

RICOCHET



Monthly newsletter of VVAA Sunshine Coast Sub-Branch Inc. FEBRUARY 2026

A National Commemorative Service to mark 75 years since the inception of the 1951 National Service scheme will be held in Canberra on 14 February, designated National Servicemen's Day, Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Minister Matt Keogh has announced.

The service will be held in the Great Hall at the Australian Parliament House in Canberra starting at 10:30 am.

More than 280,000 Australians were conscripted into Australia's armed services through National Service schemes between 1951 and 1972 – a product of significant global and regional conflicts facing Australia following the Second World War.

"Sadly, some 250 Australians lost their lives during this time of national service," he said.

"National service was compulsory for most of the young

Commemoration for 75 years of National Service

men who served, and this National Commemorative Service is an important opportunity for all Australians to come together to recognise the service and sacrifice of all Australia's 'Nashos'.

"We owe them a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid. The service will be broadcast nationally on the ABC and available to watch on ABC iView.

"Australians can also honour our Nashos by sharing a personal reflection on DVA's Wall of Remembrance."

In Australia, there have been four national service schemes at different times, all for military service, according to Anzac Portal on the DVA website:

- Universal Service Scheme 1911 to 1922
- Commonwealth Militia (Citizen Military Forces) National Service Scheme 1940 to 1946
- National Service Training Scheme 1950 to 1959
- National Service Scheme 1964 to 1972.

In the 1964 to 1972 scheme, national servicemen were liable for overseas service in wars and war-like operations. Most of the 63,000 national servicemen served in Australia but more than 19,000 served overseas.

After World War Two the number in the military reduced from 500,000 to around 50,000.

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AUSSSIE Diggers including Nashos arrive in South Vietnam. — AWM photo.



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DROP-IN-CENTRE **OPENING 27 JANUARY**

The Drop-In-Centre at the library complex is now closed and re-opens at the RSL Hub opposite Maroochy Services Club on 27 January. Opening hours Tuesday to Thursday 0900 to 1200 hours.

Inquiries: Phone 0476903132 .

Note: Our January Committee Meeting will be held at 1000 hours and the General Meeting will be at 1100 hours on 27 January.

The AGM will be at 1100 hours on Tuesday 17 February 2026 at the Hub.

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R.A.N. ON COURSE TO GROW, SAYS CHIEF

Australia's navy is on course to become much larger and more powerful, a hybrid force of crewed and uncrewed craft that will include nuclear-powered and conventionally armed submarines, says Royal Australian Navy (RAN) chief Mark Hammond.

Vice Admiral Hammond says the surface fleet will double in size, and it's already becoming much more lethal. Hammond is aware of the criticism in Australia about the multibillion-dollar plan to buy -Virginia-class attack submarines (SSNs) from the US under the AUKUS agreement. He's confident that will happen and says the navy is already seeing results.

"This is not a paper program; this is a very real program where we are knocking down key waypoints one after the other," he says.

Over two years, more than 170 Australians have qualified to serve in conventional Collins-class or nuclear-powered submarines.

"Right now, there are more than 50 Australians aboard US fast-attack submarines operating out of Pearl Harbor. We have 150 people training in the US, and they're performing exceedingly well," Hammond says.

The Vice Admiral was aboard Virginia submarine USS Montana recently with the head of the US Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, Admiral William J. Houston, and saw the progress first-hand.

"I watched one of our junior sailors walk out of the US submarine's communications area to broadcast a report to the captain, then saw one of our engineers supervising US operators in the reactor control room," he says.

A key element of building Australia's submarine workforce has been improving personnel retention rates. When he commanded HMAS Farncomb 20 years ago, the total submarine force had 400–500 people. Now it is well over 800 and he says the uptake of young Australians interested in a submarine career is growing.

"The number volunteering for the nuclear submarine program is extraordinary. It has strong brand value for people looking for challenging, interesting jobs."

On whether the US will keep its promise – renewed to Anthony Albanese at his meeting with President Donald Trump – to provide the Virginias given its production problems, Hammond says he's experienced an unwavering determination in Australia and the US to deliver on AUKUS.

That includes Australia providing facilities in WA for US and UK submarines visiting HMAS Stirling, and training crews so Australia can receive the first Virginia in 2032.

- from *The Australian*, by **Brendan Nicholson**.



Royal Australian Navy's Vice-Admiral Jonathan Mead, Director-General of the Australian Submarine Agency (left), receives a technical briefing during a walk-through of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility's machine shop. Image: US Navy .

Our padre calls it a day



OUR PADRE Arthur Fry, pictured with wife Annette, is calling it a day with his 125th and final column appearing in this Ricochet, page 10. - from The RAM Magazine.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 11AM TUESDAY 20 February 2026

I (FULL NAME IN CAPITALS),

Being a financial member of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, Sunshine Coast Sub-branch Inc. (VVAASC), hereby nominate:

(name in capitals)

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(NOTE: Nominations for the above positions will be accepted from the floor at the AGM if a nomination has not been lodged by the return date for nominations)

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NOMINEE: I, (print name)

Being a financial member of the VVAASC hereby accept this nomination

(signed)(date)/...../.....

**THIS FORM IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY BY NOON ON
TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2026**

(NOTE: Please use a separate form for each nomination for each position.

From the Secretary

I am not sure where 2025 went, but here we are in 2026 primed for another year, a year of change. As previously advised, the Drop-In Centre relocated to the Maroochy RSL Hub in December.

Downsizing was inevitable due to a decline in membership and requests for advocacy services. Several Sub-Branches across Australia have closed their doors for these reasons.

It is sobering to know that, as of 2026, the surviving Australian Vietnam veteran population is generally aged in their late 70s to early 80s. While we were young men with an average deployment age of roughly 20-21 during the conflict (1962–1973), most survivors are now part of the elderly cohort.

Of around the 60,000 personal who served in Vietnam, it was estimated that 35,000 were still alive as

of late 2023. That number would have dropped over the past two years.

However, the Sunshine Coast Sub-Branch is committed to supporting members for the foreseeable future and, as from 27 January, the Drop-In Centre will be open Tuesday to Thursday between 0900 hours and 1200 hours. The Sub-Branch will also continue to organise the Vietnam Veterans Day Service and luncheon, the Toast to the War Dog's Service and the Ladies Luncheon.

Thanks to the Maroochy RSL Sub-Branch, an area has been made available in the rear of the Hub for the Penny Hat Key Ring enterprise. Scotty and the crew have moved in all the equipment and will continue to make natural penny hat key rings. We are operational again so, if you get a chance, pop into the Hub,

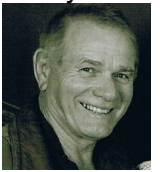
check out the new premises, have a cuppa and enjoy some camaraderie.

On another note, our well-respected Padre, Arthur Fry, has stepped aside due to health issues. Arthur has been steadfast supporter of the VVAASC and numerous ex-service organisations over the years.

His *Fireside with the Padre* column has appeared in Ricochet for decades. Arthur's farewell is in his final column in this edition of Ricochet. A larger-than-life character, his contribution to the Sub-Branch will be missed, but he and Annette will continue their involvement with the Church.

That's it for me, and hopefully there will be a good roll-up at the AGM at 1100 hours on Tuesday 17 February.

Regards
John Cunningham



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From airdrops to remote runways, the Royal Australian Air Force and Australian Army worked alongside the Australian Olympic Committee on Exercise Christmas Hop 25, proving that even Santa loves a C-27J Spartan and C-130J Hercules ride.

Personnel from 35 Squadron and 37 Squadron deployed with members of the Australian Army's 51st Far North Queensland Regiment (51 FNQR) and 176 Air Dispatch Squadron. Their mission from December 1 to 9: to spread festive cheer while sharpening operational skills.

"Air Force worked closely with 51 FNQR and Indigenous liaison officers



on the selection of locations to visit based on requirements and accessibility," Senior Indigenous Liaison Officer Squadron Leader Coen Henry said.

PICTURED: Australian Olympians Haylie Powell and Natalya Diehm,

Australian Olympic Committee member Melissa Romer and Squadron Leader Coen Henry on the ramp of a RAAF C-130J Hercules during Exercise Christmas Hop 2025. – from ADF News.



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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:

Bill Hayward, President, 0411 024 985, bloggshayward@yahoo.com
Michael Wilson, Secretary, 0457 852 122, michaelwilson1@bigpond.com



Scootaville on again

Preparations are well underway for Scootaville 2026, leaving Hawkesbury Showground, opposite RAAF Richmond, on Saturday 14 March.

After travelling via and overnighting at Bong Bong, Moruya, Queanbeyan, Young, Cowra, Parkes, Orange and Bathurst, it will return to the Showground on Tuesday 31 March. See www.scootaville.org.au/NSW2026.pdf

"We would love to have you join us, if you're a fun-loving person, love getting out and seeing our fabulous country, meeting many wonderful people and you care for our many veterans who are not living as well as they should, then do yourself a favour and come Scootavilling," said organiser Trevor Benneworth. "You don't have to be a rider, you can come along as a supporter.

"Once again, Scootaville will raise funds for Legacy, which cares for the families of missing or injured service personnel, and via the Air Force Association, for homeless Vets.

"This year we have arranged to have Mt Panorama closed on Sunday morning 29 March while we hold a "Walk for Veterans" event. People will be able to walk the circuit, for a fee, with funds going to our two charities."

For more information go to <https://www.scootaville.org.au/>

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This will be your new biennial monetary limit for Schedule C items. You don't need to do anything to activate the new biennial monetary limit.

Importantly, you will not be able to roll over the amount into the next two-year period because the monetary limit resets.

The capped amounts apply even if you hold a Veteran Gold Card or have dental related conditions accepted on your Veteran White Card.

In addition, dental therapists hygienists and oral health therapists have also been added to the approved list of dental service providers. This means it is now easier to access a dental practitioner suited to your needs.

To learn more about DVA's Dental Program, visit the DVA website.

IRAQ OPERATION ENDS



IRAQI Armed Forces' General Qais Khalaf Rahima and Australia's Deputy Chief of Joint Operations, Major General Hugh McAslan, at the end of Operation Steadfast in Bagdad. Australia has officially concluded Operation Steadfast, marking the final chapter in more than two decades of Australian Defence Force involvement in Iraq. With origins in 2003, the operation established in 2018 was Australia's contribution to NATO's efforts to strengthen the Iraqi Security Forces after the defeat of Daesh.

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TRUMP COMMENTS DRAW RETURN FIRE

Comments by United States President Donald Trump querying the contribution of allies to the war in Afghanistan have been challenged universally including in Australia.

Afghanistan veteran and RSL National president Peter Tinley (**pictured**) is among those rejecting Mr Trump's assertion that allied forces "stayed a little back, a little off the front lines" in Afghanistan.

Mr Tinley said the President's claim was factually wrong, historically ignorant, and deeply offensive to the 47 Australian service personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice, the 261 wounded, and the nearly 40,000 Australians who served in our nation's longest war. Mr Tinley said the facts speak for themselves.

"Australian forces were among the first coalition troops into Afghanistan following the September 11 attacks. The SAS was on the ground two weeks after 9/11 with the US Marine brigade of the legendary General James Mattis.

"I know, because I was there, as Deputy Commander of the Special Forces Task Group in those opening months," he said.

"For two decades, Australians operated in Uruzgan Prov-

ince, one of the most dangerous regions in the country. Our troops didn't "stay a little back." They conducted offensive counter-insurgency operations, cleared Taliban strongholds, defused roadside bombs, mentored Afghan forces under fire, and fought in sustained close combat.



"Four Australians were awarded the Victoria Cross, our nation's highest honour for battlefield gallantry, for actions in Afghanistan.

Peter Tinley said these were not the actions of men who "stayed behind the lines".

"To our veterans, I say I understand what you are feeling today. I feel it too. Many of you deployed multiple times, missed births, funerals, and years of your children's lives. Some of you carry visible and invisible wounds that will never fully heal. And some of you are caring for mates

who are struggling or grieving those who didn't make it home.

"To have that service dismissed so casually is a profound insult. Your service mattered. Your sacrifice mattered. No ill-informed comment can diminish what you did for this nation and our alliance.

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As many of you know, my life has been a series of ups and downs these past 40 years or even longer. Like many of you, I have had to keep an eye on my health, my mobility and my vision.

This has become a reality in recent days; one Sunday recently our Senior Pastor at our church, Rev. Peter Willis, a former Colonel Army Chaplain, gave the story of Moses being taken up on a hill and shown the land that his people would inherit as promised by God, but that he would not inherit the same for a series of other good reasons. He pointed out that persons who Moses had prepared would be able to take over from him.

You might say, at that moment the light bulb came on and with my health, mobility, and vision waning, said, 'This is the time to opt out of all of my positions', for clearly I am holding up some of these willing workers who have not yet come forward. I have spoken with Peter and he agrees with me that such a time comes in every preacher's time on earth.

I have been preaching since I was 18, firstly on Beach Missions, then Street Preaching on a Sunday night, and then churches all over Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, leaving the Air Force to go into the Ministry of the church in 1986, and since retirement from the Church, have volunteered in many positions including the Caloundra RSL, Headquarters 1 Australian Task Force as well as Chaplain to your organisation for well over 14 years.

Since retiring from the Church, hatches, matches, and dispatches have been reversed to where it has become dispatches, matches, and hatches, while still attending to the usual round of public gatherings such as Anzac Day, Vietnam Veterans' Day, Victory in the Pacific, and Armistice Day. I

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Fireside with the Padre — No. 125



have also been 'Member at Large' at Goondiwindi Congregational Church.

But Annette and I will not be sitting idly by and doing nothing; we aim to still attend our church and it's less busy formats like prayer meetings, and Bible study groups, but we will leave the more visible and vocal issues of the church to the younger group stepping up to replace me. Oh, and we will need another dedicated man or woman to write, "Fireside with the Padre." Would all volunteers please leave their name with the Secretary before the AGM?

Thank you for being devout readers of my column. I will miss you and the occasional side issues that I have created. May God bless all of you now and throughout the remaining years of your life, and when your life ends, may you spend your eternity with Him.

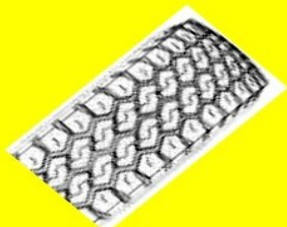
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He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital he was taken to. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clip board loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

"Do you have health insurance?" she asked.

He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?"

He replied, "No money in the bank."

"Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun.

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun." The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

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Nasho commemoration

The main aim of national service was to increase the strength of the Australian Army to 33,000 personnel by the end of 1966; about 4000 men were selected in each ballot, with two ballots conducted each year.

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Men were deemed exempt from registration if they were a member of the Permanent Forces (RAN, Australian Army, RAAF) or identified as a First Nations person.

However, many First Nations people registered in the scheme and became national servicemen.

After the call up, men could apply for an exemption if they had a physical or mental disability. Men received an automatic deferment if they were: married before the call up; a member of the Reserve Forces (Citizen Naval Force, Citizen Military Forces or Citizen Air Force); a minister of religion, a member of a religious order or a full-time theological student; had a serious criminal record or posed a security risk.

After the call up, men could apply to defer national service if they were: a conscientious objector (had a moral objection to service); a student, apprentice or trainee at a university, teachers' college and technical college; in a situation of exceptional hardship or that required compassion; unable to serve due to their occupation.

Between 1965 and 1971, just over 1000 men applied for conscientious objector status. More than 700 were granted total exemption from any military service; around 150 were compelled to serve but exempted from combat duties; around 130 had their applications rejected.

In 1965, nearly 38 per cent of men were classified as unfit for service, increasing to more than 51 per cent in



Nashos ready for training.

1970. Men registered for national service could choose to join the CMF (army reserve) for six years.

A 1965 change to the Defence Act meant that national servicemen could be deployed overseas with their units. In 1966, it was announced that Australia would be increasing troops sent to Vietnam. This would include national servicemen.

Nearly 19,000 national servicemen served overseas in the Vietnam War and in Malaysia (including in the Indonesian Confrontation), Singapore and Papua New Guinea. More than 18,000 served in Vietnam – more than 200 died and at least 1200 were wounded on active duty.

When Parliament passed the National Service Termination Act 1973 (Cth) in June 1973, around 1900 national servicemen were still serving. The last national service-

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February 1966

Andrews, John Harker (211090), 40, AATTV (att. RAI), Sgt (Temp. WO2), Albany Creek Crematorium, Brisbane.

Belleville, Graham Rhodes (54956), 32, AATTV (att. RAI), Lt (Temp. Capt.), Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Grills, Edward Anthony (215418), 20, 1RAR, Pte, Stroud Cemetery, NSW.

MacDonald, James Alexander (53283), 27, RAE (att. AATTV), Sgt (Temp. WO2), Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Seipel, Raymond Douglas (15985), 24, 1RAR, Cpl, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Suter, Thomas (17665), 20, 1RAR, LCpl, Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

February 1967

Arnold, Peter John (2781363), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Inverell Cemetery, NSW.

Birchell, Michael James (2781899), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Evergreen Memorial Park, Tamworth, NSW.

Bourne, Donald Mackenzie (23916), 35, 5RAR, Maj., Woden Cemetery, Phillip, Canberra.

Carruthers, John (36911), 28, 5RAR, Lt (provisional), Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Clark, Donald Murray (5713804), 21, 5RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Perth War Cemetery and Annex, WA.

Cliff, Richard William (1411047), 21, 1FIdRegt, Gnr, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Bridgeman Downs, Brisbane.

Green, George Bruce (2782127), 21, 5RAR, LCpl, Pinegrove Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Hanley, Maxwell Powell (43593), 31, AUSINT, Cpl (Temp. WO2), Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Kelly, Barry Walter (6410158), 22, 6RAR, Pte, Comelian Bay Public Cemetery, Hobart.

Kirby, John William (27758), 31, 6RAR, Sgt (Temp. WO2), Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Milligan, Robert Bruce (29635), 30, 5RAR, Lt (Temp. Capt.), Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Mitchinson, Kevin Leslie (4717751), 21, 3Cav.Regt, LCpl, Garden of Remembrance, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Pomroy, Victor Ian (3786644), 21, 3Cav.Regt, Trp, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

Poole, Michael Damien (342916), 20, 5RAR, Pte (Spec. List Bandsmen), Dromana Cemetery, Mornington Peninsula, Vic.

Powter, Douglas Roy J (2782783), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Parkes General Cemetery, NSW.

Rich, Adrian William (38728), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Hazelwood Cemetery, Vic.

Riley, Wayne Maurice (5411599), 19, 6RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Rooney, Kerry Michael (15561), 24, 6RAR, LCpl, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Bridgeman Downs, Brisbane.

Sadow, Richard Wayne (43496), 20, 5RAR, Pte, Albany Creek Crematorium, Brisbane.

Waters, Brian David (5713981), 22, 6RAR, Pte, Tambellup Cemetery, WA.

Webster, David Raleigh (5713986), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Perth.

Webster, James Clifton (5713751), 22, 5RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Wilsen, Robert Peter (4717841), 21, 3CavRegt, Trp, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

February 1968

Ayres, Marvin Walter (216920), 23, 7RAR, Pte, Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

Baines, George Terence (214230), 28, 1Sqn SAS, Sgt, Woronora Crematorium, Sutherland, Sydney.

Caston, Robert John (4719003), 21, 3RAR, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

De Vries Van Leeuwen, Thomas J. (4718756), 22, 3RAR, Pte, Mount Barker Cemetery, SA.

Doherty, John Alexander (3789770), 23, 3RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Garrett, John Edgar (1200473), 20, 1FIdSqn, LCpl, East Ballina Cemetery, Ballina, NSW.

Godden, Guy Richard (6708763), 21, 3RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Carr Villa Cemetery, Launceston, Tas.

Grose, Thomas Joseph (61582), 20, 2RAR, Pte, Comelian Bay Public Cemetery, Hobart.

Mathews, Geoffrey Francis (5714739), 21, 3RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

McLachlan, Colin William (13053), 38, 1FIdSqn, Sgt, Canungra Cemetery, Qld.

McMillan, Ross Charles (2785033), 22, 7RAR, LCpl, Uralla Cemetery, NSW.

Menz, James Leslie (38838), 22, 1DivLocBtry, LBdr, Marysville Cemetery, Vic.

Parrello, Antonio (36337), 30, AATTV (att. RAI), Sgt, Botany General Cemetery, Botany, Sydney.

Pattison, Allan Graham (44042), 19, 1FIdSqn, Spr, Kadina Cemetery, SA.

Perrin, Robert Graham (3789447), 22, 7RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

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Rogers, John (4718449), 22, 2RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Steen, David John (4719232), 21, 1FIdSqn, Spr, Penola New Cemetery, SA.

Taylor, Leonard Alexander (3787987), 22, 3RAR, 2Lt, Box Hill Cemetery, Melbourne.

Vickers, Patrick John (O1622), 32, RAN HFV, LtCdr, Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Wilson, Kevin Ronald (3411951), 22, 2RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

February 1969

Archer, Gary Alex (2788583), 22, 9RAR, Pte, Sydney War Cemetery, Sydney.

Byrne, Robert Alan (2786525), 22, 4RAR, Pte, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Chatswood, Sydney.

Chant, Peter Allan (44265), 239, 9RAR, LCpl, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

McConachy, Malcolm Ross (1201200), 21, 9RAR, LCpl, Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townsville, Qld.

McGuire, Raymond Alfred (2787478), 23, 4RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Petersen, Victor Neils (1733375), 23, 4RAR, Pte, Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

February 1970

Baker, Douglas Alfred (43555), 27, 8RAR, Sgt, Happy Valley Cemetery, Happy Valley, SA.

Barrett, James Joseph (1200097), 24, 8RAR, LCpl (tempCpl), Mount Gravatt Lawn Cemetery, Brisbane.

Carlyle, Hugh (43941), 21, 3CavRegt, Trp, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Hoban, William Joseph (15400), 39, 8RAR, Sgt, Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Hubble, Rodney Noel (55566), 19, 1FIdSqn, Spr, Perth War Cemetery and Annex, WA.

Jackson, Robert James (2783512), 25, 8RAR, Cpl, Greta Cemetery, NSW.

MacLennan, Larry James (3795935), 21, 8RAR, Pte, Keilor Cemetery, Melbourne.

Maza, Reginald Nelson (15142), 39, 32SmlShpSqn, LCpl, Botany General Cemetery, Sydney.

Munday, Barry John (3795712), 22, 8RAR, Pte, Springvale Cemetery, Melbourne.

Pesonen, Timo Esko A (7154), 20, 8RAR, Pte, Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Richter, Philip Mackay (3796110), 21, 8RAR, Pte, Woden Cemetery, Phillip, Canberra.

Thompson, Barry John (2789920), 22, 5RAR, Pte, Gunning Cemetery, Gunning, NSW.

West, Garry Maxwell (61912), 19, 8RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Cornelian Bay Public Cemetery, Hobart.

Whiston, Barry John (1202024), 23, 3CavRegt, LCpl, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Holland Park, Brisbane.

February 1971

Kowalski, Peter Francis (1735712), 23, 2RAR, Pte, Nudgee Cemetery, Brisbane.

Lyddieth, Trevor (26832), 38, RAASC (att AATT), WO2, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Chatswood, Sydney.

Lyon, Terance Edward (52503), 35, 2AOD, WO2, Springvale Cemetery, Springvale, Melbourne.

Patten, Raymond Brian (2141115), 20, 7RAR, Pte, Rookwood Necropolis, Rookwood, Sydney.

Ross, Grant Stuart (17101), 27, HQ AFV RAAOC, Capt., Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Talbot, Alan (3797623), 21, 7RAR, Pte, Fawkner Crematorium & Memorial Park, Melbourne.

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Box Hill Cemetery, Victoria.

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