

2RAR Association 2017 National Reunion

Registration. 319 attended the reunion. This was a little disappointing however the 319 who attended had a great time.

Activities. All activities were conducted as planned. The only outdoor event, the Commemorative Service at the National Memorial Walk was rained out and the ceremony, lunch and display were held at the Ram's Retreat, which proved an ideal venue for such an occasion if the weather is unsuitable. The highlight for many was the Reunion Dinner, which was supported by the Australian Army Band Brisbane, who was brilliant. They played for most of the night and the dance floor was rarely vacant.

We were pleased to have the CO 2RAR LTCOL Doug Pashley and the RSM 2RAR WO1 Trent Morris at the reunion for two days. Their time and presence was greatly appreciated by all, as was the CO's address at dinner on the future of 2RAR. Thank you.

Finance. A final financial statement for the reunion has not yet been finalised, as there is still a couple of outstanding matters. It is clear at this stage that the reunion has paid for itself and 2RAR Association funds will not be used to subsidise the event.

Attendee Responses. These have been overwhelming positive, some saying it was the "best ever" and many saying it was "second to none". All in all those who attended had a great time in Brisbane and despite one day of rain, we could not have wished for better weather.

Thank You. Much thanks and praise must go to the team who put it all together; Leo, Arthur and Jan. Each had their responsibilities and each performed outstandingly. Thank you cards have been sent to all our sponsors.

The Committee would like any feedback from this reunion. On the broader topic of future reunions similar to the 2017 National Reunion, comments would be appreciated.

The reunion was a success and thank you all for your support.

Gordon Hurford
Chairman, Reunion Committee