

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 4th October 2017

Moss Vale Services Club

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

If you are coming - RSVP to Bob or Noelene phone 4862 3741 or text 0412 269 217
by the Monday before

LADIES VIP LUNCH

Please note that Ladies VIP Lunches are now held on the 3rd Thursday of the month rather than the 3rd Wednesday. The next lunch will be:

Thursday 19th October 2017 @ 12:00 noon

Gumnut Patisserie Cavendish Street Mittagong

If you are coming please RSVP to Judi Bofinger phone 4872 3175 or text 0407 225 045 by the Tuesday before.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS 2017

4th October	Moss Vale Services Club
1st November	Lion Rampant Hotel Mittagong
6th December	Bowral Bowling Club.

MONTHLY DINNER 2 AUGUST 2017

Sixteen members enjoyed a pleasant evening and a good meal at the Porterhouse Bistro in the Moss Vale Hotel on 6 September 2017. This is one of our most popular venues. [Photos overleaf by courtesy of Norm Austin](#). Thanks again Norm.



IN MEMORY OF THE LATE TONY MITCHELL



Members and guests attending the Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans' September dinner at the Moss Vale Hotel were able to view a portrait of our erstwhile and much respected member, the late Tony Mitchell, that now hangs proudly in the hotel bar. Tony's memory lives on in one of his favourite meeting places.

Thanks to John McDonnell for arranging for the portrait to be copied, framed and placed on display in the hotel.

Thanks to Jean Mitchell for permission to use this photograph of Tony's portrait. The portrait is an excellent likeness painted by one of Jean's friends.

AUSTRALIAN PEACEKEEPING MEMORIAL

Australian Peacekeeping Week was celebrated in Canberra from 11–16 September 2017 to commemorate 70 years of Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations around the world.

The week of activities included dedication of the new Australian Peacekeeping Memorial on Canberra's Anzac Parade on 14 September.

This Memorial commemorates the significant contribution made "in the service of peace" by over 80,000 Australian peacekeepers – military, police and civilian – to more than 60 United Nations and other international peacekeeping missions since 1947.



NEW COMPENSATION ACT FOR VETERANS

A new Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988 (DRCA), has recently replaced, for Australian Defence Force members, the Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (SRCA). There will be no change to eligibility or the coverage of entitlements or benefits available to current and former members of the ADF.

The purpose of this change was to move all military compensation legislation under the Minister for Veterans' Affairs. For those who love acronyms, Defence veterans are now covered under either the DRCA 1988, the MRCA 2004 or the VEA 1986.

The DRCA only applies to those with peace time or peacekeeping service up to 30 June 2004 and those with operational service between 7 April 1994 and 30 June 2004. Most of our members are covered under the VEA and will not be affected by this change.

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS)

A free and confidential counselling service for Australian veterans, peacekeepers and their families. For more information on VVCS services and eligibility, please visit the [VVCS website](#) or phone [1800 011 046](tel:1800011046).

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE - 5 NOVEMBER 2017

The next Bunnings BBQ is scheduled for Sunday 5 November 2017. The sausage sizzle is a good fund-raiser, good fun and provides an opportunity, as Vietnam Veterans, to interact with members of our local community. Please put the dates in your diary now. Contact Terry Lemcke 4883 7505 if you are able to help.



WEBMASTER NEWS

Have you checked out our website lately? Norm Austin has been busy revamping the site. Photographs and videos of recent activities can be found under the NEWS Tab on the website at www.shvva.com

Copies of this and previous Newsletters can also be found under the NEWS Tab.

The Member's Area is password protected. If you've forgotten the password, please ring Norm or me.

CHANGES TO AQUA-VETS CLASSES

There will be **no Aqua-Vets classes** on 3 October and 5 October 2017.

SHVPPA COMMITTEE MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2017

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 21 November 2017. This will be an important meeting where we will set the agenda for 2018 including the social calendar. If you wish to bring any issue to the notice of the Committee, please talk to one of the Committee members before the meeting.

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 Thursday of the month. Ladies meet for lunch at different local cafes & restaurants. Details in newsletter. Contact Judi Bofinger Ph 4872 3175 or mobile 0407 225 045.

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