

9 RAR National Reunion 2012 Sydney, NSW.

Friday 9th November 2012 to Monday 12th November 2012

A very warm welcome to all members of the 9 RAR Family. Not only to all those who served with Battalion from its inception to its disbandment but to all those members families, friends and to those who supported the Battalion during its period of active service in South Vietnam. This the first of four advices you will receive prior to the reunion dates above.

Enjoy the magic of the Harbour City in the Company of your family, friends and other members of the 9 RAR Family.

The Format for the weekend will be as follows:-

Friday 9th November 2012.

Registration, Meet & Greet & Merchandising.

Registration will be held from 1500 hours to 1800 hours in the surrounds of beautiful Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre on the water's edge at Darling Harbour.

You will receive your Reunion pack plus any merchandise pre-ordered and then enjoy drinks and food in the Bayside Lounge. You will have the opportunity to purchase from an exciting new range of merchandising that will be on display.

Each Company will be invited to hold their individual Company Reunions after 1600 hours at a venue of their choice. Otherwise members can enjoy one of the many restaurants or hotels within a short walking distance of the Darling Harbour venue.

Saturday 10th November 2012.

Shopping trip, National Presidents Meeting and Formal Dinner.

For those ladies who like to "shop 'til you drop" and for those guys with itchy credit card fingers we are arrange a bus tour to allow you to shop at the factory warehouse for some of the largest and most popular retail outlets in Sydney. Pickup and delivery will be at Darling Harbour and lunch will be provided.

All State Presidents and related parties will attend a meeting at Darling Harbour at 1000 hours.

The highlight of the day will be the Battalion's formal dinner in the spacious ballroom located in the Darling Harbour Exhibition Centre. Pre dinner drinks will be served at 1830 hours with seating for the dinner at 1900 hours.

There will be the usual formalities plus a number of special treats organised for the evening.

Sunday 11th November 2012.

Remembrance Day and Battalion Service & Victoria Barracks.

Tradition & history will be the theme of the day with a march and service at the Anzac War Memorial and Pool of Reflection in Sydney's Hyde Park. As the War Memorial is not used for Remembrance Day services, we will have sole use of the facility. Suits, Battalion Tie and medals will be the order of the day.

On the completion of the formal services there will be buses available to take you to the beautiful Victoria Barracks for lunch and a tour over the facilities including the museum and shop. Food will be available and the bar will be open.

Buses will continually run from the Barracks back to Hyde Park throughout the afternoon.

Monday 12th November, 2012.

Harbour Cruise and Farewells

What better way to enjoy the delights of the Harbour City by spending a wonderful three hours on one of Captain Cook Cruises beautiful ships, cruising the harbour and enjoying a smorgasbord lunch and drinks? The cruise ship will depart and return you to and from the wharf at Darling Harbour only a short walk from your accommodation.

SNAP SHOT OF PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Timings</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Friday 9/11/2012	1500-1800	Meet & Greet Registration Merchandising	Bayside Lounge Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre(SCEC)
	1800- (?)	Company Reunions TBA	
Saturday	0900-1300	Shopping	Darling Harbour
	1000-1200	Presidents Meeting	Conference Room Bayside Lounge
	1830-1900	Pre Dinner Drinks	Darling Harbour
	1900-2400	Formal Dinner & Ceremonies	Ballroom SCEC
Sunday	1000-1200	March & Remembrance Day	Anzac War Memorial Hyde Park
	1200-1300	Board Buses Lunch & Sight See	Victoria Barracks
	1500-1600	Board Buses	Return to Hyde Park
Monday	1200-1430	Harbour Cruise	Darling Harbour Wharf

Accommodation

A large number of those attending will prefer to make their own arrangements over the Internet or through their own Travel Agents. For those who wish to stay in the Darling Harbour precinct and within walking distance of most venues, the Committee has been able to secure arrangements with the following Hotels:-

Accor Hotels- 7 Hotels offering between 10%-15% discount of their standard 2012 rates.

Medina Apartments Darling Harbour

Lane Cove Caravan Park- 10% discount off their standard 2012 rates of:

\$37.00 per night for powered sites and \$130 per night for studio cabins.

Hotels have not set their rates for 2012 as yet but we hope to advise specific rates next communication.

Please note that November is the peak tourist season in Sydney so be sure to book as early as possible.

We will do our best to accommodate any specific requests for the reunion if you have any. Please do not hesitate to contact the Reunion Chairman at any time.

Regards,

Trevor Murdoch
Reunion Chairman

Doug McGrath
NSW & National President.