

VIETNAM VETERANS FRIENDLY RETREATS

Queensland

Standown Park: 91 Radke Road, Kia Ora (halfway between Gympie and Tin Can Bay). Power, water, pets, open fire, showers, toilets, disable facilities, coin laundry, secure off the highway, restful surrounds. No cabins/onsite vans. Discount for veterans. Contact owners Rod (ex 9RAR) and Pam Elkington (07) 5486 5144 or 0417 718 127

Cockscorn Veterans Camp: Located only 23km from Rockhampton, camp kitchen, showers, toilets, no power,

\$ 5 donation. Contact Allan Evans (07) 4934 4941 for directions

Pandanus Park: Follow the three red stripes from Mareeba, no facilities, take all and remove your rubbish. This is an isolated retreat in Cape York

Sapphire Gemfields: Located behind the post office at the RSL, power, toilets, showers, water, and barbecue. The Club bar is open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. \$5.00 per night

Contact Peter Johnson (ex 6RAR) 0439 797 175

Alaric Homestead Veterans Retreat at Quilpie: The Homestead is fully furnished and managed by a Veteran Duty Officer. Very low nominal fee charged per day. Caravans and camper trailers can be parked at a low daily fee. Booking essential for the Homestead (not necessary for caravans/campers) Contact the Duty Officer (07) 4656 4740.

Rocky Creek War Memorial Park: This camp spot is located at Tolga. The Atherton Shire Council maintains it. There is a 72-hour limit and a gold coin donation. There are toilets, barbecue, and non-potable

water. It is a memorial site to all soldiers, who trained on the tablelands before being sent overseas. There is a caretaker on site.

Zac's Place: Located on 715 Ross River Road, Kirwan, Townsville, run by VVAA Qld Branch. There is accommodation for up to 11 people with all facilities. Tariff is \$25.00 Accommodation, Breakfast and Light Lunch. Contact manager Mrs Margaret Standfast Ph. (07) 4773 6980 or A/H (07) 4723 7022

Homestead Caravan Park: , located along the Landsborough Highway at Barcaldine Queensland Every day in the late afternoon during winter your hosts Ben and Thanh prepare the campfire with damper and billy tea proved prepared the old bush way. Entertainment nightly. They always have something special on for Vietnam Veterans Day 18th August. Cabins available. For Reservations ph. Ben or Thanh on (07) 4651 1308

New South Wales

Raymond Deed Retreat: This retreat is located at Dareton. There is power, water, pets for \$10.00 per night. Phone the caretakers Col and Robyn Dunkley (03) 5027 4983

Murruguldrie Veterans Retreat: This retreat is run by VVAA South West NSW Sub Branch and is located on the edge of the Murruguldrie State Forest about a forty minute drive from Wagga Wagga, approximately seven kilometres from the Hume Highway, and turn off point to Tumbarumba on the Tumbarumba Road.

The retreat is a "Bush retreat" which has a shelter shed with some kitchen facilities, toilet/shower block and newly completed caravan parking area with separate area which can be used by camper trailers and tents. There is no power available but there is provision to plug in a generator for lights in the shelter shed and toilet areas. As the only water available is tank water, could you please arrive with full water tanks if possible, we also have hot water "Donkey" for showers.

This retreat is now open all year round as we are subject to fire bans there is NO LIGHTING OF SOLID FUEL FIRES ON TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS there is a BBQ in the shelter shed but you will need gas bottle (POL connector)

Please note the gate is locked.

Visitor Contact: Bob May 0417 490 127, Retreat Manager Les White 0428 226 097.

GPS Co-ordinates. S35.50270° E147.42462°

South Australia

Bubblagowrie Vietnam Veterans Village: Located between Stansbury and Giles Point Yorktown. Three Veteran Museums - \$5.00 admission. Cabins \$40.00 per night, vans \$8.00 per night. There is power, water, restaurant, and vets memorial plot. Contact owner Chris Soar (ex vet of Malaya) (08) 8853 4379 or 0419 853 294

Camp Andrew Russell: in South Australia is located 35km Sth East of Loxton along the Murray Bridge Road, turn left (or right if coming from Adelaide) onto the Lamerou Road, taking the right fork along the road. The entrance is marked with a cream tractor tyre, just past a road sign. You will need a key for access and thus need to contact **John Hough** mobile 0409 098 093

Tasmania

Tasmania Veterans Retreat (Interlaken retreat): Offers House accommodation in the remote Central Highlands area, 20 minutes from Bothwell. \$30.00 per double + \$5.00 per extra person. For Bookings Robin O'Connor (030 6224 0881

Western Australia

Camp Hart: Camp Hart is a combination of private and crown land vested with the Shire of Kulin. It is situated 3.5 hours south east of Perth, 14kms east of Kulin, Camp Hart is a memorial park located next to Lake Jilakin and in the shadow of Jilakin Rock. It offers shade, ablution block, sheltered barbecue and bush kitchen. Donations are welcome. Open to all ADF Veterans. All inquiries are to be made to Roger Lingard (08) 9527 8000 or 0419 944 627.

PADDY'S FLAT, MEEKATHARRA: resort style facility with unit accommodation including a community kitchen, laundry, large swimming pool and BBQ area. For booking information call Chris Atkins Caretaker and veteran on (08) 9980 1220

Bruce Rock: situated 254 Km from Perth in the wheat belt. Vets always welcome but each year in November they conduct a Vietnam Veterans activity. Most stay at the Bruce Rock Caravan Park Ph. (08) 9061 1070

Northern Territory

Roper Retreat: Same as for Pandanus Park, take only Photos. Leave no footprints, Located 31 Klm along the Northern territory Highway turn north at Elsey Station sign. 3 Klm along you pass the Manger's House and just 5km you reach the Roper. PH Tony 0401 100 514 or Jimbob 0419 414 209

Coral House: Located 107 Bagot Rd, Ludmilla run by VVAA NT, shared kitchen facilities, laundry and bathroom, linen, TV in common room three shared bedrooms providing seven beds. Contact manager Jack Hamilton on Ph. 8948 0050.

Darwin Retreat: about 1.5 hours' drive from Darwin is a place called Pioneer Beach, western side of Cox Peninsula. The actual site used by the Vets is back from the beach about 5Km in from the turn off that continues to Mandorah

For any further information on any of these retreats please visit our website www.vvaa.org.au and follow the prompts and happy tripping.

If any of you Grey nomads know or hear of any other veteran friendly retreats please let us know by notifying Rob Cox, via the website, together with details of where it is, how much, what facilities and activities if any along with a couple of photos if available so that we can include them on our website so as to let everyone know.