

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



NEXT MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Porterhouse Bistro Moss Vale

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 19th September 2018 @ 12:30 pm

Sturt Café Mittagong

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 18 September 2018. Members are encouraged to speak to a Committee member before then to discuss any issues of concern.

VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 2018



Community honours veterans*

ABOUT 250 people paid their respects to Vietnam Veterans in Bowral on August 18. Held at the Vietnam War Memorial in Settlers' Park a special service marked the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Coral/Balmoral where 25 Australian soldiers were killed and 99 wounded.

Local veterans who fought in this battle included John Cummins, Ken Burt, Rod Cashmere, Terry Lee and the late Tony Mitchell. John Cummins was the guest speaker for the occasion.

Students, politicians and the community turned up to pay respects. Organisers sung the praises of students describing them as "a credit to their schools and parents". Special mention was made of Moss Vale High's Scott Lawrence who gave "a most impressive speech" and Chevalier College's Emily Wanczura who played the Last Post and the Rouse.

[*As reported in the HIGHLANDS POST Thursday August 23, 2018]

John Cummins, a former infantry soldier with 1 RAR at Coral/Balmoral, gave an interesting first-hand account of the Battle. The well-turned-out Catafalque Party from the 4th/3rd Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment put on a professional display and, hopefully, we may see them again next year. Many thanks to our school speaker, Scott Lawrence, and trumpeter, Emily Wanczura – Scott and Emily did a great job and we thank them for their contributions. I spoke after the service to Pru Goward MP, Jai Rowell MP and Deputy Mayor Ian Scandrett: they offered their congratulations and continuing support. Media coverage was provided by SHN and 2ST.

We were privileged to have a large contingent of Veterans and partners from the 5th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment join us for the march and for drinks afterwards at the Mittagong RSL Club. The move to an 11:00 am start attracted more local veterans and spectators. The increased numbers provided issues with seating and programs and with crowding at the post-service function. These issues will be examined by the Committee to inform planning for the 2019 Service. Please speak to a Committee member before the 18 September if you wish to comment. Alternatively, you can send me an email and I will ensure your comments are passed on.

Many thanks to those who attended and to those who helped setting up and dismantling on the day.





All photographs in this Edition are courtesy of Norm Austin. Many thanks Norm for your excellent work and skills as our honorary photographer. Members, please keep an eye on our SHVV website as Norm is preparing a slideshow which he will post shortly. Go to www.shvv.com

Sue Austin is preparing a video of the service which will also be posted to our website in due course. Many thanks Sue.

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 Monthly Newsletter for details.

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.

Ray McCann
Editor/Welfare Advocate

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