

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans'
Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015

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 with our usual array of events, which are sprinkled around the Highlands.

DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 4th February
LION RAMPANT HOTEL - MITTAGONG
6:00pm for 6:30pm

If you are coming - RSVP Bob or Noelene 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

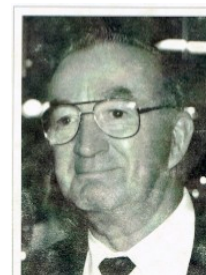
Wednesday 18th February
Corner Store
Shop 2 Park Road Bowral
12:00 pm to 2:30pm

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

VALE CHARLES FRANCIS - 6/12/1932 - 19/12/1914

Charlie, who passed away at home after a long illness, is survived by his wife Robyn, his daughter Janelle, son Joey, and granddaughter Abby.

Charlie served in the RAN for 20 years at shore establishments HMAS Cerberus, Kuttabul, Nirimba, Melville, and Lonsdale. He served on HMAShips: Australia, Cootamundra, Tobruk, Yarra, Derwent and Sydney. He was on HMAS. Perth for it's Commissioning in the USA and then saw war service with HMAS Hobart in Vietnam. Indeed a distinguished career.



He was a member of our Association for eight years. A number of representative members paid their last respects at a Requiem Mass held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Moss Vale on 27th December.

CHEERIO

To Olga Strachan who is now at home in the care of "Nurse" Ray. Unfortunately Olga fell ill on Christmas Day with small brain hemorrhage and spent the festive season in the ICU at Liverpool Hospital. Fortunately, she is at home recovering with no major problems.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This was a really good function and was much enjoyed by all. Held at Mittagong RSL the food and facilities (in spite of the renovations) were really good. About 40 attended and the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the lucky door prizes.

A big vote of thanks go to Bob and Noelene for organising the evening.



For more happy snaps of the evening go to: http://shvva.com/?page_id=292

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is an election year and the AGM will be held on 4th march at Mittagong RSL Club at 5.00pm in the Board Room on the 1st Floor. It will be followed by dinner in the Bistro.

Nominations are called for the Executive and Committee members and will close on 18th February, 2015. A nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter.

Our Association relies on the voluntary input of many people. The Committee is quite large so that: it has a wide range of input from members; and that the workload can be shared around. Committee members attend about six meetings each year, will do their "portfolio" work and probably some sub-committee work. It is not a big job that also enables working with other members to achieve worthwhile results. Give it a go!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

These were due by 31st December, so if you haven't done this yet 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 Norm 8691772 for a replacement.

If you are not intending to renew please let us know so that records can be adjusted.

AUSTRALIA DAY JANUARY 26TH



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, Yarning, 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 .



We will again have hilarious field games after lunch!! Thong throwing, and 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. RSVP to Norm or Sue - phone 48 691772

FOR YOUR DIARY

DINNER MEETINGS - First Wednesday in the month.

February 4	Lion Rampant, Mittagong
March 4	Mittagong R.S.L.
April 1	Porterhouse at Hotel Moss Vale
May 6	Sutton Forest Inn
June 3	Surveyor General, Berrima
July 1	Bowral Golf Club
August 5	Imperial Hotel Bowral
September 2	Mittagong Golf Club
October 7	Bowral Bowling Club
November 4	Bowral Hotel
December 2	Mittagong R.S.L. – Christmas dinner

LIDIES VIP LUNCHES - Third Wednesday in the month.

February 18	Corner Store, Shop 2 Park Road, Bowral
March 18	Dirty Janes, Bowral
April 15	Cafe Rosso Bowral
May 20	Raw & Wild Bowral
June 17	Milk Factory Gallery
July 15	The Post Moss Vale
August 19	The Gumnut Mittagong
September 16	Stumps at Bradman Oval
October 21	Sturt Cafe Mittagong
November 18	High Tea - at a venue to be decided.

As the numbers for the Ladies Lunches are always low and vary so much with people booking, cancelling &/or not showing up, no bookings will be made with the venue. Ladies attending should not have trouble locating a vacant table.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Unfortunately as from this year DVA has made a number of changes to its Exercise Physiology services and will no longer fund us to attend group exercise classes. DVA has also advised that ongoing services will not be provided. This means that when you have been established with an exercise program it will be your responsibility to find and fund ongoing arrangements.

Faced with this decision our current provider, Belinda Downton, Bounce Back to Health, can no longer operate through DVA. However, with a view to continuing the programme she has generously decided that:

"Despite this, I intend to continue the twice weekly aqua aerobics classes. This however, will be dependent upon regular numbers. If you are wishing to continue with the classes, the cost will be \$6 per class."

This is a very reasonable offer and all members are encouraged to attend so that this very worthwhile program continues to be available.

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

Norm Austin
Editor

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NOMINATION FORM

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2015-2016

Nominations will close with the Secretary on **Wednesday, 18th February, 2015.**

Nominations are called for the following positions:

- You may nominate yourself.
- Members can be nominated for more than one position
and you may nominate more than one person for each position.
- **Before nominating you should confirm with the nominee that
he/she is prepared to stand for the position/s.**

POSITION	NOMINEE/s
President	
Vice President	
Secretary/Treasurer	
Public Officer	
Welfare Co-ordinator	
Assistant in Welfare	
School Visits Co-ordinator	
Newsletter Editor/Publicity/Webmaster	
Pension Officer	
Social Co-ordinator	
Committee members	

I _____

hereby nominate the above member/s for the position/s against which that member's name/s appears.

Signature _____

Date / / 2015.

Please hand to the Secretary or post to
Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans,
Post Office Box 900, Moss Vale. N.S.W. 2577