

## NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

### DINNER MEETING 5th AUGUST

LION RAMPANT, MITTAGONG

6pm for 6:30

Please note the change of venue

If you are coming - RSVP to Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 by Monday

### LADIES VIP LUNCH

Wednesday 19th August at 12 Noon

Please note the change of venue

KOOKABAR CAFE, 30 Wingecarribee St, Bowral

Please RSVP to Julia Billows Ph 4872 1727

## VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

TUESDAY 18th August 2015

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. We have a plan B.

GUEST SPEAKER - JOHN INNES - 4 RAR

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

The Christian High School will provide a Guest Speaker.

The Mittagong RSL Youth Choir will entertain.

The RAN will provide the Catafalque and Flag parties

Immediately following the service light refreshments will be provided.

After the service, 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.

Veterans are requested to wear their medals.

### NEXT DINNER MEETINGS

2nd September, Bundanoon Bowling Club  
7th October, Porterhouse, Moss Vale Hotel

### NEXT VIP LUNCHESES

September - Stumps at Bradman Oval  
October - Shaggy Cow, Mittagong

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

A Sub-Committee comprising Phill Moscatt, Bruce Boffinger, Terry Lemcke and Norm Austin has been working on this. 2016 will be the 50th Anniversary of the 1st Australian Task Force's move to and engagement in Phuoc Tuy Province in South Vietnam. Is it really fifty years!

To commemorate this we will be holding a Dinner and Concert at the Mittagong RSL Club. Well known local identity Jeff Harvey and his band will do the concert and the Club is very supportive of the initiative. We hope to have between 200 and 300 guests to make this an occasion to remember. More details will be announced as planning proceeds.

If you have any suggestions please contact one of the committee and please put **Saturday 20th August 2016** in your diary now.

### FUNDRAISING

With a view to raising funds to manage our Association, President Phill has been busy making it possible for us to run some Bunnings Sausage Sizzles.

We have been running low on general funds, and the Committee thought that this would enable us to avoid increasing membership fees and enable us to reduce the cost of some functions and activities.

Having obtained charity status, clarified our insurance cover and approached Bunnings, we have been allocated two days: Sunday 20th September 2015 and Saturday 2nd January 2016.

The Sizzles have the potential to raise in excess of \$500 per day. However, to be successful we need VOLUNTEERS. Each day will require eight people to operate efficiently. Bunnings will provide the equipment, direction and guidelines and we provide the sausages, bread, drinks and the sizzle.

This rewarding activity is also a good social outing which provides a great opportunity for us to be acknowledged by the community.

It is definitely on and volunteers could be individuals or couples prepared to donate about 4 hours on the day.

Please **VOLUNTEER NOW - YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU** - by contacting Phill Moscatt now on 4872 1727

## INVITATION TO BONG BONG RACES

The Bong Bong Picnic Race Club, using the 100 years of Anzac as a theme, is inviting the veteran community to be their guest at their annual race day on 20th November, 2015.

This is a great opportunity for us to get together and to get to the races which are usually restricted to members.

Entry to the course will be free but you will need to produce your R.S.L. Sub Branch or Vietnam Veterans' membership card to gain entry to the course. They will provide a marquee with tables and seating and a drink or two with light refreshments. Each veteran will be allowed to have a partner join him or her. To allow for tickets to be issued numbers are required by 25th August.

If you would like to attend please contact Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 before 25th August.

## PROPOSED THEATRE PARTY - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

This is a Pigs Fly production which offers lively entertainment by local artists. We are hoping to get a group together to see this show, which is on at the Mittagong Playhouse from 4th to 19th September. Cost is about \$30.

Little Shop of Horrors is a comedy horror rock musical, by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman, about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood and flesh. The musical is based on the low-budget 1960 black comedy film The Little Shop of Horrors, directed by Roger Corman. The music, composed by Menken is in the style of early 1960s rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown.

This will be a great show. If you would like to go give Norm a ring asap on 48691772

## JULY DINNER - BOWRAL CLUB

Despite the winter chills, this function was well attended. The food was good and as usual everyone enjoyed the evening in pleasant company.

## WEB SITE

Our website [www.shvva.com](http://www.shvva.com) contains an up-to-date listing of all proposed functions and activities in the EVENTS CALENDAR. If you have anything that you think will be of interest to our membership please forward it to me at [normanbaustin@yahoo.com.au](mailto:normanbaustin@yahoo.com.au) Remember that to access MEMBERS AREA the password - this has been removed for security - contact Norm Austin please.

## ONE FOR THE FISHERS

Coming to Bowral on 26th August is the RISE - FLY FISHING FILM FESTIVAL 2015. The festival features five fantastic films featuring fly fishing around the world - from huge trout to giant trevally. Spectacular fishing, in spectacular locations. It's on at the Empire Cinema in Bowral at 7:30pm. I will be going - again - so if you want more information go to [www.gjn.clear.com](http://www.gjn.clear.com) or give me (Norm) a buzz on 48691772

## VETERANS AREA NETWORK - VISITING HIGHLANDS

DVA officers will be at Mittagong RSL Club, Nattai Room, on 27th August 2015 to provide information and assistance with Income Support and Compensation issues. However, you need to phone 133 254 or 1800 555 254 to make an appointment.

## SERVICE PENSION

Following the changes last year two members have obtained a Service Pension. The rules governing assets and income are, to say the least, quite complicated and further changes are proposed by the Government. The fact is that not all income is counted as income depending on superannuation entitlements.

If you have not applied for a Service Pension, then it's a good time to review your position as you may in fact be eligible. If you have a Service Pension, then it is a good time to review your circumstances in the light of the proposed changes.

Contact your Pensions Coordinator Norm Austin on 48691772 if you would like assistance.

## PHUOC TUY OPERATIONS

Vietnam War veterans have been invited to share stories for a new interactive on line archive.

Vietnam Veteran and war historian Dr Bob Hall led the development of the new website detailing the lived experience of Vietnam War veterans.

Dr Hall described the interactive site as "a democratisation of history". "The site allows veterans to come on and tell their own story." he said.

The website features a detailed timeline as well as an interactive battle map with details of 4665 record combat incidents from 1ATF operations in the 60's and 70's.

Vietnam veterans can search for combat incidents they were involved in and add their own recollections and contact other veterans via the site. They can upload photographs, digital voice recordings or sketch maps as part of their interactive contributions to the site.

Interested - go to <https://Vietnam.unsw.adfa.edu.au/>

Sorry - no room for pics this month.