

# Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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## APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

### CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF NOELENE BAILEY



On Wednesday 6th April members attended a Service of Remembrance and Celebration of the life of Noelene Bailey, at Bowral Uniting Church. Tributes by her family and friends revealed that Noelene was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and Bob's "soulmate and rock". The overcrowded church showed the extent of friendships that they formed during their life together both before and during life in the Highlands. Noelene was always a great supporter of our organisation and with a cheery greeting, welcomed us as friends: she will be sadly missed. Our collective condolences were extended to Bob and his family he responded with this message.

"I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the committee and all our friends within the Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Association, for the beautiful flowers, cards and support over the recent years when Noelene was struggling with Mesothelioma. The loss of my beautiful Noelene has been devastating.

The association and members have been such an important part of Noelene and my lives since moving to the Highlands, your friendship and camaraderie have meant so much to us both.

Thank you once again,

Bob B."

## SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

### COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

This is the Sunday before ANZAC Day and members, family and friends are invited to a short service at the Vietnam War Memorial in Settlers Park, Bowral at 10:00am. (Half an hour earlier than previously advised). Veterans are requested to wear medals.

### MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM

This will be followed by lunch and drinks at the Nui Dat RnR Compound in the Military Vehicle Museum behind the Mill at Bowral.

Historic trucks and jeeps will be available for short trips around town. A trip down memory lane for the vets and good fun for everybody. A barbecue lunch will be provided by friends of the museum. This will be a great opportunity for us to get together for a social outing. There will be no charge but donations to the Museum are very welcome.



The Vietnam Consular General will be the guest of honour.

At 11:00am a parade led by two WWI Light Horsemen followed by jeeps and trucks will travel down the length of Bowral's main street and back. All present will be invited to ride in the vehicles.

There will be plenty of ex-military vehicles on display, and weather permitting a fly over of helicopters: a Bell 47 "MASH" and Kiowa.

The BBQ starts at 11:00, but you can arrive earlier or later the idea is for a casual gathering.



The Nui Dat base is located at the far end of the carpark behind "The Mill" on the corner of Bong Bong and Bundarbo streets, Bowral (carpark entry from Bundaroo street).

## NEXT MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 4th May

*Scottish Arms Hotel*

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

Please RSVP to Ian Humby [ianhumby@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhumby@bigpond.com)  
or phone 0402 415 056 before 12:00 noon on Monday 2nd May

## NEXT MENS LUNCH

Friday 13th May at 12 noon

Please RSVP to Ian Humby [ianhumby@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhumby@bigpond.com)  
or phone 0402 415 056 before 12:00 noon on Wednesday 11th May

## ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL

With Covid19 restrictions having been eased we will be able to march on ANAC Day, Monday 25th April.

As has been the custom lately we will march behind our banner at Mittagong. Please meet in Albion Street Mittagong at 10:00am for a chat. Veterans will step off at 10:35am., to march to the Service, which commences at 10:45am at the Mittagong War Memorial.

After the service, members, family, and friends are invited to adjourn to the Springs Room at the Mittagong RSL Club. The room has been reserved for our private function. Here we will have a few drinks before lunch which will be from the bistro menu and paid for individually. Members will be provided with two drink vouchers each to the value of \$7. If you are a Club member, show your Club Membership Card to gain better value.

Members of Mittagong RSL Sub-Branch may wish to join their lunch, with a partner, at 12:30. This will be held upstairs. Do not forget to get your ticket from the Club beforehand.

Dawn Service at Mittagong: form-up in Church Lane Mittagong at 05:00am, step off at 05:15am service commences at 05:30am at the Mittagong War Memorial.

## PLANNING AHEAD PRESENTATION

This was very successful with about 50 people in attendance.

The importance of having legal documents in order was emphasised. Your Will, Power of Attorney, Enduring Power of Attorney and a Binding Death Nomination.

We were strongly advised that if you are thinking you may need home care – get in early as the initial assessment could take up to six months. If you start with limited assistance an upgrade is easier and quicker.

Another tip was that if you are required to have driving licence test get some lessons beforehand so that you will know what you will be tested on.

DVA have published an excellent guide “Planning Ahead – A Guide to Putting your Affairs in Order. President Phill has requested additional information packages. So if you missed out on the presentation phone him on 0420 864 133 and when they arrive he will get them to you.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**DINNER AND LUNCH MEETINGS.** A revised **2022 CALLENDAR** is attached.

**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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PS: I will be away with Sue for 3 months from May – travelling to Darwin and return. In the mean time we will keep in touch by email.

## REVISED EVENTS CALENDAR 2022

COFFEE is EVERY THURSDAY 10:00AM in the Café at Mittagong RSL **except** for the last Thursday of the month when it is at the Men's Shed in the Military Vehicles Museum behind The Mill in Bowral.

4th May - Wednesday	Dinner 6 pm	Scottish Arms Hotel, East Bowral
13 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday	Men's Lunch 12 Noon	Scottish Arms Hotel, East Bowral
1st June - Wednesday	Lunch 12 Noon	Robertson Hotel
17 <sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday	Men's Lunch 12 Noon	Robertson Hotel
6 <sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday	Lunch 12 Noon	Sutton Forest Inn
5th August - Friday	Men's Lunch 12 Noon	Scottish Arms Hotel, East Bowral
21st August - Sunday	Vietnam Vets Day Commemorations	Details later.
7 <sup>TH</sup> September - Wednesday	Dinner 6 pm	Highlands Hotel Mittagong
16 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday	Men's Lunch 12 Noon	Robertson Hotel
5 <sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday	Dinner 6 pm	Mittagong RSL Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> November - Wednesday	Dinner 6 pm	Moss Vale Hotel Bistro
7 <sup>th</sup> December - Wednesday	Christmas Dinner 6 pm	Highlands Hotel, Mittagong
16 <sup>th</sup> December - Friday	Men's Lunch 12 Noon	Scottish Arms Hotel, East Bowral