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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

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1. Winding up of the Association:

At the Special General Meeting held at Ingleburn RSL on 19th October, members voted unanimously to approve the winding up of the Association, to be effective at midnight on 30th November 2017. At the meeting, there were 13 members present, and they were holding another 23 proxy votes between them, all in the affirmative.

Minutes of that SGM, and the Annual General Meeting held on the same day, are attached for your interest.

What happens now?

As set out in the Explanatory Notes accompanying the Notice of Special General Meeting, the current committee will stay in place to assist with the various financial, administrative and legal matters that need to be undertaken in the process.

The Association's funds will now be distributed by the committee to various charities and veteran-related bodies under the Powers granted to the committee in Section 16 of the Rules. Any money still retained at the 30th November 2017, will then be distributed in accordance with Section 36 of the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 (NSW) and also under the authority granted to the committee by Motion passed by members and proxies at the SGM.

The Association's legal obligations as directed by the Act, will be taken care of with the assistance and advice of Austax Accounting, who have been our pro-bono auditors over the last few years.

2. Refunds of Membership Fees Paid in Advance:

As previously advised, the committee has approved refunds to all members who have paid their membership fees in advance for a period extending beyond the wind-up date.

Thanks to those members who have responded to my email to let us know how you want your refund handled – bank transfer or donation to a charity chosen by the committee. Those of you who haven't yet taken the time to respond are making things harder for us. ***If your name is on the list of refunds that I sent out some weeks ago and you haven't yet responded, PLEASE get back to us ASAP to let us know how you want your refund handled. Remember that if you haven't responded by 31st October 2017, we will be giving your refund to a charity chosen by the committee.***

Refunding will begin early in November and should be credited to your account (or sent by cheque for members without a computer system) by 7th November. If you have asked for a refund and haven't received the funds by that date, please let the Treasurer know.

3. The Future:

It's good to know that, after the Association disappears as a legal entity, there will still be remnants of it available on the record.

(1) Website:

Our webmaster, Graham Hampton from the Australian Artillery Association, has volunteered to set up a snap-shot of the information on the Association's webpage, current on the day of wind-up, as a Link on the AAA's webpage. This means that in future, anyone interested can still view the data that was on our webpage as at 30th November 2017. The webpage will not be maintained or updated from that date on, but it will be available as an historic record of who we were and what we did for any interested party.

(2) Membership Contact Details:

As your Secretary, I have been maintaining the Association's Membership Register, keeping it as current as possible by recording all your changes of contact details, and deaths (or at least those which are notified to me). I am prepared to continue to maintain this information after wind up so that we will all have details of our fellow 12 Field Regiment vets. It won't be a "membership" register as such, just a contact list, but it will mean we can continue to send out important communication and to act as a central data point for anyone wishing to make contact with others on the list.

I will not retain your information on that list if you do not want to be involved. IF YOU DO NOT WISH ME TO RETAIN YOUR DETAILS ON MY FILES, PLEASE ADVISE ME QUICKLY AND I WILL REMOVE YOU FROM THE LIST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WIND UP. If you don't contact me to opt out, I will assume that you are comfortable with me retaining your details.

Obviously, for this to work properly, you all must continue to keep me informed of your changes of street address, phone numbers and email address. If you fail to let me know your changes, you'll drop off our contacts.

(3) Official Roll of Coral Vets:

The current Association website carries a link to the Regiment's official list of all members of the Regiment who were at Coral. This list is updated from time to time to correct errors and omissions. After wind up, I will retain that list on my personal files and will keep it maintained as far as I am able based on information that is fed through to me.

4. 50th Anniversary of FSPB Coral:

By now you will have all received the details of what we know so far about the Canberra functions in May 2018. Thank you to those of you who have given your responses about possible attendance to Bob Lowry.

Obviously this is all still a work in progress, but we will let you know further details as they come to hand – such as the criteria for attendance/invitation, times and venues.

Cossie is working on a plan to arrange a block of accommodation so all us 12 Field Regiment blokes can stay at the same venue. This will make socializing easier and provide simpler pick up arrangements for any busses that might be provided.

More about this later.

5. Anzac Day in Victoria:

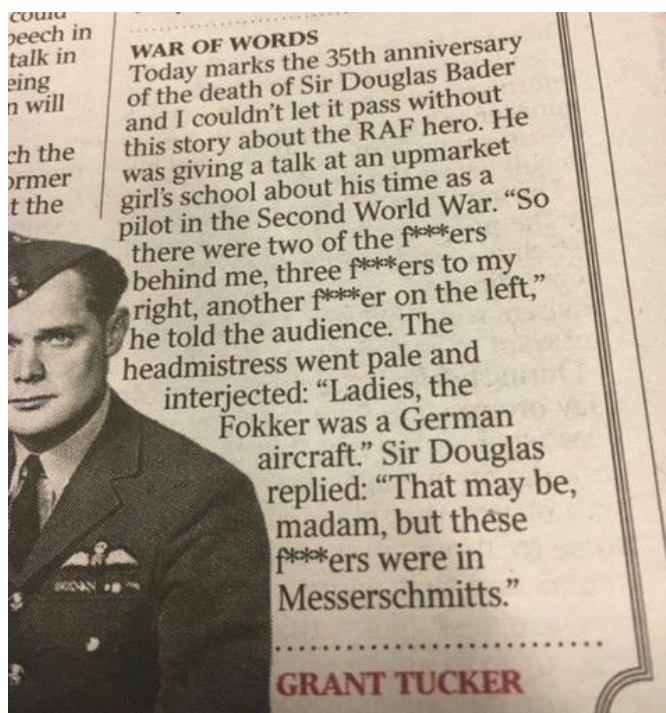
The Association's resident photographer extraordinaire, Bruce "My Dog" Morris, has sent us this shot taken in Victoria a couple of Anzac Days ago. Recognise anyone?



Thanks My Dog!

6. True Story of a Hero:

Floydie (aka Alan Floyd, the unofficial mayor of Ouyen) has sent us this terrific little newspaper article about the great Douglas Bader. I remember hearing this same story almost 30 years ago, so it must be true.....



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7. 1RAR 50th Anniversary of Coral Commemoration in 2018:

Bob Lowry has forwarded this communication from the President of the 1RAR Association regarding what's happening in Townsville next year. Obviously they have planned it so that Coral vets attending the Canberra functions can also make it to Townsville a couple of days later.

If any of you are planning to attend, you need to contact Jim as per his email address.

Gents, I have sought clarification re the Coral Dinner to be held at the Townsville RSL on the evening of 17 May 18. That dinner is for all Coral Veterans and their partners as it has been in the past, not just 1RAR Veterans.

Only 1RAR Coral Veterans, VIPs and current serving 1RAR soldiers are invited to the following events:

Mayoral reception 15 May 18,

Coral 50 Commemoration Dinner held at 1RAR the evening of 16 May 18,

1RAR Open Day the morning of 18 May 18.

The following events are open to members of the public:

Changing of the Colours Parade, 1RAR Parade Ground the morning of 16 May 18. 1RAR Coral Veterans and partners will be seated in a separate seating area. Other Coral Veterans and partners are welcome to attend as members of the public.

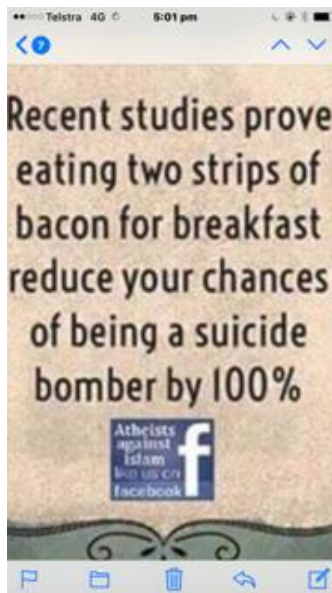
Memorial Service ANZAC Park, The Strand the morning of 17 May 18. There will be a short march lead by 1RAR Coral Veterans followed by Somalia and other 1RAR Veterans. Other Coral Veterans and partners are welcome to attend the Service as members of the public.

I hope this provides adequate clarification.

Regards, Jim Masters, OAM President 1RAR Association president@1rar.asn.au

8. Diet Advice:

Our Welfare Officer Rick Cranna is always trying to improve members' health, so he sends this very timely information about diet.



9. Personal Comment:

Sadly, I reckon this will probably be the last Information Bulletin I'll ever send. I can't believe there have been 64 of them over the past 5 years since I started in this job! It seems such a short time ago that I took on the role.

I just want to say that it has been a privilege to have been your Secretary and I have enjoyed the challenge, and the excuse it gave me to keep in touch with you all.

You are great people and I am proud to call you my mates. 50 years ago, we all went through some "interesting" times, and that shared experience has given us a special bond and understanding that few other groups have.

I wish you and your families all the very best in the future, and in the words of the great Bob Hope,

"THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES"

Trevor Bryant, signing off as Secretary.

The Association acknowledges the ongoing support of the Ingleburn sub-Branch of the RSL in the publication of these Bulletins, and thanks them for their assistance.