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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 53 14.11.2016

1. Annual General Meeting:

The meeting on 9th November went extremely well with 13 eligible members attending. Many thanks to them for their interest. Attached is a copy of the draft Minutes for your interest. Note that the Association's new committee consists of:

President: Don Tait

Vice President: Graham Floyd

Treasurer: John Beer

Secretary: Trevor Bryant

Committee: Stan Carbines, John Ericsson, Rob Costello, Peter Geelen. *(Note that there are still vacant positions on the committee and the existing committee has the power to appoint new acting members from time to time, so if you have any interest in joining the committee in the future, please advise the Secretary.)*

The meeting included some lively discussion on a number of matters. You can see more details of those discussions in the draft Minutes.

2. A Message from past-President Flood:

The Immediate Past President Graham Floyd along with the then committee members, Don Tait, Rob Costello, Stan Carbines, John Ericsson, Hugh Ritchie and Tony Marshall have much pleasure in advising members that our honorary secretary, Trevor Bryant has been awarded Life Membership of the Association for his dedicated and "above and beyond the call of duty" performance as Secretary.

3. Memory Lane:

Member Peter Olsen has sent us a couple of historical photos. Thanks, Pete.

"Trev From memory the pic was taken mid 1968 in the boozier @ HQ area of 12 Fld RAA.

Back row left is Bob Woodfull Second row right is Vic Alsbury and front row 2nd right is Bob Meagher."

Does anyone recognize any one else among this ugly crew?





Lt Earle, Vietnam 1968

4. Q Store Panic:

Our esteemed QM Cossie is frantic. His garage is cluttered with Association merchandise and with the permission of the sub-committee, he wants to clear them out quickly. Check out these bargains!

Stock clearance sale!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Buy now.

Summer is with us at last and we have purchased 100 Tee shirts in sizes from S to 5XL.

You can own your own T shirt And a **FREE** cap included for the crazy price of **\$22.00!!!!!!**

Reduced by \$3.00 plus free post.

BARGAIN HUNTERS

The last of the Mohicans!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Our Chambray shirts have sure been a popular item, but now we are down to the last of them. We have 3 x Long sleeve M, 2 x 2XL short sleeve, 1x 2XL L/S 3 x XXXL S/S and 1 x 5XL S/S and 1 x 5XL L/S

now sacrificed @ \$15.00 and we will

throw in a cap for free !!!!!!!!!!



Caps

The summer favourite is quickly getting scarce. Once this batch is sold there will be no more. So get in now whilst you can. Crickey, you can't even buy a schooner these days at this price, **\$6.00 Supa special**

Association Regimental Tie

This is the second generation of our original and it includes background shadows of the artillery badge in the full length of the tie. You could look fresher than Sir Les Patterson on Anzac Day wearing one of these specials,

Limited number to clear \$16.00



Due to the apparent limited financial viability of our 12 Field Veteran members, all items are offered postage free!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Buy now to support the Reunion in May 2017 in which your Association is giving huge support to you and your partner!!!!

All items listed are and on a first in, best dressed basis. The first 10 Caps or Ties ordered will receive a special gift of previously quitted stock. **ORDERNOW.....**
Via: cossie0102@bigpond.com or Phone: 02 49 303 359 or 0409 432346. If I don't answer, please leave a message.

5. Association Reunion May 2017:

I'm delighted to finally provide you with the details of next year's reunion. The sub-committee of John Beer and Neil Mangels has put together a terrific program and we thank them for their efforts. It's going to be a great show, and thanks to very generous support from Association finances, it will cost attendees very little.

As in 2015, the reunion is being held on the beautiful Sunshine Coast in sunny Queensland, **and once again will be centered round the Surf Life Saving Club at Maroochydore.**

A. The Program:

Wednesday 24th May 2017.

- **1830: Meet-and-Greet gathering** at the Maroochydore SLSC.
Finger food will be served. Food and limited drinks will be compliments of the Association.

Thursday 25th May 2017.

- **Aviation Museum at Caloundra**

Guided tour of the museum followed by shopping and/or soaking-up-the-atmosphere at Mooloolooba. Own arrangements for lunch.

Complimentary busses will be provided for this activity and will collect you from the Maroochydore SLSC at 0930, and will drop you back before 1600.

- **Formal Association Dinner** – 1800 at the Maroochydore SLSC.

3-course dinner paid for by the Association. Limited drinks will be provided at Association expense.

Friday 26th May 2017.

- **Hinterland Exploring.**

We'll travel to Yandina to visit the Buderim Ginger Factory and the Macadamia Centre. Morning tea is available there at your expense.

Then we continue on to spend time in the scenic towns of Montville and Maleny where you can browse around and buy yourselves some lunch.

On the way back, we drop in to Mary Cairncross Park where there is an easy walk through the rainforest for those wanting to burn off a few calories.

Complimentary busses will be provided for this activity, and will collect you from the Maroochydore SLSC at 0900 and drop you back before 1600.

- **Informal barbecue.**

At 1800, the Association will host a "free" barbecue for you at the Maroochydore SLSC. Some limited drinks will also be provided free of charge.

*(Note that the Australian Artillery Association will also be hosting a **Happy Hour** at Caloundra that afternoon for members who are attending the Gunner Dinner on Saturday. If you are planning to attend that Happy Hour and skip our reunion barbecue, please let us know in advance for catering purposes.)*

A. The Program (continued):

Saturday 27th May 2017.

This is a free day for you to organize your own activities and catch up with mates.

- **National Gunner Dinner:**

For those members attending this formal dinner in Caloundra, the Association will provide complimentary bus transport leaving the Maroochydore SLSC (actual time subject to confirmation). Complimentary busses will also bring you back from Caloundra to the Maroochydore SLSC after the dinner concludes.

Sunday 28th May 2017;

- **Farewell Breakfast.** (Provided free of cost to you.)

A last chance to catch up with everyone and swap contact details.
0900 at the Maroochydore SLSC.

B. Costs:

This whole program, which includes

- the Meet-and-Greet function (with finger food and limited drinks),
- the formal Association Dinner (with 3-course meal and generous drinks package),
- the Friday night barbecue (with food and limited drinks),
- Sunday breakfast,
- the busses for the day trip to Caloundra Aviation Museum, and Mooloolaba,
- the busses for the hinterland trip,
- the busses to and from the National Gunner Dinner,

will be provided for members, their partners and direct family members at a one-off cost of \$55 per head. **This is obviously an excellent deal for members thanks to a very generous contribution from Association funds.**

C. Registration:

Members are invited to register for this event using the attached Registration Form.

To assist with the planning and catering, Registrations need to be received by 31st January 2017 please.

Let's face it fellas – we're all getting a bit long-in-the-tooth these days, and a significant number of our membership has already fallen by the wayside. There cannot be many more reunions left in us, so PLEASE make the effort to come and catch up with your mates and their partners. You never know whether there will be a "next time".

The Association acknowledges the ongoing support of the Ingleburn sub-Branch of the RSL in the publication of these Bulletins, and thanks them for their assistance.