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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:
From President Graham “Flood” Floyd

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1. Vice President Position:

Now that our previous VP Trevor Bryant has taken up the position of Acting Secretary, the Committee has appointed Neil Mangels as Acting Vice President in accordance with Rule 17.5. Neil will act in this role until the next AGM when members will have the chance to elect a VP of their choice. On behalf of all members, I welcome Neil to the position. He is a founding member of the Association and has served as VP before, making him an ideal choice.

2. New Members:

Recently, the Association has been boosted by a number of new members. On behalf of you all, we welcome:

*Warwick Brooker 131Div Loc Bty.,
*Michael Jarrett 102 Bty.,
*Eric (Ric) Hampson 104 Bty.

*Lyall Mills HQ Bty.,
*Bill Waterman A Bty.,

3. Website:

I'm pleased to say that the Association's website is now up-to-date. The Membership Roll, Memorial Roll and Committee Member Details are current. We also now have a new Roll called "Honours Roll" which lists all members who have received honours from the community, government or military, or who have been honoured by this Association for special service to it. Once you've had a chance to look at it, we would welcome any feedback relating to its content and any errors or omissions.

4. Coral Diorama:

Many members will have seen the excellent diorama of the Coral FSPB which used to be on display in the Australian Army Artillery Museum at North Head. When that museum closed, there was considerable concern about the fate of the Diorama. Ian Ahearn has kindly given us an update as to what's happened.

The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company (RAAHC) took possession when the Museum indicated that it did not plan to move the Diorama from North Head. Its previous custodian, the Army History Unit, provided funds, and the RAAHC arranged for an art company to handle the special task of moving the diorama to the School of Artillery in Puckapunyal, where the CO has undertaken to ensure it is displayed. The diorama will probably remain at the School although when the new Artillery Museum is eventually built at Puckapunyal there will strong representation to have the diorama displayed there. Additional funds previously raised by the Artillery Association will now be used to build a display stand for the diorama.

We are in the process of trying to find out how us members of our Association can get to view it.

5. In Memoriam:

It is with sadness that I advise that another of our members has passed away and has been added to our distinguished Memorial Roll.

The following is part of our Welfare Officer's message which he sent by e-mail to members on 31/07/12. I reproduce it here for the information of those members without access to e-mail.

Dear 12th Field Rgt, members,

It is with sadness that we have been informed by Ian McGrath's wife Pam, that Ian passed away on Saturday morning, 28th July, after a long illness.

W.O. 1 Ian McGrath served in Vietnam with LAD from February 1971 to November 1971 and lived at Drumcondra, Geelong North.

6. Reunion in 2014:

Thanks to all of you who have so far replied to our Survey about location and timing of the next reunion. There are certainly a lot of differing views! We hope to be able to make some announcements about it later in the year. There is still plenty of time for you to get your surveys back to us if you haven't yet done so. Our cut-off for responses is 31st August please.

All the best to you all,

Flood.

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