

Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL

CARCA RESTOBAR

515 Argyle Street Moss Vale

5:45 for a 6:00 sit-down

This Moss Vale restaurant produces fine Spanish dishes and is noted for its paella. It is owned by Ian Armstrong who was previously at the Bowral Bolo.

We are breaking with tradition in that we have organised a set price meal.

The cost will be \$30 per head – please bring cash for this.

MENU

Home baked bread.

An entrée of tapas to be shared:

Garlic Mushroom, Garlic Prawn, Chorizo, and Rice Balls.

A main of large paellas to be shared:

Valencia (Chicken) and Mariscos (Seafood)

Drinks and Dessert to be paid for separately.

www.carcarestobar.com

It is essential that you RSVP for this function as the paella will be prepared in advance.

RSVP to Ian Humby on 0402 415 056 or ianhumby@bigpond.com by Sunday 4th April

UPCOMING FUNCTIONS FOR YOUR DIARY

MENS LUNCH - Friday 21st May 2021 - Scottish Arms Hotel, East Bowral

DINNER MEETING - Wednesday 5th May, Highlands Hotel Mittagong

(Formerly the Lion Rampant)

ANZAC DAY 2021

VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL, SETTLERS PARK, BOWRAL

At 6.30am President Phill Moscott will raise the flag and lay a wreath at the Vietnam War Memorial in Settlers Park. Members are invited to attend this short service wearing medals.

MATTAGONG SERVICE

We will be marching this year at the ANZAC Day Service conducted by Mittagong RSL Sub-Branch at the War Memorial.

Veterans are asked to form up at 10.15/10.30am for 10.45am start at the laneway adjoining St Stephens Church.

As the official service will be abbreviated and the number of wreaths laid will be limited. We will be laying a wreath at the Memorial at the corner of Bowral Road and Old Hume Highway before attending the main service.

Due to the NSW Government Covid 19 restrictions the following requirements will be necessary but may be changed beforehand:

Only people wearing medals will be eligible to march.

Family and friends will be able to view the march and service from the area around the memorial. However, the only seating available will be allocated to Veterans and War Widows that are unable to stand during the service.

SHVVPPA LUNCH

After the service the Springs Room will be available for SHVVPPA members, friends and family. Two drink vouchers will also be available for members to purchase beer, wine, soft drink or coffee.

MITTAGONG SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS

As usual a luncheon will be held after the service and tickets will be available at the Club reception from 7th to 19th April 2021. They will be limited to two tickets per Sub Branch member and cost \$10. Each.

BOWRAL SUB-BRANCH

We have been invited to participate in its ANZAC Service at the Bowral War Memorial and we are asking for two volunteers to attend and lay our wreath. Please contact President Phill 0420 864 133 if you would like to do this.

DINNER MEETING 3rd February

This function was well attended and despite the Covid restrictions apparently enjoyed by all. It was also an opportunity to farewell Bruce and Judy Bofinger who were migrating North. Both have been stalwarts of our Association since its inception, and they will be missed very much.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

A good rollup saw approximately half our members at the Annual General Meeting on 3 March 2021.

President, Phill Moscatt thanked the committee members for their work and said that a focus for the coming year would be the development of the SHVVPPA History Project which is producing a Book on the History of the Bowral War Memorial and continuing to record and produce Oral History Videos in conjunction with Bowral High School.

Secretary/Treasurer, Norm Austin reported that we are in a very sound financial position with membership holding steady at 42.

The outcome of elections was:

Committee Members:

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| ▪ President | Phil Moscatt |
| ▪ Vice President | Graeme Moffatt |
| ▪ Secretary/Treasurer | Norm Austin |
| ▪ Social Co-ordinator | Ian Humby |
| ▪ Publicity Officer | Norm Austin |
| ▪ Committee Member | Tony Blake |
| ▪ Committee Member | John Stead |

Appointed Officers:

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| ▪ Public Officer | Norm Austin |
| ▪ Auditor | Ross Cowley |

Non Committee Supporters:

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| ▪ Welfare Support Officer: | Ray McCann |
| | David Babbage |

There are still vacancies on the Committee so let us know if you want to give it a go.

PENSIONS

Discussion at the AGM highlighted three important issues in relation to pensions:

1. That all veteran pension and support matters should be dealt with through the Department of Veterans' Affairs and NOT through Centerlink.
2. It is advisable to get the best professional help you can BEFORE approaching DVA. This help is available through our NSW Branch at Granville and Ray McCann, Phill Moscott or Norm Austin can facilitate this. It is also available through the RSL Sub-Branches.
3. Do not assume that you are too wealthy to be eligible for a Service Pension, or part thereof (equivalent to the Aged Pension). Many forms of assets and incomes are excluded from assessment. For example: your home, your disability pension, and even your superannuation if you have owned it for a few years.

NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS' MUSEUM

The Museum has recently released plans for the new museum which will be built on 100 acres of land opposite its present site on Victoria's Phillip Island. The projected cost is \$50 million. The museum has outgrown its present one-acre site and a recently adopted business plan will see the development of what will be, worldwide, the largest museum dedicated to the Vietnam War. Visitation was up over 20 percent last year and it is hoped that the new facility will attract even stronger visitation.

Building plans are with council for approval and subject to this, building should commence this year.

If you are in Victoria, a visit to the Museum is a must for all Vietnam Veterans.



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

COFFEE CLUB. Every Thursday at 10:00 in the Café at Mittagong RSL.

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