

UPDATED 27th MARCH 2011
Vietnam Veterans Friendly Retreats etc. across Australia
QUEENSLAND
Standown Park, Qld

Our Facilities

At Standown Park we have 28 spacious powered sites all with excellent drinking water and unlimited unpowered sites with ample space for large groups or clubs.

The large camp kitchen featuring the big old Crown wood stove and BBQ is the central meeting place for all, while the open fire place is a popular spot each evening for 'Happy Hour' or two.

The clean, modern amenities block has male, female and disabled facilities and a coin washing machine and dryer.

A dump point was installed recently for the convenience of the park

visitors and to the public for a small charge.

Telstra and Optus reception is very good and TV reception generally depends on your equipment and the site position in the Park.

Pets are welcome, with plenty of open space to exercise the dog/s and they are welcome to swim in the dam.

As we originally set up the Park as a Veterans Retreat we have continued to cater especially for the Veteran's from all conflicts and the travelling 'nomads'.

We don't have any facilities for children.

Our Rates (Sorry NO Cards facilities)



Powered Sites per van	\$18.00 per couple
Veteran's concession Powered Sites	\$15.00 per couple
Unpowered Sites per van	\$12.00
Extra person per night	\$6.00
Van, boat etc. Storage (per week)	\$6.00

Bookings & Enquiries

Standown Park

91 Radtke Road, KIA ORA

via Gympie Qld 4570

Postal: PO Box 1287,

GYMPIE Qld 4570

Phone: 07 5486 5144

Mobile: 04 1771 8127

info@standown.com.au



Where to find us

Standown Park is situated half way between Tin Can Bay and Gympie on the Tin Can Bay Road. Radtke Road is directly off the Tin Can Bay road, opposite Counter Road, just 24km from Gympie and Tin Can Bay. We are two hours from Brisbane and less than one hour from Maryborough.

GPS co-ordination:

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Standown Park - 91 Radtke Road, GOOMBOORIAN

Where all campers, motorhomes, caravans and weary travellers are welcome to pull up a stump.



Vietnam Veterans Cockscomb Retreat, Cawarral, Capricorn Coast, QLD

COCKSCOMB VIETNAM

VETERANS RETREAT

PHONE:

VET ON GROUND:

Google Earth:

Cockscomb is owned by Bruce and Liz Acutt

Bruce is a local Consultant Psychologist

Call Bruce's office 07 4927 9070

Gene Owens on 0429492501

23°14'6.46"S, 150°40'51.07"E

Cockscomb provides a quiet retreat away from the city, away from all mod cons, a quiet relaxing place to go when you want to get away and get back to basics.

Staying overnight, you will require your sleeping bag, camp stretcher, swag or hammock, a torch, matches, food, toilet paper and a rubbish bag. Mosquito repellent and your medication. We have completed the first of two Log Cabins and the And Awakey House for overnight stays.

Cooking can either be done on an open fire or in the kitchen. A RAYKEN heating system has improved the amenities by providing hot water 24 hours of the day Cockscomb Veteran Retreat came about from an idea that was developed some four years ago, between a number of the Vietnam Veterans in the Central Queensland area.

The Veterans came up with a plan to develop an area somewhere in the bush as a reasonably isolated camp/retreat. A place where fellow veterans could go, when things were getting tough, or when they felt the need to be out of it and alone for a while, or the need to lean on someone for moral support, or find someone that could walk the walk, talk the talk and understand the burden. It was promoted as an idea amongst interested parties.

After some discussions within our own ranks and with Bruce, he offered us the use of a section of land on some 60 acres he has, in an area known as Cawarral. An old gold mining and farming community, approx 20 km's from Rockhampton; half way between Rocky and the Capricorn coast. This was considered to be an ideal location and the gracious offer was accepted.

Cockscomb Bush Camp is set in the hills on the southern side of Mt Wheeler. Road access via two- wheel drive and only 30 minutes from Rockhampton. After staying take your rubbish home, replace firewood used, cleanup and leave a donation. There is no electricity or phone and you are asked to be careful with and conserve water.



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Welcome to the Homestead Caravan Park in Barcaldine, Qld

Every day in the late afternoon during winter your hosts Ben and Thanh prepare the campfire at the Homestead Caravan Park, located along the Landsborough Highway at Barcaldine, Queensland.

At first it burns brightly and as the coals settle to a hot glow, the damper and billy tea is prepared the outback way. This has been a grand tradition at Barcaldine's Homestead Caravan Park for more than two decades and people from all parts of Australia have enjoyed the great Aussie welcome.

It's a great gesture of hospitality that has been passed down from owner to owner, and carries on to this day – every day from during the tourist season.

Most nights, a country music singer and a bush poet provide some entertainment, which means that from about 4:30 pm, there's about 2 hours of entertainment laid on for the guests!

Park owners Ben and Thanh also offer the occasional sausage sizzle or camp oven stews. If you're not bringing own tent or van, book in to one of our cabins. There are 10 cabins (both budget and en-suite) and two Units (for up to 8 people each).

A service station is also part of the complex (**fuel discount is available for park guests, StarCard welcome**), there a **kiosk**, camp kitchen, Free BBQ's, Free internet (wired and Wireless), coffee shop and book exchange as well.

The park is lush and green, with large sites available. It's only a short 200 meter walk to the town centre.

During the winter months there is also the **Chinese take-away**, open every Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm.

There is normally something special arranged each Vietnam Veterans Day 18th August. All Vietnam Vets invited.

For reservations call Ben and Thanh on **07 4651 1308** or email info@homesteadcypark.com.au



PANDANUS PARK, Cape York, Qld

The quest for inner peace within the veteran community is on-going. Veterans of all conflicts need a place to go to chill out, to meet old and new mates, to be with others who have done the time, walked the walk and talked the talk. This site is a meeting place for such Veterans

*Veterans from all walks of life, all ages, all stages of health, have made the pilgrimage to Pandanus Park, their wilderness retreat in in Cape York in far north Queensland. En route, many have spent a quiet night or two at Cockscomb Veterans' Camp and some have gone fossicking in the gemfields. Interstate travellers have trekked across the Nullaboor, built snowmen at Bush Retreat in Tassie, and made their way thru the mallee scrub, opal ridges and more. Wherever you come from, this web site will guide you in a new direction and you can follow in the well- worn steps of **The Path To Peace***



CONTACT PANDANUS

Jenny and Geoff Sanders

Phone 07 5445 0280

Pandanus

c/- 261 Chevallum Road

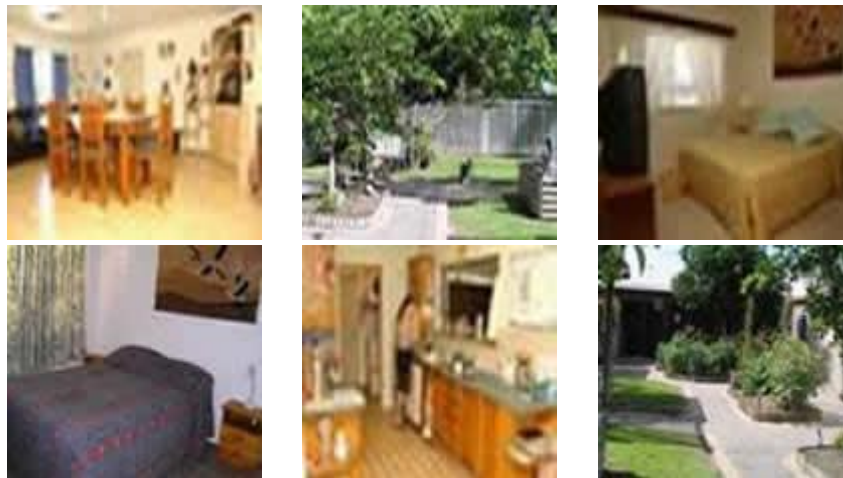
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Zac's Place
715 Ross River Road, Kirwan, Townsville

Feeling stressed out.
Having trouble coping.
Need to chill out for a while.
Just need a bit of private space.
Need to come to Townsville for medical appointments and/or treatment.
Visiting relatives in Townsville area.
Just travelling through.



Introduction: Zac's Place is a six bedroom house used as a short/long term accommodation centre. The house is solely owned and controlled by the VVAA QLD Branch with the VVAA Townsville Sub Branch responsible for the day to day management and running. Zac's Place can accommodate up to eleven people, including family members, in an **alcohol free environment**.

There are Bar B Q facilities and outdoor entertainment areas with a huge area suitable for those people with a green thumb and growing most green veggies for the residents and also for the Sub Branch to sell at the local market on a Sunday morning.

Tariff: The tariff for staying at Zac's Place is \$25.00 per night or \$150.00 per week. This covers your accommodation but not does include dinner. The meals are normally a light breakfast and lunch

Who can use this service: The house is available to all Veterans and their families, current serving Defence Force members and their families, and other community charitable organisations. If space permits there is also accommodation available for family members who are visiting their serving relatives in the Townsville area.

Please note: All accommodation requests are subject to an interview with the House Manager and availability of beds. To arrange interview please phone the Manager, Mrs. Margaret Standfast on PH (07) 4773 6980 or after hours (07) 4723 7022

Facilities of Zac's Place: Guests have the use of all facilities and resources of the house including television, stereo, telephone (charges apply) and comfortable surroundings. All guests must be self- sufficient with their medical problems as nursing facilities are not available on site.

What's Available: About 100 metres away is the Willows Shopping Centre with Super Markets, Restaurants, Banks, Department Stores and most other stores for most of your daily requirements. Across the road is the brand new sports arena catering for Aussie Rules and Cricket. There is also bus transport available to take you to most areas of Townsville. There are hotels and clubs within easy reach. Transport is available if needed to pick up on arrival or drop off on departure and also for medical appointments etc.

All veterans and families or serving and/or ex service personnel are always welcome and will be warmly received by a very dedicated management and staff. Zac's Place is also the home of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (VVAA) Townsville Sub Branch where they also are willing to discuss and prepare any papers etc required for Pension, Welfare and Advocacy needs.

House Manager: The current House Manager is Mrs. Margaret Standfast, a current Vice President of the VVAA Townsville Sub Branch and the widow of Bill Standfast, also a Past Sub Branch Vice President. Margaret is always available for any enquiries and is responsible for organising the Menus in consultation with our resident chef, budgets, collection of rent monies and overall control of the bookings.

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ALARIC STATION VETERANS RETREAT, QUILPIE, QLD

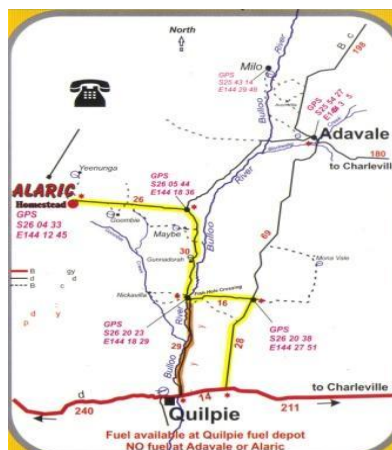
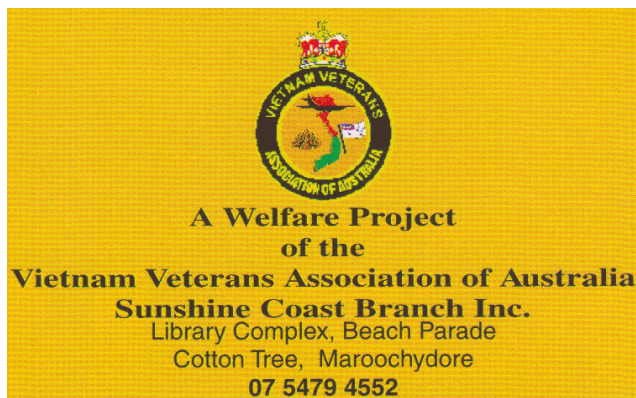
Alaric Retreat is a fully furnished homestead on a remote station of 120,000 acres in western Queensland just north of Quilpie. It provides a secure and relaxing haven for Veterans of all conflicts. There are no formal activities, you can do as much or as little as you like.

Go Opal Fossicking, Fishing, Bird watching (160 species of birds identified on Alaric), Yabbing, Reading, Bushwalking, Watching tv or just getting back to nature. You can come for a day, come for a week or stay as long as you like, at minimal cost to the veteran. The accommodation at the homestead includes 3 meals per day. Beverages are the responsibility of the visitor.

Linen including Bed linen, blankets pillows and doonas are provided in the cost of the accommodation. Group bookings are welcome and prior bookings are essential unless you are camping or caravanning. Travel to Quilpie by train and bus then the Duty Manager will be there to meet you and escort you to the homestead. The train departs Brisbane for Quilpie Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.15pm, and is free for TPI veterans.

Facilities at the Homestead include. * Six Bedrooms * BBQ Area * Plenty of Water * Library * Large Kitchen * Lounge * Gem cutting Machine * **240v Mains power** * **Satellite TV** * **Telephone and Satellite Internet** *

Workshop*Billabong*Homestead is fully Air-conditioned * **Full laundry facilities** * **Refrigerators, Freezers, and a Cold Room**



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Sapphire Gemfields Queensland

Located at Sapphire behind the Post Office. One acre of land, several power points, water connection points, a hospital grade kitchen and gas BBQ.

Bar opening times are now Thursdays 3.00pm to 8.00pm, Saturday and sundays 2.00 pm to 8.00pm, The club now offers meals at a reasonable price Thur, Sat & Sun.

Contact details are now the club during open hours on 07 49854588 or fax to the same number or [email](#)
Cost is now \$15.00 a day or \$100.00 per week. We now have a coin operated washing machine. There is generally no need for pre bookings.

Errol Priestley Secretary 07 49854588

Anakie Gemfields RSL



Phil Selby Ex RAN



RSL entrance and inside (below)

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.



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Latitude 17.18167° S 17° 10' 54.02" S

Longitude 145.4548° E 145° 27' 17.35" E

From [Tolga](#), 5.41kms NW (6.1kms, 6mins driving)

From [Kairi](#), 10.14kms W (14.0kms, 17mins driving)

From [Mareeba](#), 21.01kms S (22.9kms, 20mins driving)

From [Dimbulah](#), 36.84kms E (53.3kms, 58mins driving)

This free Camp 23km South of Mareeba is set along side the Rocky Creek War Memorial Park....

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Roper Retreat: Take nothing but photos. leave nothing but footprints, Located 31 Km along the Northern Territory Highway turn north at Elsey Station sign. 3 Km along you pass the Manager's House and just 5 Km you reach the Roper.
PH Tony 0401 100 514 or Jimbob 0419 414 209

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Darwin retreat and Coral House have been deleted.
Please scroll down for more retreats.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Murraguldrie Veterans Retreat

This retreat is run by VVAA South West NSW Sub Branch and is located on the edge of the Murraguldrie 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°



Directions to the Murraguldrrie Retreat located 8KM east of the Hume Highway on the Wagga-Tumbarumba Road

South Bound on the Hume Highway

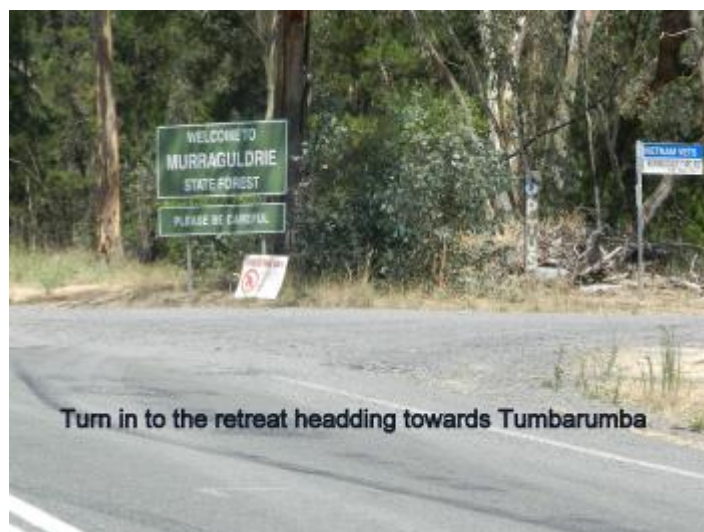


NORTH BOUND ON THE HUME HIGHWAY



COMING FROM WAGGA AND CROSSING THE HUME HIGHWAY

TURNING TO THE RETREAT COMING FROM THE HUME HIGHWAY





RETREAT CONTACTS Bob 0429592135 Les 0428226097

VICTORIA

Ramon Deed Veterans Retreat

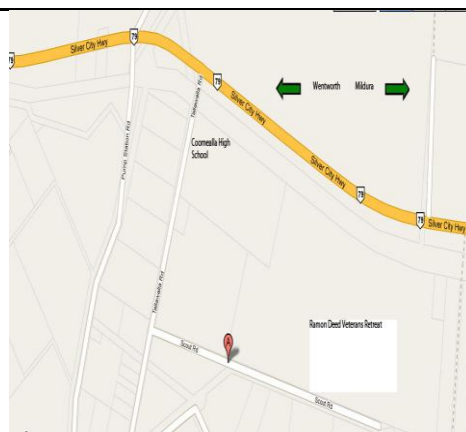
63 Scout Road, Dareton NSW 2717
PO Box 397, Dareton NSW 2717

Phone - 03 5027 4447
Email - rdveteransretreat@bigpond.com

The Retreat is named after Ramon John Deed, of 1 Fld. Sqn, Vietnam. A Mildura resident, killed from wounds caused by a mine incident in 1967. The Retreat is situated at Dareton, NSW, 17km from Mildura and 16km from Wentworth. The Retreat is maintained by the Wentworth and Coomealla Districts Sub Branch. The Retreat is open to all Veterans, Peacekeepers, Peacemakers, serving and ex-service personnel and their families.

Limited powered & unpowered sites are available, as well as air-conditioned clubrooms and BBQ area and laundry.

Tariffs: Site Type	Per Night	Per Week
Powered	\$20	\$120
Unpowered	\$10	\$70





Ramon John Deed 3788300 Born 25 July 1945, 1 Fld Sqn, Vietnam 13 March 1967 to 10 May 1967 was from Mildura and went to both primary and secondary schools with other local Veterans. He died at the US Evac Hospital Long Binh 10 May 1967 from wounds received from a mine incident at the Horseshoe the previous day. This facility has a clubhouse, caravan slabs, Hot & Cold showers, Septic Toilets and Laundry. It is all 240 volt. There is an on-site (Vietnam Vet) caretaker The town of Dareton is a 5 minute drive and provides a doctor, chemist, post office and supermarket etc, as well as the Coomealla Club for Pokies, Lawn Bowls and great meals. The Coomealla Golf Club just up the road from the Coomealla Club is situated next to the mighty Murray River, which also has a boat ramp for the fishermen. Wentworth, on the Darling River is only a short trip from the Retreat, as is Mildura for a greater range of shopping and services such as banks etc. Resident Caretakers are available from 9am-4pm daily.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Bublacowie Vietnam Veterans Village, SA

A relatively new facility on the Yorke Peninsula - Bublacowie Vietnam Veterans Village operated by a Mr Chris Soar. This is a excellent facility in which there is an excellent Military Museum, Accommodation facilities, Chappell and Remembrance Garden/s, and a Camp Kitchen, Dining Room and Bar which are utilised during Commemoration Days (Anzac Day, Long Tan Day & Remembrance Day) The kitchen is of commercial quality and these days are catered for on a professional basis.

Mr Chris Soar can be contacted on Ph (08) 8853 4379 or at Bublacowie Military Museum and Memorial, PO Box 178 YORKETOWN S.A. 5575

Bush Retreat – SA

Well it finally happened the freeholds for the Mootatunga/Karte bush retreats have been issued and the club is now processing titles to the individual block owners. There are many people to thank for this event and acknowledgements will be made in due course.

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CAMP ANDREW RUSSELL, SA

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 Lameroo 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 There are caravan & camping sites, There are no powered sites. The camp has an ablution building with two flushing toilets and a battery powered shower. You need to heat your water and fill the bucket for your shower. There is a camp kitchen which is screened to keep the bugs out. There is one frig and gas oven. A 6.5Kva generator for power

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TASMANIA

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bush Retreat Tasmania

DAGO POINT INTERLAKEN

This Retreat was built in 1989-90 by Vietnam Veterans of Tasmania for the relaxation of all Vietnam Veterans and their families. Mainland Veterans welcome. Situated in the Central Highlands, the Retreat offers peace and quiet all

year round. Fishing is at your door stop in Lake Sorell or just a few kilometers away at either the Great Lake or Arthur's Lake. Retreats are a great healing therapy, and still is for those who take the time to use this facility and just relax. This wonderful Bush Retreat accommodates up to 15 people. The Hut consists of a Kitchen, 1 Lounge, 5 Bedrooms, Bathroom /Laundry, Carport and undercover BBQ area.

KITCHEN This has three Fridges (1 Beer), Electric Oven, Hot Water, Crockery, Pots and Pans as well as all utensils, and a large Dining Setting. (Please bring your own food and booze.)

LOUNGE ROOM Wood Heater, Comfy Lounge Suite, Television, Video, Radio and Stereo.

BED ROOMS There are three Bedrooms with Double + over- head bunk Beds, also, two bedrooms with Bunk Beds. (Bring your own Linen).

BATHROOM/LAUNDRY Wheel Chair access to Shower and Toilet. Washing Machine. (Bring your own Toiletries and Towels).

UNDER COVER BBQ Wood Fired BBQ, Out door Setting, large Cement Fire Pot, Outside Toilet. Access to the hut is by Steps at the front door, or the ramp at the Car Port end of the building.

TO GET THERE

From HOBART: Travel up the Midland Highway until you get to Oatlands and turn left onto Interlaken Road (C526) and on to Interlaken.

From LAUNCESTON: Drive down the Midland Highway and turn right at Tunbridge on to (526) or to Oatlands and turn right onto road (527) and onto Interlaken.

From DEVONPORT: Travel Highway (1) to Deloraine then (A5) to the Steppes (Traversing western shore of Great Lake) Left at the Steppes to road (C527) and" on to Interlaken.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are staying at the Retreat in Winter, you may get lots of **SNOW** so be prepared. Don't forget your **CHAINS** and a little extra food just in case you get snowed in; also your fishing gear if you like to fish. Great Lake is open all year round.

HAVE A GREAT STAY

TARIFF \$30.00 per night for the first two people and \$5.00 extra per person per night.

FOR BOOKINGS

Robyn O'Connor
(03) 62240881

EMERGENCY PHONE

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OUTWARDS ONLY

Family and friends can phone in on:

(03) 6254 1055



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Bruce Rock, WA

*The Shire of **Bruce Rock** and its town site are situated in the heart of the Wheat belt, 254km east of Perth. It has a population of approximately 700 people, with 1200 people in the shire. **Bruce Rock** 'leads the way' to open spaces and an agricultural experience to be enjoyed by all. We welcome visitors to enjoy the picturesque main street, gardens, amphitheatre and sculpture park, historic buildings, museums, federation style verandahs and great facilities.*



Kokerbin Rock

Known as Kokerbin Hill, it is the third largest monolith in Australia and is recognized as an interesting unspoilt spot for flora and fauna study. It covers 9 hectares and is 122m high with interesting formations, caves and a deep well on

the western side. Situated approximately 40km north-west of Bruce Rock, the picnic and barbecue facilities that are available make to an ideal location for a pleasant outing with family and friends.

The 2009 Vietnam Veterans 'Back to the Bush' event was bigger and better than ever before. It was the ninth reunion to date and there was a wide array of activities to keep everyone occupied. The Bruce Rock Shire would like to thank everyone who attended for making it a success yet again. Next years Back to the Bush Reunion (10th Reunion) will be held on the first weekend of November starting on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 in Bruce Rock. We hope to see you in 2011!

Vietnam Veterans 2010



Recreation Centre Upgrade

The Bruce Rock Recreation Centre is currently undergoing an upgrade. The new tennis and netball courts have been completed along with a new club, meeting and function room. Work has commenced on the bowling green which will be relocated to the recreation centre. The next stage of the upgrade includes expansion of the gymnasium and change rooms.

Where to Stay

Bruce Rock Caravan Park – WA

PlaceID76975

Latitude 31.87556° S 31° 52' 32" S

Longitude 118.1417° E 118° 08' 30.01" E

Location of Bruce Rock Caravan Park

From [Narembeen](#), 31.79kms NW (39.8kms, 37mins driving)

From [Merredin](#), 45.61kms S (49.8kms, 44mins driving)

From [Kellerberrin](#), 48.19kms SE (57.7kms, 45mins driving)

From [Corrigin](#), 56.91kms NE (67.9kms, 54mins driving)



Bruce Rock Caravan Park

Dunstall Street

Bruce Rock 6418

Phone 08 9061 1070

Fax 08 9061 1340

Camp Hart, WA

Camp Hart was founded in 1999 as a place where Australian Defence Force Veterans, and their families and friends, could find solitude and /or friendship within the Veteran community year round. More importantly Camp Hart, in conjunction with the Kulin Bush Races, brings together the Veteran Community and the local Wheat belt Country Community.

Camp Hart was named after Peter Hart. Peter's parents were the Postmaster/Mistress of Kulin in 1967 when Peter was wounded on the 21st of March. He died 8 days later of his wounds in 2 Field Ambulance, Vung Tau, South Vietnam. The public is welcome to visit Peter's memorial, which is across the race track at the north end of the ground.

A Memorial service is held every year, on the Saturday morning and due to popular demand will be held at 8.00am this year enabling more people to attend. Everyone is welcome. The service is followed by "tea and toast" at the Main Race track kitchen.

TO ENTER CAMP HART follow the signs from Kulin enjoying the display of horses as you drive. Turn left at the races sign and follow the road around for 2 kms. You will see Jilakin Rock on your right and on your left the service entry for The Bush Race personnel only. The Camp Hart entry is approx. 500m on, just before the bend.

The camp has a four toilet and four shower ablution block- including 1 disabled shower toilet, urinal. There is a fully enclosed "Meet and Greet" area with gas BBQ, 2 pot belly stoves for the cold nights and a 7kva generator for camp facilities only.

Camp Hart would not exist without the support and efforts of the 9 Vietnam Veteran Project Pioneers and their families, the Shire of Kulin, the Lucchesi family and all the good people of Kulin.

Camp Hart has been given permission to use its logo from the Australian Department of Defence and reflects the three services of the Australian Defence Force: Navy, Army and Air force.

Any enquiries regarding the use of these facilities may be made to:

President Barry Todd: Home : 08 95348331
Mobile: 0427 471 541
Email : b.todd1@bigpond.com

Vice President Gary Williams: Home : 08 95812681
Mobile: 0148 945 785
Email : pecky82@bigpond.com

Secretary Terry Gott: Home : 08 95817414
Mobile : 0458 064 337
Email : terrylynn3@bigpond.com

Veterans Legion, Paddy's Flat, Meekatharra, WA

This is a most enjoyable place to spend some quiet few days. This is a resort style facility with unit accommodation including a community kitchen, laundry and large swimming pool and BBQ area. At the entrance is a most impressive replica of the Long Tan Cross bordered on three sides by red and white roses. It has to be seen to be really appreciated.

For bookings and information call Chris Atkins, caretaker and veteran on (08) 9980 1220

Chris is happy to accommodate volunteers for a working holiday in helping to maintain and upgrade the facilities

If going north turn right past the Shell service station on your way into town and follow the signs to Paddy's Flat.

Enjoy – Trevor Herbert, Bunbury

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