

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association



JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING OUR PRESIDENT – TERRENCE LEMCKE



Terry was born on 20 April 1945 at Campsie and attended Homebush Boys' High School, obtaining the Leaving Certificate in 1962. He then took up a Mechanical Engineering Traineeship with the electronics company AWA.

He was balloted for National Service in the first intake but was deferred until the seventh to enable him to complete his traineeship with AWA.

He commenced recruit training at 1 RTB Kapooka on 1 February 1967. Despite being a qualified engineer, he was allocated to the Infantry and undertook Infantry Corps training at Singleton before being posted to the Ingleburn for further training before deployment for Vietnam.

In October 1967, he left for Vietnam as a reinforcement, departing from Mascot Airport on a chartered Qantas 707, on the same flight as our recently departed and deeply missed member, Tony Mitchell. Terry and Tony were in the same platoon during Corps training and while at Ingleburn.

After a short period at 1ARU, Terry was posted to 2RAR where he served as a rifleman, forward scout, and signaller. He returned with the battalion on the troopship HMAS Sydney in June 1968 and was stationed at Enoggera Barracks in Brisbane to serve out the remainder of his time before discharge in February 1969.

Terry married Jennifer in 1971. They have a daughter, son and three grandchildren and currently live in Bundanoon having moved there some 12 years ago from a property on the Razorback. Terry ran his own mechanical engineering design company, specialising in the design of robotic and special purpose machinery, for more than 30 years. Terry had a career change when he fulfilled a lifelong passion by getting his license and becoming a real estate agent, only retiring in February this year.

He was an "A" Grade tennis player in his youth but these days prefers watching sport, particularly his beloved Canterbury Bulldogs, and having a good chat with friends while sipping on a cold beer.

Terry has only been a member of the Association for four and a half years but has served as a committee member for more than half that period. He greatly enjoys the companionship and camaraderie of the group. Terry is very much a hands-on President having organised the last

couple of BBQ's. Terry is keen to see our Sub Branch continue to operate in accordance with our Charter and our members' wishes, while complying with corporate and community obligations.

NEXT DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 5th July 2017 - Christmas in July Special Dinner

Mittagong RSL Club

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

This dinner has attracted a good response and promises to be an enjoyable night out. The Committee trusts you will enjoy the dinner, the camaraderie, and the festivities.

LADIES VIP LUNCH

Wednesday 19th July 2017 @ 12:00 pm

Harry's on the Green which is situated inside Dirty Jane's Complex in Bowral

Please note this is a change of venue from the previously-listed Berkelouw's Book Barn

If you are coming please RSVP to Judi Bofinger Ph 4872 3175 by the Monday before.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS 2017

5th July	Christmas in July at Mittagong RSL Club
2nd August	Bowral Bowling Club
6th September	Porterhouse Bistro Moss Vale
4th October	Moss Vale Services Club
1st November	Lion Rampant Hotel Mittagong
6th December	Bowral Bowling Club.

VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY 18 AUGUST 2017

Our principal speaker will be Phil Badcock, a Burrado resident, who served as a 2nd Lieutenant with 6 RAR in Vietnam in 1969/70. HMAS ALBATROSS has agreed to provide a catafalque party.

COUNCIL CONCESSIONS FOR RATES

If you are the holder of a DVA Gold Card embossed TPI or EDA or WW, you are entitled to receive up to:

- \$250.00 on ordinary rates and charges for domestic waste management services
- \$87.50 off annual water rates and charges
- \$87.50 off annual sewerage rates

Application forms can be obtained from your local council office or website.

LION RAMPANT DINNER 7 JUNE 2017

Regrettably, the night of 7 June was freezing cold and wet. Nevertheless, the nine stalwarts who did show up were pleasantly surprised to receive a nice complimentary entrée in front of a blazing open fire. The service and the food were excellent and it was obvious that the new owners were out to make a good impression. I would urge members not to make any judgements based on the Anzac Day lunch as the Lion Rampant was overwhelmed by sheer numbers on that day. [Photos courtesy of Norm Austin.](#)



MEMBERS' NEWS

Welcome home to Bob and Noelene who have just got back (exhausted) from a five-week tour of the Aegean, Spain, France and the UK.

Phil and Julia are bravely attacking the outback by road on a four-month odyssey. Last heard of at Mt Isa after transiting Yass, Dubbo, Bourke, Cunnamulla, Charleville, Tambo, Longreach, Kynuna, Clem Walton reserve, Mt Isa. Now heading for WA.

If you have any item or announcement that you would like included in future Newsletters, please contact me with your input by email.

You are encouraged to raise any issues of concern with the President or a Committee Member.

WEB MASTER

Norm Austin has kindly agreed to take back the Web Master role for our Association. Thanks Norm. If you wish to access the Members' Section of the website and have forgotten the password, please give me or Norm a call. The website is at www.shvva.com

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). Just show up.

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. Details in newsletter. Tel: Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 or email rnbailey@bigpond.com. (please note the r and the n are separate letters ie not m)

LADIES 'VIP GOURMET CLUB' – 3rd Wednesday of the month. Ladies meet for lunch at different local cafes & restaurants. Details in newsletter. Contact Judi Bofinger Ph 4872 3175.

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