good



The Best Western Elkira Motel, Alice Springs.

accommodation at a special rate for members attending our reunion. It is most likely that we will have the whole complex reserved for our May reunion. There is a range of accommodation here from \$55.00 per person per night, to \$85.00 per person per night. If we book more than fifty rooms, there will be an

Accommodation (Cont.)



Above. Powered sites at the Stuart Caravan and Cabin Tourist Park.

Below. Park Cabin – Budget Accommodation.



extra discount of \$5.00 per person, per night. These rooms are twin share/double.

THE STUART CARAVAN AND CABIN TOURIST PARK.

The second of our selection of accommodation is The Stuart Caravan and Cabin Tourist Park. (Pictured Left). This park is located approx. two kilometers from the Elkira Motel. The rates negotiated are \$28.00 per night for two people on a powered site. It has a very good amenities block, BBQ facilities and swimming pool.

Apart from powered sites, there is a choice of cabin accommodation available. These cabins range from Budget accommodation to a

Deluxe Cabin. The prices range from \$70.00 per day (double) to \$140.00 per day (double). There is a charge of \$15.00 per person for extra people on the Budget accommodation and \$20.00 per person for the Deluxe accommodation. Some of these units can accommodate up to six people.

Arrangements have been made for our bus service to transport members between the Stuart Caravan and Cabin Tourist Park and the Elkira Motel on a daily basis. However, there is public transport facilities right outside the main entrance to the park.

This park **does not cater for animals**. However, there is one caravan park outside of the town that does allow animals. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for details.

How To Make Your Booking

THE ELKIRA MOTEL

By now you should have sent your Reunion Questionnaire to the Secretary indicating the type of accommodation you require. Those who have done so will have the first choice of accommodation type. This list has been sent to the Elkira Motel. Please contact the Motel, you will need to give them your name and inform them that you are with the **17 Construction Squadron Workshop reunion**. If you are registered, they will inform you of your reservation and organize

with you to pay your deposit, if you are not registered you will need to contact the Secretary (Alan Pratt) and inform him of your intentions to attend the reunion. If your name has not been registered with the Secretary, you **will not** get a booking.

Contact Details:

The Best Western Elkira Motel

65 Bath Street, Alice Springs, NT 0870

Telephone: (08) 8952 1222

Bookings: 1800 809 252

Fax: (08) 8953 1370

How To Make Your Booking (Cont.)

Email: elkira@bestwestern.com.au

Web Site: www.elkira.com.au

We have indicated all of your special requests to the management, however, when you contact the Elkira Motel, please confirm your special needs or if you have a preference to be close to friends. You may also wish to confirm any other special requirements that you may have.

THE STUART CARAVAN AND CABIN TOURIST PARK.

If you elect to stay here, you may contact the Park direct. The details are:

The Stuart Caravan And Cabin Tourist Park, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs, NT 0870.

Telephone: (08) 8952 2547

Fax: (08) 8952 4088

Email: info@stuartcaravanpark.com.au

Web Site: www.stuartcaravanpark.com.au

Contact: Bernard Gwynne.

You must mention that you are attending

the **17 Construction Squadron Workshop** reunion to get the special rate. Please remember to inform the Secretary (Alan Pratt) that you are attending the reunion and staying at the park, as we need to know numbers for the bus pick-up and hand-outs.

If you are traveling with your dog, there is only one caravan park in the Alice that will take animals, that is **The Heritage Caravan Park**. They are located outside of the township of Alice Springs.

Lot 8483, Ragonesi Rd
Alice Springs, NT 0870

Tel: (08) 8952-3135

Fax: (08) 8953-1918

Email: heritagecp@bigpond.com.au

You will need to contact them directly and make your own arrangements. Once again, if you intend staying at this park, we ask that you inform the Secretary so that bus pick-up to and from our functions can be arranged.

Just to reiterate. You need to let us know if you are attending the reunion as well as where you choose to stay. **This information is vitally important to us.**

What Is Happening At Our Reunion

The reunion will commence on **Thursday 14th May 2009** at 1830 hours (half past six for nasho's) at the Elkira Motel. Members staying at the Stuart or Heritage caravan parks will be picked up and transported to the motel. This night is our official welcome and comradeship evening. A buffet dinner is set out for you and is covered by your registration fee.

Drinks are available through the

bar and will be sold to members at a discount price. The people staying at the caravan parks will be transported back at about 2300 hours. If you choose not to go on the bus, you will need to find your own way back at your own cost.

This function is in the outdoor entertainment area - warm clothing is essential as the evenings are quite cool in the Alice at this time of the year.

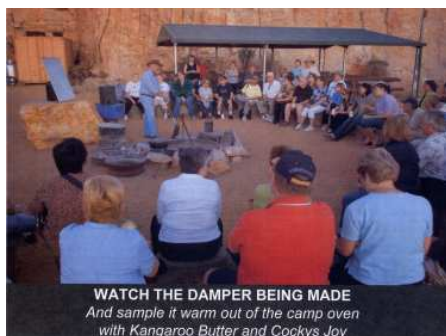
Friday 15th May

This is a free day for you to look around the Alice.

Friday evening is a Dinner Under The Stars. The bus will pick up from both caravan parks and the Elkira motel and deliver us to a unique setting in the MacDonnell ranges where we will dine and be entertained. This function is also outdoors. Warm clothing and a good sense

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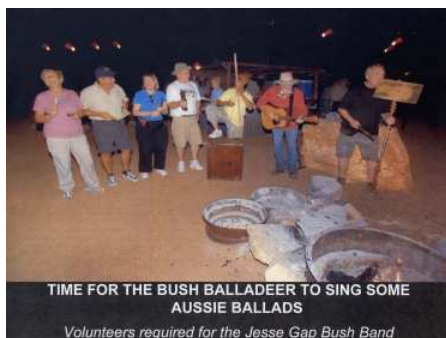
of humour is a must. This evening will be quite unique and very enjoyable. At the end of the evening you will be transported back to the motel and caravan park.



WATCH THE DAMPER BEING MADE
And sample it warm out of the camp oven
with Kangaroo Butter and Cockys Joy



DELICIOUS THREE COURSE MEAL
Thick Scotch Fillet Steaks, Jacket Potatoes, Beef
Sausages, Salads, and more



**TIME FOR THE BUSH BALLADEER TO SING SOME
AUSSIE BALLADS**
Volunteers required for the Jesse Gap Bush Band

Saturday 16th May

This will be the busiest day on the agenda. The day will commence at approx 1000 hours. The men will be transported to the RSL where we will hold our meeting, elect a new committee and decide on our next venue for 2011.

The ladies will be taken on a tour of a number of sites around the Alice including the National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame, the Old Jail and Telegraph Station.

At 1230 hours the ladies will be dropped off at the RSL and join the men for a buffet lunch.

At 1330 hours all members will be transported up Anzac hill to the memorial where we will hold our service. Gentlemen, please note, Medals are to be worn for the service.

At the completion of the ser-

vice, we will be transported back to the Elkira motel and respective caravan parks.

At around 1800 hours, the bus will collect members and take us to Ted Egan's house where we will be entertained by Ted Egan. At 2200 hours we will be transported back to our accommodation.

Sunday 17th May

Members staying at the caravan parks will be picked up and transported to the Elkira motel where we will have breakfast, hand over to the new committee and say our farewells until the next reunion.



Dining area at Elkira Motel

Raffle - Change In Procedure

Enclosed with this newsletter is a book of twenty raffle tickets at \$2.00 per ticket. We have budgeted a certain amount of revenue from fund raising and raffles. If we achieve our target we can keep your registration fee down. Please support our efforts and **return your tickets ASAP.** You can direct debit into our bank account, but please state ***your***

Name (or your Regimental Number) and the word ***Raffle*** in the reference column.

Account Details: Bank: CBC

BSB: 066 000

Acct Number: 1010 0303

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Raffle - Change In Procedure (Cont.)

Please return your ticket butts and cheque to the Secretary in the self addressed envelope provided.

If you need more tickets, please contact the Secretary. **THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN BEFORE THE REUNION.**

The raffle prizes are:

First Prize a cricket bat autographed by Shane Warne or \$500.00 cash.

Second Prize is \$300.00

Third Prize is \$100.00

There will be a **\$100.00** Ticket Sellers prize, so please make sure that you indicate your name when you return your tickets.

Tickets must be returned by the first week of December 2008 as the draw will be done on Monday the 8th. Winners will be notified and published in the December issue of the Newsletter.

Those Who Have Registered For The Reunion

John Lynch	Ray Day	Lance Gillespie	Mick Farrar
Dan Garlin	John Farmelo	Peter Oudyn	Stewart Brett
Graeme McDonald	George Jones	Tres Adams	Paul Jenkinson
Steve MacFarlane	William Dallas	Brian Pope	Robert Callinan
Geoff Williams	David Lindeman	Rob Vear	Michael Culley
John Fenton	Ken Burton	Andy Smithett	Ric Bowley
Roger Keegan	Robert Martin	Trevor Taylor	Ken Dickinson
John Chattin	Jim MacDonald	Rodney Brown	Tom Hurford
Roger Herrod	Wes Lugowski	Adrian Blackburn	Eric Campbell
Ian Stewart	Bob Shewring	Steve Chapman	Barry Warn
Henry Kolek	Tony Zammit	Ryan Chritchlow	Bruce Nunn
Alan Pratt	Don Hughes	Brian Coates	Ruffy Fleiner
Snowy Whykes	Keith Lowrey	David Chalk	Brian Bailey
Ray Firth	Greg Carson	Merv Flanders	Derro Lennox
John Schrader	Cliff Richards	Kevin Pearce	

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee is \$130.00 per head. You can direct debit or send your cheque with your raffle tickets. If you direct debit please state your name or regimental number and the words "REG FEE" in the reference column. THEN - Make sure that you have informed the Secretary. You MAY pay by instalments.