

# Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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## FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your Committee hopes you had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year with renewed vigour, hope and confidence. Newsletters this year will focus on health and fitness and getting our affairs in order as we get older.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the major battles of FSB Coral and FSB Balmoral and 100 years since the end of World War 1. Later Newsletters will cover these significant events.

We share the grief suffered by those who experienced death and serious illness last year. We will continue our efforts to ensure veterans' pension entitlements are properly recognised and that veterans and their families are supported through difficult life events. We will also continue to provide opportunities for members to enjoy life, make new friends and enjoy the company of fellow veterans and their partners.

Through affiliation with the Vietnam Veterans Federation, our membership fees also provide support to veterans across Australia.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Annual General Meeting will be conducted on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 5:00 pm at Mittagong RSL Club. Please mark your diary and consider attending this important meeting. This year is normally a non-voting year.

Notice is also given of two special agenda items:

1. Confirmation of Bob Bailey, Acting Vice President, as Vice President'.
2. Subject to AGM confirmation of the Vice President position, call for nominations to fill a casual vacancy for an Ordinary Committee Member.

### NEXT MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

*Porterhouse Bistro Moss Vale*

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

If you are coming - RSVP to Bob or Noelene by phone 4862 3741 or text 0412 269 217

## VALE - PAMELA ELIZABETH STEAD

12 July 1950 - 22 January 2018



We regret to inform members of the passing of Pamela Elizabeth Stead on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at age 67. Pam and her Vietnam Veteran husband, John, have been long-term members of the SHVVA.

Pam's life was tragically cut short by Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), an insidious and cruel disease which strikes only 1 – 2 people per million of population worldwide. Little is known about CJD – it is incurable.

Pam loved God, her family, her Church, Colo Vale and her music. Growing up as an only child in the UK, Cyprus and Germany, she spent much time on her own and her only comfort was the radio. Her time as a volunteer at Highland FM Radio was at last an outlet for her love of music. Her Saturday afternoon show, 'Sweet Soul Saturday,' attracted a strong following.

Pam will be sadly missed and our deepest condolences go to John and the extended family.

## NEXT LADIES LUNCH

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 @ 12:00 noon

*The Grand Bistro, Bowral*

Please note that Ladies VIP Lunches are now held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. If you are coming please RSVP to Judi Bofinger phone 4872 3175 or text 0407 225 045 by the Tuesday before.

## NEXT MEN'S LUNCHEON

A men's luncheon will be held on Friday 2 February 2018 commencing at 12:00 noon in the Springs Room at the Mittagong RSL Club. Please attend if you can.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2018

Renewal of membership was due on 31st December last year. We are required to provide a separate signed renewal form for each member as it makes up our Membership Register and we have to send a copy to the NSW Branch at Granville for their records. Renewal forms were sent out on 1 December 2017. If you have not done so, please fill it in now and post it to SHVVA, PO Box 900, Moss Vale 2577. If you do not wish to renew your membership please let Gordon McCreadie know so that your name can be removed from the register of members.

If you need another form, please call Gordon on Ph 4861 3126. Please use the stamped addressed envelope provided and do not forget to sign the form and include your payment.

## SHVVPPA COMMITTEE MEETING 20 FEBRUARY 2018

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 20 February 2018. If you wish to bring any issue to the notice of the Committee, please talk to one of the Committee members before the meeting.

## SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS 2018

7th February 2018	Porterhouse Bistro Moss Vale
7th March 2018	Mittagong RSL Club (Springs Room)
4th April 2018	Berrima, Surveyor General Hotel
25th April 2018	After ANZAC Day march, lunch at Mittagong RSL Club
2nd May 2018	Bowral Hotel
6th June 2018	Lion Rampant Hotel Mittagong
4th July 2018	Mittagong RSL Club (Springs Room)
1st August 2018	Bowral Bowling Club
18th August 2018	Vietnam Vets' Day - Mittagong RSL (after the service)
5th September 2018	Porterhouse Bistro Moss Vale
3rd October 2018	Moss Vale Services Club
7th November 2018	Lion Rampant Hotel Mittagong
5th December 2018	Bowral Bowling Club

## SCHEDULE OF LADIES LUNCHEONS 2018

21st February 2018	Grand Bistro Bowral
21st March 2018	Roses Cafe Mittagong
18th April 2018	Stumps Cafe at Bradman Oval Bowral
16th May 2018	The Tea Salon at Dirty Janes Bowral
20th June 2018	Raw and Wild Bowral
18th July 2018	<b>High Tea</b> at Peppers Craigieburn Bowral approx \$38 pp.
15th August 2018	Il Pranzo Moss Vale
19th September 2018	Sturt Cafe Mittagong
17th October 2018	The Courtyard Cafe Berrima
21st November 2018	The Shaggy Cow Mittagong
19th December 2018	<b>High Tea</b> at Centennial Vineyards approx \$40 pp.

## HEALTH AND RECREATION

Your Welfare Advocate has been hard at work identifying water holes for thirsty veterans as they travel the country. Last week, on a visit to the Hunter Valley in searing 42° C heat, he came upon a welcome respite – **The Royal Hotel** (the “Top Pub”) – in **Denman** where he was excited to see the Engineer flag proudly displayed in the bar area. Happens that the amiable publican is ex-Sapper – Guy Westgate – who operates the business under the very appropriate name of *Sapper Ind Pty Ltd*. What a great place to visit if you are touring the Hunter Valley vineyards, heading north or cross-graining to Mudgee. **Please support our ex-Servicemen in business**. Pass the word on to your mates. Best wishes and good luck to Guy from all Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans.



Ray McCann and Royal Hotel Denman publican Guy Westgate discussing the therapeutic benefits of a beer on a hot day

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**WALKING GROUP.** Every Tuesday at 8.00 am meeting at the Vietnam War Memorial, Bowral.

**AQUA-VETS.** Aqua aerobics at Annesley Lifestyle Centre, Bowral. Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 a.m. to 10:15 am. Tel: Belinda 0429 149 847.

**DINNER MEETINGS.** Monthly 1st Wednesday. See Newsletter. Tel: Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 or email [rnbailey@bigpond.com](mailto:rnbailey@bigpond.com) (note the r and the n are separate letters ie not m)

**LADIES 'VIP GOURMET CLUB'.** 3rd Thursday of the month except January. Details in newsletter. Contact Judi Bofinger Ph 4872 3175 or mobile 0407 225 045.

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