

Welcome from the Committee

Six years since the last reunion, thanks to COVID, with the planned 2021 reunion postponed to this year. After lots of planning and stress by your committee, here we are again, enjoying each other's company, telling a few stories (from days long gone but never forgotten) and having a cold one or two. It's also great to have the company of our wives, partners, friends and other Signal Veterans. Unfortunately, we have lost some members since the last reunion.

It's great to have some of the younger 104 Sig Sqn past members joining our ranks.

This reunion is important in our history as it highlights 56 years since being formed for war service in South Vietnam.

Final program details are below. **Please wear your name tag to all functions, as this is your entry ticket.**

COVID is still around and if you would like to wear a mask – please do! Also, if you are feeling unwell, test yourself for COVID, to ensure the safety of all attendees!

Finally, if you have special dietary requirements, just tell the staff and they will ensure you are looked after.

Please enjoy yourself and if the committee can help, just ask or ring Callsign Rabbit on Ebony Switchboard 0419-334535.



Denis Hare (Rabbit)



John Bertini



Peter Thorne (Rosie)



Don Sutherland (Uncle Don)



Ian Haycock (Gomer)

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Reunion Dress Code

Minimum dress for all functions as per Twin Town Services Club normal rules - Neat and Casual. Medals for memorial service on Thursday, if you have them with you.

Reunion Program

Tuesday 19th July 2022

Register from 10am to 4pm at **Visions Function Room** (Twin Towns Services Club) and renew old friendships. Bar closes at 3pm to allow room to be prepared for the Meet and Greet function later in the evening.

Meet and Greet function from 6pm in **Visions Function Room** (Twin Towns Service Club).

Meet and Greet Function – Name tag entry only

Wednesday 20^h July 2022

Renew old friends during the day and/or check out the Gold Coast.

Dinner Function (three course meal) in the **Showroom** (Twin Towns Services Club) from 6:30pm. Function Bar open at 6pm for pre-dinner drinks. Guest speaker **Major Michael Tapscott** (OC, 104 Sig Sqn, 1CSR).

Dinner function – Name tag entry only. Don't drink and drive –walk or catch a Taxi!

Thursday 21st July 2022

Memorial Service at 10:30am at the Twin Towns Services Club War Memorial which is adjacent to the club in **Chris Cunningham Park**. Medals should be worn.

Master of Ceremony is **John Bertini**, 104 Sig Sqn in South Vietnam 1969.

Service Minister is **Rev Denis Galloway** (Ex Army Chaplain).

Guest Speaker is **Major Alan King (Retd)**. Alan served with 104 Sig Sqn in South Vietnam 1968/1969 and is an Ex RASigs RQMS. He is the current President of the RASigs Association in South East Queensland.

There will be an opportunity for reunion attendees to lay a wreath during the service.

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Farewell lunch Function (two course meal) in the **Showroom** (Twin Towns Services Club) from 12pm. Function Bar open at 11am for friendship drinks.

Discuss the future for 104 Sig Sqn National Reunions.

Farewell lunch function – Name tag entry only

104 Signal Squadron History Overview

104 Sig Sqn was raised in November 1965 and its first OC was **Ian Godden**. Ian attended the reunion in 2011 but sadly passed away a few years back.

In 1967, **104 Sig Sqn** assumed control of Task Force (Brigade) Communications in South Vietnam, completing its tour in late 1971. The unit was then based at Wacol, Ingleburn, Holsworthy.

104 Sig Sqn held their last parade at Holsworthy on 22nd October 1996 before moving to Darwin (Palmerston) and became fully operational again in early 1997.

104 Sig Sqn was absorbed into the **1st Command Support Unit** (1CSU), and renamed 'A Sqn' on the 1st January 1998. 1CSU was a combination of 104 Sig Sqn, HQ Coy 1 Bde, 7th Intelligence Company, 72 EW Sqn and 11 MP PI. The unit was formed as a part the Restructuring of the Army trials. When 1CSU became the **1st Command Support Regiment**, 104 Sig Sqn was re-born on 18th May 2001 as part of the new Signal Regiment. The 1st Command Support Regiment has since been renamed **1st Combat Signal Regiment** (1CSR) but is still based on the original concept however the Intelligence and Military Police capabilities are no longer part of the unit structure.

104 Sig Sqn, 1CSR is located at Robertson Barracks, Palmerston, NT (near Darwin).

Our **memorial rock** with the names of our war dead has been relocated from Holsworthy to Palmerston. See http://www.au104.org/Veteran_Stories/vetstory16.html for details. The Regiment's Battle Communication Wing is called the "**The Signaller Alexander Young Battlefield Communication Wing**" and the boozier is named "**The Abraham Club**" after the two-unit members, KIA in Vietnam. *Lest we forget.*

Since Vietnam, **104 Sig Sqn** has deployed on **Operation Anode** in the Solomon Islands (see <http://1csr.au104.org/stories/story-4.html>) and on **Operation Slipper** in Afghanistan, as part of the Force Communication Unit 1 (FCU-1). See <http://1csr.au104.org/stories/story-7.html>. Many of its current members have served in Timor and on other operations.

The current OC, 104 Sig Sqn, **Major Michael Tapscott** is at the reunion and is our guest speaker on Wednesday night. Also the current 104 Sig Sqn SSM **WO2 Brad Wakefield**. Please make both Michael and Brad most welcome.

104 Signal Squadron (Vietnam) Website

104 Sig Sqn has its own privately funded website at <http://www.au104.org> and features many stories and photos from our service in Vietnam plus what **104 Sig Sqn** is doing as part of the **1st**

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Combat Signal Regiment. See <http://1csr.au104.org/>. After the reunion the 104 Sig Sqn website will feature photos from this reunion (already have photos from past reunions). See http://www.au104.org/index_reunions_t.html Also your photos can be posted onto the reunion facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/groups/335712244004>

This site also has an auto update form, if your address or contact details change. See http://www.au104.org/webform_t.html The details provided keeps 104 veterans in touch with each other and for reunion contact, etc. This has been a real bonus when doing pension claims or just trying to locate a lost mate. So just complete the form when you have a change of address, email, etc.

If you can help preserve our history with photos, slides, story, etc please contact the webmaster (Denis Hare) by email dhare@au104.org.

Also as part of the au104.org family of websites is the **Pronto in South Vietnam** site that has the web book of the same name and details plus photos from all the RASigs units that served in South Vietnam. See <http://pronto.au104.org>

Certa Cito 100

On 14 February 1925, Australian Army Order (AAO) 71 was issued, stating, "Approval has been given for the Signal Engineer units of the Citizen Forces to be formed into a separate corps and designated the "Australian Corps of Signals". On the 10 November 1948, His Majesty King George VI conferred the title "Royal" on the Australian Corps of Signals.

In 2025, RASigs will recognise its centenary year with a series of events and activities to commemorate and celebrate 100 years of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals, which reflects on our past, present, and future.

Events will be conducted throughout the year by ARA and ARES Signals units across Australia.

The culmination of the Centenary (Certa Cito 100) will occur in November 2025, with major events being planned for South East Queensland, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

The commemorations and celebrations will build esprit de Corps and foster linkages between serving and former serving members and their families (the Australian Signals Community), RA Sigs Associations and industry. The Centenary should also foster and enhance our relationship and linkages to sister Corps and units across the British Army, Canadian Army, New Zealand Army and the United States Army.

As the programme develops, details will be posted on The Signaller website and other sites. The Signaller website is at <https://rasigs.org/>

The countdown to celebrating RASigs centenary in 2025

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Don't forget to sign the reunion Guest Book

Reunion Attendees

(List as at 19 July 2022)

Name	Wife/Partner/Other	SVN/Other Details	Receipt #	File #
Anderson, Robert (Andy)	Antje	104 SVN	111769-21/45-21/46	030
Anning, Phil	Coral	104 SVN	31/40	135
Armstrong, Reg		104 SVN	31/35	130
Aucher, Terry		104 SVN	31/16	050
Bardwell, Ian		104 SVN	111755	010
Barlow, Rod		110 SVN	111771	032
Beeston, Mick	Doreen	104 SVN	111773	036
Ball, Alan (Bally)	Diane	104 SVN	111783	047
Bertini, John		104 SVN	111777	042
Bilsby, Ralph	Rosemary	104 SVN	21/50	007
Bishop, Sandy	Eileen Grace	104 SVN	21/48	024
Brady, Greg	June	104 SVN	31/10	029
Bray, Tony (Pom)	Pamela & Michelle	104 SVN	31/03	111
Bright, Peter	Julie	104 SVN	21/08	070
Brooks, Warwick	Marlene	104 SVN	31/41	136
Brown, Dennis	Carol	104 SVN	31/05	113
Cadusch, Brain (Pixie)		104 SVN	21/30	088
Calderwood, David	Gwen	104 SVN	21/28	026
Callaghan, Des		104 SVN	111766	023
Campbell, Alister (Neil)		104 SVN	111751	001
Campbell, Anthony (Tony)	Cecelia	310 SVN	31/15	120
Chenoweth, Paul	Mellisa	103 SVN Son (John Chenoweth)	31/23	125B
Clohesy, Phil		104 SVN	111770	031
Cooper, Murray	Lorraine	104 SVN	31/24	126
Cox, Ken	Ann-Maree	104 SVN	21/07	069
Crosthwaite, Ian	Jo	104 SVN	31/07	114
Curtis, Kevin	Rhonda	145 SVN	111797	003
Doran, Kerry	Merrilyn Butler	104 SVN	31/38	132
Emmanuel, Peter	Judy	104 SVN	41/08	145
Enkelmann, Barry		104 SVN	111785	049
Evans, Trevor (TJ)		104 PV	41/01	142
Fatches, Fred		104 SVN	41/02	143
Fergusson, Mal (Bluey)	Jan	104 SVN	21/05 31/13	067
Fewson, Jeff	Laraine	104 SVN	111789	055
Fitzsimmons, Bruce (Bilko)		547 SVN	31/30	128
Fletcher, Kevin	Pam	110 SVN (104 SSM Post)	111760	016
Gunthorpe, Geoffrey	Dallas	104 SVN	21/24	083
Hadaway, Geoff	Terry	110 SVN	21/44	103
Hamdorf, Ian	Anne	104 SVN	31/48	139
Hare, Denis	Colleen	104 SVN	111767	025
Haycock, Ian (Gomer)		104 SVN	31/43	134

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Heffernan, Paul		104 SVN	21/27	085
Hegarty, Colin	Wendy	104 SVN	111756	012
Higgins, Peter	Helen	110 SVN	111792	057
Holmes, Martin (Marty)		110 SVN	31/31	040
Horne, Bill	Kim	104 Post/Tp Comd	31/27	101
James, Robert (Huey)	Rhonda	104/110 SVN	111788	053
Kiely, Pat		104 SVN	111772	034
King, Alan (Al)		104 SVN	111764	021
Kirkland, Bruce		104 SVN	41/07	147
Lane, Peter (Shady)	Joan	104 Post	31/09	117
Lawlor, Anthony (Tony)	Jan	104 SVN	111779	044
Lawson, Ross	Tracy	104 Post	111758	014
Levy, Bruce (Bridgman)	Elizabeth	104 SVN	31/37	131
MacGregor, Robroy	Diann	104 SVN	111795	059
Mackenzie, Ken		104 SVN (104 SSM Post)	111790	011
Mankey, Leslie (Les)	Maxie Ritchie	104 SVN	31/19	122
Martin, Bob (Dustoff)	Sandy	104 SVN	31/26	090
Martin, Harry	Lynne	104 SVN	31/18	123
Mazzarol, Nick	Beverley & Mark	104 SVN	31/25 & 31/42	072
McAlicie, Merv	Elizabeth	104 SVN	31/17	121
McCartney, Bernie	Faye	104 SVN	21/36	095
McCooke, Therese		104 SVN Widow (Murray McCooke)	31/45	138
McLean, Peter	Kate	104 SVN	21/31	091
Melrose, John	Rosemary	104 Post	21/39	039
Menagh, Peter	Sharon	104 SVN	21/14	074
Michael Jauncey		104 SVN	111787	051
Mines, John (Buddha)		110 SVN	111753	008
Molineaux, Geoffrey	Glenys Myers	104 SVN	21/25	084
Montefiore, Stan (Monty)	Joy	104 SVN	111759	015
Morgan, David	Debbie	104 SVN	21/16	077
Morgan, Geoff		104 SVN	21/06	068
Morris, Geoff	Judy	104 SVN	31/22	019
Murphy David (Murf)		104 SVN	111796	060
Noonan, Graham		104 Post	111784	048
O'Donoghue, Michael	Rebecca	104 SVN	31/06	115
O'Dowd, Tony		104 SVN	31/49	140
O'Leary, James (Jim)		110 SVN	111799	062
Oliver, Keith	Nikki	104 SVN	21/20 & 31/32	080
Overton, Kevin		104 SVN	111765	022
Pandelus, Marty		104 SVN	31/50	141
Paterson, George	Rhonda	104 SVN	21/03	033
Patterson, George (Irish)	Jennie	104 SVN	21/47	107
Peter Robertson		104 SVN	41/06	148
Petersen, Andy	Linda	104/110 SVN	111763	020
Quigley, Nick		104 SVN	111794	058
Radford, Peter		104 SVN	31/13	119
Rieper, Greg		104 SVN	21/29	086

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Roberts, Geoff	Val	104 SVN	111791	006
Robinson, Chris		104 Post/Tp Comd	41/04	144
Rose, Tony	Cath and Janice	104 SVN	21/49 41/10	108
Sanderson, Gordon	Debbie	104 SVN	21/19	082
Saunders, Christine		103 SVN Widow (Mick Saunders)	31/21	124
Scanlan, Peter	Karen Thompson	104 SVN	21/32	093
Scheinpflug, Peter	Joie	104 SVN	31/34	129
Schmitt, Kevin	Michele	104 SVN	31/36 31/47 41/09	078B
Scott, John		110 SVN/104 Post	31/44	137
Scott, Ken	Anne Ferber	104 SVN	31/08	116
Shearing, Bob	Diane	104 SVN	111782	004
Short, Ken	Narelle	104/110 SVN	31/28	127
Skinner, Terry (Twiggy)	Janice	104 SVN	111768	028
Smith, Robert	Tina Grogan	104 SVN	31/01	109
Southon, Glen		104 SVN	41/05	146
Staunton, Geoff	Elaine	104 SVN	31/11	106
Stevens, Terry		104 SVN	21/21 & 21/23	081
Stickman, Ross		104 SVN	31/29	063
Strickland, Laurie	Marion	110 SVN	111781	046
Sutherland, Don (Uncle Don)	Yvonne	104 SVN	31/39	133
Swalling, Garry		104 SVN	31/12	118
Tallon, Bruce	Vivien	104 SVN	21/17	076
Thomson, Lyn	Bill	103 SVN Widow (John Chenoweth)	31/23	125A
Thorne, Rosie	Jan	104 SVN	111757	013
Veall, John	Diana	110 SVN	31/14	105
Venables, George		709 SVN	31/02	110
Venning, Ian	Helen	104 SVN	111793	056
Wheatley, Rhonda		104 SVN Widow (Bill Whearley)	31/04	112
Whelan, Graham	Yolanda	104 SVN	21/15	075
Wilson, Barry	Debbie	547 SVN	111798	061
Wilson, Jim	Jan	104 SVN	21/13	073
Winsor, Ken	Barbara	104 SVN	111762	018
Wood, David	Fay	104 SVN	111761	017

SVN = South Vietnam Post = Post Vietnam

Names that were registered after 6 July 2022 are on a separate sheet

Reunion Guests

Surname	First	Reunion	Remarks
Roche	James	Guest, Memorial Service	RASigs COL COMDT Queensland (Ex OC, 104 Sig Sqn)
Tapscott	Michael (Mick)	Guest Speaker	Major, OC, 104 Sig Sqn
Wakefield	Brad	Guest SSM	WO2, SSM, 104 Sig Sqn
Galloway	Denis	Padre	Reverend, Army Chaplain

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Reunion locations at Twin Town Services Club

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mantra twin towns OCEAN TOWER (RECEPTION)

SIGNATURES BREAKFAST RESTAURANT AND LOBBY BAR

ENTRY TO FREE UNDERGROUND CARPARK

WALKWAY BRIDGE

mantra twin towns HARBOUR TOWER

VISIONS

REUNION REGISTRATION MEET & GREET (VISIONS)

CARPARK LIFTS

CONFERENCE & FUNCTION CENTRE

LEVEL 3 RIVER, BAY, HORIZONS, BORDER & WHARF
LEVEL 5 SHOWROOM & STARS

DINNER LUNCH (SHOWROOM)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

1. ENTER FREE UNDERGROUND CARPARK VIA STUART ST INCLUDES DISABLED ACCESS FROM NSW
2. LIFT TO RECEPTION LEVEL
3. USE WALKWAY BRIDGE AND A FRIENDLY EVENTS TEAM MEMBER WILL MEET YOU ON ARRIVAL.
4. LIFT TO DIRECTED LEVEL 3 OR 5
5. ENTER FREE UNDER CLUB CARPARK VIA BOUNDARY STREET INCLUDES DISABLED ACCESS FROM QLD

IF YOU REQUIRE ACCESS EARLIER THAN ADVISED
PLEASE USE THE PHONE INDICATED ON MAP AND THIS WILL DIAL DIRECTLY TO YOUR EVENTS SUPERVISOR.

TWIN TOWNS CONFERENCE & FUNCTION CENTRE