

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans'  
Peacekeepers and Peacemakers  
Association  
**NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2015**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

President Phill and the Executive Committee extend their best wishes to members, family and friends.

**DINNER MEETING**  
Wednesday 3rd February  
**PORTERHOUSE BISTRO, MOSS VALE HOTEL**  
6:00pm for 6:30pm

The food is consistently very good and we usually have one long table. Lets start the New Year with a good turn out.

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

**LADIES VIP LUNCH**  
Wednesday 17th February  
**SCOTISH ARMS , East Bowral**  
12:00pm to 2:30pm

If you are coming please RSVP to Julia Ph 4872 1727 by the Monday before

**FUNDRAISING**

The next Bunning Sausage Sizzle - is on Saturday 2nd January 2016.

The last Sizzle was a great succes with \$900 being raised and this one promises to be even better. Post Christmas and New Year everyone will be at Bunnings to return unwanted gifts and to get stuff to get stuck into holiday projects.

However, to be successful we need VOLUNTEERS. On this day we will need at least 10 volunteers - the more the better as it will reduce the amount of time individuals have to be on call. As couples or as a single the day is a great social outing which provides the opportunity to meet the public and gain recognition for our service.

Participatants need to be prepared to donate between 2 and 4 hours on the day. However, the more the better. Tasks include selling, preparing buns, cooking sausages, and serving customers.



**VOLUNTEER NOW**

With not much time to get properly organized, **please contact Phill NOW** to volunteer or

reaffirm your participation - Phill Moscott 4872 1727 (leave a message if necessary).

## AUSTRALIA DAY



On Tuesday this year, 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.  
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 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.

## 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 progress is demonstrated by these photos:

As part of the 50th Commemorative Dinner proposals the idea of having an exhibition of portraits of veteran members was floated. This has now developed into a firm proposal and the portraits will be displayed in the "breakout" area on the 1st floor of the Mittagong RSL during the week leading up to the dinner. We also propose to use the display cabinets in this area to exhibit Vietnam memorabilia.

The artists are keen to get to know us, and our Vietnam stories, so that they can put the portraits in context - probably with quotes about our service, memorabilia or photographs from Vietnam.



"Sitting" for the portraits involves getting to know the artists so that they can get to know you and what you did in Vietnam. Each session lasts about 2 hours, includes coffee and a snack, is enjoyable and rewarding. You will need to commit to between 3 and five sittings.

To make this happen we need more volunteers as they have only 7 months to make the deadline. The aim is to have as many members as possible participate. If you are interested in participating have a chat to Phill 48721 727 or Norm 4869 1 772. I know a number of members have already indicated their willingness but so that we can make a definite list please respond again.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

This function was very enjoyable judging by the amount of interaction and chatter. Lucky door prizes were a hit and as usual the food was very good. We had our own bar person who did a great job in the refurbished club facilities. Thanks go to Bob and Noelene for organising the event.

As there is not enough room to publish photos in this newsletter to see the happy snaps please go [http://shvva.com/?page\\_id=3347](http://shvva.com/?page_id=3347) or to our web site [www.SHVVA.com](http://www.SHVVA.com) - NEWS - RECENT EVENTS

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

These are due by 31st December, so if you have not sent your renewal form in please do so ASAP.

If you need a new form - contact Norm 4869 1772. If you are not renewing then please contact Sandra 48681945

## FUNCTION PROGRAMME 2016

Bob Bailey has prepared a great line-up for next year.  
Get your new year's calendar and put these dates in now!

### **VIETNAM VET'S 2016 FUNCTION DATES AND VENUES**

26th January	Australia Day B-B-Q at Norm and Sue Austin's - 1200hrs
3rd February	Porterhouse Bistro, Moss Vale
2nd March	Mittagong RSL (AGM). Book the back room for dinner
6th April	Surveyor General, Berrima
25th April	After ANZAC Day march, the Lion Rampant, Mittagong
4th May	Bowral Hotel
1st June	Moss Vale Services Club
Christmas in July 6th	Dormie House
3rd August	Bowral Bowling Club
18th August	Vietnam Veteran's Day - Mittagong RSL after the service.
20th August	50th Anniversary Commemorative Dinner and show - Mittagong RSL
7th September	Porterhouse Bistro Moss Vale
5th October	Moss Vale Services Club
2nd November	Lion Rampant Hotel Mittagong (alternate drop)
7th December	Bowral Bowling Club.

### **VENUE SELECTION POLICY**

Criteria - Reasonable price, open bar, able to pay individually, distance, ability to seat 30 to 40 diners comfortably, heating in winter.

Berrima, Sutton Forrest and Burrawang are considered as distant locations so only one venue from one village is to be scheduled per year.

Publish the full list of venues for the year and let individuals decide those they wish to attend, as it is accepted that you cannot satisfy all the people all the time.

Alternate drop menus are acceptable.

In recognition of member's busy schedules in December due to family and other commitments, a Christmas in July function is to be planned and a normal Wednesday dinner planned in December. The Christmas in July function is to alternate between Dormie House and the Mittagong RSL.

Dinner times - arrive at 1800 for 1830 meal.

Dinner dates - nothing in January, then the first Wednesday on each following month.