

# 'Paludrine Parade'

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## Perth Here We Come!

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**A**nd what an exciting program that Graeme and Maria Sherriff have planned for you at the 2016 Perth Reunion! Just check out these events!

**TOUR 1 – SWAN VALLEY. SUN 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY.** 0900 hrs. Collect from accommodation venue/meet at point to be advised. 1<sup>st</sup> stop is for morning tea. Providore in the Valley is the next stop, this new facility offers a variety of free wine, chocolate liqueur and food tastings. Lunch is at the Swan Valley Oasis Restaurant where you will enjoy a 2 course meal of main and fruit salad and ice cream, tea or coffee. Next is a visit to the Twin Hills Winery for wine tasting and included is cheese and crackers. **PRICE \$57.50pp.**

**TOUR 3 – FREMANTLE. THU 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY.** 0900 hrs. Collect from accommodation venue/meet at point to be advised. Travel to Barrack Street Jetty for a river trip to Fremantle. Coach travel to Fishing Boat Harbor for **lunch at own expense** (fish n chips, seafood, salad etc.). **Points of interest to visit:** Visit the Welcome Walls. The Welcome Walls projects pay tribute to those migrants who arrived by sea, landing at Fremantle or Albany. In Fremantle, over 400 panels commemorating the names of migrants who arrived through this area have been erected at the WA Museum-Maritime at Victoria Quay. A trip up to Monument Hill to enjoy the beautiful views and remember those who served for this country throughout the wars. Travel to Kings Park / War

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**TOUR 2 – MANDURAH. TUE 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY.** 0900 hrs. Collect from accommodation venue/meet at point to be advised. Morning tea at the foreshore before boarding the boat for a Dolphin watching and Canal Cruise. Lunch at the Ravenswood Hotel in Mandurah/Pinjarra. Return to pick up point approx. 1630 – 1700 hrs. **PRICE \$76 pp.**

**WED 4th MAY.** Wednesday will be a huge day with our plaque laying ceremony at the Yokine RSL, followed by our AGM and our Corps formal dinner.

Memorial & Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Return to pick up point approx. 1630—1700 hrs **PRICE \$55 pp.**

There's plenty to do in Perth on all of your free days as well. Catching up with your mates, checking out a host of shopping centres and doing day trips around the Perth area. So, if you haven't already done so, fill in the registration form on page 7, tear it off and send it to Christina with your payment. You won't be disappointed! Don't forget your membership fees are also due!

### So what's Perth all about?

**P**erth City is situated along the banks of the Swan River, 12 km from the ocean. The river is named after the famous black swans which can be found along the river. The city is bound by the river to the east and south. To the west of the city is Kings Park, which has over 400 hectares of natural Australian bush overlooking the city centre and the Swan River. The view from King's park is quite unique and is a must for any visitor to Perth. The Swan River weaves its way through the metropolitan area to the Port of Fremantle, which has many beautiful houses, restaurants, and recreational areas along its banks. The river provides an ideal opportunity for the locals to enjoy the beautiful weather and participate in many different water sports or just cruising the river on one of the many ferries. The city centre is quite small when compared to other cities in Australia, but this precinct still has a lot on offer with its four major streets running east to west. Time to go and explore!

## 2014/2016 Committee and State Representatives

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Warrick Eady is a former member of the ADF with nine years service and multiple deployments to Afghanistan. Following the death of a close mate killed in Afghanistan, In 2014, he set out to create an image that had been playing over in his mind for years. The scene of soldiers sharing stories, catching up, over a beer at the end of a hard day's work, with the difference being that these soldiers were on Anzac Day 2018 - the end of the born decades apart. This resulted in Anzac Centenary period. Warrick's profound 'mateship' series entitled '100 Years On'. The first in the series went on sale in mid December, and in all its forms, not just military, and after an enormous response on social media, profits from the sales were donated to the Soldier On organisation, additional charities. The scene below to date, totalling \$9250.00. Over the next few years, more images will be added, and the project will be finalised site at; [www.pixelperfectstore.com.au](http://www.pixelperfectstore.com.au).



## 2016 RAASCVSPA Reunion Perth

### Dates: Sat 30th Apr - Sun 8th May, 2016

### Proposed Program

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Free Day	Train Travelers Arrive In Perth.
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> May	0930-1430	<b><u>Tour 1</u></b> Swan Valley with Sweet Treats. <b>\$57.50pp.</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	0900-1100 1100 1230-1500 1500	Free Time. Commencement of Formal 2016 Reunion Events. Registration - Anzac House; 28 St Georges Tce, Perth (Cnr Irwin & St George's Tce). Phone: 08 9287 3714. Lunch – Anzac House, Free Time
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	0900-1600	<b><u>Tour 2</u></b> Mandurah/Cruise Estuary. <b>\$76.00pp.</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May	0900-1400 1500-1530 1600 -1730 1800	FREE TIME Plaque Laying Service. Yokine - Joondanna RSL - Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine WA. (08) 9275 3132. <b>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b> at above venue. <b>Corps Formal Dinner.</b> (Above venue). <b><u>Guest Speaker:</u></b> LT Gary Donoghue, Supply Officer, 25 Supply Platoon and HQ 5 Coy RAASC. Vung Tau SVN (1970/1971). <b>\$40.00pp.</b>
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> May	0900-1600	<b><u>Tour 3</u></b> Fremantle/Barrack St. Cruise/Kings Park. <b>\$55.00pp.</b>
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May	0900-1100 1200-1430	FREE TIME Lunch – Anzac House Or Hillary's
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> May		FREE TIME
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> May		FAREWELL luncheon TBA.

## A message for ideas from our Secretary

I would like to encourage our members, whether they are going to Perth or not, to contribute ideas on the next reunion. It is your get together and should be encouraged to have a say. The RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association is about getting together with old mates on a regular basis. Your membership entitles you and your wife/partner to share your ideas with the rest of us about our reunions. In the early 2006 onward years, our format usually involved something with a military flavour, but has now involved inclusion of a range of 'tourist activities' for you to select from. Wollongong and Perth are great

examples. On each of these occasions, we were able to get a local team to come together, with assistance where required from the Executive, to plan and run the reunion. We have endeavoured to seek the support of local Veterans groups to help with our reunions. Included in our past reunions, we have had two visits to Canberra and Coolangatta, Gold Coast, visits to Albury, Phillip Island and Dorriggo. So it's thinking cap time. All comments received gratefully. What would you like to see happen? Please add whatever comments you like and, along with the reunion registration form, (space provided on the registration form for your

suggestions, comments and ideas), return to Christina so we can collate all your replies, which we will make available to the AGM: Some questions.

- Can you get some mates together to make it happen?
- What State and Cities/Towns do you favour?
- What time frame do you propose?
- What activities are there available?

Ideally we would need to be located in the same place, close by, so caravan resort parks and such are favoured and at a reasonable price. All comments welcome. *Russ Morison, Secretary, 0408 947 935, or email me at: dabblers2@hotmail.com.*



## Third of Australian military rations to be halal-certified under plan to foster a more inclusive environment

A third of meals provided to Australian troops will now be halal-certified following a series of new changes. Ration packs available to servicemen and woman in the field will now need to be more diverse, including kosher, vegetarian and halal options, in an order approved by the Deputy Chief of Army, Major General Rick Burr. Four of the twelve (12) of the menu options

result of the new arrangement, are the subject of a federal government inquiry at this time. © ninemsn 2016. *Editors*

*Notes: I really wonder about the logic of this decision. I suppose it's all about choice. I wonder if the decision would attract such adverse commentary if the tucker was 'kosher'. Apparently 'Kosher' tucker and 'Halal' tucker is treated in exactly same way, but then you would rarely use the words 'Jewish' and 'Arabic' tucker in the same sentence, would you now?*

All that been said, I wonder how our WW2 soldiers would have taken to the decision? Below is a reproduction of Australian WW2 Early War Ration Set A. This is another lot of Reproduction WW2 Rations, this time it is a set of Rations as used by Aus-

tralian, Brits, New Zealanders, South Africans during the campaigns, and most any front line between 1940-1943. These reproductions were made up to supplement rations to our group of British WW2 Burma Campaign re-enactors, as the Brits in Burma and elsewhere, would utilize a virtual smorgasboard of mixed rations, ranging from locally procured food stuffs, over standard rations, such as 24 hour meal and Compo Rations to exotic items, such as US and Australian ration packs. These would be perfect for most allied or axis re-enactors running about in North Africa, Crete or the Balkans. You get the following: One Tin of Corned Beef (better known as 'Bully Beef' to friend and foe alike). Comes in the tan-and-green early war Australian military labelled tin. Ready to "pour" from the tin when the temperatures reach 110 degrees and up! Two Packs of Arnott's Plain Bis-

cuits (These are military biscuits. Hard on the teeth but oh-so-filling! inside the buff and properly labelled early war wrapper reminiscent of WW1 ANZAC fame. One Tin of Tuna in the proper buff-labelled "Diamond Brand" tin. Fish was a vital component to rations for men in the desert, to receive plenty of protein in a not-so filling package, while delivering a bit more salt to the diet in order to encourage drinking of water. Three packs of WEET BIX, Australia's favourite high-nutrition Cereal/biscuit. These can be eaten dry as a snack, or boiled with water and sugar, or, better yet, eaten in Milk (hot or cold) as an energy breakfast. One Roll of Steam Rollers Mints in the buff wartime wrapper. These are actual Australian Steam Rollers as issued to troops, and will pleasantly surprise you folks if you don't care for the British or German mints that eat your lips off. These are mild and tasty, and were one of the favourites with all troops in the theatre, even inspiring some German mint makers to work on more pleasant mint varieties when some rolls made it back from the front! One pack of Indian



will be halal-certified. The changes have been pushed through in order "to meet ADF's (Australian Defence Force) commitment to providing an inclusive working environment, Channel Nine (9) reports. There are less than 100 Muslims serving in the ADF and the decision to spend money on halal rations has angered some of the military's 60,000 full time and reserve servicemen and women. Senator Cory Bernardi said the decision is a sign the military has been "captured by minority interests and appears to have suspended the application of common sense". "Our military should be defending our way of life, on and off the battlefield. Decisions like this suggest it has become more an instrument of supporting minority interests rather than being focused on the national interest," he said. Former Army intelligence officer and Australian Liberty Alliance Senate candidate for Queensland, Bernie Gaynor said Australia deserves "better". "Australia is not an Islamic country and our soldiers, sailors and airmen and women deserve better from the government and the politically-correct top brass," he said. Unregulated halal certifiers, who would receive taxpayer dollars as a



"Sun" brand matches, which were both issued and sold through NAAFI outlets. They were cheap, plentiful and somewhat waterproof, and come in gastly hand-assembled and labelled wood and paper boxes, just like the originals! One Australian 3-in-1 pocket tin opener in its proper 1940 dated envelope. This opener will open cans, lift up caps, and serve as a spoon. The design is so clever, it is still in service today! And you know what? No 'Kosher' or 'Halal' certified content seen anywhere.



**ACT**  
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Chief Minister, Treasury and  
Economic Development

## Incorporated Association Extract – A.C.T.

### RAASC VIETNAM SUPPLY PLATOONS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

**Association Name:** RAASC VIETNAM SUPPLY PLATOONS ASSOCIATION  
INCORPORATED  
**Registration Number:** A04756  
**Association Status:** Current  
**Date of Incorporation:** 28/07/2008  
**The Next Financial Year Ends:** 30/06/2016  
**Last Annual Return Lodged:** 24/12/2015  
**Cessation Date:** -

#### POSTAL ADDRESS

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MITCHELL ACT 2611

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Jim Corrigan  
REGISTRAR-GENERAL

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# RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association 2014-15 Treasurer's Report

Balance of National Access Account at 1 July 2014	4337.42	
Balance of Term Deposit at 1 July 2014	4297.44	
<b>Total Balance of Accounts at 1 July 2014</b>		<b>8634.86</b>

## Revenue

Membership fees 2013-14	140.00
Membership fees 2014-15	40.00
Membership fees 3 years	180.00
Donations	10.00
Interest 2014-15 Access A/c	0.38
Interest 2014-15 Term Deposit	145.17

**Total Revenue 515.55**

## Expenses

Web Site Hosting	195.00
Postage	34.30
RAASC Victoria Membership	15.00
PO Box (for 2015)	60.00
Envelopes Stationery Ink	298.30
Colour Laser Toner	151.50

**Total Expenses 754.10**

**Balance of Revenue to Expenses 2014-15 -238.55**

**Deposits for Wollongong Reunion 2014 -1164.14**

Deposits Wollongong Reunion	1687.00
Payments from Deposits	2851.14

**Balance of Revenue + Deposits for 2014/15 -1402.69**

Balance of National Access Account at 30 June 2015	2789.56	
Balance of Term Deposit at 30 June 2015	4442.61	

**Total Balance of Accounts at 30 June 2015 7232.17 7232.17**

I, David William Evans, Treasurer (RAASC - VSPA)  
certify that this is a true and correct copy of the  
Revenue, Expenses and Reunion Deposits of the RAASC  
Vietnam Supply Platoons Association for the year 2014-15.

signed

*DW Evans*  
17 Dec 2015

*I, Graham Charles Smith,  
have audited the accounts  
of the Association and  
have found them to be  
satisfactory  
GMS 18.12.2015*

## 2016 Perth Reunion of the RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association

### REGISTRATION FORM Saturday 30th April to Sunday 8th May 2016

Veteran's Surname	First Name	Preferred Name
Partner's Surname	First Name	Preferred Name
Vietnam Unit / Year		
Postal Address:		
City	State:	Postcode:
Phone: Mobile:		
E-mail:		
Expected Arrival Date: Departure Date:		
I /We are staying at		
Special dietary or other requirements (eg. Wheelchair access)?		
I will have a vehicle with me. I have..... spare seats for others.		

Commentary Box for any special requirements.

#### PAYMENT DETAILS

**Please return the completed Registration Form and Monies to PO Box 207 Mitchell ACT 2911 NLT 8 APR 16.**

**Please pay for all activities up front. You can pay by personal cheque, cash or by electronically (EFT) by direct credit. Please make cheques payable to: RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association and post with the registration form.**

**If paying by EFT (include your name as the reference), our account details are:**

Account Name: **RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association**  
 Bank Name: **Defence Bank** BSB NO: **803 205**  
 Account Number: **20726970**

**If paying by Cash, deposit at any National Bank BSB 083 422 Account 207269708**

**Please include your NAME as the Reference to assist in account reconciliation.** Whichever payment is applicable, please provide Christina with the deposit details (**important**)

Day	Function	Cost per head	Member	Partner	Total
Sun 1 May	Tour 1 Swan Valley with Sweet Treats.	<b>\$57.50</b>			
Tue 3 May	Tour 2 Mandurah/Cruise Estuary/Kings Park	<b>\$76.00</b>			
Wed 4th May	Corps Dinner	<b>\$40.00</b>			
Thu 5th May	Tour 3 Fremantle/Barrack St. Cruise.	<b>\$55.00</b>			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$228.50</b>			





## Membership Application/Renewal Form

New Application or Renewal (circle which ones) 2016/17 or 3 years 2016/2019

Surname: .....

Given Names: .....

Address: .....

State: ..... Postcode: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Phone No. (Home) ..... (Mobile) .....

Email Address: .....

Vietnam Service Details: .....

Dates: From ..... To .....

Spouse/Partner's Name: .....

**Membership:** 1-year membership (Vietnam Veterans and Associate/non-Vets) \$20  
3-year membership (Vietnam Veterans and Associate/non-Vets) \$60  
Association Badge \$10 – Free badge to new members

### Payment details: (Any one of the following):

- By cheque payable to: RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association, PO BOX 207 Mitchell ACT 2911. (And include this form).
- Electronically by direct credit to: Defence Credit Union, BSB 803 205 Account 20726970. (And send this form by post or email)
- Or cash deposit at any National Bank, BSB 083 422 Account 207269708. (And send this form by post or email).

**Office Use Only:** Member Number/Receipt:.....

Membership Card issued/date.....Database.....Banked.....

Scan/send to Area Reps.....Membership Mgr Notified.....