

HQ1ATF REUNION: HAHNDORF, 21-25 November 2024

We acknowledge the Peramangk and Kaurna People, traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Adelaide Hills District of South Australia.

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT
THE DISCOVERY HAHNDORF RESORT.**

Welcome to the 2024 biennial reunion of our HQ1ATF Association. We have a total of 86 members and wives/partners for this year's reunion and thank our wives/partners for their tremendous support. We also delighted to have the widows of the following Veterans with us at this Reunion:

Ray Molony: PAM

Stan Dickson: DIANE

Sam Wall: MARLENE

Ian Goodman: WENDY

Graham Shard: ANW DO

The cost of this year's reunion is \$250 per person (\$50 for widows) and we will be "sailing close to the wind" due to price increases unexpected two years ago, especially with food, etc. Thanks to Kerry Stokes who donated \$7000 for the cost of food at our Commemorative Lunch on Saturday 23 November 2024, Treasurer Helen has breathed a sigh of relief! Received also was \$1000 from Veterans Affairs, South Australia. And we have received quite a few generous donations from members. These donations included two couples who paid but unfortunately had to cancel due to sickness. Names of donors are listed in this report. Helen, our Treasurer will give us final account details in the Treasurer's Report at the Association meeting on the morning of Sunday 24 November 2024.

As in previous years, we have made requests for funds from the DVA "Saluting their Service" program to be used for any costs that come under their approval list. Subsequently we received DVA funding towards the cost of our Monument at the Adelaide Pathway of Honour, some \$7350. This Monument will be dedicated on Saturday 23 November 2024.

If any of you are feeling extra generous, please feel free to make a donation, so we can maintain some funds in our account for next year's Red Rats, printing,

postage, wreaths and other admin costs. Note that we are again recommending that this year's reunion raffle proceeds money goes to our Associations' account. The decision is up to you - the members.

This year we will not be selling wines and beers in most cases; we will be giving it FOC as part of the reunion cost. It should all be excellent !!! quality as it was mostly bought mid 2023. HOWEVER, for Friday's lunch (22 November) in the Barossa Valley, drinks are at your own expense. This allowed us to obtain a very good lunch price

Note that across the road from the Discovery Hahndorf Resort there is a Market (Hahndorf Fruit & Veg. Market). Please cater for your own breakfasts (apart from Monday 25 November) and any lunches and/or dinners that are not included in your reunion costs as shown on the Reunion Program.

Also in the market across the road is a florist - 08 8388 7139. We will be buying our two wreaths from them, pre ordered. If any person wants to buy, just give them a call or walk across the road to their shop.

Note that dinners are **NOT INCLUDED** on Friday 22 November and Saturday 23 November. As we have our Boozer operational, also known as the Camp Kitchen, after our "free" cocktail hours, you may want to order some Pizza, etc. The Boozer, by the way, is open from 3 PM on Thursday 21 November until dinner that evening. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, open hours are from 5 PM..... or earlier if any committee members arms can be twisted!

I have had some requests from members attending the Reunion regarding Memorabilia - so if you have some and would like to showcase it, please bring along. We will find somewhere to let all attendees look at these pieces, probably at the Cocktail hours.

Raffle tickets for our many prizes (**need more prizes please**) are on sale throughout the period of the reunion. Just ask Norm Austin, Kim Folland or Frank "Bluedog" Cunningham. The raffles will be drawn on Sunday evening 24 November 2024 at our informal dinner. \$1 per ticket, 12 for \$10. (Mel and Kel will be performing that evening). The Association now accepts Visa and Mastercard, as well as cash for all purchases.

ENSURE YOU WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES THROUGHOUT THE REUNION DATES AS IT WILL BE YOUR PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP FOR DINNERS AND COACH TRAVEL.

This year the Commemorative Lunch is to be held at the Bespoke Wine Bar & Kitchen, Adelaide Oval on Saturday 23 November 2024.

The lunch will be preceded by our Dedication Service to our fallen comrades at our new Memorial at the Pathway of Honour, followed by the Commemorative Service. Our Chaplain, Flight Lt. Edward Davis from the Air Force's 24 Squadron will officiate at the Commemorative service whilst the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC will be our guest speaker and unveiling of our Memorial at the dedication service.

*Which now brings me to the November 2025 Reunion. After some comments at the 2022 reunion your Committee suggest that we now have the reunions every 12 months as we are getting on in age. **THE MEMBERS WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION AT OUR SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER MEETING.***

Helen and myself are again happy to continue to organise future reunions. Suggested dates would be 21 - 24 November 2025 at Wangaratta, Victoria. (or late 2026 - your decision). If the members chose 2025 for the next reunion, our suggestion for November 2026 is the Forster/Tuncurry Region of NSW mid coast.

Thanks to Ned Dixon (our WA Committee person) who found the Discovery Hahndorf Resort for this reunion

A very special thanks to Graeme (our SA Committee person) and Rosemary Pulford who reside in Victor Harbour, SA and have been fantastic in assisting with the organisation - Graeme is full of stories about some of the initial problems we faced - believe me it's all true.

Also special thanks to my wife Helen for all the work she has put in over this past two years (and before that as well), along with keeping me partly sane.

And, finally thanks to you all for coming and supporting the Association and your fellow members.

John Verhelst

2024 Association Reunion President

OUR PATRON
THE HON.DR. MIKE KELLY AM. MP. (RET.COL):



Mike Kelly at the 2012 Commemorative Dinner, Merimbula Reunion

Mike was born in Adelaide and studied law at Macquarie University before joining the Australian Army in 1987. He went on to serve in Somalia, East Timor, Bosnia and Iraq. Mike finished his military career in 2007 with the rank of Colonel, Director of Army Legal Services.

QUESTIONS & PROBLEMS

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OTHER USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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MEDICAL CENTRE: 08 8388 7066	TAXI: 13 33 77
AMBULANCE: 000	POLICE: 1800 333 000

HQ 1ATF ASSOCIATION REUNION PROGRAM 2024

For coach departures please be at the front office of Discovery Hahndorf Resort 10 minutes prior to actual departure.

Thursday 21 November 2024

1400 Onwards. Arrival at Discovery Hahndorf Resort (DHR) for welcome and registration: Villa six. HQ1ATF Banner on display.

1500 Camp Kitchen for beverages (included)

1800 Onwards: Evening BBQ at (adjoining) Adelaide Hills Convention Centre – DHR. Beverages included.

Friday 22 November 2024

Breakfast – own arrangements

0945 Depart by coach for a tour of the Barossa Valley.

En route, visit Melba's Chocolate Factory at Woodside.

1100 Depart Melba's driving via Birdwood, Mount Pleasant, Springton (Herbig Family Tree), then onward to Angaston, past the historic Yalumba winery and lunch.

1230 Lunch at Lambert Estate Wines, Angaston. (Beverages at own expense)

1400 Return to Hahndorf., via Seppeltsfield, Tanunda, Lyndoch, Williamtown, Gumeracha, Lobethai, Woodside, Oakbank and back to Hahndorf.

1530 Arrive Hahndorf

1700 Cocktails at Camp Kitchen followed by an evening at your leisure

Saturday 23 November 2024

Breakfast – own arrangements

1000 Depart for the Pathway of Honour at the Adelaide War Memorial NOTE, that there is no seating available at the memorial site so bring a collapsable chair if required.

1100 HQ1ATF/D&E Platoon memorial will be unveiled by The Hon Hieu Van Le AC. Ex Governor of South Australia. Gentlemen, jackets and medals please. Followed by the Commemorative service at our Memorial. (P-8A Flyover to be confirmed)

1200 Commemorative lunch: Bespoke Restaurant Oval Hotel, Adelaide Oval. South Australia. WoodWind Trio, SA Army Band in attendance. (First glass of wine included).

1445 Depart the restaurant.

1530 Arrive Hahndorf

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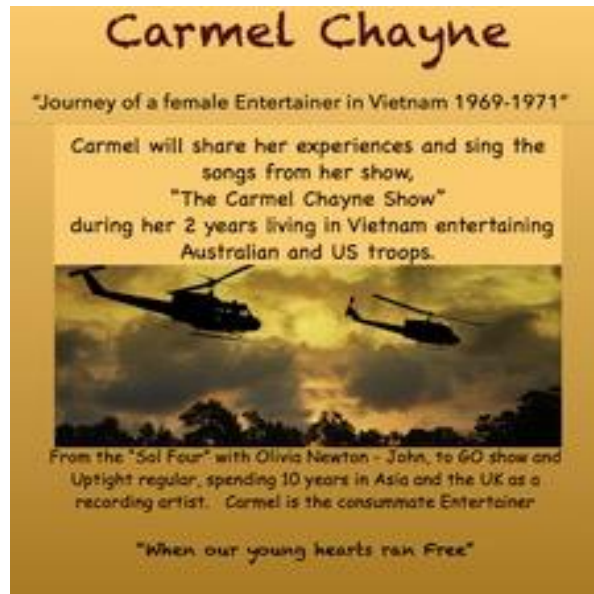
Sunday 24 November 2024

Breakfast - own arrangements

1030 Association meeting at Lakeview Function Room, Discovery Hahndorf Resort.

1700 Cocktails at Camp Kitchen

1800 Informal / casual dinner (no ties, no medals) at Adelaide Hills Convention Centre – DHR including *Entertainment by Mel and Kel*.



Monday 25 November 2024

From 0800 Farewell "self serve" BBQ breakfast at Camp Kitchen - DHR Assisted with thanks by Mount Barker Rotary Club.