



**W3 Company RNZIR 45th Anniversary Reunion  
Timaru 13 - 15 November 2015  
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**Dates:** The reunion officially starts at 1800 hours [6PM] on Friday 13 November 2015, a registration desk at the South Canterbury RSA will be manned from 1830 hours. The reunion officially finishes mid-afternoon Sunday 15 November.

- **Friday Night:** Meet and Greet with buffet meal. Other veterans can be invited to this session but need to pay a small charge for the buffet.
- **Saturday Afternoon:** Visit David Wright grave in Esk Valley.
- **Saturday Night:** Buffet meal music provided by the South Canterbury RSA.
- **Sunday Morning:** Church Parade, AGM and buffet lunch. Fond farewells

There is still time for a last minute registration if you have had a sudden change of heart. But be quick and expect to gain the attention of the RP's at the dob session on Sunday. DOB doesn't mean date of birth. So far there are 73 registered, some from oversea's which is a great effort.

Friday night is registration night at the RSA, there will be finger food available from 1830 but for those needing something more substantial the RSA has an excellent restaurant menu and all meals are reasonably priced. The RSA will be operating as normal with the reciting of The Ode at 1745.

For those going to visit Dave Wright's grave there will be a bus available. Any overflow will be accommodated with private vehicles and/or the RSA courtesy coach, to which we will make a donation. Please be aware that the Esk Valley Church and the cemetery is a private Church of England property and the Vicar has asked that there be no alcohol on the site during our visit in respect of the Church members including David's parents, his father was a past vicar, who are buried there. We know that Dave liked a drink but we will toast him after the visit. We will leave behind Poppies and foot prints and take away memories.

For those not going, wives etc, Timaru has excellent shopping in the CBD with a number of cafes and restaurants. The Art gallery just up the street from the RSA is well worth a visit. There is also the Caroline Bay and the Trevor Griffith Rose garden, all old heritage roses collected by the Late Trevor Griffith over his lifetime. There are several golf courses in and close to Timaru, Gleniti is closest, Levels about 5km from town and Temuka 20km from Timaru.

Saturday night will not be as formal as the Christchurch Reunion but dress is tidy casual. Music will be from our era '60's and '70's. Speeches and toasts will be kept to a minimum. The RSA will have a normal Saturday night programme that we will be able to take part in after the formal part of the evening has taken place.

The Sunday Church parade is being held at the World War One Victoria Cross commemoration memorial just a short walk from the RSA. Dress tidy casual. Medals to be worn.

Should anyone need a ride due to health problems please advise the Committee.

AGM Sunday - there are two motions for the AGM:

- That members collectively continue to pay the W3 website hosting fee of up to \$200 per annum
- That members collectively donate to the three W3 memorial scholarships in memory of our fallen.

**Updates and News:** Check the W3 Company website [www.w3vietnam.org.nz](http://www.w3vietnam.org.nz)

We have endeavoured to make the weekend as hassle free and enjoyable as possible. So please enjoy yourselves, and drive safely.

- The Committee