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Dear RAASC Veteran,

We hope this finds you well and enjoying the Spring weather. Here's our latest news:

ADMIN MATTERS-MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thanks to those that have already paid for the period 1 Jul 2012-30 Jun 2013. For the rest of you, please renew. As a reminder, if there is a RED DOT on the top of the newsletter, this means you are overdue to renew your membership now.

We need your fees now for running the Association but also as we no longer have access to free printing courtesy of Vice President Ray. From every one of us - many thanks Ray for printing the newsletter for us since 2006 and we wish you a wonderful, well earned retirement.

We plan to bring a motion to the reunion AGM to offer a three year gold membership commencing 1 Jul 2013. Annual memberships will still be available for those that find it more convenient.

Christina, Membership and Welfare Secretary

NEXT REUNION - PHILLIP ISLAND VIC – CONFIRMED MON 18-FRI 22 MAR 2013

Want to catch up with old Vietnam Vet mates again? Then our next reunion is designed for doing just that. We decided at our Dorrigo Reunion in August 2011 that we would go to Phillip Island in March 2013. We are keen to see all members attend including our

Widows of deceased members.

We have chosen to do our Reunion in the middle of the week, not when the weekender crowds choose to come. Our Reunion committee is organizing the following activities:

Monday Meet and Greet,

Tuesday Vietnam Vet Museum and lunch

Thursday Afternoon-evening AGM, Church Parade and Plaque laying, and Corps Dinner

That means the rest of the time is yours to do whatever you would like to do and there is no shortage in that department as you can see from the "Phillip Island & Surrounds Attractions" list enclosed. We will facilitate groups to visit the various activities and there is plenty of free time to do your own thing.

Reunion Deposits Please note that the reunion deposits include the Three Park Pass, Vietnam Vet museum and (optional lunch) and two course reunion dinner on Thursday night. The earlier we receive your monies, the earlier we can confirm our final numbers for both of the providers.

Parks Pass We recommend you buy the great value **Phillip Island Nature Park, 3 Park Pass** which will allow for tours of:

Churchill Island historic homestead and working farm (adj Vietnam Vets Museum),
Koala centre,

(free) Mid-late afternoon **Nobbies Centre** and seals near the Penguin Parade, then evening **Penguin Parade**.

We will buy passes in bulk on behalf of members for the concession price of \$25.70 per person, but you will need to confirm how many tickets are required.

Accommodation As in previous years, we like the idea of having as many of our members and partners in one place.

Anchor Belle Holiday Park has townhouses, deluxe suites, and camping sites for the caravaners, enclosed indoor pool, indoor BBQ area and kitchen to name a few features. We would like to have an evening BYO BBQ at Anchor Belle on Wednesday evening.

We have asked Anchor Belle to earmark some varieties of accommodation for the next month or so for us. We know some of you will want to share accommodation costs, so please contact Janet at Anchor Belle and mention RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association and discuss your needs direct before the 30th November PLEASE.:

For Anchor Belle go to: <http://www.anchorbelle.com.au/> or call 03 5952 2258.

For other options you can call **1300 366 422 at the Tourist Information Centre**
<http://www.visitbasscoast.com/pages/cowes-visitor-information-centre/>

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Please complete the Registration form enclosed and return with your money to our PO Box for Christina to process by the end of February 2013. **All other correspondence to Christina on 02 6241 2356 or 0430 125 195. No calls after 8.30pm please.**

NOTICE BOARD

DVA - AVAILABLE SERVICES VETERAN PENSION RATE RISE ON 20 SEPTEMBER-MEDIA RELEASE

"The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon, announced that from today, 20 September 2012, there will be an increase in pensions and income support payments for around 305,000 veterans, partners, war widows and widowers around the nation.

"The bi-annual pension indexation process, which was improved by this Government in 2009 with the introduction of the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI), underlines our commitment to providing the support veterans and their families need to cope with the increased cost of living.

"The increases I have announced today are part of this process, and will go a long way in helping out those that need it most," Mr Snowdon said.

The first full pension payment at the new rates will be on pension payday 18 October 2012. " Go to this link for more details of what the figures are:
http://minister.dva.gov.au/media_releases/2012/sep/va078.htm

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Our article " EXPANDED NEEDS OF THE TASK FORCE-HQ 26 COY/Det 52 Sup Pl RAASC" will appear in the next edition of Paludrine Parade.

And finally:

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

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