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CENTRAL QUEENSLAND VETERANS SUPPORT CENTER

Pensions & Advocacy Service

<http://talk.to/veteransupport>

Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 0900 and 1300 at the RSL Office, 6 Archer Street, Rockhampton. For appointments phone Gail on 07 4922 3616

Will be closed for the Christmas/New Year break from Tuesday 21st Dec 2000 to Tuesday 16th Jan 2001

Email rockyvets@tpg.com.au

The Veteran community sends its thanks for the hours of voluntary service provided by the Pensions Officers. Our thanks to you for attending training services provided by TIP, DVA and other trainers. The success of the Center is a reflection of the caliber of our Officers, congratulations Ladies & Gentlemen!

MEDIA THANKS

- Thanks to Editor Nikkii Joyce for her assistance with news and items in the Capricorn Local News. VetEvents is published fortnightly in a conspicuous place and should be read by all Veterans who wish to keep in touch with local issues.
- Thanks also to the staff at The Morning Bulletin for taking up issues of interest to Veterans and reporting them to Central Queensland readers.



NEW COMPUTERS

Christmas Specials
COMPUSOUND & CQNET
Shop 38 & 39 KMART PLAZA
North Rockhampton
See Debbie or Richard
Phone 4922 5988
www.compusound.com.au
compusound@cqnet.com.au
And CQNET Internet Service
Provider, talk to Adrien or Carla
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THE VETERAN DROP IN CENTER

**Maybe closed 21st, 28th Dec
and the 4th Jan**

The Rockhampton Drop in
Center 310 Quay Street (Naval
Cadets Unit Building) is
operating every Thursday from
1030 to 1330.

All Veterans and their families
are most welcome.

Phone on Thursdays between
1030 & 1330 **07 4922 3891**

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their particular circumstances.

**Thanks to Robin Bauer
for keeping our wives
informed**



WIVES / PARTNERS LADIES NIGHT OUT

In Rockhampton, Ladies
Night Out is coordinated by
Robin Bauer 4928 1152 and
held on the evening the first
Wednesday of each month

GOLD COAST 2001 ANZAC WEEK

104 SIGNAL SQUADRON REUNION -

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday
25th April - march together in
ANZAC Parade - meet for
dinner and social 6pm

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**CQVVAA CHRISTMAS
BARBECUE / MEETING**
Sunday 10th December
All Meetings /Barbecues will be
held at the Kershaw Gardens
Vietnam Memorial. Access is
from Welch St and then Fraser
Street near the Glenmore
Railway Crossing UBD Map
Telstra White Pages

Rockhampton Ref P/Q 12/13.
**To the right of the entrance
gate, a flagpole and our plaque.**
Contact Phil Aplin
4928 6711 for catering
purposes if you are attending
the Barbecues



BBQ RAFFLE

Thanks to Chauncey Jones
Ex 110 Signals and Red
Rooster, prizes for the
barbecue are vouchers you'll
be able to take home to enjoy.
(A) One voucher "Family
Meal for 4 people" and (B)
One voucher for a "Whole
chicken"

And a bottle of Bundy Rum
donated by the



Anchor Hotel
39 Bridge
Street North
Rockhampton

And next month we'll see even
more prizes donated by



The Show
Grounds Store

**RV & JJ Comollattie 36 Lion
Creek Road Rockhampton**

**Nick Quigley compiles BEARCAT
GRUNTS.** The name **BEARCAT**
comes from my posting to Bearcat
with the Royal Thai Army Volunteer
Forces and the 720th US Military
Police. The word **GRUNTS** is a
noise made by a bear. So you could
say that the newsletter / website is a
voice, a way of communication, a
means of getting information and
views to the masses.

JEAN WILLIAMS author of "Cry in the Wilderness" and "The Devils Rainbow" has just launched another best seller. **HARVEST OF TEARS - Vietnam's hidden Legacy.**

Approx \$25 plus postage
The Books are available from Jean at phone 07 5441 1753 or writing to Jean R Williams
186 Coes Creek Road
Nambour QLD 4560

COCKSCOMB Christmas Party

On the 25th November Veterans and their partners attended a BBQ dinner at the Cockscomb Retreat. Many new faces were seen and some old ones too. All attending enjoyed the evening and our thanks go to **Bruce and Liz Acutt** for their generosity and assistance though out the year. This year a bush kitchen has been added to Cockscomb and this provides all weather undercover cooking. Next years plans are for the accommodation units, making Cockscomb congenially hospitable for Veteran partners. Take a look at the work going on at Cockscomb on the web page <http://talk.to/veteransupport> and click on the link Cockscomb.

The **Cockscomb Christmas Raffle** was won by 1st Sports Bag donated by "His & Hers Yeppoon" - Jaidyn Evans
2nd Sandwich Maker donated by Cookie - Wanita Stanley
3rd Voucher donated by ANZAC Club Rockhampton - Connie Bradford

Thanks to all of our sponsors and to the hours of voluntary work put in by Veterans throughout the year.



Kitchen under construction.



Kitchen roof goes on.



Most of the Kitchen Team.



Federal Member for Capricornia Kirsten Livermore was invited to inspect the work done by Veterans at Cockscomb.

If you want to assist with working bees and the ongoing Cockscomb project, contact Cookie on 4939 1028 or Graham Jensen on 4933 2457

Bruce Sartwell
detect96@sprynet-com
Viet Vets

Hello, while surfing the net I was fortunate to come across the Bearcat Grunts web site.

I served with the 9th W. Div. as a Long Range Patrol team leader for E. Co. 50th W. LRRP.

We had Australian SAS exchange team members with us while working out of Bearcat.

The Div. moved to Dong Tam in mid 1968 and I lost touch with them. **I remember them to be fantastic soldiers and world class beer drinkers.** I would love to hear from anyone who may have spent some time with my unit or just anyone who was at Bearcat. It was an honor to have served with you. Sincerely,

Bruce Sartwell
Concord, NB, USA

Back Issues of this Newsletter are available on the Net at <http://go.to/bearcatgrunts> then click on the CQVVAA link. Files are in an Acrobat *.PDF format. Acrobat reader is available on the Net at <http://www.adobe.com>





Left to right photo above - Nick Quigley President CQVVAA Ex 104 Sig Sqn, SSGT Bradley Cran, CUO Sasha Fuller, Major Roy Savage MM Ex 7 RAR

14 Regional Cadet Unit (14RCU)

North Rockhampton State High School pupils have the opportunity to join and train with 14RCU.

On the 31st October 2000 the passing out parade was held in the school hall. Wet weather had made the parade ground too soggy. Cadets from the unit, parents and instructors watched on as Cadet Under Officer Sasha Fuller was presented with the trophy for Top Cadet 2000. Sasha has been a cadet for five years. After leaving school at the end of grade 12 she hopes to study journalism.

Staff Sergeant Bradley Cran, a Grade 11 Student and three years in cadets took out the best shot.

Bradley has an edge on other cadets, because he is a junior

member of the Sport Shooting Association of Australia. Shooting both Bronze and Silver medallions at local shoots.

Editors Note: While on shooting, my son Andrew was presented with a trophy. Third for the year 2000 in Junior Class .22 Silhouette at the Cawarral SSAA Range - Well done Andrew.

Members wishing to know more about shooting as a sport in our local area can look at <http://rkssaa.tripod.com>

or phone Stewart Gavin 4936 1333. Stewart is a member of SSAA Rockhampton Q07 Shooting is for all the Family There are other shooting clubs in Central Queensland, however I don't have their contact details for this publication.

35mm SLIDES

Warren Jaenke has taken advantage of having his Vietnam slides scanned to CD.

His comment was "I should have done it a long time ago, I didn't realise how faded some

had got". It is not just fading that is the problem, the emulsion that forms the image of the slide tends to degenerate to a blue tinge and eventually destroys the image altogether.

DON'T DELAY YOUR 35mm SLIDES?

More than likely they are deteriorating and if you want them to last another generation you should arrange to have them scanned to digital format and copied to a CD. It is no good putting it off and thinking I'll get it done one day. By then it will be too late.

Cost - CD and first 24 slides or negatives \$10 and \$5 per 24 slides/negatives there- after. A CDR can only be written to once, so all the required photos should be gathered at the one time.



And last - but not least, if you feel like walking, Join the "Just Walk It" Rockhampton Veterans Group on Monday at 1715 corner of North Street and Victoria Pde. A moderate walk about 40minutes.