

# Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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## AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

### VP DAY

Monday 15th August is Victory in the Pacific Day and Mittagong RSL Sub-Branch will be holding a ceremony at the Mittagong RSL Club in front of the Club. Marshalling time is 10.15 and commencement of service will be 10.30 with Ian Humby addressing the gathering. Mittagong RSL will provide morning tea after the service.

Gentlemen are reminded to wear coats, ties and medals, please.

### VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST AFTERNOON GATHERING AT THE MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM



To honour veterans and commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day, Vinh Tran has invited our members, partners, and family; other veterans; and people associated with the Museum to this gathering.

The function will commence at 3:00pm. Drinks and food will be provided. A deposit in the Museum donation box would be an appropriate way of thanking Vinh.

Rides on the historic vehicles will be available.

The Museum is located behind The Mill in Bowral.

### COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

Our annual Vietnam Veterans' Day Service will commence at 11:00 am at the Bowral Vietnam War Memorial and Cherry Tree Walk.

Veterans are asked to assemble by 10:45 am on the Cherry Tree Walk near the 8 RAR memorial. The organising committee asks veterans to wear a coat, tie and medals.

March-on will commence at 10:55 am. Our principal speaker will be Tony Blake who will talk about the Battle of Long Tan. Schools in the Southern Highlands will be participating as will local dignitaries, families, and friends. Moss Vale High School will provide a student speaker.

Those proposing to lay wreaths please report to the Wreath Marshall (John McDonnell) prior to commencement of the service.

There will be no particular Covid restrictions, and the wearing of masks is optional.

Afterwards members, guests and dignitaries are invited to Mittagong RSL Club's Springs Room for drinks and finger food from 12:30 pm. Vietnam Veterans will be provided with two drink vouchers.

If you can help with setting up, please come to the Memorial at 8:00 am on Sunday. This should allow sufficient time to get the job done and go home to change in time for assembly at 10:45 am.



### MONTHLY LUNCH

HIGHLANDS HOTEL, MITTAGONG

Wednesday 7 September – 12 noon.

Please RSVP to Ian Humby [ianhumby@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhumby@bigpond.com)  
or phone 0402 415 056 before Tuesday 6th

### MENS LUNCH

ROBERTSON HOTEL

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 12 noon.

Please RSVP to Ian Humby [ianhumby@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhumby@bigpond.com)  
or phone 0402 415 056 before 12 noon on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

### BOWRAL VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT

The grant application for a *Saluting Their Service* was successful and Council is now preparing a display for public information. This grant is for the ground works and a separate application will be made for repairs to the memorial facing. At this stage we do not know when work will commence.

**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 in the Vets' Shed in the Military Vehicle Museum compound.

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

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