



HMAS DUCHESS Association



REUNION NEWSLETTER 3 SURFERS PARADISE 2017

G'day Shipmates,

Just a few short weeks to go before we have our gathering at Surfers Paradise, and most of the "Things to do" list has been checked off. For those of us yet to fully pay the fees for the weekend, now is the time to start thinking seriously about it, as the caterers and other suppliers need to have accounts settled.

We have the honour of hosting Cmdr. Mark McConnell ADC, RANR, Commander HMAS Moreton, at the dinner on Saturday night 7th October, and he has graciously offered to present a speech, which I am sure will be of interest to our shipmates and guests.

Also now arranged, we have music from Allan Reynolds, an ex military man himself, and he has promised some lively dance music for when that time of the night arrives.

HMAS Moreton has also offered Chaplain Briggs to present a Benediction at our Sunday service at Cavill Park, (NOT Lionel Perry Park as I first thought), almost adjacent to the RSL

We are expecting between 110 and 120 shipmates and guests at the reunion, so if you plan to join but have yet to book your tickets, I would suggest you hasten. I will accept bookings up to the 8th September.

TABLE BOOKINGS AND SPECIAL DIET NEEDS. Please appoint a "Table Captain" to organise your groups table, listing all names for your group, and advise myself and Rod as soon as possible. We will do our level best to put you all together. The tables seat six, and can only be booked for the Saturday Night, since Friday and Sunday meals are Buffet Style, and it is good to mix. For those on special diets, email your needs to me directly, and I will pass this on to the caterer as soon as possible.

Cheers all, and see you on Friday 6th October.

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Reunion attendance registration form

Mail: Duchess Reunion, 28/17 Meryll Ave., Baulkham Hills, NSW, 2153 or email if Direct Debit payment to d154shipsoffice@gmail.com by **8th September, 2017**. Enquiries 0403243795 or 0296392974 (waking hours)

Name		Phone	
Postal/ Email Address			
		P'code	
Number of attendees		Balance of account or \$200.00 per head full payment	\$

Direct Debit to **BSB 065-152 A/C 10242588 A/C Name "Duchess Reunion"** using reference "<your name>". Please make sure to email me that you have made your payment by direct debit.

Please note, final payment is due by 8th September 2017.