

RAASC VSPA SECRETARY'S REPORT-2016 REUNION PERTH

Hi Everyone,

firstly, I wish you all have a great time together, catching up with your mates, and of course enjoying all that is Perth and surrounds.

I particularly want to thank Gary Donoghue for being able to engineer his attendance and for being our Guest Speaker. I hope somebody is taping his commentary.

I also want to thank Graeme and Maria for taking the stand and running this reunion. Without their efforts, the Executive would have found it difficult to run it. Thanks to the other members of the Executive for all your help and support. Without Christina, our life would be very burdensome.

I want to remember those who offered their apologies and are not able to join you. They are our Patron David McLachlan and his wife, Geoff and Leonie Christopherson, Christina Luff, Bob and Gwenneth Denner, Brian Stevenson, Denis and Lenore Cowling, Sue Hartas, Don Noy, Fred and Ann Friske, Reg Dennehy, Les Katona, Glen Breaden, Sue Hartas, Alan Windle, Brian Stephenson.

You will have seen our article in the newsletter about reunions. You asked for Perth, and now here you are, thanks to Graeme and Maria.

To date no one has submitted any ideas for our next one, so I have asked President Ken to read out my proposal for a Cruise late next year, possibly to coincide with Armistice Day 2017.

I have written to our Petroleum and ALSC-ALSG mates, who are currently meeting in WA if they would consider joining us for this trip-we all served together, and we might leverage a better deal with more significant numbers.

Our combined membership means wives and partners share an equal stake in the future of our Association activities. Where would you like to go next?

The Executive has been working behind the scenes, paying the bills, helping Graeme and others to make this reunion a success. Thanks Executive for all your help since Wollongong, and a special mention to Christina, for whom life would be more burdensome, and to Denny for the Newsletter.

Until next time,

Russ Morison