



The Defence and Veterans' Service Commission (DVSC) began operation on 29 September as a powerful force for change, overseeing sustained improvement in how we protect the lives of those who protect us, the Federal Government announced.

"For the first time, veterans and their families have a government entity with a specific, singular focus on preventing suicide among current and ex-serving ADF members," it said.

"Operating independently of government, and backed by significant evidence-gathering powers, the DVSC will drive ongoing, systemic reform across the defence and veteran ecosystem.

"The Government is implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide to reduce suicide and suicidality among current and ex-serving Aus-

NEW COMMISSION TO OVERSEE CHANGE

tralian Defence Force members.

"The creation of the DVSC implements Recommendation 122 of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – to create a new, independent statutory entity. This recommendation was described by the Commission as its most important.

"Standing up the DVSC is a foundational step in the Government's ongoing program to implement Royal Commission recommendations."

"A key element of its mandate is to hold government to account by monitoring and reporting on progress to implement recommendations.

"Families of veterans who have died by suicide have made it clear they expect this body to be at arm's length from Government.

"That is why the Government will introduce standalone legislation for the Defence and Veterans' Service Commission, with a Commissioner to be appointed by the Governor-General to ensure their independence and enhance oversight of the implementation of recommendations, and include defence and veteran families."

Penny McKay will serve as Acting Commissioner while a merit-based recruitment process for the inaugural permanent DVSC Commissioner is underway right now. She is a former Deputy Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Matt Keogh said: "The Defence and Veterans' Service Commission has a singular focus – to drive the reforms that, guided by the best evidence, will lower suicides and suicidality among current and ex-serving ADF members."



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FROM HEBRIDES TO VIETNAM WAR

When Neil, Donald and Ian MacDonald were children, they enjoyed a peaceful rural upbringing on the Hebridean island of Harris – as young men, all three of them were thousands of miles away from their childhood home on the front line of the Vietnam War.

Fifty years after the end of the war, which resulted in the deaths of an estimated 3.8m people, the brothers' families have paid tribute to them.

The brothers were among Donald and Elizabeth MacDonald's eight children who grew up on Harris in the 1940 and 50s (The Hebrides is an archipelago comprising hundreds of islands off the northwest coast of Scotland).

Their sister Flora said they had a traditional upbringing. "Our neighbours had a fishing boat and we would get fish from them," she said. "My mother would put it in casks with salt. We also had hens and we dug our own peats for the fire.

"We didn't want for anything, and there was a strong community around us."

The family outgrew their small house in Geocrab (on the Isle of Harris on the Hebrides, part of Scotland) and moved to Tarbert. The small, single-storey house sits in a landscape of moor and bare rocks. There is a wire fence in the foreground.

The family spent time living in Geocrab, Harris, before later moving to Glasgow and then Australia in 1961.

Seven of the children joined their parents for this new life, with an older sister already having emigrated to South Africa.

They arrived as "Ten Pound Poms", the nickname given to British emigrants who moved under an Australian government-backed scheme.

There was significant interest in the large family from the Hebrides. Flora said: "Our family received a lot of attention from the media.

"They took pictures of us when we arrived, and then they came again to take pictures when we had found a house near Melbourne."

Newspaper cutting showing the MacDonald family after they arrived in Australia. They are laughing and smiling. The headline under the picture reads: 'Nine new Australians'.

The family made the news when they emigrated to Australia in 1961.

By this time Donald and Ian had joined the Australian

army and Neil was in the navy. For the brothers the military offered work and an opportunity to learn a trade.

"Donald joined the Australian army expecting to be able to take up an apprenticeship, as they had advertised," said his partner Geraldine Schirmer. "His timing wasn't very good as they were needing more infantrymen.

"So he ended up being in an infantry battalion and was sent to Vietnam in early 1968."

Flora said her brothers being sent off to war was the cause of great concern for her parents, who had lived through World War Two.

"They had seen war," she said. "They were particularly concerned about them being in another land that they knew nothing about. My brothers didn't know what they were going to be facing."

Donald was shot and wounded at the Battle of Coral-Balmoral in 1968. Ian, an engineer, visited Donald in the hospital.

Geraldine said: "He did this regularly and Donald would wonder why Ian would always be in tears. It was because the medics had told Ian that Donald was not likely to survive."

Donald spent two years recovering from his wounds,

before returning to the army in a training role.

He later went into the construction industry and raised his own family.

Ian was deployed to Vietnam again in 1972, in the closing stages of Australia's involvement in the war. He was on the last Hercules military aircraft transporting troops back to Australia later that year.

He went on to work as a civil engineer on the east coast of Australia and helped to run a roadside restaurant his wife had opened in Queensland. He became unwell in 2008 and died as a result of cancer in 2012.

Neil worked as a truck driver and as a mechanical technician for food and drink company Cadbury Schweppes after the war.

Later, he went back to sea with the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol at Coffs Harbour in New South Wales. He died in 2023 and his ashes were buried at sea outside Sydney harbour by the Australian Navy.

Neil developed Ménière's disease, an inner ear condition that led to deafness and forced him to retire from full-time work in 1982.

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BROTHERS Neil, Donald and Ian MacDonald.

From the President

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all safe and healthy. Well, we have been a bit all over the place during the last month trying to get everything together for the move to the RSL Hub; finalising documentation, payments and future bookings.

On that note, we already have more than 120 people who have reserved their seats for next Vietnam Veterans Day so we are off to a great start, albeit nearly 12 months into the future.

Preparing for the move from our current location (photo) in the library building is not an easy task. We have just received three large security bins for a huge amount of outdated and, to some extent, confidential correspondence which has to be securely destroyed, and I think we are going to need a few more to complete the task.

We have advised the library that we hope to completely vacate the premises by the end of this month, so we need to get a few of our committee members up and running; there's lots to do!

You would have read in an e-mail previously forwarded to you all from John Cunnington that we have furniture – desks, chairs, cupboards, four-door filing cabinets, etc. – that we need to dispose of. So, if you are in need of any such items, make contact with us and we will help you out (four-door filing cabinets are usually a good thing to have in the garage for storage).

Well, that's all I've really got time for at the moment. As I've said many times before, if you have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions on how we can improve our Association, please make contact.

In the meantime, please take care of yourselves, stay happy, healthy and as strong as possible.

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Mick Howe.

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From the Secretary

Hi All, relocation of the Sub-Branch to the Maroochy RSL Hub is progressing, albeit a tad slowly. We identify now more as long distance adherents rather than sprinters. The Sunshine Coast Council has kindly waved our lease fee for the year due to our long term tenancy which is a handy saving.

It is probably fair to say that the move is akin to a family downsizing. Over the past few years, membership has dropped as has the numbers calling into the Drop-In Centre. It is hard to believe, but we are an ageing population. Attendance at monthly meetings has dwindled and finding volunteers to take on committee positions is an issue many VVAA Sub-Branches are experiencing.

The Blue Mountains, Illawarra and West Melbourne Sub-Branch have all closed their doors. This is not surprising as the Vietnam Veterans Association was established after those returning from service felt like they weren't supported by the government and the RSL. This has all changed of course, with much of the successes being initiated by the founding members of the Association and Sub-Branches.

Today, the Sunshine Coast Sub-Branch has a close and mutually supporting relationship with both the Maroochy and Caloundra RSLs. It is fitting that

Maroochy RSL Sub-Branch, which generously supports the Vietnam Veterans Day Service and Lunch-eon, has welcomed the relocation of the Drop-In Centre to the Hub.

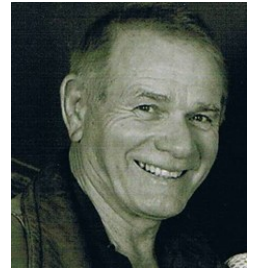
Maroochy RSL has also made available an area for the manufacture of the Penny Hat Keyrings. Scotty and the team will relocate from Peter and Ann Ginman's place. Without the gracious support of the Ginmans, the Penny Hat Keyring enterprise would have been in dire trouble.

I know that some of our members with disability issues are looking forward to not having to negotiate the steps in the Library Administration building.

On another topic, the Ladies Lunch will be held on Wednesday, 26 November. Details of the day are on page 7 of this edition of Ricochet.

Regards

John Cunningham



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VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA SUNSHINE COAST SUB-BRANCH, MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

Meeting opened 1107hrs; Ode recited by Mick Howe. Attendance and apologies as per book.

Mick Howe checked if all attendees had read the previous minutes. No business arising. Margo Christie informed the meeting she had been in contact with the POSH who are now aware they need to remove their cups etc. from the DIC.

Inwards and Outwards Correspondence: emails from 128 ACU to attend the Cadet passing out parade on 12 October. Email to Sunshine Coast Council re termination of the office lease. To and from Maroochy RSL Sub-Branch; Perry's chair hire VVDay; Morwell RSL a DHJ order. Miscellaneous heads-up to update members. Moved John Cunningham, seconded Win Fowles. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mick Howe advised the meeting of the relevant information contained in the T/Report. No queries from the meeting. On behalf of the Treasurer, Mick Howe moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Bob Johnson. Carried.

Membership Report Pieter Reus advised nothing to report.

Sub Committee: John Cunningham reported that the VV Day lunch was a success, Ladies Day is being organised for 26 November 2025. Moved John Cunningham, seconded Mal Overend. Carried.

DHJ: Three attendees to the August session and six attended in September. The new area at the RSL is suitable.

Requested some form of appreciation for Peter and Anne Ginman who have been wonderful hosts to DHJ and generously let the boys use their home these past few years for DHJ. Moved Graeme Scott, seconded Bob Johnson. Carried.

Office Manager Report: No report.

General Business: Mick Gay enquired if there was to be a Christmas party. Much discussion ensued. Kerry White congratulated John Cunningham on the great day that VV Day was. Win Fowles added his congratulations to those already offered to John Cunningham. Win Fowles representing the Defence Welfare Association informed the meeting that since the Royal commission approx. 90 suicides of veterans have occurred. The Defence Welfare Association wants immediate action. As such what is the policy of the VV Association re: addressing the suicide situation of Veterans? Mick Howe offered to send an email to the State office of VVAA in support. Secondly, is there a policy on the proposed changes to the 180-day medal? This is identified as a Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal issue.

Chris W updated membership Brian Earp no longer available to do Duty Officer and wished him well and thanked him for his previous contribution.

Mick Howe asked why is it an offence to burn the New Zealand Flag yet the Australian Flag is not covered by similar legislation?

Meeting closed 1145.



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This function is completely free of cost and will include a three-course meal, wine, soft drink and tea and coffee. There will be live entertainment and you are guaranteed a great day out.

The occasion is the Association's yearly 'Thank You' to our long-suffering partners. The Lunch is open to current financial Association Members (Ladies only), Partners and Widows of Association Members.

Important: If you plan on attending the gathering, you must register by calling into the Drop-In Centre, so details can be recorded. The DIC is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 0900 hours to 1200 hours.

Unfortunately, the Drop-In Centre telephone line is not operating as it should. (Despite the promises of Telstra). To register by phone, please contact John Cunningham on 0415375968 or email: - secretaryvvaasc@gmail.com.

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Farewell for an old friend, Thai Dang

A fitting farewell was held recently for our associate member, Thai Dang, who was born on 27 September 1955 at Baria, Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam. He died on 26 August 2025 on the Sunshine Coast.

He was the youngest of five children. He overcame numerous hardships in a significant life..

He is survived by his wife Diamond, sons Tim and Andy, step-daughter Jessica and a family of thousands on whose lives he impacted. A story of his life by John Cunningham appeared in the September *Ricochet*.



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FLASHBACK!



SABRES from the RAAF 75 Squadron 'Black Diamonds' aerobatic team at the Richmond RAAF base in 1961 — a reminder of the past at a recent air show celebrating the base's centenary.—photo from RAAF museum.

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What a shock we received with the news that our friend and associate member, Thai Dang, had passed away! In John Cunningham's words, Thai was his chirpy old self at the Vietnam Veterans' Day lunch, the previous Monday.

I was honoured when Diamond asked me to officiate at his funeral, at the time I was in Ipswich, so many emails were exchanged between John and me, and I thank him for making all local arrangements while I was housebound in Ipswich, waiting for my wife to come home from the United States.

And come home, she did. In a wheelchair accompanied by a United Airlines flight attendant, pushing her and dragging her baggage! She had one arm in a sling and plastered from the wrist to the elbow, while holding her other arm, which had begun to cause her pain.

Her story is that she fell in the garden while picking cherry tomatoes, and stopping her fall with both hands, but fortunately, she is under care by bone specialists here in Caloundra. She is doing well and may even be ready for my reunion with HQ 1 ATF come November.

Another broken bones story: My good friend who exchanged duties with me on Vietnam Veterans' Day, Rev. Max Wheat, fell at a railway station in Brisbane and broke a T-10 vertebra in his back. He is currently in SCUH. It is unknown how long he will be in hospital.

It is good to have my wife at home, although many of the household chores have become my responsibility. Think of how many items around the house that you would do with your right hand, and you will understand how ambidextrous I have become.

Fireside with the Padre - Arthur Fry.



Having never been a cook, I am amazed how much I have learned to do with my wife telling me, step by step, to complete a cooking task.

She came home with wonderful memories of our grand daughter obtaining honours for her first science degree; watching a game of the Red Sox at Fenway Park, a first; seeing our younger granddaughter start college in Boston.

Also watching her play volleyball for which she entered college with a scholarship in her chosen sport. Her studies will take her to a Nurse Practitioner., but let us get on with this volleyball, first.

Our daughter, Paula, decided she would have her mother's favourite meal while at Blount's in Warren. Lobster roll. Annette told me how expensive everything is in America, but no one was ready for the bill on that occasion! Seventy-one Australian dollars for a lobster roll ... and fries!

We trust you are having an easy time dealing with what we consider to be increasing costs of living. Are lobster rolls not on your menu? They are not on ours any longer, either.

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Brothers in arms

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And at the age of 60, another effect became apparent for Donald. Geraldine said: "It was a blood disease - a disease of thrombosis in its first stages." (It was said to be linked to Donald's exposure to the chemical Agent Orange). Donald died as a result of his illness in 2023.

In the years before their deaths, all three brothers reconnected with their native island. Ian came back with his wife Robyn in 2005.

"When we pulled into the ferry terminal at Tarbert, the tears were just streaming down his face," she said. Donald came home for a family trip to Pabbay, the island off Harris from which one side of his father's family came, in 2010.

He returned several times over the following 10 years. During one of those trips he and other members of Ian's family buried some of his ashes at Scarista cemetery.

Donald asked that some of his ashes also be scattered in Harris. "His heart was in Harris," said Geraldine. That's where his roots were. It was home to him."

- by Ruairidh Maciver BBC Naidheachdan (news), 7 May 2025.



DONALD with Geraldine in 2018. — pictures from BBC article.

- Next page, more on family members at war.

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Get well soon Brother

Private Joe Lavery visits his brother, Gerard, at 1st Australian Field Hospital in South Vietnam in 1969. Gerard was wounded in fighting with 9RAR in Operation Goodwood while Joe served with 2 Transport Platoon. They were from Colac in Victoria (AWM photo).

Other brothers who served with Australian forces in South Vietnam included Ray and David St Leon who served together in the Royal Australian Engineers, both as sappers at the 1st Australian Task Force Headquarters in Nui Dat in 1966.



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The first father and son in the Australian Army to serve in Vietnam left Sydney by air for the war zone on Monday morning, 11 December 1967. They were Warrant Officer Class 2 Raymond Wynne (left) and the son, Corporal Paul Wynne. Both were members of the Royal Australian Army Provost Corps, and served with the Provost section in Vung Tau. They were from Lithgow. — AWM photo.

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"I get along with folks - I'll be fine."

"Maybe some wild sex, too."

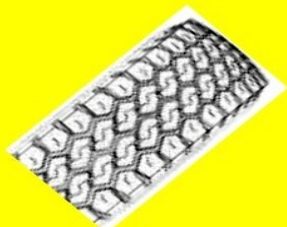
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MOSCOW FACING ISSUES WITH VETERANS

When President Vladimir Putin praised veterans of the war in Ukraine this year as “the elite who defend the Motherland,” he cast them as a generation of men ready to lead Russia into the future.

“It’s not frightening to hand the country over to people like this,” he said.

Yet the return of Russian soldiers from Ukraine is already straining families and communities, with violent crimes drawing headlines and neighbours on edge. With some 700,000 men still fighting, the country now faces the far larger test of what will happen when they all come home.

“War veterans often find it difficult to integrate back into civilian society even with psychological support and rehabilitation programs,” Dr. Jenny Mathers, senior lecturer in international politics at Aberystwyth University, told *The Moscow Times*.

“The absence of such support for many Russian war veterans, combined with the emphasis in Russian society on men displaying certain types of masculine behaviour — such as toughness, concealing softer emotions such as sorrow or fear — will make it even harder,” said Mathers, whose research focuses on Russia’s war in Ukraine.

Cases of returning soldiers committing crimes have been steadily growing.

In one recent example, Alexei Marchukov, a soldier on leave from the front, was convicted of killing his wife on their wedding night in the Tyumen region. He was sentenced to 12.5 years in a maximum-security penal colony.

Court records show that Marchukov, intoxicated after the wedding celebration, fatally stabbed his wife after an argument. His sister testified that he had previously signed up for the army to avoid prison after repeated arrests for public disorder.

After the verdict was read, he reportedly told the court he hoped to return to the front, a reminder of the revolving door between Russia’s battlefields and its prisons.

Russia’s convict recruitment efforts began under the Wagner mercenary group in mid-2022, with prisoners offered a pardon in exchange for six months of military service. The Defense Ministry took over the practice in early 2023.

Analysts say the policy has planted the seeds for future crimes.

The war “is already affecting the country’s criminal situation and will inevitably continue to influence crime in the future,” said Villy Maslov, a researcher at the Ural Law Institute of the Interior Ministry, who analysed the war’s impact on crime in Russia and statistics on convictions for 2019-2023.

He argued that it is “only a matter of time” before released convicts commit another crime and that their reinte-

gration into society is unlikely without state support.

There are currently no mandatory psychological or mental health assessments for soldiers returning from the war.

Experts warn that in some cases, only a short time passed between sentencing and deployment to the front — raising concerns that once back, these fighters may turn their anger on those involved in their prosecution.

The Foundation for the Support of Victims of Crime in March called for ending the practice of pardoning men convicted of serious crimes in exchange for fighting in Ukraine.

And in 2024, Nina Ostanina, chair of the State Duma’s Family Protection Committee, proposed placing ex-convicts under permanent supervision upon their return from the war.

However, neither proposal was implemented.

Like in Marchukov’s case, Mathers said “there is a well-established connection between soldiers returning from deployment to conflict zones and an increase in domestic violence in their households.”

“Several studies have been done in the United States, for example about American soldiers returning from deployment to the post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, but there is also evidence from other countries to support the theory that the families of soldiers coming home from war are at increased risk of abuse from their husbands and fathers,” she told *The Moscow Times*.

— from *The Moscow Times* which added this statement with a plea for donations: “We are facing unprecedented challenges. Russia’s Prosecutor General’s Office has designated *The Moscow Times* as an ‘undesirable’ organization, criminalizing our work and putting our staff at risk of prosecution.” Refer <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/>



Russian veterans of the war in Ukraine in wheelchairs.— photo from *The Moscow Times*.

Roll of Honour — Vietnam, OCTOBER 1962-75

October 1965

Field, Ronald Eric (214479), 22, 1RAR, Pte, War Cemetery, Rookwood, NSW.

Hansen, Allan Robert (214329), 25, 1 RAR, Pte, Crematorium, Rookwood, NSW.

Ross, Thomas (212612), 25, 1 RAR, LCpl, War Cemetery, Rookwood, NSW.

October 1966

D'Antoine, Gordon Henry (54865), 20, 5 RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Warburton, Graham Francis A (3786978), 21, Pte, 5 RAR, Warnambool Cemetery, Vic.

Womal, Norman James (15170), 28, 5 RAR, Cpl, Bowen General Cemetery, Qld.

October 1967

Freeman, John William (2226078), 21, 1 DivIntel Unit, Pte (Temp. Cpl), Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney.

Harald, Noel Stuart (16141), 30, 2 RAR, Pte, Yeppoon Cemetery, Qld.

O'Shea, Geoffrey (18490), 20, 1SqnSAS, Mulumbimby Cemetery, NSW.

October 1968

Brewer, Kevin Frederick (6708915), 22, 4 RAR, Pte, Ulverstone Cemetery, Tas.

Byrne, Basil Eric (53741), 32, AFV Amenity & Welfare Unit (RA INF), Cpl (TempSgt), Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Davidson, Barry Norton (2788283), 22, 3 RAR, Pte, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney.

Evans, Paul (1732701), 22, 1 RAR, LCpl, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Houston, Kenneth Raymond (2787776), 23, 3 RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

McInerney, Neil Anthony (217514), 20, 1 RAR, Pte, Gundagai Cemetery, NSW.

Shaw, Keith Charles (55358), 21, 4 RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Slattery, John Michael (2787079), 22, 1 RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Stahl, Donald Matthew (21934), 44, RAE, att AATTV, 1965-66, died PNG 1968), WO1, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Leppington, NSW.

Thomson, Ian James (2786038), 22, 3 RAR, Pte, Thirlmere Cemetery, NSW.

Tinkham, John Richard (3791207), 21, 4 RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Van Rijsewijk, Paul Richard (5715180), 21, 3 RAR, LCpl, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

October 1969

Binder, Bernd George Fritz (134994), 21, 9 RAR, Pte, Wangaratta Cemetery, Vic.

Casey, Albert Lesley (218715), 20, 3 CavRegt, Trp, Batlow Cemetery, NSW.

Connors, Ronald Francis (218554), 26, AACC (Att 5 RAR), Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

Duncuff, Alan Leslie (5716228), 21, 1 FldSqn, Spr, Allambie Park Cemetery, Albany, WA.

Hansen, Peter Roy (511317), 23, 6 RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Holloway, John Wallace (3794544), 22, 9 RAR, Pte, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

O'Neill, Allan Leslie (36547), 22, Cpl, 2SqnSAS (RA INF), Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Prior, Kevin John (1734329), 22, (RAR, Pte, Rockhampton Crematorium, Qld.

October 1970

Davies, Rex William (422514), 25, 7 RAR, 2Lt, Stirling North Garden Cemetery, Port Augusta, SA.

October 1971

Hall, John (243015), 30, 12 FldRegt, SSgt, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Parker, Roderick Thomas Ross (218346), 27, 12 FldRegt, Sgt, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Scott, Terence Ronald (38649), died 18 Oct 1971 aged 24, served 7 RAR 1967-68, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Vic.

Schuit, Martinus Jacobus M (4720852), 23, 17 ConstSqn, Spr, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Willoughby, Garry Ian (3797671), 22, 2 RAR, Pte, Lilydale Cemetery, Melbourne.

- *Information and photos from Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour; Department of Veterans Affairs; Virtual War Memorial, Australia; Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Wall of Faces; Find A Grave.*

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