



CONWAY WORCESTER PANGBOURNE ASSOCIATION REUNION SYDNEY OCTOBER 20th – 22nd 2015

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"YOTS" Bar, the indoor/outdoor bar where the Meet and Greet will be held. The Dinner will be held in the "Lighthouse Gallery" to the left of the lighthouse.

OVERVIEW

We have secured the excellent facilities of the Australian National Maritime Museum for our "Meet and Greet" function on Tues 20 Oct 2015 and the Reunion Dinner on Thursday 22 Oct. We appreciate the help that the Museum has given and is giving us. The Lunch Time Harbour Cruise on the 21st will be with Captain Cook Cruises (founded by the late Capt. Howarth OC) This is Trafalgar Day and we hope to make this a feature.



EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST.

We enclose a list of people who have replied. For security and privacy reasons we have not published email addresses. If you see someone you want to get in touch with, let us know and we will let them know. We would appreciate it if you would look through the list and if there is anyone else you think might be interested would you let both them and us know. Likewise if you see a name of someone who may not be able to make the journey for medical reasons etc. please let us know.

WARNING. We had a very slow start to the response. It took months before we were sure that we had the numbers to make it a "goer". We are now in the position where if everyone who sent an E of I were to actually turn up we might not have enough seats at the Dinner. We can handle more for the Meet and Greet and the Cruise but not the Dinner. With this in mind could we ask you to review your position and let us know if you are a DEFINITE, (barring unforeseen circumstances); a PROBABLE; or a POSSIBLE. We will assume you want to go to all three events unless you specify otherwise. A number of people indicated interest, but did not say if they were bringing a wife/partner. When getting the E of I's back we found that if we needed to cross check a name you may have to open half a dozen or so, because the "Subject" was E of I with no name until you opened it. Would you please resubmit you E of I, by email. After our email address the next line is "Subject" On that line put your surname followed by CWP15. This will help our filing system enormously. Your forbearance is appreciated, but you would have had to email us anyway because of.....

NAME BADGES

We are proposing to have Name Badges made up as follows, and would appreciate your feedback. On the top line there will be the name of your Training Establishment. On the second line there will be your name and year(s) of attendance. In giving your name please indicate if you would like say, Mike or Michael, and if you want to put rank/title in



front, and letters afterwards. In the case of partners/guests it is important to get the surname correct. The third line is optional. It would be the Company you joined after training. If you see someone from another establishment, of about your age, and you worked for the same company, then the chances are you will have mutual friends/acquaintances.

PRICES

The present indications are; Meet and Greet \$AUS40; Harbour Cruise \$AUS 80 and the Dinner \$AUS 130 per person. These prices are indicative only and will depend on final numbers among other things. Drinks: There will probably be a welcoming drink at each function and after that it will be to your account.

HOTELS

This has proved to be a bit of a minefield. We checked out half a dozen and then re-searched them. On the basis of both cost and proximity to the Museum the Ibis Darling Harbour came out a clear winner. We then went to see them and they offered us a 10% discount, but they did warn us that that was applicable to the rate on the day you booked. The rates over a year show the value of booking early. We were about to send this out to you with the Ibis as our preferred venue. We then doubled checked their rates and found that for our month only they have jumped 30% to over 200 bucks. We double checked with them and they say they have had heavy booking in the interim, and that they were looking at 85% occupancy for that period. This would mean that they could not take all us all anyway. We are not drawing any conclusions. We have since gone out and compiled the second list of hotels in the vicinity. The Museum is opposite a light rail station and while the distances quoted are on foot some of the hotels are also near the rail line. If individual groups of people wanted to try to get a group discount they might be successful. Unfortunately we do not have the resources to try to co-ordinate anything like this.

DINNER SEATING

Something else we would like feedback on. Often people from the same establishment sit on the same tables with people of approximately their vintage. We think it might be an idea to mix the tables up and have people from different establishments, but the same vintage, on the same table. Likewise we could mix people from different parts of the world up. There are pro's and con's to these ideas and we would appreciate your input. You will have plenty of time to catch up with your particular mates during the 3 days.

IN CONCLUSION.

The general idea is to try to keep it low key and relaxed. There is plenty to do and see in Darling Harbour and we will send a list of websites later. We will also send all the ferry details and a list of the many places that you can get to by ferry. We suggest that you make contact with your old friends before you arrive and then organise your own excursions and meals/drinks together. Otherwise, do the same with your new found friends.

Before we send all the websites etc here are two things for you to check out first:

1. Google Maps. If you are not familiar with them look them up. If in doubt get the kids/grandkids to show you. You can then check for yourself the location of the museum to nearby hotels, restaurants etc.
2. www.transportswinfo. In a creaking public transport system this website is one of the best parts. Remember to click the buttons for rail/bus/ferry and light rail. Try going from and to any two places that you can think of, e.g. International Airport to a major hotel.