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# AUGUST 2023

# CP NEWS

## PRESIDENT RAMBLINGS

Since our last newsletter Glen Gibson and I have been in discussion with the Southern Downs Regional Council about the possible upgrade to the War Memorial in Weeroona Park. We are in the early stages and working with the council to submit a Grant from DVA. I will keep you informed of our progress in future newsletters.

In June, due to family circumstances, our newest board member, Bridget Cutler resigned. Earlier this month, at our board meeting, we welcomed Mr Terry Acreman as a casual vacancy. If you don't already know Terry, he can be found as the President of the Stanthorpe Men's Shed. We welcome Terry to the board.

On Sunday 13th August, I attended the Stanthorpe RSL Snooker Championship play off. This year winners are Allan Goodyear and Ray Carson with runners up Michael Carson and Travis Speare. Pictured right is Allan and Ray accepting the "Ernie Booth Trophy" and each receiving \$100.00 prize. The runners up received \$50.00 each. It was an excellent competition with some very close games.



Vietnam Veterans Day (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cessation of Australia's commitment) on Friday 18th August was well attended. I thank Greg Williams our Ceremonial Officer for all his hard work in organising the day. And to Norm Steele, President of the Stanthorpe Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association, thank you for being our MC for this service.



*Cheers,  
Martin Corbett*

## ADVOCATE NEWS

I will be absent from Saturday 19th August to Tuesday 10th October. Any DVA enquiries are to be directed to the Western District office by calling 07 4613 6367. For Emergency Help please contact Open Arms on 1800 011 046.

*Martin Corbett  
Advocate*

## LONG TAN BURSARY

The Long Tan Bursary helps eligible children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans pay for their tertiary education.



### LONG TAN BURSARY 2024

Applications  
NOW OPEN!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
31 October 2023.

Each year 37 bursaries are awarded to successful applicants across Australia. Each bursary is worth up to \$12,000 over 3 years of continuous full-time study.

The Long Tan Bursary scheme is named after the Battle of Long Tan, the best known battle fought by Australians during the Vietnam War.

Applications will be open from now until 31 October 2023.

For more information or to check eligibility, visit [www.dva.gov.au/long-tan-bursary](http://www.dva.gov.au/long-tan-bursary)



**AUGUST 2023**

# NEWSLETTER

## ADAVALE VETERANS RETREAT

As you know Tom Page, Sub Branch Treasurer, is currently travelling around our beautiful state. During his stay in Quilpie, he decided to travel out to Adavale to experience morning tea at the Adavale Tea Rooms. Whilst there he stopped by Adavale Veterans Retreat and thought he would share the news on this retreat.



Adavale, located in Central Queensland, approx. 100km north of Quilpie and 187km west of Charleville. The retreat is a Not for Profit Charity and relies heavily on volunteers

and the generosity of businesses and grant funding to maintain the retreat. In past months, Adavale Veteran Retreat was given a second building which will house a kitchen, dining and leisure rooms with a built in bar facility. The fit out of this building was provided by Gerry Harvey, owner of the Harvey Norman group.

At recent board meeting, a motion was moved to provide some funding to assist with the completion of some minor tasks. Should you find yourself travelling to Central Queensland, please stop in at Adavale and spend a night or two to spend some time at the retreat.

## DIAMOND WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

One of our members and his wife have recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. The couple have received many letters of congratulations including one from our Majesty King Charles III, Governor General of Australia David Hurley, our local MP James Lister and other dignities.

From your Sub Branch members, Ernie and Marlene, we congratulate you on your diamond anniversary. Sixty years of giving happiness, love and loyalty to each other must not go unmarked.

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## VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

The morning started out overcast, with a light sprinkle of rain however just prior to 11am, the rain and clouds had dispersed allowing the sun to shine through. With over 100 veterans, visitors, locals and 5 district schools in attendance, it made for an outstanding service as we marked the 50th Anniversary of Australia's exit from the Vietnam War.

Our sincere thanks are extended to those who assisted us with our service: MC Mr Norm Steele, our Padre Rev'd John Pattison, piper Mrs Lisa Vichie, bugler Mr James Waites, photographer Ms Sandra McEwan and members from the Granite Belt choir for leading us in singing our National Anthem.

Following the service, Vietnam Veterans and their partners, widows and guests attended a lunch at the RSL Services Club. It was great to see so many veterans attend. One special visitor, Lt John Brien, shared with us that Norm Steele had received a letter of commendation for his duties while serving in Vietnam. Norm, we thank you for your service.



Pictured: Vietnam Veterans gather at the conclusion of the service.



Pictured left to right: President of the Stanthorpe RSL Services Club, assisted by Sub Branch Director Peter Beacroft and Stanthorpe Branch Member of the Vietnam Veterans Association, Stewart Brett prepare to lay their wreaths.



Above: Community members and school students observing one minutes silence.



Left: Jan and Graham Cockerell enjoying lunch that followed the service.



Above: SDRC Cr. Stephen Tancred, Women's Auxiliary President Veronica Ryan with Vietnam War Widow Bev McLean.

Pictured: Lt John Brien advising those at lunch, of Norm Steele's letter of Commendation.

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