

Southern Highlands
Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association
NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2013

NEXT DINNER
Wednesday 6th November

IMPERIAL HOTEL BOWRAL

6:00 for 6:30

It is time to give this venue another go as it is central to the Highlands.
If you are coming - RSVP to Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 or by email
rnbailey@bigpond.com
by the MONDAY so that numbers can be confirmed. Contact them now!!

LADIES VIP LUNCH - HIGH TEA
Wednesday 20th November

CAFÉ PARISIENNE IN BOWRAL

2/1-3 Wingecarribee Street

Cost \$21 per head

If you are coming - RSVP to Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 or by email
by the MONDAY THE WEEK BEFORE so that a booking can be made.



CHRISTMAS PARTY
4th DECEMBER 2013
AT
DORMIE HOUSE

Next to Moss Vale Golf Club House



6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

A change this year as we return to an old favorite.



The menu is set out below.
Cost is \$35 per head including lucky door prizes. Drinks at own expense.

MAINS

Balsamic Glazed Pork Loin with Potato Gratin, Red Wine Jus and an Apple Sauce
or
Honey Glazed Lamb Rump served with Baked Jap Pumpkin and a rosemary Jus.

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding with a Brandy Custard
or
Tropical Crumble with Ice Cream

To enable arrangements with the venue, **please note that arrangement of payment and RSVP will be needed by 19th November 2013** TO Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741, or email: rnbailey@bigpond.com

DINNERS AT SUTTON FOREST INN and CLUB BOWRAL

Both dinners were attended by 25 members who enjoyed excellent meals and good fellowship. Bruce was most indignant when he learnt that David had drunk his bottle of red without Bruce's assistance. New member Lee Bourgeois joined us at the Bowlo.

TRIP TO SEYMOUR OCTOBER 2013

On a beautiful clear sunny highlands morning the travellers gathered at Moss Vale railway station at 0900 on Wednesday 9th October and awaited the arrival of the Rail Link XPT to Seymour. The journey south was most picturesque with the usual brown and parched country side unusually green, not quite the equal to the emerald green of Ireland, however, it was a majestic sight that was not wasted on the farmers within our group who looked on in amazement as acres upon acres of pasture and crops rolled by.



Train travel was chosen for the more spacious seating, the ability to get up for frequent walks, the buffet carriage and of course the all important toilet facilities. Many a tale was told as we passed through familiar country towns where members of our group either grew up, worked, farmed and/or engaged with the fairer sex.

As we crossed into Victoria it was obvious that the southern state had experienced considerably more rain than NSW, as all the dams were overflowing and the scenery became even more lush. We arrived at Seymour at 1730 and made our way to our very comfortable lodgings at the Best Western Motel. Most of us were lucky to be



billeted in the newly renovated rooms that were very tasteful and modern. The Motel managers were very welcoming and even offered assistance upon our departure by delivering our bags to the railway station.



It was not long until we were out exploring the picturesque town of Seymour that was unfamiliar to all of us, even the New South Welshman who spent ten glorious weeks of recruit training at the nearby Puckapunyal Army Base when it doubled as RTB2 and Armoured corps training facility. Recruits did not get into town.

The group whole-heartedly embraced the Veteran's Week Health theme and covered a considerable distance by foot with the Vietnam Veteran's Commemorative Walk being the main focus, exploring our names on the wall, together with those of our mates. There is also a replica Long Tan Cross, a Luscombe Bowl replica, a Centurion Tank and I believe a Huey Helicopter is also planned.

Other walks in the area include the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park and the Goulburn River bank. We travelled by public bus to the Puckapunyal Army base where we visited the very extensive Tank Museum, however, I admit to have been a little disappointed not to have seen the old 2RTB barracks and the infamous Tit Hill that had many a recruit experiencing tortuous runs. What did strike me was how the native vegetation had reclaimed the base.

We were most grateful for the Veterans' Health Week Grant that we used to promote healthy eating and complemented out physical activity.

Bob Bailey

AUSTRALIA DAY - FOR YOUR DIARY

In 2014, Australia Day will be celebrated on Sunday 26th January, with a replacement holiday on Monday. Please note that a SHVPPA party will be held at a venue to be decided.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE

Within the next few days members will receive a renewal form for completion and return to our Secretary Sandra Freer. It is important that you promptly fully complete and send the form together with the appropriate fees to PO Box 900 MOSS VALE NSW 2577. Sandra will then consolidate them and forward the head office component to Granville so that the process can be completed this financial year.

Please ensure that you have your latest email address and contact details because we know that these can change from time to time. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

LADIES BOWLING

There will be a bowling morning on Thursday 31st October at 10:00am.

REDEDICATION OF MOSS VALE SOLDIERS MEMORIAL

The Moss Vale RSL Sub-Branch has restored the memorial and a Re-dedication Ceremony will be held on Monday 17th February 2014 at 1100hrs. at the Corner of Argyle and Yarrawa Streets. This will be followed by a luncheon to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the Sub Branch. It will commence at 12:30 with tickets being available from Eric Campbell - Phone 4868 2992.

EXHIBITION BY WORLD BILLIARDS CHAMPION

Robby Foldvari, a three times World Billiards Champion and Captain of the Australian World Cup Snooker team will be holding an entertaining exhibition and trick shots session. This is a great opportunity to get some tips and see just how skillful he is and you might be!

The exhibition will be held at Mt Eymard at 3:00pm on Monday 11th November 2013.

Tony Mitchell - our resident champion - is getting a team together to see this event. If you are interested give him a ring on 48693639. Bookings are essential so if you can't get Tony give Neville Jenkins the manager of Mt Eymard a ring on 4862 2977

FIRE DEVASTATION IN HILLTOP BALMORAL AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Bob and Noelene Bailey are involved with the Bowral Garden Club (as if they do not have enough to do). Following the fires the club is going to provide assistance to redevelop public and private gardens that have been devastated.

Their aim is to cheer up the community which suffered badly. It would really appreciate assistance - some muscle - transportation - some plants etc. If you can assist please give Bob or Noelene a buzz Ph 4862 3741.