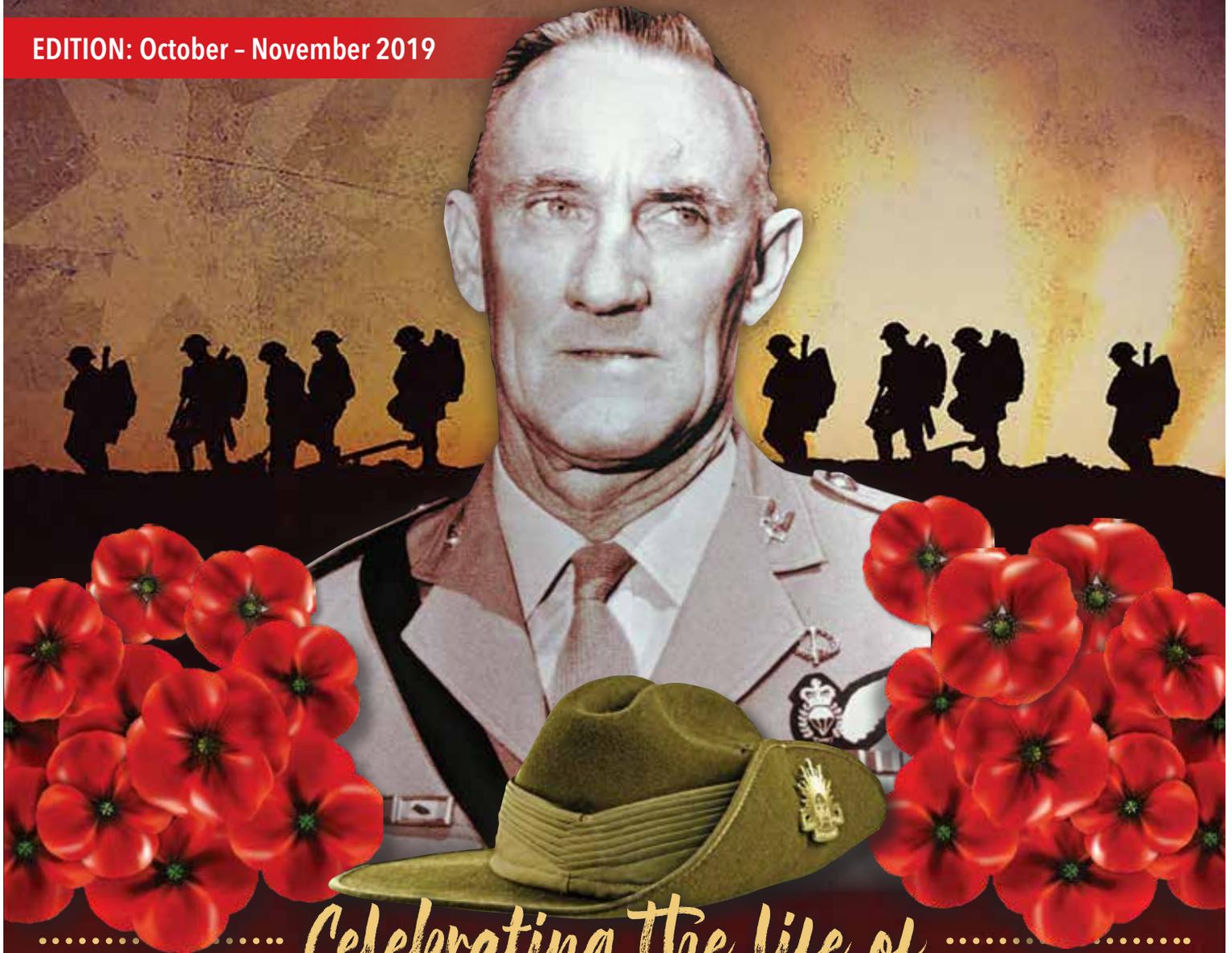


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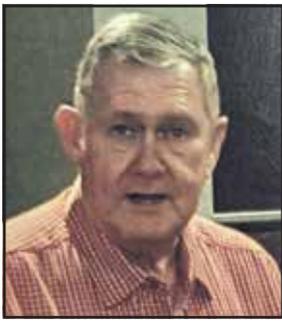
30th Market Day

**SEPTEMBER**

14th Committee Meeting

27th Market Day

**Support the organisation that supports you...**



# President's Chat

BY PRESIDENT Geoff Linwood

**H**ello all you hard working people. I've been very happy lately to see the Markets going very well. All comes down to the workers, both men and ladies. Well done all!

We have received our Club Support from Wallsend Diggers and it is much appreciated. Their support during the year from the CEO and the Board of Directors is tremendous.

We are the Pension Officers and Welfare Support for Newcastle RSL Sub Branch and we appreciate their support. As Cardiff RSL Sub Branch has lost their Pension Officers we look like filling that roll.

The Vietnam Veterans Day was a big one and many thanks to all involved in setting up a big well done. A special mention to the young Bugler, as he was very good, infact he played the Bugle very professionally and he was a credit to the instructor. Cpl Jackson's family was well represented and our historian gave a good presentation on the Corporal.

The Vietnam Veterans Dinner was a big success and a good night was had by all. The Jackson family was very well represented and they enjoyed the evening as well.

When you receive this *Hunteria* you may be planning to attend our Christmas function to be held on Saturday December 7th in the

main auditorium at Diggers, and please note the office will be closed from Monday December 16th. The Christmas function is a casual event and I would like to see you all there.

The *Hunteria* is YOUR Magazine and to reduce the carbon foot print of this association we are asking all members to inform us of your email addresses. In future we will email the *Hunteria* to you, thus reducing printing, labour, postage, paper usage and ink. Those without an email address will still receive the *Hunteria* by mail. 

Thank you all,  
*Geoff*

## WELFARE REPORT



WITH Allan Crumpton, Welfare Officer

**S**pring is here but the flu season has not gone completely. It appears that the particular strain this year is not playing ball with the flu shots and a number of people who have had their shots are still getting break-through flu. Some Doctors are even suggesting a follow up shot.

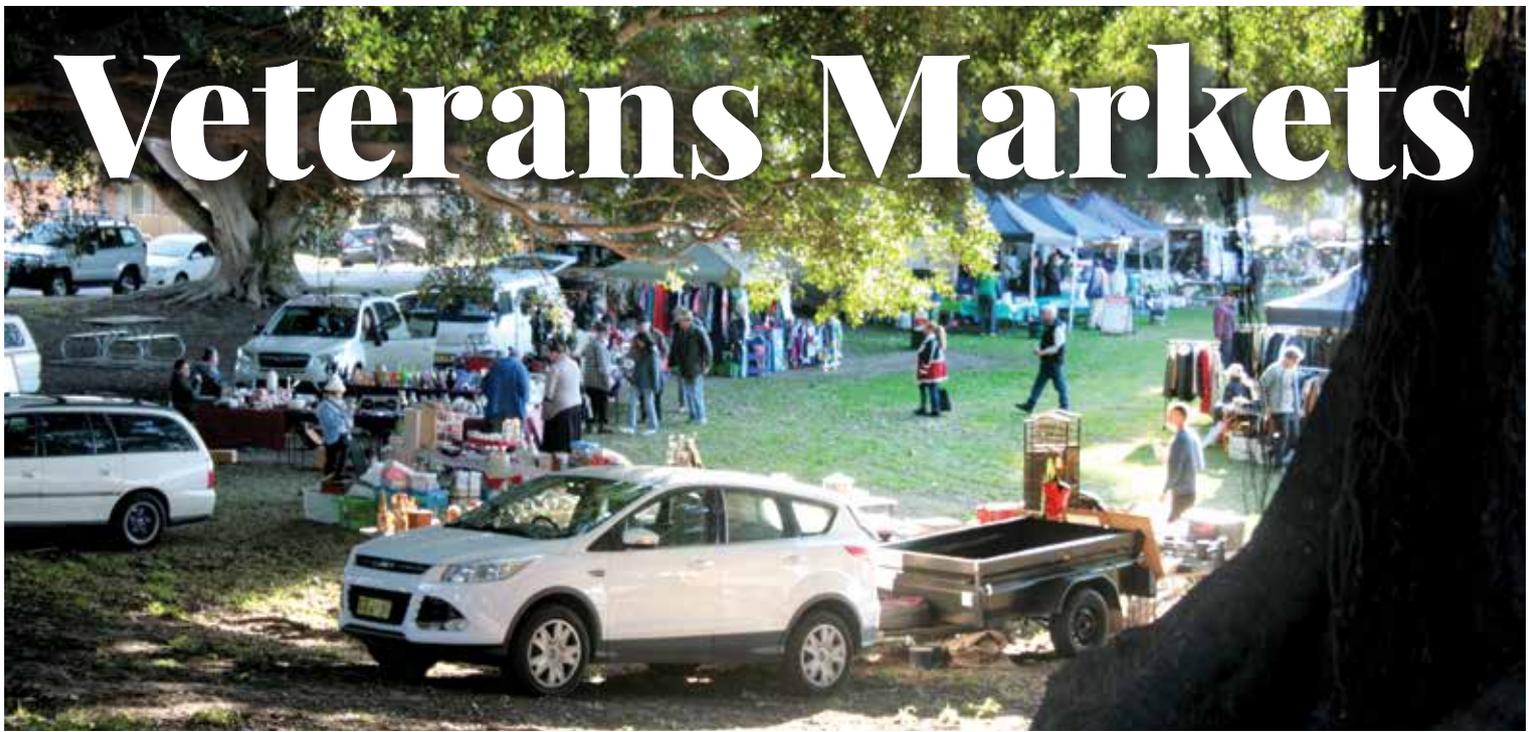
Unfortunately the last few weeks have seen too many funeral of veterans. It is an issue we have very little control over but a reminder that we should be looking after ourselves and our loved ones to the best of our abilities.

Are you aware of your entitlements? If you or your partner are ill there may be provision to have a nurse attend your

premises to assist with medications or showers. Home care can be provided for cleaning the home 2 hours per fortnight. You can have your gutters, windows and fans can be cleaned.

These services can be provided through your Occupational Therapist and there is a small charge involved for the services. 

# Veterans Markets



The Newcastle Vietnam Veterans Organisation has been operating the Markets at Wickham Park in Islington for in excess of 25 years and rely on the event for most of its capital. The markets are held on the last Sunday of each month, apart from December.

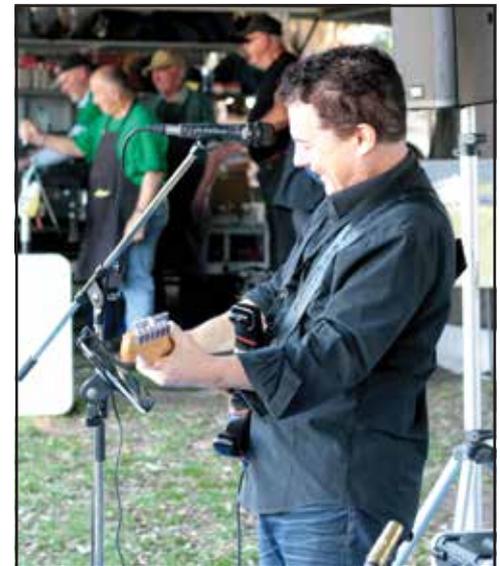
At the latest market, held on the 25th August, there were 145 stallholders, slightly short of the 173 in July. Some stallholders arrive at 3am to get their prime spot!

For the second market in a row we ran out of food by 11.30am. During July we had no food left at all, meaning we had cooked some 40 dozen eggs, 40 kilos of sausages,

30 kilos of bacon and used 100 loaves of bread! In August we cooked 34 dozen eggs and 40 kilos of sausages, before having to purchase another 5 kilos, along with the 30 kilos of bacon and almost all of the 100 loaves of bread. Along with the meals served, we sell tea, coffee, soft drinks and water.

We usually have around 12 personnel volunteer their time, but anyone is welcome to come along and spend an enjoyable Sunday morning helping out a great cause. We are always on the lookout for helpers.

Contact the office on 4952 1666 on Mondays and Thursdays between 9am and 1pm to find out more. 



# Enduring Power of Attorneys and Abuse

An Enduring Power of Attorney is a legal document that allows a person (the principal) to nominate one or more persons (referred to as attorneys) to act on behalf of the principal.

An Enduring Power of Attorney gives the attorney the authority to manage the legal and financial affairs of the principal in the event that the principal loses the capacity to make decisions in the future, including buying and selling real estate, shares and other assets, operating your bank accounts and spending money on your behalf.

The Powers of Attorney Act 2003 (NSW) ("the Act") describes a power of attorney document that is in or to the effect of the form prescribed by the regulations to the Act as a Prescribed Power of Attorney.

While the Prescribed Power of Attorney confers on the attorney the authority to do on behalf of the principal anything that the principal may lawfully authorise an attorney to do. It is important to know that there are limits on this power, and that the Prescribed Power of Attorney provides for options for the Principal to tailor the limits on this authority.

A Prescribed Power of Attorney does not authorise an attorney to give a gift of all or any property of the principal to any other person unless the instrument creating the power expressly authorises the giving of the gift.

A Prescribed Power of Attorney does not authorise an attorney to do any act, as a result of which a benefit would be conferred on the attorney, or a third party unless the

instrument creating the power expressly authorises the conferral of the benefit.

In the event that the principal elects to authorise the giving of gifts or conferral of benefits on other persons, Schedule 3 to the Act provides further explanation of the allowed scope of these prescribed authorisations.

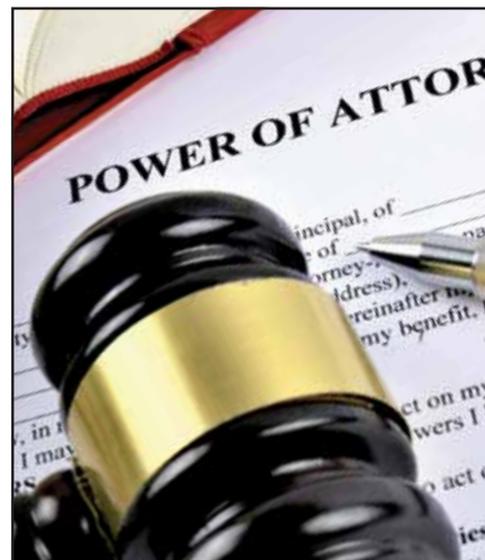
A Prescribed Power of Attorney is also subject to compliance with any conditions or limitations specifically included by the principal in the instrument creating the power.

Unless the Power of Attorney allows for benefits to be conferred on the attorney or a third party, all acts done by the attorney must be for the benefit of the principal.

In the event that The Act provides for review of a Power of Attorney and provides the Guardianship Tribunal with powers to make a range of orders in relation to a Power of Attorney, including:

- varying the powers conferred by the power of attorney;
- removing a person from office as an attorney;
- requiring an attorney furnish accounts and other information as to dealings and transactions made by the attorney to the tribunal; or
- revoking all or part of the power of attorney.

In the event that an attorney acts outside the scope of actions authorised by the Power of Attorney, there are a range of civil and criminal remedies and penalties.



Where the attorney obtains a profit as a result of a transaction in conflict with their fiduciary duties, the Court has the ability to set aside the transaction

From a criminal law perspective, financial abuse and exploitation can be prosecuted through a variety of channels including misappropriation of property, theft or fraud.

Power of Attorney laws vary from State to State, however in the NSW context, the Act does impose penalties of up to 5 years imprisonment in the event that the attorney performs acts as an attorney knowing that authorisation under the Power of Attorney for such actions has been suspended or terminated.

If you have questions regarding putting in place or amending your own Power of Attorney, acting as someone else's attorney, or concerns over abuse by an appointed attorney, contact Baker Love Lawyers. 

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# Concern about Veterans' allied health changes

Federal Parliament has now resumed and there's lots going on. One issue that I'm following closely is the Morrison Government's proposed changes to treatment cycle for allied health referrals for veterans.

Under these changes, instead of a blanket referral for up to one year, GPs will have to refer clients to an allied health professional for a 'treatment cycle' of up to 12 sessions or one year, whichever comes sooner.

At the end of each cycle, the provider must report back to the GP who will decide if further treatment is required and the veteran will need to go back to their GP to get a new referral.

This could mean an extra visit to the GP every few weeks for many veterans with high and complex needs, and result in gaps and delays in treatment. It will also leave veterans out of pocket for

the cost of these extra GP visits.

Labor has been raising concerns about these plans for some time now, and we were pleased when the Government delayed implementation until October.

We hoped they would use the time to consult more widely and improve the model. At the very least we want to see more flexibility and exemptions for veterans with complex cases.

Regretfully, October is just around the corner now and there's no sign the Government's plans have changed.

While Labor will continue to argue for a better model, **I need to know what these changes might mean for veterans in our community.** If you'd like to share your story or let me know your specific concerns, please get in touch. See contact details below.

## Congratulatory messages

Do you have a special occasion coming up?

Did you know I can organise personal congratulations for significant birthdays and wedding anniversaries?

You may be eligible for messages from the Prime-Minister, Governor-General and / or the Queen, depending on the specific anniversary or birthday.

Just get in touch with my office at least six weeks before the big day and we'll organise everything for you.

## Sharon Claydon MP

## How can I help **you**?

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BY Anthony Piggott of Piggott's Pharmacies Blackbutt, Branxton, Hamilton, Lambton & Merewether.

# Pharmacist advice, *ask Piggotts!*

Many Australian men do not look after their own health very well. They tend to avoid or delay regular health checks and their health is often poorer than that of women the same age. Men can often improve their health with changes to diet, exercise and other lifestyle habits.

## SOME HEALTH ISSUES

**Bowel cancer:** more common in men than women. Risk increases over the age of 50 years.

**Depression:** depression affects about 1 in 8 Australian men, and men are more likely to suicide than women. Men are more likely than women to describe physical symptoms of depression, but often do not seek help.

**Heart disease:** men are more likely to die from heart disease than women. Risk factors for heart disease include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking and overweight, which are more common in men.

**Prostate disease:** more common in older men. The three main prostate problems are:

- benign prostatic hyperplasia/ hypertrophy (BPH) – the prostate gland gets bigger and affects urine flow
- prostate cancer

- prostatitis – prostate becomes sore and swollen, usually due to infection.

**Erectile dysfunction (ED):** ED, or impotence, means being unable to get and/or keep an erection that allows sexual intercourse. ED is common, but most men do not like to talk about it with their doctor. Some medical conditions can lead to ED (e.g. diabetes, obesity, heart disease, high cholesterol, Parkinson's disease). Drinking too much alcohol, smoking, stress and some medicines can also cause ED.

**Low testosterone:** testosterone is a male sex hormone. A low testosterone level can be caused by disorders of the testes or pituitary gland, or other health problems (e.g. obesity).

## SELF CARE

A number of health issues are more common in men than women. This may be due to the way men deal with health and lifestyle issues.

Have health checks and tests, ask a Doctor or speak with your Pharmacist.

- Don't smoke
- Limit alcohol to no more than two standard drinks in one day
- Exercise at a moderate level for at least 30 minutes on all or most days of the week
- Keep to a healthy weight
- Eat regular, healthy meals, including plenty of fruits, vegetables and wholegrain foods. Limit foods high in fat, sugar or salt

- Drink enough water every day to satisfy your thirst and to keep your urine 'light-coloured' (unless a doctor advises not to)
- Learn and use relaxation techniques to manage stress
- Talk about problems with someone you trust – a friend, relative or health professional.

If you need further information regarding your Health, ask a Piggott's Pharmacist today.

This year Veterans' Health Week (VHW) will be held from **Saturday, 26 October, to Sunday, 3 November** and the theme will be **Mental Wellness**.

DVA will support ex-service organisations (ESOs) and community organisations with established links to the veteran community to deliver a range of events to highlight the importance of improving and maintaining good mental health. Mental wellness is essential for an individual's overall health and wellbeing which, in turn, strongly influences our physical health and social connectedness with family, friends and community. For further information contact Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling (24/7): **1800 011 046** or the DVA website at [www.dva.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/mental-health](http://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/mental-health).



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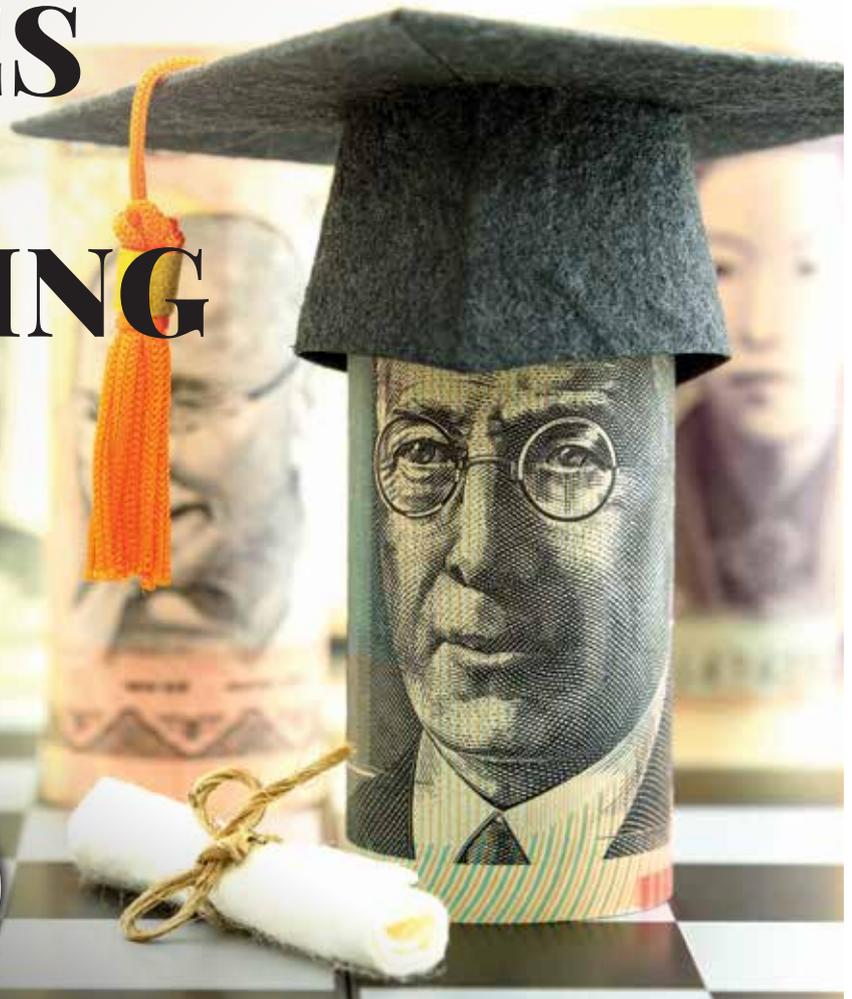
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# THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING

“This will allow the  
Vietnam Veterans  
name to live on...”



## Vietnam Veterans to Help School Kids!



BY Shayne  
Towers-Hammond  
Military  
Compensation  
Advocate

As we all know, time waits for no man or woman! With this in mind, we realise that everything has to come to an end. The Vietnam Veterans realise this like most other people and as a result time has come to make plans to put things in place that remember a form of Legacy of the organisation when the organisation has effectively finished operating.

Newcastle and Hunter Region Vietnam Veterans have taken such action in a recent change to our Constitution. This change has paved the way where we can raise money or financially support individual school children's education in the name of fallen 19 who did not return from the Vietnam conflict who left our shores from the Hunter Region.

This will allow for selected school students undergoing years 11 and 12 from any public school in the Hunter Region to be financially assisted up to \$2000 per year to enable the financial burden to be relieved for their individual families. In the first stages this will be open to one male and one female student per year. At this time, a minimum of 10 years has been proposed.

Criteria for this is still being finalised; however, the first scholarships will be anticipated this will commence in 2020.

This will allow the Vietnam Veterans name to live on even after the organisation has subsequently ceased to exist. In essence the funds raised will allow the organisation to help the young with their studies and also remind them of the sacrifice the veterans have made to remember our fallen and what they mean to us.

Like most well laid plans, there is plenty of behind the scenes work which still needs to be done. It is also anticipated that this initiative will be well accepted by the community as well as the veterans as a whole. 🇺🇸

# Assumption can be a very embarrassing thing!



BY Shayne Towers-Hammond  
Military Compensation Advocate

Many Veterans can recall that when they have been with a group of their ex-service mates at a pub or club over a beer they sooner or later hear ...

*'Mate, you should be on a Gold Card now... Just go down to the RSL or the Vietnam Veterans and put a claim in for it.'*

**THE TRUTH IS:**

You may be entitled to some form of DVA

assistance as a result of your particular service and injuries or illness sustained by you as a result of it; however, each case is an individual matter and will be treated as such. Just because mates of yours may have a Gold Card, does not automatically mean you may be entitled to it.

The Gold Card is an entitlement that has specific requirements and is not open to every veteran. Please remember that there are a number of Acts which you may have to be assessed under during the claim process

and your entitlement can only be assessed on 'your' individual situation. The Gold Card is but one avenue of assistance to certain criteria within the veteran community.

What is a certainty, is that to receive any entitlement in accordance with a DVA Pension or support mechanism it is done after appropriate investigative and Standard of Proof Process. If during this process you gain a Gold Card you have done so as a result of your individual entitlement and not that as an expectation. 🇺🇸

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# Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day & Dinner — 17th August, 2019 —

BY Stephen W Finney OAM JP  
Director of Ceremonies

This year we had a very successful Remembrance Day when about 300 veterans and family members of the 19 KIAs gathered in Civic Park at the Vietnam Memorial after a short march for the vets from the Memorial Grove in Laman Street.

We remembered Private Robert Jackson from Greta who was killed in a mine explosion in 1970. We were joined by his widow and children and about 20 of the extended family. James Mackay OAM our honorary historian researched Robert's life and delivered a profile at the service.

This year we had a very special fly over by a RAAF Hawk fighter to mark the start of the service it was a fitting salute to all of the 19 KIA and it was special for the pilot Flight Lieutenant Jason De Juliis (Call Sign "Jubbs") When in the 1990's he was a flag bearer at one of our Vietnam Vets services.

Now this year he expressed how proud he was to be the pilot of the Hawk Fighter that paid the special salute.

Jason is now an instructor with 76 Sqn at Williamtown.

Thanks "Jubbs", For helping make our day special on both occasions



Jason (left) standing proudly at attention in the centre rank as a proud 10 year old RSL Air Cadet.



Jason standing in front of his FA18 while he was flying with 75 Sqn out of Tindal. Inset Top: Fly over by the RAAF Hawk fighter.



After the service in Civic Park we all adjourned to Wallsend Diggers where we had around 180 Vets, family members and special guests for dinner and a night of entertainment. The Diggers excelled themselves with the catering the food was outstanding.

Whilst all who attended had a terrific time, we were reminded of Past Members who have left our ranks.

Each year after profiling the life of the 19 KIA we host the families at our dinner and we are finding they keep coming back year after year and it is a great feeling to know we are doing something special for them.

We have 5 KIAs left to profile and as the years move on it is getting harder and harder to find the family members or the mates that served with them. So if you can give us any information of these boys, please contact our Director of Ceremonies, Stephen Finney, on 0408 434 025 and he can take it from there.

- **Alan John Wallis** – KIA 16 May 1968 while serving with 1RAR
- **Paul Manning** – KIA 2 March 1971 while serving with 3RAR
- **Wayne Allan Blanck** – KIA 20 September 1966 while serving with the AATTV

- **William John Ashton** – KIA 3 April 1967 while serving with 6RAR

- **Thomas Douglas Blackhurst** – KIA 17 April 1971 while serving with the AATTV

Profiling these 5 will complete all 19 and will bring us up to 2024. After that we plan on giving a detain talk on the Australian involvement with each of the major battles.

Next year our service will be held on the 15th August, following the tradition of having it on the Saturday closest to the 18th August the gazetted Vietnam Remembrance Day. So mark this on your calendar for next year... you will be assured of a good time! 🍷



# Significant wins for the Wallsend community



Newcastle Road foot bridge: one less set of traffic lights, good news for drivers.

BY Sonia Hornery MP,  
State Member for Wallsend

The first year of the 57th Parliament of NSW has been a busy one indeed for the Wallsend Electorate. I have continued to advocate for our community, asking Questions on Notice of Ministers, presenting Notices of Motion to the Legislative Assembly and speaking on a range of topics, including policing in the Wallsend Electorate, elective surgery waiting times and local public transport.

I am pleased to report some significant wins for the Wallsend community.

The Newcastle City Police District has been holding a number of Pop Up Police Stations around the Wallsend Electorate and has

increased community outreach and the number of patrols in the area. If you see antisocial behaviour or illegal activity, I urge you to contact the Police Assistance Line on **13 14 44**. The more reports are made, the more resources will be allocated to our area.

Work is set to commence on the long-awaited Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass from Rankin Park to Jesmond, with tenders for the first stage of works finally awarded. This stage of works will include the removal of the pedestrian crossing at Newcastle Road in Jesmond and its replacement with a foot bridge. This will mean improved traffic and pedestrian flow in the area.

Finally, after a number of break-ins which caused more than \$150,000 of damage,

and working with parents and concerned members of the local community, I was able to secure funding for a security fence at Glendore Public School. It goes to show that a committed local community can achieve real change.

If you are part of a community group, contact my office to be added to the list for grant opportunities. The My Community Project grants were recently finalised, with the Newcastle Theatre Company and the New Vine Baptist Church sharing in \$260,000.

Keep in mind that my office also has Justice of the Peace services and can assist you with congratulatory messages for events like 50th Wedding Anniversaries. We are always looking for new ideas for Questions, Notices of Motion or Community Recognition Statements – short speeches submitted to the Parliament which highlight individuals or organisations who have achieved something of note in the local area.

If you have an issue with a State Government Department, get in touch and we'll see what we can do to help. If there is anything you feel needs to be brought to my attention, contact my office on **4950 0955** or by email at [wallsend@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wallsend@parliament.nsw.gov.au).

You can also reach me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SoniaHornery](https://www.facebook.com/SoniaHornery).



The recent Pop Up Police Station in Wallsend was a big success.

Lest We forget



# See You on The Other Side

## A tribute to Clem Kealy AM MID



BY Mick Carroll DCM  
and the Vietnam  
Veterans Association,  
Newcastle

I first met Clem in the early 1960 in 2RAR at Holsworthy Army Barracks. Clem was in the SAS at the time and was visiting 2RAR to catch up with some of his mates and also to organise a SAS Selection Course for late 1961.

I looked at Clem and listened to his talk in awe, as he first spoke of the SAS and

role, they play in the Defence Force and Australian Security. He then moved into his selection process.

“All those that have been in the Army, for less than three years move to my left”. I moved to the left with about twenty others.

He looked at us, and continued, “Too young now. Try again, when the next selection course comes this way, but

don't give up, about joining the SAS. Learn all you can about your INFANTRY TRADE, which is to kill or capture your enemy”.

He finished his talk to us (the rejects) by saying, “Knowledge dispels fear. Your enemy is a soldier like you, all you need to do, is be a better soldier than him”.

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*Wedding Day: Clem with the love of his life, Doris*

*Previous page: (left) A proud father of his two boys, Laurie and Michael.(right) Saying "hello" to the locals on vacation in Turkey.*

*Below: Clem (front right) saw 370 days of service in Korea with 3RAR at the epic Battle of Kapyong.*



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In looking back, I've realised that this advice influenced me deeply for the remainder of my Army Career.

I next met Clem in 1962 and '63. I was now posted to the Airborne Platoon at Williamstown NSW. Clem was now in the Commandos. He came to Williamstown for parachute activities and put the Platoon through an unarmed combat course.

Clem's dress and bearing were exceptional, and although small in stature, he projected himself as a giant in knowledge and strength! We all came away with the thought that Clem was, "A Super Soldier"!

Malaya – Borneo – South Vietnam came and went. I was reposted back to the RAAF Base at Williamstown from '69 – '75 and during this time, Clem was also posted back to Williamstown. He was reposted to the new Parachute School as both a Parachute Jump Instructor and the first RSM of the Parachute School... On promotion I was his CSM.

**... he projected himself as a giant in knowledge and strength...**

When we opened the new Parachute School, Clem invited me to his office for a brew and a chat. "How do you handle the admin, for all the Army Sub units on the Base?" he asked.

"I'm not an Admin man, so I delegate!" "Good! So, will I" he answered.

After we both retired from the Army our paths crossed frequently, having decided to live locally. We kept in contact, at the Sandgate Markets (Security), TPI Association, Vietnam Vets Association and finally when he was admitted to Shortland Hospital and subsequent rehab and aged care facilities.



*Clem joined the Williamstown Parachute Training Wing, in the late 1950s and later became the Parachute Training School Regimental Sergeant Major.*

*Clem was wounded on the Kokoda Track while serving with the 2/39 Battalion in Papua New Guinea during WW2. Upon recovering he joined Z Special Unit and operated on Timor.*

Thus, began the most challenging times, as with societies extreme privacy laws, it is often challenging to find where even the best of mate had been moved too.

I will always remember, when I tracked him down to Bolton Clarke at Bolton Point, (formerly the old Soldiers Home) He was in room 10 Tobruk House. I called into visit. Clem was in bed. I said to him "You look ok, what are you doing in bed?"

"Waiting to die", he replied.

**... most of all he enjoyed the bottle of Port I gave him each visit...**

He repeated that statement on several occasions, over the next few months. He seemed to enjoy the grapes and biscuits that I took to him. Most of all he enjoyed the bottle of Port, that I gave to him on each visit.

The last time I saw Clem was Sunday 21st July 2019 @ 1700hrs I had the feeling that, Clem was close to dying, so I said my goodbyes and said a prayer for him.

Our first call, Monday 22nd July, confirmed that he had passed.

A great soldier and mate had departed. What a loss! On the following pages you will be amazed a Clem's Military History. Statement of Service, Honours and Awards, Sharon Claydon's MP Condolence Speech, House of Representatives, Funeral Service Booklet Newcastle Herald Article and my favourite photo of WO1 Clement Roy Kealy AM MID **NOTE:** A big thanks to Sharon Claydon MP for her, Condolence Speech in Parliament, Sharon is on our side.

No mention from the Generals in Canberra. The lack of recognition, loss of a great soldier and leader... wouldn't get them a gong. To all the OR's thank you all for your condolences. When you have your next PORT, raise your glass to Clem. 🇺🇸



*In Vietnam, Clem was an instructor at the Duc My training camp for Rangers and the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol School at Van Kiep.*



Sharon Claydon MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEWCASTLE

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**25 JULY 2019**

**CONDOLENCE SPEECH - CLEM KEALY AM MID**

Today I'd like to recognise and celebrate the extraordinary life of an extraordinary man from my electorate, Clem Kealy AM, MiD.

Sadly, Clem passed away on Sunday aged 95.

To say Clem was a highly decorated soldier would be an understatement.

Indeed, he served in more than three separate theatres of war over decades of service.

Clem started his military service in the Second World War, where he served in Papua New Guinea. He also served in the Korean War, where he fought in the epic battle of Kapyong, and did two tours of duty in the Vietnam War.

This is an incredible record of service on its own, but Clem also did peacekeeping in Japan, trained elite parachutists in the United States and became a Regimental Sergeant Major in the Australian SAS.

Since retiring, Clem has been a greatly respected member of the Newcastle veterans community. He's a long-serving patron of the Newcastle and Hunter Region Vietnam Veterans and a member of the Waratah Mayfield RSL sub-branch.

The home base for the Newcastle and Hunter Region Vietnam Veterans in Wallsend is named the Clem Kealy Centre in his honour.

In addition to his service, Clem is well known in Newcastle as a true gentleman who would do anything to help others. He's renowned for his quick wit and larrikin ways that endear him to everyone who crosses his path.

On behalf of the people of Newcastle, I pay tribute to Clem and thank him for his remarkable contribution to our community and nation.

My heartfelt condolences go to his two sons, Laurie and Michael, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Thanks for sharing Clem with us all. His legacy, for which we remain truly grateful, is immense.

# IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!



BY Stephen W Finney OAM JP  
Membership Officer

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The Second World War saw a sudden

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The way Legacy has supported widows and children is via Legatees – volunteers who make a personal commitment to assist the families of those who served our country.

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Personal contact is what makes Legacy's care special. This gives Legacy its unique character. Legacy continues to support widows in their senior years, providing

them with support they need to live comfortable and socially-included lives.

Today's families are offered a range of support which ensures they do not suffer financially or socially despite their loss, whether the veteran has died or cannot be fully involved in supporting his/her family because of physical or mental injury.

Legacy may assist widow(er)s with retraining to help them move into better-suited employment so they can care for their family. Families may take holidays where they meet other families facing similar challenges.

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#### PATRON:

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Children may attend camps and holidays where they soon make friends, often for life, with other children who just understand what they are going through.

Legacy endeavors to support every child through their education, from pre-school to tertiary studies for a diploma or degree. Financial assistance for school fees, textbooks, laptops, extra curricula activities are among the range of assistance given to secondary students. Tertiary students are provided with a range of support to ensure

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“The range of support Legacy provides allows families to thrive despite their loss”, said Sydney Legacy President Legatee Greg Wrate.

“Support that is offered is tailored to a

particular family. We listen to what their needs are and come up with solutions that will meet the families’ needs within the parameters of what Legacy is able to provide.”

“What is offered changes over time. Many decades back, it was books and school shoes, now it is laptops and extra-curricular activities.

“Whatever we provide, it is with the intent that these families should not suffer socially or financially after the loss of a Defence Force partner or parent.”



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Allan Crompton



Neil Colquhoun



# Remembrance Day Ceremony at Lake Macquarie Memorial Park

Monday, 11th November 2019

A dedicated Remembrance Day ceremony will take place from 5.30pm on Monday 11th November at Lake Macquarie Memorial Park in memory of Australian and Commonwealth members of the armed services who have served and perished in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

“This event is part of a global day of respect for the heroic people who have lost their lives for their country, including the brave ANZACs,” explains Garry Bellenger Family Services Manager.

“We are humbled to provide this opportunity to pay respect to our soldiers, and further their legacy. It’s an important occasion to ensure their memory and the gratitude for their service lives on, in this generation and the next.”

Remembrance Day evolved from Armistice Day, which was instituted in England to commemorate the end of World War I. This annual occasion was later developed to more widely recognise the Commonwealth soldiers of all modern wars.

It is observed each year on 11th November to mark the official end to hostilities of World War I, which occurred at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. The day traditionally features a moment of silence at 11am sharp, as well as a “Last Post” bugle call.

“Last Post” is customarily played at military funerals and commemorative services to bid a final farewell, and symbolise that the duty of those who have perished is over, enabling them to rest in peace.

“Remembrance Day is more than a

memorial. It is also a celebration of our beautiful and distinguished nation, which has been sustained by the men and women who bravely serve this country”, says Garry. This specific event was created by Lake Macquarie Memorial Park, and is held in partnership with Toronto RSL sub-Branch to help the community acknowledge and salute all, and especially local, defence force personnel.

Lake Macquarie Memorial Park encourages all members of the public, and particularly veterans’ groups, historical, RSL and Ex-service organisations, schools, and families and friends of deceased veterans, to attend.

Lake Macquarie Memorial Park is at **405 Cessnock Road, Ryhope**. For more information please call **4950 5727**. 

# Gold Card Final Report Disappointment



BY Ms Pat McCabe OAM  
President, TPI Federation of Australia &  
Mrs Heather Evans  
President, Partners of Veterans of Australia

The TPI Federation is most disappointed that the Productivity Commission's (PC) Final Report does not appear to have changed to any great degree from their Draft Report. The input by ESOs appears who have been quoted a number of times in the Final Report but, at the same time, basically ignored.

The traditional concept of the 'Anzac Digger' and the Defence Personnel who defend our Country has been totally turned around so that now, in the eyes of the Commissioners, the ADF are now to be considered as just another part of the Australian population who may have achieved something during their Service but nothing that is to be considered outstanding.

The intensification on the subject of the "Gold Card" is disproportionate and out of context of the original intent to care for those who have been severely wounded or injured in their Service and the War Widows. The Gold Card is mentioned 56 times in Volume 1 and a staggering 200 times in Volume 2. The Gold Card has been put on a pedestal by the Commissioners as something that Veterans have strived for. DVA was unable to provide the statistics that have been requested on the Gold Card so it is difficult to obtain the statistics on just who really is receiving the Gold Card for the originally intended reason of the card and then who is receiving it as a political gift.

On page 721 of Volume 2 - the TPI Federation has been taken out of context, which is highly offensive, to the effort put in by a number of participants into the original submission and the follow-up submission to the Draft Report. The Commissioners state:

*"A number of participants put forward the view that severely impaired veterans, or veterans with war service, deserved the Gold Card in recognition of their service and hardship. And yet, even accepting those viewpoints (which the Commission does not), it remains the fact that nearly half of all Gold Card holders today are dependants and not veterans, and one-third of veterans with a Gold Card do not have severe impairments. The Gold Card is also in addition to various other types of financial compensation (chapter 13). Indeed, some participants noted the superiority of financial compensation over the Gold Card- the TPI Federation, for example, said **'Remember a Gold Card does not put bread on the table'** (sub. DR290, p. 11)."*

How does the emboldened phrase add to the original argument of this paragraph? It has been put there to deflect the true implication of this paragraph. Assuming the Commissioner's stated statistics are correct and that half are dependents and one-third do not have severe impairments then the real problem exists not with the TPIs or War Widows but rather with the issuance of these cards for political reasons and not health reasons.

It is the opinion of the TPI Federation that the Draft Report and the Final Report

are not dissimilar and that they reflect the predetermined concept that the Commissioners had from the outset.

It is highly cruel and disrespectful to have all the hard work involved by many ESOs, and many individuals, in participating in these reviews, and post reviews, disregarded to such a large degree.

It is for this reason that the TPI Federation will not be putting forward yet another submission that just reiterates the previous arguments stated in previous submissions. They are of public record and the Minister should have already read them. The TPI Federation, however, would like the following to be considered by the Prime Minister, and the DVA Minister, before any acceptance, or not, of the many Recommendations in this Report.

The whole idea of the Veteran Centric Reform process was to be indicative of the needs and wants of the Veteran Community, both in the psychological and physical fields. This review and the way that DVA has proceeded to implement many of the Productivity Commissions ideas - without consultation with ESORT - is indicative of how the thoughts and ideas of the Veteran leadership seem to be.

The Government is going to extremes in its effort to save money. The Government is at pains to restrict full pharmaceutical compensation for TPIs and it will continue to put hardship on TPIs in abiding by the proposed Allied Health 12-session treatment cycle. As grateful as the TPI Federation is for the exemption for TPIs with physiotherapy

and exercise physiology for this new regime the difficulties still remain for psychologist or a diabetic and their dietician. The Government is reneging on their previous long-held commitment to full compensation for DVA client's compensable medical conditions and medications.

The Commissioner's recommendations go so far as to deny any future War Widow their legislated compensable payment of the War Widows Pension and the Gold Card after having cared for a TPI or EDA for, at times, many decades (thus having saved the Government billions). The Government can't afford to assist DVA client's families who have suffered and/or have been traumatised by having lived with a Veteran. It can't afford to reinstate the Treatment Principles for VEA clients for lawn mowing – as the younger Veteran has in MRCA – to allow them to live at home longer. It can no longer afford to maintain the compensable medical compensation in the form of a Gold Card because too many have been given the card even without any accepted disabilities – but the Veteran who really needs it will have it

taken off them. It can't afford to continue to pay the VEA Veteran compensable financial reimbursement for not being able to work again – instead the Government will offer a lump sum and see them on their way.

**Recommendations 16.4 and 16.5** of the Productivity Commission's Final Report is too generic, undefined and indeterminate. How are a future badly wounded or injured younger Veterans supposed to obtain a Gold Card if they cannot obtain one even if they have 50 MRCA impairment points that would not entitle them to it? How is a widow of TPI supposed to obtain her legislated entitlements if the is accepted? How is the Gold Card budget supposed to be reduced if the current 123,400 current Gold Card holders live for another 30, 40 or 50 years? What is the purpose of all this angst and upset to the Veteran community if the Government is not saving money for the younger generation or to put to the National Debt?

The elderly Veteran is **no longer** being cared for by DVA. They have been dispatched to MyAgedCare. As part of the Veteran



"The Gold Card does not put bread on the table..."

Centric Review it is stated that all Veterans will be cared for by DVA from 'enlistment to death'. This is only true if you are not involved in the MyAgedCare system. The cohort entering Aged Card today is Vietnam Veteran era and they worked hard to obtain the benefits that they have and they are now been looked at as being insignificant.

It took them until 1987 to receive a Welcome Home Parade. They have fought hard for the benefits that the younger Veteran are now utilising without any effort or appreciation.

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They have represented many issues in battles with Government over the years to obtain their compensation rights. If you are sick and elderly, then DVA no longer cares for you as they once did. This now involves those Vietnam Veterans.

Is any of this being Veteran Centric? Why have we lost our way with looking after the Veteran? Why is it that looking after the Veteran no longer includes our most disabled Veterans? Why is looking after a Veteran a burden on Government and the general population? Why are they being discarded as being of no use – because they can't work?

The fabric of the ESO community is being diminished by stealth by the Government as part of the Whole of Government process. The Government's Members of Parliament and Senators are allowing this to occur. The volunteer hours that the ESO community give, and have given, to their Veterans and their families is immeasurable. Why are the concerns of the Veteran community and its ESO Representatives being ignored?



The Commissioner's recommendations go so far as to deny any future War Widow their legislated compensable payment...

Why are we walking away from the two major outcome requirements for the DVA Budget i.e. To **Maintain and Enhance** both the **“financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency,”** and the **“physical wellbeing and quality of life”** of all eligible DVA Veterans and their families.

The TPI Federation concurs with the Partners of Veterans Association with their concerns and fears that the PC Final Report instils on the Veteran Community especially those who already hold the TPI/SR or EDA entitlements. The concern arises from the timeline the PC report states:

**RECOMMENDATION 16.5 NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS OF GOLD CARD ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility for the Gold Card should not be extended to any new categories of veterans, dependants or other civilians who are not currently eligible for such a card. All current Gold Card holders should retain their eligibility. 🇺🇸

For the full report go to <https://wa.rarnational.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/TPI-PVA-Submission-PC-Final-Report-Aug-19.pdf>



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# Top 10 things to know about Agent Orange

“...Vietnam Veterans  
are not the only  
Veterans who may have  
been exposed...”

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) there are a few very important issues veterans must know about Agent Orange. Listed below are the top 10 issues veterans must know and understand about Agent Orange.

1. Agent Orange was a herbicide and defoliant used in Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia.
  - More than 19 million gallons of various “rainbow” herbicide combinations were sprayed, but Agent Orange was the combination the U.S. military used most often. The name “Agent Orange” came from the orange identifying stripe used on the 55-gallon drums in which it was stored.
  - Heavily sprayed areas included forests near the demarcation zone, forests at the junction of the borders of Cambodia, Laos, and South Vietnam, and mangroves on the southernmost peninsula of Vietnam and along shipping channels southeast of Saigon.
2. Any Veteran who served anywhere in Vietnam during the war is presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange.
  - For the purposes of VA compensation benefits, Veterans who served anywhere

in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides, as specified in the Agent Orange Act of 1991.

- These Veterans do not need to show that they were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides in order to qualify for disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure.
  - Military service in Vietnam means service on land in Vietnam or on the inland waterways (“brown water” Navy veterans) of Vietnam.
3. VA has linked several diseases and health conditions related to Agent Orange exposure.
    - VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as presumptive diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for compensation benefits.
  4. Veterans who want to be considered for disability compensation must file a claim.
    - Veterans who want to be considered for disability compensation for health problems related to Agent Orange exposure must file a claim.

- During the claims process, VA will check military records to confirm exposure to Agent Orange or qualifying military service. If necessary, VA will set up a separate exam for compensation.

5. VA offers health care benefits for Veterans who may have been exposed to Agent Orange and other herbicides during military service.
  - Veterans who served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, are eligible to enroll in VA health care. Visit VA’s health benefits explorer to check your eligibility and learn how to apply.
6. Participating in an Agent Orange Registry health exam helps you, other Veterans and VA in processing claims related to Agent Orange exposure.
  - VA’s Agent Orange Registry health exam alerts Veterans to possible long-term health problems that may be related to Agent Orange exposure during their military service. The registry data helps VA understand and respond to these health problems more effectively.

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- The exam is free to eligible Veterans and enrollment in VA health care is not necessary. Although the findings of your exam may be used to inform your subsequent care, they may not be used when applying for compensation as a separate exam is required. Contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator about getting an Agent Orange Registry health exam.

**7.** VA recognizes and offers support for the children of Veterans affected by Agent Orange who have birth defects.

- VA has recognized that certain birth defects among Veterans' children are associated with Veterans' qualifying service in Vietnam or Korea.
- For example, Spina bifida (except spina bifida occulta), a defect in the developing fetus that results in incomplete closing of the spine, is associated with Veterans' exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during qualifying service in Vietnam or Korea.
- Birth defects in children of women Veterans are associated with their military service in Vietnam but are not related to herbicide exposure.
- The affected child must have been conceived after the Veteran entered Vietnam or the Korean demilitarized zone during the qualifying service period.



**8.** Vietnam Veterans are not the only Veterans who may have been exposed to Agent Orange.

- Agent Orange and other herbicides used in Vietnam were used, tested or stored elsewhere, including some military bases in the United States. Other locations/scenarios in which Veterans were exposed to Agent Orange may include:

- **Korean Demilitarized Zone**

Exposure along the demilitarized zone in Korea between April 1, 1968

and August 31, 1971

- **Thailand Military Bases**

Possible exposure on or near the perimeters of military bases between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975

- **Herbicide tests and storage outside Vietnam**

Possible exposure due to herbicide tests and storage at military bases in the United States and locations in other countries

“... **Veteran Affairs offers health care benefits for those who may have been exposed...**”



The aftermath - Photo courtesy of the War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City

- **Agent Orange residue on airplanes used in the Vietnam War**

Possible exposure of crew members to herbicide residue in C-123 planes flown after the Vietnam War

**9.** VA continues to conduct research on the long-term health effects of Agent Orange in order to better care for all Veterans. VA and other Federal government Departments and agencies have conducted, and continue to conduct, extensive research evaluating the health effects of Agent Orange exposure on U.S. Veterans.

- An example is the Army Chemical Corps Vietnam-Era Veterans Health Study designed to examine if high blood pressure (hypertension) and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are related to herbicide exposure during the Vietnam War. Researchers have completed data collection and aim to publish initial findings in a scientific journal in 2015.

**10.** VA contracts with an independent, non-governmental organization to review the scientific and medical information on the health effects of Agent Orange. Agent Orange updates occur often and veterans are advised to educate themselves about Agent Orange related issues as often as possible. 🇺🇸



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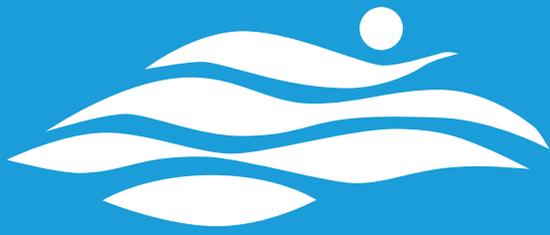
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