



FEBRUARY 24TH REUNION UPDATE 2026

MEMBERS,

Another fortnight has passed since our last update regarding the upcoming reunion and we welcomed a number of new bookings to help bolster the current number to 52.

The Lakes Resort Hotel is now well versed in taking bookings for accommodation for the event and it is important to ring **08 8356 4444** and book personally and please mention you are booking for the "RANBA REUNION" so you to get the best rates.

I have updated the summary with changes to the Saturday tours as I need to advise the tour operators of current numbers and some of the close off dates are in the first week of march.

Lets make the effort to get your booking form in so I can confidently work with numbers for the events and tour organizers. Payment can come later.

The committee appreciate your support for this important event.

THURSDAY 7TH OF MAY

If arriving on the Thursday your *reunion welcome pack* will be at reception or if staying at another location will be available from the Bar from 4.00pm Thursday.

FRIDAY 8TH OF MAY

Guests arriving will receive their *reunion welcome pack* at reception as stated above.

6.30pm: The Meet and Greet Cocktail Party \$39.00 a Head

The party commences in the Lakefront Banquet room at 6.30pm. Your invitation includes a complimentary drink voucher for Beer, Wine, Soft Drink or Tea and Coffee.

SATURDAY 9TH OF MAY

Saturday has been set as a free day for you to take up the organized tours with other members or you can organize your own day.

8.30am: Murray river cruise.

This tour is well booked and we have a total of 27 to date touring the Murray.

Get your booking form in asap if you want to join others on this special day.

Price per person \$189.00 all inclusive (worth every cent)

12.30pm: Dolphin and Maritime Cruise

Numbers are growing so this tour remains open to members.

Price per person: \$89.00 and is a concession price for our Reunion

10.00am Adelaide/Hahndorf/Birdwood Motor Museum tour.

As I have had no takers on this tour I will be cancelling it with the tour organizer.

7.00pm: Free Night

The evening is free for guests. You might like to arrange dinner with your mates or you are free to enjoy the evening.

SUNDAY 10TH OF MAY

9.30am: The Association AGM

The AGM will take place in the Brebner Room at the Lakes Resort Hotel. All registered members are welcome.

10.00am Morning tea

Morning tea in the Mr Neptune's cafe for those that are not involved in the AGM. For those checking out your baggage can be stored until it is time to depart for your return trips.

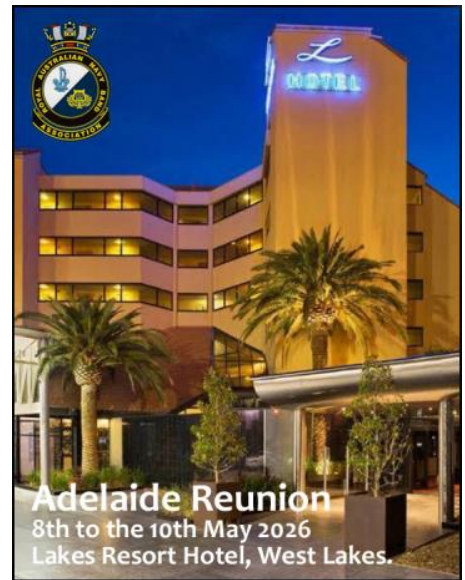
12.00pm: RAN Band Association Official Lunch \$69.00 a Head

Doors open to our official lunch and with your tickets you will be accompanied to your table. The bar will be open and you will have a complimentary voucher for drinks. The lunch will draw to a close at 4.00pm and this is the last official function for the reunion. Members can continue to socialize at the Lakes Bar.

Who has booked so far:

John & Gloria Bloom
Peter & Lorraine Martin
Peter & Jan Ashburner
Ned & Chrisi Kellas
Jim & Cheryl Henshaw
Gary & Kathleen Searle
Ray Mills
Bob & Kathy Bentley
Leon & Sue Stucas
Dale Granger
Bill Farrell & Sally Ann
Geoff Dawson
Leywah Lennon
Terry & Lorraine Ekin

Gabe & Sue Kicsak
Blue & Gail McNally
Iain & Sheila Morrison
John & Rose Ezerailis
Errol & Sharon Hatch
Ken & Trina Lincoln
Derek & Jane Baskerville
Pat & Judy Gallagher
Ken & Sue McCallum
Belinda & Paul Tucker
Paul O'Hara & Ruth Encio
Peter & Linda Grossman
Rod Coughran Lane
Garry & Christine Sander



VALE

Here we are in the 3rd week of February and we have sadly lost another three members to the band up there.

ROB HIMBURY

Peter Martin sadly informed me that long time friend Rob Himbury passed away on the 7th of February 2026.



Rob Himbury (Left) in Hong Kong. That would have been 1966. Rob was 87 when he passed last Saturday. He joined as an adult entry in 1958 and served for 9 years. He was an excellent percussionist and had played in Sydney club bands and jazz trios before joining. Cheers, Jim

MICK WHELDON

Brian Ellis informed me that Michael (Mick) Wheldon (1962) had passed away on Thursday the 12th of February 2026.



Mick Wheldon (Right) at the 2003 reunion in Hobart with Brian Torrens.



Singapore 2010, From left Mick Wheldon, Ralph Daines, TC Hunt and Graham Worth.

ROBERT "YOGI" SOUTAR

Ken Brown rang to pass the sad news that Yogi Soutar has passed away on the 22nd of February 2026. Ken was with him the evening he passed. He will be remembered by all of us as he had so many influences when he was in the Navy. RIP Yogi



2026 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY BAND ASSOCIATION ADELAIDE REUNION BOOKING FORM



*If paying by Direct Deposit return this form by email or just advise your requirements and you will be issued an invoice number for payment into our account

*The association now have credit Card facilities and payments can be made by, Ringing Errol on 0400 706 503

NAME: _____ PARTNERS NAME _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

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IF STAYING AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION

WHERE ARE YOU STAYING: _____

ASSOCIATION & EVENT REGISTRATION FEE

Association and Reunions administrative expenses

Per head fee \$15.00 Number Total \$ _____

FRIDAY THE 8TH OF MAY

MEET & GREET COCKTAIL PARTY, LAKE FRONT BANQUET ROOM, LAKES HOTEL

6.30pm Commencement \$39.00 Number Total \$ _____

SATURDAY THE 9th OF MAY

BUS TOURS

8.30am Bus Tour Departs for the Murray River Cruise and Lunch

Per head price \$189.00 Total \$ _____

11.00am Port River Cruise departs from McLaren Wharf

Per head price \$89.00 Total \$ _____

SUNDAY THE 10th OF MAY

ASSOCIATION AGM

9.30am Association AGM commences

Location in Hotel to be advised based on numbers attending

ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL LUNCH

12.00pm RANBA Official Reunion Lunch in the Lakes Room

Per head price \$69.00 Total \$ _____

Special Dietary requirements

For: _____ Special Requirements _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Bank Details: BSB 013232 **Account No:** 290164678 **Bank:** ANZ **Account Name:** Royal Australian Navy Band Association

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