

# NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2012



## VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

**SATURDAY**

**18th August 2012**

**AT THE VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL CHERRY  
TREE WALK - SETTLER'S PARK BOWRAL**

**Assemble at 3:00pm**

**For the Service which will commence at 3:30pm -  
Hail, snow, rain or shine.**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
DAVID SABBEN  
PLATOON COMMANDER  
AT THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN**

The service provides an opportunity for veterans and the community to pay respect to those that sacrificed their lives in the service of Australia.

Chevalier College Cadet Unit will provide the guard of honour.  
Moss Vale High School will also provide a Guest Speaker.

Immediately following the service light refreshments will be provided.

After this, at about 5:00pm Mittagong RSL will host a gathering of Veterans and guests, their families and interested members of the public. Finger food will be provided and drinks will be available at a reasonable cost.

Because the day rarely falls on a Saturday, this is an ideal opportunity to invite family and friends to the service. It would enable them to thank you, and other veterans for your service to Australia. Get in touch with them NOW.

**LUNCH MEETING**  
**Wednesday 1st August**  
**LION RAMPANT, MITTAGONG**

1130h for 1200h Lunch  
Order and pay individually from blackboard menu.

RING SANDRA 48681945 BY **NEXT TUESDAY** BEFORE IF YOU ARE COMING  
As usual this function is a social get together for Vietnam Veterans and their wives or partners with an emphasis on fellowship and friendship. Family and friends are also very welcome.

**LADIES LUNCH**  
**Wednesday 15th August**  
**High Tea at Craigieburn, Bowral**

\$28.00 p.p. or \$32.00 p.p. with glass of wine.  
Bookings are essential and we have to pay for the number booked. Please let me know by the Sunday evening before if you are coming as booking will have to be made on the Monday.

**RECENT MEETINGS**

We are in that time of year where a lot of vets head north to warmer climates or overseas to warmer climates. Also at this time of year it can be very cold at night so we are trying a few lunch meetings. Not only that the NRL also decided to have a State of Origin on the same night as our meeting - the hide of them. Consequently the June dinner was cancelled and 14 attended the rescheduled July lunch.

**ANZAC DAY 2012**

Fortunately this year we had a dry, cool, windy but sunny day.

Our participation started with a wreath laying service conducted by the Southern Highlands National Servicemen at Sutton Forest. The cool wind made conditions very bleak but about 50 Natios and Vets and local organisations marched a short distance to the National Service Memorial. A catafalque party was provided by Chevellier College Cadets. About 50 people, including public dignitaries also attended. David Babbage laid a wreath on our behalf.



This year we attended the Bowral march and service with a dozen Vets marching behind our banner. Again it was very windy but the streets were well lined and the service attended by hundreds.



Lunch at the Bowral Hotel afterwards was smoky and slow but it was great to see so many family members there and everybody seemed to enjoy the themselves. We will probably do the same next yea but at a different venue.

## NOTES



- Veterans' Health Week - 22-28 October. Update info available on website [www.dva.gov.au/vhw.htm](http://www.dva.gov.au/vhw.htm)
- We still have SHVV caps available at \$10 each - contact Sandra.

## COUNCIL GRANT

Recently we applied and received from Wingecarribee Shire Council a community grant to purchase two portable shelters. These will of great use on Vietnam Veterans Day, and for other functions. They will also be available for use by other community organisations and members. Thanks go to Council and Barbeques Galore at Bowral which provided a significant discount.

## BOWRAL VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALK

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans' Association has a very special interest in, and association with, the Bowral Vietnam Memorial Walk. We take a great deal of pride in the Memorial and both collectively and individually are committed to its long-term maintenance and development.

With the demise of the Trust we have formed a Bowral Vietnam Memorial Walk Committee with an independent public figure as Chair, as well as Council representative/s and members of our Association. Rotarian.

Mr Ken Adams, Past President Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club has accepted the position and Council is in the process nominating a Parks and Gardens representative.

The main function of the committee is to ensure that the Memorial and surrounds are maintained in the best possible condition. It is anticipated that the committee will meet bi-annually or as necessary if works are undertaken. However, we believe most matters will be able to be discussed and resolved electronically. Also through the committee our members can provide voluntary assistance when necessary.

The committee is in a good position to seek Commonwealth grants for the upkeep and maintenance of the Memorial and co-ordinate requirements and expenditure with Council.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

There has been no change since last published.

## NEWSLETTER

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