

Djinnang Association – Update

Hi to all members,

The committee wish all a very Happy and Healthy New Year and may we all look forward to a return to some normalcy in our lives.

Now that the festive season is over, the committee is looking forward to organising the 2021 re-union and, being the centenary year of the formation of the RAAF and with many official celebrations cancelled (due to Covid-19), we hope many will be able to join us for this very special Djinnang re-union.

In the last update we mentioned that the Grand Central Hotel was being considered as a likely venue for our next re-union and, to be honest, we were favourably disposed towards this venue. However, we received some disparaging comments re our choice and Gail, Alyn and myself decided to source other venues. We came to the realisation that a choice of venue within the Brisbane CBD was currently not able to be found that suited all our requirements, and forced us to look further afield. You will be pleased to know that we have found a venue that meets most of our expectations and is located roughly 5 kms from the CBD.

The venue for the 2021 re-union will be at the Paddington Hotel (The Paddo), 186 Given Terrace, Paddington. The hotel has on-site parking and is a 5-10 minute bus trip from the Brisbane CBD. Taxi fare from the CBD to the hotel approx \$10-12.

The re-union will be held in the “Trophy Room” which has a small bar which will be able to dispense 4 different beers on tap. Now the good news for the discerning beer drinkers – step outside the function room to the main bar and you have a choice of 26 beers on tap and for wine drinkers 4-6 wines on tap. In the Trophy Room there will be a tea and coffee station. Also, meals are available at the Paddo for those wishing to dine. Please note there are NO stairs at The Paddo.

The overall presentation of the main public areas is one of cleanliness, spaciousness and from our perspective a great venue for a re-union. The response we have been given from the function manager is one of great positiveness and he has assured us that all aspects of our re-union will be met with outstanding service. Directions re bus routes etc. and hotel on-site parking will be found on the upcoming events site.

On behalf of the committee, I trust that you will be happy with our choice of venue and please pass onto all our re-union date: 29th May, and we look forward to a great re-union in this the 100th year of the formation of the RAAF.

Take care,

J.C. Isaacs

Acting President