



## AGM HELD SAT 25 JUL 09 AT THE TWIN TOWNS COOLANGATTA

President welcomed the members and asked the Secretary to read the Minutes of the last AGM held in at Twin Towns 19 Aug 07

## ROLL CALL FOR AGM HELD SAT 25 JUL 09 AT THE TWIN TOWNS COOLANGATTA

David and Robyn	Evans	Lynton and Loraine	Guy
Fred and Ann	Friske	Ron and Bev	Anderson
John and Betty	Hunter	Don	Noy
Ray and Christine	Ivey	Anthony J	Hazel
Bruce and Irene Chaplin	Manning	George and Lyn	Hunter
Russ and Jan	Morison	David and Bernice	Kneller
Ronald Walter	Morley	Bob and Effie	Crouch
Noel and Lyn	Schluter	Bob and Carol	Walters
Ken and Marilyn	Taylor	Stewart and Deb	McKay
Mannie and Barb	Van Rijswijk		
Peter and Ann	Kennedy	Glen	Breaden
George and Lyn	Hunter	Bruce	Arbon
Grahame and Anne	Beulah	<b>Ted</b>	Kilner
<b>Warren and Colleen</b>	<b>Pearson</b>		

Apologies:

Denny Van Maanenbergh, Ray Armstrong, Mal Anderson, Jock Pope – in [Buenos Aires](#), [Rio de Janeiro](#) and [Bogota](#) , Reg Dennehy, Bob Denner, Bruce Miller (Philippines) , Tony Galea Snow and Anne Coughlan

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## **DOMESTIC CHORES**

Wonderful to have so many wives and partners along for this informal reunion. Without you, we would not be able to build and maintain the bridges that are necessary for our Vets. How can we recognise their contribution over the weekend??

1. We have done nothing special for our ladies
2. Sunday Jan and I are heading north to a christening and birthday and will not be here. We need a team to run the BBQ. Offers please?

Anything else ??

**I declare the meeting open at 0900.**

**Members were reminded that the ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:**

- (a) **To confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting.**
- (b) **To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last financial year.**
- (c) **To elect officers of the Association;**

### **Minutes Paraphrased with updates**

1 President's Report we are growing we are keen to meet, and particularly at this stage of life it is good to see compassion for one another being displayed eg Bruce and Irene

Bev probably hasn't thought about it but we need a welfare officer to keep abreast and coordinate support when someone is down. We always foresaw the need for area reps who would arrange regular social events or even a phone call. Someone they can easily call if needed. We are a dispersed lot and the area reps are a vital part of our communication link, not just the newsletter and emails.

### **2. Secretary's Report**

In 2006 Bruce, Dave and I formally constituted this Association, with Ray joining us recently. we are formally Incorporated in the ACT which will involve all "supply platoon" types including Supply, HQ, Petroleum, Ammo Tech, ASCO, Postal, etc from:

1 Coy RAASC, 21 Supply Platoon,  
5 Coy RAASC, 25 Supply Platoon,  
26 Coy RAASC, Det 52 Supply Platoon, and  
any others as appropriate and are willing to join us.

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We are keen to act as a resource to support Reunion planning, networking, and welfare-related activities for the benefit of all members.

As I said last night, our Exec will continue to stand but we need **HELP I PARTICULARLY NEED HELP**

With over 160 members on our contact list, and over 220 RAASC members notifying their intention to come to the plaque dedication next year – life has been hectic!

And my new wife wants more of my time.

**Help**, we need a hand **please**. Whilst we can offer the association to another team to run it, we have another idea which might prove to be more helpful with our role being in part changed to a coordination function.

All positions below are normally run for up to 12 months, and responsibilities automatically start from this reunion and cease on conclusion of the following reunion. All doing so may apply for re-election.

We have identified the tasks to be completed over the year as follows:

**Newsletter editorial team** – design next newsletter with input from Exec, publish/print around 80 copies for snail mail, email to Webmaster, and separate email to our lists to download it from the web. Deliver to Post Office and pay for mailout. Refund receipt to treasurer.

**Membership secretary**-for all RAASC supply, postal, HQ etc members and those who have paid their fees. Maintain spreadsheet etc, receive membership renewals, deposit funds in Assn account (currently (DEFCREDIT via NAB), laminate new FY membership card, and with renewal letter, mail to individual with receipt. (Note a significant chunk of this will be done at the reunion, and some can be done in advance of it).

**Membership Secretary 2010** – need someone to maintain a database of notifications, acknowledgements, and referrals to enquirer Vietnam platoon. Sections, etc.

**Corporate RAASC 2010 celebrations** likely tasks

**FRI Plaque laying** - Lynton Guy has agreed to work with AWM ceremonial team to determine what our order of service will look like and implement it. Also to seek help if required on the day or before.

**VSPA reunion – is there to be one in 2010? Who will run it?**  
**AGM** needed which Exec will organise. At the Heritage perhaps?  
**Farewell celebrations Sunday BBQ?** Who will organise?

**Exec-Secretary responsibilities post 2009 reunion**

**Memorabilia Display** - - ask HOCs for assistance-will they appt a contact-liaison person to help with our needs which include getting Glen Hutley QLD vehicles to AWM and any others from Duntroon or 26 Sqn Amberley perhaps?

**Corps dinner** – booking made with Southern Cross club already but there are other issues involved such as seating, name plates for head table etc, and grouping of individual Platoons to specific tables. Speeches and other issues resolved.

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Exec President- MC for the occasion.

Exec VP – local contact for the weekend, seek assistance for specific tasks as required, be point of contact for the individual non VSPA member Associations – to liaise with POCs in each Association and 2010 membership secretary.

Clear mailbox, distribute contents as required to responsible appointees, continue with duties to ensure smooth functioning of the association.

## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Does any group want to take over the domestic running of the association ques

Then someone please move that the four ppsitions be renominated/

## Auditor for our books

From 2006 reunion - All existing Area Reps to continue in their role. They are:

Don Noy	–	Gold Coast	07 5594 4064
Lynton Guy	–	Brisbane and Environs	07 3851 1629
Bob Denner	–	NSW Country	02-6657 1145
Barry Carroll	–	Sydney Metro	02 9816 2064
Noel Schluter	–	South Australia	08 8322 2586
Mal Saxby	–	Western Australia	08 9593 4806
Tony Galea	–	Victoria East	03-9772 0421
Rod Quinn	-	Victoria West	03 9746 9775
Steve Wright	–	Tasmania	03 6344 5562

## WEBSITE

## COFFEE TABLE BOOK

Receive material for coffee table book, network and interview members as required. Pass copies to Webmaster for book (rough working title only “**Operations of RAASC Supply Platoons in the Vietnam conflict??**”) Identify suitable Desk Top publishing team (do we have anyone in house who has these skills), work on costs and what material will go into the book and the nature/design of the book.

**Memorial Boards** – network with all RAASC Associations to promote the boards, take orders, receive monies and bank, pass to supplier, for delivery over the weekend

We need your skills and experience to take on some of the load. Please get some mates together to make it happen.

Regrettably, there seems to be a significant level of inward thinking among the other associations in planning the 2010 festivities so far. Lack of responses, lots of less than satisfactory comments, no real commitment for this one off occasion.

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## Treasurer's Report

More folks are needed to build and strengthen relationships with our other Supply Platoon comrades that have not yet joined us.

### 7. RAASC Plaque (Bruce)

1. **Association name** - we now have firmed up our association name to read 'RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association (RAASC VSPA) " which appears on all our correspondence and forms. We have yet to formally Incorporate as an Association but will do so soon. (Dave to speak)

**Update or Outstanding:** We have renewed our Association with effect.....Dave. If you can get a team together, there is no reason why the Association HQ cannot be registered in any other city. Our team has been at it since its inception ie three years. How about it!

### Next Reunion

#### 2. Banner

Don Noy has kindly agreed to have the Secretariat retain the RAASC flag for use at reunions and the like. Secretary to obtain a photo of the Queen. discussion about procuring an appropriate banner for use at Reunions, etc.

**Update or Outstanding: Corp flag held** by Secretary, do we need a photo of the Queen?

#### 3. Communication with members

We encourage folk to use email through a hot mail account at the library or personal computers to pass information quickly. We will continue to use snail mail for those without computers.

Biographical, photo and contact details – members were reminded that the "With Compliments" slip in the reunion pack were there so that members could comment about the weekend, and secondly provide some details about themselves to go on the website.

**Update or Outstanding:** 94 now on email, 70 for snail mail. It would help if more were on email! It saves us money and makes communications easier and quicker. Use Library etc.

#### 4. Next Reunion (for General Business)

President spoke about the next reunion and proposed that it be run at the Gold Coast. Bob Cooper and Bruce Miller had offered to get a team together including Coco Hazel, Don Noy, Barry Field, Lyn Guy etc to help make it a success.

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Proposed to be annually and on the first weekend in August ie 1-3 Aug 08 (caveat – not school holidays) so that members can book it up in their diaries and for those out of town, can search for cheap fares to the Gold Coast earlier rather than later.

Bruce proposed we each endeavour to bring a Veteran friend along – we have practically doubled our numbers since last year and we are keen to keep the momentum going.

**Update or Outstanding:** Any comments? Next year will be in Canberra on the Friday night of the festivities. We have yet to arrange anything but need some feedback.

## 5. Association Website

Secretary spoke about our plans to have our own website, given this is the usual means by which Veteran Associations promote their activities. We are in discussions with Neville Lindsey to utilise a website he is associated with.

After the reunion lasr year, Barry Lang offered to host a site for us.

**Update or Outstanding:** Webmaster to speak

## RAASC DVA Nominal Roll

DVA have not yet released a nominal roll, though we note that the [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au) website is available to search for a soldier from the Vietnam conflict. We have however received a report from DVA which describes all RAASC soldiers posted to Vietnam, by unit, sub unit.

Post reunion comment:

1. we have discovered that DVA site.....allows for searching for Veterans
2. we now have a 10 page document showing all Vietnam Vets deceased and where their remains are interred. We will either provide a link to the site or make it a file on the website.

This was particularly helpful in supporting our argument for three plaques to be installed at the AWM. In excess of 3500 RAASC soldiers went to Vietnam – the equivalent of four Infantry battalions.

## Other Business

### RAASC T shirts

Denny also discussed the possibility of a T shirt or similar garment with a RAASC VSPA style pocket badge similar to what other Associations have. To be investigated further for consideration by the Executive.

### Update: Denny

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This activity is currently on hold. Please refer to Paludrine Parade newsletter Number 5 for details about this project.

We are keen to upload a suitably identified photo of every RAASC soldier that went to South Vietnam. When we have found the majority of soldiers, we will investigate producing a "Coffee Table" book for sale from the information that has been loaded to the site).

**(Addendum:** following the reunion, one of our members has offered us free use of his server to host our Association website, so this activity is likely to recommence soon. Our latest request for **BEFORE** and **AFTER** photos in the last newsletter was meant for use with the website.

#### 14. Memorial Boards – Russ to discuss



#### RAASC VIETNAM PLAQUE DEDICATION CANBERRA AWM 2010

The Australian War Memorial have confirmed acceptance of our plaque design finally. We can now continue to develop the rest of our plans for our 2010 reunion. We want to make 2010 memorable and we want it to reflect what RAASC members achieved during the conflict.

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

**Offer – Memorial Boards.** It has only take two years or so to achieve a design that appropriately reflects our Vietnam service. We recently had an offer from Ross Smith ex WO1 RSM Ceremonial. He has seen our design and converted it into three memorial boards – a picture of each is enclosed. The Editor has seen his work before and it is always top notch as you'd expect.

Usually he includes the real medals in similar cutout frame but the price with medals and Commendations is double what we are being offered. Real medals and Commendations were used to achieve the designs which were then photographed and transferred to the sublimation plate.

Descriptions, dimensions, design and the order form are shown further in the newsletter. If you would like a "real medal" version, please let us know. We believe there is a minimum number required to do this.

We would hope that everyone coming will want some momento of their visit to the AWM in 2010. The designs are a perfect way to do just that and will look terrific displayed on a wall at home. Please confirm your order by the end of AUGUST 2009.

**RECENT CHANGE** – We have added SAIGON on the plaque, and swapped the flags around to reflect correct protocols on the top right hand corner of the NEW DESIGN (not these ones). We have also taken out the MUC and Cross of Gallantry as not all soldiers received these.

The dimensions give you an idea of the size. Those who have seen the boards have been quite excited about the possibilities. Just remember, the designs overleaf are indicative only!!

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**RAASC VIETNAM PLAQUE DEDICATION CANBERRA AWM 2010  
INDICATIVE MEMORIAL BOARDS ON OFFER**



Design 1 above – outer dimension 210 x 260mm shows the RAASC Vietnam plaque reflecting all RAASC units who served in theatre



Design 2 above – outer dimension 205 x 310mm Represents the RAASC Vietnam plaque with medals (no commendations) reflecting all RAASC units who served in theatre

**Features of RAASC Vietnam Plaque AWM  
Canberra - 2010 - Memorial Board**

A genuine Redwood timber frame denoting the AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Yellow/gold outer surround and Blue and White insert denoting RAASC colours

RAASC history and unit-sub unit list is on a sublimation metal backing

Photographs of genuine medals and commendations used throughout

All RAASC units and sub units represented

Where citations are shown – these reflect RAASC members service in 1 RAR Group, AATTV and MATT

Plexiglass protection and backing ensures long life



Design 3 – outer dimensions 350 x 325mm Board RAASC Vietnam Manuscript with medals (no commendations) reflecting all RAASC members who served in theatre

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<b>Design</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Cost (ea) \$AUD MEMBERS</b>	<b>Cost (ea) \$AUD NON MEMBERS</b>	<b>P&amp;H/each</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Design 1</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Design 2</b>		<b>90</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>Design 3</b>		<b>135</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>TOTAL COST</b>					

Meeting closed at .....am.

(original signed)

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