

# Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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## JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

### WINTER LUNCH MEETING

Wednesday 7th July

SCOTTISH ARMS HOTEL

**11:30 FOR 12:00 ORDER**

Please RSVP for this dinner to **Ian Humby** phone 0402 415 056 or  
[ianhumby@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhumby@bigpond.com)

[by 12:00 noon on Monday 5th July](#)

**NEXT LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST  
HIGHLANDS HOTEL, MITTAGONG**

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Attached is an Events Calendar for the remainder of the 2021. As Norm & Sue will be away caravanning for 4 months the timing of the next newsletter is uncertain. Therefore, please print this out or copy it into your diary NOW.

### VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY 2021

Commemorative Service

On Sunday 22nd August we will hold our traditional service at the Bowral Vietnam War Memorial and Cherry Tree Walk in Settlers Park, commencing at 11:00am. Dignitaries and schools will be invited, and we hope that we can have a relatively normal service this year.

Preparations are well under way, but current Covid 19 requirements will require the preparation and implementation of a Covid Plan which will require all attendees to register.

The organising Sub-Committee is keeping a close eye on developments and will provide full details closer to the day.

On the Day 18th August

In the afternoon we hope to get together for a coffee and few drinks at the Military Vehicle Compound wherein Vinh Tran has established what he calls a Vets Shed. This will be a BYO function. More details to follow closer to the day.

## HISTORY SUB-COMMITTEE

### BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO HISTORY PROJECT

The first session of the Bowral High interviews is now available for viewing by members. The primary purpose of the video history project is to have the students: study the Vietnam War; prepare questions; and then record the oral history for future use by students. Our aim when editing is to embellish the videos to give context to Veteran's experiences.

You can view it by going to our website (which may take some time to load): [www.shvva.com](http://www.shvva.com) then HISTORY – MOVIES – BHS MOVIES

or by using this link: [http://shvva.com/?page\\_id=4438](http://shvva.com/?page_id=4438)

Further interviews in the final term this year (Covid permitting) and members are again invited to participate. Further details will be provided when available. I the meantime, please contact Phill **0420 864 133** if you would like to participate.

## JUNE LUNCH

Held in the cosy atmosphere of the Moss Vale Hotel, eighteen members enjoyed their meal despite the slow service. Most commented that they preferred lunches in the winter months.

“Good one Dave!”



Allan and Shirley  
enjoyed their outing.

## LORRAE DESMOND'S FUNERAL

On Friday 4th June 10 Vietnam Veterans formed a Guard of Honour at Lorrae's funeral in Welby. We did this to honour her services to the diggers in South Vietnam as the lead singer in the touring concerts. She was the first woman to win a Gold Logie for the Lorrae Desmond Show. After the war she was said to call Vietnam Veterans "My boys".

Our presence was very much appreciated by her family. Thanks to John Steed's efforts, the event was very well covered by the Southern Highland News. Here is a link to the article

Lee pays tribute.



<https://www.southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/7283091/lorrae-desmond-laid-to-rest-at-welby-cemetery-video>

## MENS LUNCH JUNE

Most of the fourteen veterans that lunched at the Scottish Arms: enjoyed a glass of wine (on the house); an excellent meal; and shared a few "waries". The event was so good that they lobbied to go the Arms next time.



## VINH TRAN'S MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM

On 26th June we hosted a visit by Vietnam Veterans from Wollongong. They assembled at the Vietnam War Memorial where they were met by some of our veterans, included was Ray Bernard (a recent member) who had a good chat with them. Ray was Commanding Officer of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV), Australia's most decorated Army unit. Unfortunately, many of his diggers are commemorated on the Memorial.



Ray with the Wollongong vets.



Above: Lt Colonel Ray Burnard (centre) handed over Command to Lt Colonel Russell Hughes (left) who shakes the hand of the CO's driver "Ned Kelly" – 11/2/69 - AWM photo.



We then moved on to the Military Vehicle compound where the group joined more of our members for a meet and greet over coffee. The vehicles invoked memories of Vietnam. Vinh Tran was a most gracious host, and everybody enjoyed the morning. Phill Moscatt is now coordinating visits by vets from Sydney and Canberra.



“down memory lane”



## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**COFFEE CLUB.** Every Thursday at 10:00 in the Café at Mittagong RSL Club – except on the last Thursday of the month where it is at the Vets’ Shed in the Military Vehicle compound.

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

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ATTACHED: Events Calendar 2021