



The 5 Squadron Reunion committee is excited to announce the venues and timetable for the 2017 'Centenary of Formation' reunion. As noted earlier there is a maximum number at the Friday night event of 750 persons so your RSVP's will be accepted on a first in basis. Once we reach 750 people we will be unable to take any further acceptances and those unfortunate enough to miss out will be placed on a standby list.

Register here <http://5sqn.com.au/>

So on with the show.

Friday 20th October 2017

1400 onward book into accommodation. Accommodation is at your cost. The 5 Squadron Reunion committee has negotiated a range of discounted accommodation to suit most budgets. The details will be posted on the 5sqn.com.au website in the next day or so.

Find your own way from the airport to the hotel. Your pre-ordered merchandise will be available from reception. If you are not staying in 5 Squadron arranged accommodation then you must collect your merchandise on Friday 20th from a location TBA. PLEASE NOTE: Name tags will be provided as part of your merchandise pack and will be required for ID purposes at the Friday night venue. Merchandise will not be available for pickup from the evening venues. Please contact Dutchy if you are unable to collect your merchandise on Friday 20th October.

1600 buses depart for the Australian War Memorial (AWM)

1655 Last Post Ceremony. The AWM has advised that the ceremony is a public event and as such, reserved space is not available. We will ensure that any physically challenged members will be catered for. 5 Squadron will be laying a wreath at the pool of remembrance as part of the ceremony.

1710 After hours tour of the AWM featuring some classic aircraft that you may have worked on. You must have your name tag (supplied with your merchandise pack) with you to allow museum staff to identify you at the AWM

access point.

1830 Welcome Reception in the iconic ANZAC Hall of the AWM. Catch up with long lost friends under the wings of the great G for George. Canapés both hot and cold will be served and beer, wine and soft drinks supplied.

2100 onward a shuttle bus will run between the AWM and 5 Squadron arranged accommodation to take home those overwhelmed with the magnitude of the event....

2230 AWM concludes buses return to 5 Squadron arranged accommodation.

Saturday 21st October 2017

Free day. Meet with old friends for lunch or check out the Canberra sights.

1630 Buses depart to Fairbairn (which is no longer a RAAF Base) wander around the precinct and see how many of the original buildings you recognize. There are still quite a few of them.

1700 The 5 Squadron committee is working hard to secure the Saturday night venue. We have support from the right people and hope to garner formal approval in the near future. Our intention is a semi-formal (dress rules will apply) dinner on the 5 Squadron hanger floor. Do I need to say more! Check out the memorabilia that the committee has been able to find. Enjoy the evening with old friends and let your memory take you back to the beautiful Canberra winters and the -35 degree wind chill factor on the flight line. A number of memorabilia items will be auctioned. We will also have a number of very interesting speakers. Dress warmly for this event. In the event that approval is not forthcoming an alternate venue will be arranged along the same lines.

The committee appreciates and would like to acknowledge the assistance provided in this endeavor by The office of the Chief of Air Force and WGCDR Gus Porter and his team at 34 Squadron.

2100 onward a shuttle bus will run between Fairbairn and 5 Squadron arranged accommodation to take home those overwhelmed for the second time in two days...

2230 Fairbairn event concludes buses return to 5 Squadron arranged accommodation.

Sunday 22nd October 2017

1100 onward buses will run a shuttle service to and from Canberra Airport to visit Canberra Helicopters. Check out their Squirrels. We are hoping to have a H model Iroquois visit us from Wagga Wagga so that you can have some hands on reminiscing. Canberra Helicopters will be running joy flights (at your cost) over Canberra during the day. Sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be available for lunch. Joy flight places are limited so arrange your spot early.

1800 buses to venue TBA (most likely a club) for casual farewell dinner at

your expense.

2200 Farewell dinner concludes buses return to 5 Squadron accommodation

Details regarding costs and discounted accommodation options will be advised shortly directly to those who have registered.

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