

AFE-ADB NEW ZEALAND CHAPTER

ANNUAL REUNION

NELSON 13 – 15 MARCH 2012

At the last chapter meeting held in Queenstown jointly with the Australian Chapter it was agreed that New Zealand would in future hold its annual chapter meetings separately from Australia but members of each chapter were very welcome to attend each other's meetings.

Victor Diem and Colin Pratt have both visited Nelson and we are pleased to report that arrangements are almost completed.

DATES

The reunion will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 13th, 14th and 15th March 2011 departing on the morning of Friday 16th after breakfast.

VENUE

We will be staying at the Leisure Lodge, 40 Waimea Street, Nelson: it has a great location and a reasonably easy walk to downtown. The Lodge will provide a full breakfast each day, including the day of departure. The lodge will also provide our meeting room and will be the venue for our welcome drinks.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

The programme is still a draft but it is nearly complete and we do not expect any major changes. The times of meals are provisional

Tuesday 13th Mar.

Afternoon: Arrive, 6 pm approx

Welcome drinks

7:30 Informal dinner at restaurant to be decided

Wednesday 14 Mar

8 am breakfast

9:00 am chapter meeting

10 am depart for tour including:

Arts and craft

Lunch at Waimea Estate

Wine tour

7:30 pm Mid reunion dinner

Thursday 15th Mar

8 am breakfast

9 am visit World of Wearable Art (WOW) and Vintage Car Museum

Lunch at Grape Escape Richmond

2 pm Golf at Tahunanui beach Golf Course or

Tour of Nelson City for non golfers

7:30 pm Formal Chapter dinner and cocktails at Petite Fleur Restaurant at Seifried Vineyard

Friday 16th Mar

8 am breakfast

10:30 am Checkout and farewells

DETAILS OF PROGRAMMME

Meeting The Chapter meeting will be held at the Leisure Lodge.

Golf Golf will be at the Tahunanui Beach Golf course. Transport will be by bus

Tour We are arranging tours of vineyards, arts and craft centres, WOW and a car museum. We will be taken to all by bus.

Meals All breakfasts are at the Leisure Lodge. There is a choice of continental at \$15, or full at \$20. This will be charged to participant's room accounts

Dinner on arrival day will be informal and at the option of participants

Lunches will be at Waimea Estate and at the Grape Escape and paid directly by participants

The mid reunion **dinner** on the second day will be at a restaurant still to be determined. Our **formal dinner** will be held at the Petite Fleur restaurant attached to the Seifried estate vineyard and will **be covered by the basic charge**

Travel

Nelson has a regional airport which is served regularly from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch

There are no direct flights to Nelson from Australia. It will be necessary to fly into one of the main cities and catch a connecting domestic flight to Nelson. Alternatively take the scenic ferry from Wellington to Picton in the South island and hire a car or get a bus from there to Nelson

Weather

It will be late summer in March and the weather is usually fine and warm. Nelson is one of the sunniest cities in New Zealand. However bring raingear

Costs.

The basic cost to everyone is \$450. This covers bus hire, formal dinner, welcome drinks, and one night's room deposit at the Leisure Lodge. It has been decided that other costs will be the responsibility of participants.

Meals, (excluding the formal dinner), wine tasting and entry to museums, golf and other optional activities will be on a pay as you go basis. This is considered the fairest method as it leaves people to be selective in choice of activity and only pay for what they are interested in.

Please note all drinks, except arrival welcome drinks, are not included and are on a pay as you go basis.

Registration and payment

We are asking for an urgent indication of attendance and registration. We really do hope you will be able to attend as it promises to be a great occasion and social event.

To register and confirm your attendance we need a deposit of **\$NZ 200** per attendee. Please make payment of deposit directly into our New Zealand bank account:

National bank of New Zealand, Featherston Street Branch
Wellington

Account name: J C Pratt – AFE

Account number 060501 0602659:01

Swift number ANZBNZ22

Please identify yourself when making the transfer so we know who to credit

Alternatively you can send a bank draft to

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