

CHALKIE NEWSLETTER

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Hello to all readers,

This short Newsletter is concerned with the upcoming Reunions and acknowledging the passing of one of our colleagues. Please take note of the Reunion update and give your support by attending if you can.

You will be especially rewarded by the experiences you will have there.

Please note a change of date for the Brisbane Reunion. It has been moved forward for a number of reasons the principal of which is to allow anyone attending the Port Stephens Reunion to continue north and take in that one as well.

Hoping to see as many as possible of you at one or both the Reunions.

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PORT STEPHENS REUNION

Garry Screen and his committee have assembled an excellent program for this Reunion. A major feature is the great many opportunities for all Chalkies to come together and have the rich experience of connecting up with former colleagues and others from the whole period of our time in Papua New Guinea.

The basic details are as follows:

Place: Port Stephens, NSW

Dates: 9 – 11 October, 2014

Contacts: Garry Screen (sugaz.screen@gmail.com) and Rob Duff (duffs2@bigpond.com)

Our website has much more detail on this Reunion. Please check it out at <http://www.nashospng.com/nsw-2014-reunion/>

BRISBANE REUNION – THE YEAR OF MOEM BARRACKS

The morning session of our Reunion is focussing on Moem Barracks. The aim is to bring out more of the personal experiences Chalkies had in this location. Other barracks in TPNG will be included in the afternoon session.

The Details:

Date: Saturday October 18, 2014 (Note this change of date. The Reunion has been brought forward a week to allow any Chalkies from the Port Stephens event to travel north and be part of the Queensland Reunion as well.)

Place: This year the Reunion will be held at the Geebung-Zillmere RSL Sub-Branch, Collings Room. (Renovations at the Kedron Wavell RSL have necessitated this change.)The address of the Geebung RSL building is:

Corner Newman Rd and Collings St, Geebung (opposite Geebung railway station) Brisbane.

Partners are welcome to participate, as usual. Start time will be 10 am for morning coffee and greetings. The program for the day will be Emailed to you closer to October, after hearing your suggestions.

Contact:

Greg Ivey has agreed to be the future contact for matters relating to the Brisbane Reunion as Ian will be away until just before the 18th October.

Greg can be contacted by Email (see above).

GREG IS KEEN TO HEAR FROM CHALKIES AND PARTNERS REGARDING THE WAYS IN WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THEIR PARTICULAR STORY. ALL SUGGESTIONS WELCOME.

VALE BERNARD NEESON OAM (1947– 2014)

GOLDIE RIVER CHALKIE, 1968 TO 1969



Sergeant Bernard (“Doc”) Neeson is in the centre of the back row.