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# THE LAST POST



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42181	Sheriff PW (Paul) RNZIR - RNZCT	10/10/21	34213	Johnson DJA (Des) 161 Bty RNZA	07/11/21
387125	Fenton DR (Doc) 161 Bty RNZA	12/10/21	825213	Maloney DWS (Dave) 1ALSG -NZSAS-RNZIR	12/11/21
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508018	Taylor RTV (Roy) ANZAC Bn 1RNZIR	25/10/21	30727	Marshall BJ (Brian) HQ V Force 1RNZIR	15/11/21
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30420	Hitchings GA (Geoffrey) 161 Bty RNZA	02/11/21			

E kore rātou e kaumātuatia  
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei  
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore  
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā  
I te hekenga atu o te rā  
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata  
**Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou**  
**Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.**

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them,  
**We will remember them**  
**We will remember them.**



**LEST WE FORGET**

The compilation of information as detailed in this 'Last Post' is to the best of our knowledge, an accurate account of our findings.

However, our sincere apologies if this is proved not to be the case. Please advise of any amendments or additions as necessary and we will take the appropriate action

**Death of a Vietnam Veteran:** If you know of the passing of a Vietnam Veteran (whether a member of our association or not), please contact the secretary. She/he will disseminate the information and where possible, a representative of the association will attend the funeral.

Editors Note: Post September 21 Last Post entries will be published in the next edition of the Contact Magazine



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*The views and opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.*

Welcome to this, the December final issue of the Contact Magazine for 2021. The next issue of the Magazine is due out in March 2022

*Kia ora koutou katoa  
Tēnei te mihi māhana ki a koutou.*

Hi everyone and warm greetings to you all.

As I start typing I am woefully reminded that 20 of our 'Equals' have passed away since the last edition of our Contact Magazine.

*'Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou'*  
*'We will remember them.'*

### Covid 19

This vexation of a pandemic has caused widespread commotion amongst all levels of society and which has divided the nation. Whatever side of the divide you are, is your business. Take care and best wishes.

### Festive Season

The festive season is upon us. Get out, embrace it and enjoy it to its fullest.

*'Kia kaha koutou katoa me haumaru'.*

'Be strong and keep safe'

### VANZ - RANFURLY WEBINAR

I recently took part in the recent Webinar hosted by VANZ and Ranfurly Retirement Village, Auckland. This was an online event titled, Kōrero with Veterans 2021. A well choreographed event with interactions between Veterans and their Families and VANZ Staff and Support Agencies. It was another learning curve for me and I would recommend this method of delivery where Covid 19 restrictions prevent face to face seminars. Thumbs up to all concerned.

### NZVVA National Reunion - Christchurch 15-17 Feb 2022

Your Committee is committed to maintaining the impetus towards our National Reunion 2022. The unknown factor of course is the uncertainty of the impact of Covid 19. We will keep you posted.

### Stepping Down

I will be stepping down and it is more than likely that this will be my last edition of our Contact Magazine. I will not be seeking re-election at our National Reunion 2022 AGM. I will be more than happy to guide and assist any budding editors out there prepared to assume my role.

### Ka Poroporoaki - Farewell

To the NZVVA President, Andy Peters and Committee Members, it's been a pleasure working with you all. I can vouch for your work ethics which cannot be underestimated. Finally, I wish to extend Christmas Greetings to you and your families and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I end with this Whakatauki / Proverb

*Ngāro atu he tētēkura, When one chief disappears,  
whakaeke mai he tētēkura. Another is ready to appear.*

**No one is indispensable.**

*Ngā mihi aroha ki a koutou.*

**Nā Victor Timu**

NZVVA CommsRep



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

### Dec 2021 Contact

Tena ra tatou katoa, hello all,

Welcome to the Christmas Edition of the Contact.

*Tuatahi, he honore, he kororia ki te runga rawa, maunga rongo ki tye whenua, Rangimarie te tangata ki te tangata.*

*All honor and glory to the almighty, peace on earth and goodwill to all.*

*Ki o tatou hoa hoia, haere, haere, haere*

*To our comrades go in peace.*

*Ki nga whanau, ki a kaha, ki a maia, ki a manawanui*

*To the families our condolences.*

Well done to those members of V6 who managed to get to Christchurch, commemorating 50 years since your withdrawal from Vietnam and remembering those of your Unit who died in Vietnam as well as those who have died since. Great support from those local veterans who gave support by attending the service held at Papanui RSA. You did a great job as the liaison officer Manu.

For some, the good news, the Minister for Veterans Affairs, Meka Whaitiri, announced on Tuesday 14 Dec the addition of two new conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure be added to the Prescribed Conditions listed in the Memorandum of Understanding;

Soft tissue sarcoma

Non – Hodgkin lymphoma

Hodgkin's disease

Chloracne

Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia – including hairy-cell leukaemia and other chronic b-cell

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

Hypertension

### What does this mean

Anyone, veteran, with qualifying operational service in Vietnam with one of these conditions may qualify for an ex-gratia payment of \$40,000.

If you are the widow or partner of someone who had qualifying operational service in Vietnam, and he died from one of these conditions, you may qualify for an ex-gratia payment of \$25,000

If your spouse or partner had qualifying operational service, did not receive an ex-gratia for any of these conditions you may qualify for an ex-gratia payment of \$25,000

If your spouse or partner had qualifying service and died from one of these conditions, its on the death certificate, after Nov 2018 you may qualify for an ex-gratia payment of \$40,000

If your spouse or partner died before Nov 2018 you do not qualify for an ex-gratia payment.

If you, Veteran, suffer one of these conditions, are not registered with Veterans Affairs, register now and ask about how to apply for the ex-gratia payment. Consult your GP a well.

Any queries ring Veterans Affairs (Talk to your case manager)

Freephone 0800 483 8372 in NZ , 1 800 483 837 in Aust or 64 4 495 2070 elsewhere in the world

### Why Nov 2018

NZ relies on the United States of America Science Research Centre, who looks into the effects of dioxins, such as Agent Orange, and it was then (Nov 2018) that they acknowledged those two conditions as being related to the dioxins sprayed in Vietnam. At the signing of the MOU it was agreed not to back date any findings.

### The announcement

I was approached to make a comment to accompany the Ministers announcement;

Over the forty years following WW2 our government only committed forces to two conflicts. First the Forgotten War (Korea) and second our war, Vietnam.

Vietnam was a most unpopular war with a very vocal section of many in NZ society of the 1960/ 70s. Our war was no easier or harder than those before or after.

The enemy was tenacious and often overwhelming numerically stronger, and, as the war progressed increasingly sophisticated.

However, our efforts further enhanced NZ's outstanding military reputation

We did our jobs well for the NZ Army and our country but came at a cost to both us and our whanau.

It wasn't till 35 years after the conflict concluded that this cost was recognized by the government and special support,

the Memorandum of Understanding, was put in place to help us and our whanau deal with those consequences.

Todays announcement by the Minister, almost 50 years to the day (9 Dec 1971) when the last rifle company, V6, was withdrawn from the Republic of South Vietnam,

Is one of the opportunities to make sure those of us left, and whanau of all those who served are provided with all that successive governments have promised but not delivered.

So, thank you Minister for your benevolence and thank you to the hard-working officials that have made this day possible.

On that note e hoa ma, comrades, I look forward to seeing you at the Reunion, 15 – 17 February 2022 in Christchurch. The AGM will be interesting.

Take care and stay safe.

To you and your families, have a merry Christmas and all the best for the New year, go eay on the pudding.

Nga mihi / Regards

Andy Peters

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY & TREASURER

As the election of the new committee will be held at the AGM, I have agreed to continue in the role of Secretary. I am sure that there is a whanau member out there who may be keen to take on this role. They don't have to live in Auckland as our meetings are held in person and on zoom so taking the minutes can take place anywhere around the country.

#### Emails

Until a new secretary is appointed, any emails sent to the secretary's email address are being forwarded to the treasurer. If you have sent an email to the secretary and have not received a response, please forward it to me and I will sort our any queries. (Email address below)

Membership Subs – 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31 March 2022

Membership subscriptions were due from the 1<sup>st</sup> April for the 2021/2022 year. Thank you to those who have already paid or have paid in advance for additional years, your membership cards should have been received by now.

If you have not received an up-to-date card showing "Expires 2021/2022" or later recently, it means that your membership has expired. We hope that you will continue being a member of the Association. Subscriptions are still \$20. Please direct credit the amount into the Association's bank account. We rely on your subs to keep the organisation going. The bank details are:

#### BNZ, Papakura

02-0400-0504697-00

As soon as we receive your subs, your membership card will be mailed out to you. For those members who receive their Contact by email, confirmation of your current postal address will ensure that your card is posted to the correct address.

If you have paid and not received a card or have any questions about your membership, please email me at [treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz)

#### Payments to the Association

All payments will need to be made by internet banking or by depositing through a terminal at a BNZ branch. You can do this without having a card by putting the bank account details in which are listed above.

We have also been advised from our bank that they are not accepting foreign currency or foreign cheques as from now. I can convert foreign currency for the moment and will keep you updated if anything changes. Of course, it is not advisable to send cash in the post, but I know that there is a small minority of members living in Australia that have no other method of sending their subs as the fees of sending money through the bank are expensive.

Please remember to put your details, name and service number so that I can match up the transaction to the correct member. An email confirming that you have put the money in the account would also be helpful if you are able to do this.

#### Reunion

As mentioned in the last Contact, the Reunion has been rescheduled to the 15-17 February 2022. Please contact me if you have any queries about registration fees paid. The early bird fee cut off has been extended to 18 January 2022.

#### Website

The Association has a website where you can find up to date information about what is currently happening. It is a way of keeping members in touch with current items in between the Contact being published. Members have access to the member only area where you can share ideas or information. Check it out at [www.nzvietnamveterans.org.nz](http://www.nzvietnamveterans.org.nz)

I hope you and your families have a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Until next time, stay safe.

Carol Taylor

Secretary/Treasure

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Treasurer/Secretary

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The following is a copy of the NZVVA Notice of Annual General Meeting and Agenda Forms followed by a copy of the Nomination Form for Election of Executive Positions and Committee Members who will lead the Association going forward. .

**\*\* NOTE: Remits should be sent to the Secretary by 14 January 2022**

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**NZ VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**16 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 1000 HRS**  
**TO BE HELD AT TE PAE CONVENTION CENTRE**  
**CHRISTCHURCH**

**AGENDA**

**Welcome by President, Roll Call and Apologies**

**Minute Silence for our Departed Comrades**

**Minutes of the Previous National General Meeting**

**Matters arising from those minutes**

**President's Report**

**Secretary's Report**

**Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet**

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Correspondence**

**Remits \*\***

**Election of Officers and Committee**

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Committee**

**General Business**

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**NZ VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**NOMINATION FORM**

We wish to nominate:

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(Full Name Printed Clearly)

For the Position of:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Or Secretary/Treasurer

(Delete those not applicable)

Proposer:

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(Full Name Printed Clearly)

Proposer's Signature:

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Seconder:

(Full Name Printed Clearly)

Seconder's Signature:

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Nominee:

I am aware of the above nomination and am available for election to the position of:

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Nominee's Signature:

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**(To be received by the Secretary no later than 14 January 2022)**

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Nominee's Signature:

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**(To be received by the Secretary no later than 14 January 2022)**



**FROM THE DESK OF  
COMMEMORATIONS/  
MEMORIALS & REUNIONS**

**PROGRAMME FOR NZVVA NATIONAL REUNION - CHRISTCHURCH**

**15 - 17 FEBRUARY 2022**

**Day 01 – Tuesday 15 February 2022**

Ser	Timings	Event	Remarks
1	0700 - 1200	Registrations Open - Te Pae Convention Centre  Meet & Greet	♦ Q Store Open For Business ♦ NZVVA Merchandise & Raffle Sales ♦ Tony Howell and Publisher on Site. (TBC) Ref Book - Vietnam ANZAC's  Catering - Tea/Coffee available throughout - 150 pax  Mix & Mingle
2	1200 1300	Buses Depart Te Pae for Burnham MC  1. Powhiri / Welcome 2. Presentations 3. Static Display 4. Poroporoaki / Farewells	1. Tikanga o Tumatauenga / Military Protocol 2. Defence Force Reps / State of the Nation 3. Battalion Area / Red Diamond Museum 4. Return to Te Pae Christchurch CBD
3	1600 1700 +	Buses Depart Burnham MC for Te Pae Sub Unit and/or All Inclusive Time	1. Activity of Own Choosing. Ie: Visit local points of interest around the River Avon

**Day 02 - Wednesday 16 February 2022**

Ser	Timings	Event	Remarks
1	1000 - To 1200  1200 - 1300	NZVVA AGM AGM Agenda  Presentations / Reports	Te Pae. - Tea, Coffee available Note: 200pax Refer to the NZVVA National Reunion AGM Booklet (Issued on the day)  ♦ NZ Vietnam Veterans and Their Families Trust ♦ The Vietnam Veterans (Neville Wallace Memorial) Children's and Grandchildren's Trust ♦ Veteran Affairs NZ / RNZRSA - TBC  Catering - Continuous & Light Finger Food - Note: 200 pax
2	1700 1800	<b>PRE - REUNION DINNER</b> Pre-Dinner Drinks - Mix & Mingle  Official Start - Reunion Formal Dinner  * Powhiri * Karakia/Prayers * Mihi Whakatau - Opening Speech	President Happy Hour / Shout Following the President Shout the Bar facilities will be available. Card transactions only. No cash  Call to assemble - Dining President. (Diners proceed to the Dining Room) ♦ Kaumātua / Kui o Te Iwi Ngāi Tahu ♦ Padre / Chaplain (TBC) ♦ NZVVA Kaumātua - Miki Apiti

**DAY 2 (Cont) - Wednesday 16 February 22**

Ser	Timings	Event	Remarks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Roll of Honour Call The 37 - RIP'</li> <li>* Last Post</li> <li>* The Ode - Te Reo Māori/English</li> <li>* Revell'e</li> <li>* Be Seated</li> <li>* Comfort Break</li> <li>* Guest Speakers</li> <li>* Toast</li> <li>* Mihi Whakamutunga - Closing Speech</li> <li>* Himene</li> <li>* Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing Karakia</li> <li>* March out the Colours</li> <li>* Disperse - Top Table</li> <li>* Disperse - Remaining Diners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Eddie Nock (The 37 Flags Representing those NZ Soldiers KIA in the Republic of South Vietnam should already be prepositioned in the Dining Room)</li> <li>◆ Bugler (TBC)</li> <li>◆ Andy Peters / Graham Gibson</li> <li>◆ Bugler (TBC)</li> <li>◆ Meals Served</li> <li>◆ 20 Minutes</li> <li>◆ Nominated Guest Speakers</li> <li>◆ Queen, Absent Friends, Vietnam Veterans, Spouses</li> <li>◆ NZVVA President</li> <li>◆ Whakaria Mai</li> <li>◆ PadreChaplain (TBC)</li> <li>◆ Accompanied by the Waiata: Po Atarau/Now is the Hour</li> <li>◆ Mr Vice to announce</li> <li>◆ To the 'In House Bar and Lounge'</li> </ul>

**Day 3 - Thursday 17 February 22**

1	0945 – 0955	Parade Form Up – Under the Parade Commander, (PC) - Pat Duggan  The PC will give an outline brief on how the parade will evolve before stepping off  37 Flag Bearers - Representing Those Soldiers KIA in Vietnam	Medals to be Worn  The Band Master is to be reminded to slow down the cadence tempo suitable for Veterans  TBC - Cadets, Navy / Army / Airforce or Combination. Ken Ford to co-ordinate.  <i>A separate Memorial Parade Booklet will be available at the Registraton</i>
2	1000 – 1145	March to Bridge of Remembrance	Cashel Street - Ensure Logistical Support in Place - Traffic Control - Medical Etc  Assist those less abled
	1200	The Bridge of Remeberance is approximately 300m	
	1400	Return to Te Pae Convention Centre Light refreshments.	Catering- Light lunch finger food Hot & Cold Bar facilities available. No cash transactions
		Speeches	Final Farewells, Disperse (To a Bar perhaps) OTY

***Footnote: This programme is not cast in stone. Some minor amendments may occur. An up to date Daily Programme will be distributed at the Registration Venue on Day 1***

## CHRISTCHURCH ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

### **NAME: The Break Free on Cashel 15-17 February 2022**

Contact: **Danny Bodger: [Danny.Bodger@accor.com](mailto:Danny.Bodger@accor.com)**

#### **Overview of the Break Free on Cashel**

1. Bright and innovative with a prime central city position, BreakFree on Cashel is your ideal Christchurch hotel, within walking distance of many of the city's main attractions. With its unique urban feel, you'll be impressed with this hotel's design and level of integrated technology. The sleek, stylish rooms come in an array of formats and include unparalleled technology extras. From SMART TV's with device mirroring and wireless keyboards to dedicated, ultra-fast broadband service and a mobile app for room service. It's perfect for business stays or those wishing to explore this reimagined city.

Full descriptions are available online at < [www.breakfreeoncashel.nz](http://www.breakfreeoncashel.nz) /

#### **For Reservations**

Please call + 03 360 1064 or email < [cashel.res@breakfreeresorts.co.nz](mailto:cashel.res@breakfreeresorts.co.nz)

Our friendly team will be happy to help.

If you need anything else please don't hesitate to call me

### **NAME: The Ibis Christchurch 15-17 February 2022**

Contact: **Julie Nosters: [H6592-SL1@accor.com](mailto:H6592-SL1@accor.com)**

Please note that as this goes to print, Ibis only serve full buffet breakfast. All other food and beverage services including lunch, dinner and room serve will remain unavailable.

They apologize for any inconvenience caused. Please feel free to contact the hotel directly for up to the minute information as this is being reviewed on a regular basis.

Whilst this is enforced, patrons are being advised that they may dine at the Novotel Hotel which is a short distance away. Any subsequent dining at the Novotel may be charged to your room at the Ibis.

Ibis Christchurch is centrally located in Hereford Street, along the beautiful Avon River. It is situated in the heart of the city, with Cashel Street Mall, High Street, corporate and government precincts and New Regent Street all within walking distance. All rooms offer satellite TV and a refrigerator. Free WiFi is available.

Ibis Christchurch offers 155 modern guest rooms and an intimate meeting room for business guests.

Everything you need to know, can be found on the following link.

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/5983/index.en.shtml>

### **NAME: The Novotel Cathedral Square Christchurch 06/09 DEC 2021**

Contact: **Julie Nosters: [H6592-SL1@accor.com](mailto:H6592-SL1@accor.com)**

Just 20-minutes from the airport and centrally located adjacent to the iconic inner-city square, Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square is an ideal base for those visiting New Zealand's 'Garden City' for business or pleasure. Everything you need to know can be found on the following link.

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/6592/index.en.shtml>



## HERE THERE & EVERWHERE

Coming in from W2

Kia ora Andy.

The newsletter below is to keep you up to date with W2 Hui progress.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year,

Wally

Kia Ora W2 Whanaau,

This will be the last newsletter for 2021 and the major news is that after the postponement of the February 2022 Hui we will be holding the next one in Palmerston North in 2023, actual date TBA. There are a number of reasons:

- A hopefully improved Covid situation, including for overseas travel,
- Easier access than Whanganui,
- Closer to 1RNZIR for support,
- Easier for VANZ to attend and conduct presentations/assistance, and
- A larger central choice of accommodation.

The committee will remain the same and with today's technology we will be able to plan and co-ordinate the Hui initially from Whanganui, and closer to the date, from Palmerston North.

If there are any W2 in the Palmerston North area that would like to assist the committee please give us a call.

The ASB bank account is no longer in use. We will publish the new account number when we start talking about registration for the 2023 Hui. So please do not use the ASB account number.

On 7 December the committee presented the Roll of Honour, Company photograph and Banner to 1RNZIR, in trust, for future W2 Hui. The presentation was to take place in February 2022 but with an uncertain future it was decided to do it now so the items are available when required.

The presentation was made to the CO Lt Col Vaughan, the 2IC W Coy Capt Worthington, the RSM WO1 Halley and the CSM W Coy WO2 Macaulay in the Seymour (Unit History) Room at Bn HQ. WO2 Macaulay also showed us around W Coy HQ where there is also W Coy memorabilia.



2IC W Coy, Frank, RSM, Jim, CO, Wally, CSM W Coy

Next year 1RNZIR are going to be sorting and cataloguing everything in the History/Seymour Room around March ready for a revamp. If anyone is interested in assisting with this please let me know and I will pass on details as they come to hand. 1RNZIR will provide R & Q.



W Coy HQ 1RNZIR Linton Camp

Kia Kaha,

Best of Christmas and New Year wishes to all from Frank, Wally and Jim.

Chair	Frank Treves	027 612
5756		
Treasurer	Jim Gauldie	022 674 2298
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## HERE THERE & EVERWHERE

Coming in from Ken Dowling (Retired) - (161 Bty RNZA)

The Long Shadow Australia's Vietnam Veterans Since the War BY PETER YULE, PUBLISHED BY NEW SOUTH IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Long Shadow by Peter Yule is a recently released 647 page book on the medical outcomes for Australian Vietnam Veterans. I got it from the library planning to skim through it to get a better idea of the fight of my fellow veterans, both Kiwi and Aussie, for Agent Orange and PTSD recognition. I was attached for a time to C Coy 9RAR so had that extra element of interest. Who would have thought it? The first chapters had me so hooked I bought a copy to have time to read it thoroughly. I'm in good company as the Foreword writer Sir Peter Cosgrove (9RAR) says "... once I started, I read it through in one go, I couldn't put it down..." Then it occurred to me that other veterans might also like to know more about the same topics that interested me. This book contains medical learning, detective stories, political deviousness, misunderstandings, anecdotes of all kinds from our fellow veterans, photos, science, statistics, corporate greed and lies, incompetence, villains and heroes. Don't get me wrong – it is a superb analysis of the topics and above all, impartial. Not all the answers we would like but at least the reasons why not. The book was commissioned by the Australian War Memorial Council as an independent history of Vietnam Veterans' health issues. Veteran dissatisfaction with F.B. Smith's 'Agent Orange: The Australian Aftermath', part of the official war history, was a key driver. The choice of Peter Yule to write this history was inspired. Yule has published over 20 books on Australian military, medical and economic history. He obviously consulted widely, especially amongst veterans which F.B Smith curiously failed to do. Yule reports fairly, rarely giving his opinion unless there is good supporting evidence. The first 5 chapters look at medical legacies of war. Chapter 6 moves on to Vietnam medical issues and

was the first of my eye openers. I was not aware of the scale of non conflict injuries. Table 2 in the book summarises hospital admissions for July 1965 to June 1972: battle 1,952; non battle 2,650; disease 12,039. Chapters 7 and 8 deal with the return from Vietnam and the following decade. Agent Orange or more specifically, chemical exposure in Vietnam, feature in chapters 9 through 13 and 16 – 18, 25. Mental and general health in 14, 15, 26. Other chapters deal with veteran health over various decades. There are 4 sections of photos in the book, 9 tables, 2 figures. Table 7 is NZ veterans' deaths from selected cancers 1988-2008 and Table 8 NZ veterans' deaths from cardiovascular diseases 1988- 2008. There are 5 other mentions of NZ forces. I have attempted to get the essence of the main Agent Orange chapters and these pages are available to read on the EVSA website via the link provided. Reviewed by Ken Dowling ex 161 Bty

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE QM

As 2021 draws to a close we ponder on the impact of Covid 19 and how it has come to dominate our current existence. Here's hoping that the impact diminishes leading into 2022.

Sales of our merchandise is going steady. Of course our latest products is focused towards the National Reunion 2022. The Merchandise Catalogue follows:

We urge people to get their orders in to meet a deadline of the 14 January 2022. This will give a bit of a lead time for our manufacturer to prepare the orders in time for us to personally deliver to the Reunion venue.

Unfortunately, the consequence of missing this deadline means you will have to pay for postage for future orders thereafter.

On a separate note, The Committee has approved the musical services of Dennis Marsh, Country and Western Entertainer. I know Dennis personally and have agreed to ensure that this happens.

I now take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the festive season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Ken Ford  
NZVVA QM

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**A** - Badge Lapel Small Round **\$5.00**



**B** - Badge Lapel Small Round **\$5.00**



**C** - Banner Blue Tassles **\$10.00**



**D** - Banner Arial : **\$20.00**



**E** - Beanie : **\$30.00**



**F** - Blazer Pocket: **\$15.00**



**G** - Caps Black,Khaki or Charcoal (Veteran):  
**\$30.00**



**H** - Caps Black, Khaki or Charcoal (Supporter):  
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**I** - Caps Grey Helo: **\$30.00**



**J** - Cammo Mask Washable: **\$10.00**



**K** - Jacket Polyester Black or Charcoal (Veteran):

**\$75.00**



**L** - Jacket Polyester Black or Charcoal (Supporter):

**\$75.00**



**M** - Jumper Green Long Sleeve Inf Badge:

**\$50.00**



**N** - Patch V Force Black & White: **\$15.00**



**O** - Patch NZVVA Logo: **\$15.00**



**P** - Plaque: **\$55.00**



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**Q** - Polo Shirt Black with NZVV Logo:  
**\$50.00**



**R** - Polo Shirt Gray with NZVV Logo:  
**\$50.00**



**S** - Polo Shirt Green Infantry Badge: **\$50.00**



**T** - Tie NZVV: **\$35.00**



**U** - T Shirt Grey NZVVA Logo: **\$25.00**



**V** - Scarf NZVV Ribbon Colours **\$35.00**



**W** - Sticker/Transfer Small Pair A

**A - \$6.00:**



Sticker/Transfer Large Pair B

**B - \$10.00:**



**X** - Sticker NZVV Ribbon - Red V: **\$15.00**

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**Y** - Sticker NZVV Ribbon - **\$10.00**

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**Z** - Sticker NZVV Ribbon - **\$8.00--**

Plain - No Wording



**AA** - Vest Black NZVVA Logo: **\$45.00**



**AB** - Vest Green Infantry Badge: **\$45.00**



**AC** - Vehicle Number Plate - **\$35.00**



**AD** - Polo Shirt Green with NZVVA Logo: **\$50.00**



**AE** - Polo Shirt Light Grey with NZVVA Logo :  
**\$50.00**



**AF** - Polo Shirt White with Chopper: **\$50.00**



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**AG** - Polo Shirt Navy Blue with Chopper: **\$50.00**



**AH** - Polo Shirt Lime Green with Chopper: **\$50.00**



**AI** - Polo Shirt Navy Blue with NZVVA Logo: **\$50.00**



**AJ** - Polo Shirt Charcoal Grey with Chopper: **\$50.00**



**AK** - Polo Shirt Light Blue with NZVVA Logo: **\$50.00**



**AL** - Polo Shirt White with NZVVA Logo: **\$50.00**



**AM** - Pending

**AN** - Pending

# NZVVA Q STORE ORDER LIST

JUN - DEC = 2021

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Item ID</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Qty/Size Colour</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>A</b>	Badge Lapel Small Round	\$5.00		
<b>B</b>	Badge Lapel 'Red V'	\$5.00		
<b>C</b>	Banner Blue Tassles	\$10.00		
<b>D</b>	Banner Aerial	\$20.00		
<b>E</b>	Beanie	\$30.00		
<b>F</b>	Blazer Pocket	\$10.00		
<b>G</b>	Caps Assorted Colours (Veteran)	\$30.00		
<b>H</b>	Caps Assorted Colours (Supporter)	\$30.00		
<b>I</b>	Cap Grey with Helo	\$30.00		
<b>J</b>	Cammo Mask Washable	\$10.00		
<b>K</b>	Jacket Polyester Black and/or Charcoal (Veteran)	\$75.00		
<b>L</b>	Jacket Polyester Black and/or Charcoal (Supporter)	\$75.00		
<b>M</b>	Jumper Green Long Sleeve with Infantry Badge	????		
<b>N</b>	Patch V Force Black and White	\$15.00		
<b>O</b>	Patch NZVVA Logo	\$15.00		
<b>P</b>	Plaque	\$55.00		
<b>Q</b>	Polo Shirt Black – NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
<b>R</b>	Polo Shirt Grey – NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
<b>S</b>	Polo Shirt Green NZVVA Infantry Badge	\$50.00		
<b>T</b>	Tie NZVVA	\$35.00		
<b>U</b>	T Shirt Grey – NZVVA Logo	\$25.00		
<b>V</b>	Scarf NZVVA Ribbon Colours	\$35.00		
<b>W</b>	Sticker / Transfer A: Small Pair Sticker / Transfer B: Large Pair	\$6.00 \$10.00		

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JUN - DEC = 2021

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Item ID	Item	Price	Qty/Size	Amount
X	Sticker NZVV Ribbon – Red V – Proud to be a Veteran	\$15.00		
Y	Sticker NZVV Ribbon – Proud to be a Veteran	\$10.00		
Z	Sticker NZVV Ribbon – (No Wording)	\$8.00		
AA	Vest Black – NZVVZ Logo	\$45.00		
AB	Vest Green Infantry Badge	\$45.00		
AC	Vehicle Number Plate Border Pairs – NZVVA Logo	\$35.00		
AD	Polo Shirt Green with NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
AE	Polo Shirt Light Grey with NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
AF	Polo Shirt White with Chopper	\$50.00		
AG	Polo Shirt Navy Blue with Chopper	\$50.00		
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AK	Polo Shirt Light Blue with NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
AL	Polo Shirt White with NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
AM	???	???		
AN	???	???		
	Payment can be made to: <b>Bank: BNZ, Papakura, New Zealand</b> <b>Account Name: NZ Vietnam Veterans Association Inc</b>			



#### OFFICE HOLDERS

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**Subscriptions:** As our accounting process does not cater for fractional years, only 'full year' payments of subscriptions, that is \$20 or multiples thereof, will be accepted. Odd sums will be credited as donations in the payers name.

**Input into Contact:** Short articles, especially with accompanying photographs, are always welcome for inclusion. The editors email address is [comms@vietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:comms@vietnamveterans.org.nz)

**Death of a Vietnam Veteran:** If you know of the passing of a Vietnam Veteran (whether a member of our association or not), please contact the secretary. She will disseminate the information and where possible, a representative of the association will attend the funeral.

#### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP** Post: NZ Vietnam Veteran's Assn, PO Box 72260, Papakura 2244, Auckland, New Zealand

I,..... wish to apply for:

- Veteran Membership of NZVVA, or
- Associate membership of NZVVA (Delete one)  
(See below for eligibility for membership)

I am a Vietnam Veteran

I assisted Allied Forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War 1964 - 1975

I am a member of the eligible kinfolk of a Vietnam Veteran

My contact details are: Address: .....

Home Phone: ( ) ..... Work Phone ( ) ..... Email .....

#### **Veterans Details:**

Regimental Number: ..... Full Name: .....

Unit(s) served with in Viet Nam: ..... Corps: .....

Dates of Service: .....

#### **For Associate Membership Applicants:**

Relationship to Veteran: I am ..... to the Vietnam Veteran named above.

Fees Enclosed: Membership/Associate Subscription \$20 per annum \$.....  
Renewal.....Years (1 April-31 March) Donation \$.....

Total amount submitted \$.....

#### **Eligibility For Membership**

Veteran Member: Any person who served with the allied forces in Vietnamese waters, or in South Vietnam during the period of the Vietnam War (1964-1975).

Associate Member: 1. Any person who served with any of the following organizations assisting Allied Forces in Viet Nam:

Red Cross; Salvation Army; Entertainers or War Correspondents

2. Eligible Kinfolk: the spouse; partner; father; mother; sister, brother; children (including adopted and Step-children), and succeeding progeny of a person eligible to be Veteran Member, provided they have reached the age of 18 years.

***The information provided on this form is used to register your membership. The details will be stored***



## NZ Vietnam Veterans Association

2022  
NATIONAL REUNION  
CHRISTCHURCH



### REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me/us for the 2022 Reunion

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be accompanied by: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**

Enclosed is full payment of \$100 per person

Payment has been Direct Credited

For "Early Bird" Fee if paid by 31 January 2022

to BNZ Account No. 02 0400 0504697 006

Save \$50 by registering early

\*Ensure your name and reg no. is put as a reference

Or

I intend to pay by installments

Enclosed is part payment of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Part payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has been Direct Credited to BNZ Acc No. 02 0400 0504697 006

Full payment to be made by 31 January 2022

\*Ensure your name is put as a reference

If payment is made on or after 31 January, the full cost of registration is \$150 per person

**IMPORTANT:**

I agree to adhere to the following conditions pertaining to refunds should I have to cancel:

Cancel on or before 31 January 2022 – Full Refund

Cancel on or after 01 February 2022 – 90% Refund

Cancel on or after 08 February 2022 – Nil Refund All cancellations to be notified in writing to: Treasurer, NZVVA, PO box 72260, Papakura, 2244 or email treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz

(Please email completed form to [treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz) or post to PO Box 72260, Papakura)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_