



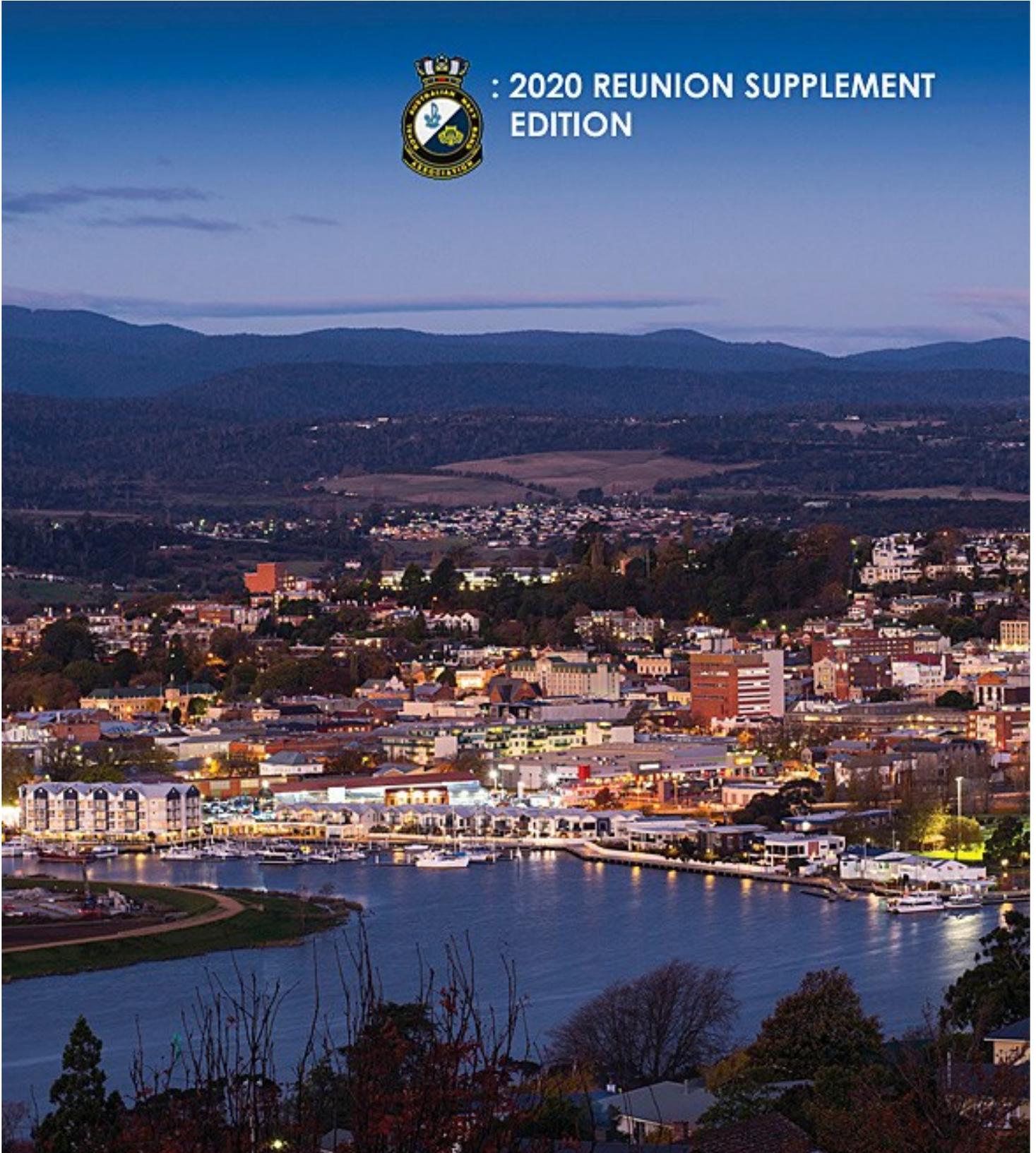
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2020 Our Reunion Year

This edition should satisfy everybody's needs for information on our upcoming reunion in October down in lovely Launceston.

It is going to be a event packed few days again which seem to be the norm nowadays. The Veterans band is now a permanent fixture in the proceedings and this year is no exception. Activities for the non players has been looked after so there is something for everybody.

The Summer season has seen one of our worst fire seasons and many of our colleagues were in the line of fire with narrow misses to damage to their properties. Then to top it off substantial rain to put most of them out and return some greenery to the bush. As always there are some that missed the rains and even the bushfires and are struggling out there.

Musicians around the country have banded together and provided relief through concerts to support the affected families and thank the firees for their tremendous heroism battling those unstoppable fires.

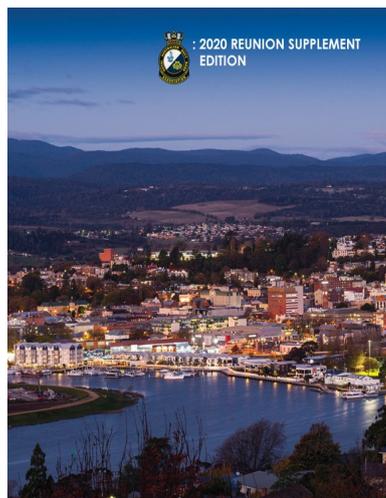
Did you get involved in any concerts or events supporting those affected. Would love to hear from you on them.

Here in the South East of Melbourne we had some roving musicians who gave there time to put together some small events raising around \$10,000 to the cause. Donations from businesses also helped with the auctions that took place on the evenings.

Speaking of get-togethers it was a shame that the Cerberus open day was cancelled due to the Depot being involved in the Gippsland fires. Good to hear though that it will take place at the end of October just after the reunion.

The Melbourne contingent with their Big Band (RANVBB) are available and with some discussions with our events manager will pursue providing our commitment to the event.

So 2020 is full steam ahead and with March already hear October is so much closer, so get your Booking form in ASAP



Picturesque Launceston on a clear October night.

A NEW FOCUS FOR 2020

Voluntary staff at the Museum has been thin on the ground with many suffering various illnesses. The bad luck started with John De Douglas doing his knee before Christmas, Marty Grogan having a few setbacks with the aftermath of cancer treatments, Eric also having a Knee reconstruction and to top it of Neils having heart problems when he was visiting family in WA and unable to return to the east until he was stable which was only just recently. This made decision making interesting but we got through the first month of 2020.

Now with Neils having a pacemaker, John with a reconstructed Knee and others ailments now resolved the museum is back into full swing. Our first task in February was to move our museum operations to the old school of music so now those offices now have a new lease of life and we even retained the little hole in the wall for communication. The Director of music's office houses our archivists and the secretaries office now has our comprehensive library.



The drum teaching studio remains our workshop for all repairs and storage of flammable materials and the old band room is devoted to HMAS Australia and our cinema room for visitors.



The depot generally is recovering from its massive re-development but will take years before it returns to its leafy green surrounds.

Visitor numbers increased substantially through 2019 and we look forward to a busy 2020.

The band display will go through a transformation over the next couple of months and will be ready for the open day in October. Other significant changes to museum operations are currently taking place through the Naval heritage branch with new appointments indicating the importance of what museums contribute to Navy generally.

More in our next edition.

Hi Errol,

I have enclosed a photo you may wish to use under the headline “The Old and the Not So Old”

This was taken 20 years ago last month at Stawtell NSW when 3 members of the RAN band Queensland joined two Ex’s to help celebrate the 100th birthday of 1st WW Bandsman Charles Killick.

My local Veterans Affairs manager made me aware of his previous history and said his family would love to have a ‘Naval’ presence at his 100h birthday party. Bandmaster CPOMUSN Ken Lincoln was only too happy to assist, and came along with CPOMUSN Ken McCallum and POMUSN Alan Early. A local, Barry Lawrence and I made up the small group to play “Tunes Naval” plus the usual “Happy Birthday”.

Charles joined the RAN from London in January 1918 and saw service on board HMAS Australia, which brought him here in the first sea-going Band of the Royal Australian Navy. He had been working in pit orchestras in London.

He was a pleasure to interview, and I learned that he had worked at Garden Island (Sydney) until retirement but made no contact with RAN Band members during that time.

Sadly, Charles passed away 6 months after his 100th celebration. His family were absolutely delighted we could provide some music on the night, and we certainly helped Charles celebrate this special occasion.

Cheers

Jim Hawkins.



Hi Errol

It might be of interest to you and our members that the Melbourne Shrine now conduct a weekly Last Post Service of a Sunday evening. The Shrine is calling on Veterans who may be interested in being involved to contact the Shrine and register their interest. The involvement is reciting the Ode and Laying a wreath. For example the service last Sunday commemorated the transfer of 3 RAR by HMAS Sydney to Vietnam in Dec 1967 hence the Navy involvement.

You may like to let the members know if any are interested.

It didn't turn out as planned, I had to cancel my attendance as I had injured my quad and couldn't walk. I am temporarily on a walker!!!!

So my 5 mins of fame didn't eventuate, bad luck.

Cheers

Kevan Thomas

Errol

Doing a clean out, found this. (Opposite page)

You probably have this.

Cheers,

Doug Drysdale

Editor,

Oh how we miss those Teenage Quests. Now shunned upon asist, they were apart of our culture and the girls enjoyed them also.

As to I might have this on file, there are still a lot of things out there that are in draws, Memorabilia, photos, Rabbits and stories to tell.

Get them out and send them through. The pages of this magazine and the website are screaming for them.

Errol



Well what a start to a year, one minute we are performing at the HMAS Cerberus Open Day, then it is postponed because of massive bushfires.

Then we were planning a trip to Ipoh and the Corona Virus hit the world so out of safety of our members it has been cancelled, but the Reunion in Launceston is certainly going ahead.

Brian and Kerry have organised a full on three days which you will be able to read about in this magazine edition, especially to give you as much information as we have.

The timing of the Reunion this year has Navy Day and the Centenary of the Naval Association of Australia, giving our Association and RAN Band Hobart the honour of being front and centre in all activities.

RAN Band Hobart will be performing at the Official

Dinner and at the Navy Day Ceremony with the RAN Veterans Band performing at the Sunday Concert. Bandmaster of RAN Band Hobart, CPO Martyn Hancock has composed a March, **Once Navy Always Navy** to mark the Centenary of the NAA and will conduct it at the Concert.

I hope we can assemble another sizeable Band for this important week end, at the moment I have 15 starters, my goal is about 40. If you are playing please let me know as soon as possible so that organisation can get under way.

Until the next edition, stay well.

Ralph Daines

"The Sun"
 Miss Teenage of Victoria Quest 1974
 The Melbourne Town Hall, 18th June, 1974

The 24th Annual Presentation Night Programme

The Band of the Royal Australian Navy from H.M.A.S. Cerberus under the direction of Lieutenant J. H. McDonough, L.R.A.M., R.A.N.
 Official arrival of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Henry Winneke, K.C.M.G., O.B.E. and Lady Winneke.

OVERTURE — Band "Castles in Spain" Ancliffe	Presentation of Candidates for the title of Miss Teenage of Victoria 1974 to His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Henry Winneke, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.
ANTON MORGAN "Vienna Dreams" Rudolf Siczynski "Funiculi Funicula" Luigi Denza	Announcement of prize-winners in the following order: The Sitmar Cruise Family Award — Un-sponsored girl raising the most money
MEDLEY — Band Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel Paul Simon	4th The Tasbureau Award
JANET DAWSON "Bali Ha'i" Richard Rodgers "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" Richard Rodgers	3rd Miss Teenage Section The Chevron, Paradise Hotel Gold Coast Award
TRUMPET TRIO "Trumpet Wild" Schumann (arr) Walters Soloists, Leading Musicians, Douglas Drysdale, Graham McNally and Malcolm Torry	Miss Sitmar Line Award
PIED PIPERS Australia's outstanding young vocal group singing numbers from their new hit album.	3rd in Most Money Section
VICTORIAN POLICE PIPE BAND "Iona Boat Song" (arr) McCormick "The Black Bear" Traditional	2nd in Most Money Section
HSV7 TELECAST Commences 9.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Produced by ALF POTTER, Directed and Compered by RAY CHAPMAN, Stage Managers: ROBERT QUINN, FRED TUPPER.	1st Most Money Section "The Teenage Queen" winner 1st "MISS TEENAGE OF VICTORIA 1974"

Supper in the magnificent GRAND BALLROOM of THE SOUTHERN CROSS (By courtesy of Intercontinental Hotels).

We welcomed our newest Qld association members Gary “Rocky” & Cathy Searle with social drinks and a BBQ hosted by Gary & Chris Sander at their place at Narangba . We all had a wonderful time and it was decided that we should repeat this every 3 months in rotation. Rocky & Cathy sold their place in Sydney and have moved permanently to Brisbane North.

The afternoon / evening was enjoyed by Rocky & Cathy, Gary & Chris, Ken & Sue McCallum, John & Leywah Lennon, Bevan Andrews who travelled down from Eudlo, and Jim & Cheryl Henshaw who travelled up from Helensvale on the Gold Coast. If you want to escape the bush fires, floods & high real estate prices Queensland is the place to be.

Front Row – Chris Sander, Leywah Lennon, Cathy Searle, Cheryl Henshaw & Sue McCallum

Back Row – John Lennon, Ken McCallum, Gary Searle, Gary Sander, Bevan Andrew & Jim Henshaw



Ken Lincoln’s New Groove had a small reunion after performing one of their regular monthly gigs at the Sandgate Town Hall - North Brisbane. Ken’s New Groove Jazz Ensemble performs widely in the Brisbane area and is a regular at the Brisbane Jazz Club.

Bert Kennedy – Hervey Bay

On a recent Holiday in Hervey Bay I caught up with Bert Kennedy. After 25 years at his previous residence in Hervey Bay he was unceremoniously kicked out onto the street for nothing more than asking for a coat of paint on his unit. It just goes to show how ruthless landlords can be even in spite of the fact he is a returned servicemen and lived there for 25 years.

Out of bad things can come good. The RSL came to his rescue and has provided him with

long term accommodation with new digs at RSL Care Baycrest Retirement Community. Bert told me I was one of his first visitors in a few years and was thrilled with the visit. In Bert’s own words he has moved from “Dumpsville to 5 Star Accommodation”.

If you are going to visit Bert he requested to please give him a ring prior so he can have a quick clean up and put out the silverware. Bert’s Contact Number: 0473 525 27. Bert’s Address: RSL Care Baycrest Retirement Community-Hervey Bay – Unit 42 / 99 Doolong Road, Hervey Bay QLD 4655.



Group Photo: Rick Watson, Ken McCallum, Ken Lincoln (Clarinet, Sax & Band Leader – New Groove) John Grainger (Trumpet – New Groove) & Bevan Andrews.



NEWS FROM THE WILD WEST: Before commencing this edition of comment, there is a question which has to be posed, and the correspondent knows that he will receive a phone call from Northern Queensland in response. Maxine and I are very keen viewers of documentaries on SBS.

Recently we saw one concerning a railway journey from Kuranda near the Gulf of Carpentaria through to Townsville. On arrival at his destination, the narrator, Michael Portrillo, said that there is a sign on the Townsville Station which states – “PLASTIC SNAKES ON STATION TO DETER BIRDS.”

Is this true? As he commented, “Only in Australia!” Now down to the West. The big news is that Perth has at last received some decent rain although we still need a lot more. Up in the Kimberley and Pilbara there have been very large rainfalls, but we have only had moderate falls.

Health wise, Ted says that he is not bad whilst Shirley puts it at “he’s doing okay.” As members would have seen in the Xmas Edition, he was present at the luncheon but not looking too good. Once again there has been no other reports except from Fred Brewer who has given up “harping”

as well as their manufacture, the latter of course being because of a slip with the chisel some time ago. The cancellation of the CERBERUS Centenary was a great disappointment but by the time this is read, we will either be in April of nearly there, on the threshold of Easter and Anzac Day and a mere 6 months from the Launceston Reunion, and then Xmas again. Best wishes from the Wild West to all our friends in the Eastern States.

The Admiral

RANBA | THE VICTORIAN REPORT:

Summer passed with the slightest hint of heatwave conditions but mainly its been that sufferable Queensland Humidity and rain that has been part of Melbourne’s summer. That slight hint of course brought us all those bushfires in the South Gippsland area of Victoria. It is just hard to believe the devastation and now the rains have created a problem with floods. At the end of the day we return to normality only to have now a virus to fill our headlines and create panic with certain parts of our community. I ask myself sometimes (well a lot of times just lately) where has common sense and responsibility gone.

For some reason authorities or those that think they are authoritative treat everything we do as a risk so they put things in place to curtail any risk. That then creates frustration because what they put in place is more riskier than the alternative. I could give you an example but I won’t because I don’t want to harp on. Hang on I will, because I still have a paragraph or two to fill

My son’s Music store now has a new sound stage we are hiring out, 6 metres by 7 metres, no small stage by any means and we had some gherkin come and indicate that we should have some sort of barrier at the front to stop whoever (Me) from falling off. Well my answer was “we have all these fold backs” so they won’t, the comeback was “but they might Trip over them”, The comeback’ “Well most artists jump over them into a Mosh pit”, comeback “What’s a Mosh Pit”, sorry mate the show is starting, Gotta go..... And this was Christmas Carols.

Apart from our upcoming Mexicans lunch on the 21st of March there is not much else to report from Melbourne.

Errol.



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Our Reunion Overview

This year is quickly starting to slip away and we are getting closer to our reunion in Lovely Launceston. You will find the reunion booking sheet in this addition with details of activities and costs of organised events. I would encourage those members who have committed to attending the reunion to get their booking sheets back as soon as possible.

As we are getting closer to the reunion we are now onto the serious business of trying to get a handle on the numbers that will be attending, so more detailed planning can be done. We have also finalised costs for the tour that will take those not participating in the Veterans Band rehearsal so it is really only the numbers for the Meet & Greet and the Dinner.

Accommodation costs are attractive around October and there are plenty of different levels within easy reach of the venues holding the events. For those who are looking for budget or more competitive accommodation prices I would suggest that you get onto google and check out the websites. I have attempted to give you a cross section in this edition. As we get closer to October it may be the case that you could secure some good deals.

In the case of the Caravanning members, I am sure the jungle drums will be bouncing between them already and they have worked out the best places to stay at the best prices.

The Veterans Band concert planning is well advanced and apart from asking for players on the Booking form Brian and Ralph have again been very busy putting this event together with more details to follow. During and after the Reunion we encourage you to get out and about and soak up the beautiful surrounds of Launceston and Tasmania as a whole.



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Getting to Launceston

Flights

The best option for Interstate members who are not driving via the Spirit of Tasmania is to fly into Launceston airport then catch a Taxi to your accommodation, a distance of approximately 15 km (15 mins by Taxi). Virgin, Jetstar and Qantas all fly into Launceston and current prices range from \$90 through to \$158 with variable times from Melbourne. Again get in quick to secure good prices. The other option is to fly into Hobart Airport and car hire especially if you intend to do a bit of travelling after the reunion, Flying out of Hobart gives you more destination options. Get onto Google for more information for those who may consider this option.

Spirit Of Tasmania

Boating across the Bass strait is not cheap but if you intend to stay and see the state with your car/ Caravan it is definitely a cost effective alternative. A large car with 2 passengers is around \$297.00 one way and is a overnight service into Devonport. A Car & Caravan combination is around \$457 one way and is based on a standard Car/Caravan combination. October is not a pleasant trip across Bass strait but you might be lucky and get a good evening to travel. Additional fees apply for cabins and to secure these you should be booking now.

Accommodation

Though a smaller city than Hobart, Launceston offers very affordable first class accommodation and with it not being a holiday period when the reunion is on prices are very competitive. Locations in relation to our venues is probably the only consideration but if you have transport everything is in close proximity.

I found currently most 4 Star Hotels came in at around \$120 to \$140 a night with Motels at a great \$89 rate for the period of the reunion. The Hotel Grand Chancellor in Cameron Street is where the Gala Dinner and Concert are to take place so for convenience you can't go past it. A superior King room with no breakfast is \$148, Breakfast for two included is \$188. You also have the choice of the Executive Room at \$163 a night with Breakfast for 2 included for \$203.



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Following is the link to give you the discounted rooms or alternatively you can ring them on 03/63343434 and mention the RAN Band Association Reunion deal.

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=77680&Chain=22134&promo=RANVBA>

Lets not forget our caravaners, the BIG 4 Caravan Park is only minutes away from the RSL and 7 to 10 minutes to the Royal Chancellor Hotel for our official functions. Here is the link.

<https://big4launceston.com.au/>

ORGANISED TOURS "THE GOURMET STRIP TOUR"

Brian and Kerry have organised a day tour for members not participating in the Veterans Band and partners. As it's name indicates you will be overwhelmed with the tastes of Launceston with visits to The Ashgrove Cheese Factory, Anvers Chocolate Factory, The Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm and Café and the Van Diemen's Land Creamery. Leaving at 9.00am from the Grand Chancellor Hotel you will return by 3.00pm as the rehearsals finish. There are other great tourist destinations in Launceston and surrounds to chew up the hours so check the Launceston Tourist website for options. The link is

<https://www.traveller.com.au/launceston-tasmania-travel-guide-and-things-to-do-20-reasons-to-visit-h0xsjb>

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY THE 23RD OF OCTOBER

9.00am—3.00pm. Veterans Band Rehearsal

Our first meet up will be the rehearsal of the Veterans Band at the "City Band Rooms" in Bathurst starting at 9.00am. Lunch will be provided and the Band room (See Map) is close to the Hotel Grand Chancellor and the centre of town. There has already been plenty of requests from Ralph to join the band but we have included it on the booking form also. Music is already with most of you and other arrangements will be with you shortly so if you are interested in playing let us know on the Booking form.

Price Per Head : No Charge

9.00am—3.00pm. Gourmet Strip Tour

The tour will depart at 9.00am on the dot from the Grand Chancellor so it is important if staying at other locations you are in the foyer at least 10 minutes before the tour leaves.

Price Per Head : \$40.00



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6.00pm—Whenever. Launceston Meet & Greet

Our first official function will be the Meet & Greet at the Launceston RSL on the corner of Wellington & Eardley Streets (See Map). A Casual evening with finger food provided and drinks at RSL prices. Always a great relaxed evening with plenty of Jocularity and raffles so bring plenty of change and a good laugh. The organisers have kept the prices very keen so there is no excuse not to attend.

Price Per Head : \$25.00

SATURDAY THE 24TH OF OCTOBER

10.00am—11.30am RAN Band Association AGM

We return to the Launceston RSL for our AGM of the Association We commence at 10.00am so be sure to get there earlier and register. Remember you need to be a financial member to vote. Also office bearer nominations need to be submitted before hand so there will be forms on the website that can be printed out. We will work to ending the meeting by 11.30am and this will give you the rest of the day to explore Launceston and its surrounds.

6.30pm—10.30pm Association Official Dinner

Held in the Function Room of the Grand Chancellor Hotel you are asked to be there at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm sit down. We will be entertained by the Navy Reserve Band Hobart and will be a Buffet-style Dinner. Dress will be tie and jacket with miniatures and ladies after five. The organisers have again kept the pricing at a very affordable price and we urge all visiting and local members to attend.

Price per Head: \$70.00

SUNDAY THE 25TH OF OCTOBER

10.00am Navy Day, Launceston Cenotaph

Navy Day will be celebrated at the Launceston Cenotaph (See Map) with a commemoration service starting at 10.00am. We invite all members and their partners to this service and will finish approximately 11.00am

Price per head: No Charge



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1.00pm—3.00pm: Veterans Band Concert Grand Chancellor Hotel

This concert coincides with the 100 years of the Naval Association of Australia and we look forward to a good turnout in Launceston to celebrate this milestone. Tickets will need to be sold to all non-playing members to cover the costs of putting the concert on at the Hotel, so your attendance would be appreciated. The concert will conclude at 3.00pm and yes there is some great new selections being performed with Roger Downton conducting.

Price per Head: \$25 for non playing members and partners



5.00pm—whenever: Farewell BBQ Launceston RSL

Our last function will be a BBQ at the Launceston RSL from 5.00pm. Great opportunity to see members for the last time before we head our separate ways and also discuss how the concert went. The order form has the details and if there are any dietary requirements you can advise on the form.

Price per Head: \$20



Summary

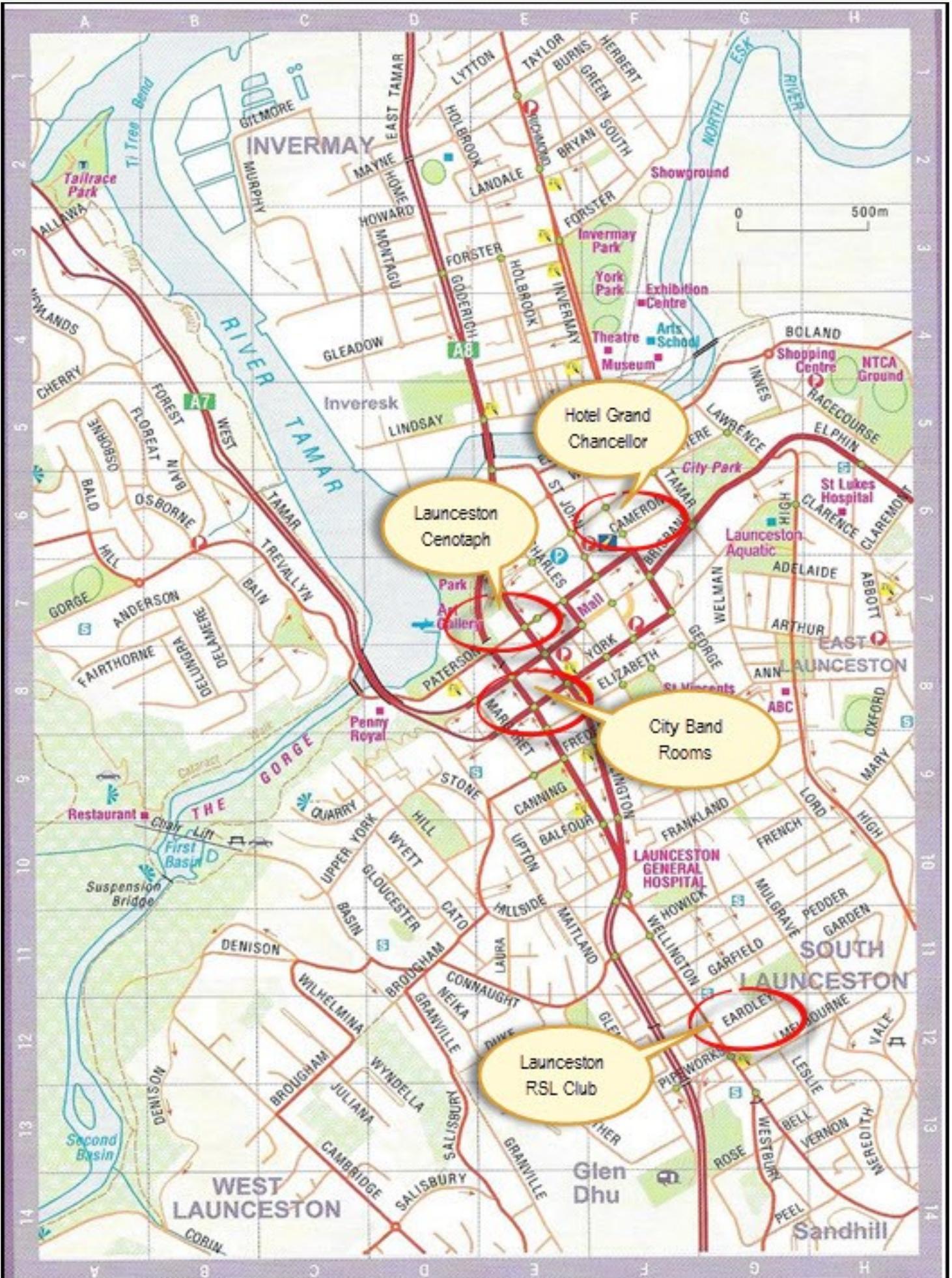
We have ahead of us a busy weekend culminating in the fantastic concert on the Sunday. The organisers have put a lot of work into providing you with a very affordable reunion so it is now up to you to attend. All the information is on the back page so get that Booking form in ASAP. See you in October.

Your,

Organising Committee & Events Manager.



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'THE GOURMET STRIP TOUR'

Outlined is the comprehensive tour organised while the veterans band is rehearsing on the Friday. The tour departs at 9.00am from the Hotel Grand Chancellor so it important to be in the foyer at least 10 minutes before the tour departs.

9.00am

Depart Hotel Royal Chancellor for a hour trip to the

ASHGROVE CHEESE FACTORY

Your visiting time will be approximately 1/2 hour

10.30am

Depart Ashgrove for a 1/2 hour trip to your next stop the

HOUSE OF ANVERS CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Your visiting time will be a 1/2 hour

11.30am

Depart Anvers for a 1/2 hour trip to

CHRISTMAS HILLS RASBERRY FARM CAFÉ

You will arrive for a lovely lunch (not included in price) and a chance to relax or visit the

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND CREAMERY just across the road from the café.

2.00pm

Depart for your trip home returning to the Grand Chancellor at about the same time the veterans band concludes its rehearsal at 3pm.



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A MAGICAL DESTINATION

Tasmania is a place of wild and beautiful landscapes, friendly people with a relaxed lifestyle.



**2020 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY BAND ASSOCIATION
REUNION, LAUNCESTON BOOKING FORM**



*If paying by Cheque please return form with cheque to Address listed below
 *If paying by Direct Deposit return this form by email or just advise your requirements
 When Direct Depositing use your name or Mobile phone as reference on your deposit
 *The association now have credit Card facilities and payments can be made by,
 Ringing Errol on 0400 706 503

NAME: _____ **PARTNERS NAME** _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

STAYING AT: _____ If not Known, Please advise once booked

**No
Attending**

FRIDAY THE 23RD OCTOBER

9.00am Veterans Band Rehearsal

9.00am to 3.00pm City Band Room

9.00am Gourmet Strip Tour @ \$40.00 a Head

Leaving From Grand Chancellor Hotel

Total \$ _____

6.00pm Meet & Greet Cocktail Party \$25 per Head

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Special Dietary requirements

For: _____ Special Requirements _____

Total \$ _____

SATURDAY THE 24th OCTOBER

10.00am Association AGM

Launceston RSL

6.30pm RANBA Gala Dinner \$70 per Head

Function Room Grand Chancellor Hotel

Special Dietary requirements

For: _____ Special Requirements _____

Total \$ _____

SUNDAY THE 25th OCTOBER

10.00am Navy Day Service

Launceston Cenotaph

1.00pm Veterans Band Concert \$25 per Head for non playing members and all Partners

Function Room Grand Chancellor Hotel

Extra Tickets can be purchased on the day

Total \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

5.00pm Farewell BBQ @ \$20 per Head

At the Launceston RSL

Special Dietary requirements

For: _____ Special Requirements _____

Total \$ _____

If you have not already advised us of your interest in being a member of the Concert Band,
 Please indicate here.

YES, I would like to Play Instrument _____ No Thanks

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