



NATIONAL REUNION 2024

FOR VETERANS, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

**Warning Order for
Friday 1st Nov to Sunday 3rd November 2024**

REUNION VENUE - WAIRAKEI RESORT TAUPŌ

Your national executive has started planning for our next national reunion in Taupo 1 – 3 November next year (2024).

The focus of the reunion will be a family weekend for our children and grandchildren.

There are around 1900 of us left and by next year we will all be in our 70s or older. With the good work of previous executives and representatives the Association and its aligned trusts are in financial good health, with significant assets protected by trust deeds.

It is important that this asset base is available to assist our children and grandchildren in the years ahead. Your executive has started the handover process by ensuring that the children are well represented on the executive.

The updating of our Constitution and trust deeds will allow the handover of the assets to the children and grandchildren group as we fade away. We want to start this handover process at Reunion 24.

The Reunion will be about spouses/partners, children and grandchildren. We want as many children and grandchildren to attend as possible, so we are making this a great family weekend.

This will be an opportunity for children and grandchildren to meet and build the connections that will support our next generations.

Date & Venue

We are planning the Reunion at the Wairakei Resort, Taupo for Friday 1 November until Monday morning 4 November 2024.

The Resort is the previous THC Wairakei. It has heated swimming pool, spas, gym, and 9 hole golf course.

Our intention is to book the whole resort, so we have it to ourselves for the period of the Reunion. We can only do this if we have the numbers.

Activities

Our plan is to have plenty of socialising time between formal events.

The main events planned are:

- Guests of Taupo Borough at the Friday night town bonfire and Guy Fawkes display
- Separate simultaneous briefing sessions from Veterans Affairs for veterans, spouses/partners, and children/grandchildren
- AGM
- Taupo have offered to close the municipal hot pools and waterpark for a family fun afternoon for us
- Formal dinner
- Formal parade in Taupo for our remembrance activity, with War Bird flyover and civic reception

Costs

There will be a Reunion Registration fee for members and their families estimated at \$135 per adult and \$70 per child 15 years old and under. This will cover morning and afternoon teas, a lunch, function room costs, shuttle bus to town, plus a contribution to the formal dinner, etc. There will be an additional cost (to be advised) for non-members, so if you are not a member, join the Association now for the discounted rate.

Room costs will vary by room.

The average room price will be \$671 for three nights, including cooked breakfast for two each morning. Individual rooms vary from \$525 for three nights (two people), to family villas sleeping four adults at \$1125 for three nights, each including breakfast for two each day.

Use of the resort facilities like golf, hot pool and spa will be free.

These are indicative costs if we book out the whole resort for ourselves.

We will arrange for the Association to run a "lay by" system from the start of 2024 for those that want to put some accommodation money aside each fortnight/month in advance.

Important Request

These costs and activities are reliant on booking the Resort out entirely. We can only agree to this if we have a solid indication now that we will have the numbers.

Remember the aim is a family focussed weekend so we can start handing over our assets to be run by and for our children and grandchildren. It will be our last chance to do this properly.

Could you please check with your whanau and complete the form below for us, or email numbers likely to attend next year. We are after indicative numbers so we can commit to the Resort. We need your registration of interest returned to us by 11 August 2023.

It will be a great three days. We need the numbers though, to block out Wairakei.

Please call an executive committee member or email Carol at treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz if you have any questions or suggestions.

To register your interest, please email us the following information to treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz or post to PO Box 72260, Papakura, Auckland 2244:

I would like to register myself and my whanau's interest in attending the Reunion in Taupo 1 – 3 November 2024 (

Name: _____

Contact details:

Phone: Mobile: _____ Home: _____

Email address: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____ (15 and under)

PLEASE RETURN BY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023