



**W3 Company RNZIR 45th Anniversary Reunion
Timaru 13 - 15 November 2015
Newsletter 1**

Date: The reunion in Timaru New Zealand officially starts at 1800 hours [6PM] Friday 13 November and officially finishes mid-afternoon Sunday 15 November 2015.

Attendance: The Reunion is open to all veterans who served with W3 Company RNZIR, their family [including grand-children if desired], especially family of deceased W3 veterans and others who served with W3 while in South Vietnam. Members of 6RAR and 2RAR who were associated with W3 RNZIR are particularly welcome. Other veterans are welcome at the 'meet and greet' event on the Friday evening.

Activities: The official activities are at the South Canterbury RSA 21 Wai-Iti Road, Maori Hill, Timaru unless otherwise notified:

'Meet and Greet' from 1800 hours Friday evening – there will be finger food and a cash bar available.

Visit to Dave Wright's grave in the Esk Valley Saturday afternoon. Separate levy for bus hire.

Buffet Dinner Saturday evening starting 1800 hours. Cash bar and band. Dress smart casual.

Memorial service 10 AM Sunday morning at the VC Memorial, Foreshore Gardens below Wai-iti Road.

2015 AGM and later buffet lunch Sunday following the service.

Registration: The official registration form to be returned to the Reunion secretary will accompany Newsletter 2.

Legal small print: Registering means those registered agree to pay their share of costs incurred by the Reunion organisers on their behalf. Registration and payment of a fee is necessary to meet official reunion costs, and casual attendees will be expected to pay pro-rata charges. Fees can be paid in advance or on arrival. Registration officially closes 4-weeks prior to the Reunion [16 October 2015] so that numbers can be confirmed for catering. Registration might also be closed once attendance numbers reach 160 people.

Reunion Fee: There is a provisional fee of \$100.00 per person attending with a cap of \$150 per person for official activities although the Reunion Committee doubts the final figure will be near this level. There will be other fundraising to cover website costs and for a donation to support the three W3 memorial scholarships.

Location and Accommodation: The main venue is the South Canterbury RSA. The organising committee have approached accommodation providers located close to the venue and the Foreshore Gardens at Caroline Bay:

MOTEL	TARRIFF per night	DISTANCE to RSA	DISTANCE to CBD
• Bay Viaduct Motor Lodge	\$129 - \$175	200m	400m
• Harbour View Motel	\$150	200m	400m
• Bay City Motor Lodge	\$130 - \$250	300m	500m
• Baywatch Motor Lodge	\$140 - \$160	300m	300m
• Panorama Motor Lodge	\$135 - \$155	400m	200m
• Comfort Hotel Benvenue	\$145 -	500m	400m

Legal small print: Providers have internet booking forms and on-line advice. Room types are available on a 'first come first served' basis. Veterans and family make their own reservations and pay any deposit required – when booking quote **W3 VIETNAM VETERANS 45th REUNION NOVEMBER 2015** to get any discount offer.

Updates and News: Check the W3 Company website www.w3vietnam.org.nz

Peter Anderson - W3 Coy reunion chair

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