



## **NATIONAL REUNION 2024**

**FOR VETERANS, SPOUSES, PARTNERS, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN**

**General Information**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Monday 4th November 2024**

### **REUNION VENUE - TAUPŌ**

Your National Executive is organising our next National Reunion in Taupō 1 – 4 November 2024.

**THE FOCUS OF THE REUNION is 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 the next generations.

Due to 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.

#### **Date & Venue**

The Reunion will be held at Taupō based at the Wairakei Resort Hotel from Friday 1 November until Monday morning 4 November 2024. (Note: No formal activities will be held on the Monday).

## Activities

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

The main events planned are:

Taupō District Council Friday night lakefront Guy Fawkes display  
Separate briefing sessions from Veterans Affairs for veterans, spouses/partners, and children/grandchildren  
Annual General Meeting  
Taupō have offered us the municipal hot pools and waterpark for a family fun afternoon Saturday  
Formal dinner at Wairakei Saturday  
Formal parade in Taupō for our remembrance activity, with War Bird flyover and civic reception, Sunday morning

## Programme (provisional)

Our outline programme is as follows:

- **Friday 1 November 2024**
  - Two registration desks at Wairakei from midday to 1800
  - Afternoon - One-on-one meetings with Veteran Affairs case managers and individual veterans at Wairakei
  - 1400 – Check in to your accommodation
  - 1700 hrs Meet & Greet – Drinks (location TBA)
  - Evening - Fireworks Display (Taupō Lake Front)
- **Saturday 2 November 2024 (Wairakei)**
  - 0930 – 1100, Annual General Meeting
  - 1130 – 1230 and 1400 – 1530 – breakout meetings with Veterans Affairs for veterans, spouses/partners, children and grandchildren
  - 1800 to 2300 – Drinks followed by Reunion dinner
- **Sunday 3 November 2024**
  - Morning - Formal Parade and Memorial Service – Taupō waterfront, followed by Mayoral reception
  - Afternoon – Free for own activities – bus to/from National Army Museum if numbers warrant
- **Monday 4 November 2024**
  - 1000 - Check out and return home

## Costs

There will be a Reunion Registration fee for members and their families set at \$135 per adult and \$70 per child 15 years old and under. This will cover lunch and formal dinner Saturday and morning and afternoon teas, function room costs, shuttle bus to town, as well as admin costs.

We will arrange for the Association to run a “lay by” system for those that want to put some registration/accommodation money aside each fortnight/month in advance.

## **Important Request**

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 Registration form attached, and email or post to our Treasurer, Carol Taylor.

Post: Treasurer  
P O Box 72260  
PAPAKURA 2244

Email: [treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz)

Mobile: 027 224 3539

An early reply would be appreciated, it will help us with our planning etc

**It will be a great three days.**

Please call or email Carol at [treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz) if you have any questions or suggestions.

## **Transportation**

We have an option to hire buses (dry hire) from both Wellington and Auckland for transport to and from Wairakei. Would you be interested?

The cost per person is estimated to be \$80.00 return, the same buses would be used transport members around Taupō and to Waiouru as required! Please indicate your interest on the Registration Form. We intend to have a small mini coach for General Duties in and around Taupō.

## **Finally**

**Please complete the attached form as soon as you can, so we can confirm numbers and get some idea of Wairakei costs. You can add to numbers later if you find more whanau interested in attending.**

**On the registration form, we have asked for information about where you are staying. If your whanau are staying at different venues, please advise this beside their names. Also, if you have more whanau than there is space for on the page, please use a separate sheet.**

# Accommodation Offerings as at May 2024

## PLEASE NOTE

The accommodation options are based on five randomly selected levels of accommodation.

It is the responsibility of members attending the reunion to select the level of accommodation that suits their requirements, make and pay for your bookings accordingly.

Taupō is a busy place all year round, it is recommended that you book your accommodation requirements now!

**When enquiring/booking, please mention you are booking for the Vietnam Veterans Reunion. Your committee has talked to the places listed and have either already wound our discount into the pricing, or the discount price is listed below.**

RVs, Motor Homes and Caravans cannot be parked overnight at the Wairakei Resort, however, there are various locations around Taupō including:

- A. Taupō DeBretts Spa Resort
- B. Riverside Park Taupō
- C. Lake Taupō Holiday Resort
- D. Great Lake Holiday Park
- E. Wairakei Thermal Valley Motor Camp

### **1. Wairakei Resort (Our Venue)**

640 Wairakei Drive, Tourist Park, Wairakei, Taupō 3384  
Phone: 07 374 9004

Wairakei Resort have offered a 15% discount off accommodation advertised on their website. **Our Promo Code is VVA24.**

It must be used when booking either on the website or by telephone. It is valid for the discount from 31 October to 4 November 24. Wairakei currently have 140 rooms available.

2.

**SUNCOURT**  
HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Allan Russell | Front Office Manager

a: 14 Northcroft Street | Po Box 837 | Taupō 3330  
p: 07 378 8265 | w: suncourt.co.nz

Arrival: 3pm Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Departure: 10am Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Number of nights: 2

Prices start at \$339 per night for two people

### 3. MILLENNIUM HOTEL AND RESORT MANUELS TAUPŌ

243 Lake Terrace, Taupō New Zealand 3330

T +64 7 3761693 T 0800 55 55 11 F +64 7 378 5341

W [www.millenniumhotels.com](http://www.millenniumhotels.com)

Prices range from –

Suites \$330.00 bed and breakfast (usually \$385)

Superior Twin rooms \$300.00 bed and breakfast (usually \$320.00)

Standard Queen Lakeview \$280.00 bed and breakfast (usually \$300)

### 4. LAKE TAUPŌ MOTOR INN

33 Kaimanawa Street, Taupō

Contacts: Debbie Raulet, Dion and Vanessa

Phone: 07 378 5401 or 0800 33 34 42

[www.laketaupomotorinn.co.nz](http://www.laketaupomotorinn.co.nz)

email: [info@laketaupomotorinn.co.nz](mailto:info@laketaupomotorinn.co.nz)

Studio which can sleep three one king and one single

\$200 per night

One bedroom apartment which can sleep four people one king and two singles

\$240 per night

Lux Spa sleeps two one king

\$260 per night

Exe spa room sleeps two people one king bed

\$230 per night

### 5. LAKESIDE MOTEL TAUPŌ

[www.lakesidetaupomotel.co.nz](http://www.lakesidetaupomotel.co.nz)

Can do a flat rate there of \$230 per night, all 11 rooms are available. There is also a three-bedroom house that can sleep 7 this would be \$600 per night.

### Lakefront Lodge Taupō

[www.lakefrontlodgetaupo.co.nz](http://www.lakefrontlodgetaupo.co.nz)

Small studio \$150 per night. Sleeps 2

Studios \$185 Sleeps 2

Twin studios \$210 Sleeps 3

Triple studios \$220. Sleeps 4

Lake view room \$230. Sleeps 2

Family rooms. \$250. Sleeps 4

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**Note:** Management will let the staff know that these are the prices for our members. So, when you book, please let the staff know you are a Vietnam Veteran.

**6. Quality Inn Acapulco – Taupō**

15 Rifle Range Road, Taupō

**Dayna Robb - OPERATIONS MANAGER**

**Tel: 07 378 7174**

**Email: [stay@qualityinnacapulco.co.nz](mailto:stay@qualityinnacapulco.co.nz)**

For these dates they can offer:

Studio (2 people) \$200.00 per night

1 bedroom (3 people) \$270.00 per night

2 bedroom (4 people) \$310.00 per night

All bookings are subject to availability. Guests will need to call the hotel directly to book or email [groups@qualityinnacapulco.co.nz](mailto:groups@qualityinnacapulco.co.nz) and say that they are a part of the Vietnam Veterans (no website bookings will get this discount).

Please note that as per their policy, a credit card with expiry date will be required to secure the reservation and payment taken 48hours prior to arrival.