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VVAA Veterans Entitlements Review Committee

Brian McKenzie
OAM (Chair)

Brian is a former National serviceman who served in South Vietnam in 1967/68 as an infantry soldier with 3RAR. This was followed by 22 years in the Army Reserve mostly in a training role and as Infantry Company Commander. He was a manager with Telecom, retired in 1993 and has held a number of executive positions with Ex-Service organisations including the VVAA at Sub-branch, State and National levels and is currently the National President. He is a practicing Pension Officer and Advocate for his sub-branch and holds a Certificate of Tribunal Advocacy. As the National President of the VVAA his current portfolios responsibilities include VVCS and Younger veterans Issues, Media and Public Relations and Chair of the National Advisory Committee to the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service.

Kenneth Foster
JP

Ken enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in 1959, was allocated to the Infantry Corps and served in Malaya with 2RAR. He transferred to Service Corps for medical reason and served with HQ AFV in Vietnam and later in Papua New Guinea with HQ PNG Defence Force. He retired with the rank of WO1 after 21 years service. He is a practicing Welfare and pension officer and his involvement with the veteran community includes appointments as Legacy Divisional President, Director Australian Vietnam War Veterans Trust and Secretary South West region Veterans and Families Support Group. He has held a number of executive positions within the VVAA at Sub-branch, State and National Level and is currently a National Vice President with portfolio responsibilities for Special Projects.

John Smith

John joined the Regular Army in 1963 and was allocated to the Royal Regiment Australian Artillery. He served in Malaysia in 1964 and did tours of Vietnam in 1965/6 and 1969. Further overseas postings in the United Kingdom, Germany and the United States of America followed. John retired as a WO1 in 1987. He has an Associate Diploma in Human and Physical Resources Management, and a Certificate in Vocational Instruction and is involved in the training of Welfare, Pension Officers and Advocates through the Training and Information Program in Queensland. He is practicing Pension Officer and Advocate. He has held executive positions within the RSL and the VVAA at Sub-branch, State and National level, and is currently a National Vice President with portfolio responsibility for the VVCS and Younger veterans Issues, including representation on the National Younger Veterans Forum.

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Geoff Trevor-Hunt OAM

Geoffrey enlisted in the ARA in 1959 and retired at the rank of WO1 after 21 years service. He served in Malaya and Vietnam in 1965/66 with 1 Field Regiment LAD. He has held a number of executive positions within the VVAA at Sub-branch, State and National level and has been the National Secretary since 1993. He has been a Welfare, Pension Officer and Advocate for 16 years, holds a Certificate of Tribunal Advocacy and has been involved as a presenter since the inception of the Training and information Program. As a member of the National Executive his responsibilities include the Compensation portfolio.

Peter Liefman BA LLB

Peter is a former National Serviceman who served in SVN in 1971 with C and B Squadrons, 1st Armoured Regiment and A Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in 1988 and Bachelor of Laws in 1990 at Monash University. He is Barrister & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, admitted 1991, Barrister & Solicitor of the High Court, Federal Courts and Territories of Australia, admitted to practice 1991. He has a continuing involvement with Legacy, the RSL, the VVAA and TIP, providing advice and assistance on legal issues. He has held a number of executive positions at Sub-branch, State and National levels and is currently the State President for Victoria and National Solicitor of the VVAA.

Barry Billing

Barry joined the CMF in 1963 and served on full time duty until he joined the Regular Army in 1965. He was allocated to the Royal Australian Corps of Signals and served in SVN on two tours of duty in 67/68 and 70/71. On his discharge in 1981 he undertook full time studies at the New South Wales Institute of Technology, (now UTS), and completed a BA in Communications. He was a founding member of the VVAA and has held a number of positions at Sub-branch and State level and is the National Research Officer. He is the NSW State Advocate and holds a Certificate of Tribunal Advocacy. He is currently the State President of NSW.

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**Clive Mitchell-
Taylor JP**

Clive served two years in Citizens' Military Forces, 25 years in the Australian Regular Army in the Infantry Corps and a further five years in the Army Reserve Pay Corps holding all ranks from Private to Major – except Lieutenant. He has served in Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and the United Kingdom. He has held a number of executive positions within ex-Service organisations at Sub-branch, State and National levels. He is the VVAA ACT Pensions Officer. Clive served on the VVAA National Executive first as Treasurer and then as National President from 1996 to 2000. He holds Diplomas in Computing and Materiel Management and is currently Director of Information Technology Audit for the Department of Defence.

Brendan Lynch

Brendan joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1960 and served for twenty-eight years before retiring as a Squadron Leader in 1988. From Jan 1970 to Jan 1971 served in Vietnam as an Air Movements Sergeant. He is a founding member of the RAAF Vietnam Veterans Association and as its Secretary negotiated the affiliation with the VVAA as a RAAF Sub-branch. He has held positions as VVAA State Vice President and State President until 2002. He is a State Life member and a practicing Welfare Officer of the VVAA, Secretary of AVADSC, Secretary of RAAF Vietnam Veterans and member of the Patriotic Funds Council of Victoria.

**John Printz
OAM**

John served a total of 27 years in the Australian Regular Army and Army Reserve in the Infantry, Signals and Engineer Corps and on discharge was a WO1. He served in Malaya and Vietnam in 1965/6. He is a National Life member and has held a number of executive positions in the RSL and VVAA including VVAA National Secretary, National President and is currently Victorian State Advocate and Sub-branch Secretary. He currently hold the posts of Chairman of the Training and Information Program in Victoria and Facilitator of the Regional Veteran Centres Project. He is a former member of the National Advisory Committee to the VVCS and travelled to the US as part of the PTSD Investigation Team. John has been a practicing Welfare, Pension Officer and Advocate for 31 years, and holds a Certificate of Tribunal Advocacy.

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Ron Coxon

After serving in the CMF, Ron Corp Enlisted into RAEME in August 1963. By 1967 had been promoted to S/Sgt and in 1968 he qualified for WO2 on the Artificer/CSM Course. He served in Vietnam in 1970/71 first with 102 and then 106 FD WKSP bringing that Unit home to set up as a training Unit at Bonegilla in late 1971. In 1975 he had a motorcycle accident that downgraded him to BE and he elected discharge in 1977. He undertook Pension Officer training after his discharge and holds a Certificate of Tribunal Advocacy. He provides representation on SATMOC, SERTAC, Younger Veterans Forum, and Future Directions Committee RGH and has been involved with the Training and Information for three years on the SA committee and course presenter. He has held a number of Executive positions within the VVAA including State Secretary and is currently the State President of SA.

Glen Mylne LLB (Hons) GradDipLeg Prac

Glen served in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps from 1965-1971, serving with 8RAR in Malaysia from 1967-1969 and with the battalion in Vietnam from 1969-1970. In April 1970, with periods as acting RAP SGT in 7RAR and 8th Field Ambulance posted to 45th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) at Long Binh and spent 7 months as a DUSTOFF Medic. He is a former VVAA State President in Victoria, currently Gold Coast District President of the RSL and a member of Queensland State Council of the RSL. He has been employed as Executive Director within the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures; Institute of Physics; Institute of Acoustics and Australian Physiotherapy Association. He is a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, and Solicitor of the High Court of Australia. He works as a consultant to two Queensland law firms predominantly in Administrative Law (Veterans' Law), Family Law and Civil Law, and has part completed his Master of Laws.
