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Monthly newsletter of VVAA Sunshine Coast Sub-Branch Inc. SEPTEMBER 2025

Regs and Nashos side-by-side

Regular and National Service personnel served side-by-side in Vietnam, forging an enduring bond of comradeship, all returning home to a country divided by the war, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Matt Keogh said on Vietnam Veterans Day, 18 August.

"This Vietnam Veterans' Day, we honour the 60,000 Australians who served our nation in the Vietnam

War, recognising their commitment, service, and sacrifice," he said.

"Australia's commemoration of service in Vietnam is held on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, Australia's most costly engagement in the Vietnam War, and is an opportunity for all Australians to reflect on the courage, commitment and resilience of all who served in the war and supported its operations.

"We remember the 524 service members named on our nation's Roll of Honour who lost their lives in Vietnam, and two others who lost their lives in Thailand while supporting Vietnam operations.

"Countless Vietnam veterans experienced wounds, injuries and illness during their service, and for many, those scars, both seen and unseen have not dissipated in the decades since," he said.



PICTURED: On 8 October 1966, 12 men of C Company, 5RAR were wounded - one seriously - when two booby-trapped grenades exploded. One of six men hit by shrapnel in the first detonation, Private David Riik, is assisted to a 'dust-off' chopper by Lance-Corporals Ron Shoebridge (left) and David 'Stretch' Bryan. Riik was fortunate in that he did not lose a limb and was not blinded; others during the conflict were not so lucky. But even men who got off 'lightly' could have ongoing medical problems, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and tinnitus (ringing in the ears) from the explosion.— information and photo from Australian War Memorial.

- VV Day pages 11 and 13.



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MEETINGS: *Third Tuesday of the month: Comm Meeting, General Meeting — times, check office for details.*

NOTE: *At a date to be advised we are moving to the Maroochy RSL sub-branch building. Expressions of interest to the Secretary are welcome for any of the items in the Drop In Centre at no cost.*

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SON OF VIETNAM FOUND NEW HOME

A Tribute to Thai Dang

Born 27 September 1955 Baria, Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam

Died 26 August 2025 Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia

Thai Dang (pictured), who passed away recently, was the youngest of five children (three brothers and a sister) and was the only child born in a hospital and the only child to receive a birth certificate.

Times were tough for families during the war period and on several occasions Thai came close to death. His eldest brother, a Buddhist Monk was conscripted into the South Vietnamese army and was killed in action. Another brother was also conscripted and was badly wounded.

Thai first came into contact with Australians when military engineers provided vital infrastructure to his village, including fresh water.

Australian soldiers from the First Civil Affairs Unit introduced him to the English language and he was selected to spend a summer camp, organised by the Aussies, at Back Beach, Vung Tau.

In 1978, Thai built and captained a small boat; with 29 people on board, they escaped Vietnam and headed towards freedom. It was a perilous journey and only the intervention of a Taiwanese fishing vessel prevented the 29 refugees from drowning.

Thai spent seven months in an Indonesian Refugee Camp before a church in Duluth, Minnesota US, sponsored him to be repatriated there. Working in menial jobs through the day, he attended night school and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

However, his mission in life was to honour those who had given him the new life he now enjoyed. A natural musician, he formed a band and entertained and supported Vietnam Veterans of America, the homeless and the aged.

He provided scholarships for children of veterans and both he and his wife, Diamond (a Vietnamese/Australian) became UNICEF ambassadors. He and Dia-

mond were awarded certificates of achievement and achievement medals from American Vietnam Veterans.

Later in life, he visited Taiwan to thank crew members of the ship who had saved his life and the lives of the other refugees so many years earlier. He and Diamond made substantial donations to Taiwanese organisations.

Thai retired early and in 2016 he and Diamond moved to Australia. He immediately embarked on a new mission to find the Aussie teacher who had taught him English. With the support of the Sunshine Coast Sub-Branch, this was achieved and Thai had some memorable reunions.

In 2018, Thai was diagnosed with leukemia and was given little chance of survival. He defied the odds and after a bone marrow transplant and bouts of chemo and radiation, managed to survive another seven years.

In typical Thai fashion he, with Diamond by his side, hosted a number of thank-you functions for staff from the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Their donations to hospital foundations, resulted in their being presented with the Queensland Emerging Philanthropist runner-up award in 2022. The award was presented by the Governor of Queensland.

After Thai's health deteriorated last year, he received treatment from the Sunshine Coast University Hospital for which he was grateful. He and Diamond hosted a function for the hospital and made a donation to the hospital foundation.

There is so much more to this man's story. However, it is appropriate to acknowledge his support of the VVAASC, The RAD School Association, the First Civil Affairs Unit Association to name but a few.

Thai published his first book, *Jesus the Refugee*, in 2020 and last year his memoir *Blessed* was published. It is fascinating reading and fills in the gaps in this brief tribute.

Thai was fully aware that his time was limited and approached the end with courage and dignity. He is survived by his wife, Diamond, sons Tim and Andy, step-daughter Jessica and a family of thousands whose lives he impacted. Rest in Peace my friend. — by John Cunningham. — **funeral details page 5.**



A century of service by the Salvos just a memory

After 126 years, the Australian Army has axed funding for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Defence Services' Sallyman service.

Service organisations, veterans and serving ADF members will find the decision difficult to understand given the value of the service.

RSL Australia National President, Greg Melick said the Salvation Army program had been supporting Australian troops in the field for well over a century and it was a serious concern that this support may no longer be available due to Defence Department budget cuts.

"The decision to cut the funding to the program is a major disappointment and the RSL urges the Government to reconsider and do all it can to ensure the service continues to support our service men and women, as well as veterans and their families."

The Sally Men and Sally Mams have been operating in support of Australian soldiers since the Second Boer War.

The Salvo's website says this outreach continued through the two world wars, Korea and Vietnam – in fact, every conflict that involved the Australian Army. Currently 13 RSDS representatives at five Army bases around Australia."

Ironically, a new ADF bible was officially launched earlier

in the year during a ceremony in Canberra, 20 years after the last edition came into service.

"We acknowledge in the Defence Force how we are continually supported by the public, and the sacrifice from Bible Society volunteers brought forward today is another embodiment of that," Major General Graham said.



SALVO Captain Don Matthews chats over a coffee with Private Bob Shipton in South Vietnam.—AWM photo.



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From the Secretary

Members of the Sub-Branch have been saddened by the sudden passing of Associate Member, wonderful Sub-Branch supporter and great friend, Thai Dang.

Thai and Diamond were at the Vietnam Veterans Day Service and Luncheon only a few weeks ago. Thanks to members who have emailed messages of condolence. They will be passed on to Diamond. A tribute to Thai is in this edition of Ricochet.

The Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony and Luncheon are over for another year. Both the Service and the Luncheon went very well, and a great deal of positive feedback has been received. Over 300 people were at the Ceremony and 224 attended the luncheon. There were a number of people who contributed to the success of the day, and hopefully I have not missed anyone:-

Ceremony

Maroochy RSL CEO: Jason Scanes; Air Force Cadets who supplied the Drum Corps, Catafalque Party and Flag Party; Reviewing Officer, Ian Atkinson; Parade Marshall, Rick Brittain;

Guest Speaker, Kerry White; Padre, Max Wheat; Bugler, Kingston Scanes; Sound/Music: Ernie Hartshorn; M.C, Mike Sheahan; Maroochy RSL Equipment, Mark Doolan; Warren from the Sunshine Coast First Aid Volunteers; Ted Hungerford, Sunshine Coast Council.

Luncheon

Jill (the maestro), Kate, Brooke and the staff from the Maroochy RSL Function Centre.

The service was brilliant, the food top class. Special mention must go to the Chef and the catering and Bar staff. Nicky Steel, the brilliant entertainer; The ladies who sold the raffle tickets; Raffle Prize Donators: Wendy Turner (awarded a Cer-

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THAI DANG

Thai's funeral will be held at 11 am on Wednesday 17 September at the Gregson and Weight Chapel, 5 Gregson Place Caloundra. Light refreshments will be served in the Reception Room after the service. This will be followed by Thai's burial at the Caloundra Cemetery, Queens Road Caloundra at 1.30 pm. Medals are optional. Messages of condolence can be sent to Thai's widow, Mrs Diamond Tran, Bellflower Retirement Village, 95/118 Bellflower Road, Sippy Downs Qld. 4556

tificate of Appreciation), artists Jackie Coghill and Heather Stewart ; Maroochy RSL; Caloundra RSL; Thai and Diamond Dang and the Vietnamese Australian friends.

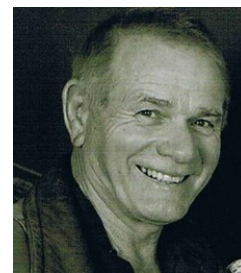
Special mention to President Mick Howe for his support and behind the scenes involvement.

At the Luncheon, one of our members, Mal Overend was recognised with Life Membership for his contribution to the Sub-Branch over two decades.

Planning has commenced for 2025 with two reunion groups intending to join us at the Ceremony and Luncheon. It is intended that a few interesting changes will occur next year, but my lips are sealed.

That's it from me.

Regards
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Secretary



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Bird's eye view

MEMBERS of a Facebook group called Amberley RAAF Aviation Photography Community (YAMB) enjoy spectacular views like these of FA/18F Super Hornets.



ENDORPHIN MEDIA



MARKING Vietnam Veterans Day at Mooloolaba Surf Club was this group which included some veterans. The venue is where breakfasts are held every Thursday for veterans and friends.

VETS' DAY AT AUSTRALIA ZOO

Australia Zoo holds an annual Veterans Day to honour serving and ex-service personnel, offering free entry for veterans and one guest, this year on 15 October. Proof of service, such as a white, gold, or service card required for entry



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Huey makes final flight

Hueys, the workhorse of the Vietnam War, are finally being retired, with a UH-1N making a final flight this month from Yokota Air Base in Japan for the US Air Force.

The helicopters will officially phase out of service at the base in September, after 45 years, but the aircraft goes back further as Vietnam veterans well know. In a message posted to the base's social media pages, the 374th Airlift Wing called the UH-1Ns a "symbol of reliability, resilience, and unwavering support to the mission".

The helicopter, developed by Bell Helicopter, was widely used during the Vietnam War. They first arrived at Yokota in 1971, according to the Air Force base.

The UH-1N Huey model became a permanent fixture at the base in 1980, according to the 374th Airlift Wing, ferrying people around Tokyo for 45 years. After more than four decades of flying that model, the Air Force's 374th Airlift Wing is retiring the aging helicopters.— from Task & Purpose newsletter.

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A NEW LIFE MEMBER



AT THE Vietnam Veterans Day luncheon, Mal Overend (left) was presented with Life Membership by President Mick Howe. Mal was a Sapper in Vietnam with 17th Construction Squadron. He is from Oakey near Toowoomba and now lives on the Sunshine Coast.



OUR 'Senior' member Chips Ross could not attend this year's Dog Remembrance at the National Dogs Memorial at Alexandra Headland, but his granddaughter was there — how about that. Rachal Burke was with Rick Brittain. — more next page.



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If you have served in any of the above listed units, you and your family are welcome to join the comradeship of fellow, like-minded people, at our monthly social meetings at the RSL Branch office on Memorial Ave Maroochydore, opposite the RSL Club.

Enjoy, also, the quiet ambience of our museum of naval memorabilia containing a wealth of original artefacts, uniforms and models of naval ships used in conflict, all representing a worthy reminder of the contribution by the men and women in their military role of the Australian and Allied Navies through the years.

For further information on becoming a member of our association, with a proud naval heritage, please contact the Maroochy Waters Sub Section, Naval Association of Australia:

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HONOURING THE WAR DOGS



War Dogs Association vice-president, Vietnam veteran Lt Colonel (ret.) George Hulse was speaker at the remembrance service on VV Day at the national War Dogs Memorial (above) George, 80, is also an Ironman, pictured left after completing a 226km Ironman Oceania Championship event in Cairns.

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The Victoria Cross for Australia was formally presented to the family of the late Private Richard Norden recently, in recognition for his bravery and dedication to service during the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral in Vietnam in 1968.

In November last year, Governor-General Sam Mostyn announced that King Charles had approved the awarding of the Victoria Cross for Australia for Private Norden. At a special investiture ceremony in Rockhampton, Australia's highest military honour was presented to Private Norden's widow, Mrs Robyn Freeman.

Private Norden's is the 102nd Victoria Cross awarded to an Australian and the fifth to an Australian Vietnam War veteran.

Family receives VC for action in South Vietnam

The awarding of the Victoria Cross reflects Private Norden's courage and selflessness in the heat of battle, his citation reads.

On 14 May 1968, Private Norden's platoon came under heavy fire during the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral. Using his initiative and demonstrating a depth of care for his fellow soldiers, Private Norden rescued a wounded soldier and recovered the body of another, with very little cover and under intense enemy fire.

Private Norden displayed a complete disregard for his own personal safety. His courage and selfless acts resulted in the enemy position being secured and likely saved the lives of many others on that day in 1968.

Constable Richard Norden was killed in 1972 in a motorcycle accident in the line of duty while serving as a member of the Australian Capital Territory Police.

PICTURED: Governor General Sam Mostyn congratulates Robyn Freeman, widow of Private Richard Norden, after presenting her with her husband's Victoria Cross for Australia. They are flanked by her and Richard's sons, Scott and Shane. – photo by Paul Berry.



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For those of you who attended Vietnam Veterans lunch last year, you would have enjoyed Thai and Diamond and their friends' rendition of 'Cinderella.'

They are very generous with their many gifts they freely give out when entertaining their audiences. You may also remember that the Captain of the Guard was our own John Cunningham. You may remember that in the original story of 'Cinderella,' there was no Captain of the Guard, thus it becomes their own pantomime, legally and morally.

When Thai and Diamond perform their pantomime elsewhere, and at their home in Sippy Downs, the Captain of the Guard is performed by Noel Williams, who incidentally was in my class at Cavendish Road High and Intermediate School 70 years ago, for three years.

Now, you may ask, how I should become so knowledgeable about our good friends' performers in their pantomime?

It all started when a kindly Australian Army soldier in Vietnam decided to teach English to the local children in his spare time, Thai being one of those students. After the end of the Vietnam War, Thai set out for America in search of his teacher which led him to Australia. There, he formed a group which returned the kindness to all Australians that he had found in his English teacher so long ago.

Eventually, Thai and Diamond settled in Sippy Downs, opposite Noel Williams home, where he had moved from his legal business in Toogoolawah and Beerwah, to settle in retirement along with his wife, Maxine. Another twist to this yarn is that Maxine nursed at Princess Alexan-

Fireside with the Padre



dera Hospital in South Brisbane with my sister, Ellen, in the early 1960s.

When Noel and Thai conversed about their background, Thai's link with our VVAASC became known, as did the fact that I am your Padre. Noel remarked, "There can only be one Arthur Fry," and set out to contact me. When we met, we talked about the 70 years of water that has flowed under our bridges and found that we had much in common.

Annette, Noel, Maxine and I met recently for a long, long chat about our past and the years that followed. As well as Noel's and my background, Maxine had many memories about my sister who passed away in 2023. It was Ellen that answered the call for local boys to meet the young nurses, and Maxine remembers she had the young nurse lined up one night to meet some local boys, (Maxine was from Biloela,) Noel and Maxine met at that event.

All this because one Australian soldier was kind enough to teach young Vietnamese boys and girls his native tongue of English. Thai, Diamond and their friends have made many friends with Australians, and I am pleased to say, we are all one big, happy, family.

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Veterans mark the day

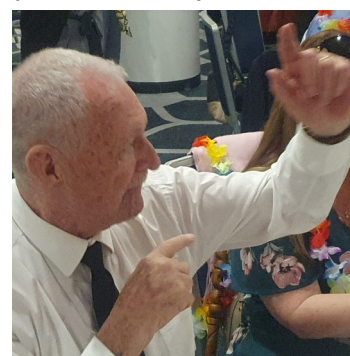
ANOTHER successful Vietnam Veterans Day was marked with a march and service at Cotton Tree followed by lunch at Maroochy Services Club ... meeting new mates, catching up with old mates and remembering fallen mates.



A PRINCELY John Cunnington in 'Cinderella' put on by the Vietnamese community.



EVEN serious soldiers let there hair down at times, like 'grooving' Ian 'Akko' Atkinson at the VV Day lunch at Maroochy RSL (left and below).



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He thought a minute and then said, "You know, I may have a solution to this problem. I have two male parrots whom I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring your two parrots over to my house and we will put them in the cage with Francis and Job. My parrots can teach your parrots to praise and worship. I'm sure your parrots will stop saying that ... that phrase in no time."

"Thank you," the lady responded, "this may very well be the solution."

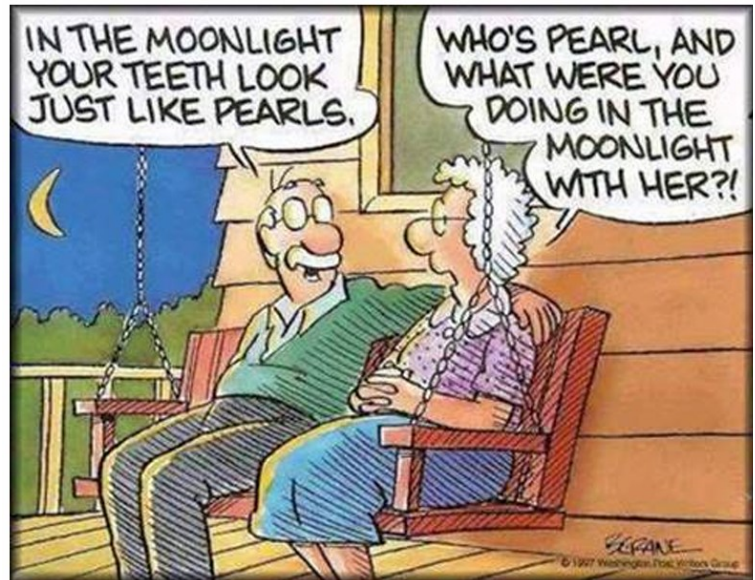
The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house. As he ushered her in, she saw his two male parrots were inside their cage, holding Rosary beads and praying.

Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in

with them. After just a couple of seconds, the female parrots exclaimed out in unison, "Hi, we're prostitutes. Do you want to have some fun?"

There was a stunned silence.

Finally, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and said, "Put the beads away, Francis, our prayers have been answered!"

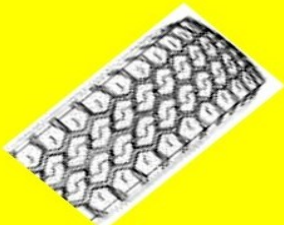


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Address by Kerry White at Vietnam Veterans Day 2025 ceremony at Esplanade, Cotton Tree. Kerry served as a reinforcement with 5 RAR in South Vietnam 1966-67.

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, especially war veterans and children – with the hope that young people here and everywhere do not have to go to war.

This year several war-related anniversaries are being commemorated:

- 110th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings;
- 80th Anniversary of the End of World War Two;
- 75th Anniversary of Australia's Involvement in the Korean War;
- 75th Anniversary of the Malayan Emergency;
- 25th Anniversary of INTERFET, the Australian-led peacekeeping mission in East Timor.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and we commemorate all who served – those on the ground, those in the air and those at sea – soldiers, pilots, sailors, doctors, nurses, civil aid and all;

As well this year marks the 60th anniversary of the first intake of 20-year-old men being called up for two years of National Service with the Australian Army.

The government had been advised that the army's strength of 23,000 needed to be increased to 33,000.

The new scheme applied only to the Army, with around 63,000 called up between 30th June, 1965 and 7th December, 1972. Around 15,300 served in the Vietnam War, with 200 killed and 1279 wounded.

A total of 521 Australians died in the war – 496 from the Army; 15 from the Air Force; and eight from the Navy; including three Australian servicemen who were declared "missing in action", according to the Australian War Memorial.

'Nashos' did ten weeks of initial training in one of three training battalions at Kapooka, New South Wales; at Puckapunyal, Victoria, or at Singleton, New South Wales.

Most national servicemen were allotted to the Infantry, enabling the Army to increase the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) to nine Battalions. About 1800 graduated as second lieutenants from the Officer Training Unit at Scheyville, NSW.

Cabinet had decided to introduce a compulsory selective National Service scheme on 5 November 1964. In announcing this decision to Parliament, Prime Minister Robert Menzies referred to 'aggressive Communism' developments in Asia, such as 'recent Indonesian policies and actions' and a 'deterioration in our strategic position', as being influential in the decision.

The National Service Act 1964, was passed on 24 November, and the Defence Act was amended in May 1965 to provide that conscripts could be obliged to serve overseas and, in March 1966, Prime Minister Harold

Holt announced that National Servicemen would be sent to Vietnam to fight in units of the Australian Regular Army.

Generally, the Army did not want National Servicemen, but once the government introduced the scheme they were accepted. They proved themselves and won respect, though subdued.

In his book *Vietnam: The Australian War*, Paul Ham quotes 'several battalion commanders': "They were the fittest and best-trained troops ever to leave Australia."

Later retired Brigadier Colin Khan said: "The national serviceman in particular, despite the fact that he came from a generation considered by some to be long-haired dissenters, was the equal of any soldier to leave our shores."

Of course, all Diggers Regular and Nasho were praised for their Vietnam War contribution:

"The Australians were more patient than the Americans, better guerrilla fighters, better at ambushes. They liked to stay with us instead of calling in planes. We were more afraid of their style," said Trinh Duc of the Xuan Loc District Branch Communist Party Secretariat.

America's most highly decorated soldier Colonel David Hackworth said: "We were all over Vietnam and I talked to a lot of people ... the only ones who knew how to fight this thing are the Australians and the Viet Cong. I sent company commanders to train with the Australians ... so they could pick up the skills of those well trained and careful jungle fighters."

Of course, in the Vietnam era the

Nashos were there to become part of the team that was the Australian Army – no doubt there were doubts on both sides with grizzly career soldiers, many of them Korean and Malaya veterans, faced with training young blokes from an easier life on civvy street.

In the main it worked: doubts were dispelled as the Nashos progressed through recruit and corps training, jungle training and on to the real thing. Mothers, fathers and those at home could rest – their sons were in good hands. Of course, there were some who did not make it.

The Regulars and the Nashos melded to become DIGGERS in the highest sense of the word as was demonstrated in major battles in Vietnam such as Long Tan, Coral/Balmoral and Binh Bah.

Even today, when veterans get together, there is little difference to speak of. Many Nashos are alive today because of Regular soldiers – such as Private Richard Norden who only in recent years was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia for his actions during the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral in May 1968.

His citation reads: "Private Norden repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire to rescue and evacuate wounded soldiers. His bravery and selflessness during the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral exemplified THE ANZAC SPIRIT. THE SPIRIT THAT UNITES US ALL ...

..... LEST WE FORGET



AT THE Vietnam Veterans Day lunch were (from left) Max Morrow from Kilcoy, John Hodges from Melbourne and local Kerry White who served together with 5RAR in Vietnam.

Roll of Honour — Vietnam, SEPTEMBER 1962-75

September 1965

Scott, Ronald Allan (213006), 37, AATTV (attached RAI), Sgt (Temp. WO2), Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

Smith, Francis John (37003), 25, 1RAR, Pte (Temp. Cpl), Ouyen Cemetery, Vic.

September 1966

Blanck, Wayne Allan (38033), 28, AATTV (attached RAI), Sgt (Temp. WO2), Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

September 1967

Brett, William John (2785150), 21, Pte, 2RAR, Armidale General Cemetery, NSW.

McDuff, Peter Edward (2782440), 22, LCpl, 2RAR, Darlington Point Cemetery, NSW.

Nelson, Dennis Edwin (4718427), 21, Pte, 2RAR, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Radomi, Stanley Edwin (43573), 22, Pte, 2RAR, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Twomey, John Warren (1200750), 33, Sgt, 2RAR, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Weston, Leslie James (1731955), 22, Pte, 2RAR, Atherton Cemetery, Qld.

September 1968

Abraham, Dennis Eric (4718946), 22, Sig. 104 SigSqn, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Burns, Robert (4718097), 22, LCpl, 4RAR, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Le Bherz, Norman William (18395), 22, Spr, 1Fld-Sqn, Brisbane General Cemetery.

Rhodes, Maxwell Lachlan (2796378), 22, 4RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Smith, Robert Stanley (1/4209), 2RAR, WO2, died Brisbane (no other details).

Muc, Michael (2787512), 21, 4RAR, Pte, Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

Noonan, Michael James (2787793), 21, 4RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Sukmanowsky, Michael (4719573), 21, 1ARU, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Williams, Archibald Stanley (5715189), 21, 1RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

September 1969

Fisher, David John E (2787344), 23, 3 SqnSASR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Kingston, Ian William (1734754), 20, 6RAR, Pte, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Rennie, Brian (312641), 21, 9RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

September 1970

Mowbray, Brenton George (53657), 36, HQ AFV (AA Psych C), Capt. (Temp. Maj.), War Cemetery and Annex, Perth.

September 1971

Beilken, Brian Charles (5718195), 21, 4RAR, Pte, War Cemetery and Annex, Perth.

Duff, James (3799449), 20, 4RAR, Pte, Mitta Mitta Cemetery, Vic.

Kingston-Powles, Keith Michael (56226), 24, 4RAR, Pte, Woongarra Crematorium, Townsville, Qld.

Niblett, Ralph James (3798081), 21, 4RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Sprigg, Roderick James (5718122), 21, 4RAR, Pte, Mukinbudin Cemetery, WA.

From Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour; Department of Veterans Affairs; Virtual War Memorial, Australia; Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Wall of Faces.

‘At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them ...’