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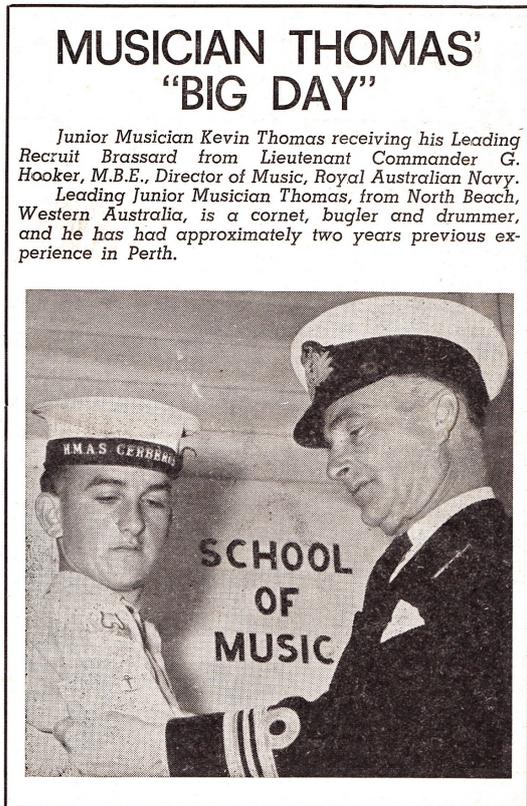
This time last year the Melbourne Reunion was only weeks away and the team of volunteers were preparing themselves for the busy weekend ahead. Concert tickets were still a little low in number but consistent. There wasn't much more we could do but rely on the Arts centre to do there promotional best. On the day it was a resounding success (even though the income side proved under whelming, the numbers were staggering.

Well this year the Gala Concert is in a 1000 seat theatre and the Twin Towns promotional team will I'm sure fill it as they are use to providing an experience to the theatre goer. With the RAN Sydney band joining us in a yet to be determined capacity will also help the cause.

So, this edition has all the booking information and the official booking form on the back page. As per last year it worked well (except for one major stuff up on my behalf) and if members use the form and either direct deposit with their name or phone number as a reference we will have a worry free reunion.

I really hope the Queenslanders and the northern New South wales members really make an effort and attend. There are so many of you up around that way we should have a bumper reunion.

Enough said about the reunion. There are interesting things in this edition so I hope you enjoy it.



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From the June 1964 edition of the Navy News this struck a chord with Kevin receiving the Leading recruit Brassard. I wonder who else received this illustrious commendation. The other noteworthy news in this edition of Navy News was Junior Musician Thomas and Leading Musician Dave Carr getting stuck in the Hotel lift on the tour of Tasmania. Kevin just happens to be celebrating his Birthday on the 8th of March, The release day of the mag.

Greetings from a very hot, steamy and sunny Queensland. For those members who will be attending the October 2018 reunion at Tweed Heads please see the full update and report later in this addition. Also at the end of this addition is the booking sheet with prices etc which will assist the executive greatly by indicating your intention to attend.

I note the article in the Sun-Herald under the headline "Defence spending on music instruments sounds a sour note". For those members who have not seen the article the full details are on the band website www.ranbandassoc.net.

Jim Hawkins responded with: "It is a beat up - some idiot reckons enlisted musicians in the US supply their own instruments - total rubbish! But spending \$25,000 on one flute is over the top". I concur with Jims comments that it is another beat up by the media, and if the cost of the Flute is what the article says it may leave defence open for criticism. Having said that, we must also acknowledge that our defence force now has some of the most highly qualified and professional musicians we have ever had before. This does not diminish the fact that in our time we also had some very fine musicians.

If my memory serves me correctly we also were supplied with top of the range brand named Instruments. I was very happy when I did my Army Band time when I was provided a Bach Trumpet, unlike the Navy who would purchase British brand models. We can only hope that there is not a knee jerk reaction to this article and start providing our Musicians with inferior quality music Instruments. I think also people have lost touch with the reality of costs associated with purchasing good quality musical Instruments. On another note (pardon the pun) I have to admit that I am not a frequent Facebook user, but I do visit our band web-

site on a regular basis to try to keep on top of what is going on with our Association. I would encourage members to get onto the site and explore the various links especially the many photos that Errol has painstakingly collated and uploaded. If you have anything that is topical to our members please share it on the Website with all our members.

Errol has done an incredible job on getting the band web site to its current format and he is constantly updating the site with additional photographs and information. I am aware that current serving members have access to our newsletter so I would also encourage them to explore the site and give consideration to joining our association. The future of Royal Australian Navy Band is in the hands of our current serving members as is the future survival of the Royal Australian Navy Band Association.

I would encourage current members to join our association as a way to keep in touch with past fellow musicians and friends. The current association was a vision by Jim Hawkins to link up and catch up with past Musicians and friends and it would be fair to say that the passion and commitment to keep it going is alive and well.

Until the next addition please be safe and above all keep well.

John Lennon

Secretary

RAN Band Association

RANBA | PETER MARTIN CELEBRATES HIS 80TH

Peter Martin celebrated his 80th Birthday hosted by his Son (Peter) and Daughter (Katrina) in Brisbane. Help celebrating his birthday was John Lennon and long time close friend Rick Watson from his Navy Band days. Rick will be celebrating his 80th Birthday in June. I think you would have to agree they both look in great shape and John is not so bad.

Peter did make the observation that if you asked those in the veterans band over 80 to stand up there would not be too many still sitting.....

John Lennon



Hello, to all our interstate members from Queensland. It has been extremely hot & humid over the last few weeks making life a little uncomfortable in the sunshine state. We have been very lucky for the last few years as we have had reasonably mild summers. I have been watching the interstate weather reports and I am well aware that we are not alone in dealing with the hot weather. With rising electricity charges it puts added pressure on the budget running Air Conditioners.

There has not been a lot happening so far this year, however I can let you in on a very important Birthday milestone this month. Without making it too obvious the only hint I will give you is he comes from Townsville and is celebrating his 80th Birthday. Sort of narrows it down a bit so because it is fairly obvious who it is, we wish Peter Martin a happy birthday. I am probably repeating myself from previous articles, but I vividly recall Peter doing his PO's course when I joined up and thought at the time, gee this guy is so old how come he has not retired yet. This was confirmed to me when he told me he joined the Navy before I was born. I look at Peter now and then look at myself in the Mirror say to myself "Shit" he looks younger than me.

I guess as we all get older the gap narrows over time. The secret must be the good honest living and not missing that

daily afternoon ale. We hope you have many more Birthdays to look forward too.

I see now that Leon Stucas has retired he keeps turning up in all parts of Australia. He was recently up in Hervey Bay and texted a Photo of Himself & Ken McCallum with our own "Dirty Bert" Kennedy. In the last week he sent me another Photo with Ken Monk in Tasmania. I have to say from the Photo he sent me Ken also looks great.

I have now upgraded to the Caravan league with the recent Purchase of my Jayco Expander. I have parked it in the front yard at the moment to try and give Leywah the hint that it could be time to think about retirement. I am just not sure if she loves work or is dreading spending her weekdays with me. Buying the Van may have been the bait as I have reliable intel that next year we may be planning some big trips.

John Lennon
QLD Representative

RANBA | The Travels of Leon Stucas

As I mentioned in my report Leon has been travelling extensively since the beginning of the year and the following photos are a record that some of our members who still look forward to a visit and reminisce.



His 1st stop on the 2nd of January was to catch up with Bert Kennedy and Ken McCallum up Hervey Bay way.

Leon caught up in his travels with Ken Monk on the 18th of February in lovely Lindisfarne, Tassie.



Continuing his Tasmanian trek, Leon also got to visit association members Eric (Henry) Morgan in Bridgewater and you couldn't go to Tassie without visiting that St Kilda tragic, Brian Ellis in beautiful Launceston.



Henry hasn't changed a bit, either has the Bear, Brian is holding. There must have been a special on St Kilda T-shirts before Leon left or when he arrived in Tassie you get free one's.....



An Email from a past Bandie visiting our website.

Hi to whom it may concern,

My name is Eric Davies I played in the WA Reserve Band for 33 years and knew Shina very well. Why I am emailing is you have in your info of those who have passed that Shina passed away in 2015.

I had received an email sent to me by Shina in 2-5-16.

Is it a printing mistake by chance?

I have enjoyed reading about the Association Band and members.

Could you put me on your email list of how the things are going please?

Kind regards Eric Davies.

Hi Eric

The Bandies network is very active and I am confident that Shina is very much alive. I am not sure if you are aware that there was two Shina Wright's who both played Oboe. We referred to them as "Old Shina" and "Young Shina". Old Shina passed away in 2015.

You are more than welcome to join the RAN Band Association. By joining we give you access to our website, newsletters and updates on what is happening. We have a big reunion coming up at the end of the year on the Gold Coast and you would be more than welcome as a member. I have confirmation of two West Australians who are attending, Bill Farrell and Andy Rourke.

You can join the association from our Website front page at www.ranbandassoc.net

Regards,

John Lennon, Secretary

RAN Band Association

Editors Notes:

Eric has since applied to join the association

Hi Errol,

Just visiting the Association website and noticed that an ex Bandy was missing from the VALE list.

Milton (Harold) John McLaughlin

Born 1961, Passed away 1994

Joined the SOM 1977 (Saxophone)

My regards to all!

Nick Kaimatsoglu

Hi Errol,
I'm Bert Kennedy's brother and Bert lives in Hervey Bay
Bert does not have an email account or computer -
I have spoken to him about registering an account here -
He gave me some photos recently he is happy to post on
the site..
I'm not sure how I should upload and display them etc.
Maybe some pictures could be included in the RANBA
Magazine. I have uploaded a few photos and also have
some others when the navy band guys came to our house
and played at Bert's 21st -

He played -
Clarinet
Glockenspiel
Keyboards

Regards,
Reg

Reg,

**All of his
photos are
on the web-
site.**

**Regards,
Errol.**



POST SCRIPT: To my Western Front Report

In the Australia Day Honours List published on January 26th, 2018, hidden in one of the columns was the name Captain J.P Stevenson, RAN, r'td. Captain Stevenson, or Steve or JP to members of the crew, was the Commanding Officer of HMAS MELBOURNE on the night of the collision with USS EVANS in the South China Sea on June 3rd, 1969. All members of the Band on-board (Band shown below) will remember that night and the calm efficiency that was shown by the Captain. He has been awarded the AM, Member of Australia, an award that could not go to a finer officer. An email has been forwarded to him on behalf of the Ship's Band at that time, and I thought that it is right and proper that it should be highlighted in this magazine.

Bill Farrell

HMAS Melbourne Band below.



Its amazing where you find things

While sorting envelopes for Eric (read the article under HMAS Cerberus Museum) I came across this photo of the HMAS Nirimba Volunteer Band leading the Merrylands RSL Club Anzac Memorial parade in 1987. If I'm not mistaken that looks like PO Mick Wortham as Bandmaster.



RANBA | TASMANIAN REPORT: Frank Godleman

Happy New Year to all our Interstate counterparts and Greetings from sunny Hobart....Well it was an hour ago!!

Somehow, mainly by default, I have the role as the Tasmanian Rep for the Association.

Our Tasmanian Association members are scattered (not literally!) all around the State, so we find it a little harder to get together for social activities. However, we often catch up at the Tasmanian Band Championships when we are competing whilst playing in our respective bands. We always catch up with Robert (Bob) Bentley, whose Burnie Brass Band is a strong competitor at the Championships.

I play in The Veterans Brass Band with Dave Hardstaff and Eric (Henry) Morgan. We do the standard Anzac Day ceremony and about 6 other jobs per year and the band is quite a good standard. We meet to rehearse once a week at Anglesea Army Barracks. Eric (Henry) plays euphonium and is the Vet's Band Deputy Bandmaster and band fundraiser, Dave plays tuba and euphonium (not at the same time!) and I play soprano cornet. Dave and I also play with the Glenorchy Community Brass Band and have enjoyed occasionally helping out playing alongside Brian & Kerry Ellis in their West Tamar Band, which is active and highly regarded in the Launceston community.

We've already made our bookings for the 2018 Reunion on the Gold Coast and look forward to the Tassie contingent enthusiastically taking part. Our state is currently experiencing a tourism boom so if any members do get to Hobart please feel free to contact me so that we can show you some Tasmanian hospitality.

Cheers,

Frank.

With so much happening at the Museum in HMAS Cerberus it is important that we keep members up to date. On returning from the festive break the volunteers found plenty of things going on in and around the museum and look forward to a productive 2018.



Some of the massive stumps ready for removal from grounds.
The Railway platform in the background.



Looking out from the entrance of the School of Music across to the admin building.

Trees Disappearing at an alarming Rate

As each week goes by the team has noticed the removal of some of the beautiful trees around the old School of music and surrounds over the last month. The character of the gardens is changing as their stature gave the grounds a calming effect with shades and the rustle of leaves not to say the cockies and Galah's having a good time.

It's all part of the life cycle apparently and so called rot affecting some, even though as they lay on the lawns cut up and ready to be removed they look very healthy. The

gardens generally are not a patch on what they use to be, Garden beds are bare, lawns are not cut as often as they should be and with the loss of the trees there is a feeling of sparseness. All is related to the demise of gardeners who now are a very small team. It's ashame.

Database of personnel and ships

LCDR Eric Mushins (RANR 1965) who joined as a volunteer 18 months ago has the task of creating a formidable treasured library of personnel, ships and Branches. In his admin room there is now a file on just about every ship (well almost) that ever served in the Royal Australian Navy. These files contain correspondence, signals, Logs, photos and anything else that is paper. Eric's other important roles is to log every photo of recruit school intakes into the database. Many photos exist of recruit school intakes but years and names of those don't in some instances so his task is one of persistence.



Eric in his element amongst his files of everything Navy.

Our Administrator

LCDR Jan Gallagher (1966) Is responsible for the now formidable job of making sure all donations to the museum are accessioned correctly through the museum Database and donors are acknowledged through the correct correspondence. Previously there was a mentality to just put it on a shelf and forget to give it a accession number before it was placed in the museum. Some things are not accounted for and it is when doing a stocktake (which is currently underway) that important things can not be located or have been loaned and not lodged. Jan has many other roles and I will feature her in future editions.



Jan at her desk inundated with plenty of paperwork, emails and correspondence.

The man behind it all

With only months left to serve out his tenure as Curator of the museum, WO Marty Grogan has been going all out to acquire important pieces for the museum and to create specific areas within the museum. Since the association visited last year we have seen the completion of the HMAS Sydney room, the establishment of the HMAS Lonsdale room, The upgrade of the WRANS room to feature a electronic display of images of the WRAN's story.

His current project is to turn the old Band room at the school into a HMAS Australia display and is well on its way with the help of Rex and the other team members. WO Marty's input to the success cannot be understated and the magazine will feature a full history of Marty's career in coming editions.



WO Grogan doing what he does best, accepting yet another donation to the museum, in this case additional medals to a already donated display by the Fleming family.

Errol.

RANBA | VICTORIAN REPORT: Terry Ekin

A new year, and the year of the Twin Towns reunion - a mere 7 months away now. Since the last newsletter and Mexican get together, I could probably copy and paste a fair bit of what I wrote back then but I won't. After the Christmas break, we're recovering our embouchures as many of our members return to their small groups, bands and orchestras.

Over a coffee I caught up with Errol to chat about ideas for future get togethers for the Victorian members to mix things up a bit from the traditional lunch and refreshments at the rissolle. Not a bad concept or venue, but to coin part of a phrase, let's try something completely different. This will be something we have done before and an advantage we have over all the other states. Keep the 15th of April free!

We're still looking to keep the Christmas in July and the pre Christmas "functions" as part of the agenda, so, at this

stage, there's no changes there. But most of all, looking forward to the reunion, so if we don't see you before, we'll see you there. And if you're still undecided about going, take the plunge - who doesn't want to have a good time with friends past and present.



Could this be our next venue for our Victorian Get together, you never know, Keep the 15th of April Free.

It is not often that an article in The BAND MAGAZINE commences with a weather report, but this one will do just that.

On Monday the 14th of January, Perth had its wettest day in 18 years with some suburbs receiving their wettest on record/in history, all thanks to the recent cyclone which whipped through the North West of the State causing havoc up there, proving that the population likes to share things around! Now that the weather report has been aired, let's get down to musical matters.

Annual Christmas Lunch

Prior to the commencement, we celebrated the memory of those members who had passed away during the year and of course this came very close to home with the passing of "Friday" James. This is a time honoured tradition here in the West, to which we closely adhere and which is always followed by the saying of grace. Our annual Xmas Luncheon was a great success even though there were some notable absentees including Bill and Robyn Middleton who had booked in but a phone call from the male member of the duet informed the writer that he was reclining in a hospital bed suffering from heart and a relapse of a diabetic problems.

However, he is on the road to recovery and is hopefully looking forward to being at this year's Reunion. Another NA was Buck Buchanan who had some rushed baby-sitting duties with grandchildren. Yet another apology was received from Bill Bekendam who wrote in his apology, "we wish everyone present a happy Xmas because he and his wife will be somewhere in the Italian Alps on that day. C'est la Vie!

Andrew Rourke and partner Robyn were there but since then your correspondent has heard that Andy has a problem with vertigo, taking him off the roads with Robyn acting as his chauffeur. They are also hoping to get to the reunion.

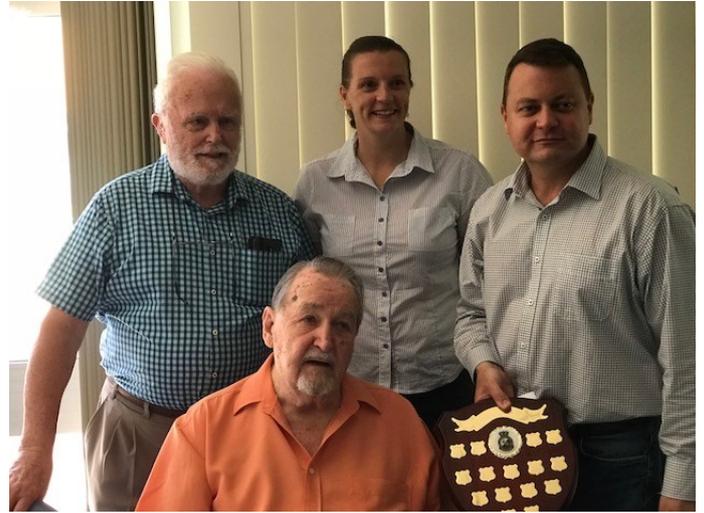
The usual faces turned up, Ted and Shirley, Fred Brewer – still looking hale and hearty - plus Kevin and Sylvia Foal and a raft of former Reservists plus Fiona Russell. The winner of the Farrell/Lincoln Trophy came along with CPO Natalea Erskine and the reason LS Nigel Barrett came along to receive his award was almost kept a secret until the presentation, but possibly someone slipped up during pre-dinner drinks.

The function was held at the RAAF Association Centre at Bull Creek a large service-orientated retirement village about 15 km to the south of Perth, having been the venue for the function for several years we have found the surrounds, food and service well up to standard.

Everyone present went home with a raffle prize, all donated by the attendees. There's not much more to write about from this far flung corner of the Continent, except in saying

that, we send best wishes and New Year greetings with the hope that 2018 is a happy and peaceful year for all members and their families.

See you "On the Tweed" in October!



Bill, Ted, CPO Natalea Erskine and Farrell/Lincoln Trophy recipient LS Nigel Barrett.



Ted and Shirley enjoying the day with Fred Brewer and Kevin and Sylvia Foale (Below)





How does a Bandy March without his Eupho?

I must say it felt strange as I was among 65 RAN personnel and the old Marine Band uniform stood out amongst them. I was chosen as the band's representative for the Coronation, 65 years ago on the 3rd of June 2018.

On arrival in Portsmouth all the contingents departed by train to the Guards Barracks in Pirbright, Surrey, some 2 to 3 hours away. At the Pirbright railway station we were greeted by a Royal Guards Drum & Fife Band playing Waltzing Matilda, It made us very proud to be there. We spent 6 weeks at the Guards Barracks. I was made postie (a Good Perk). Everybody was treated equal; it didn't matter whether you were an AB, Petty Officer, Chief or an Officer. The OIC of the Naval Contingent was Commander Robertson (f Voyager Fame) and he was incredible with the contingent.

After breakfast each day we spent 3 hours on the parade ground under the care of Sargent Major Britton who had the loudest voice known to man. Being the tallest, I was right alongside this voice with his pace stick, "Come on you Australians" he'd call out, Boy, did we shiver in our shoes. It didn't matter how well we marched in the end because on the day it absolutely poured down and you couldn't pick up any drum beat from any of the sodden drums, so consequently it turned out to be a shambles.

We marched directly behind the Canadian Mounties whose horses had Diarrhoea!!!! By the end of the march from Hyde Park to our Billets it was a total of 19 miles. Frank Partridge VC told me that it was the toughest medal he ever earnt. We were all glad to get out of the sodden uniforms and get to

the nearest pub. The next day we marched into Buckingham palace to get our Coronation medal and we were all given free train passes to go anywhere we liked. I went to Edinburgh by train and looked up my descendants records from the library.

After a couple of weeks break I returned to Portsmouth and re-joined the band for our continued trip to the USA, Canada, Jamaica and then on home. Chief Bandmaster Gordon Regalsford Ball (Curly to us) soon had us back to reality. Some of the bandies who are still around from this tour, Gordon Crompton, Bill Farrell, Hal Tuwson & Sonny Locke will remember the trip well.

Footnote:

I was delighted to see dear old Bungy Williams on the back of the last magazine. You wouldn't believe it, but I was recovering having a spell in the rehab of Lady Davidson Hospital when an old lady came up to me and said "You are him, aren't you?" I nearly fell over; it was my old flame, Liz from 50 years ago. She asked me how Bungy was, (he died many years ago at the young age of 42).

A great story about Bungy goes, Bungy got a crash draft and being friends with my Liz, asked if she would mind if he could garage his car in their garage in Ashfield. "Ok", she said, so we put it in behind my father in laws car. He then took off with the keys in in his pocket, didn't he!

We had no option but to kangaroo his car out of the way so we could get the other car out. Funny how someone's name comes up after many years have passed. I hardly knew Liz, she has not weathered the storm too well after 50 years.

Melody is in the second last row, second from right. (The Tall one)





Royal Australian Navy Band Association Reunion 2018

25th to the 28th October

- : Meet & Greet
- : Association Dinner
- : Tours
- : Gala Concert

Twin Towns Services Club, 1 Wharf St, Tweed Heads

Twin Towns
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Reunion Overview

This year is quickly starting to slip away and we are getting closer to our reunion at Tweed Heads. 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 to Errol 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 now secured the costs and details of the Aardvark & Arrow Micro Brewery tour with the owner and proprietor, our own Guy Scruton (Ex PO Muso).

The discounted accommodation costs at Twin Towns Mantra resort have not changed since our last newsletter which I have again included in this magazine addition. For those who are looking for budget or more competitive accommodation prices I would suggest that you wait until after the Commonwealth games before looking at booking. As we get closer to October it may be the case that you could secure some good deals as there does not appear to be any major activities happening on the Coast around the time of our reunion. In the case of the Caravanning members, I am sure the jungle drums would be bouncing between them and they have already worked out the best places to stay at the best prices. If you need any advice I would suggest contacting the following Caravanning Guru's: Qld = Ken McCallum, Gary Sander or Leon Stucas; NSW = Pat Gallagher; Victoria = Len Nurse.

The Veterans Band gala concert planning is well advanced and apart from asking for players on the Booking form Ralph & Cheryl have again been very busy putting this event together with more details to follow.

During the Reunion Daylight Saving will be in force, however all our Activities, Events and Functions will be on Queensland time as with nearly all businesses in the Tweed and Coolangatta area. This is mainly a reminder for those members who are attending from the Northern NSW Rivers area. The interstate members flying in to either Brisbane or Coolangatta should automatically convert to Qld time.

Getting to Tweed Heads

The best option for Interstate members who are not driving is to fly into Coolangatta airport then catch a Taxi to Tweed Heads (Twin Towns) a distance of approximately 5 km (10 mins by Taxi). Having said that it has been pointed out to me that some Capital & Provisional cities don't operate regular flights and it may necessitate staying additional days to coordinate flights to and from Coolangatta Airport. The other option is to fly into Brisbane Airport. I have provided some information for those who may consider this option and the time and cost getting from Brisbane Airport to Tweed Heads.



The Train from Brisbane Airport goes to Varsity Lake on the Gold Coast without having to change. The trip is just under 2 hours and costs \$35.15c one way. The Route 760 bus leaves Varsity Lakes station and goes via Robina Town Centre, Varsity Lakes, The Pines, Coolangatta Airport then Tweed Heads which takes about 40 minutes. As you can see it is a bit of hassle from Brisbane Airport to Tweed Heads which could take you up to 3 hours or more, plus the cost. The other option is CONXION Airport Transfers who offer transfers from Brisbane Airport to Mantra Twin Towns Resort for \$118 One Way for 2 people.



Thursday 25th of October

10.30am– 17.00pm Veterans Band Rehearsal

Thursday the 25th October has been confirmed for the veteran's band rehearsal. We have decided 10.30am to 5pm as the allocated rehearsal time. This will allow for members who may be running late due to flights, booking into Accommodation etc. Stands will be supplied so just bring Music and Instruments. For those Veteran band members who are flying into the Gold Coast you may need to opt for earlier flights where possible. Unless advised otherwise, rehearsal will take place in the Showroom on the Top floor of the Twin Towns Club. You will be advised of any changes to the rehearsal venue or times.

7.00pm—10.30pm Meet & Greet

The Meet & Greet has been booked for Thursday evening in the VISIONS Room from 1900 to 22:30 and is located in the Mantra Accommodation tower which is part of the Twin Towns Services Club complex. For those who want to kick on without interruption you can take the sky walk to the main club area and entertain yourself until 2am in the Morning.

Price per Head \$35.00

Friday the 26th of October

9.30am—2.00pm Tweed River Cruise

We have confirmed a Northern Rivers rainforest cruise on Friday with "Tweed Endeavour Cruises". This tour departs at 9:30am from the wharf complex at the end of Wharf St, which is on the same street as the club and within walking distance for the spritely members. The tour lasts 4.5 hours and includes a BBQ Lunch and cruises up the tweed river as far as Historic Tumbulgum. There is a cap of 60 on this tour however we do have the option of filling up another boat.

Price per Head \$55.00 (Min 40 Booked)

3.00pm—4.00pm Association AGM

The AGM has been confirmed for 3pm on Friday in the ANZAC room behind the RSL Sub Branch office in the Mantra Tower. All association members are urged to attend this important function of our reunion.





Saturday the 27th of October

10.00am—2.00pm Aardvark & Arrow Micro Brewery

On Saturday for those who want to taste the many craft beers on offer and spin heaps of yarns we have organised a visit to the AARDVARK & ARROW Micro Brewery at Varsity Lakes. Your host will be the owner and manager Guy Scruton ex PO Musician 70 & 80's. In addition to tasting the Craft Beer selections, a Spit BBQ Lunch will also be included. Licence requirement requires tasting completed by 14:00 which will allow members to recharge batteries and the taste buds for the dinner Dance.

Price per Head \$20

7.00pm—10.30pm Association Dinner Dance

The Formal Dinner will also be held in the VISIONS room on Saturday night and you will be entertained and dined to a lavish menu provided by the Twin Towns Club.

Price per Head \$85

Sunday the 28th of October

10.00am—12.00pm Veterans Band Sound Check

Veterans band Sound check will take place in the Showroom with all participants.

2.00pm—4.00pm Veterans Band Gala Concert

The Veterans Band Gala concert will be held in the Showroom at the Twin Towns Club. This event will be ticketed and organised by Twin Towns. Tickets for the concert for members and partners will be advised once more information comes to hand.

Price per Head TBA

The concert concludes the reunion commitments

Tweed Heads Accommodation

The Tweeds Heads area allows for varying types of accommodation from Caravan Parks, Budget, Resort and Premier accommodation options. Twin Town Services club offers excellent accommodation at their Mantra Resort Tower which is interconnected to the Services club, and will allow you to stagger home at any time of day and night in complete safety and comfort without ever leaving the air conditioning. Now that we have confirmed Twin Towns Services Club as our reunion venue all members are entitled to a 10% discount on their accommodation best prices at the Mantra Resort. You will be required to place a \$200 non refundable deposit and be aware that best prices can fluctuate. You will need to ring and quote the "Royal Australian Navy Band Association Reunion 25th - 29th October 2018. You cannot receive the discount if you book on line with Mantra so you will need to ring 1800 192020 to book .



**2018 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY BAND ASSOCIATION
REUNION, TWEED HEADS 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 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: _____

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

THURSDAY THE 25TH OCTOBER

10.30am Veterans Band Rehearsal

10.30am to 5.00pm Twin Towns Club (Anzac Room)

Number
Attending

7.00pm *Meet & Greet Cocktail Party \$35 per Head

Visions Room Twin Towns Club

Special Dietary requirements

For: _____ Special Requirements _____

Total \$ _____

FRIDAY THE 26TH OF OCTOBER

9.30am Tweed River Cruise @ \$55 a Head

Includes BBQ Lunch

Special Dietary requirements

For: _____ Special Requirements _____

Total \$ _____

3.00pm RAN Band Association AGM

Anzac Room of the Twin Towns Club

SATURDAY THE 27TH OCTOBER

10.00am Aarvark & Arrow Brewery Tour \$20 per Head

10.00am to 2.00pm Includes Spit Roast & Tastings

Total \$ _____

7.00pm RANBA Gala Dinner Dance \$85 per Head

Vision Room Twin Towns Club

Special Dietary requirements

For: _____ Special Requirements _____

Total \$ _____

SUNDAY THE 28th OCTOBER

10.00am to 12.00pm Veterans Band Sound Check

Showroom Twin Towns Club

2.00pm Veterans Gala Concert

Showroom Twin Towers Club

Tickets for members and Partners will be advised

Grand Total \$ _____

Extra Tickets need to be purchased directly from Twin Towns Club

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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