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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

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1. Reunion Report:

The reunion seemed to be a terrific success, in spite of the low numbers. All those who attended appear to have had a good time.

The food and facilities at the Maroochy Surf Club were excellent, and the organised events were enjoyable. The visit to the Queensland Air Museum was surprisingly entertaining, with many members deciding to go back there one day when they have more time available.



Some of the attendees enjoying themselves at Australia Zoo.
(Photo thanks to Verna Black)

Those who attended the reunion were: Rob and Kath Costello, Graham and Jude Floyd, Ray and Denise Hiles, Ian and Verna Black, Larry Darcy, Mark Jamieson, Peter and Pat Geelen, Ross Bland, Neil and Merrill Ahern, John and Sue Harms, Matt Cleland and Ann Bromwich, Vic and Elaine Alsbury, Stu McKeown, Greg and Lorraine Ayson, David and Lois Keall, Robin and Judy Parkinson, Vince Dunn, John Foxwell, Paul and Cathie Haw, Ross and Carmel Kannar, John Dalton, Tom and Youhan Brown with daughter Roza, Lyall Mills, Jodi Good and Scott Collins, Trevor and Jean Bryant

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2. AAA's National Gunner Dinner:

As happened in 2015, the National Gunner Dinner was held at the Caloundra Events Centre on Saturday 27th May. Many members of our Association, who were already participating in our reunion in Maroochydore, attended this prestigious dinner event.

It was a marvelous occasion and a major tribute to Graham Hampton and Kim McGrath from the AAA who did all the organisation and hosting. Everything went like clockwork and all 400+ guests had a great night – spectacular food, decorations, and entertainment.



Enjoying themselves in the annex bar at the National Gunner Dinner are, amongst others, Ross Bland, John Dalton, Peter Geelen, Larry Darcy, Ian Scrubber Ahearn, Trevor Bryant and Neil Ahern. Cossie is the one taking the photo. Thanks Cossie for sending it and the one below.



Cossie, Mark Jamieson and Larry Darcy enjoy themselves at the national Gunner Dinner.

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3. Transport Concessions:

Neil Mangels has sent us a summary of the various transport concessions that we are entitled to state-by-state. Helpful information if you happen to be travelling around. The info is attached to this Bulletin for your information.

4. Special Coral Concert in Queensland:

Vice President Flood has sent us this info regarding a special 50th Anniversary of Coral concert which will be held next year. Those of you who will be in Queensland about that time might like to make a diary note. You can see that the organisers are asking Flood for details about any of us who are likely to attend, so if you reckon you might get there, would you please let Flood know. Thanks.

Hi Graham,

Further to our phone conversation today VVAA Qld are having a 50th anniversary concert to remember Coral and Balmoral at Remembrance House Burpengary on 2 June 2018.

Could you please contact our SMC secretary Darryl Shipp on 0738886004 during VVAA Qld office hours or 0459332935 at other times and discuss what we are going to do and maybe give him details of groups or individuals who would be interested in attending or advising us as required.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on this email address or phone 0747800048 in the evening or call 0428218816 and leave a message (no mobile phone service at home).

Thank you,

Dan Donovan

VVAA Qld SMC member.

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5. RSL - Time for Change:

We all know what a can of worms the RSL has become in recent years. What a travesty. Flood has sent us a copy of this article (attached) from the Townsville Bulletin. Grim reading.....

6. Future of the Association:

A number of committee members have notified their intention of resigning from their roles effective from the next AGM in November 2017. There is an urgent need to replace them with other members from the ranks who are willing to nominate or be nominated to take over the management of the Association.

Members will shortly receive a Notice about this from the committee with a formal Nomination Form, so please start giving the matter some thought. **YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!**

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.

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