



DELTA DEVILS O GROUP



Delta Company 3 RAR
Vietnam 2nd Tour 1971

Victorian Reunion 2013

Issue 4



*We Still Need
You To*

**EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST
THE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

It would be a major advantage for the Reunion Committee to have an idea of just how many people we can expect to attend the 2013 Melbourne Reunion. So, can you please help us out by emailing, phoning or snail-mailing and let us know your intentions as soon as possible? The Committee contact details are always included in O Group, and any one of us would love to have a chat anyway.

**It's less than 12 months till our
Reunion**



We have now been able to put a face to the voice, to all that have had the odd phone call or two, from our own "Bunjy" Photos below are of Klem , Junior & Bunjy



The war veterans at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital in Melbourne always appreciate a special visitor. None are more special than Jimmy the donkey, who is part of the family there.

Jimmy is pictured here with Vietnam veteran Ray Finlay. The 61 year - old from Brighton is a member of the hospital's Rehabilitation Work Group, in which veterans undertake paid work projects - such as making clothes pegs for supermarkets - as a form of therapy.

Socialising over a game of pool is also important and Jimmy joined Ray on his rounds as he wandered the corridors, lifting everyone's spirits, getting lots of pats and putting a smile on people's faces.

Jimmy has resided at the Donkey Shelter in Diamond Creek - which runs entirely on donations – for the last 12 years, and is very calm and good-natured. He turns up for every ANZAC Day service at the hospital, and is considered such a part of the family that the Human Resources Department once took his mugshot and had a laminated ID card made up for him!

This article appeared in the Weekend Australia Magazine— thanks to our regular correspondent, Jan Hamilton for sending it to the O Group



Can you identify these diggers

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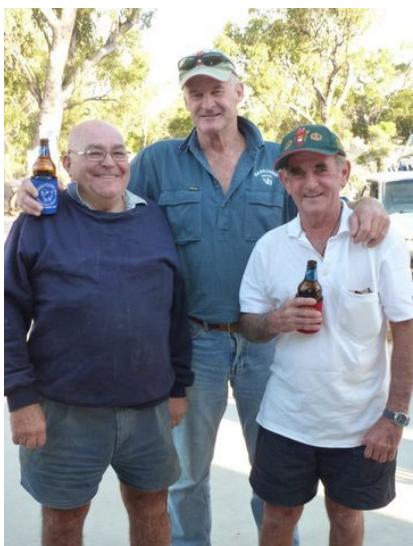
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Photos Sent in for O Group by JUNIOR GULLEY



Photos taken at Grawon on Anzac Day 2012, a wreath was laid at the D Coy memorial plaque, Present were Junior Gulley, Ralph Klem, Don & Berndette Maxwell, Sonny Chater and Lisa Farrar (Junior's partner). The "Sheepyard Inn" a pub in the scrub has a long association with Vietnam Vets, On display in pub is a 3 RAR briefing map that Junior removed from the Battalion HQ back in 1971, he donated it to pub in 2010



JOKE OF THE DAY

The wife was counting all the five and ten cent pieces on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their picks nicked!"



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Committee has done its best to determine the full Reunion Attendance Fee and has based it on known details at this date.

For Delta Devils it is estimated at \$100.00 per person.

This will cover for you the following:

Tuesday April 23rd -The two-hour Meet and Greet Function at Bayview On The Park Hotel, including canapés, beer, wine and soft drinks.

Wednesday April 24th – Bus to Dandenong RSL, 2-course lunch, beer, wine and soft drinks, afternoon entertainment, return bus to Bayview On The Park.

A deposit of \$60.00 per person is required on or before Tuesday 12th March 2013.

Friends of the Delta Devils and family members who wish to attend the full reunion are welcome, and the above fee and deposit will apply.

For friends and family who wish to attend the Formal Lunch only, the cost will be \$50.00 per person, payable in full on or before Tuesday 12th March 2013, and they will need to provide their own transport.

Deposits must be received by the dates shown, as our finances can be made to stretch only so far!

Please note:

1. Anybody cancelling attendance on or after 12.3.2013 will forfeit the deposit, cancellations prior to this date will have the deposits refunded.
2. Balance of payments due and payable at the Meet and Greet Function.
3. Your accommodation forms a separate item and is to be arranged by you.
4. Cheques to be made payable to Delta Devils Social Club.

And posted with booking form to Clive Usher 10 Pestwick Green Cranbourne Vic 3977

5. Direct deposits can be made to: Delta Devils Social Club

BSB: 642-170 A/C : 657261

Ref: Reunion 2013 and your Surname

*If you do make a direct deposit, please let us know!

6. The Farewell Day at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Phillip Island, is payable as an item separate to the Reunion Attendance Fee.

DELTA DEVILS MELBOURNE REUNION 2013 ACTIVITIES

- Day 1 Tuesday April 23rd 2013.** Check in at accommodation. Opening Function held at Bayview On The Park, 5pm to 7pm, included in Reunion Fee. Free evening.
- Day 2 Wednesday April 24th Kapyong Day.** Included in Reunion Fee. Depart by bus for Dandenong RSL for Kapyong Day Service to be held under the helicopter, followed by our Official Luncheon and afternoon at the RSL. Return by bus to hotel. Free evening.
- Day 3 Thursday April 25th Anzac Day.** Dawn Service at Shrine of Remembrance. Public transport today. Make own arrangements for breakfast at hotel or elsewhere. Anzac Day March through Melbourne with RAR Association, marching as Delta Devils. Free afternoon and evening – options for lunch, football, shopping etc. Details of after March gathering point for drinks to be advised,
- Day 4 Friday April 26th.** This is an optional activity, to be paid for separately and is not included in the Reunion Fee. Bus from Bayview On The Park to Phillip Island, visit the National Vietnam Veterans Museum and lunch at Cowes RSL. Return bus to hotel. The Committee sees this as a farewell activity, and the museum is well worth a look.

The following information pages may not appear in future copy's of O Group, so please take note NOW. Our next issue won't be until late this year and by that time we figure you'll have booked your Accommodation and won't need them!!

“We are arranging this Reunion for YOU”, It’s not about us. So get your deposits and notification of attendance to us now’.



FAREWELL DAY

As part of the 2013 Reunion, it is the Committee's intention to make Friday April 26th a “Farewell Day”. It would be good to think that we could all get back together again after Anzac Day for a final hoorah, and so the plan is to visit the National Vietnam Veterans Museum at Phillip Island.

For those who have not visited this quite wonderful museum, we can tell you that it's a place that will definitely interest you and certainly bring back some memories. There is an amazing collection of material there, with a terrific diorama and audio visual presentation. A lot of volunteer hours have gone into making the museum a special place for Vietnam Veterans.

So, the plan is to have a bus take us from Bayview On The Park to Phillip Island, roughly a two hour trip. We will then spend a couple of hours at the museum, bus to Cowes RSL for lunch, (at your own cost), then return bus to the hotel.

The estimated cost for this day is \$45.00 per person, and a deposit of \$30.00 will be needed on or by 12th March, 2013.



Bayview On The Park
Stylish
Warm
Efficient

ACCOMMODATION AND OPENING FUNCTION

Your Committee had arranged for the Opening Function of the Reunion to be held at Bayview On The Park Hotel, 52 Queens Road, Melbourne, close to the CBD and well located for public transport, shops and various entertainment. The hotel has set aside a block of rooms for accommodation from 23.4.2013 and 26.4.2013. You may wish to stay elsewhere, but Bayview On The Park will be the focal point for the Reunion, with buses leaving from there.

For your accommodation and method of payment please contact Bayview On The Park Hotel directly. You can phone, fax, or email the hotel, but you must quote the booking number below. You will be responsible for making your own reservations and attending to all deposits and payments required. We understand that nights booked outside the blocked time will be charged at the same rate: please negotiate directly with the hotel. We have included a booking form for your convenience. The Hotel will not require this form, but it may be useful for your own records.

Check in time is 3pm, check out time is 11am. Accommodation cancelled less than 24 hours prior to arrival will incur a cancellation fee of one full night's accommodation. In the event that a guest does not arrive on the check in date stipulated, a full night's accommodation will be charged.

Bayview On The Park has a restaurant off the entrance foyer which serves all meals. Full buffet breakfast is available - if breakfasts are booked with your accommodation, the cost is \$15 per person; if booked when you arrive the cost is \$20 per person. See the booking form. There is also a bar area which leads on to the pool terrace, and bar food is available.

Each room has tea and coffee making facilities, free and pay movie channels, iron and ironing board, flat screen television, mini bar, hair dryer, heating and air conditioning and internet facilities. There is 24 hour room service, same day laundry and dry cleaning services, outdoor heated swimming pool with spa and a gymnasium. Please note that no smoking is permitted inside the hotel; the pool area and forecourt can be used. Albert Park public golf course is opposite the hotel.

Guest car-parking is available at the hotel, but we cannot quote you a daily rate at this point. Currently it is \$10 per day, free if you arrive after 3pm.

DELTA DEVILS MELBOURNE REUNION 2013

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

Bayview On The Park, 52 Queens Road, Melbourne 3004, Ph 03 9243 9999, Fax 03 9243 9800

Email bayviewhotels.com/bayviewonthepark

Queen Room sleeps two \$140 per night, plus optional breakfast \$15 per person per night.

Twin Room (two double beds) \$140 per night for two people, plus optional breakfast \$15 per person per night.

Extra person/s in room \$35 per person, plus breakfast as above. Pull-out beds available.

BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER 929955

Name
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Address
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Contact phone

Email

Dates required 2013	23rd April	<input type="radio"/>	Breakfast requ'd	<input type="radio"/>
	24th April	<input type="radio"/>	Breakfast requ'd	<input type="radio"/>
	25th April	<input type="radio"/>	Breakfast requ'd	<input type="radio"/>
	26th April	<input type="radio"/>	Breakfast requ'd	<input type="radio"/>

Additional nights and breakfasts

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Room type Queen
 Twin

REUNION BOOKING FORM

*Please keep a copy for your records and forward one with your payment to

Kevin Stayner, 11 Parker Court, Endeavour Hills, Victoria 3802 or to
Clive Usher, 10 Prestwick Green, Cranbourne, Victoria 3977

Name _____

Partner's name (if attending) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Names of those in your party attending the full reunion

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Amount payable, estimated at \$100.00 per person \$ _____

Deposits payable at \$60.00 per person due on or before 12.3.2013 \$ _____

Names of those attending Formal Lunch only

1. _____
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3. _____
4. _____

Full payment at \$50.00 per person due 12.3.2013 \$ _____

Names of those attending the Farewell Day at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Phillip Island

1. _____
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Amount payable at \$45.00 per person _____

Deposits payable at \$30.00 per person due on or before 12.3.2013 \$ _____