

4 th Field Regiment (SVN) Association

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4 Field Regiment (South Vietnam) Association

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From Roger Hall

Vietnam Veterans National Family Reunion - 17th and 18th August 1996
Launceston Tasmania

In conjunction with the above event members of the 4th Field Regiment (SVN) Association will hold its unit reunion in the Huon Valley. Huonville is 30 minutes drive south of Hobart. The local Council, Tourist Operators Association, and Regional Development Authority, together with RSL Clubs in Huonville, Cygnet, Gecveston and Dover look forward to showing you the hospitality of the Valley and meeting the friendly people here, thus making this a most memorable Reunion and holiday.

Activities: Jet Boat rides, up the Huon River; Catch a trout and BBQ your lunch; Tours to Hastings Caves and Thermal Springs; Wilderness tours; Night trips to Casino in Hobart; Launch trips down the Huon River, see feeding the fish in the Salmon Ponds; We also plan a Regimental Dinner and Social golf days; Arts and crafts and scenic drives; Antiques and restaurants serving locally grown food.

To make this Reunion a success we need your support, this is a Family reunion, so plan your 1996 holiday in Tasmania next August with you wife. The preferred option appears to be a week touring the state and a week at a unit reunion. We only have to be in Launceston for the march on the 18th August. Coaches will run between Hobart and Launceston for the march. You can book your travel to the state through the Family Reunion Committee. Accommodation for the reunion to be booked by me. Please supply me with your intentions as soon as possible, so I can organise things this end. Please spread the news of the reunion among your mates and book early, your support and attendance will make this reunion a success. Look forward to hearing from you soon, and seeing you in August 96. Roger Hall. (As Roger said there is a fair bit of interest in the event in Tassie. I'm pretty sure I will be going down for the week or so and hope quite a few can join us. Tassie is a great spot and the people are really great -all though it may be a touch biased!! Don't forget the golf clubs and anyone interested in some real bushwalking give me a yell and we'll work something out. (Regards, P.J.)

Some brief news from 4 Fd Regt courtesy of their 1995 Journal. Highlights of the Regiment in 1995 have included Exercises, BARDIA, BALLARAT, MAX ORD, TASMAN LINK 95, K95, TEMPO BRAVE and the numerous Infantry Battalion LFXs and School of Artillery support tasks. All of these activities have been completed in a professional and timely fashion. This year, nine members of the Regiment spent time in Rwanda and the Sinai. All of these soldiers have undertaken their duties in a professional manner and ensured that the excellent reputation established by 4th Field Regiment Soldiers in recent years has been maintained. During the year the Regiment came, 3rd in Rugby, 5th in Aussie Rules, 3rd in Touch, 3rd in Soccer, 4th in Hockey and 4th in Basketball. More on the Regiment's activities next issue.

Sorry it's a long time between newsletters but it does take a bit of organising. Don't forget, if you would like to take on the editor/secretary job give me a call - please!!

Regards to all,

Would still love to hear from anyone interested in taking on the job of editor for this newsletter. Must be someone out there with a computer and access to printing facilities. It would be best if the same person took on the job of membership records as well. I can cover this year but year I hope to be on the road for 12 months or so. I'm going to take some long overdue long service leave and travel Australia, so if I drop on your doorstep one day - please feel sorry for me and give me a meal or a glass of water or something!!

Hope this finds everyone in reasonable health and remember this is only going to work with your support. Keep the letters coming in and don't forget your subs.

Regards to all,

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From Brigadier Kevin O'Brien, CSC, Director General, Defence Force Recruiting, 9th Floor, B Block NCC, 14 Moore Street, CANBERRA ACT 2600. Tel: 06 266 8721 or Fax 06 2669062.

Dear Peter,

thanks for the Newsletter. Well done! We had a small 4 Fd group at Anzac Day Canberra 95 and I collected subs from those attending. Enclosed is \$25.00 being for: George Salmon, Dave Boorman, Kevin O'Brien, Warren Feakes, and Alan Hutchinson. We pooled our brains and added a few more names and addresses. (Photocopy enclosed - hope you can read them). Dave Boorman and I made an effort to recall the 4 Fd Footy team from Townsville that defeated 2RAR to get into the Townsville finals. Your readers may be able to help. All we could place were:

Forwards: Geoff Rosa, Laurie Willey, Dick King, Dick Bush, Mick Simms.

Backs: Alex Pavlovich, Darryl Madge, Dave Boorman, Brian Slattery, Dennis Byrne, and Kevin O'Brien.

Who were the others? (Jock Jenvey was the coach).

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Alex Pavlovich, still up in Lemon Tree Passage. Dick King works at the Supreme Court in Melbourne (no, he's not a judge!). Dick Bush is still collecting taxes in Sydney. Dennis Byrne runs his own consultancy out of Melbourne. Kevin was also keen to find out if anyone new where Bob Brum is these days.

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From Gordon (Toby) Tyler, 3 Merryl St, Rasmaussen, QLD 4815 Phone 077 734 961

Dear Gabby,

Please find enclosed cheque for \$30.00 being payment for past/present fees. Please excuse the slackness in the payment of the fees. (You're not alone there Toby!). As I live in Townsville area I would like to bring to the associations knowledge that in the past few years we have been blessed with reunions of the Coral Sea and VP 50.

I don't know what transpired upon return to the Dat but the Looney was a pretty fair dinkum bloke and I imagine after he went through the "I've-got-to kick- your-arse-so-consider your -arse -kicked" routine they probably both had a good old chuckle about it. Ah, Aussie Digger humour, what would a war be without it? Pretty boring, I'd say. Anybody recognise themselves??

From **Les Cooper**

Dear Gabby, I have recently built at the above address so an update to your mailing list is necessary. Also, enclosed cheque for \$5.00 for 1995 dues. I always enjoy the Bulletin and it's a sure method of keeping track of Tom Beynon. Hope you and your family are in good health and enjoying retirement as we are. As ever, Les Cooper.

From **Bo Plenty:**

Tom Beynon was in Adelaide this year (95) for Anzac Day. Huge turn out in Adelaide. I was given the honour of leading the Gunners this year. Saw Bob White briefly between planes on his way to Sydney; looks well and still tells lies.

From **Keith Tennent;**

Dear Gabby, I've just received my copy of the 4 Fd Regt SVN Association Bulletin and my conscience has been jolted. I'm sorry mate but I can't recall if and when I last paid so I'm enclosing \$10.00 which I hope keeps me in the black. If not please let me know. It's certainly worth every cent of it. I also subscribe to the 108 Bty journal and both of them are always eagerly read. I wish you all the best in your job as treasurer. I have just written a letter for the 108 Assoc journal and will try to contribute one for the Regt Assoc soon. 4 Fd Regt was a great unit to serve in and I will never forget those days - particularly the friendships forged. Could you please note my above address and adjust your records as I have not been at the address on your mailing list for quite some time. Kind regards and best wishes.

From **Geoff Dunkley;**

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$100.00 being for life membership of the 4th Fd Regt Association. It's a great communication tool and I trust that it will continue to be well supported as a means for us to remain in touch. Since our last letter to Peter Bruce, we have sold up two retail businesses here in Bellingen and, when we can sell our house we will move into Coffs Harbour about 35 klms away. We are slowing down into semi retirement and are enjoying every day of it. Just a query- I recently gave Peter the names of 3 more members (John Fraser, Dave Goldman and Ray Squires) They have informed me that they haven't as yet received a copy of the Bulletin, is it at all possible that they can receive a copy with details of membership fees etc. All the best for the remainder of 95. Geoff Dunkley (It's OK Geoff - they are on the mailing list. It's just that I haven't put out a newsletter for some time. PJ)

From **Bruiser Bain;**

Dear Gabby, Hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. A lot of things have changed since the last time I saw you which was in 1971. At the moment I am on temp TPI and a Service Pension as my health is not 100%.

There are a fair few blokes on TPI or who have passed away in S.A. from 4th Fd Regt. I suppose it is the same all over Aust. The main reason I am writing to you is to pay my subs. I don't know whether I am still financial or not so I would like to pay \$100.00 for life membership so as I won't forget them again. I am not a letter writer so I wish you and all your family all the best for the future. Your mate, Bruiser Bain. PS I am building a new home so I will notify you when I change my address which will be about Christmas time. (Great letter Bruiser - hope all works out well in the new house. PJ.)

From **Colin Sanders:**

Dear Peter, Just a short note to say that I have just returned from an overseas trip and have enjoyed reading the newsletter. Would you please note my new address above - as usual, kids grow up and move out so we were smart and moved into a bigger house!! - doesn't make sense to me either. I am still the CEO of the Sydney Royal Easter Show and fairly involved with the Sydney Olympics. I am now a Grandfather of 6 months which means that Denis Byrne is a Great Grandfather since he is my daughters godfather! And I love it. I spent a fair bit of time with Alan Johnston last year and I am looking forward to his finished work. You keep up the good work as well. Regards, Col Sanders.

From **Eric Winn;**

Just received the Bulletin #7 and decided to pay \$100.00 for life membership. I spoke to Peter Bruce at Canberra and also later about a 4 the Fd Regt Tie. I also spoke to Alan Betts, could you please let me know where I could get one please. Eric Winn. (Eric you can write to the RSM - currently WO1 Kim Schoenc, OAM at 4 Fd Regt in Townsville and he will pass your letter on to the right Regimental Funds rep. Include a cheque for which includes postage. PJ)

Eric sent me some details on the Vietnam Veterans Chapel on the Central Coast of NSW. I regret to say I have not visited it yet but I will remedy that in 1997. The following is a "history" of the Chapel by Kevin Burns.

1. And it came to pass that a Hostel was built. And the people came from near and far to marvel at the wonder of it.
2. Yea, even the Governor, who is Peter, came to see this great place. And he spoke unto the multitude gathered saying "This is truly a wonderful thing you have done." He gathered unto him the priest, who is Stan, and some of the others that were about and said unto them " Thou should build a monument so that all who come here will know that you built this place to honour your comrades in war."
3. The priest who is Stan, ascended a nearby sandhill and meditated. And he said unto himself " upon this spot should be built a great temple and we call it a chapel."
4. And he called upon Kenneth, who a grunt from the Infantry tribe gathered unto him some men who would build this great Chapel. And Kenneth was greatly pleased for he was but a PRIVATE.
5. And so it came to pass that eleven men were chosen from the multitude who volunteered.
6. There were Sappers and Grunts. There were men of great skill with a spanner. There was even a counter of blankets and a gunner. One had three score years, one had the strength of Samson. But none had ever built a great temple.

7. The priest, who is Stan, came among them saying, "We will build a Chapel in the form of a cross. It shall have a path of gravel turning to smooth stone leading to a circle. This circle will become a place of meditation and contemplation. East from the circle will be a path of polished stone leading to steps ascending to a cross. West from the circle shall be a broken path leading to the wilderness. Then we will smooth the sandhill and plant upon it trees and grass".

8 The men were sorely troubled. They gazed upon the sandhill and they gazed upon the model which the priest had fashioned from plasticine and they die not believe that it could be don. They began to mumble one unto the other.

9. The PRIVATE moved among them saying "Whyfor goest thou crook?" And he spoke unto Eric, of the Koori tribe saying "Doust thou not have knowledge of making levels? For hast thou not set up great guns of artillery". And he spoke unto Bobby, son of Cubit, and to others who had been sappers. "Doust thou not have skills n making buildings of brick and mortar? This Chapel shall be built and you men have been chosen to build it."

10. And so it came to pass that these twelve men and their priest began their task. They toiled long and hard for many months. These men who were no longer young and fit. Yea verily most were sorely troubled and suffered many ailments.

11. And son it was done and the men were feasting on sandwiches and beer when the Priest came among them with a worried look upon his countenance. Someone said " Father Stan, what troubles thee?" And the Priest answered him saying We must have an altar to adorn the top of the steps. It must be a solid block of stone topped with granite". The men looked at him in astonishment, all knew that such a stone would weigh a ton or more. It cannot be done, the priest must have gone mad!

13. But it was done. They prevailed upon Gordon, of the Terminal Squadron tribe, to bring forth his mighty crane and place the stone in place. And they were greatly pleased.

14. And so it came to pass that a great and hearty ceremony took place to dedicate the chapel to the memory of comrades in war. Priests and politicians came, Veterans from far off places came, and even the Governor, who is Peter, came. And all who gazed upon the Chapel knew that it was good.

15. And the dirty dozen and their priest committed the sin of PRIDE!!!!!!

Kevin Bums

(An abridged version of Tom Beynons' last letter. He certainly has the gift of the gab and it's a pleasure to hear of he and Noelene's travels. PJ) Howdy one and all. Here we are back in Tasmania after five wonderful free and easy years of travel. The sights of this vast, magnificent, raw country of ours, is one of many which are now etched away in that re-cycled file, called "remember when". We have witnessed the aftermath of floods, where an enamel plate is now pinned to the Nyngan local grand stand, which marks the crest of the river flood, with a depth of 32 feet all around this small submerged country town. The beginning of this current drought, where already in '92 the earth was so scorched and barren that 4" cracks had already appeared. The western farmers of NSW and QLD had been forced to cull their flocks of sheep or herds of cattle to a hand full of breeders, with the knowledge that if "things" became worse, those breeders would have to eventually go also. It is not only the present situation that is devastating, but what will occur when the drought breaks as no one will have stock to breed, with.

Well, the dust had barely settled when an old sheila from the nearby hamlet appeared and set up a shop a short distance away and proceeded to flog off all the usual stuff-- coca cola, head bands, love beads, flick knives, frenchics and so forth. She did a fair trade for a while until someone put a stop to it (holes to dig, war to fight etc.) When it became apparent that she wasn't going to do any more business that day, she packed up and mooched off. (She'd probably already counted the troopies and guns and made a note of positions of strongpoints and command post anyway)

She was back bright and early next morning. I suppose she talked the local 'Cong into letting her rip us off before they wiped us out. Over the next few days, as the defences were completed we were allowed to stroll out two at a time and conduct a transaction or two. I sauntered our with "Grinner" and he proceeded to give the old chook a hard time. "Grinner" was a bit a bit of a larrikin and would do anything for a laugh so he bunged the weights on the mamma san for "boom boom". Need less to say he lucked out there so he suggested that she eat his stalk! (WHAM indeed) Well, at that the old shicla blew her cool and said" You numbah 10 guy! You talk bad!" and gave him a little slap across the chops. Well "Grinner" ever the charmer, smoothed her over and further negotiations ensued and it was arranged for the old chook to bring a young tart back next day. She made him pay in advance and promise not to abuse the young Sheila by saying things like "you numbah 10 dirty girl, you f--- off!" then packed up and hit the toe.

Early next day we got orders to cease fire and were nearly packed up and ready to hop on the trucks when, bugger me dear, if the old mama san didn't arrive with a young chick in tow. Well old "Grinner" reckoned he'd already paid for it and one he missed out on was one he'd never get again so he wheeled her off 50 mtrs or so into some waist high scrub and together they sank out of sight. Along came the GPO, LT Slayer and ordered (believe it or not) "Detachments Mount!" and all the while of Grinner was rasping away within carshot but probably oblivious to the world. As we scrambled onto the trucks blokes were whispering "Grinners not back yet" and "We can't leave without him" etc and it seemed to fall to me to say something. Just as Loocy Slayer was about to pump his arm and order "Wagons roll" in his best John Wayne voice, I said "Excuse Sir, we can't go just yet, Gunner Grinne's not with us".. Loocy Sayer - "Bloody hell - where is he?" Me: (thinking fast) "He's --er -- over in the scrub Sir." Loocy Slayer: "What's he bloody doing?" Me; "(Bit of even faster thinking)" "He's ...er ...answering the call from nature Sir!" Loocy Slayer: "Bloody hell!" and cupping his hands around his mouth bellows in the direction of the scrub "get your arse into gear Gunner Grinner" Rather apt choice of words I thought.

One can only surmise the effect of the bellow on Grinners revving bum but perhaps in hurried him a bit because he soon appeared closely followed by the young Sheila. The loocy must have been the only bloke on the entire base not aware of what was happening and when he saw Grinner coming out of the scrub pulling up his strides closely followed by the young chick pulling up her britches he bloody near chucked a fit on the spot. He threw his head back covered his face with his hands and said " oh bugger me, no!!!" At this point the entire base erupted with hilarity. We all nearly pissed ourselves with laughter to the point of helplessness. If the 'cong had hit us right then we would have been easy meat, but perhaps not. They probably would have pissed themselves with laughter too! I suppose the thought of a bloke holding up a convoy because of a nookie was a bit of a blow to Loocy Slayers military pride who threateningly ordered "Grinner" to report to him when they got back to the Dat. I guess he had visions of making "Grinner" dig shitpits in the blazing tropical sun forever but I'm sure ol' Grinner wasn't particularly concerned. He looked as contented as a cat who had just eaten the canary and a bowl of cream. Well wouldn't you?

It has been mentioned that they are anticipating having a 25th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam Conflict either in late 97 or early 98. Perhaps steps could be taken to verify this and possibly advertise it in the Associations pages. Best Regards, Toby. (I haven't heard of any Toby but I'm sure there will be something on somewhere. Might see you in Tassie hey? PJ)

From Alex Pavlovich,

Dear Gabby, Good to see your name crop up again in the annals of 4 Fd Regt RAA now as treasurer. Give my regards to the family. Here's \$5.00 for my subs for 95. Will write to Peter Bruce informing all who want to know what's happened and happening to Pavo. (Still waiting Pavo!!) The alcohol has deadened a few memory cells in the brain (you say what brain??) so maybe a brief reminder in the 1st news bulletin of each year to pay up or shut up for subs. Regards, Alex.

From Bill Smith,

Dear Gabby, I have enclosed \$10.00 for subs as I cannot recollect sending last years subs. The only news I can pass on is that I had a heart transplant March of last year (94). It must have been caused by all the hard work I did as a RHQ clerk as I wasn't much of a warrior. I have been keeping exceptionally well since the operation and even marched on Anzac Day. Less and less turning up each year and those that do look older and older and older each year. Keep up the good work with the Bulletin. The only suggestion I could make is to include a Subscriptions Page. (Great idea Billy - see insert) The only reason I suggest this is because you know how loath some people are to put pen to paper. Maybe if they only had to fill in a form and post it you may receive a few more subs, - note only maybe! Yours faithfully, Bill Smith.

From Trevor (TC) Hawkins,

Dear Gabby, Thank you for inviting me as a member of 4th Fd Regt (SVN) Assoc. I will give the Assoc \$10.00. \$5.00 for membership, and \$5.00 as a donation. Look forward to a long assn. Let me know if you would like any help. Regards TC. (TC was with our Technical Support Troop (TST) in SVN and is still serving in the army. He is currently Major Trevor Hawkins, Fleet Manager, Technical Equipment Fleet, Brisbane Logistic Group. PJ)

From Kerry Cooke.

Dear Mr Secretary, Having read the yarn in the last newsletter, I guess it's time to add one of my own. This is 100% true, only the names have been changed (albeit thinly disguised) TO PROTECT THE GUILTY! This is called:

**THE ADVENTURES OF GUNNER "GRINNER" -- OR
PLEASE SIR, I WAS ONLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY -- OR
STOP THE WAR, I NEED TO SOW ME OATS --OR
JUNGLE JIG A JIG -- OR W.H.A.M**

(WHAM - Winning Hearts and Minds - for those of you who can't recall.)

Right Section of 107 (we had to be right section otherwise we would have been WRONG Section) anyway, Bubbles, Chuckles and Franger guns (remember the pet names fellows?) were setting up a fire support base (I can't recall the name) about 1/2 a klik off Route 15 and about 1/2 way to Saigon.

The farming belt of SA, Fowlers Bay, where they average 14 - 17 " of rain annually but last winter they received 4". Where as in Bowen Qld, they ceased measuring the rain in inches and instead measured in feet- mind you ONLY 11 feet of rain. We have seen the beauty of the Daintree rainforests, the splendour of the tropics, as the wet builds up, with the magnificent orchestration of the thunder and lightning. The raw, barren, seemingly desolate beauty of the north west of WA. The riches of this area are fully extended as mineral is in abundance. Its a pity it has to leave this country, to be processed???? The kaleidoscope of the festive running of the Melbourne Cup or the horrendous atmosphere of the ANF grand final. The silence of death, as that loving tear is brushed away, as a friend, colleague, or of kin, is lowered into this beautiful earth. We have witnessed the joys of a re-union, the warmth and laughter of a birthday or Xmas with family, the comradeship of travel, the never ending chatter of a caravan park, the depth and vastness of this, our country, our Australia. Our mailing list commenced at 16, now it has extended to 68. People are a funny lot, as every one always states, "keep in touch", so we make an effort, but replies are very far and few between.

So what now, of the vagabond Beynons? Since being back in Tasmania, we have had our "mobile home" "for sale" at Geelong. It has been advertised in the local papers, the Herald Sun and the 4x4 monthly magazine, with heaps of lookers, but as yet no takers. We have painted the real estate at Wynyard, spruced the house up and now, that is "for sale". If both sell, all well and good, is NOT, come late March (95) early April, we will pack up again head for S.A. and drive up the "centre" with the destination of Townsville. Our running expenses from Darwin to Young, NSW via WA, the Nullarbor Plains was \$2134.76. The majority of running was on LPG which is certainly the cheapest method of propulsion on the road.

Our cherry picking season at Young, was truly advantageous. The orchard was very small compared to other "big" orchards, in the area only 52 acres, but in that were 11 various clones, varying in size from marble size to the whoppers of the size of golf balls. All up, we were there for six weeks, made reasonable money and were welcomed back for the next season. We would commence to pick by 6.30 am as the fruit was easier to pick from the bough, when chilly, come 1 pm into the grading, sorting shed, as that fruit that was picked in the morning, had to be "on the floor", of Sydney markets by the following morning. Time was paramount, so, all hands on deck to have the fruit graded, boxed and ready for transportation at 4.30 pm. Cherries could be effected by either rain, wind, brown spot, fungus or earwigs. The 40 -60 year old trees would yield around 400 kilograms of fruit each.

To one and all, take care for now, chow, Tom and Noeleen

(Toms letter was written early last year. Since then they are back on the road again and as Tom said, headed west and then north. Port Augusta, Woomera, Cooba Pedy, Ulara - The Rock, Alice Springs, Wycliffe, - 143 ks south of Tennant Creek. Lost track of them after that and missed Tom and Noeleen by only a few minutes at the Spirit of Tasmania as they returned to Tassie once again towards the end of 95. Stay tuned for the next episode. I know Tom and Noeleen would love to hear from any one with news old or new. Their address, P.O. Box 1135, Devonport, Tas 7310. PJ)

G'day everyone,

Here it is 1996 all ready. Don't the years slip away these days! I've been putting off writing this newsletter for some time mainly because there seems to be so much else to do these days and so little time to do it in. Have had a reasonable response to last bulletins request for fees etc. Don't forget you can send your subs to **Gabby Hayes**, 74 Camelia Ave, Everton Hills QLD 4053. \$5.00 a year or life membership for a donation of over \$100.00 (we haven't set an exact amount).

We have had a bit of correspondence in but could still do with a lot more to make this worthwhile. A couple of letters are included but the main reason for this newsletter is to advise of the "Vietnam Veterans 1996 Convention and Family Reunion - 30 years on". The reunion is to be held in Launceston Tasmania from the 14 to the 18th of August this year. The enclosed brochure tells you all about the activities in Launceston but **Roger Hall** in Huonville is keen to get as many of our guys together for a 4 Field Regiment Reunion down his way. Roger has already been in touch with a lot of our people and interest is running pretty high. If you want more information about the 4 Fd Regt gathering, give Roger a call (002 641 302) or drop him a line at, R.S. D. 1581, HUONVILLE TAS 7109. Rogers' letter is also attached.

On a different note, **Kevin O'Brien** has written asking for information on the 4 Fd Regt Rugby team who defeated 2 RAR to get into the Townsville Finals back in '69. His letter is attached - perhaps someone can help.

Kevin Murphy is keen to arrange a return trip to South Vietnam and neighbouring areas around August this year. Kevin has been over to South East Asia several times and is keen to hear from anyone who may like to join a group of travellers to go back and see what SVN is like these days. His proposal is to fly into to Saigon for a couple of days via Bangkok and then bus to Vung Tau for 3 or 4 days. Then return to Saigon under own arrangements. Would cost you around 3 grand twin share depending how much Tiger Beer you drink. Kevin also suggested a gathering in Sydney before departure. Kevin can be contacted on 03 9762 3887, or drop him a line at 1348 Mountain Highway, The Basin, Vic 3154.

PJ Smith is now working in China. Peter and wife Jan have packed up their bongos, left daughter Andrea at home to mind the cat (and finish her Uni studies) and have both gone to work for IFF (China) Ltd. PJ is their Operations Manager while Jan is in the Sales and Liaison Office. Both are in Guangzhou, China and if anyone would like their phone number or mailing address you can give me a ring.

For those who didn't know, the Department of Veterans' Affairs has completed what is regarded as the most complete and accurate nominal roll of Australians who served in the Vietnam War. The roll contains the names of 59,053 men and 484 women who served in the Armed Forces as well as civilians who were with medical teams and philanthropic organisations and official entertainers. The names are in full with service number, date of birth, period of service and unit arranged in alphabetical order under the following headings: Navy, Army, Air Force, Civilians.

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