

"CRIZONS OUTLOOK NEWS" JULY 2018

## <u> President's Report:</u>

\_\_\_\_The end of June 2018 has seen the termination of the 'VSASA Warwick Auspice' and the dawn of the 'Southern Downs Ex-Services Association', along with financial audits and updates of assets, property, finances and members listings. It is also time to renew your subscriptions on *Page 7* and for nomination to be placed forward for the new committee on *Page 8*. Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Centre on **Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 10.00am**, all positions will be declared vacant and the new committee voted in for the years 2018/19.

There will be some internal structural changes happening as will be see, the current office area once repainted, will become the library and meeting room, the old advocates office in the front area of the building, will be repainted and become the President and Secretary's office, with the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer remaining where they are. The former small Treasurers office will become a storage room for the time being, it is feasible that we will have trained welfare officers in the future and this room will become the future Welfare Office. Most of the new signage is complete, receipt books, letterheads, business cards, etc, have been changed over and we are ready to embark.

We will be hosting an '**Open Day'** on **Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> July from 9.00am to 3.00pm**, it is anticipated that the emergency services may also have displays, with PR coverage in papers and radio. Our '**Wood Raffle'** is also happening this month on **Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday the 28th** at Rose City Shopping World. Any member who can assist in the selling of tickets are encouraged to contact Ray Wingett and help please.

Most members who have the VSASA polo shirts have had their pockets changed over to SDESA by now, if not, please bring your shirt into the office and it will be done at no cost to the member. As from the 1<sup>st</sup> July we will be under the elected SDESA Qld Inc Constitution that was passed in January 2018, some minor changes will have to be made to that document in due course, but one directive has been made, that the office bearers will no longer be a 'Board of Management', this was the terminology used by VSASA Inc, we will be known as a '*Committee of Management'*, headed up by the executive committee, the President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Our VSASA Treasurer Rod Brittain has chosen to resign his position, since he has also recently become the treasurer of the Warwick RSL Sub Branch and could be seen as having a conflict of interests. Rod is staying on as a member and we thank him for all his efforts while he were our treasurer.

Mrs Barbara Cutmore has been appointed by the committee as the acting treasurer until the Annual General Meeting. Barbara has been a treasurer in other establishments, what is more, she is experienced and competent in what is required to fill the vacancy. We are positive she will do well for the association.

The next issue of the newsletter will be after the AGM in August, with a list and photos of all positions appointed. I will be placing my hat in the ring for another year as your President, as I have enjoyed working with the prodigious committee and have appreciated their hard work and enthusiasm, during the change over by everybody to the SDESA.

Your mate, Ken Ashton

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#### Committee of Management 2018 Appointments 2018 Southern Downs **Executive Management Committee:** Hon. David Littleproud. MP Patron: **Ex-Services Association** 1 Federal Member for Maranoa President: Ken J. Ashton 0417.623.722 Queensland Incorporated Patron: Mayor Cr. Mrs. Tracy Dobie. Vice/Pres: Margaret Trahair 0422.361.551 A.B.N. 89 554 766023 Act/Treas: Barbara Cutmore 0417.674.121 Southern Downs Regional Council Inc. No. IA57463 Management Committee: Auditor: Mr Jeff Hannaford. 1 Tooth Street, Warwick Qld 4370 Jeff Hannaford Pty Ltd. Secretary: Barry E. Kelly 0417.740.282 PO Box 631, Warwick Qld 4370 Ass/Sec: **Kevin Stow** 0448.699.183 warvet02@bigpond.com Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Stow 0448.699.183 Ass/Treas: Eddie Marshall 0458.573.876 Funeral Officer: John Skinner 0427.612.087 Office - 4661 5099 Mementos: Peter Ashton 0438.802.366 Raffles Coord: Paul Guy 0429.011.166 PR Officer: Steve Kelly 0412.000.214 News Editor: Barry E. Kelly 0417.740.282 BANK: Warwick Credit Union Ray Wingett Mowing: 07.4661 3508 Lee Wells Welfare: 0450.375.712 CREDIT UNION BSB: 817-001. Alan Doust 0428.241.413 ACCOUNT NO: 400305133 COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY BANKING CALENDAR FOR JULY 2018 SDESA LADIES Wed 4<sup>th</sup> monday Lunches 9.00 am - 1.00pm Military Memorabilia Display -L 1-Wed 4th 6.00pm 'INDEPENDENCE DAY DINNER' Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Drop - In Centre 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018 "Char-Belas" (Cinema) Sat 7th 9.00am to 3.00pm 'SDESA OPEN DAY' 81 Grafton Street, Warwick. Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am – 1.00pm SDESA Ladies meet each month on a Monday Military Memorabilia Display at 12.00 Noon, to have a luncheon together. For information contact: Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Drop -In Centre & Committee **Helen Nielson** Ph: (H) 07.4661.5772 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am – 1.00pm Mob: 0429.615.772 Military Memorabilia Display **JUNE 2018** Fri 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Drop - In Centre H. John Skinner (01-06) Wed 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am – 1.00pm "Apologies for omitting Military Memorabilia Display your birthday last month." (Editor.) Fri 27th 9.00 am Drop - In Centre Birthdays Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018, we are having a 'WOOD RAFFLE' JULY 2018 at Rose City Shopping World near the Mrs. Belinda Lister (3<sup>rd</sup>) travelator going up to Big W. Sid Gleeson (8<sup>th</sup>) Ticket Sellers, could you please contact; George Durieux (11th) **Ray Wingett** to be placed on the roster. Mrs. Edith Matthews (18th) (8am-10am.) (10am-12pm.) (12pm-2pm.) (2pm-4pm.) Mrs. Susan Buchanan (22<sup>nd</sup>) Phone: 4661.3508 Kevin Stow (22<sup>nd</sup>)

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Many thanks to those who donated to our 'GoFundMe' pledge, for funding to the Australian Vietnam Veterans 'Ba Ria Vung Tau Vietnam Orphanage'. We have a new pledge, which has now commenced for the orphanage and hope to take it back in the new year. Cloth baby nappies and powdered milk are the two-real necessities for them, donations to 'GoFundMe' will help us achieve this for the children.



HIS CALLING: Barry Kelly makes some new mates at the orphanage in Ba Ria, Vietnam.

'Ba Ria Vung Tau Vietnam Orphanage'

## Warwick veteran's life-changing return to Vietnam

JONNO COLFS

FOR Barry Kelly, a recent trip to the old battlefields of Vietnam brought with it a fear of dredging up old demons, but what happened took a harden-ed old warrior very much by surprise

One of the main points of the trip was to deliver about 10 mil-

lion Vietnamese dong (\$800) to an orphanage set up by Aus tralian soldiers in 1966, during the Vietnam War.

But when Mr Kelly and his mate Terry Smart got there, they were refused entry. Thankfully a helpful guide found another solution.

"She told us of another or-phanage, set up by the Austra-lian Vietnam Veterans Recon-

struction Group and the Aus tralian Government in the 1990s," Mr Kelly said. "This place was set up specif-ically for children with disabilthe

"Now at this point we'd al-

Now at this point we d an-ready toured Long Tan and Nui Dat, and whereas I thought I'd struggle there, I just thought what a waste of lives it had all been. "But when I saw these

blind and twisted kids that tore me to shreds. We handed over the money we'd brought and spent the whole day with the kids and finding out what more we could do to kethe"

we could do to help." Mr Kelly, who fought a class action against Monsanto and Agent Orange for 15 years, has four children of his own with disabilities, something he be-lieves can be linked to his own

exposure to the chemical in Vietnam. As such, he said he felt com-pelled to return to the orphan-

pelled to return to the orphan-age to help out. "I'll be going back at the end of the year, and want to raise \$4000 this time," he said. "They need English teach-ers, so I'll help out doing that, teaching basic English to the kids."

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**'WOOD RAFFLE'** 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018



Members are advised that our <u>JULY 2018</u> •<u>JUMPERS & JAZZ - WOOD RAFFLE</u>? is being held on <u>Friday & Saturday</u> the <u>27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>st</sup> of JULY 2018</u>, at the bottom of the escalators in Rose City Shopping World.

Many thanks to Mark Russell, for permitting us to cut and load the wood on his property and the 'Warwick Warrior Woodcutters', who are always willing to help. This gesture not only supports residents in possibly winning a load of wood, but also helps pay for the overheads of the association. (Would volunteer ticket sellers please contact <u>Ray Wingett</u> on Ph: <u>4661 3508</u>



### 'Change your course now'

This is the transcript of an actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995.



Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations on November 10, 1995.

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

<u>Canadians:</u> Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

<u>Canadians:</u> No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

<u>Americans:</u> THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES' ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, THAT'S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

Canadians: "This is a lighthouse." "Your call."



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#### NOTES FOR MEMBERS:

The **1**<sup>st</sup> July 2018, commences the start of the new association, **'Southern Downs Ex-Services Association Queensland Incorporated'.** This has been brought about by VSASA Inc, (Toowong) advising us that they will cease operating and close their doors, on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. VSASA Warwick Auspice were recommended to give serious consideration to its future and take the necessary action accordingly, to be able to continue as a viable and independent association. This we have done, by raising the new association amidst a lot of labour.

We will be retaining the old membership number system, from VSASA Warwick Auspice, however, all future new applicants, will have new (SD) membership numbers. Any person who has been a financial member of VSASA Warwick Auspice last year, will now simply fill in the above form and send it back to have continuous membership. *Your committee has not raised the annual subscription fees and kept them affordable for all.* 

All financial members for 2018-2019, will be issued with a new SDESA Qld Inc plastic membership card from August 2018, as we have our own plastic card making facility, with thanks to VSASA Inc.

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## **<u>"NOTICE"</u>** of the <u>'last'</u> '<u>Annual General Meeting'</u> of the

<u>"Veterans Support and Advocacy Service Aust Inc - Warwick Auspice"</u> and the *'first'* 

<u>"Southern Downs Ex-Services Association Queensland Incorporated"</u>

The Committee of Management hereby gives notice, that the 'Annual General Meeting' of the above <u>associations</u>, will take place at the 'SDESA <u>Qld Inc Centre'</u> 1 Tooth Street, Warwick Qld 4370, commencing on the <u>3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018</u> at <u>10.00am</u>.

#### Election of the Committee of Management for the S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc.

All Committee of Management positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018.

Our Committee of Management consists of;

President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, plus (5) five Committee Members.

The Constitution permits a member to be nominated for more than one position. Should more than one nomination be received for a position, then a ballot will be made up as required and a vote taken. If all positions are not filled through written nominations, then nominations will be called from the floor on the day. A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers and seconders names, shall be posted in

a conspicuous place in the office, or usual place of meeting of the Association, for at least seven days immediately preceding the annual general meeting.

NOTE: The nominated member, nominee and seconder, must be financial members prior to the AGM.

### Nomination Form for the Committee of Management Election 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

Date I		being a financial member of	of
S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc, herel	by nominate	for the p	osition
of	[and/or]	Signed	

I ..... Accept this Nomination, Signed.....

Forms must be returned to the Secretary no later than 1200hrs on Friday 27<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

### Proxy Form for Voting at the AGM Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

I .....being a financial member of S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc, being unable to attend the AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018, hereby appoint,

..... to vote for me on my behalf at the S.D.E.S.A. Qld Inc, AGM, or at any adjournment of that meeting.

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#### **7 RAR Receives New Trucks**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment has received its first delivery of the new medium and heavy trucks, purchased under the Land 121 vehicle project.

These vehicles will replace the Unimog and Mack trucks that have served the Army faithfully for the past 30 years.

The battalion's Facebook page says "These vehicles

represent the very latest in cutting-edge Approximately 2700 trucks, 3800 modules and 1700 trailers were ordered by the ADF from Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia and Haulmark Trailers Australia under Project LAND 121 Phase 3B. The project cost is in the region of \$3.4billion.

The new truck fleet has been rolling out across the ADF over the past two years. Approximately 40 per cent of the trucks will be supplied with enhanced ballistic and blast protection for deployed soldiers. Some trucks will also have an integrated load-handling system that enables the operator to remain protected inside the cabin while loading and unloading cargo. All the trucks will be fitted for (but not necessarily fitted with) the ADF's Battle Management System as well as a suite of military radios.

## <u>'The Mafia Godfather'</u>

The Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper of 20 years, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000.00. Guido is deaf which is why he got the job in the first place. The Godfather assumed that since Guido could not hear anything, he could never testify in court.

When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about the missing \$10 million, he takes along his personal lawyer, "Ask him where the money is?" The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, "Where's the money?".

Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about," The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you are talking about."

The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'II blow his head off."

The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him. " Guido trembles and signs back, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house."

The Godfather asks the lawyer, "Well what did he say?" The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have then guts to pull the trigger." (You got a love lawyer...)





# 52<sup>nd</sup> Vietnam Veteran's Day Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018





Vietnam Veterans their families and friends, will pay tribute to those who served, suffered and paid the supreme sacrifice, in and as a result of the Vietnam War.

The annual Vietnam Veterans Day remembrance service will be held at the Warwick Cenotaph, in Leslie Park, from 10.45 am. All Vietnam Veterans their families and friends are correspondingly invited to attend the service.

For further information regarding the service, please phone 4661.5099 or 0417.623.722







#### Report from the Warwick Community Development ANZAC Memorial Project.

Chairman John Felton has forwarded to the SDESA Editor, a follow up report on the (*WCDAMP*,) of which VSASA Warwick Auspice, gave a one-thousand-dollar donation last year from the members.



The project is on target to commence in August this year, with the completion and opening by November 2018. It is anticipated that Corporal Daniel A. Keighran, *(pronounced: KEAR-ran,)* recipient of the Victoria Cross for Australia, will open the memorial and dais. (*CPL Keighran was awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia, for his actions with 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in the Battle of Derapet, on 24 August 2010, during the War in Afghanistan*) and is the first member of the Royal Australian Regiment so awarded. The Leslie Park Cenotaph precinct is foremost managed and administrated by the Southern Downs Regional Council, in conjunction with the relevant authorities.

The construction of the memorial and dais is straight forward, in that it will have a ramp access for people with disabilities and will recognise the sacrifice and service of Australian military personnel in all theatres of conflict, peacekeeping and humanitarian operations from 1885 to 2018, with plaques defining each Warlike operation, Non-Warlike operation, Peacekeeping operations, Humanitarian service and Active service, remembering that the Australian Commonwealth has not made a declaration of war since WW11. The plaques are a way of recognising the service given, with the capacity to recognise subsequent sacrifices and service and provide a venue for young people, people with disabilities, aging residents and their sponsors, be they teachers or carers to visit, see, touch and know that the memorial embodies sacrifice and service made on their behalf.

The SDESA members are appreciative of the work the (*WCDAMP*) Chair and committee has done thus far and that they will produce a contemporary and unique military memorial, unlike any currently constructed in Australia, that will provide the Southern Downs area with a modern, unique, disability accessible venue for staging and conducting a wide variety of major military and civic events and provide a unique military remembrance venue, to add to the Southern Downs domain of tourist attractions.

(The WCDAMP committee is totally separate from the SDRC and community committee, arranging the Armistice Day Commemorations for 2018)





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