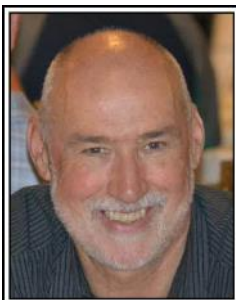




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With 2 weeks till the reunion in Adelaide we are as ready as we will ever be in this current climate of alarming petrol prices and airlines cancelling flights. I hope all that are attending arrive safely and enjoy the weekend..

The meet and Greet, Murray cruise and lunch are the three main events but on Saturday night the South Australian reserve band have organized a get together of current and ex's band members to meet. Some will be attending the Meet and Greet on Friday but the aim is to get as many past members of the South Australian Band to meet others travelling from interstate. If you are interested in more info contact me and I will pass onto Belinda Tucker who is putting the event together. It will be held at the Lakes Resort Hotel on the Saturday night.

PRESIDENTS REPORT



All my focus has been on the reunion of late and it has come around very quick indeed. From the day the Gulf crisis started it has been a question of how to manage the event if it was at a stage where travel was going to be a determining factor for members attending. Fortunately the determination (especially of our caravan fraternity) of our members to travel south has made it a goer, yes we lost about 12 all up but the numbers are still significant under the circumstances.

As with all reunions the AGM is tact in there at a time that sometimes is inconvenient but has to be held for obvious reasons. Elections of office-bearers is one and all positions will be vacated. I intend to nominate for the Treasurers position, Roger Downton is happy to accept the Secretaries role and Geoff Bunce will accept the Vice-President which leaves the Presidents chair vacant as I will not be re-nominating for that role. So we are looking for a new President to take us forward and to add a new face to the executive. Attached is a nomination form that needs to be completed before the AGM. So if you are interested to take on the role contact me or send the nomination form to our email address and I will have it seconded. Look forward to a great weekend in Adelaide.

See you there
Your President.
Errol.



TREASURERS REPORT

The AGM on Sunday the 10th is when I will provide the financials for the Association for the 2024/2025 year and a summary of the current year. It is our first year where we have not had subs as a source of income and this reunion will have our registration fee to compare. There hasn't been as predicted from our AGM in Launceston any major costs to running the Association and a few quick highlights at the Sunday meeting will give members an update going forward.

Again, see you in Adelaide.

Errol.

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/EMAIL UPDATES

MEMBERS

Robert Yogi Soutar

In the update of the 4th of April we sadly reported the passing of Robert Yogi Soutar. I can advise that we have not lost any members to date which is a nice thing to report.

John Ezergailis

I had a call from John Ezergailis earlier in the week to say he might not be able to attend the reunion due to having surgery. He was his usual jovial self and said he will keep me up to date with his progress. Doug Drysdale emailed me on Saturday to say that John had a triple bypass and cannot golf for 3 months. I sure we all wish John a speedy recovery and if feeling up to it we might see him at the reunion.

Jim Hawkins

Jim was honoured by receiving the arts section of the Ballina Shire Council Australia Day Awards. This was for 44 years service to the Ballina Shire Concert Band. Congratulations Jim, a worthy recipient of the award and the Ballina Band is going from strength to strength I have been told.



DARREL (DOC) NEWBY

Hi Errol,

I have often wondered whether Darrell "Doc" Newby (trombone - 55-63) was still with us having not heard from him for many years, and I was pleased to hear from his wife Barbara last week to say he was suffering from dementia and she would phone me during one of his lucid periods to have a chat. I remember him as a very good trom player (particularly trad jazz) and a real character. The last address I had for them was Woolgoolga NSW and I also contacted Barry "BA" Lawrence but he had never met him locally. If I hear from Doc (got his nickname from his initials DR) I will let those who knew him know via our newsletter.

I recall a blow we had at the Albatross boozier when many middies of beer were placed on the old piano, and after his trombone solo, Doc demolished most of these before passing out behind the piano. We were at Albatross for a passing out parade after all!

Cheers

Jim

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NAVY RESERVE BAND REUNION

The SA Reserve band reunion is gaining traction with 14 members attending the Saturday night. Belinda who is organizing the event is seeing if members of our association that were attached to the SA band would like to attend. Belinda can be contacted at, pbtucker1@outlook.com

They have tables booked at the Resort.

FACEBOOK

Great photo posted on facebook of Kevan Thomas and John Jones at the recent Annual Veterans lunch held at the Bentleigh RSL Melbourne. Still miss those glasses Kev.





2026 RAN Band Association Reunion Adelaide. 8th to the 10th of May

This is the last update before the reunion and I look forward to seeing our members in a few weeks. Your welcome packs will be at reception or I can be contacted on 0400 706 503 to organize handing it over. Don't panic if you misplace it or don't get to see me as I will have them at the Meet & Greet reception along with backup copies.

On the Friday night we will be having a Raffle at the Meet & Greet so bring a bit of loose change with you. The Sunday raffle will be taken care of with tickets included in your invitation.

Some event times have changed since our last update.

The Bus for the Murray cruise will leave the Resort at 8.30am and return about 4.00pm so a full day with 30 members attending, it will be a great day, looking forward to it.

The AGM has been moved to start a 9.00am so this will give locals and caravanners a chance to get home and change for the lunch. The dress for lunch is neat casual and medals are optional.

Below is our current list of attendees.

See you there.

Errol.

2026 ADELAIDE REUNION BOOKINGS

Surname	First	Partner	M&G	Murray	Lunch	Special requirements
KICSAK	GABE	SUE	2	2	2	
MARTIN	PETER	LORRAINE	2	2	2	NO PORK MUSHROOM PETER
MCNALLY	BLUE	GAIL	2		2	
MORRISON	IAIN	SHEILA	2	2	2	
KELLAS	NED	CHRISI	2	2	2	
EZERGAILIS	JOHN	ROSE	2		2	
HENSHAW	JIM	CHERYL	2	2	2	
HATCH	ERROL	SHARON	2	2	2	VEGETARIAN MEAL SHARON
SEARLE	GARY	KATHLEEN	2	2	2	
LINCOLN	KEN	TRINA	2	2	2	NO SEAFOOD TRINA
MILLS	RAY		1		1	
BASKERVILLE	DEREK	JANE	2	2	2	
BENTLEY	BOB	KATHY	2	2	2	
GALLAGHER	PAT	JUDY	2		2	
STUCAS	LEON	SANDRA	2		2	LACTOSE FREE NO GARLIC
MCCALLUM	KEN	SUE	2		2	
GRANGER	DALE		1		1	
TUCKER	BELINDA	PAUL	2			
FARRELL	BILL	SALLY ANN	2	2	2	
OHARA	PAUL	RUTH ENCIO	2	2	2	
DAWSON	GEOFF		1		1	
GROSSMAN	PETER	LINDA	2		2	
LENNON	LEYWAH		1	1	1	
COUGHRAN LANE	ROD		1		1	
EKIN	TERRY	LORRAINE	2	2	2	
SANDER	GARRY	CHRISTINE	2	2	2	
THATCHER	TAFFY		1		1	
WILLIAMSON	JULIE		1	1	1	
SCRUTON	GUY	CATHY	2		2	
DRYSDALE	DOUG	LYNETTE	2		2	
NEWMAN	BROOK				1	
HILLIER	KEVIN	ELAINE	2		2	
DOWNTON	ROGER	CLAIRE	2		2	
GILLESPIE	KATHY		1			
ELLIS	BRIAN		1		1	
TOTAL			59	30	57	

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Ralph Daines

ANZAC DAY REFLECTIONS

With Anzac Day on the Saturday it felt most unusual. The weather here in Melbourne was perfect and by all accounts Dawn services around the state were extremely well attended. Following are a few images of the day around the country. The Ballina contingent is growing each year and it is great to see.

Right: Anzac Day march Melbourne at the Cenotaph with the Anzac Day volunteer Band Playing the parade up to the steps before dismissing. A very large band this year and always sounds great.



Left: The Western Australian Band members stand before the War memorial in Kings Park. An absolutely amazing setting at the dawn service overlooking Perth and the Swan River. All three badged PO's I see.

Below: Ballina Anzac Day 2026, Nearly a full parade band assembled. Plenty of recognizable faces and some are heading south for the reunion.





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NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE POSITION

POSITION

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SECONDER

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Nominations are to be sent to:

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Forms need to be in by Monday the 4th of May