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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vietnam Veterans Day

Having been overseas for a few weeks, I arrived back just in time to attend Vietnam Veterans Day on 18 August at the Shrine of Remembrance and surprisingly, for this time of the year, the weather was sunny (but breezy) for our short march up the steps and past the Eternal Flame. This year, 2019, commemorated not only the 53rd anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan but the 50th anniversary of the Battles of Hat Dich and later Binh Ba - major Australian battles involving infantry and armour. As is our custom, we held a short commemoration near the RAAF plaque before the main event to remember those RAAF veterans who lost their lives during the conflict and the veterans and spouses who have subsequently passed away. Our lunch was well attended and my thanks to all committee members who assisted in making the day a success.



Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan

Many members will know that a new movie entitled "Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan" is screening around Australia at the moment. I saw the movie a few days ago and was impressed with the general depiction of the battle. A few scenes appear over-dramatic as the Director attempts to make the reality of the battle more entertaining and dramatic for a non-military audience. The re-supply of ammunition to the men of Delta Company 6 RAR by two helicopters from 9 Squadron and the tension between the pilots and the senior RAAF officer at Nui Dat, as a result of the existing Air Force Policy on the deployment of aircraft, is appropriately highlighted. For those planning to see the film, I recommend a quick visit to an on-line account of the battle before you see the film, to help in following the important factual aspects of the battle.

Gareth to Retire

Our branch association treasurer, Gareth Davis is having to retire from the committee for health reasons. Gareth has been a committee member for many years and has held numerous appointments, including RAAFVVA/AFA VN Branch President from 2015 until 2017, before taking over from Maree Jongkryg as treasurer earlier this year. I would like to acknowledge the work and contribution that Gareth has made to our association particularly his recent work as treasurer and to welcome a new member, John Vansetten, who will be joining the committee and taking over the treasurer's role.

RAAFVVA Website

We are experiencing a few difficulties with our RAAFVVA website at the moment. Please be patient, our webmaster is working to resolve the issue and we have decided to publish the Newsletter (and other important information) on our Vietnam Veterans Branch of the AFA (Vic) website (with a short email to all our members when the Newsletter has been uploaded).

Best Wishes to all,

Chris

NOTICE BOARD

Monthly Luncheon

The next monthly luncheon is planned for **Wednesday, 18th September 2019**, at the Mail Exchange Hotel - 688 Bourke Street, City, (corner of Bourke and Spencer St's).



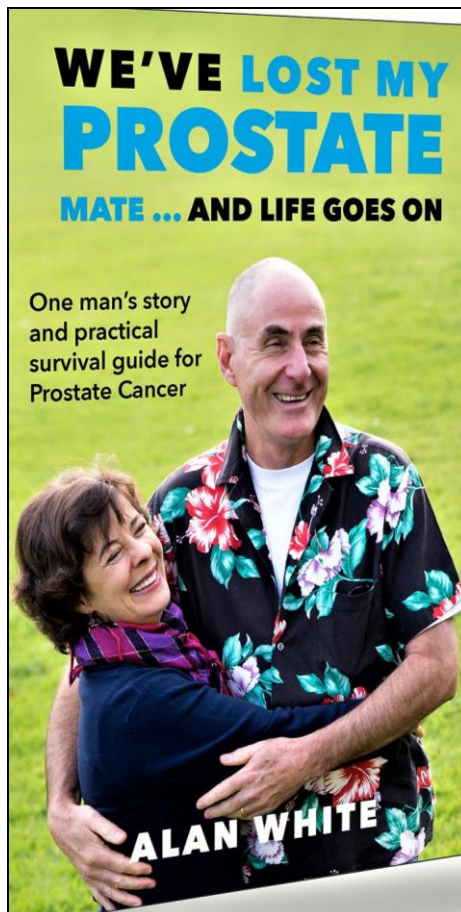
NB: Gill Coughlan, our hard-working Secretary, requests that you **please notify her by the Monday prior**, of your intention to join us for lunch at the Mail Exchange.

This will enable a more accurate number to be passed to the hotel when making the monthly booking.

Gill's mobile: 0408 503 986
Email: gilly4346@gmail.com

Generally, our monthly luncheons are planned for the third Wednesday of each month. However, dates, and any changes, will be posted on our website blog as soon as available.

Our Member, Alan White, has published a very informative and educational book:



Being diagnosed with prostate cancer once in a lifetime is enough. In 2011, Alan White was facing a second round with this life-threatening disease.

Alan's years of experience as a natural health practitioner and counsellor helped him and his wife, Fiona, to make the choice that no man really wants to make - surgical removal of the prostate gland - and to recover, physically and emotionally.

Talking about the things not usually discussed - sex after surgery, giant incontinence pads and how to wrangle your overnight urine bag - Alan shares his story and his discoveries. Fiona adds her tips for partners of men facing prostate cancer.

Alan has been the facilitator of the local Prostate Cancer Support Group in Bayside Melbourne for several years. He is also involved in ongoing research through the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to develop better ways of helping men make well-informed choices about their prostate cancer treatment. He continues to work as a counsellor and natural health practitioner, with a special focus on men's health and wellbeing.

We've lost my prostate, mate! is Alan's story about the diagnosis, the decision making, the surgery and the road to recovery. He shares the good, the bad and the ugly along the way, providing helpful tips for fellow prostate cancer sufferers. Armed with his irrepressible laughter and a very determined wife, Alan shows that there is life after losing your prostate, mate.

My website is www.theprostatezone.com and people can buy the book via my website or via www.amazon.com. It is also available to download as an e-book. The price via my website is \$25 plus \$5 for postage. I am happy to answer emails or take calls from anyone with any queries. Alan White on, Ph: (03) 9598 1007, Mobile: 0407 617 800 or email: alan@theprostatezone.com

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OUT and ABOUT

Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorations Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance Sunday 18 August 2019

Commemorating the 53rd Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and the 50th Anniversary of Hat Dich (Operation Goodwood) and the Battle of Binh Ba - 1969 a costly year

HAT DICH (Operation Goodwood)

3 Dec 1968 – 19 Feb 1969

1 ATF was part of a Division sized allied force, with US, South Vietnamese and Thai forces operating in support of Australian infantry battalions in the Hat Dich area to the east of Saigon. Operation Goodwood was one of the longest operations conducted outside Phuoc Tuy Province undertaken by Australian forces, and the last Australian multi-battalion operation to be fought across province borders.

Heavy fighting over 78 days resulted in over 280 enemy KIA, many wounded, 17 captured, nearly 2000 bunkers destroyed and large quantities of enemy arms and equipment captured. Such was the enemy defeat that they were forced to abandon their Hat Dich permanent bases, and their preparations for the TET 69 offensive were severely disrupted. Australian casualties were 21 KIA, 91 wounded and NZ 1 KIA.

Australian forces included HQ 1ATF, 1RAR, 4RAR/NZ, 9RAR-with 2 Bns operating at any one time - C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, A Sqn 3 Cav and a battery from 12 Fd Regt RAA. Battle Honour "Hat Dich" was awarded to the Royal Australian Regiment, 1 Armd Regt and 3 Cav Regt.

BATTLE OF BINH BA

6-8 June 1969

The battle of Binh Ba was an unusual combat experience in Vietnam as it involved fierce close quarter house-to-house fighting. 5RAR, supported by 1 Armd Regt Centurion tanks, 3 Cav Regt APC,s and 105 battery RAA, assaulted the village of Binh Ba which had been occupied by a large force from the North Vietnamese Army 33rd Regiment. The enemy stayed to fight, and at the end of the battle the village was totally destroyed: the Centurion tanks fired high explosive rounds into each house which was then assaulted by infantry. The enemy suffered 107 KIA, many wounded and seven captured. Australian casualties were 1 KIA and 10 wounded.

The battle marked the end of large scale clashes with communist Main force units, and ranks as one of the major Australian victories. Following their defeat, the 33rd NVA Regt was forced to leave Phuoc Tuy Province. Such was the destruction of Binh Ba, that many villagers were re-housed by the Australian Civil Affairs Unit. Battle Honour "Binh Ba" was awarded to the Royal Australian Regiment, 1 Armd Regt and 3 Cav Regt.

1969 – A Costly Year

During some of Australia's heaviest fighting of the war, a total of 95 were killed in action and 648 wounded. The casualty figures for 1969 were second only to the battlefield casualty rates experienced in 1968.



Honour the Dead, but Fight Like Hell for the Living



Melbourne's weather forecast was for clear skies and sunshine in the morning, cloud developing, with rain showers and strong northerly winds in the afternoon. Temperatures from 8 to 17 degrees. Well, the BOM almost got it right! The morning was pleasantly bright and sunny, however, the increasing windchill factor kept the 'feels like' temperature well below the forecast maximum.

The day's proceedings began with the traditional Gunfire Breakfast: warm cups of tea and coffee to quench the thirst and tasty egg and bacon rolls, to provide sustenance in preparation for the long day ahead. 'Essential Catering and Events' supplied the refreshments and below, are Managing Owner, Sean Robertson with two happy helpers, Kate and Julia.



An immediate 'spiritual connection' formed between RAAF veterans, Chris Hudnott and Neil Boulton, and a patriotic Ao Dai-clad Vietnamese community representative, as they eagerly posed for the picture above. So strong was the 'connection', all three became shrouded in a mysterious, mystical aura, that was surrounded by a narrow rainbow-coloured beam, which appeared to draw them even closer together. Above right: unfortunately, the same cannot be said for Bob Elworthy.

Chris and Neil gently came down from their surprise supernatural experience and again began to bask in the sunshine and mingle with fellow veterans, Lindsay Fankhauser and Ron Douglas.



The three Vietnamese ladies, dressed in brightly coloured, flag-patterned Ao Dais, certainly stood out amongst the crowd at the gunfire breakfast. Of course, they appeared even more prominent when the crowd they were standing with, was camouflaged.



Members of the Victorian Vietnamese community certainly relish the opportunity to be included in any official Vietnam Veteran activity held throughout the year. These Vietnamese people are to be honoured and respected for their honest and enthusiastic attendance at these events.

Their open appreciation and commemoration of Australian service personnel who served in the Vietnam War is heightened as they also remember and commemorate the millions of South Vietnamese who suffered and died in the defence of their own country. We are all together.

It was around 1030 hrs when members began to drag themselves away from the Food Tent and make their way down the side of the Shrine towards the RAAF Vietnam Plaque.



A total of 18 attended the short service, conducted by President Chris Hudnott, with Alan White and Pieter Jongkryg holding the banner steady behind the plaque. Chris gave special mention to those members and partners who had passed away over the preceding 12 months.



Graeme Dodd, a Past President and Life Member of RAAFFVVA came forward to lay the wreath



On return to the form up area, there became a few moments of confusion and discussion regarding the RAAF's allocated position in the line-up. Eventually the March Co-ordinator, clutching his Official List, steered RAAF veterans forward, to a position directly behind the Navy contingent.



Overall numbers were down on previous years, possibly due to the cool weather but maybe also, just because none of us is getting any younger. Naturally, this is to be expected as the average age of Vietnam Vets would be around early to mid-70s. We had 23 determined marchers.





I distinctly recall hearing loud cheering and clapping, above the sound of the RAN Band, as the RAAF Contingent marched proudly towards the Shrine. I suspect it came from the three enthusiastic members of our Cheer Squad: Telay Dodd, Noela Rose and Maree Jongkryg.



One advantage of being near the head of a march is that you are bound to find spare seats in the spectator area, before the other groups have even finished. It was good to sit down.



The Vietnamese contingent certainly presented a proficient and colourful end to the parade.



The customary gathering of banners on the steps of the Shrine following the march past.



Three CT4s, Two Winjeels and one Harvard from the RAAF Museum Flight provided the fly past, and their pilots did a pretty good job of maintaining formation in the difficult, blustery conditions.

As per last year, the service was being continuously displayed on a large digital screen. After an impressive address by the Premier, two veterans, one from the Battle of Hat Dich, the other from Binh Ba, each gave a detailed and moving pre-recorded account of their personal experience under fire.



Two things to be noted from this picture: the numbers in attendance were much lower than recent years, and as can be seen by the flags, the wind was pretty strong (and cold). BTW: the flag on the right is that of the Royal Australian Artillery, and not what it may appear at first sight.



22 Mentone Grammar School Cadets, each carrying a flag for the 21 Australians and one New Zealander Killed in Action during the two battles, formed a Guard of Honour for dignitaries and members of the public who placed wreaths around the Eternal Flame.



After completion of the service it was down the slope, across St Kilda Rd to Seasons Hotel for the traditional VV Day lunch. 27 attended and all enjoyed the get-together. I loved the Beef Rendang!



DID YOU KNOW?

As mentioned in 'The President's Report' we are soon to have a new Treasurer



Left: Gareth Davis, after many years of service on the Committee, will soon retire due to reasons of ill-health. Fortunately, we have a 'volunteer' replacement.

Right: John Vansetten, new RAAFVVA/ AFA VV Branch member, has courageously 'raised his umbrella' to accept the position.

Gareth will graciously stay on as long as needed to guide John into his new role.

A very big THANK YOU to both of you!!
(The pics were taken ANZAC Day 2015)



You don't have to be an engineer to appreciate this story, but it helps.

(Not sure whether this story is a joke or report of an actual occurrence, but either way it is very interesting.)

Procter&Gamble



Procter & Gamble had a problem: they sometimes shipped empty Crest toothpaste boxes without a tube being inside. This challenged their perceived quality with the buyers and distributors.

Understanding how important the relationship with them was, the CEO of the company assembled his top people. They decided to hire an external engineering company to solve their empty boxes problem. The project followed the usual process: budget and project sponsor allocated, RFP, and third parties selected. Six months (and \$8 million) later they had a fantastic solution – on time, on budget, and high quality. Everyone in the project was pleased.

They solved the problem by using a high-tech precision scale that would sound a bell and flashing lights whenever a toothpaste box weighed less than it should. The line would stop, someone would walk over, remove the defective box, and then press another button to re-start the line. This new package monitoring process resulted in no empty boxes being shipped out of the factory.

With no more customer complaints, the CEO felt the \$8 million was well spent. He then reviewed the line statistics report and discovered the number of empty boxes picked up by the scale in the first week was consistent with projections, however, the next three weeks were zero! The estimated rate should have been at least a dozen boxes a day. He had the engineers check the equipment, and they verified the report as accurate.

Puzzled, the CEO travelled down to the factory, to view the part of the line where the precision scale was installed. He observed, just ahead of the new \$8 million solution, sat a \$20 desk fan, blowing the empty boxes off the belt and into a bin. He asked the line supervisor what that was about.

"Oh, that," the supervisor replied, "Bert, the kid from maintenance, put it there because he was tired of walking over, removing the box and re-starting the line every time the bell rang."

Ex-Raffie Charles William Walford (9 Sqn ENGFITT, VN June '68 to June '69)

A Wirraway Award is named after him, but who was Charlie Walford?

If you speak to anyone who worked with Boeing Defence Australia's (BDA) former vice president of Strategic Customer & Government Relationships, Charlie Walford, you'd hear the same words used to describe him: 'a gentleman', 'loyal', 'honest' and 'professional'.

It's these qualities that led to Charlie's name being given to the individual achievement award in the inaugural Wirraway Awards*, which were launched in 2013 to recognise BDA employees making a difference.

During his 17 years with Boeing, Charlie provided strategic advice and direction across the company, focussing on strategic stakeholder management and business development activities. During his 14 years as VP of Strategic Customer and Government Relationships, he made substantial contributions to many successful new business campaigns including the Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning & Control project, a variety of weapons programs, F/A-18 Super Hornet, C-17 and the Wideband Global Satellite.

Sadly, Charlie passed away suddenly on Easter Saturday 2010.

"Charlie was a gentleman's gentleman," remembers former BDA Vice President & Managing Director, Kim Gillis, who was Charlie's customer when he worked at the Defence Materiel Organisation. "He exemplified professionalism and was a trusted partner for the customer. After meeting Charlie a few times when I was the customer, I told my PA to always accept a meeting with Charlie; I would push dates with other companies to fit in with Charlie's and Boeing's timing. He was that good at his job."

While many on the BDA leadership team share similar memories of Charlie's professionalism and integrity, the person closest to Charlie during his Boeing years was his executive assistant, Gillian Colquhoun.

"The first time I met Charlie was at my job interview," remembers Gillian. "He strode into the interview room and asked, 'Do you want a cuppa?'. It was hard to be nervous with such a friendly greeting from an extremely tall man with a soft but very Australian accent.

"Outside the office, his family and his friends were his life. Charlie had served with the RAAF as an engineer in Vietnam and retained close contact with many of his retired fellow officers. Whenever possible, he attended their monthly Curry Lunch with 'the boys in the powder blue safari suits', as he used to refer to the group."

According to Matt Landers, BDA's Quality & Business Improvement Manager, it was an easy decision naming a Wirraway Award after such an admirable person as Charlie.

"We wanted to name the individual achievement award in honour of someone who had upheld the highest standards of personal and professional conduct and lived the Boeing values; Charlie was an obvious choice."

Since the Inaugural Awards, the Charlie Walford Memorial Award has evolved to a team-based award presented to the team that is making an exceptional, positive change to Boeing. It is awarded to one of the ten Wirraway Award winning teams.

*About Wirraway Awards: an internal initiative of BDA to acknowledge and celebrate the many teams who, every day, deliver above and beyond to our partners, our customers and Boeing. Winners are selected by a judging panel of their peers, with ten teams honoured with a Wirraway Award. The team that has made the most exceptional, positive change, and which exemplifies the behaviours embodied by Charlie Walford, is honoured with an award in his name.

Two Emails: one good, one bad. First the good news.

From: George <gskell@optusnet.com.au> (Secretary VVAA Vic)
Date: Thu, Aug 8, 2019 at 2:33 PM
Subject: SEATO TEAM: DOT ANGELL



Some good news from Dot Angell. Message from Bob Elworthy below.

Regards,
George

Folks,

Received a very welcome email from Dot Angell today, it read:

"Used my Gold Card for the first time today – thank you".

We should all be very proud of the key role VVAA Victoria played in gaining the Gold Card for the SEATO folk.

We never gave up and "fought like hell for the living".

Cheers,

Bob E

M: 0402106262

E: sthelena@bigpond.com



Now for the Bad: Notification of Email Scam

Members all,

I have been advised by a member that there is an email doing the rounds of some Association groups, titled "Veterans of Foreign Wars".

The email seeks donations for the US equivalent of the RSL.
DO NOT open any attachments as they contain a virus.
Just delete the email.

Regards,

Greg Wilson
Secretary
Highgate RSL Sub-Branch



Click here to find out more: [How to Recognise Veteran Charity Scams - AARP](#)

Warning Signs of a Scam: -

- Pressure to donate immediately. A legitimate charity will welcome your donation - whenever you choose to make it.
- Claims that you'll get a prize or win a sweepstakes if you give. That's illegal.
- A thank-you for a donation you don't recall making. Phony fundraisers try to trick you into thinking you've already given to the cause, to lower your resistance to donating "again."

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Dear Sir

AIR FORCE HOLIDAY APARTMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to highlight a recent initiative implemented at the RAAF holiday apartments on the Gold Coast. All who have served and their surviving spouse/partner are eligible to use the apartments and may book six months in advance. For completeness I have included contact details below.

During the winter months eligible persons may book longer stays (3 or more weeks) at a 'special' discounted rate. Naturally bookings are subject to vacancies however, occupancy at the apartments during the cooler months and outside the school holidays is generally lower than we would desire and, as such, there would be a very good chance, but no guarantee, that longer stay booking requests could be met.

For full details on this initiative, including rates and vacancies, I encourage eligible persons to contact our managers (Harold or Andrew) at the apartments:

Landline	07 5531 5692 (option 9)
Mobile	0417 780 961
Email:	aambassador@bigpond.com

Naturally, bookings are also welcome for lesser periods for which advertised rates apply.

I trust this information may be of benefit to your members and welcome any further guidance, if appropriate, on how best to highlight the availability of these apartments as well as those on offer from the Navy and Army managed holiday facilities.

Sincerely

PD Alomes
Squadron leader
Secretary, RAAF Welfare Recreational Company

HOLIDAY FACILITIES

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Planning Ahead

Death – it's going to happen to all of us, eventually. (Although I do have a mate who claims he's going to live forever! He keeps saying, "I'm doing alright so far".)

DVA Factsheet BR04 - Bereavement Information

This Factsheet provides information on bereavement payments, funeral benefits and other assistance provided under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA). It also provides basic information about the creation and effect of a Will and includes the following chapters.

What is a bereavement payment?

Who is eligible for a bereavement payment? - for members of a couple

Who is eligible for a bereavement payment? - for a single pensioner

How do I get a bereavement payment?

How much bereavement payment can be paid?

Income support bereavement payment - member of a couple

Income support bereavement payment - single pensioner

Disability pension bereavement payment

What is a funeral benefit?

How do you apply for a funeral benefit?

Who is eligible for a funeral benefit?

Restrictions on dual payments of funeral benefit

War widow(er)'s pension

Other assistance

What is a will?

Making a will

Why do I need a will?

Planning Ahead - A guide to putting your affairs in order. (This package covers it all)

An information package, called: 'Planning Ahead - A guide to putting your affairs in order' provides detailed advice on preparing for and coping with bereavement. In particular, the package's booklet provides further details about legal and financial issues, such as: wills, power of attorney and guardianship arrangements.



More Information and/or DVA General Enquiries



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Factsheet Website: www.dva.gov.au/factsheet

PLANNING AHEAD – A CHECKLIST FOR NOTIFICATION

Complete the details in the second column of this checklist and keep it in a safe place, ensuring that your partner, family or friends know of its whereabouts. It will make the task of notifying important people, businesses and organisations of your death much easier for your partner, relatives or friends.

My important documents are kept together in the following location:

Organisation or Business	Contact Person, Telephone Number & Relevant ID or Member Number	Notified of Death (Tick box)
Doctor		
Minister of Religion		
Preferred Funeral Director Pre-paid funeral - Yes/No Funeral Bond - Yes/No Funeral Insurance - Yes/No		
Dept. of Veterans' Affairs		
Defence Service Homes		
Centrelink		
Ex-service organisation(s)		
Banks etc.		
Solicitor		
Accountant		
Executor of Will		
Vehicle Registration & Licence		

PLANNING AHEAD – A Checklist for Notification *continued*

Organisation or Business	Contact Person, Telephone Number & Relevant ID or Member Number	Notified of Death (Tick box)
Local Electricity Authority		
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Telephone Company		
Taxation Office		
Electoral Office		
Medicare		
Health Benefits Fund		
Professional Bodies		
Clubs		
Superannuation Fund		
Allied Health Professionals (Physiotherapist, Dentist, Podiatrist, etc)		
Insurance Companies: Personal and Property		
Department Store Accounts Credit Card Accounts		
Public Services (library etc)		
Other		

VALE

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



RAAFVVA/AFA VV Branch MEMBER

Owen James PREECE

35 Sqn – Feb 68 to Mar 68

2 Sqn – Apr 69

22nd May 2019

Malcolm John Munro WALKER

9 Sqn – Apr 69 to Apr 70

19th July 2019



RAAF VIETNAM VETERAN

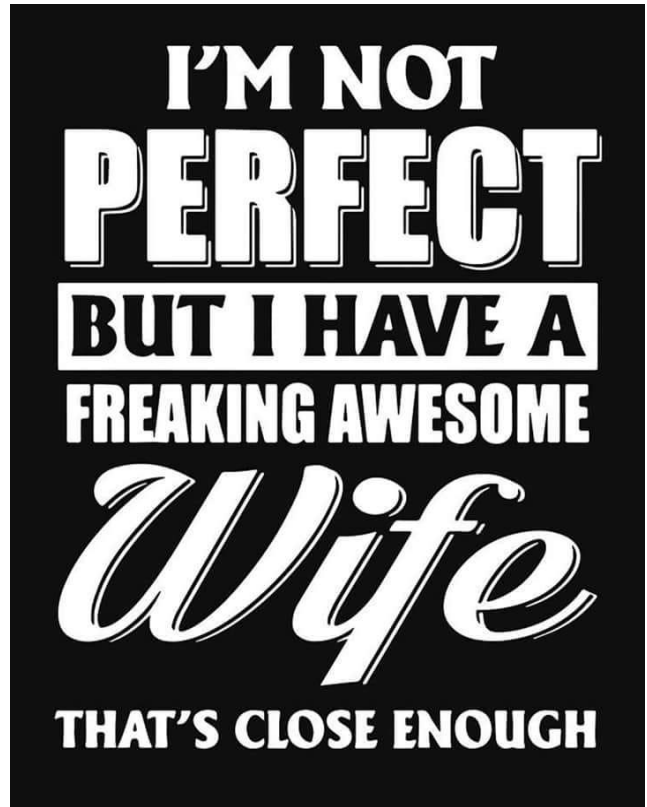
Peter HAJDUK

2 sqn – Oct 67 to Oct 68

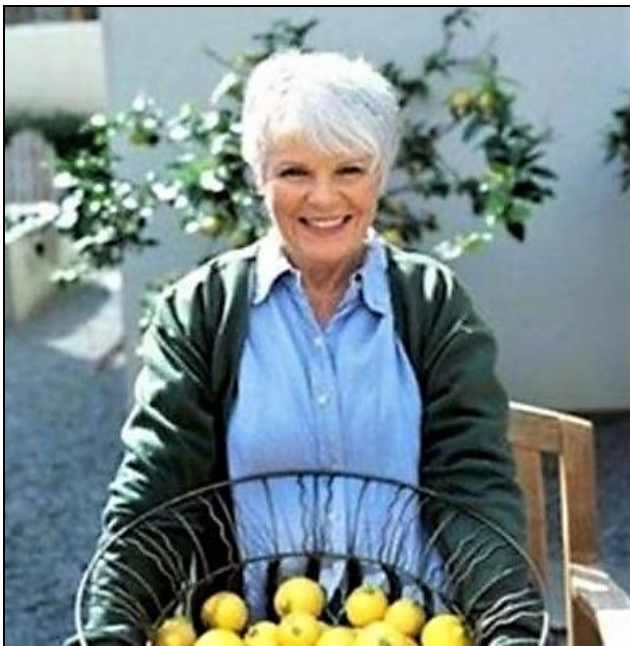
LEST WE FORGET

On the Lighter Side

Some More for the Ladies



The Lemon Picker



The woman applying for a job in a lemon orchard seemed to be far too qualified; given her Arts and Education Degrees from Sydney University and her jobs as a social worker and school teacher.

The foreman frowned and said, "*I have to ask you this: 'Have you had any actual experience in picking lemons?'*"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I have!"

"I've been divorced three times, owned 2 Falcons, barrack for Collingwood, and I voted for Julia Gillard."

An English Professor wrote up on the board, "woman without her man is nothing", and asked his students to punctuate it.

The males in the class wrote, "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The females wrote, "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

Estate Planning (Not to be confused with the article under 'Health and Welfare')

My mate Tom was a single bloke living at home with his father and working in the family business.

He knew that he would inherit a fortune once his sickly father died.

Tom wanted two things:

- To learn how to invest his inheritance.
- To find a wife to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away.



"I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars."

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card.

Two weeks later, she became his stepmother!

Women are so much better at estate planning than men.

Yes, they are Clever too!!



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If you wish to adopt either/both Associations as your family charity, just make your cheque donation payable to the preferred Welfare Patriotic Fund. For the RAAF VVAA Sub-Branch, forward your cheque to the Sub-Branch Treasurer. For the AFA Vietnam Veterans Branch, forward the cheque direct to the Association Office Manager, PO Box 1038, Hawthorn BC, Vic 3122. Your tax-deductible receipt will then be promptly returned. Remember, even the smallest donation is appreciated.

BEQUESTS AND LEGACIES

Making a Will is recommended and is good asset planning. It provides you and those for whom you care with financial peace of mind, ensuring security for your family, and enables bequests to be made to Charities/Associations representing your on-going interests.

Bequests and Legacies are gifts of specified identified possessions or specified amounts of money gifted to an individual, group of people, or a charitable Organization or Association. Please consider the Vietnam Veterans Branch or Sub-Branch of your member Association as a preferred charity. Remember, it is possible that at some future time assistance sought from your Association will be for the benefit of yourself or your family.

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