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(ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFICIAL GUESTS)

MR GEOFF ROSE PILOT 37 SQUADRON OPERATION BABY LIFT 1975.

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, FELLOW VETERANS AND PARTNERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I WISH TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ATTENDANCE TODAY OF AIR FORCE CADETS. I HOPE YOU GAIN INSPIRATION FROM THE OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE OF THE RAAF IN VIETNAM.

AS IS OUR CUSTOM ON EACH VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, WE SPEND TIME HIGHLIGHTING A KEY ACTION OR ANNIVERSARY FROM THE VIETNAM WAR.

THIS YEAR THE FOCUS TURNS TO THE LAST 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIETNAM WAR, OPERATION BABYLIFT CONDUCTED BY THE RAAF IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1975, AS COMMUNIST FORCES CLOSED IN ON SAIGON. I WILL RETURN TO OPERATION BABYLIFT SHORTLY.

TODAY, AS WE DO ON EVERY VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, WE HONOUR AND COMMEMORATE THE BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE OF ALL WHO WERE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN. ON THAT FATEFUL DAY IN 1966, D COMPANY OF THE 6TH BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT AND A KIWI ARTILLERY FO TEAM CAME IN CONTACT WITH A VASTLY NUMERICAL- LY SUPERIOR VC/NVA FORCE OF AT LEAST 25 TO ONE, WHICH WAS ASSEMBLING TO ATTACK THE FLEDGLING AND POORLY DEFENDED AUSTRALIAN TF BASE AT NUI DAT, JUST A FEW KILOMETRES TO THE WEST.

WHAT FOLLOWED WAS A BATTLE OF SUCH SIGNIFICANCE THAT THE DEFENSIVE BATTLE FOUGHT BY D/6 AT LONG TAN HAS ENTERED AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORY FOLKLORE.

THE ENEMY WAS DEFEATED BY THE FITTEST AND DISCIPLINED AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY COMPANY IN COUNTRY, THE UNRELENTING AND ACCURATE ARTILLERY SUPPORT FROM NZ, AUSTRALIAN AND US ARTILLERY, CRITICAL AMMUNITION RESUPPLY BY 9 SQN HUEY HELICOPTERS FLYING IN ATROCIOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS, AND THE TIMELY ARRIVAL ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF AUSTRALIAN ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIERS CARRYING INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS. SUCH WAS THE DEFEAT, THAT THEREAFTER THE ENEMY SELDOM CONFRONTED THE AUSTRALIANS IN

MAJOR BATTLES.

BUT, IT WAS A DESPERATELY CLOSE RUN THING. SHOULD THE BRAVE AND THE BRILLIANT DEFENSIVE BATTLE FOUGHT BY D6 FAILED, THEN THE STORY OF AUSTRALIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM MAY WELL HAVE HAD A DIFFERENT AND POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS ENDING.

THE STINK OF IT ALL IS THAT IT TOOK 50 YEARS OF LOBBYING BEFORE A RECALCITRANT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FINALLY AGREED TO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE THE LONG TAN HEROES; AND EVEN THEN, IN MY OPINION, THE INDIVIDUAL BRAVERY AWARDS BEGRUDGINGLY BESTOWED WERE LESS THAN ADEQUATE. SOME SENIOR COMMANDERS WHO HAD LITTLE OR NO DIRECT INFLUENCE ON THE BATTLE LINED UP FOR THEIR GONGS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DOWNGRADING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BATTLEFIELD BRAVERY AWARDS FOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT THE BATTLE.

TELLINGLY, THE US RECOGNIZED D COY IN 1968 - LESS THAN 2 YEARS AFTER LONG TAN- WITH A PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION FOR GALLANTRY. IT TOOK UNTIL 2009 FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO CONFER ITS OWN CITATION FOR GALLANTRY,

AND AT THE TIME, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESISTED RETROSPECTIVE AWARDS, AND INDEED DID NOT EVEN HAVE A POLICY TO ADDRESS RETROSPECTIVITY.

ALTHOUGH NOT THE LARGEST BATTLE FOUGHT BY AUSTRALIANS, LONG TAN LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON AUSTRALIA'S VIETNAM WAR HISTORY, AND SENT AN UNAMBIGUOUS MESSAGE TO THE ENEMY ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER'S CAPABILITIES.

BACK TO OPERATION BABYLIFT, DESPITE GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR PAUL HASLUCK DECLARING THAT AUSTRALIA'S INVOLVEMENT ENDED ON 11 JANUARY 1973, THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS OF THE RAAF IN 1975 HAVE BEEN RIGHTFULLY RECOGNIZED. A SPECIAL PLAQUE COMMEMORATING OPERATION BABYLIFT WILL BE PLACED IN THE REMEMBRANCE GARDEN AT THE NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS MUSEUM PHILLIP ISLAND.

AT A RECENT REUNION OF THE FORMER ORPHANS, RAAF AND QANTAS CREWS IN CANBERRA TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY, AIR COMMODORE IAN SCOTT, A NAVIGATOR DURING OPERATION BABYLIFT, SAID IT WAS THE MOST WELLKNOWN RAAF OPERATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

WHILE THE FOCUS WAS ON THE EVACUATION OF ORPHANS, THE OPERATION ALSO INCLUDED FLYING IN SUPPLIES, EVACUATING VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS SOUTH AS THE COMMUNIST FORCES ADVANCED TOWARDS SAIGON. THE SITUATION WAS CHAOTIC, IN ONE INCIDENT, AS VIETNAMESE CI-



VILIANS SWARMED AN AIRCRAFT, SHOTS FIRED BY A PANICKED VIETNAMESE GUARD PIERCED THE TAIL SECTION.

SAIGON EMBASSY STAFF AND EMBASSY STAFFS FROM CAMBODIA AND LAOS WERE ALSO EVACUATED, AND A RETURN FLIGHT TO SAIGON PICKED UP FOUR RAAF EMBASSY SECURITY GUARDS WHO HAD ACCIDENTALLY BEEN LEFT BEHIND.

WITH INFANTS IN CARDBOARD BOXES ON THE FLOOR OF THE AIRCRAFT, AND OTHER CHILDREN ON LITTERS, THE LAST C-130 TAKING OFF FROM TAN SON NHUT WAS THE LAST SIGHT OF AUSTRALIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIETNAM WAR.

OPERATION BABYLIFT MAY WELL BE THE BEST-KNOWN RAAF ACTIVITY, BUT THE RAAF EFFORT IN VIETNAM WAS CRITICAL TO AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT. THE SIGHT AND SOUND OF RAAF AIRCRAFT WAS TO BECOME A REGULAR AND COMFORTING EXPERIENCE FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GROUND FORCES IN VIETNAM. THE SCOPE OF OPERATIONS ARE NOT NECESSARILY WELL KNOWN TO THOSE OUTSIDE THE RAAF.

RAAF 79 SQN SABRE JETS PROVIDED LOCAL AIR DEFENCE AT UBON AIRBASE, THAILAND, FROM 1962 TO 1968.

AS EARLY AS MAY 1963, AND LONG BEFORE THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN COMBAT TROOPS WERE COMMITTED, DAKOTA AIRCRAFT FROM RAAF BASE BUTTERWORTH DROPPED SUPPLIES TO DISPLACED MONTENYARD TRIBESPEOPLE.

RAAF TRANSPORT FLIGHT VIETNAM, RENAMED 35 SQN AND KNOWN AS WALLABY AIRLINES, ARRIVED IN 1964. THEY CARRIED TROOPS, SUPPLIES, ANIMALS, CIVILIANS, YOU NAME IT. I VIVIDLY REMEMBER PILING ABOARD AN AUSSIE CARIBOU AIRCRAFT FOR A BREATHTAKINGLY FAST TAXI AND TAKE OFF FROM SAIGON EN ROUTE TO NUI DAT.

TROOPS ABOARD HMAS SYDNEY EN ROUTE TO VIETNAM IN MID1965 AND TWICE IN 1966 WOULD HAVE BEEN UNAWARE THAT 10 AND 11 SQN NEPTUNE LONG-RANGE AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM TOWNSVILLE, LAE, GUAM AND THE PHILIPPINES FLEW AHEAD OF THE SHIP, FULLY ARMED AND AUTHORISED TO DEAL WITH ANY THREATS. WHEN IN THAI AIRSPACE, THE NEPTUNES ALSO OCCASIONALLY PROVIDED EARLY WARNING OF SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE LAUNCHES TO US AIRCRAFT OPERATING OVER NORTH VIETNAM.

C-130A HURCULES AIRCRAFT OF 36 AND 37 SQNS FLEW SUPPLY MISSIONS TO AND FROM VIETNAM, AEROMEDICAL FLIGHTS FROM VUNG TAU TO BUTTERWORTH, CARRYING OVER 300 PATIENTS

AND THE BODIES OF SERVICEMEN KILLED IN VIETNAM. RAAF NURSES TENDED TO THE PATIENTS EN ROUTE TO BUTTERWORTH.

MANY AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS, INCLUDING ME, HAD THE PLEASURE OF A FIRST-CLASS SEAT ON A HERC ON RETURN TO AUSTRALIA. IT WAS WISE TO DODGE THE IN-FLIGHT MEAL BOXES, ESPECIALLY THE CURRIED EGG SANDWICHES.

RAAF PILOTS FLEW FORWARD AIR CONTROL MISSIONS IN US AIRCRAFT FROM 1966, AND RAAF PILOTS FLEW US F4 PHANTOM RECONNAISSANCE AND GROUND ATTACK AIRCRAFT.

RAAF 9 SQN HUEY HELICOPTERS WERE STATIONED AT VUNG TAU AIR BASE FROM 1966 AND PROVIDED CLOSE SUPPORT TO THE AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE WITH SLICKS, BUSHRANGER GUNSHIPS AND DUSTOFF HELICOPTERS.

CANBERRA BOMBERS OF 2 SQN WERE STATIONED AT PHAN RANG US AIRBASE FROM 1967, ACCOMPANIED BY AIRFIELD DEFENCE GUARDS.

SO, ON THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION BABYLIFT AND THE 59TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN, WE REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND SUFFERED AND THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE.

LEST WE FORGET



AUSTRALIA WITHDRAWS FROM VIETNAM

TOP SECRET

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C A B I N E T M I N U T E

Canberra, 26 July 1971

Decision No. 319

Without Submission - Withdrawal of Australian Force from
Vietnam.

The Cabinet took up the question of the future of the Australian forces in Vietnam.

2. It conducted its discussion in the light of the development in United States policy, which the U.S. President's proposal to visit Peking implies and in the light also of the report of the Defence Committee already received.

3. It noted that there could be no assumption that the United States would not now speed up its own programme of withdrawal.

4. Further, on the basis of the Defence Committee papers, including the minute of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, and the observations concerning the capacity of the South Vietnamese regular forces to maintain security, with particular reference to the capacity of local forces in Phuoc Tuy province, it took the view that early decision to withdraw the Australian forces was inevitable.

5. In the circumstances, it decided that it should move immediately to withdraw and to do so to an "accelerated" timetable. In respect of the Task Force it would be the objective that the first of the two remaining battalions be withdrawn in October 1971 and the second in December 1971.

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TOP SECRET

VIETNAM ~ BATTLES INVOLVING AUSTRALIA

Battle of Nam Dong (Jul 1964)

Operation Hump (Nov 1965)

Battle of Gang Toi (Nov 1965)

Operation Marauder – Ho Bo Woods
(Jan 1966)

Operation Crimp (Jan 1966)

Battle of Suoi Bong Trang (Feb 1966)

Battle of Long Tan (Aug 1966)

Operation Bribie (Feb) 1967)

Battle of Suoi Chau Pha (Aug 1967)

Operation Santa Fe (Nov 1967 > Jan
1968)

Tet Offensive (Jan > Mar 1968)

Operation Coburg (Jan > Mar 1968)

Battle of Ba Ria (Feb 1968)

Battle of Kham Duc (May 1968)

Battle of Coral–Balmoral (May >
June 1968)

Battle of Hat Dich (Dec 1968 > Feb
1969)

Battle of Binh Ba (June 1969)

Operation Camden (Jul > Aug 1969)

Battle of Long Khánh (Jun 1971)

Battle of Nui Le (Sep 1971)

V I C G O V — P O W E R S A V I N G S B O N U S

\$100 Power Saving Bonus—Opens For Victorians In Need

The Victorian Government latest \$100 Power Saving Bonus program opened on the 25th August 2025, for **eligible concession card holders** to assist with the cost-of-living pressures.

To be eligible to receive this payment, households will need to have a recent residential electricity bill and **hold one of the following concession cards**:

- Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Gold Card

[APPLY FOR CONCESSION HERE](#)

Only one payment is available per eligible household - applications for payment can be made through

the Victorian Energy Compare website, which can be accessed at **www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au**

The application process will only take five to ten minutes of your time, and you will need to have a recent electricity bill, and your bank account details with you.

The website will also assist you in finding the best energy offers in your area, potentially saving on your future electricity bills. You are not obligated to switch energy providers to claim the payment, however. For those without internet access, **over-the-phone assistance** is available via the Victorian Energy Compare phone number - **1800 000 832** or local Community Partners (see below) are available to assist with **in-person support**.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 2025



Vietnam Veterans Day 2025 commemorated, not only the 59th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, but the ***Fall of Saigon*** and the role RAAF played in that historic event.

RAAF C-130 aircraft, stationed in Malaysia, flew humanitarian missions out of Phan Rang and Saigon, evacuating over 300 people to safety.

From 29th March to 25th April 1975, HQRIC Det S

operated up to 8 C-130 Hercules and TSFBUT three Dakotas, with approximately 200 members, consisting of air and ground crew, plus air movements, radio, administration personnel and doctors, nursing sisters and other medical staff.

At the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance on Vietnam Veterans Day 2025 we were delighted and honoured to have an RAAF C-130 Hercules perform a Fly Over during the Service

C-130 HERCULES FLY PAST ~ VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 2025



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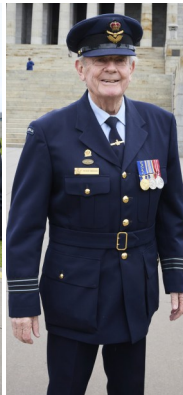
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63rd Anniversary—AATTV arrives in Vietnam.

59th Anniversary—Battle of Long Tan.

50th Anniversary—Fall of Saigon.



VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 2025



Vin Healy

Vin Healy is a master songwriter and teacher who honours veterans with works that tell the stories of Australia's brave and fallen.

The Mist of Long Tan [[Music](#)]

The Long Tan Cross [[Music](#)]

We were honoured to have Vin play these Tributes at the 2025 Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration Service..

A fitting contribution to a day filled with so many memories.

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VETERAN INTEREST

On Saturday 20 August 1966, front-page newspaper reports in every Australian newspaper trumpeted to the nation news of an epic victory in South Vietnam in the biggest battle involving Australian troops since the Korean War. In the years that have followed, the *Battle of Long Tan* has become the subject of books and film, most emphasising the length and ferocity of the Vietnamese assault on a single Australian infantry company; and their successful defence despite being surrounded and heavily outnumbered.

While the soldiers were indeed courageous, many of the details of these books and films are simply myths. Embellished claims surrounding the *Battle of Long Tan* do the brave soldiers of both sides a disservice.

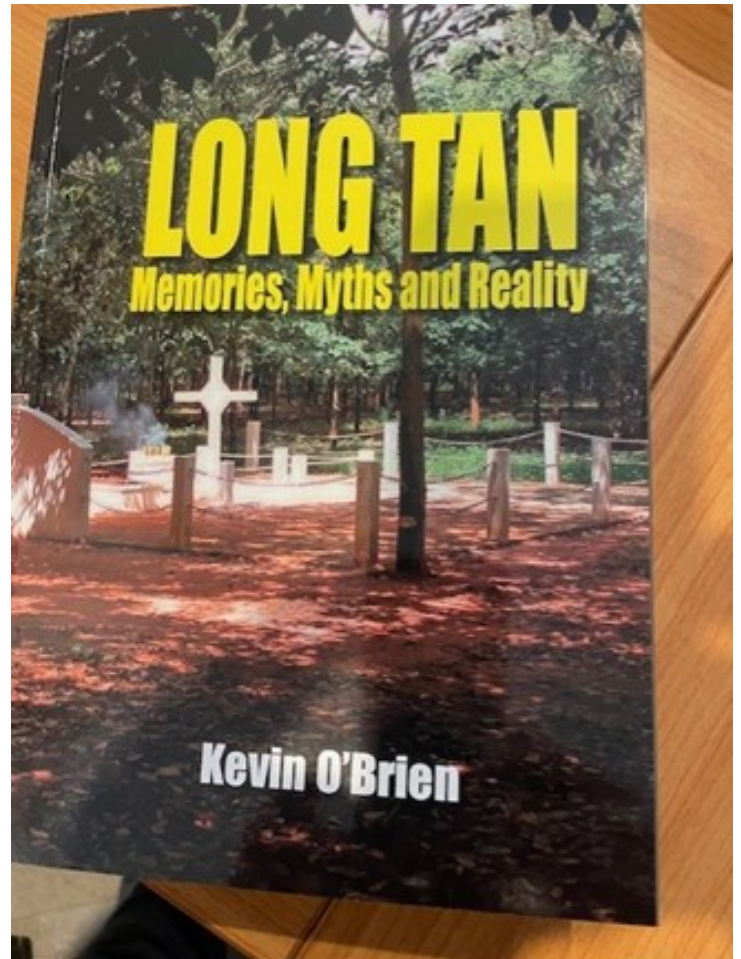
The truth is important. The date is very important to 60,000 veterans and their families, especially as 18 August is now recognised as Australia's official Vietnam Veterans' Day.

This ground-breaking new book is an examination of the memories, myths and reality of the *Battle of Long Tan*.

About the Author

Brigadier Kevin John O'Brien, CSC (Rtd) served in the Australian Army for 33 years.

He had a distinguished defence career including operational service in Vietnam; service with the British Army in England and on the Rhine; Instructor at the School of Artillery at North Head and later at the Australian Command and Staff College, Queenscliff. He held key artillery leadership appointments: Battery Commander 'A' Field Battery, Commanding Officer 8/12th Medium Regiment and Commander of 1st Division Artillery.



For those wishing to buy a copy,
please see the web link

<https://www.longtanbook.com>

The Last Flight Out

A Story of Heroism, Family, and Resilience During the Vietnam War

In 1975, as the Vietnam War reached its devastating conclusion, Nguyen Van Ba—a South Vietnamese Air Force Chinook pilot—made a courageous decision that would define his legacy. With Saigon on the brink of collapse, he piloted his helicopter to safety, ensuring the survival of his family and crew in an act of bravery that inspired all who heard it. Now, 50 years later, *The Last Flight Out* shares this heroic journey, weaving together themes of sacrifice, survival, and the enduring human spirit.



If you were ever curious to know more about this man after seeing the 2015 Oscar-nominated film “Last Days in Vietnam” by Rory Kennedy, this is the book for you as all the stories, including “The Ditch” Moment, were written by him [CNN’s Ba-dass]. Get to know the details of his life leading up to April 1975 and what happened to him and his family after resettling in America. Though Nguyen Van Ba passed away more than ten years ago, his legacy lives on through these personal stories that have touched lives and inspired others.

Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk in Seymour.

The VVAA Mitchell Sub-Branch are currently fundraising to create five Victoria Cross panels for the *Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk in Seymour (SCW)*.

Pte Richard Norden was recently posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross and this necessitates changing the SCW Victoria Cross memorial as it cannot be added to. The proposed design, in glass, is shown below. Each man will be almost life-size, adding to the larger-than-life effect.

Visitors will be able to look into the eyes of these special men, and learn about their personalities, service history, and the action(s) that precipitated the awarding of the Victoria Cross. The design is consistent with, and sympathetic to, the design of the long winding glass wall whilst allowing for further panels to be added in the future.

The Walk is many things to people. With the trees and grasses now matured, veterans, their families and friends tell us that it is a place of peace and healing, as we hoped it would be for them. It is also where they can find the names of their loved ones, remembered forever on this public memorial in a 24-hour accessible space, whilst the photographs evoke memories which are then brought to light and those experiences discussed. It has

become very significant in the lives of veterans all over Australia, and many return again and again to visit.

For others the natural environment of The SCW is a valuable space to relax, a place to educate their families, a beautiful place in which to have a picnic, or to stop and exercise during a road trip. The reasons are numerous, but all visits are because *The Walk* is a beautiful place to linger, with the benefit of learning something of our history at the same time.

The *Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk* is a source of great pride for the town and has brought thousands of people into Seymour each year since its completion twelve years ago. *The Walk* is also a constant and regular destination for bus holiday tours, including occasional school tours as well. The town is now jumping on weekends as well as through the week with the constant visitors to *The Walk*, visitors who often then choose to stay to see our other historic military sites and other venues.

DONATIONS can be made to:

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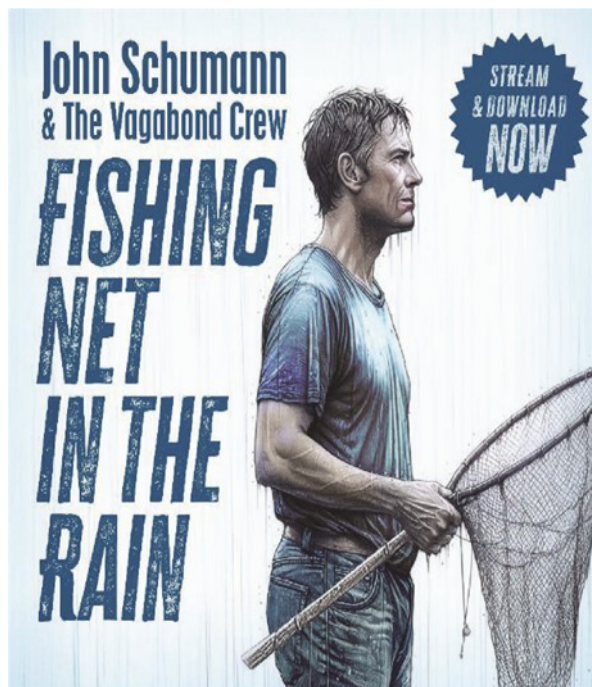
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THE HUMAN FACE OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO VETERAN SUICIDE

Fishing Net in the Rain—[CLICK TO LISTEN](#)

In 1982-3 John Schumann wrote and sang the Vietnam Veterans' anthem, "I Was Only 19".

Ostensibly, it was the story of Mick, Frankie and all the members of 3 Platoon, A Company, 6 RAR, but it was a song that spoke to every Vietnam Veteran. 19's opening chords and emotive lyrics have the same impact today as they did when the song was released.

Now, 42 years on, Schumann speaks again about the human cost of war and military service. In the aftermath of the Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide, he found another story that needed to be told. When a devastated mother testified about the loss of her son, Schumann once again took one young man's experience to speak to a much wider issue. Fishing Net in the Rain was written by Schumann in collaboration with his friend and manager, Ivan Tanner. It tells the story of one of the young sailors sent out by the Australian Government to "stop the boats".

"While the song was inspired by David Finney, it's really important to note that this song is about - and for - the thousands of current and former members of the ADF who have taken their own lives after serving Australia. And, perhaps more importantly, it's for their families," said Schumann.

A well-known advocate for veterans and their fami-

lies, Schumann put words to Ivan Tanner's music, to "bolt a human face" on to the recommendations of the Royal Commission. John Schumann knows a little bit about mental health and suicide. He spent 10 years giving mental health presentations in remote mining sites and construction camps in Western Australia and South Australia.

"Suicide is an immensely difficult and delicate topic. I'm no psychiatrist or psychologist but I know from my clinician friends that people don't want to end their lives. They just want the pain to stop," said Schumann. Schumann understands that his name was put forward to be a Commissioner by a couple of politicians and some veterans' organisations, but his nomination was rejected by the then Prime Minister, Scott Morrison. Nonetheless, he followed the Commission with the idea of writing a song to shine a light on the tragedies. In search of an entry point, John tracked down Julie-Ann Finney who, like Schumann, lives in Adelaide. She was one of the parents who campaigned for a Royal Commission, but would she talk to him and share David's and her story?

"Julie-Ann knew of '19', I guess, but after David died, she was going through his Spotify playlist and there I was - at the top of the list apparently," said Schumann. Julie-Ann shared David's diaries, notes, Facebook posts and blogs with John.

John said, "At one point, David was writing about his endless engagement with doctors and psychologists. He wrote in a Facebook post; 'Sometimes I feel like I'm catching all the answers, sometimes it's like holding a fishing net in the rain'"

"David's story is just one of thousands. But all Australians need to confront these stories and then demand that our political leaders continue to move forward on implementing the Royal Commission's recommendations."

"Otherwise, the tragedy of veterans taking their own lives will go on and on. And these people will have died in vain," said John Schumann.

"We need to decide if 'Lest We Forget' are just words we say around Anzac Day or if they are a sacred promise that we, as a nation, keep in perpetuity regardless of cost and the passage of time.

Courtesy 9 RAR Association

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NVVM GOES TO NEW ORLEANS

NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS MUSEUM REPS ATTEND

US VIETNAM VETS CONFERENCE

Museum founders John and Krishna Methven and museum board member Bob Elworthy travelled to the US in August to attend the *Vietnam Veterans of America Conference in New Orleans*. Approximately 500 Vietnam Veteran delegates from across America, including Hawaii, attended the conference, providing an ideal opportunity to introduce the National Vietnam Veterans Museum to the conference attendees.

There is currently no equivalent to the Phillip Island museum in the US, and John, Krishna, and Bob manned an information booth where conference visi-

tors were provided with up-to-date information on the current museum and plans for the construction of a new museum. The existence of the museum created significant interest, with delegates taking away museum brochures.

The Vietnam Veterans of America President acknowledged the presence of the Aussies, and promoted the museum during his conference address and again at a formal dinner.

One of the highlights of the visit was the number of US Vietnam Veterans who approached John, Krishna, and Bob to reminisce about their contact with Australian Soldiers in Vietnam and their visit to Sydney for Rest and Recuperation during their tour of duty in Vietnam.



WEBSITE:

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