



RHODESIAN LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

**Melbourne 2010 RLI reunion update
March, 2010**

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Melbourne 2010 RLI reunion

Dear All,

55 days to go to the Melbourne reunion and plans are taking shape as are attendees.

You will see more updates in the following paragraphs. With regards to accommodation some people have opted to not stay at the Parkview where we are having the dinner which is obviously fine. We will also need you to pay your dinner in advance.

There are many good flight details around for example Tiger Airways Sunshine Coast to Melbourne \$85, Sydney to Melbourne \$65, Adelaide Melbourne 59 on Jetstar. I have flown Tiger and they are no problem and are much the same sort of deal as JetStar.

The current list of RLI marching attendees and possibles are as follows. (Not including partners or family for the dinner – will firm that up closer to the time for payment). I will need to get details of partners and other family members that may be attending the dinner, Gunfire Breakfast and post march function/drinks.

Please can you pay the dinner of \$50 a head before the dinner and this can be done by Electronic Funds transfer, Cheque or Credit Card as per below

From the Parkview Hotel Management

Please inform your guests that when they are booking accommodation to quote the group booking number 1114159 or the group name Rhodesian Light Infantry to ensure access to the deal we set up for you.

For the dinner for your guests to prepay than can do so by paying directly into our bank account

Account Name is The View Hotels St Kilda Road Pty Ltd

BSB 063-120

Account # 1017 4760

Reference No. – 1139652 & (Your Name)

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

499 St Kilda Rd

Please ensure they insert both the reference no. and their name so we can correctly apply the payment.

They can also pay by posting a cheque (quoting the same references) or by filling out and faxing or posting back the attached credit card authority.

RLI full and honorary member attending (partners and family not included in list but will be updated in due course)

WA

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Pete Seaward
Dawn Losper
Ian Cameron-Mackintosh
John Kirkman ?

SA
Nil

VIC
Alan Lucy
Vince Zoricic

ACT
Andy Tattam
Mike Davies
Marsh Ross

NSW
Bruce McGregor
John Szirt
Rob Williams
Frederick Oberholzer
Bob Graves ?
Trevor Salmon?

QLD
Miles McDonald
Jack Lamont
Tony Young ?
Jimmy Swan?

Overseas
Shaun Ryan ?
Ken Gaudet ?
One?
Two?

I hope we see as many of you as possible in April !

Until the next update....

Regards

Vince

Victorian State Representative - RLIRA Australasia

General Reunion Overview

1. Accommodation Group Discount Deal – Parkview Hotel St. Kilda Road

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St Kilda Road Parkview Hotel
562 St Kilda Road
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T: +61 3 9529 8888
Toll Free: 1300 785 453
F: +61 3 9525 1242
E: hotel.pv@viewhotels.com.au
www.viewhotels.com.au

To make a direct on-line booking with the Parkview Hotel at the RLI Reunion special rate



Accommodation 24 and 25 April 2010

\$159 Bed & Breakfast for 2

\$129 Room only

2. Pre-Anzac Day Dinner

Reunion Dinner Dress Advice

Dress: A semi-formal Jacket & Tie arrangement would be the most appropriate for RLIRA reunion dinner function. Preferably RLI Jacket and tie but NO medals or berets are requested for the dinner.

See further down for ANZAC Day marching dress which is a bit more prescriptive and we aim to maintain and improve our high standard of turnout of previous years..

Dinner 24th April 2010

30 – 40 max (numbers to be confirmed)

Mezzanine – Exclusive Use

6.30 p.m. Arrival for 7.00 p.m. Dinner

\$50.00 per head

Cash Bar at Bar Prices less 10% (from Mezz bar only, regular prices from Lime Bar)

Dinner Menu (proposed)

Entree

Vietnamese salt & pepper squid with a tomato, apple and celery salad and a mild chilli dipping sauce

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Bread Rolls & Butter

Main

Grilled 300g scotch fillet served with roast chat potatoes, grilled tomato and a port & red wine jus

or

Portuguese chicken breast oven baked and served with a corn & potato cake and spiced coriander sauce

or

Cauliflower and cheddar cheese puff pastry pie served with tomato relish and salad

Dessert

Sticky date pudding drenched with butterscotch sauce and served with double cream

Brewed Coffee & Tea

Dinner Agenda (proposed)

18.30 – Arrival, drinks on the Mezzanine

19.00 – Seating, order taken for main course

19.30 – Entree served

20.00 – Speech – “Life with the RLI Ouens” - Corporal Dawn Losper (nee Doughty) Rhodesian Army Women’s Services attached to 1 Commando 1st Battalion Rhodesian Light Infantry (1976 – 1979)

20.20 – Main course served

21.00 – Speech

21.20 – Dessert Served

21.40 – Tea & Coffee

22.00 – Finish

3. Dawn Service

Alan Lucy has done great work in assisting with the organizing of the Melbourne reunion and has secured us a Gunfire Breakfast at the WO and Sergeants Mess at Victoria Barracks after the dawn service. The breakfast is \$6.00. The Barracks are on St Kilda Road opposite the Shrine of Remembrance.





Victoria Barracks, St Kilda Road opposite Shrine of Remembrance

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Barracks,_Melbourne for some more detail.

Immediately following completion of a Dawn Service, it is traditional for many to go directly to a “Gun-Fire Breakfast” which are simple “Bangers and Mash” type affairs, and normally put on by service clubs where it is often provided free of charge to those wearing medals.

To Confirm Dawn Service Attendance, please contact:-

Vince 0401990045 or vince.zoricic@hotmail.com

4. The Anzac Day March

This will start in the City of Melbourne in Swanston Street, into St. Kilda Road for about 1.5 Km’s to the Shrine of Remembrance www.shrine.org.au Alan is in contact with the RSL to find our order and time of marching. Timings and forming up are approx 12:10 pm from assembly is on the north side of Flinders St east of Swanston St in the City Centre.



Shrine of Remembrance, St Kilda Road

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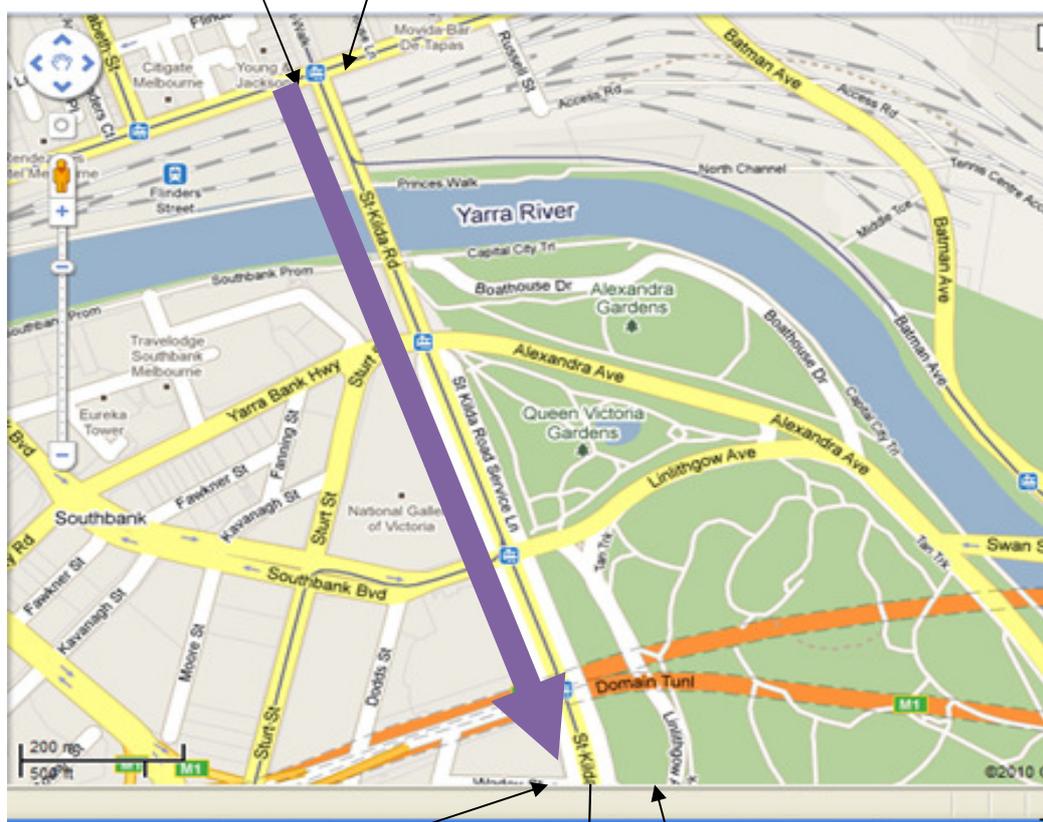


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ANZAC day 2010 Melbourne RLI route march

Flinders St Station

March form-up 12:10 pm



Victoria Barracks

Parkview hotel 1 km

Shrine of Remembrance

5. Post March Venue

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Alan Lucy has again done some great work and has secured us a possible venue at the WO and Sergeants Mess at Victoria Barracks after the march.

Family Involvement

Originally Anzac Day participation was the prerogative of veterans only however, over the years this has evolved into a more family orientated even. As said before the RLI needs more Affiliates to continue its legacy as long as possible and any involvement from family now will assist in preserving this legacy. So bring you family along to be included in as many of the events as possible.

Reunion Dress Advice

General: A semi-formal Jacket & Tie arrangement would be the most appropriate for Anzac Day functions and, whilst there are no hard & fast rules, some sort of conformity of attire would be highly preferred, particularly as it is planned that the RLI will be marching in an RLI specific sub-group of the Rhodesian contingent. **No Skirts or Kilts unless you are playing the bagpipes!**

During the TV broadcast of the 2007 Sydney Anzac Day march, voice-over commentary made special reference to the smartly turned out and Green-Beretted RLI group.

Recommended attire:

- Dark suit or, Blazer (preferable with RLI pocket badge) with dark or grey trousers.
- White shirt.
- RLI tie.
- RLI Beret & Badge.
- Medals (own on the Left, family member on the Right).
- Rhodesian Combat Infantry Badge.
- Para Badge (if applicable).

Blazers: For those chaps who still have RLI blazers, these would be entirely suitable to wear on the day. Unfortunately for most of us, the Blazers have not survived the passage of time or, seem to have mysteriously shrunk over the years! A versatile alternative would be to purchase an “off the rack” black coloured blazer (has to be black as RLI blazer badges currently available only come with black material surrounds), and tack-stitch onto it an RLI blazer badge. By lightly stitching on the badge, it can be easily removed so that the blazer can be utilized for other functions. Very good quality wire bullion RLI blazer badges can be obtained for about \$40.00 from: Ken Palmer in Perth:

faggamoto@optusnet.com.au

Berets: If again your original berets have not survived the passage of time, same colour green berets can be purchased for approximately \$35.00 from either:

The NZ Rhodesian Services Association CQ Store: <http://www.rhodesianservices.org> or,
The 1 Commando Association Q-Store: <http://www.1commando.com>

Beret Badges

For replacement beret badge, try: NZ Rho. Services Association: <http://www.rhodesianservices.org>
or,
eBay, where they frequently appear for sale: www.ebay.com

Medals

ALL medals to which one is entitled should be worn on the day. If your medals have been lost, genuine medals and replica copies can be purchased. Again a good source is eBay www.ebay.com. where prices for genuine RGSM's vary widely however, they generally go for around \$60.00 and, Zimbabwe Independence (ZIM) usually cost considerably less. Also, from time to time, the NZRSA CQ Store has stock of full size replica RGSM's and ZIM's available
<http://www.rhodesianservices.org>



Replacement Medal Ribbon

The NZ Rhodesian Service Association CQ Store <http://www.rhodesianservices.org> sells ribbon for both medals at a cost of around \$10.00 per 15 cm length.

RLI Ties

Andy Tattam (ACT Chapter Representative) is generously self-funding a production run of RLIRA design ties. Ties are now available for AUD\$30.00, inclusive of postage within Australia & New Zealand. If interested in a tie, send an email: Andy Tattam, at: mail@plaspres.com.au

Parachute Wing Lapel Badges

Small metal & enamel pin-back parachute wing lapel badges (2 x 1 cm) can be purchased for \$7.00 (inclusive of postage) from: Tony Young: aussie-rli@skymesh.com.au Limited stock available.

Rhodesian Combat Infantry Badge (Unofficial) and Combat Infantry Badge lapel stick pins

CIB's cost AUD\$20.00 each, inclusive of local Oz/NZ postage. Mini CIB's are available for \$10.00 (inclusive of postage) and there is plenty of stock. If interested, for Australia Residents, contact Tony Young: aussie-rli@skymesh.com.au Plenty of stock available. NZ or other overseas residents contact Hugh Bomford: hbomford@clear.net.nz

RLI Solid Silver Cufflinks:

One set of solid silver cufflinks, boldly featuring the RLI crest is available for sale at \$100.00 per pair. If interest is sufficient, production of further sets can be organized but, it should be born in mind that about 4 weeks has to be allowed from time of order, until delivery. I have been reliably informed that the photo does not do the cufflinks justice! There are currently no Cufflinks in stock If interested, contact Tony Young, at: aussie-rli@skymesh.com.au

