

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans'
Peacekeepers and Peacemakers
Association
NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

DINNER MEETING 1st APRIL

Porterhouse Bistro
MOSS VALE HOTEL
1800 for 1830hrs.

If you are coming - RSVP to Bob or Noelene **before** Monday
Ph 4862 3741
or email rnbailey@bigpond.com - note that the address
is "r n" not "m"

LADIES VIP LUNCH
Wednesday 15th April
Bendooley Estate (Berkelows) Berrima

Please let Julia Billows Ph 4872 1727 know by the Monday before if you are coming.

RSVP's

Over the last year or so we have, in army terms, been getting "slack". RSVP is a French custom used in polite circles, it means "Respond if you please". However, we use your response to determine numbers attending functions. Sometimes we need exact numbers and are charged accordingly, sometimes we just need a good guide. Because some of the venues we use are relatively small they need to order in food and arrange extra staff for larger groups. So the more accurate information we can give them the better the food and service will be.

Lets be polite and let us know you are coming to dinner.

ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS



ANZAC Day will, this year, be a very special one. It is hard for us to believe that the ANZAC landing took place one hundred years ago. Equally it is hard to believe that Australia's involvement in South Vietnam commenced over 50 years ago. A day full of praise for those who fought so gallantly and tenaciously at Gallipoli for what turned out to be a lost cause. A day to remember the sacrifice of Australian soldiers, and indeed all soldiers, who gave their lives during the Great War, World War II and subsequent wars and peacemaking and peacekeeping activities. A day to remember the sacrifice of Australian families who suffered from the loss of loved ones. It is also a day for veterans and families to get together to commemorate our achievements

SERVICE AT VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL SETTLERS PARK BOWRAL

This year we the SHVVPPA will be conducting a commemorative and wreath laying service at the Vietnam War Memorial in Settlers Park, Bowral. We hope that this will be an annual event and all members, families and friends are invited to attend.

The service will commence at 9:45am in time for all to go to Bowral for the ANZAC Day March and Service.

BOWRAL PARADE AND SERVICE

Each year we rotate between the Highlands towns so that we can march behind our banner and to ensure that we are well represented. This year we will be marching at Bowral.

The march will form up at 10:00 at Gloria Jean's coffee shop in the car park and will march off at 10:35, proceeding via the main street to the War Memorial where the commemorative service will commence at 11:00.

ANZAC DAY LUNCH

After the service, members, family and friends are invited to adjourn to the Bowral Hotel to have a few drinks before lunch which will be from the bistro menu and paid for individually.

The Bowral is at the other end of the main street. The meals here are very good and there will be a full compliment of staff on duty and during the afternoon there will be a sausage sizzle and two-up.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This went off without a hitch. The fear that we would not have a full Committee was blown away with a good response from those present. A vote of thanks, in advance, goes to those who offered to serve.

COMMITTEE 2015/17

The Executive

President	Phil Moscatt	4872 1727	0420 864 133
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	Bruce Bofinger	4872 3175	0407 225 045
	Rod Cashmere	4869 3745	0409 903 013
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Assistants (non-voting)

Assistant Welfare Co-ordinator	David Babbage	4868 1627	0407 266 048
Ladies VIP Lunch Co-ordinator	Julia Billows	4872 1727	0419 402 162

DINNER MEETING 4th MARCH

This was held after the AGM and was a great success with about 30 in attendance. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and judging by the many animated conversations a good night was had by all. The Club's extensions are going well and should be completed before Vietnam Veterans' Day in August.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

There are still a few to renew this year- please get in touch with our Secretary, Sandra Freer 4868 1945 to complete the transaction.

VVCSA GROUP PROGRAMS

The program has been sent out by email. It is important that we support these programs. They are good value so please make an effort to participate. Phone 1800 011 046

Beating the Blues - 30 April and 1st May - BOWRAL

Residential Life Style Management - 29-25 MAY couples - BOWRAL

Mastering Anxiety - 2 Days 23 AND 30 April- JAMBAROO VALEY

SCHOOL VISITS

Visits are on again this year with Terry Lemcke taking over as Co-ordinator. These visits are can be quite emotional but are really worthwhile. We talk about our personal involvement in the war and respond to questions from the students. We have a great collection of



memorabilia that we display and explain. If you would like to participate give Terry Lemcke a ring 4883 7505

THE CRATER

This is an amazing documentary about a national serviceman who served with 3 RAR. He returns to Vietnam to recover the bodies of 42 enemy soldiers. Great viewing on ABC's Nationwide at 9:30 pm on 23rd April. Put it in your diary

LADIES VIP LUNCHES

The program has been revised by the ladies to better reflect their desires.

APRIL 15	BENDOOPLY ESTATE (BEREKELOWS) <u>BERRIMA</u>
MAY 20	RAW AND WILD <u>BOWRAL</u>
JUNE 17	BERRIMA COURTYARD <u>BERRIMA</u>
JULY 15	ELLING FOREST <u>SUTTON FOREST</u>
AUGUST 19	STATIONMASTER <u>MITTAGONG</u>
SEPTEMBER 16	STUMPS BRADMAN OVAL <u>BOWRAL</u>
OCTOBER 21	SHAGGY COW <u>MITTAGONG</u>

A LEGACY FROM TIM McCOMBE

The untimely passing of Tim McCombe brought to light an important message for all veterans and indeed all people. Tim unfortunately left no will, instructions or information to assist in the dealing with his personal affairs. This has led to the Vietnam Veterans Federation circulating a form for this purpose. Its completion is a really good idea. You can print it out from our website - go to SHVVA.com then enter the MEMBERS area with the password "SITREP" go to WELFARE and then PERSONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT and "[CLICK HERE](#)".

NATIONAL SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

June 30, 2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the second (1965-1972) Australian National Service Scheme.

Half a century ago, the first of the 63,735 young men called up for two years (later reduced to 18 months) service in the Regular Army marched into Recruit Training at Kapooka, Puckapunyal and later Singleton. Of these, 150 served in Borneo and 15,381 in Vietnam. 212 made the Ultimate Sacrifice.

On 30th June 2015 a parade and commemorative service will be held in Canberra. It has been suggested that SHVVPPA hire a bus and attend with our partners. Please give Norm Austin 4869 1772 a ring if you are interested.

VIP RED CARPET DAY - HISTORY & HERITAGE TIME

This will be held at the Southern Highlands Information Centre 62 Main Street Mittagong on Wednesday 1st April from 10:30 to 3:30.

The Australian War Memorial will be giving a talk and assist with your Family Military History. There will be a 40 minute talk, after which 12 private 10 minute appointments are available to talk to Museum staff. To book an appointment phone 4871 2888.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER