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Vietnam Veterans Social Golf Club

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Our numbers continue to be great even though we've had a few Fridays at 2 to 3 degrees.

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We welcomed Kerry Reeves to our BBQ on 27th June; Kerry unveiled Brian's plaque at our memorial. Alan Hill who served with Brian for some years said some kind words regarding Brian's service in the army, this was followed by the Ode.

Kerry was supported on the day by Sandra Small on the day, and the ladies stayed for a chat and a BBQ. We have invited Sandra and Kerry to come out anytime, and suggested they come out at the end of the month when we have our BBQ.

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The programme for 2nd part of the year has been completed and sent out by Gary, subject to changes due to availability of away games.

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Great to have Ian Savage drop in to see us and stay for a game.

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Mark Lawson, Jim Watson's brother-in-law came over from Perth to see the 3rd state of origin, Mark is a Firie he stayed for a game with us. Mark is a mad maroon supporter so he was pleased to see QLD thrash the Blues, 32-8.

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Dave Hamill is recovering very well from his stroke, and hopefully we'll have him back with us shortly.

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Les Lee's shoulder is still not strong enough for a game but Les will be out to see us soon.

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Kev Podmore is on the recovery following his op.

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Our away trip to Mullum was a great day in all aspects, the weather was great, course in fine order and, as usual, we were made very welcome by all at Mullum. Our thanks to Jim Donnelly for his organisation and the work he did for sponsorship for a lot of prizes etc. Thanks also to Joe and Debbie and the bar staff for cooking the BBQ for us.

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Dates to put in your diaries;

22nd August, Taipan Cup and Ladies Breast Cancer Day

22nd September, P.V.A. Day and Ron Mellin Memorial Trophy.

Dan Tully is taking names for PVA day, make up your

own teams, as this is a charity fun day to raise monies for the PVA Ladies, so let's all support our ladies for the work they do to help us all, ask a friend, relatives, etc to join in the fun. This will be a 4x Ambrose followed by lunch and sweets homemade cakes and nibbles are always provided.

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The winners for our annual trophy at Mullum was won by; Jim Donnelly, Adriaan Cooke, Kerry Johnson and Keith Rowland.

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From the President

We were blessed with a perfect day for our 2014 Mid Year and belated Australia Day Function. The sun shone, the wind was at bay and the water looked good enough to swim in. The facilities and setting provided by Sails by the Sea set the day off to a great start (though some thoughtless member of Sails borrowed 3 of the tables needed for lunch, so the Lenowry crew had to sit at a table in the park amongst trees, overlooking the water. Poor sods!).

The event was well attended with 64 people drinking and chatting all having a great time on the deck and on the grass under trees. Another excellent meal was provided by Clancy with the fare consisting of chicken, rib fillet steaks, fish, a large variety of fresh salads, slow cooked potatoes, sauces and breads. I'm sure those who attended will happily recommend Clancy to anyone putting on a function at home or elsewhere.

A personal big thank you goes to those members and their lovely wives who helped set up and clean up the venue, too many to thank here but you know who you are.

Another big thank you goes to Iris Lee, who got up early and made profiteroles for dessert. Les assisted Iris in the task as the quality assurance inspector.

Peter Board again provided music and his PA system for announcing the winners of the lucky door prizes.

The handing back of the keys didn't go quite to plan, as I set off the following morning on a walk from home at Runaway Bay to Sails. The distance was further than I planned for and with time slipping away, I hailed a bus which would surely deliver me quickly and conveniently...

How many ways can you go to P/Point from R/Bay??? A straight line, I thought. Not so on a Surfside Bus, I was to learn to my dismay! Forty minutes later and I found myself the lone passenger on a tour in the wilds of Coombabah, arriving at a stop in Paradise Point, further from my destination, than I had been when I left home!

Thanks go to the Marie Board who, living nearby, saved the day.

Suffice to say I'm not rushing to travel by bus again.

Finally thanks to those members who sent texts and emails with their thanking the committee.