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VIETNAM VETERANS and VETERANS FEDERATION ACT Inc Minutes of Committee Meeting: Thursday 19 November 2009 Stephen King Memorial Centre

- Present** Danny Burton, Gerry Mapstone, Karen Toscan, Terry Lawler, Jack Davis, Peter Eveille, Bob F. Jones (B2), Len Little, Vic Robertson, John Sainsbury, Viv Brice, Bob West, Brian Daly
- Apologies** Clive Castles, Jim Wain
- Minutes October** Amendment to the draft minutes to read in para on Treasurer's Report, "Danny Burton and Terry Lawler (not *Bob F Jones*, as drafted) are to organise a sign to go into the truck (not *utility*, as drafted) ..."
Moved (as amended) Brian Daly, seconded Terry Lawler **Accepted**
- Matters Arising** Terry Lawler reported that the tank from Graham Hiles had been installed and that a letter of thanks should be sent to Graham.
- Correspondence** **In:** Resignation of John Harvey; WeetBix Kids Triathlon, DEFGRAM No 683/2009 about Welcome Home Parade this Saturday for Iraq vets; Email on MCRA review; Gift voucher from Shoalhaven Sports Club for Christmas raffle
Out: Public Officer's letter to ATO with certificate of incorporation under new name of Federation.
- President** Danny Burton's report covered the following:
A productive meeting was held with the VVA to discuss arrangements for Vietnam Veterans' Day activities; recent Food Van activities and some precautions to be taken; a proposal that someone be appointed to 'oversee the vehicles' – Danny will approach several people and announce at the regular Tuesday BarBQ; thanks to a number of people who have donated goods or time to the Federation; announcement of Christmas closing dates – 18 Dec to 18 January and his intention of conducting the BarBQ on Tuesdays 5th and 12th January. He also raised a proposal for charges to be set for the use of various facilities around the centre. This led to a wider discussion about fundraising in general. During this discussion limited garage sales were proposed and a possible membership increase. The discussion was wide-ranging and no firm conclusions were reached. Members encouraged to think and re-think for further discussion.
- Treasurer** Treasurer Bob West provided the usual figures and re-iterated the necessity of raising further funds as there will soon be a shortfall.
\$3960 for Food Van modifications. Terry Lawler to seek some sponsorship from Hellenic Club.
Moved Bob West Seconded Gerry Mapstone **Carried**
- Senior VP** Gerry Mapstone's written report covered the meeting with VVAA, the National Health Forum, Dep Commissioner's Consultative Forum at which some discussion on the veterans' lounge at the Canb Hosp will remain open until mid 2012.

Membership	There's been an increase in membership from 479 in 2008 to 595 in 2009. Some 87 have already renewed for 2010, including 17 new members.
Break	11.23 to 11.28
Hospital Liaison	Included in SVP's report.
Public Officer	Len Little is attending to several matters to do with the change of name including the registration of the vehicles in the new name. Bob West reported that the Taxation Office now accepts our address as 9 Birkett St.
IT	Viv Brice is still working on the website.
Publishing	The newsletter issue was discussed and it was decided the newsletter should come out quarterly roughly around February, May, August and November. Motion: That Viv Brice be accepted as the coordinator of the Newsletter. Moved Viv Brice, Seconded Bob Jones Carried Viv had supplied a rationale for this move and proposes to set a schedule for the production of each newsletter. Len Little proposed a vote of thanks to Rolly and Frank for a lot of work to produce the most recent newsletter.
PUTP	A quiet time being experienced following activities surrounding PTSD Awareness Day.
Food Van	See President's report.
Veterans' Voices	Brian Daly reported that he VVs were as usual busy in the lead up to Christmas and apologised for his allowing a double booking which prevented them being available for the Christmas party. Some performances however, may now be paying. At present some audiences make us a small donation when we sing.
Entertainment Grants	Karen Toscan reported that there were 59 people booked for the Christmas party. Jim Wain had presented a written report covering the motion in General Business to purchase an updated book on veterans' entitlements. He also intends applying for a \$25,000 Community Energy Grant for solar photovoltaic panels. Jim also noted the joining of the Federation of two new younger members (both incidentally named 'Andrew').
Task Co-ord Workshops Garden	As per written report. Terry Lawler reported that several vets have volunteered to keep the water up to the garden as much as possible during the holidays. Phil Young is getting a quote for weed mat and can get free mulch and will do the job with help. Request repeated to not put sawdust on mulch or to use as mulch.
November Tango Romeo	Secretary, both Vice Presidents, Veterans, Social Isolation.
General Business	Federation Banner on VV's Day. Motion: That the Federation does not display its banner at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Service next 18 August. Moved: Jack Davis, Seconded Vic Robertson Carried Welcome Home Parade: end of Operation Catalyst. A representative group of troops who served in Iraq are to parade at the AWM on Saturday 21 November 2009. As many Vietnam Veterans as possible should attend to show our solidarity with the younger vets. It was decided that those who attended if possible should wear the Federation shirt.

Purchase of Law Book

Motion: That the VV&VFACT purchase a copy of the book, ‘Veterans Entitlement Law 2nd Edition’ for \$110.

Moved Jim Wain, Seconded Vic Robertson
(Fergus Thomson to purchase.)

Carried

WeetBix Kids Triathlon

This event is held on Sunday 21 February and the organisation will pay organisations \$25 per marshall. An opportunity to fundraise with an input of time.

Next Meeting
Meeting Closed

Thursday 18 February 2010 at 1000 hrs.
Meeting was closed at 12.11hrs

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President

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Secretary