

# **RAAF-WRAAF REUNION 2009**

THE SECOND GATHERING OF THE CLAN  
Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> (Anzac Day) 2009  
Start arriving 06:45PM – Finish 1:00AM

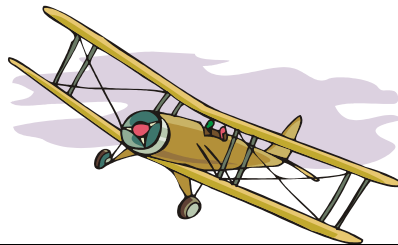
The Glenelg Function Centre  
Challenge Recruitment Oval  
Brighton Road, Glenelg East 5045  
15 minutes drive from Adelaide City  
2 minutes to Glenelg Beach

*This is your 1st and only invite.*

The main organizing committee (me) will not be following up whether you will be attending or not. The final numbers will be made up only from those who have nominated their firm participation and who have deposited the funds into the nominated bank account. Full details follow.

Join those that served in Malaya, Laverton, Frognall, Penrith between 1968–1977 or longer over the Anzac weekend 2009. Plan now. Rekindle some of the friendships forged during the fabulous journey of your life.

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**COST \$70.00 PER HEAD – Purchase own drinks**

**Non Alcoholic Wines and Beers will also be available**

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE

For those Air Force wallopers (both blokes and sheilas) and of both sexes even and who were cohorts and compatriots of the old gang members back in the years of between 1969 to 1977 or longer and either served in Malaya, where the mozzies were as big as F111's, Laverton where regular incursions to the Barwon Heads tunnel of death or Torquay pubs were common place, Frognall, where the Oongoo club was somehow misconstrued by the military hierarchy as a threat to national security, or elsewhere in Melbourne, and where you may have also attended one of the many high society parties at 6 Porter Street Hawthorn, and had the rare pleasure of being strip searched by the coppers who on a false tip off raided the joint in 1975-76, THEN you are all cordially invited to a reunion of the old clan. Plus all those who attended at Kurrawa in 2006 on the Gold Coast. Plus anyone we missed in 2006.

### Background

Ladies and gentlemen of both sexes may I remind you all that the hourglass of our lives is rapidly running out of sand. There are those of you, who it was my pleasure to mingle with, suck a coldie or two with, trek through Europe with, serve with in the corp, but in the main made part of the journey on the highway of life a very magical and memorable experience. Sit down and have a quick think about it. **That was yesterday but bloody hell it only seems like yesterday as well DOESN'T it.** That was 28 to 36 years ago. That is why I consider it a vital HALT on the platform of life before tomorrow turns into another 36 years, that that mongerel time bandit sucks out of us. Let us all meet on that PLATFORM and reunite for what very well could be for the last time. To me and a lot of the blokes and sheilas that made the effort to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> one in 2006, this is IMPORTANT and hopefully you feel the same. The train we all travel on leads us to one final destination. **Strike me pink. STOP that bloody train and get off,** even if it is only for a minute to have a beer and then capture the moment on film. A photo is the only way we can freeze time. Remember, this is not living in the past. The past is what was, it is what formed the foundations of our future, it was our youth (some mis-spent) and the friendships forged along the way. **WHY** wouldn't you want to catch up with some of those that made the ride a pleasurable experience.





# The Tucker

## Antipasto

Char grilled vegetable frittata with pesto  
Roasted mushrooms with balsamic vinegar  
Kalamata olives  
Mediterranean octopus  
Fetta with olive oil and fresh herbs  
Marinated roast capsicum and eggplant  
Toasted foccacia

## Cold Selection

Leg ham  
Hungarian salami  
Mortadella  
Chicken roulade with prosciutto  
Chef's selection of 5 gourmet salads

## Carvery

Roast lamb with rosemary and garlic  
Roast pork with crackling and apple

## Hot dishes (Includes steamed rice)

Thai green chicken curry (mild)  
Trio of seafood in ginger cream and coriander

## Desserts

Plattered display of pastries, tarts, cakes and seasonal fruits.

Freshly brewed coffee and tea with chocolates.

**Wow – Just like being back in the old Malayan & Laverton messes**



## ***What you need to do***

1. If you are seriously thinking about attending please email Geoff (Oongoo) so he can place you on a tentative listing.
2. If you are definitely going to be a starter let Geoff know that you are a DEFINITE.
3. You must advise the number of people in your party and their names.
4. If you have late teenage daughters and sons that you would like to accompany you then let Geoff know that as well. **Sorry but we do not want under 18's at this do.**
5. You must pay the \$70 per head entry fee if you are a definite starter into the bank account that is nominated below. It is preferred that you lodge this payment thru a Westpac Bank. **IT IS IMPERATIVE** that you enter on the deposit slip your unique "Auxillary Serial Number" that is also provided below. If you do pay by cheque then they must be made out to "RAAF Reunion 2009" and posted to 43 Hampton Drive Tannum Sands Qld 4680. Using Westpac bank deposit slips is preferred.
6. **If anyone has some special dietary requirements please advise ASAP.**

You must nominate for your definite attendance along with the names of the people in your party by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2009**. Late acceptances may be considered but are discouraged. **Start planning for this event now.**

**The bank account number is BSB 034126 Account Number 254781**  
**Account Name is – RAAF REUNION 2009**

**Your Unique Auxillary Serial Number is as per email body**  
**This must be entered on your Westpac Deposit Slip when paying the chaff**

### **OTHER DETAILS**

A jukebox will be in place at the venue so members can have a dance. It will be chock a block with music from the 60's and 70's – Groovy Baby

A lot of us will march in the Anzac day parade as a mark of respect for, and to remember the fallen diggers. We encourage as many of you as possible to join us. Probably at both Glenelg and Adelaide depending on where attendees are staying.

On the Sunday after the reunion bash we may hire a volleyball set and have a challenge match on the beach at Glenelg depending on the interest and as well have a couple of cold ones at a local watering hole. Plus if there is interest we may organize a bus trip to the Barossa. **Advise if you would be interested in your response.**

Please bring along any photos of the old days plus any war stories and help reminisce over the past and bygone era and years that have slipped by. Mingle and catch up with old mates.

Everyone is encouraged to take photos of the event and as the per the bash in 2006 these will be bundled together by Geoff (Oongoo) and a copy via a DVD distributed to every attendee. Your entry fee to this right royal gathering covers this aspect.

Dress is cool and casual. Jock straps and gaiters are strongly discouraged. No thongs – of any description. Oongoo T-Shirts and other fine apparel are acceptable.

# Other General Guff

Do you know of any of the old gang that may have passed on. Their names please so that we can raise a glass to them at this reunion in celebration of their lives and the legacy of their memory and their friendship while they walked among us.

**SO BE IT.** Let's get cracking and remember "We are not coming back this way". Let's get together next year before the grim reaper cuts any more of us down. **If we don't do this then we may always be remembered as rotten miserable bastards.**

Remember, you all may not have the trappings or the fancy titles but you are the Kings and Queens among men and women. So come all you Princes, Princesses and Court Jesters, let's be up and doing this and may the force be with you for the next 12 months at least (hopefully much longer), until we can again meet, mingle, remember our youth, but most importantly rekindle the friendships that have gathered dust along the highway of our lives. "Friendship is the wine of life-let's drink of it and to it". **A gathering of this, the cream of humanity will proceed.** Please consider joining with the time decaying living corpses of your old cohorts, probably for one of the last times before you are called to sit up on that balcony in the sky---don't let that bastard TIME rob you of this opportunity. **MAKE SOME.**

Kind Regards Geoff  
"The Sentimental Bloke"  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2008  
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## CHECK LIST

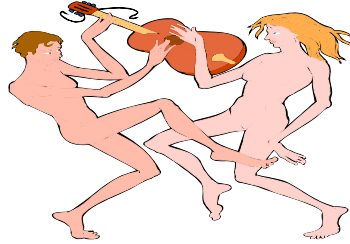
1. Advise Geoff if you are either a tentative or a definite starter
2. You must pay monies into the nominated account by 31/01/09
3. **Let Geoff know well before 31/01/09 of your intentions one way or the other**
4. Advise the names of anyone you know of that is deceased
5. Make arrangements for accommodation early
6. Advise the names and numbers that will be attending
7. Put that "Aux Code" on the deposit slip – I don't know who you are unless you do
8. JOIN US

**Remember you will not be chased up - this is the only correspondence you will receive.**

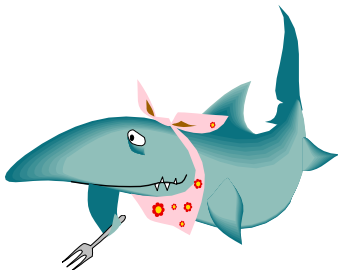


# OTHER STUFF

- People who decide to over indulge and go skinny dipping after midnight do so at their own risk.



- Entering the waters of Glenelg Beach after midnight is discouraged. However, there may be some that want to have an arm wrestle with a great white as a sign of their bravado. The organizers of this gathering accept no responsibility whatsoever during the get together or after we are all turfed out at 1:00AM.



## **Your own safety is your own responsibility**

- This is a responsible gathering of men and women in an atmosphere of sobriety. However, while it is accepted that some may over indulge, we have a very strict policy. Any drunken disorderly conduct will be frowned upon and offenders will find themselves unceremoniously ejected. We didn't have it in 2006 and we won't cop it in 2009. Moderation is the key. Be cool.

