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Patron:

MAJOR GENERAL D J MCLACHLAN AO RETD

Greetings Fellow Vets,

**RAASC VIETNAM SUPPLY PLATOONS ASSOCIATION REUNION  
WEEKEND FRI 24-SUN 26 JULY 2009 AT COOLANGATTA QLD**

Firstly, we trust this finds you well. Not long before our 2009 reunion and we have some 30 folks on our list. We hope you are coming – let us know now. The cost to cover our expenses is \$20 per person payable on arrival. You can keep our Treasurer happy by renewing your membership also which expires mid year - we don't to bog him in paperwork at the Reunion. A Membership Form is located at the rear of this newsletter. The Association Badge(s) is also available. They look great!

We will meet at Twin Towns Harbour Room on Friday night at 1800 for a Meet and Greet. We propose to have our AGM on Saturday at 0900, and then head to Currumbin Bird Sanctuary thereafter for morning tea and activities.

The afternoon is free until we form up at Chris Cunningham Park at 1500. Medals to be worn. Our Patron will be in attendance. Looking at the plaque now in my study, I can say how wonderful it looks in commemorating our service. We are sure you will be proud of it.

Many thanks Project Manager Ray for all your efforts in its production.

We are keen to get some feedback from other local South Qld RAASC Associations in the planning for the 2010 Plaque Dedication, and have invited their Association reps to a planning meeting on Saturday at 1600 at Twin Towns after our plaque laying.

Our evening dinner, whilst without table service, will be held in the Twin Towns Renaissance Room which we will have to ourselves from Saturday.. Your selected meals can be brought into the room and eaten. We will have lucky door prizes and the President will speak.

On Sunday we will have a farewell brunch at a nearby park on the beach as for last year.

**RAASC Plaque Dedication weekend March 2010.** To date over 100 members and their wives/partners have notified their intention to come to the dedication. It is early days, however the less expensive accommodation itself is becoming harder to find. If unsure, call or email us pronto.

**Request** – we want to display some Big Boys Toys and uniforms from our era EG gun jeeps, trucks and the like. If you know of anyone that might be prepared to make theirs available for 2010, let us know asap.

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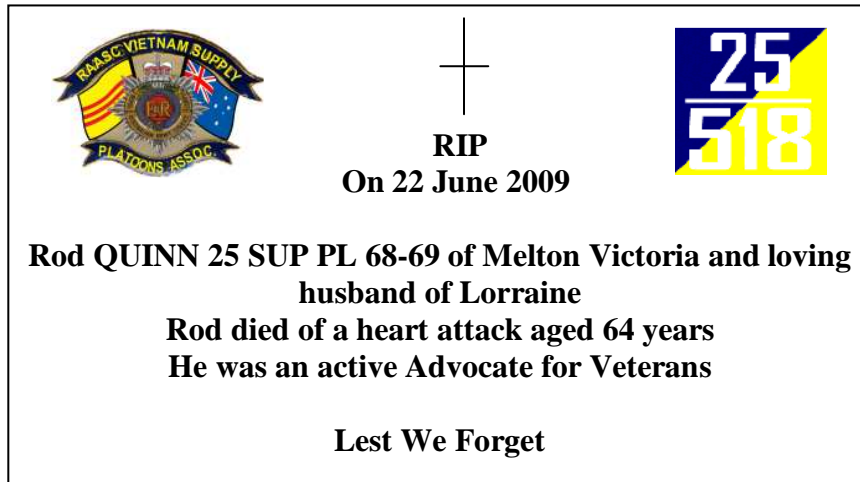
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## INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS

One Sunday morning, the priest noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small Australian flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the priest walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning Father," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Father, what is this?"

The priest said, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked,



**"Which service, the 8:30am or the 6:00pm?"**

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**VIETNAM**

**1965–1972**

*Par Oneri – Equal to the Task*



**Bien Hoa**

**Vung Tau**

**Nui Dat**

**1 Company Headquarters, 5 Company Headquarters, 26 Company Headquarters  
176 Air Dispatch Company (Detachment) • 8 Petroleum Platoon  
1 Division Postal Unit, 1 Communications Zone Postal Unit (Detachments)  
21 Supply Platoon • 25 Supply Platoon • 52 Supply Platoon (Detachment)  
1 Transport Platoon • 2 Transport Platoon • 85 Transport Platoon  
86 Transport Platoon • 87 Transport Platoon  
And all other RAASC members in non corps units**

**In memory of those RAASC members who served**

This is a mock up of our 2010 RAASC plaque that was approved by the AWM recently. We have just had correspondence from a member which indicates we should exercise precedence in relation to the two national flags.

That is, the Australian one should be on the left, the Vietnamese one on the right. Also we have been asked to include Saigon as the other primary place of service as that is how one of the RAASC detachments identified itself.

We wrote to the AWM immediately and asked if they would approve these editorial amendments.

We will respond further when we know what the AWM approve. The plaque has not yet been cast.



## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS DETAILS – SECRETARY**

**Note that the Secretary has changed his email address and it is now [dabblers2@bigpond.com](mailto:dabblers2@bigpond.com)  
Anyone sending emails to the now superseded email - [dabblers1@bigpond.com](mailto:dabblers1@bigpond.com) will not get a reply.**

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Membership  
 Number .....  
 (as per membership card)

## Membership Application/Renewal Form

New application or renewal (circle which one)

Surname: ..... Given Names .....

Address: .....

State: ..... Postcode: ..... Date of Birth: ..... Phone No. (home) .....

(mobile) .....(work) ..... Spouse/Partner's Name: .....

Email Address: .....@.....

Vietnam Service Details: Unit.....Dates: from ..... to .....

.Unit:.....Dates: from ..... to .....

Membership: Ordinary (Vietnam Veterans) \$20 Associate (Non Vietnam Vets) \$20  
 Association Badge \$10 (Membership year runs the same as financial year)

Payment details: by cheque payable to: RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association

or direct credit to: Defence Credit Union or any National Bank BSB 803 205 Account 20726970

		TOTAL
VSPA Annual Membership	\$20 pp	
Association Badge	\$10 ea	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

Please return to RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association, PO Box 214, Calwell ACT 2905

Office Use only: Membership/Receipt Number..... Banked.....  
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