

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 6th September 2017

Porterhouse Bistro Moss Vale

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

If you are coming - RSVP to Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 or 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 21st September 2017 @ 12:00 noon

Old Bank Café, Mittagong

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

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS 2017

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

MEN'S MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The next monthly luncheon will be at 12:00 pm on Friday 15th September 2017 at the Mittagong RSL Club. Bookings not necessary – just show up.

VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

More than 100 hardy souls braved the wind and the cold to witness our Vietnam Veterans' Day service on 18 August 2017. Stephen Jones MP, Member for Whitlam, Mayor Ken Halstead, Cr Duncan Gair and Cr Garry Turland were present. The wind did not deter OJ Rushton's RSL Rural Commemorative Youth Choir nor the Royal Australian Navy's catafalque party from HMAS Albatross.

Veterans marched down Cherry Tree Walk to the martial sounds of the Southern Highlands Pipes and Drums. Very fine renditions of the *Last Post* and the *Reveille* were sounded by Duncan Reay of Bowral High School while the haunting sounds of *The Lament* were played by Pipe Major Chris Tabram.

Philip Badcock, ex 6 RAR, gave the commemorative address while Mia Laing, St Paul's International College, spoke on behalf of students. All local secondary schools and colleges were represented and laid wreaths.

MC, President Terry Lemcke, thanked those present and expressed his appreciation for the solid support provided by the Wingecarribee Shire Council and the Mittagong RSL Club. Members and guests enjoyed drinks and finger food at the Mittagong RSL Club after the service.

Thank you to those members who assisted in preparation and setting up for the event.





Above photographs courtesy of Norm Austin. Norm has completed an excellent slideshow and posted it on our website, which is accessible by computer, pad and mobile phone. Please go to our website www.shvva.com and click on **NEWS> RECENT EVENTS> VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY 2017 SLIDESHOW**. Alternatively, you can go directly to the page by copying http://shvva.com/?page_id=3888 into your Internet browser.

MONTHLY DINNER 2 AUGUST 2017

Sixteen members enjoyed a very reasonably priced and hearty dinner at the Bowral Bowling Club on 2 August 2017. **Photos below courtesy of Norm Austin.**



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. A reminder notice will be included in next month's newsletter.



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

Make sure you view the VV Day 2017 slideshow – it's outstanding. Thanks Norm.

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

Planning Ahead Articles 1 to 4 are available under the MEMBER'S AREA by clicking the WELFARE box. 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 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 19 September 2017. 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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