

## **Graveside vigil for Vietnam Gunner Ian Scott at Camperdown Vic.**

Today we honoured the Service and Sacrifice of **Gunner Ian Scott** 3791583 who was born on 18 September 1946 and was a casualty at FSB Coral on 13 May 1968 with HQ. Bty. 12 Fld. Rgt.

As part of the commemorations marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, Gunner Scott's commemoration was among 98 held simultaneously across Victoria.

An estimated 250 to 300 people attended at the Camperdown Cemetery and 12 Field Regiment was well represented as were Vietnam Veterans. Many people travelled quite a distance to attend as did Andy Forsdike MM from NSW. Paul Kelly from NSW makes many regular visits to Ian's grave, with Ian's sister Pat Scott and along with Ian's widow Marlene they were comforted by the attendance and tributes.

Our gratitude to all who organised the day, VVAA Victoria, Geelong and districts and to MC Darby Drennan and all the many people who helped organise the day and gave their time freely, not forgetting the talented bugler.

Country hospitality was at its best with Saturday night BBQ, Sunday, morning tea and dinner at Pat Scotts, with accommodation for some distance travellers provided by Pat and her friends.

Buses to and from the vigil were provided with the Cobden graveside vigil joining us for a light lunch at the golf club, approximately 300 altogether.

Our thanks to the wonderful people of Camperdown especially Pat Scott and all who contributed to this memorable event.

Our thoughts are also of **Gunner Christopher Sawtell** HQ Bty 12 Fld. Rgt. who was a casualty at FSB Coral.

**Lest We Forget**