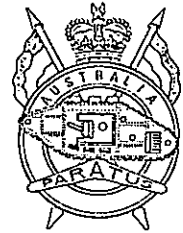




# 1st ARMoured REGIMENT (VIETNAM) ASSOCIATION REUNION 6-9 FEB 1998



**The first reunion** of the newly formed 1 st Armoured Regiment (Vietnam) Association was conducted over the weekend of the **6th till 9th Feb 1998.**

**Some 110 association members** and their families attended a weekend of activities designed to get to know each other after having not seen unit members in some cases **since Vietnam.**

**The weekend started** with registration and get to meet members at the Prince of Wales Hotel Seymour, an old watering hole for all of us from time to time, everyone met someone he hadn't seen for some time in some cases years. **Most members stayed** until the small hours of the morning, this was evident by the eyes on **Saturday morning.**

**Saturday morning registration** continued at the Tank Museum where members looked over the museum and were able to ride on and in some cases drive Leopard Tanks. This activity was very popular, a short Memorial Service was also held followed by an excellent BBQ lunch, followed by a few ales, pattern developing here. Saturday night, a memorial dinner to **celebrate 30 years** since C Squadron arrived in Vietnam, the dinner was held at the Seymour Racing Club and was enjoyed by all, a lot of tall tales came to light over the night and as the amber flowed the tales got taller **but that's the way it is with reunions!**

**Sunday,** a winery tour of Mitchelton Winery, a first for some followed by a sit down lunch after the wine tasting, there's that pattern **coming out again.**

**After lunch** while waiting for the bus to arrive, more tales from the past emerged as most people talked at length of where they had been and done since discharge or since Vietnam.

**Sunday night BBQ** at Lou Walker's house where most people bade farewell to old and new friends vowing to keep in touch and all hope to meet again on **ANZAC day.**

**Most members agreed** that the weekend had been a success and would like to see it happen again in the not too distant future. People from all states attended and with 1999 being the **Regiment's 50th Birthday** we are looking at some sort of get together, this of course will depend on numbers of members that wish to **pursue this idea.**

**We hope to see** all Victorian members on parade on ANZAC day as we will be marching under our new banner, remember that beret and badge, **start looking now.**

**John Brooker**

**PARATUS**