

## Book now for our Annual reunion visiting SME and SOER

It's time to gather the clan again and let the Rats loose for our next reunion. We're planning another great get-together, again basing ourselves around Holsworthy - with an official visit to the School of Military Engineering (SME), an official visit to the Special Operations Engineer Regiment (SOER), and so much more.

The event is taking place over the period 31 OCT - 3 November, so mark the dates in your diary.

The preference is for us all to stay in the Holiday Inn Warwick Farm, which was such a great venue last year. If we're all in the one hotel it's convenient for Army bus transport to and from the base, plus it's great fun to all be together over breakfast and to enjoy a few ales in the afternoon. Adjoining the Holiday Inn is a great suburban pub, The Warwick Tavern.

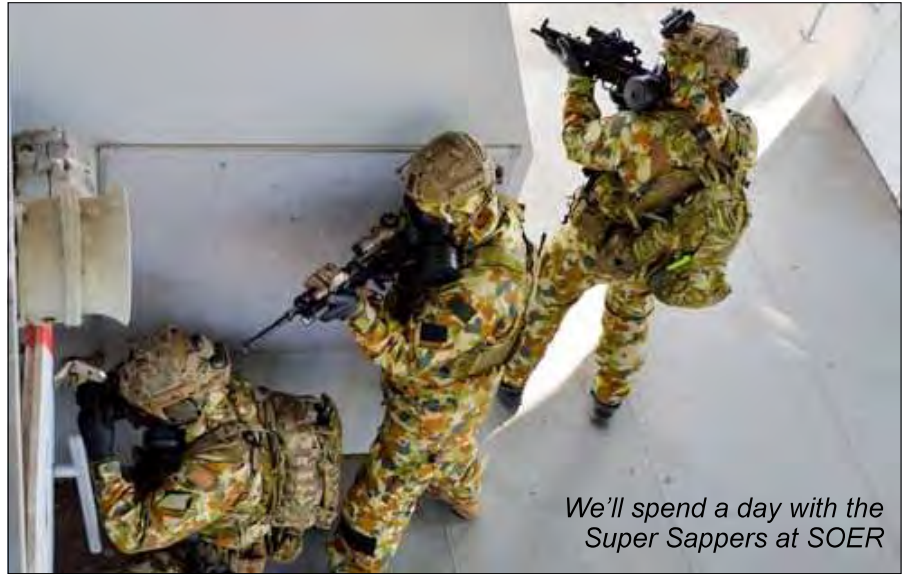
We've negotiated a good room rate, but if you prefer to stay somewhere else, that's no problem but choose a place nearby as you may need to make your own way to the Holiday Inn for bus pick-ups.

The room rate for the Holiday Inn is the same as last year, \$179 per room per night including a full buffet breakfast each day for one or two guests in the room.

### Here's what you need to do to attend the reunion:

- 1: Fill in the booking form and send it to us now.
- 2: Book your room at the Holiday Inn Warwick Farm by carefully following the instructions in the panel on this page.
- 3: Contact your troop mates and get them to come along to the reunion as well.

We will have a reunion dinner on the Thursday night, and as you will see, this is the only cost item (\$95) for us all on the booking form.



*We'll spend a day with the Super Sappers at SOER*

As our activities are centred around visits to Army base camps we've made this a blokes only reunion.

The itinerary for the four days will be as follows;

### Wednesday 31 October

1600h Registration and welcome drinks at the Holiday Inn (drinks at our own cost).



### Thursday 1 November

Bus pick-up at the Holiday Inn for our full day visit to SME at Holsworthy, including:

\*A tour of the base to see the facilities the Sappers enjoy today, including demonstrations by the Sappers of their skills and their extraordinary equipment.

\*A tour of the Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering, a world class museum superbly presenting the rich history of the Corps.

\*A remembrance ceremony at the RAE Vietnam Memorial at SME to honour our 35 Tunnel Rats killed in action.

\*Plus a get-together with current serving Sappers to chat about being Sappers half a century apart!

Then we'll be dropped off back at the Holiday Inn in time to get ready for our reunion dinner that night.

### The Reunion Dinner

At 1830h we will have our reunion dinner in a function room at the Holiday Inn. The dinner cost is \$95 for three

### How to book your room at the Holiday Inn Warwick Farm

Email: [reservations@holidayinnwarwickfarm.com.au](mailto:reservations@holidayinnwarwickfarm.com.au)

Or call 02 9726 1222 and ask for 'Reservations'

**IMPORTANT:** Only phone between 9am and 5pm weekdays as bookings made after hours are handled by a global service who will not know of the special deal for our reunion.

- 1: Mention your booking is part of the Vietnam Tunnel Rats Reunion.
- 2: State whether you want a Single Room or a Twin Share Room.
- 3: Mention you are checking in on 31 October.
- 4: Let them know whether you are staying 3 nights or 4 nights.

courses. Any beers, wines or mixed drinks will be at our own cost from a cash bar in the function room. Dress is jacket and tie with medals (miniatures or full size).

Seating will be organised so we can all sit with our troop mates of our own era.

### Friday 2 November

Bus pick-up at the Holiday Inn for our full day visit to the Special Operations Engineer Regiment at Holsworthy (SOER), including:

\*A tour of the base plus demonstrations by SOER Sappers of their skills and their equipment, much of it highly classified.

\*We will meet some of their amazing EDD dogs (bomb sniffing dogs) and their equally amazing handlers.

\*A visit to the rifle range where we'll get the chance to fire some of the exotic SOER weaponry

\*And (hopefully) a visit to the incredible Special Oper-



ations Training Facility, a place few people even know exists.

\*Plus a get-together with the SOER Sappers to swap stories and get to know these exceptional soldiers.

Then we'll be dropped off back at the Holiday Inn to get ready for a very special night - Cocktails with the SOER soldiers at the spectacular North Bondi RSL. Army bus transport will be provided for us to and from the RSL. Dress details to be advised.

*We'll enjoy cocktails and snacks with the SOER soldiers at their favourite watering hole, the North Bondi RSL overlooking iconic Bondi Beach*

### Saturday 3 November

Time to head home, though there will be a long lazy Sappers lunch at the Warwick Tavern for those who wish to extend. You may want to book an extra night at the Holiday Inn if you are partaking in the long lazy lunch.

## BOOKING FORM FOR TUNNEL RATS REUNION – OCT 31 – NOV 3 2018

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Mobile number:	Phone number:
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<b>PAYMENT DETAILS</b>	
Tick method of payment:	
<input type="radio"/> <b>Cheque or Postal Order</b> (make payable to "Vietnam Tunnel Rats Association") Post to: Vietnam Tunnel Rats Assoc 43 Heyington Place Toorak Vic 3142	
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