

VETERANS RETREATS OF WA INC

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Meentheena Newsletter



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Welcome to the Veterans Retreats of W.A. Inc. (Meentheena) December newsletter. As you all know we held our 2018 Annual General Meeting on the 18th November at the Bassendean RSL. Our thanks to all who attended including special guest Ron Onions from RAAFA to make it a successful meeting.

The committee for 2018/2019 is as follows:

John Schnaars. Returned as President
Scruffy Smith. Returned as Vice President
Bob Horgan. Returned as Secretary
Les McGoldrick. Returned as Treasurer

The other committee members are Derek Phillips; Gavin Livingston (Doc); Col Turner; Barry Boyle; Karl Lyon; Barry Stokes; Gerry Loveridge; Pete Eardley (all returning members). We welcome new committee member Mark Newnham, who has been past host at the camp

At present, persons who have taken on responsibilities for different aspects of our group are:

Derek - Grants, funding; Chair duties when applicable.

Bob - correspondence and monitoring our emails

Les McGoldrick- Treasurer, Work parties - buildings, maintenance, requirements

Gavin and Lorraine Livingstone - coordinator of camp hosts and organising our annual fundraiser at the Marble Bar Races when they are available. - yes, we do plan to sell hamburgers again, but need volunteers to assist both prior and during the event. Volunteers are welcome so please plan your trip up north to include the races and the camp. It's a fantastic local event and you will be ensured of a great time. Depending on volunteers, a raffle will also be held.



Barry Boyle - vehicles, mechanical plant and solar system.

Karl Lyon - local from Port Hedland

Our Facebook page – TBA volunteer needed please.

Our web page – TBA – volunteer needed please.

Newsletter - Marilynn Horgan and Marilyn Boyle.

At the AGM, there were two Special Resolutions put to the floor to accept our new Rules of Association and to include Spouses and Partners of Vets as full members. Both were passed unanimously and our thanks go to Marilynn Horgan for all her hard work in their preparation. The new rules will take effect when accepted by Dept of Consumer Protection and we will let you know when they are approved.

This year has been on of consolidation around the camp. The host residence has been completed and there has been the addition of a fire pit for all to gather at sunset for a few drinks. We have no immediate plans for Capital projects as we are still awaiting the outcome of a Native Title claim which may affect us.

Hosting duties during the year have been filled by volunteers. Thanks to Ian and Fay Adair; Gary Fernihough; Susan Gallagher; Leon Cottier; Barry and Mal Boyle; Warren Jacka; Scruffy and any I have missed. Warren Jacka is at camp at present.

We have Dean and Gaye Bull (ex-navy) who will be hosting from January 2109 and are considering a long-term stay. We wish them all the best. If you are interested in being a host at the camp, please contact Doc Livingstone for more information. (docliv@bigpond.com)

Membership fees (\$25) per annum are now due for the 2019 year and your continued support by renewing will be very much appreciated. You can direct credit our bank account referencing your name or forward a cheque to the above PO box. **Australian Military Bank Bsb: 642170 a/c: 100269533.**

Please note that email is our preferred method of communication so it is important you keep us in the loop with any changes.

If your details have changed or you wish to join as a spouse/partner please complete and post/email the attached form with your remittance. We will process when our new rules are ratified.

As this is the final newsletter for the year, we would like to thank all members for their continued support and hope you continue to do so. We look forward to next year enjoying and promoting the retreat.

We also would like to thank all businesses and donors for the ongoing support throughout the year. Without this support, the facilities at camp could not happen.

It is important that the retreat keeps going not only for us older Vets, but as a retreat for ALL members of all the forces; Army, Navy, Airforce, Police, Fire, SES, Ambulance etc. We would love to see some younger ones come on board in all areas of the running of the Retreat. Please promote when you can.

Finally, on behalf of the committee, I would like to wish everyone a safe and very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John Schnaars
President

