



BI Reunion, Fremantle 2008

Wednesday 15th – Monday 20th October 2008

Final arrangements for the Fremantle reunion are in progress; currently there are 172 people attending with a very good representation from overseas.

The organisers will accept late bookings provided registration forms and full payment are received by the end of August. There is a block booking of rooms at the Esplanade Hotel at competitive rates and a few rooms are still available.

The cost per person in Australian Dollars is \$25.00 Registration Fee and \$350.00 for the five 'Official' functions (see below).

Updated information about the reunion follows.

If you have not already registered and paid to come to the reunion and would like attend or obtain further information please contact Danny & Jeannie Ravn (contact details at the end of this document).

Venue: The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle.

Registration

The Hospitality Desk will be located in the Atrium foyer of the Esplanade Hotel. The desk will be manned from 10 am to 6pm on Wednesday 15th, and we ask all attendees to register during that time. We will be distributing name badges and other useful material.

The Hospitality Desk will subsequently be open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 11am. Memorabilia etc will be on display. If you wish to bring additional items for the desk, or for sale, they will be welcome.

Programme

Wednesday 15th
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Welcome Cocktail Party

Island Suite, Esplanade Hotel. Dress – Smart Casual

Thursday 16th:
11.30am – 2.45pm
Getting There:

Fremantle Port and Swan River Boat Cruise

“C” Shed Jetty, Victoria Quay. Dress – Casual.

A 10 - 15 minute walk from the Esplanade Hotel, or take the Orange CAT Bus (free) to the Fremantle train station, and walk through to Victoria Quay and “C” Shed.

A buffet lunch will be provided during the cruise.

Friday 17th:
6pm – 9pm

Barbecue
Resort Pool, Esplanade Hotel. Dress: Casual

Saturday 18th:
7.00pm – late

Gala Dinner
Orion Ballroom – Esplanade Hotel. Dress: Jacket and tie
Some have asked that they be included with friends when making up the tables for the Gala Dinner. However, we (the organisers) shall not be making up the tables; instead there will be a list of tables (10 people per table) posted on the notice board at the hospitality desk and you can arrange your table seating in accordance with your preferences.

Sunday 19th:
Midday – 3pm

Curry Luncheon.
Swan Yacht Club, Riverside Drive, East Fremantle.
Dress - Smart Casual

Getting There: 10 minutes' drive from the Esplanade Hotel. A shuttle bus service will be provided from the Esplanade Hotel.

Transport From Airport (Domestic and International Terminals)

Taxis are usually plentiful and the approximate cost to Fremantle is currently \$50 - \$60.

Airport Shuttle – this is available by pre-booking, either on line, or by phone. Book a few days ahead.

Fremantle Airport Shuttle –

Phone: +61 8 93351614

On Line: www.fremantleairportshuttle.com.au.

Email: bookings@fremantleairportshuttle.com.au

Current prices: 1 passenger \$35 – then \$10 per additional passenger to same address.

Weather/Clothing

October (Spring) in Fremantle is generally a very pleasant time of the year. Daily maximums usually in the low to mid 20°s and getting cool in the evenings. Fremantle can also be quite windy. Please be sure to bring some warm clothing.

Special Tours

Austal Ships – Friday 17th October, departing Esplanade Hotel at 1.30pm

Maximum: 35 people. As there are more than 35 people interested in going a ballot will be drawn. There will be a small charge for transport. For further details visit www.austal.com

About Austal:

Austral is possibly the world's leading manufacturer of 40 metre passenger catamarans and the dominant supplier to Asia. Austral is the world's largest builder of fast ferries and lists amongst its customers many of the world's leading fast ferry and shipping operators.

Guided Tour of Fremantle Maritime Museum – Friday 17th

A visit to the Fremantle Maritime Museum is a *must*. We have tentatively booked two slots (10am and 2pm). Cost will be \$6 per head, including entry fee. The tour will last about an hour, after which you can spend as long as you like browsing around on your own. For further details visit

www.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime/newmm/newmm.asp

Golf – Friday 17th Morning

We *may* be able to arrange a round of Golf at one of the local public courses on Friday morning.

Fremantle Port Authority Building 11th Floor Observation Deck – Saturday 18th

Short tours to the Fremantle Port Authority Building 11th floor observation deck for great views of the port and surroundings. Each tour will be limited to 20 people commencing 10am. The FPA website is www.fremantleports.com.au

General Tourist and Sightseeing Information

There is plenty to see and do in Fremantle, such as the Maritime Museum, the Shipwreck Galleries, Fremantle Prison, Fishing Boat Harbour, Fremantle Markets (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), Cappuccino Strip and Victoria Quay. Everything is within easy walking distance from the Esplanade Hotel. Rottnest Island is just a half hour ferry ride from Fremantle.

A visit to Kings Park (Perth) is highly recommended, especially with the wild flowers in bloom. Other points of interest are the Perth Mint, the Bell Tower or a city tram tour.

For extended tours and sightseeing further afield, before or after the Reunion, there are many options. The Margaret River region, in the southwest of WA, is famous for its forests, beaches, caves, surfing, and wineries and, in springtime, its wildflowers. A short trip north of Perth brings you to the Pinnacles desert. If you are lured by gold, a longer trip east to Kalgoorlie and the surrounding goldfields could be of interest. You may like to visit some of these websites to check out the many attractions.

www.fremantle.wa.gov.au

www.perth.wa.gov.au

www.westernaustralia.com

www.australiassouthwest.com

www.countryscapes.com

www.pinnacletours.com.au

The Concierge at the Esplanade Hotel will also be able to help you with brochures, pamphlets and booking information.

Attendance List

Due to Privacy Act regulations, we can only include the names of those who have given explicit permission to do so. A list is available by contacting Danny Ravn

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