

# Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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## JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### VOLUNTEERS FOR SHVPPA COMMITTEE 2019 - 2020

There has been a nil response to the Secretary's call for volunteers to serve as a Committee Member from March 2019. Failure to get sufficient expressions-of-interest by the end of this month will most likely result in the raising of a Special Resolution calling for the Association to be wound up by 31 December 2018.

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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

*Springs Room Mittagong RSL Club*

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

RSVP's are not necessary for this dinner – a block booking has been made with the Club.  
Please attend if you are able.

### LADIES HIGH TEA

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 @ 12:30 pm

*Peppers Craigieburn Bowral*

This is a special function to recognize and thank the ladies for their tolerance and support over the years. The total cost is \$40 per person; however 50% of the cost is being subsidized by our Sub Branch. Ladies, please put your name down **now** and enjoy a quality High Tea at a sophisticated venue at a reduced cost.

**Please note:** You must book early for this particular event - please RSVP to Judi Bofinger phone 4872 3175 or text 0408 101 575 by **Monday the week before, ie by 9 July 2018**. Early notice is required for venue booking and subsidy calculations.

### 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 any issues of concern.

## REPORT ON JUNE MONTHLY DINNER

Fifteen members and partners enjoyed a good dinner at the Lion Rampant Hotel on 6 June.

## VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 2018

The Committee has decided that the 2018 Vietnam Veterans' Day Service be moved from the historic time of 3:30 pm to 11:00 am for the following reasons:

- Vietnam Veterans' Day is for all Vietnam veterans and, while Long Tan represents its genesis, it should not be the entire focus. The Coral-Balmoral 50th anniversary this year illustrates this point.
- While a 3:30 pm start has symbolic significance, it does not need to be at the expense of every other consideration. Some VV Day services throughout Australia start at 3:30 pm but many do not. Indeed some are not even held on 18 August but rather on the nearest weekend.
- The adverse weather conditions in Bowral militate against 3:30 pm starts as you will all be aware. This is a duty of care issue that is becoming more relevant as veterans get older and also for school children and spectators.
- A morning start allows for lunch and drinks at the RSL Club and facilitates attendance by visiting veteran groups. For example, this year D Coy 5 RAR have a meet-and-greet function on Friday night before the service on Saturday followed by a reunion dinner on the Saturday night. This could be an attractive model for other groups in years to come.
- We rely on Mittagong RSL to provide and deliver chairs and the revised timing would suit them better, ie not having staff on hand after hours to return chairs.
- A morning start would be easier for catafalque parties (who mostly come from Nowra) as they would not have to travel back to base at night.
- A morning start limits the time that the site is left insecure and vulnerable to vandalism.

We appreciate that some members might be resistant to change. However, this is an opportunity to test the waters – if the change is not well received, the ceremony can revert to 3:30 pm next year.

Please mark your diary now – Saturday 18 August 2018 – VV Day Service – Form up 10:45 am – March on 10:55 am – Service starts 11:00 am

## 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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