

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Well, President Terry Lemcke has finally done it. He's sold up and is moving to Queensland on 4th October. It is rumoured that others might follow (and join) him. We hope Terry and Jenny enjoy their new home and lifestyle in the north where the sun never stops shining and the birds always sing. Members said farewell to Terry at a special luncheon at Moss Vale last Friday.

Terry led the Sub Branch out of the wilderness following its near-death experience 18 months' ago. He took charge of a new and inexperienced team and was able to continue delivering Sub Branch services at previous levels. Thanks Terry for a job well done during a period of turbulence. We will miss your affable nature, mateship and commitment to veterans.

Following Terry's departure, Bob Bailey and Jeff Forbes have been appointed Acting President and Acting Vice President respectively. Congratulations Bob and Jeff and thank you for accepting these leadership positions.



NEXT MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Moss Vale Services Club

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

Please RSVP to **Phill Moscatt** on 4872 1727 or 0420 864 133 or 29bilmos@gmail.com

NEXT LADIES LUNCH

Wednesday 17th October 2018 @ 12:30 pm

The Courtyard Café Berrima

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

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER MONTHLY DINNER



Once again, Moss Vale's Porterhouse Bistro proved to be a favourite dining venue with 15 members enjoying a great night out.

HONOUR OUR FALLEN

Rick McCarthy has formed a not-for-profit company - *Honour Our Fallen* - to honour and perpetuate the memory of Australian Defence Force personnel who served in conflicts including and from the Boer War and are now buried in Australia.

The *Honour Our Fallen* program involves school students placing an Australian flag at known veteran grave sites in local cemeteries each Remembrance Day and Anzac Day. Prior to the flag placing ceremony, students will have researched that veteran's service and life history. Flags are provided by *Honour Our Fallen*.

This is a worthy project and members are encouraged to support Rick's initiative. Further details are provided on the last page of this Newsletter or on the web at www.honourourfallen.com Better still, ring Rick on 0408 670 812 and have a chat.

SHVPPA BOOK PROJECT

The Committee has received a proposal from Norm Austin and Phil Moscott regarding the production, in pictorial/textual format, of a book outlining the Association's unique social history. The intention is to record our Sub Branch history including member activities and experiences and tell our stories before they are lost in the mists of time. Also included will be a history of the Bowral Vietnam War Memorial and Cherry Tree Walk.

The book project will be developed jointly by an Association Subcommittee with input from local artists and historians, in particular the Berrima District and Family Historical Society. The book will be funded by grants, donations and book sales.

The Committee has approved the establishment of a Book Sub Committee with an agreed Terms of Reference to carry the project forward. Sub Committee members are:

- Chairman Phil Moscott
- Secretary Norm Austin
- Member Graeme Moffatt
- Member Ross Latta
- Graphic Artist Robyn Kinsella
- Consulting Artist Kim Saville

The project concept phase is the best time for you to have your say: What would you like to see in the book? What would make you want to buy it? How much would you be prepared to pay? At this stage, a price cap of \$20 is being considered for a book of about 100 pages with an emphasis on artwork and photographs. Production is timed to coincide with the likely winding up of the Sub Branch in 2020.

The Subcommittee is looking at how individual experiences might be woven into certain story-telling themes such as mateship, military service, repatriation, diversity in membership profile, community contribution, commemoration, advocacy work, mutual support, healing, and memories. The focus will be the Southern Highlands and our Sub Branch.

The project will be developed in consultation with members. Put your thinking hat on and have a chat to Phill 0420 864 133 or Norm 0427 854 141 if you have any moments of inspiration.

Ray McCann

Editor/Welfare Advocate

1 October 2018

"Honour Our Fallen"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
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Honour Our Fallen is a not-for-profit company, with charity status, formed to honour and perpetuate the memory of our Defence Service personnel who have served our Nation through all conflicts since the Boer War and are now buried in Australia. We also aim to create respect and community acceptance of those currently serving and returning from overseas' deployments, including an understanding of their physical and mental issues when returning to civilian life, while also highlighting the virtues of service to our Nation.

This is achieved in partnership with local Schools in each town where our student youth research and identify ex-Servicemen and women's graves and memorial plaques in local cemeteries, and place an Australian flag each year on Remembrance Day and Anzac Day. The flags are supplied by *Honour Our Fallen*.

We encourage all veteran groups, historical, community and ex-Service associations, individual families and friends, and schools to complete a simple "Flag Request" form for any ex-Service male or female, to assist us in our research and commemorative activities. We would welcome these organisations spreading the word through member newsletters and websites.

Honour Our Fallen was launched on Remembrance Day, 11th November 2017, through media announcements and via correspondence to a number of Government authorities requesting their assistance. There have been positive results to date with over 3000 flags being placed in 62 cemeteries over 6 States and Territories on our first Anzac Day (2018) thus honouring our past while displaying respect for our present ADF members.

The program will allow us to participate in the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I on 11th November 2018. Our commemoration will include any deceased veteran who wore an Australian uniform since the Boer War, ie Army, Navy, Air Force, Nursing Corps, Women's Services, Merchant Seamen and Peacekeeping personnel.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

We encourage you to help us realise our mission.

Honour Our Fallen requires a facilitator in each town to coordinate the process. Service organisations (eg RSL and other ESO's, Legacy, Military unit associations), registered clubs, community service organisations (eg Rotary, Lions, CWA) or individuals, are encouraged to volunteer as Facilitators for a particular local area or town. We supply all guidance and template letters required.

Simply go to www.honourfallen.com and complete a "Participation Request" form and press <submit>. We will be in touch to discuss what is required or you may contact me by email or phone as detailed below with any queries.

If you have a veteran relative or friend, buried anywhere in Australia, that you wish to be honoured on these annual commemorative events, , please go to www.honourfallen.com complete a "Flag Request" form and press <submit>. We do the rest in coordination with a local facilitator prior to each Remembrance Day and Anzac Day.

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