

# Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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## DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

### NEXT MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6:00 pm

*Bowral Bowling Club*

Please ensure you RSVP to **Phill Moscott** on 4872 1727 or 0420 864 133 or  
[29bilmos@gmail.com](mailto:29bilmos@gmail.com) by 12:00 noon on Monday 3 December 2018.

Table wines and mineral water will be provided by our Association to mark the end of the year and the start of the festive season.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018

Twelve SHVPPA members attended a special service at Mittagong on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the signing of the armistice that ended the First World War. President Bob Bailey laid a wreath on behalf of our Association. The service included the Dedication of a Memorial Stone commemorating the service and sacrifice of all Australian Defence Force members.



## LADIES HIGH TEA 21 NOVEMBER 2018

Eight ladies enjoyed a special High Tea at Peppers Sutton Forest on 21 November 2018 in lieu of the usual monthly luncheon. This will be the last ladies monthly lunch because interest has well and truly dropped off during 2018. Many thanks to Judi Bofinger for her work over the last two years organising these functions.

## REPORT ON NOVEMBER MONTHLY DINNER

Twenty members attended the November monthly dinner at the Lion Rampant Hotel in Mittagong. Some new members attended as well as some members we haven't seen for quite a while. A convivial evening even if the service was a little slow. Thanks to those who attended.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT REUNION

Congratulations to John and Maria McDonnell for organising a major and very successful reunion for Charlie Company 2 RAR Vietnam Veterans. Some 90 veterans and partners came from all over Australia to visit the Southern Highlands and take part in an action-packed, five-day program courtesy of John and Maria. The reunion coincided with the Remembrance Day weekend in November.

The program included a bus trip to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, participation in the Remembrance Day service in Mittagong on 11 November 2018, a tribute ceremony for fallen mates at the Bowral Vietnam War Memorial, a formal dinner at the Mittagong RSL Club, a BBQ and some local area tours.

The 2 RAR veterans were very impressed with the Vietnam Memorial and Cherry Tree Walk. John said that the tribute service was very emotional – tears were shed as poppies were placed on the memorial to commemorate fallen mates and when the Last Post was sounded.

John said that support provided by the Mittagong RSL Club for the 2 RAR reunion was outstanding. We are very grateful for the ongoing support the Club also provides for our Association.

The visitors were quite taken with the Southern Highlands with many proposing to return as tourists. Well done John and Maria – not only did you provide a valuable service to veterans but you also helped attract economic benefit for the Southern Highlands community.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



On behalf of the SHVVPPA Committee, our President Bob Bailey wishes all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in 2019. Our thoughts go out to those members who are unwell and we pray for their recovery.

## SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY DINNERS 2019

6 February 2019	Porterhouse Bistro, Moss Vale
6 March 2019	Mittagong RSL Club (Springs Room) (after AGM)
3 April 2019	Surveyor General Hotel, Berrima
25 April 2019	Lunch at Mittagong RSL Club after Anzac Day march
1 May 2019	Bowral Hotel, Bowral
5 June 2019	Lion Rampant Hotel, Mittagong
3 July 2019	No dinner scheduled
7 August 2019	Bowral Bowling Club
18 August 2019	Lunch after Vietnam Vets Day Service, venue TBA
4 September 2019	Porterhouse Bistro, Moss Vale
2 October 2019	Moss Vale services Club
6 November 2019	Lion Rampant Hotel, Mittagong
4 December 2019	Bowral Bowling Club, Bowral

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be issued on 1 February 2019. Please note the above dates in your diary, in particular the 6 February dinner and the Annual General Meeting on 6 March 2019. This AGM is a voting year for a new Committee.

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 1:30 pm.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN 2019

**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.

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Editor/Welfare Advocate

1 December 2018