



**MINUTES OF RAASC VIETNAM SUPPLY PLATOONS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE
AND PLAQUE LAYING COMMITTEE- THUR 30 SEP 2010 AT CANBERRA SOUTHERN
CROSS CLUB WODEN**

Present: Russ Morison, Christina Luff, Dave Evans, Ray Brown
Apologies: Bruce Manning

Meeting opened at 1830

Now that the Dedication is over, we need to move on and finalise any Dedication residual matters,

Finance

1. We will include something in our newsletter about the “bottom line” cost to VSPA following the success of our grant application. Also, we will also update our members with our annual financial statement.

Action: Treasurer Dave

2. **Bank Account** – when Bruce visits next, we will arrange for everyone to renew their signatures on our DEFCREDIT account (post October 2010) as Russ is away until then also.

3. **Purchase of Additional VSPA Plaques** – We agreed that Ray would arrange the purchase of a plaque for the Dorrigo reunion. This would be the first of its type with the National Flag on the left in the VSPA badge image.

Action: VPres-Ray/Bob Denner

6. **Dorrigo reunion** – Bob Denner is doing this on his own. Fallout:

Bob to provide a list of likely needs by end of Dec/early January

Chris will manage funds receipts and registration

Exec to assist Bob over the weekend and co-opt extra helpers as needed.

7. **Newsletters.** We will publish two more before Christmas:

a. Sept issue of no more than four (sides) pages. To contain the Registration Form (2 pages), Dave’s financial summary, and Grant bottom line. We will show the new VSPA Badge and a photo of our banner at the National Service dedication.

b. A Christmas edition to be compiled and dispatched by 1 Dec 2010.

8. As we have some 95 members on our membership roll and only 55 paid up members, we have agreed to make some changes to the way we undertake membership and newsletter communication which will see:

a. the Exec only use snail mail for newsletters to the 95 members until further notice,

b. everyone who has renewed their membership since 1 July 2010 will be given an

Association badge from our funds (giving something back to the members for the \$20 membership).

- c. anyone who renews from now on will be given a one off badge also,
- d. all those members who are not yet financial will be given a fresh membership form to complete. The top of the newsletter will show a RED DOT indicating they are not yet financial.

9. This has come about because members are not renewing despite getting regular newsletters, reminders and membership forms each occasion. We need to save our funds for the use of those who are keen. If members are having difficulties paying the fee, they should contact the Treasurer in the first instance to sort out an arrangement.

10. Chris asked Russ to produce a letter for each of the Star officers to go with their Honorary membership of the Association.

Web Site

11. We have not been able to get the support from members to the proposed new website which would see them using the Forum. Therefore, Dave will discuss with an IT mate who produces websites and might be able to use our Mission Australia one to give us what we need. To report back to the next meeting.

12. Ray also offered to investigate through CSIRO resources the possibility of getting someone to help us get the job done. To report back at the next Exec meeting in November.

13. We will want to amend it a little to reflect latest views. We need to get it established and then hand it over to Bazza to run. We need to decide on a Web name that reflects our aspirations.

RAAOC and RACT Journals

14. We are keen for our RAASC Vietnam history to be told. We have provided material to both HOC which covers the Ferguson RAASC material, and not SUPPLY related.

15. This needs to be our new goal to be completed by end of Jan 2011. Russ to get in touch with those who are vocal and in particular the OC/2IC of 25 and Det 52 Supply to put some comments together.

Closure of meeting ...1935.....

Next meeting: Tues 9 Nov 2010

Approved: Russ Morison, Secretary Dave Evans Treasurer Date: