



31 January 2008

Subsidy announced for Veteran travel to Tribute08.

The Minister of Veteran Affairs, Hon Rick Barker has agreed to a government contribution towards travel costs for New Zealand Vietnam Veterans attending Tribute08 during Queens Birthday weekend, 30 May to 1 June 2008.

This special government travel grant is available to all New Zealand Vietnam Veterans registering to attend Tribute08 from outside of the Wellington region including those veterans living overseas. The grant can be applied to any mode of public or private transport. This grant is specifically for New Zealand Vietnam Veterans only and is in addition to the generous accommodation subsidy (two nights for the price of one or better) available to all veterans and family members attending Tribute08.

This one off grant is not related to any entitlement that veterans might have under the Ministerial Commemorations Discretionary Fund. Veterans who accept the special travel grant to Tribute08 are still able to seek funding from the Ministerial Commemoration Discretionary Fund to travel to commemorations or undertake battlefield visits.

Access to the travel subsidy will be activated upon receipt of your registration for Tribute08. The Tribute08 team will then work with VANZ so that the appropriate grant can be paid.

The grants that will be paid are outlined in the following table:

Travel to Wellington from	One off Grant
The Northland area	\$150
The area from Auckland to Taupo	\$100
The area from South of Taupo to Wellington	\$70
The area from Nelson/Blenheim to Christchurch	\$100
The area from Christchurch South	\$130
Western Australia	\$550
Northern Territory	\$700
South Australia, Queensland, NSW and Victoria	\$340
Tasmania	\$400
Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America	\$1,000

Please note that Air New Zealand recently announced to the public special airfares for travel around New Zealand. You are urged to register early and book these special fares to secure the best travel and accommodation arrangements.



Air New Zealand fare schedule current at 31 January 2008

Auckland To Wellington	\$69 one way
Christchurch to Wellington	\$79 one way
Dunedin to Wellington	\$89 one way
Tauranga to Wellington	\$99 one way
Hamilton to Wellington	\$89 one way
Napier/Hastings to Wellington	\$74 one way
Invercargill to Wellington	\$163 one way

These fares are subject to availability and can be purchased on-line at www.airnewzealand.co.nz or by phoning 0800 737 000 or through an Air New Zealand Travel Centre.

Please address any questions about the special Tribute08 Travel Grant to the Tribute08 office – Phone: 0800 VIETNAM (0800 843 8626) or email to mail@tribute08.co.nz