

The Communicator

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



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Secretary/Treasurer Report

G'day Folks,

Time for another update from the office of the Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Secretary. Our numbers were really down at the mid year function held in June at the Geebung RSL. I got some inabilities early on and then there were the last minute withdrawals due to medical problems and the like. So there were only 14 of us that sat down for the lunch - by all accounts of those who attended everything went well. We are lucky in that Geebung allows us the use of a room free of charge and serves us rather than having to go buffet style. There was plenty of chatter amongst those attending, but it would have been nice to see more faces.

Those present were asked about the venue for the next do - suggested somewhere on the north side again and Al King volunteered to look around. "Norths" at Kallangur was mentioned and after consideration and taking into account room hire the venue was discounted. He then tried the Pine Rivers Services Club at Strathpine and spoke to the manager and obtained a menu which seemed OK. However, the meal is not served and I was casually speaking to a person in the unit about going there and he said "canned vegies with the roast that was soggy" and service wasn't so great.

So after all that it was back to our old faithful of the Sherwood RSL on Sunday 27th Nov where the ever faithful Miranda will look after us again with a pretty good meal for the pricing these days. All other details will remain the same. So why not come along and join in the friendly banter.

I guess if there isn't a good turnout those present may have to discuss whether we need to keep having 2 functions each year plus Anzac Day, maybe dropping to one lunch and putting a little more effort into Anzac Day might be a good alternative. I guess this will start the talk off and please feel free to discuss your thoughts with me and others of the committee, the association is only as good as what the members make it.

Until next time

Chris Mitchelson

Editor

Gooday all.

I echo Chris's thoughts in that it does not make sense to have these events if no one wants to go, also food for thought regarding the one event or extra effort for Anzac Day if you cannot make November then drop a line to either Chris or myself. For those of us that turned up it was a good day, it was great to stay back after lunch and have a few drinks with Ron and Bev Bulmer, Whiskey Dewar, and Trev Franklin.

This letter is a bit of a rush job trying to get my new PC up and running correctly I should of have left well enough alone, I was always told "if it ain't broken don't try and fix it". So if members have any issues regarding any thing or wis to make comments on whatever please contact me and I can do a brief letter.

Membership dues

Remember. It's only \$5 per year. You can post them to the treasurer at PO Box 3038 Chermside West Qld 4032 or a bank transfer to

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If you have already paid and are financial then skip this bit

Digger.



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FYI

DVA. Snippets.

For you guys who have internet access my account is the easiest way to look after your DVA affairs

- **Request a Lump Sum Advance online. Request a DVA Officer to contact you**
- **View your payments. Update personal and financial information**
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[Education assistance available through DVA](#) (This for the person with the enquiry)

A range of assistance is available to eligible students through DVA. Advice on eligibility can be sought by contacting [DVA](#).

- [Factsheet MRC47 Education schemes \(HTML\)](#)

Tertiary education assistance may also be available to eligible children of Vietnam veterans through the Long Tan Bursary. This initiative is administered by the [Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust \(AVCAT\)](#). [More information about this scheme is available.](#)

Education assistance may also be available under the Government's Student Start-up and Relocation Scholarships.

- [Factsheet MRC45 Student Start-up and Relocation Scholarship \(HTML\)](#)

Be aware that accepting one form of assistance may preclude other forms of financial assistance, so it may be necessary to identify which scheme will be most useful to the family. Please [contact the Education Secretary in your State](#) if you have any questions.

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From Adam West

Thanks to Narelle and Barry English for letting us know that Camp Gregory has a new website.

Definitely worth a look.

www.campgregoryveterans.com

PETITION. CHANGE.ORG



They served the Australian Defence Force -
don't let interpreters and their families,
siblings and parents die

Petition by Australian Defence Force Former
Interpreters · 17,439 supporters

"They served the Australian Defence Force - don't let interpreters and their families, siblings and parents die."

I think this is important. Will you sign it?

Here's the link:

<https://www.change.org/p/they-served-the-australian-defence-force-don-t-let-interpreters-and-their-families-siblings-and-parents-die>



Divisional signallers Somme 1916 Royal engineers.

WW1 Photos Centenary Website: 2014-2018 By Paul Reed

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Midyear luncheon.

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Reunions

CABARLAH REUNION WEEKEND 3-5 MARCH 2017

6PM Friday 3 Mar - Welcome Drinks (at own cost) Canapes, 2 Course Dinner @ Toowoomba Picnic Point
Panorama Room

AM Saturday 4 Mar - 7th Sig Regt (EW) 70th Anniversary Presentation, Tour & BBQ

PM Saturday 4 Mar - Meet for drinks @ Fitzy's, Toowoomba

Cost: \$80.00 per person (to be paid NLT 24 Feb)

Acct no. 719 214 BSB. 734 264

Ref. YOUR NAME MUST BE NOTED FOR TRACKING PAYMENTS PLEASE

Acct name. Christine Warne

Dress: Smart Casual

Dietary Requirements: Please advise on payment via email below.

We look forward to catching up with you all again plus those of you who couldn't make it last time.

Regards

Christine Warne

cwarne2009@hotmail.com

The RASIGS National Reunion 2016 will be held in the Yarra Valley from 9th to 14th Nov 2016.

Reunion details can be found at rasigs.com and in the attached Format for National Reunion.

If attending, the attached Reunion Attendance Slip should be sent to info@rasigs.com

Any queries should be directed to Gavin Lee (President RASA Vic) - gavin.lee18@hotmail.com

Updated forms for the National Reunion.

Two "New" forms up on the "SIGs" database page

50th Anniversary of Long Tan Reunion 15th to 23rd Aug 2016 – Saigon, Vietnam.

See details at: http://www.buddhas-place.com/avietnam_2016_1admin.html

Rod Harper

I would like to take this opportunity to promote the re-union of 121 Sig Sqn in Singapore, October 2017. The re-union in 2012 was a spectacular success with at least 83 persons attending. So far, for the 2017 re-union, we have 65 persons interested. Any and all members of Royal Australian Signals who were associated in any way with 121 Sigs would be most welcome to attend. Contact may be made via email: sylviarod@westnet.com.au

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50th YEAR. LEST WE FORGET. LONG TAN

2Lt Gordon Sharp: Age:21 D Coy 6RAR National Serviceman Tamworth.
L/Cpl Jack Jewry: Age:21 D Coy 6RAR; National Serviceman St Mary's.
Pte Richard Aldersea: Age:20 D Coy 6RAR; Regular Army enlistee. Perth,
Pte Glenn A Drabble: Age 21 D Coy 6RAR; National Serviceman Brisbane.
Pte Kenneth H Gant: Age: 21 D Coy 6RAR; National Serviceman Brisbane,
Pte Ernest F Grant: Age:20 D Coy 6RAR; Regular Army enlistee Thurgoona, NSW
Pte Victor Grice: Age:21 D Coy 6RAR; National Serviceman Ballarat Vic
Pte James M Houston: Age:22 D Coy 6RAR; Regular Army enlistee Wallsend, NSW
Pte Paul A Large: Age:22 D Coy 6RAR National Serviceman Wellington, NSW
Pte A F (Lionel) McCormack: Age:21 D Coy 6RAR; National Serviceman Launceston
Pte Dennis J McCormack: Age: 21 D Coy 6RAR; National Serviceman Adelaide
Pte Warren D Mitchell: Age: 21 D Coy 6RAR; National Serviceman Dalby Q
Pte Douglas J Salveron: Age:20 D Coy 6RAR National Serviceman Brisbane, Q
Pte David J Thomas: Age:21D Coy 6RAR Regular Army enlistee Bendigo, V
Pte Francis B Topp: Age: 19 D Coy 6RAR Regular Army enlistee Toowoomba, Q
Pte Maxwell R Wales: Age:22 D Coy 6RAR Regular Army enlistee Goondiwindi, Q
Pte Colin J Whiston: Age: 21 D Coy 6RAR; National Serviceman Sydney, NSW
Cpl Peter E Clements: Age: 21 3 Tp 1 APC Sqn Regular Army enlistee Cunderdin, WA
Vales

<p>Alan AITKEN. Sadly, we have lost another valuable servant of the Corps and Country. OCS Portsea Class of Jun 58.</p>	<p>Chris (Smokey) DAWSON Sadly, we have lost another valuable servant of the Corps and Country Force Communications Unit Cambodia 1992-1993</p>
<p>42321 Richard John MATERNA Sadly, we have lost another valuable servant of the Corps and Country</p>	<p>1201561 Keith Alfred (Fingers) THOMPSON Sadly, we have lost another valuable servant of the Corps and Country</p>
<p>Norman Maurice (Ned) KELLY Sadly, we have lost another valuable servant of the Corps and Country 110 Signal Squadron South Vietnam 30/04/1970 - 04/03/1971</p>	

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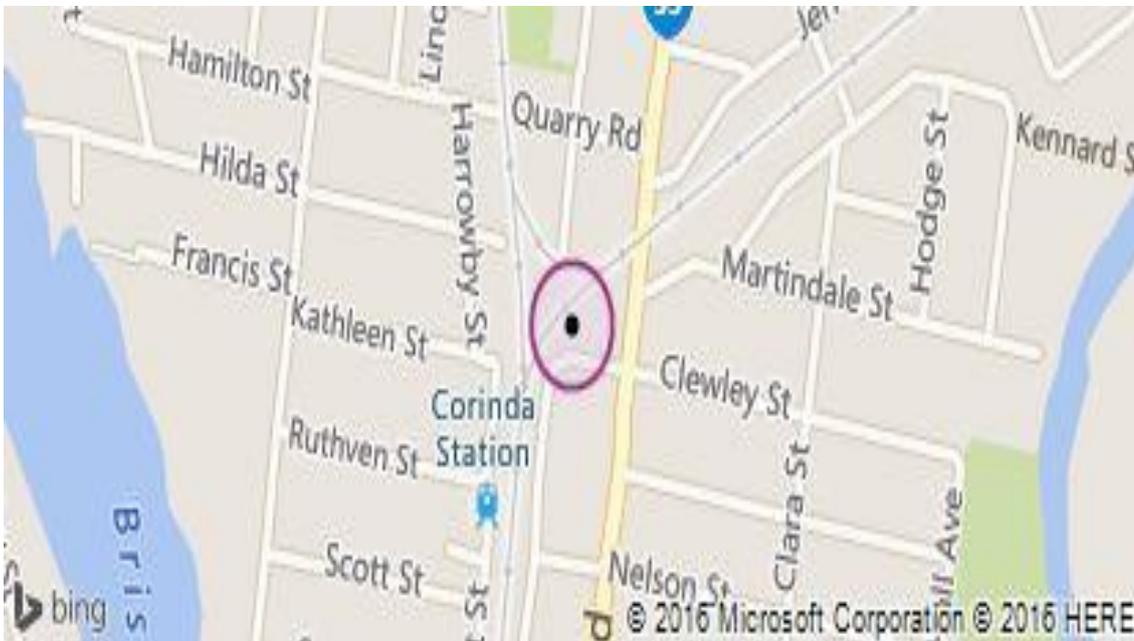
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Christmas function

Sherwood RSL on Sunday 27th Nov (more info to follow)

Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL Sub Branch
2 Clewley Street
Corinda QLD 4075
Short walk from the Corinda Railway station

AL RSVPs TO: Ken North: ken1327linda@gmail.com
Bill Vanroosmalen on 3813 5040



SEE YA. (Don't forget if members wish to be a part of this newsletter then do so)



DIGGER

Veterans are men or women who not only served in warlike conditions, but served; they all at one point in their life wrote a blank check payable to their country for an amount up to and including their life.

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