

# Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association

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## AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

HAVE YOU OBTAINED YOUR TICKETS FOR THE LUNCHEON ON 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST?

SALES CLOSE ON MONDAY

### VP DAY

Tuesday 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 10.15am and commencement of service will be 10.30am. Mittagong RSL will provide morning tea after the service. Gentlemen are reminded to wear coats, ties, and medals, please.

## VIETNAM *50 Years On*

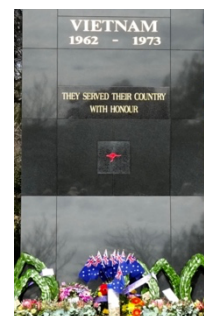
There are several functions next week. Please read this carefully and update your diary.

### FRIDAY AUGUST - 18 VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Commencing at 11:00 am a short service will be held at the Bowral Vietnam War Memorial.

Whilst a few members will be commemorating the day elsewhere, we would like to see a good gathering of veterans to honour those whose names are enshrined on the Memorial.



#### MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM

Vinh Tran has organised a great function to honour Veterans whilst commemorating Vietnam Veterans' Day.

He invites our members, partners, and family; other veterans; and people associated with the Museum to this gathering.

The function will commence at 11:00 and continue through lunch to 4:00pm.



Vinh has promised that he will have his newest addition to the Museum on display – a HUI Iroquois helicopter. Two Caribou aircraft from HARS will overfly together with helicopters. Drinks and food will be provided courtesy of Museum supporters.

There have been some great changes since last year so join in and check out the new RnR Bar, art gallery and memorabilia. Rides on the historic vehicles will run during the function.

A deposit in the Museum donation box would be an appropriate way of thanking Vinh.

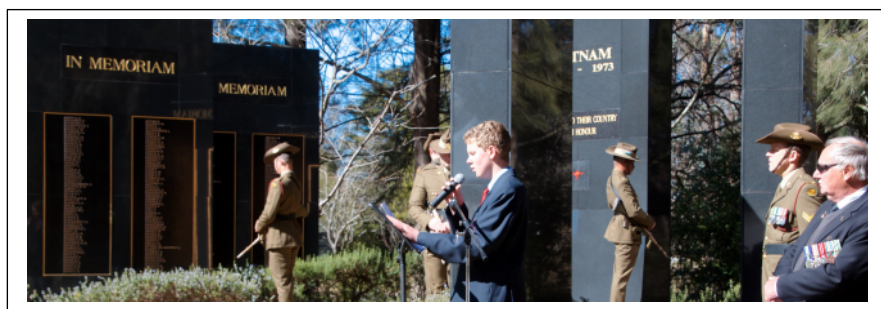
The Museum is located behind The Mill in Bowral.

## **SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

The first function will be a Memorial Service Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War and Vietnam Veterans' Day at the Bowral Vietnam War Memorial and Cherry Tree Walk in Settlers Park.

The second will be Commemorative Luncheon at the Mittagong RSL Club.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**



The Service will commence at 11:00 am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, however guests are requested to arrive by 10:45 as the Service will be preceded by a parade of Vietnam Veterans led by the Oxley College Pipe Band.

Well known author and National Service veteran, Lieutenant Colonel Gary McKay, MC, OAM (Retired) will be our Guest Speaker. Gary was awarded his Military Cross whilst serving as a platoon commander with 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. Frensham will provide School Speakers.

Oxley College Pipe band will lead a parade of veterans, and 3-4 Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment will provide a catafalque party.

Local MP's, the veteran community and local high schools will be represented.

During the Service the public will be invited to lay a tribute on the Memorial.

Veterans participating in the parade should arrive early and gather at the 8 RAR Memorial beside the Cherry Tree Walk before 10:45 am.

A marquee with undercover seating will provide shelter from potential Highland weather.

## **COMMEMORATIVE LUNCHEON**

Following the Memorial Service on 20<sup>th</sup> August, a Luncheon, sponsored by the Mittagong RSL Club, will commence at 12:30 pm in the Carrington Room. It will commemorate "Vietnam 50 Years On" and celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans.

Lieutenant Colonel Gary McKay, MC, OAM (Retired) will be the guest speaker.

Veterans, family, friends, as well as interested public are invited to attend.

Tickets are on sale for \$20 at the Club either on-line at

<https://mittagongrsl.com.au/event/vietnam-50-years-on/>

or at Reception.

**Please note ticket sales will cease on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August.**

### **BOWRAL VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL FUTURE-PROOFING PROJECT**

Wingecarribee Shire Council has completed work on the Memorial, and it is looking fantastic - as was originally planned.

This project was initiated by our Past President Phill Moscatt, and I am sure he would have been proud of the outcome.

A huge vote of thanks goes to Ray McCann for his untiring efforts, over the past few years, to ensure that this stage was completed. Development of a Conservation Plan is the next stage.



### **SEPTEMBER MONTHLY LUNCH**

**SCOTTISH ARMS HOTEL**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 12 noon.**

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

### **SEPTEMBER MEN'S LUNCH**

**SCOTTISH ARMS HOTEL**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</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

**COFFEE CLUB.** Every Thursday at 10:00 in the Café at Mittagong RSL Club –**except on the last Thursday of the month** when it is in the Nui Dat RnR Center in the Military Vehicle Museum

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