

# Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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## JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

### VOLUNTEERS FOR SHVPPA COMMITTEE 2019 - 2020

The Secretary has received just one expression of interest to serve as a Committee Member from March 2019. I understand several members are considering their options but they need to notify the Secretary **now** of their intentions. At this stage, it is planned to hold a Special General Meeting on Wednesday 26 September 2018 to determine the Association's future. Because of statutory lead times associated with convening General Meetings and circulating Special Resolutions, we need to have firm commitments from volunteers by 17 July 2018. Please give this matter careful consideration if you want to see the Association continue into 2019.

Failure to get sufficient expressions-of-interest by July will likely result in a Special Resolution calling for the Association to be wound up by 31 December 2018. It is unreasonable to expect members to pay subscriptions (due this December) for next year if there is no guarantee that the Association can continue as an incorporated Association after March 2019.

Please contact our Secretary, Gordon McCreadie, mobile 0425 233 019 or email [shvva04@gmail.com](mailto:shvva04@gmail.com) if you are prepared to volunteer for a Committee position. Please state in what position (or positions) you would be prepared to serve.

### NEXT MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

*Lion Rampant Hotel Mittagong*

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

Please note Bob Bailey is away. **For this dinner only, please RSVP to Phill Moscatt,** phone 4872 3741 or text 0420 864 133 by the Monday before.

### NEXT LADIES LUNCH

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 @ 12:30 pm

*Raw and Wild Bowral*

If you are coming please RSVP to Judi Bofinger phone 4872 3175 or text 0408 101 575 by the Monday before

## SHVPPA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 July 2018. Members are encouraged to speak to a Committee member before then to discuss the Association's future direction. Alternatively, you may wish to send me an email and I will ensure your views are put to the Committee. As mentioned above, now is the time to volunteer as a Committee member if you wish the Association to continue functioning in 2019.

The VV Day 2018 Sub Committee (Terry, Bob, Gordon, David B., Ray) will meet on Wednesday 13 June to firm up planning. Please speak to a Sub Committee member if you have any suggestions for this year's service which will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 3:30 pm at Bowral.

## REPORT ON MAY MONTHLY DINNER

Last month's dinner at the Bowral Hotel and was very well attended. The meal was good and the mood lively. Please consider coming to the June dinner next Wednesday at the Lion Rampant – the new owners put on a special dinner for us last year including a complimentary entrée. I know it's State of Origin night, but you can still get home in time to watch.



Photographs courtesy of ace paparazzo John McDonnell

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE FSB CORAL & BALMORAL

The SHVPPA held a service at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on Friday afternoon 11 May 2018 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Coral and Balmoral. Thanks to those who attended despite the cold weather and short notice. Phill Moscott and John Stead laid a wreath in memory of the 25 KIA and the 99 WIA. Our members – the late Tony Mitchell, Ken Burt, Terry Lee and Rod Cashmere – were involved in the battle and are now entitled to the *Unit Citation for Gallantry, Battle of Coral Balmoral*. Congratulations men.

To view the *Southern Highlands News* report on our Commemorative Service, please CONTROL + CLICK on the following link:

<https://www.southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/5404653/veterans-honour-50-year-anniversary/?cs=262>





## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE ARMY LANDROVER?



The Army is presently taking delivery of 1100 *Hawkei* Protected Mobility Vehicles to replace some of its Landrover fleet of vehicles. Delivery is presently underway from Thales Australia's production line in Bendigo. The Hawkei weighs 6.8 t and can carry a payload of 3 t. It provides high levels of protection against land mines, improvised explosive devices and ballistic weapons while being light enough to be air transported by military helicopters.

If you're wondering, a Hawkei is a type of death adder!

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**WALKING GROUP.** Every Tuesday at 8.00 am meeting at the Vietnam War Memorial, Bowral.

**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 or Laura on 0466 905 935.

**DINNER MEETINGS.** Monthly 1st Wednesday. See Newsletter. Tel: Bob or Noelene Ph 4862 3741 or email [rnbailey@bigpond.com](mailto:rnbailey@bigpond.com) (note the r and the n are separate letters ie not m)

**LADIES 'VIP GOURMET CLUB'.** 3rd Wednesday of the month except January. Details in newsletter. Contact Judi Bofinger Ph 4872 3175 or mobile 0408 101 575.

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