

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans'
Peacekeepers and Peacemakers
Association
NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2014

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope you all had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year.

This year we will continue to provide opportunities to appreciate life, make new friends and enjoy the company of fellow veterans and their partners. We will continue to support our veterans and their families. Through affiliation with the Vietnam Veterans Federation and the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, our membership fees will also provide support to veterans across Australia.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

As reported previously, this was a really nice function enjoyed by all. Dormie House is great for a quiet dinner and is open to the public. If you have not had the opportunity, you can see photographs on our website at: http://shvva.com/?page_id=2313

DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 5th February
LION RAMPANT HOTEL - MITTAGONG
6:00pm for 6:30pm

If you are coming - RSVP to Norm or Sue on 48691772 by the Monday before i.e. 3rd February.

This is a nice, quiet venue with good food. Lets start the New Year with a good turn out.

LADIES VIP LUNCH

Wednesday 19th February
MAYFAIRS OF MITTAGONG
118 Main Street Mittagong
12:00pm to 2:30pm

If you are coming please RSVP to Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 or by email by the Monday before

RSVP's

This is an abbreviation for the French "repondez s'il vous plait" and is used at the end of invitations to request a response. We have to advise venues a day or two in advance of the numbers attending. This enables them to reserve tables, get food in or put on extra staff if necessary. It really is a matter of courtesy to let organizers know if you are coming or if you are a regular to also let them know that you are not coming. A few seconds of your time will help to make functions more enjoyable. So please RSVP. The last few dinners have been sadly lacking.



The GREAT AUSSIE BBQ is on again at the home of Norm and Sue Austin.

Where: 6 Church Road, MOSS VALE Ph: 48691772
 When: From mid-day for lunch about 1:00
 Who: You, your family and friends.
 What to eat: **BYO - BBQ MEAT AND DRINKS**
 -ice and Eskies. Spares will be provided.
 What to wear: Fancy Dress - Aussie theme
 Why: To celebrate Australia and what it means to us!
 How: Eating, Talking, Laughing, and Playing



Come in Fancy Dress with an Aussie theme: a famous or infamous Australian, sportsman, politician, gold digger, bushie, country gentry, stockman or jillaroo. Think up your own idea!!!! BUT -You must wear an Aussie Hat and don't forget The Slip Slop Slap.



We will again have hilarious field games after lunch!! Thong throwing, water balloon catching, and skittles were hits last year. Maybe some back-yard cricket this year!!!!

Plenty of shade and in the event of rain there is plenty of under-cover space and maybe some two up!!

If you can't make it for the BBQ - drop in for a drink and a laugh.

We would like some volunteers to bring nibbles, bread, salads and deserts - so if you would like to help let Norm or Sue know when you RSVP and we will compile a list of helpers and dishes they can prepare.

RSVP to Norm or Sue - phone 48 691 772

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

These were due by 31st December, so please dig out your forms, fill them out and post them to: SHVPPA PO Box 900 MOSS VALE NSW 2577.

Prompt payment not only facilitates our administration but also provides much needed cash flow for Head Office. Lost your form? Then contact Sandra or Norm for a replacement. If you are not intending to renew please let Sandra know so that records can be adjusted.

INTERNET BANKING

We have had some enquiries about payment by direct debit but we are not registered for internet banking and at the last committee meeting it was decided that, at this stage, we would not register.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS and AGM

February 18th	1:30pm	Belmore Room, Mittagong RSL Club
March 5th	5:00pm	Fitzroy Room, Mittagong RSL Club
April 15th	1:30pm	Belmore Room, Mittagong RSL Club
June 17th	1:30pm	Belmore Room, Mittagong RSL Club

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL REDEDICATION & MOSS VALE RSL SUB-BRANCH 95th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

The rededication will take place on Monday 17th February 2014 commencing at 1100 hrs in the club auditorium. It will be followed by a luncheon (ticket only) commencing at 12:30 hrs in the club auditorium.

Representatives are invited to attend this ceremony.

Those interested in attending the luncheon may purchase tickets at a cost of \$45.00 by contacting Mr. Eric Campbell Ph: 8682992 or 0450341861.

SMART PHONE CLASSES for SENIORS

Ripping your hair out because you have a new smart phone - if you have a touch and swipe screen then you have a smart phone - in case you didn't know.

Hands on Tuition is available. Feb 3 & 10 - Feb 19 & 26 - March 12&19 - Apr 3 & 10 - May 5 & 12 - May 15 & 22

2 X 2 Hour Sessions 10am - 12 Midday. Cost \$10.00 for the course - includes Manual, Morning Tea and Professional Tuition. Book early to avoid disappointment, as these classes are often booked out.

Highlands Community Centres Stafford Cottage - 22 Bendooley Street, BOWRAL.

Phone: 48 621 122 Email: mail@highlandscommunity.org.au

VETERAN PORTRAITURE

Late last year two well known local artists contacted us with a view to doing portraits of Veterans. All members were emailed with a view to getting volunteers. Phill and Norm were the first to put their hands and we have another volunteer.

To date Norm and Phill have met with the artists twice for about two hours. It turns out that, as members of the Berrima Art Society, they attended the funeral of Jim Devitt and were impressed with the service and the dedication and camaraderie of the veterans present. Jim had been attending art classes and Ray McCann conducted the military part of the Service. Vale Lt Colonel Jim Devitt (Ret).

The artists are keen to get to know us, and our Vietnam stories, so that they can put our portraits in context - probably with quotes about our service or photographs from Vietnam. Another "sitting" is planned for February. The sessions are very interesting, friendly and worthwhile time fly's and it is really nice to get to know each-other. We will probably have a portrait or two by March/April.

Together we are working up a proposal that could see an exhibition of (Southern Highlands) Vietnam Veteran portraits for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle on Long Tan and Vietnam Veterans day in August 2016. That is of course if we can get enough volunteers. If we could get nine more - we would have 24 portraits to hang. If you are even just slightly interested in participating have a chat to Phill 48 721 727 or Norm 48 691 772.

FSB CORAL REUNION

A Reunion and Memorial Service will be held in Adelaide from 16th to 18th May 2014. For information go to the following website <http://coralreunion.blogspot.com.au/>

THE AUSSIE BUSH HAT

Doing the rounds - there is an email with a link to a song by Dig Richards with the above title. This song was very moving for me - find out more on our website at:
http://shvva.com/?page_id=2219

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

WALKING GROUP – every Tuesday at 8.00 a.m. - all welcome at the Cherry Tree Walk, Bowral (meeting at The Vietnam War Memorial). Tel: Phill - 4872 1727.

EXERCISE CLASSES – at Annesley Lifestyle Centre, Bowral. Tuesday and Thursday – aquavets at 9.30 a.m. Tel: Belinda at Annesley – 4861 4366.

BILLIARDS NIGHT - 3rd Wednesday of each month – Men's billiard night at Tony Mitchell's house – 7.00 p.m. start. Tel: Tony – 4869 3639.

DINNER MEETINGS – Monthly - usually 1st Wednesday. Details in newsletter. Tel: Bob or Noelene Tel 4862 3741

LADIES 'VIP GOURMET CLUB' – 3rd Wednesday of the month. Ladies meet for lunch at different local cafes & restaurants. Details in newsletter. Tel: Bob or Nolene Tel Ph 4862 3741