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Merry Christmas! Welcome to this Christmas edition of the Information Bulletin. President Flood and the Committee wish all members a wonderful Christmas and hope that it's a special time for you all.

1. Tinks' Christmas Letter:

In case you hadn't realised that Christmas is nearly here, you will when you hear that we have received our patron Tinks' festive letter for 2015. If you were expecting great words of wisdom and comfort, then you don't really know Tinks. As usual, his letter is full of irreverent cheer, and.....? Well... you read it and be the judge.

Seriously though, thanks Tinks. You cheered us up on occasions back in 1968 when many of us felt there was nothing left to smile about, and you're still doing it. We love ya, and appreciate that you're our Patron.

2. Next Reunion – Advance Notice:

Your committee has formally decided that the next reunion of the Association will be postponed until 2017 when it will be held at the same time and in the same vicinity as the RAAA's National Gunners' Dinner – that is around 27th May near Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast. Those who attended the reunion at Maroochydore in 2014 will confirm that this locality, together with the option to attend the Gunners' Dinner as part of the reunion, made for a terrific event.

If you require any further information about the Gunner's dinner, you can find a more complete description and an invitation in Issue #39 of this Bulletin.

3. Support from Ingleburn RSL Sub-Branch:

As in previous years, the Association has once again received financial support of another \$500 from this organisation. As with previous payments, this money goes a long way towards helping with our communications, and we thank the committee and members for their continuing support.



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4a. Funding Appeal for Vung Tau Centre:

Members who made donations towards this worthwhile project will be interested in this latest Sitrep report from our member Ian Dimond who is mentoring the project. You might recall that in the last Information Bulletin, he advised members of the acute need for shade cloth over the play area, and that some donated funds would be used for that purpose.

“Trevor, just an update regarding where funds being used. The shade cloth area is costing \$4200 approx. We have \$4500 in our account, so the erection is commencing now. It is a big area covering approx.. 20m x 15m. This is shading their playground area. It was so hot when I was there in October, that the kids would not go out to play. This project certainly is adding a quality of life for them! When completed I will forward photos, or ask My Huong to do so. Once again, best regards.”

4b. Christmas Report from My Huong, Vung Tau Centre:

At her request, Ian Dimond has also sent us a copy of the Christmas Report compiled by the Centre’s Vice-Director My Huong. A copy of her report is attached for those who are interested.



5. Merchandise:

QM Laurie Bird is still selling all-weather Jackets and they remain at the very competitive price of \$55 including postage.

Also don’t forget the usual shirts (\$27), caps (\$15) and ties (\$27) etc. that are still available, as well as the CD featuring the 102 Battery theme song The Toucan Battery Blues, and a tribute song to the Centenary of Anzac called Lone Pine Lament (\$10).

Christmas will soon be upon us and any of these items would make magnificent gifts not only for your ex-Regiment mates, but also for family and friends who are proud of your service to your country.

To order please contact Laurie Bird on birdlawrence@outlook.com or phone him on 02 49548248.



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