

JOIN US IN TOWNSVILLE SEPTEMBER 8 – 11 2011

Welcome

Forward by Warren Hegarty- President Townsville Branch of the National Servicemen's Association.

Welcome to the first edition of the Nasho News 60th Reunion, on behalf of Townsville Branch of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia (Qld) inc. We are cordially inviting you to attend our commemoration and celebration of 60 years since the introduction of National Service.

As an organization we have forged forward with the idea, back in 2010, that Townsville was the place to host such a celebration. With the support of the Townsville City Council, the Townsville RSL and the Townsville Bulletin, we now have an event of National standards.



Townsville is known as a garrison city with many armed forces personnel located on our doorstep. We have their support to assist us in the delivery of this magnificent event.

The unveiling of the memorial in Canberra gave some of us the opportunity to catch up and commemorate. These opportunities are few and far between. I encourage you to embrace this event from September 8th – 11th 2011.

We invite you to enjoy the tropical surrounds of Townsville and our many attractions. Your stay will be filled with great laughs and memories to take back.



Nasho's to gather to remember, commemorate, celebrate

Townsville will host what is shaping as Australia's biggest reunion of National Servicemen in four days of celebrations and commemorations in September this year.

In a first for the organisation, Townsville City Council, with the support of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia - Townsville and Districts branch as well as serving and ex-defence members, will host the reunion to mark the 60th anniversary of National Service.

The celebrations from September 8-11 will be recognised as the official commemoration of the anniversary and have similar national recognition to the celebrations of VP 50 and VP 60

Already, the event has attracted interest from local and interstate Nashos who were among the 287,000 young men called up for compulsory service in the Navy, Army and Air Force between 1951 and 1972.

Announcing plans for the reunion, Townsville Mayor Cr Les Tyrell said it would be a chance to rekindle old friendships, make new ones and remember the 212 men who were killed in action in Borneo and Vietnam.

"National Service is something that affected generations of young men, many of my friends included, and it has only been recently that their efforts were recognised" Cr Tyrell said.

Cr Tyrell said the anniversary would continue Townsville's proud history as a garrison city and acknowledge the contribution and sacrifice of National Servicemen right around Australia.

"We all have fond memories of the wonderful events of VP 50 and VP 60 in the city and with that sort of tradition there is no better host city for the Nashos' national anniversary commemorations than Townsville," Cr Tyrell said.

"We have a long and proud history as a garrison city so it's fitting that the reunion should be held here."

The reunion will be held over four days from September 8 to 11 and will involve several events including a meet and greet, public concert featuring 1RAR band, Normie Rowe and Judy Stone, a gala dinner dance, commemorative service, a march through the city centre and more.



Those interested in attending or seeking further information should see council's website at www.townsville.qld.gov.au or phone **1300 878 001** and ask for the events and protocol team.





PROGRAM

Day	Time	Event	Location
Thursday 8 September	4pm - 7pm	Meet and Greet Canapes and Entertainment provided, drinks available for purchase from the bar.	Townsville RSL
Friday 9 September	7pm - 12pm	Dinner Dance Buffet Dinner with Dessert and one complimentary drink on arrival. Entertainment provided by Townsville's 1RAR Army Band	Jupiters Hotel & Casino
Saturday 10 September	6pm - 9pm	Public Concert Headlining artists Normie Rowe and Judy Stone will be performing alongside Townsville's own 1RAR Band Food and refreshments will be available for purchase from vendors onsite	Strand Park
Sunday 11 September	5am - 7am	National Servicemen's commemorative service	Rowes Bay Park
Sunday 11 September	10am - 1pm	Community Event March from the city to Anzac Park, with a Community Farewell Barbeque following in the park till 1pm. Barbeque and refreshments will be provided.	Anzac Park

Townsville: the thriving capital of North Queensland and fondly referred to as a Garrison City, will welcome you in September

Be sure to catch up with old friends, and visit our wonderful natural and man-made attractions. From the Majestic Magnetic Island to the Rainforests of Paluma, your visit can take in sights of the past, with the Military Museum, or sights of our reef with the Reef HQ Aquarium.

For accommodation and travel

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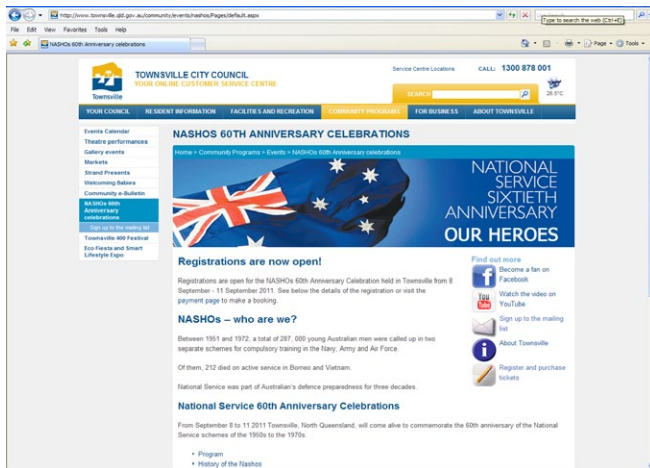


HOW TO BOOK

All persons attending the event in Townsville must book online or via phone. Confirmation will then be sent where further information will be collated so as to ensure details such as dietary requirements and location of accommodation are recorded.

Bookings online

Visit >> www.townsville.qld.gov.au
it takes only 3 easy steps.



1. Go to Register and purchase tickets button – click on it
2. Choose the package you wish to purchase
3. Fill in your details and press continue

Your tickets will be mailed or collected depending on your preference.

Bookings over phone

We will endeavour to help you if you cannot use our online booking service.

Phone Ticket Shop 1800 44 99 77
or 4727 9797

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

Townsville will host Australia's biggest reunion of National Servicemen with four days of celebrations.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- >> Meet and Greet
- >> Public Concert
- >> Dinner Dance
- >> Commemorative Service
- >> Parade
- >> Farewell BBQ

COSTS:

- >> National Service 60th Anniversary registration \$50
- >> Dinner Dance \$62

FOR MORE INFORMATION >>

- www.townsville.qld.gov.au
- 07 4727 9000

TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

See you in
Townsville!

