



**RAASC VIETNAM SUPPLY PLATOONS ASSOCIATION (VSPA)
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Dear RAASC Veteran,

NEXT REUNION-PHILLIP ISLAND VIC – MAR 2013 (TENTATIVE DATE)

Folks-this one ought to appeal to all the WA, SA, TAS and others as well as the regulars-why not join us. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND COME ALONG.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS?? Maybe you have moved house, changed your phone number, got a new mobile phone or maybe wondering why you haven't seen a newsletter in awhile. Regardless, can you please let Christina know so she can update our membership register so she can be on top of the game. Our current paid up membership list is to be found at the end of this newsletter.

RED DOT If you see a **RED DOT** next to your name on the newsletter, it means you also need to contact Christina to renew your membership. Our current member's fees contribute to the running of the club. The more members contributing to the running of the association, the more likely we can reduce our fees. Sign up a member today!!

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Despite regularly advertising in VETAFFAIRS NEWS and our regular quarterly newsletters and our two websites, there are still old mates out there who don't realise we exist.

Now you may think that is a load of baloney but one of ours told me at the reunion that they did not know we existed until the March edition of VETAFFAIRS showed our reunion advert.

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So, if you are a member of an RSL, Vietnam group or other Veteran group, how about hoisting the RAASC flag in whatever way you can to promote RAASC to your group.

Perhaps a regular note in their newsletter, asking the webmaster to publish details etc. Harrison Ford once said in his movie Patriot Games "if it isn't in writing, it doesn't exist". We think he is right. Spread the word!!!!

DORRIGO REUNION Wed 17th – Sun 21st Aug 2011

Many thanks to Bob and Gwynneth and the Dorrigo RSL for putting this one on. This delightful town opened its doors to some 43 of us to enjoy one another's company and all that is on offer on the tablelands above Coffs Harbor (now you know where it is for those that didn't know).

You can find photos of the reunion on Picasa. We recommend you that you copy the link from our home page: <http://raascsupply.asn.au/photographs.html> and find Dorrigo Reunion 2011

SO WHO WENT TO DORRIGO?

I knew you were going to ask. So here is a list of those that went. Haven't seen them for awhile – perhaps we can put them in touch with you or you with them. We're about networking and catching up with old mates.

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| 66-67 | Alan Willmott |
| 67-68 | Tony and Liz Galea, Bob and Gwynneth Denner, Don Noy, Alan and Vicki Windle, Denis and Lenore Cowling Les and Rosemary Francis, Keith (dec) and Christina Luff |
| 68-69 | Paul and Kathy Griffiths, Barry and Bridget Carroll, Warwick and Kim Atkinson, Ron and Bev Anderson, |
| 69-70 | Russ Morison, David and Robyn Evans, Bruce Manning and Irene Chaplin, Nick Brightman |
| 70-71 | Peter and Ann Kennedy, Les and Deb Katona, Alan O'Grady, Graeme and Anne Beulah |
| 71-72 | Fred and Anne Friske, Tony and Sue Hazel |

Although booked to join us, **68-69** Mike Lee, Mick and Sue Hartas, and Warren and Anne Coughlan had to cancel at the last minute.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN DORRIGO?

Wednesday night-registration and greeting old mates and wives

Thursday

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Day Tour of Dorrigo Steam Railway Museum, and Historical Society

Afternoon late - Vietnam Veterans' Commemorative Service

Evening - Vietnam Veterans' Reunion Dinner

Friday

Option 1 - Veterans Recovery Walk Dorrigo Rain Forest Centre

Option 2 - visit to a trout farm (whoa, what a lot of beauties), WW2 Tank obstacles (designed to slow down the possible Japanese invasion inland) and some lovely waterfalls

All for BBQ lunch- always great BBQ and salad lunches up there. Wonderful stuff!



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Saturday am – Annual General Meeting
pm - Indoor bowls, croquet, darts, quoits

Sunday Church Parade at St Stephens ably supported by the bagpipes compliments of Nick Brightman-the walls are still standing!!

Lots of free time to see the sights, explore the different restaurants or just veg out. Dorrigo-good to explore!!

(You can check out the rest of the beaut photos on our website !)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Exec were re-elected for another 12 month term and will continue “to pay the bills”.

1. Thanks to Bob Denner and Gwynneth Denner for their work on making this a memorable and great reunion, and to Christina Luff for her tireless work on membership and enthusiasm for keeping us on the ball. Special mention to Ray Brown for his efforts in the executive committee

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especially including getting the newsletter out and challenging the committee to consider an alternative point of view.

2. In the year (2010) we completed laying the plaque in Canberra. We also completed developing the website to which we will only commit maintenance funds in the future.

3. Next reunion suggested for Phillip Island in Victoria under the guidance of Tony Galea and a crew from Victoria. There had been a suggestion that the activity be held during the week rather than the weekend.

4. Our association operated in the black for the last year with a net amount of \$5000 available as at 30 June 2011. Although we have some capital funds, we will be investing it for the benefit of the members and the association.

5. This surplus led the committee to feel that it could reduce our membership dues to \$15. Against this we need dues of \$18 to cover our prospective operating costs in 2012 leading me to take the view that dues should remain at \$20 unless I hear otherwise from the floor. A financial statement is enclosed with this newsletter.

6.. Present executive has no monopoly on ideas and will gratefully take ideas from the floor. The Present executive is willing to stand again but will happily stand aside if there are any members who wish to take on such a role.

7. Our aim as an executive is to keep VSPA alive and move to further reunions which give us an enjoyable time together and have a considerable social value as we all get a tad older.

BRUCE ROCK WESTERN AUSTRALIA <http://www.brucerock.wa.gov.au/vietnamvets>

Vietnam Veterans Weekend 1-6th November 2011 promises a week of fun and frivolity. Why not contact the organisers and find out more?

For further info contact: Colin Turner on 90611773, email: bkvet@bigpond.com or Chris Pickering on 90611604, email: crpick@bigpond.com

RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association Treasurer's Report for the period 1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011

1. **Costs of running the Dorrigo Reunion** At the AGM the Treasurer reported a balance of \$6347.40 as at 30 June 2011. Costs of running the Dorrigo Reunion were covered mostly by attendees with some subsidy from Association funds, summarised as:

Total Receipts \$2,782
Total Expenses \$3,018
Balance subsidised from Association Funds \$ 236

2. **Budget for Subscriptions** (what your subscriptions cover):

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Costs	\$
Postage	300
PO Box	45
Stationery	60
Phone/email	100
Printing (notional)	250
Website	200
Plaque Production (avge over 18mths)	240
Total	1195
No. of members	60
Avg Sub	20

(Current members=68)

3. The Committee recommends keeping \$991 (based on current balance as at 30 Sept 2011) in the Association's working account with the balance of \$4,500 placed in an interest bearing Term Deposit.

VALE - BOB CROUCH

Rest in Peace

ROBERT CHARLES CROUCH

25 SUP PL 15.4.67 – 6.12.67

Born 31.7.42

Passed from this life 9.2.11

(photo with kind permission Mrs Effie Crouch)



HELPFUL MATERIAL FROM DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

Fancy a beaut trip to Western Australia? Then Great Southern Rail offers Discounts and concessions for pensioners.

Go to www.greatsouthernrail.com.au/ and DVA Fact Sheets for more information.

Keep in touch! If you know someone who might like to join us, let us know- we'll send them a free Association badge when they take up membership.

Bruce, Christina, Ray, Russ and Dave
VSPA Association Executive

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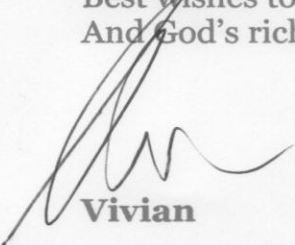
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Enclosures:

1. Letter of Thanks
2. Financial Membership Listing

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<p style="text-align: right;">September 1, 2011.</p>	
<p>To Bruce, Russ, David, Christina et al,</p> <p>You are all extremely generous and gracious. Thank you!! It was a great pleasure to have you all as part of our Sunday service; we enjoyed it immensely. We were stoked that so many came and participated so freely. AND: we really enjoyed Nick and the pipes.</p> <p>I have some photos for you which I'm sending to those who left e-mail addresses; knowing Bob Denner, you have probably already received them. I shall make certain that everyone at 10 am Sunday gets to read your lovely card. Best wishes to you all. And God's richest blessings</p> <p> Vivian</p> <p>PS: Enjoy King Island next year!!</p>	

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