

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers and Peacemakers
Association

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

The Executive Committee would like to wish all members and their families a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year

VIETNAM VETERANS MENS LUNCH

After the success of the first lunch another will be held as follows:

Friday 25th November
Springs Room
Mittagong RSL CLUB

Phill has booked a few tables so we can get together in comfort - Be there.

DINNER MEETING
Wednesday 7th December
Club Bowral (Bowlo)

6pm for 6:30pm
If you are coming - RSVP to Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741
by the Monday before



CHRISTMAS LUNCH - "50 Years On"

BRUCE AND JUDY BOFINGER'S
17 Alfred Street, Mittagong
Saturday 10th December
1200h for 1230h

The Bofingers have kindly offered to host this special event to conclude our 50th Commemorations. The food will be traditional Christmas, with ham, pork, prawns and salads. There will be no cost for this function. Some table wines have been donated and softies will be provided. However, please BYOB (bring your own beer). Bruce's swimming pool will provide some relief from the heat, so bring your swimming gear.

This will be a really nice opportunity for us to get together to share the festive spirit of Christmas.

Please **RSVP** to Bruce or Judy on 4872 3175 before **30th November**.

APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT OFFER

40% off fridges and 60% off TV's if you have a Pensioner Concession Card, a Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card - with a fridge 6 years or older or an old plasma or cathode ray tube television.

Interested get the details at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/households/appliance-replacement-offer.htm>

FUNDRAISING

The last Sizzle was a great success with \$1,000 being raised. Thanks go to Terry Lemcke for organising the day and the hardworking volunteers.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewal notices will be posted out shortly. Payment is due by 31st December but early payment would be appreciated so that we can send dues off to Head Office. Please use the stamped addressed envelope and do not forget to sign the form and include your money. If you have not received a renewal notice please contact Norm Austin 48691772.

The money paid to the Association helps to provide services to all Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers and with declining membership overall it is much needed to ensure the employment of permanent staff.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting was held to "test the waters" in relation to the ongoing viability of our organization.

Bruce Bofinger, Gordon McCreadie and Graeme Moffatt nominated for executive positions. Although there was considerable discussion for and against continuing, the meeting resolved to continue with the appointment of a new committee and the next Annual General Meeting, which will be held in March 2017.

However, this does not mean that members can sit on their hands. We will also be seeking nominations for the remaining executive position and for six ordinary committee members to fill roles such as: Social Co-ordinator, Newsletter Editor, Publicity Officer, Welfare Co-ordinator, Pensions Co-ordinator, and School Visits Co-Ordinator, and general Committee member. The idea being to share the workload as much as possible.

PORTRAIT ARTIST - WIN AWARD

Good news is that Robyn Kinsella has won the St.George Art Award "Theme" for 2016.

Robyn has written: The exhibition is showing at Hurstville Museum & Gallery until 15 December, in case any of you are in Hurstville. (MacMahon St)

I have received many congratulations on the SUBJECT chosen, and Kim and I are thrilled about that, as the acknowledgement of you and your histories being made accessible to the broader public has been one of our aims.

The theme of the exhibition is "Reflection" and you can imagine that there were a lot of water/mirror/glass subjects painted so I feel very privileged to have my work and interpretation of the theme, acknowledged. It would not have happened without the involvement of all the Veterans. So thank you.



Both Robyn and Kim are flat out at the moment but hope to get back to doing portraits in the new year.

VETERANS OVER 70

If you are a Veteran and over 70 you are entitled to a Gold Card. This card entitles you to free health services and other benefits of which DVA will advise when it is issue.

You can apply by going to: <http://www.dva.gov.au/oneservices/ocl/gcclaim.html>