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TRIBUNAL RECOMMENDATION:

V.C. for hero of Coral battle in Vietnam

An Australian Digger has been recommended for a Victoria Cross for his actions during the battle of Fire Support Base Coral in the Vietnam War on 14 May 1968.

He is the late Private Richard Norden (2412437), from Gundagai, NSW, who was at the time awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM), but the Defence Honours Tribunal has recommended an Australian VC, rejecting an earlier recent decision by Chief of Army Lieutenant General Rick Burr not to recommend a VC; and that the Minister for Defence should instead "recommend to the Governor-General that Private Richard Norden should be awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia".

He would be the first soldier outside of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, and first from the Royal Australian Regiment to be awarded a VC for the war. Four were awarded to AATTV members.

The case was presented on behalf of the late Digger by Lieutenant Colonel George Hulse OAM (Retd).

After discharge in April 1969, Norden served with the Australian Capital Territory Police until, on 26 October 1972, he was involved in a traffic collision while on duty, later succumbing to his injuries.

Colonel Hulse told the tribunal Pte Norden had "performed acts that transcend the award of the DCM" and were more closely aligned to the Victoria Cross for Australia. He led evidence from three witnesses: then Second Lt Chris Forde, Platoon Commander at the time; then Pte Rodney Forster; and then Pte Stan Barrett.

The tribunal stated: "Having concluded that Private Norden met the eligibility criteria for the Victoria Cross for Australia and that there is no countervailing reason to not award that honour, the Tribunal suggests the following draft citation to accompany the conferral of that honour:

"For most conspicuous acts of gallantry, for pre-eminent acts of valour and self-sacrifice, and for extreme devotion to duty in the 'AO Surfers' Area of Operations in the Bien Hoa province, Vietnam, on 14 May 1968 during the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral.

"Private Richard Norden enlisted in the Australian Army on 27 April 1966 and discharged three years later, having completed his three-year period of service. He arrived in Vietnam on 5 December 1967, on posting to 1 Australian Reinforcement Unit. On 31 January 1968, he was posted to the 7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, and on 10 April 1968 was posted to the 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment. - Continued Page 3.



VIETNAM Veterans Day march on The Esplanade, Maroochydore. More photos inside.

INSIDE: Photos from Vietnam Veterans Day; Col Parkin obituary



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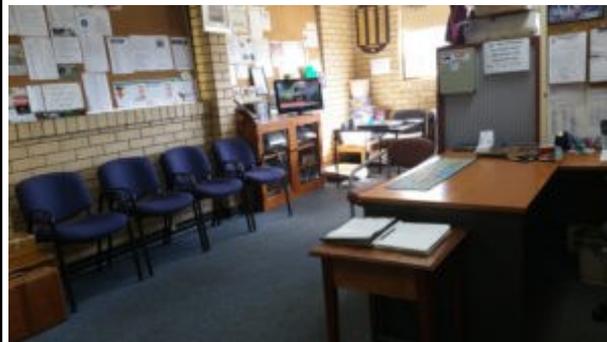
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Issues from Vietnam War service in report

Australian studies had shown significant mental health impacts on partners, spouses and children as a result of a partner's or parent's deployment to Vietnam, the Interim Report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide has noted.

The report was handed to Governor-General David Hurley on 11 August.

- From Page 1. He left Vietnam on 13 August 1968 after being wounded in action on 5 August 1968.

"On 14 May 1968 during Operation Toan Thang, 5 Platoon, B Company were ambushed and came under heavy fire from an estimated squad of 7-10 North Vietnamese Army regular soldiers in established positions dug into the ground or in trees, each armed with an automatic weapon.

"In the initial contact both the forward scout and the section commander were wounded some twenty to thirty metres in front of the remainder of the leading section, which was in turn isolated from the remainder of the platoon due to heavy and accurate enemy fire.

"Aware that the scout and section commander had been incapacitated and entirely of his own initiative, Private Norden, a member of the leading section, asked for covering fire and ran forward to the wounded section commander across ground that provided him little or no effective cover under heavy enemy fire.

"He killed one NVA soldier whilst moving forward and having expended his ammunition, recovered

that enemy's automatic weapon which he used against further NVA soldiers. He then half-carried, half-dragged the severely wounded section commander back to the section. Due to this initial action the life of the section commander was saved under intense enemy fire.

"Although himself relatively seriously wounded in his initial move forward, Private Norden again advanced to the forward scout. He was fired on by an enemy soldier but pressed forward and reached the scout, killing the NVA soldier who had been using the scout as a shield.

"Private Norden, having determined that the scout was dead, then returned to the section, collected grenades and, moving forward for a third time, cleared the area so that the body of the scout could be recovered.

"His three attacks into the enemy position on his own

It said the Australian Institute of Family Studies found that "spouses and partners of Vietnam veterans experienced a range of physical and mental health problems."

One 2008 US study that analysed deployment to more recent conflicts, such as Iraq and Afghanistan, suggested there are similar impacts ... - continued page 10



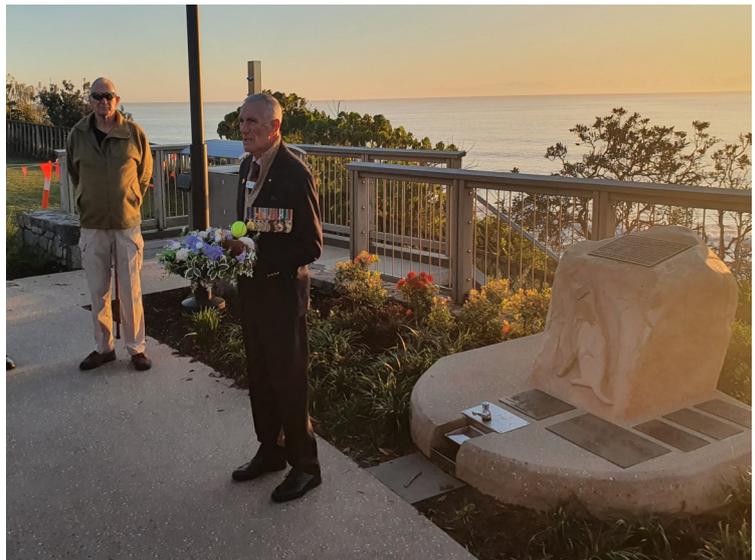
Richard Norden as a Constable.

VC recommendation for Coral

resulted in the enemy position being secured and likely saved the lives of other members of the platoon.

"Private Norden showed a complete disregard for his own personal safety, and by his courage, selfless acts and devotion to duty ensured the evacuation and saved the life of a severely wounded man, allowed the recovery of the body of the forward scout, and avoided the potential for further deaths of platoon members. Private Norden personally killed at least three NVA soldiers in this action."

It is believed that a Robert Norden (2200861), who served with 1 Australian Reinforcement Unit and HQ Australian Force Vietnam in 1970-71, was his younger brother.



LIEUTENANT Colonel George Hulse OAM (Retd) placed a wreath at the National War Dogs Memorial, Alexandra Headland, during a dawn service on Vietnam Veterans Day. He presented the case for Pte Norden. In the background is veteran Ian Atkinson, convenor of the service.



A GROUP of Vietnamese-Australians made the trek from Brisbane for our Vietnam Veterans Day commemoration and luncheon, when they provided traditional entertainment. As usual the trip was organised by our great supporters Thai and Diamond Dang. More pages, 6,7, 8.



From the President

Hi Everyone,
 Hope you are all well. By now you all would have heard of the passing of not only one of our committeemen, but also a great friend and avid supporter of our Association. I am speaking of course of our mate Col Parkin. I, and many others attended Col's Memorial which was conducted at the Mudjimba RSL Sub-Branch and was exceptionally well attended by his family, friends and members of this Association. He will be sorely missed by all.

On a happier note, our Vietnam Veterans Day this year went off smoothly. The Event at the Cenotaph was, once again, very well attended as was the lunch afterwards. We did have a few small hiccups and they will be addressed at the upcoming debrief next week, but in all, it was a great day and I know that everyone enjoyed themselves thorough-

ly. Since the occasion, I have had a number of visitors from around the State, and Interstate, call into the Drop-In Centre to congratulate staff on just how well the day had been organised and to give their thanks for "a magnificent day out " and their promise to return for the next one.

I don't know if you are aware of just how much effort, time and organisation is required by the Committee in order for the day to be a success, but I can confirm that the team spent many days (not hours) attending the office to address multiple tasks that were essential for the day to proceed.

The entertainment committee comprises the following Association members: John Cunnington (Chair) Scotty, John Huxham and Bob Johnson. Well done to you all, we thank you for your time, energy and commitment to the project, and hope to hell that you all come forward to do

the job again next year.

Our next two up-coming functions will be the Ladies Day and the Volunteers BBQ. We will make sure, as always, that you ladies get plenty of advanced notice of the proposed date for your day out/in, and insofar as our volunteers are concerned, we will definitely name the date for your day at our next Committee meeting.

Speaking of volunteers, we have a couple of events coming our way with which we will need your support. The first being on the 11 September, when we will require some twenty-five (25) members to assist with road marshalling duties. It's only half a day and definitely not hard work – sitting in the sunshine.

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From the Secretary

The month started with the news of the passing of Col Parkin. A great shock to everyone that knew him.

This was evidenced by the recent memorial at Mudjimba RSL, where we found how highly regarded Col was amongst his fellow veterans, family and friends. RIP.

The month of August also introduced our volunteers to the rigours of a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 7 August.

It was certainly a wake-up call to all concerned and again Mick and I would like to personally thank our crew on the day for their exceptional efforts.

I am currently applying for the next barbecue and will need 10 volunteers to operate a two shift day. ie; Morning shift to unload supplies and set up and an afternoon shift to close, clean and leave the site as clean as when we arrived.

August also saw the first VV Day in two years which was highly anticipated and thanks to JC and his team the day went like clockwork within excess of 200 attendees from all over Australia.

The event was also supported by our Vietnamese friends, and we deeply appreciate their support.

I have recently sent requests for volunteers to act as road marshals for the upcoming Ironman 70.3 on Sun-

day 11 September, which is only a couple of weeks away (at time of writing).

Please, if you can spare 4-5 hours on a Sunday morning to help out it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Mick Howe or myself to get involved. Shirts, hats and snacks supplied. Just bring a chair and a drink.

Thank you for your assistance, however menial it may seem. Remember our association doesn't operate without volunteers.

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Kind regards

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Long Tan veteran Harry Smith lays a wreath at Maroochydore.



Pater Rogers DFC takes the salute at Maroochydore.



VETERANS at Tewantin-Noosa's afternoon service.



AT THE Maroochydore remembrance service where a welcome address was given by our president Mick Howe, who spoke about Operation Bribie.



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At V V Day Lunch

AT THE Vietnam Veterans Day luncheon at Maroochy RSL were (top) Thai Dang (left) and Peter Beadle; and (below) Kiwi Vietnam veterans Maureen Javes and Tom Heta.



Death of community leader

A former chairman of then Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service and Vietnam War veteran, Don Moffatt (pictured), died recently.

Originally from Kingaroy where he was born on 6 October 1945, he joined the Army (1200786) and served in Vietnam with 161 (Independent) Reconnaissance Flight – which was to morph into Army Aviation – from April to December 1968.



The local rescue service is now under LifeFlight, which said it “is deeply saddened” by his death. He “played a critical role in developing the aeromedical service which covers much of the South East”.

“Don’s passion for aviation and the community saw him serve as the Chair of the former Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service for 15 years, and then as the former Deputy Chair and Non-Executive Director of Life-Flight Australia, after the services merged.”

He was a significant business leader on the Sunshine Coast and has been described as a “giant of the community”.

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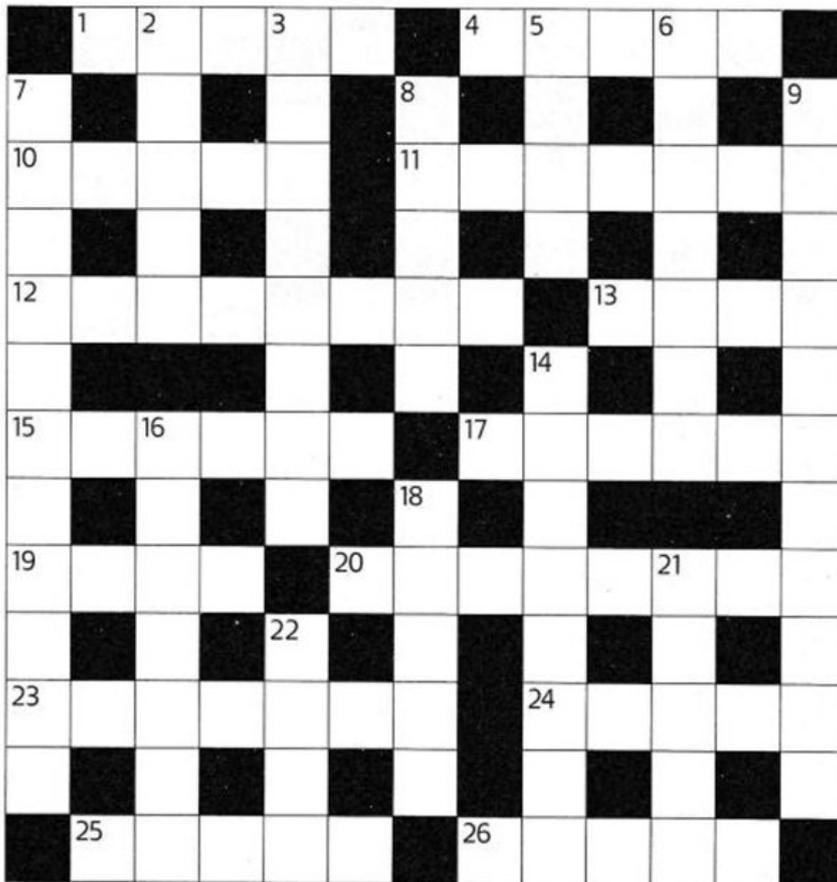
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- 1. Remove hair (5)
- 4. Group of birds (5)
- 10. Tooth (5)
- 11. Quick retort (7)
- 12. Protective clothing (8)
- 13. Oil reservoir (4)
- 15. Push over (6)
- 17. Stroke (6)
- 19. Surgical linen (4)
- 20. Jacques ____, French oceanographer (8)
- 23. Proceeds (7)
- 24. Island in the Ionian Sea (5)
- 25. Creature (5)
- 26. Shuttle boat (5)

DOWN

- 2. Divide (5)
- 3. Inconstant (8)
- 5. Easy stride (4)
- 6. Actor's clothes (7)
- 7. Everlasting fame (11)
- 8. Seed trench (5)
- 9. Stormy (11)
- 14. Slaughter (8)
- 16. Shrove Tuesday, or ___ Day (7)
- 18. Farmyard bird (5)
- 21. Fault (5)
- 22. Church dignitary (4)

September Trivia

1. Who in July 2011 made her film debut as Smurfette in The Smurfs? a) Christina Aguilera, b) Paris Hilton c) Katie Perry d) Lady Gaga.
2. How many ribs are in the human body? a) 16 b) 24 c) 19 d) 29.
3. *Twilight* was both a book and a movie, with the main character Bella Swan being pulled into two different love directions with Edward Cullen. and... a) Jasper Hale b) Jacob Black c) Billy Black d) Dr. Cullen.
4. What is the most visited tourist attraction in the world? a) Eiffel Tower b) Statue of Liberty c) Great wall of China d) Colosseum.
5. What is the name of Hagrid's pet spider? a) Nigini, b) Crookshanks c) Aragog, d) Mosag.
6. What type of food holds the world record for being the most stolen around the globe? a) Wagyu beef b) Cheese c) Coffee d) Chocolate.
7. What element does the chemical symbol Au stand for? a) Silver b) Magnesium c) Salt d) Gold
8. What is the highest-grossing Broadway show of all time? a) The Lion King b) Wicked c) Kinky Boots d) Hamilton
9. On average, how many seeds are located on the outside of a strawberry? a) 100 b) 200 c) 400 d) 500.
10. Which fast food restaurant has the largest number of retail locations in the world? a) Starbucks b) Pizza Hut c) Subway d) McDonalds.
- 11 "Cirque du Soleil" started in what country? a) France b) USA c) Canada d) Russia.
12. Which country's national animal is a unicorn? a) Scotland b) Denmark c) New Zealand d) France.
13. Where did the croissant originate? a) France b) Austria c) Belgium d) Turkey.
14. Mount Olympus is the highest mountain in what country? A) Italy, b) Spain, c) Portugal d) Greece.

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September Conundrums!

1. An elevator is on the ground floor. There are four people in the elevator including me. When the lift reaches the first floor, one person gets out and three people get in. The lift goes up to the second floor, 2 people get out, 6 people get in. It then goes up to the next floor up, no-one gets out but 12 people get in. Halfway up to the next floor up the elevator cable snaps, it crashes to the floor. Everyone else dies in the elevator except me. How did I survive?
2. I have four wings, but cannot fly, I never laugh and never cry; On the same spot I'm always found, toiling away with little sound. What am I?
3. How can a man who shaves several times a day still sport a long beard?

* from page 3.

.... on the children and partners of deployed serving and ex-serving members.

“A 2014 study commissioned by DVA considered the impacts of deployment on the children of Vietnam veterans. The study found high lifetime rates of suicidal ideation in the children of Vietnam veterans up to 40 years after their parent had been deployed.

“The study compared conscripted Vietnam veterans who had been deployed in any operational role to Vietnam, with Vietnam-era military conscripts who had not been deployed to Vietnam, and then controlled for socio-economic and educational differences

“Comparing adult children of deployed Vietnam veterans with those of Vietnam-era non deployed personnel, the study found suicidal ideation rates of 41% for the children of deployed Vietnam veterans compared to 31% for

Veteran suicide report

non-deployed Vietnam-era personnel. In comparison, the rate for the general population was 16%.”

The report says that: “Research suggests that military deployment, as well as the mental and behavioural disorders arising from military service, can then increase the risk that partners, spouses, children and siblings develop mental health disorders.

“For instance, children of personnel with PTSD may also experience ‘secondary traumatization’ and exhibit similar symptoms of PTSD as their parents. This ‘intergenerational transmission of trauma’ has been seen especially in the families of Vietnam veterans.”

The study had suggested three possible factors to explain the inter-generational effects of military deployment in the Vietnam War:

- Vietnam veterans’ PTSD
- harsh parenting in childhood among the children of deployed Vietnam veterans
- * problems at school among the sons and daughters of deployed Vietnam veterans.

“The report noted that the influence of PTSD was often indirect. Children who experienced disadvantaged family environments and harsh parenting then displayed learning difficulties and problems at school.

The report is available at website: defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au/
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Message for V V Day



COMMISSIONERS Nick Kaldas APM (Chair), James Douglas QC and Dr Peggy Brown AO. From the commission Facebook page: “Today on Vietnam Veterans’ Day we honour and remember all who served during the Vietnam War. We recognise the long-lasting impact the war had on serving personnel and their loved ones.”

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Top team celebrates 60th anniversary

One of the most highly decorated units of the Vietnam War celebrated the 60th anniversary of its formation with a memorial service at Kokoda Barracks on July 30.

More than 160 people gathered to remember the contribution of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV) and its 1008 members who provided training and assistance to South Vietnamese forces over a decade of war. It was the first Australian unit into Vietnam in 1962 and the last to leave in 1972.

National President of the AATTV Association Colonel (retd) Kerry Gallagher (**pictured**) said the organisation was unique: “The team was made up entirely of volunteers of all ranks and we often worked as individuals or in pairs, living and fighting shoulder to shoulder with Vietnamese forces.”

For its size, the AATTV is one of the most decorated units in the history of the Australian Army.

The commemorative service showcased the carefully curated memorial grove, described as a living memorial, featuring a tree for each member with a stake featuring their name, rank and regiment.—from **Defence News**.



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"Is your Dad home?" the farmer asked. "Sorry mate, he isn't," the boy replied. "He went into town."

"Well," said the farmer, "Is your mum here?" "No, sir, she's not here either. She went into town with Dad."

"How about your brother, Robbo? Is he here?"

"He went with Mum and Dad. Is there anything I can do for ya. I know where all the tools are if you want to borrow one. Or maybe, I could take a message for Dad."

"Well," said the farmer uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Robbo getting my daughter pregnant."

The boy considered for a moment: "You would have to talk to Dad about that. If it helps you any, I know that Dad charges \$200 for the bull and \$150 for the pig, but I really don't know how much he gets for Robbo."



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1 September 1906: The young nation of Australia became a colonial administrator when it assumed responsibility for the external territory of Papua – the southern half of what is now Papua New Guinea.

1 September 1951: The Security Treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America (ANZUS) is signed to ensure peace and safety in the Pacific region; the treaty requires signatories to consult in relation to any perceived threats to members and to act on common dangers.

1 September 1983: Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was shot down by a Russian fighter between New York and Seoul, killing all 269 on board. The 747 was alleged to be 100 miles off course over secret Soviet military installations.

2 September 1945: US President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. On the same day, Ho Chi Minh proclaimed the independence of Vietnam and the establishment of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

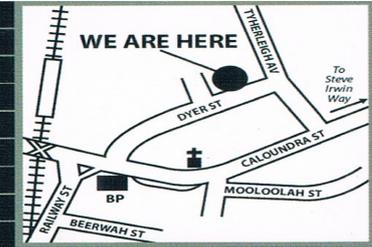
6 September 1940: 2542 'enemy aliens' from Britain disembarked *HMT Dunera* in Melbourne and Sydney. Most were Jewish refugees who had fled Nazi persecution in Germany and Austria. They were interned in camps near Hay and Orange in NSW and Tatura in Victoria. The 'Dunera Boys', as they became known, included musicians, artists, philosophers, scientists and writers.

11 September 2001: The worst terrorist attack in US history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3000 people. On 2 May 2011, Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the attacks was killed by U.S. forces during a raid on his Pakistan hideout.

12 September 1854: Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company opened Australia's first steam railway line in Melbourne. The 2.5-mile (about four-kilometre) track went from Flinders Street Station to Sandridge, now known as Port Melbourne.

15 September 2000: Aboriginal athlete Cathy Freeman lit the Olympic flame in the spectacular opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games.

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September Timeline — Papua to Maralinga

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Ten days later she won the gold medal in the women's 400 metres race, achieving her greatest goal.

18 September 1970: Second moratorium protest against Vietnam War, 100,000 march in Australian cities and more than 300 people arrested.

21 September 1971: The Battle of Nui Le takes place in Phouc Tuy Province. A tactically inconclusive encounter between troops from 4 RAR and the NVA 33rd Regiment



north of Nui Dat, it proved to be the last major battle fought by Australian forces in the Vietnam War. Five Australians were killed and 30 wounded.

21 September 1981: The Macquarie Dictionary published, the first dictionary to provide Australians with a comprehensive coverage of the language they spoke. It was written by Australians for Australians. It focused on words used in Australia, with many unique to this country.

26 September 1983: Off the coast of Rhode Island, the yacht Australia II (**pictured**) crossed the finish line to win the America's Cup. In the best of seven races, Australia II was 1–3 down after the first four races. In the final race she came from behind to win 4–3. It was the first race in 132 years that a country other than the USA won.

27 September 1956: With the agreement of the Australian Government, Britain began testing atomic weapons at three sites on Australian territory: the Montebello Islands off Western Australia, and Emu Field and Maralinga in South Australia. The testing took place from 1952 to 1963, mostly at Maralinga.

Sources include:

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_history_of_Australia_during_the_Vietnam_War

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Vale Col Parkin, will be missed

Our late committee member, Colin Laurence Parkin (511221) was born on 12 February 1947 at Subiaco, WA and became a third-generation war veteran.

Col (pictured) passed away on 3 August 2022 and leaves Joan, his wife of 56 years, and their children Brett, Shane and Jennifer. His father and a grandfather had served in war, and son Brett, also served.

A memorial service attended by more than 100 was held at Mudjimba RSL where Col had been a long-term member. Apart from being a committee member of the Vietnam Veterans Association Sunshine Coast, he was Parade Marshall on Vietnam Veterans Day over many years.

Col joined the military through the then CMF on 8 December 1964 and on 12 February 1968 went into the Australian Regular Army until 17 February 1991, during which time he served in Vietnam with 4th Field Regiment from 3 February 1970 to 4 February 1971 as Bombardier.

From February 1991 he served in the General Reserve with periods of full-time service until rejoining the Regular Army in October 1996 until February 2002 when he was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Apart from Vietnam, overseas postings included Sin-

gapore (1971-73) and Bougainville on Operation Bel Isi II in 1998.

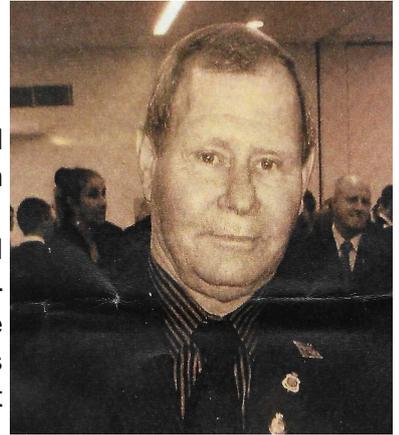
In 1974, he transferred to HQ Army Aviation Centre at Oakey, Qld, where he had several postings with different units except for a period at Royal Military College, ACT, in 1994-95.

“He was hugely knowledgeable in all matter relating to the ADF and if asked, could usually quote times, dates, places and units involved in various combat operation,” VVAASC president Mick Howe said in a eulogy.

He said of Col’s service in Vietnam, “He was more of an infantryman than a forward observer for the artillery and was entirely eligible to wear the coveted ICB (Infantry Combat Badge), but would not do so because he was not in fact an infantry soldier. Such was the calibre of the man.

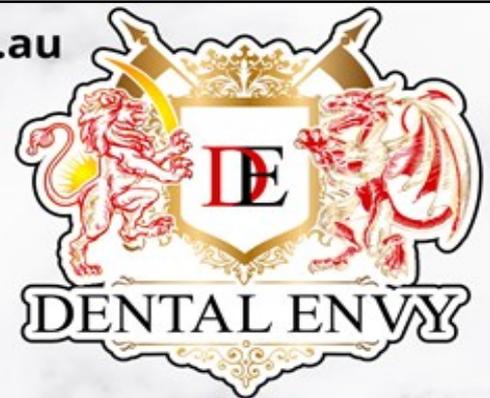
“Col, to those who knew him, was a man of courage, honour, integrity and valour. He will be overwhelmingly and profoundly missed by all.”

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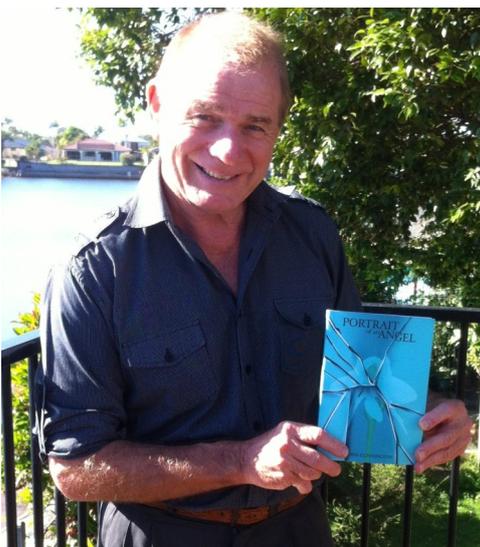
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Wow! I do not believe I would be challenged when I say that the 2022 Vietnam Veterans' Day at Maroochydore was the best! It may have been attributed to by the fact we had not been able to meet in large groups for the past few years.

I have never seen the function room at the Maroochydore RSL so packed. The commemoration service so well attended. Overall, it was a very memorable day.

But it did not happen by itself. Many thanks must go to John Cunnington and his sub-committee comprising Graeme Scott, John Huxham, and Bob Johnson. John said, "Everyone had a role to play, and they performed it extremely well."



Mention must also be made of the efforts that the President, Mick Howe, and the Vice President and Secretary, Garry King, and Ian Hartshorn, an association member and a member of the Maroochydore RSL, played in the success of the service and the luncheon.

But I am not alone in proclaiming this day as the highlight of the many years we have held our ceremony at the Cenotaph at Maroochydore, followed by an excellent cuisine at the Maroochydore RSL, as they have been supportive of our group and our cause for many years.

Fireside with the Padre



It was at one of our Vietnam Veteran Days several years ago which was covered by Trevor Benneworth, the editor and publisher of Radio School Magazine, that Trevor offered me Page 12 in RAM, an offer I gladly accepted and have pursued ever since.

It gives me immense pleasure to publicly thank John Cunnington for all the efforts he has put into our association and for the years he was editor of 'Ricochet.' I have also collaborated with him in other domains. As he is a published author, I invited John to speak on his love for writing to a meeting I chaired of the Caloundra Chapter of the Queensland Justice Association.

John gave a highly informative talk on gathering material for writing novels, collating that material then publishing the books that he had written. It was an interesting look into what one man can achieve. Several in the audience looked to their future in writing skills to emulate what John has done. **(He is pictured with one of his books)**

His parting words to me that Thursday, were, "You are booked for next year!" But I harken to the words of my dear wife, who still, as she did when I pastored a church, gives me a secret hand signal when it is time to finish speaking. Her advice to me on more than one occasion, was, "Stand up to be seen; Speak up to be heard; and shut up to be appreciated!"

Until next month, God bless you all.

Arthur Fry
Honorary Chaplain

Answers from page 9



TRIVIA

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| 1. Katie Perry | 11. Canada |
| 2. 24 | 12. Scotland |
| 3. Jacob Black | 13. Austria |
| 4. Eiffel Tower | 14. Greece. |
| 5. Aragog | |
| 6. Cheese | |
| 7. Gold | |
| 8. The Lion King (right) | |
| 9. 200 | |
| 10. Subway | |



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Across: 1. Shave, 4. Flock, 10. Molar, 11. Riposte, 12. Overalls, 13. Sump, 15. Topple, 17. Caress, 19. Lint, 20. Cousteau, 23. Travels, 24. Corfu, 25. Being, 26. Ferry.

Down: 2. Halve, 3. Variable, 5. Lope, 6. Costume, 7. Immortality, 8. Drill, 9. Tempestuous, 14. Massacre, 16. Pancake, 18. Goose, 21. Error, 22. Dean.

CONONUNDRUM

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| | 3. He is a barber. |



Maroochy RSL marks 90th

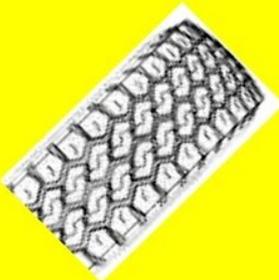
MAROOCHY RSL recently celebrated 90 years of service to veterans and the community with a dinner at the club. Among the guests were (from left) local State MP Fiona Simpson, RSL President Len Thompson and Laurie Drinkwater who is our Patron; and (below) board member Les D'Alton and his wife, Berys. Les is also a member of our association.

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REMEMBERING different wars, different times ... Caloundra RSL Sub-Branch recently unveiled this statue at Kings Beach to honour those who served in World War II and to showcase Caloundra's role in the war effort. RIGHT: Our sub-branch patron Laurie Drinkwater (right) having breakfast on the morning after the Battle of Long Tan in 1966 with Cpl Ross McDonald.



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, VVAASC TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 2022

Meeting opened at 1105hrs.

Ode to the Fallen recited by Mick Howe.

Attendance: as per book. Apologies: as per book.

Previous Minutes read by Mick Howe, moved: Mick Howe, seconded: Mal Overend. Carried.

Business arising from minutes. NIL

Correspondence/Secretary Report: read by Garry King.

Bunning BBQ on 7 August was successful. More planning required to ease the workload. Ideally 2 shifts with 5 vol's each shift to allow for a rotation of workers for rest break.

Thanks to all volunteers: Mick Howe, Bob Johnson, Kev Lynch, Gordon Hall, Mike Hocking, John Huxham and John Cunnington.

Col Parkin farewell, approx.. 150 attendees at Mudjimba RSL.

Moved Garry King, Glen Preston. Carried. Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: read by Glen Preston. As per data read available upon request. Moved Glen Preston, Seconded Mal Overend. Carried. Business arising from Treasurer's Report: NIL

Membership Report: Mick Howe advised that as of today Pieter Reus will no longer be Membership Officer due to ongoing health issues.

Ricochet Report: read by Kerry White. Thanks to John Cunnington for publishing July edition and the Thursday folding team. Moved Kerry White, seconded Glen Preston. CARRIED. Business arising from Ricochet Report: NIL.

Merchandise Manager Report: Gordon Hall advised NIL to report.

Office Manager Report: read by John Huxham : Office tidy-up continues. Sign outside painting ongoing project - Susan Barnes to be contacted to clarify proceedings. Carpet to be replaced in office. Measurements have been taken for new blinds in office. Arrangements are in place to have sign repainted at Kunda Park. Moved John Huxham, seconded Bob Johnson. CARRIED. Business arising: NIL.

Sub-Committee Report: read by John Cunnington. Organised for Thursday, 18 August: Parade Marshall, additional wreaths, chairs, buses, Kerry White to be photographer on the Day. Moved John Cunnington, seconded Mike Gay. CARRIED. Business arising: NIL.

Digger Hat Jewellery: read by Graeme Scott. Attendance 4 vol's. Two large orders filled and posted. Moved Graeme Scott, seconded Kerry White. Carried. Business arising from report: Battery drills need upgrading and drill press needs 2 extra bolts to floor.

General Business: Graeme Scott advised that the power board at Dog Memorial is unable to be opened, new keys to be obtained and application to use Dog Memorial to be actioned.

There being no further General Business the Meeting was closed at 1135hrs.

NEXT MEETING: 1100HRS, TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

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, 1Fid-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.



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