



Official Opening of VAC SLIPPER 11 June 2011

Along with this first edition of our quarterly newsletter, *Nostrum Est*, is the official opening by Senator for Queensland, **Senator Sue Boyce** of the **Veterans Assistance Centre, VAC SLIPPER**, which occurred on the 11th of June 2011.



Senator Sue Boyce

Senator Boyce has been a firm supporter of the MBMMC since 2008, when during a UNAA service she approached a number of our members and enquired as to who we were, what we did, and how she could help. Since then the Senator has committed her valuable time to supporting our **UN DAY Commemoration Service** each year and in naming our Club in the Senate during her address on Afghanistan.

Initiatives on Senator Boyce' part, her ongoing support to our ideals and goals, is further testament to her belief that our Club has the right mission and objectives. Continued page 2.

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Worried about wearing Medals?

VAC Slipper now has a copy of *AUSTRALIAN AWARDS*, a concise guide to Military and Civilian Decorations, Medals and other Awards to Australians.

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VAC SLIPPER finally opened its doors after more than eight months of hard work and dedicated efforts by the Gold Coast Sub Branch and numerous sponsors. The opening was attended by Senator Sue Boyce, Mayor Pam Parker (Logan Council), Mr Evan Moorhead (Member for Waterford), Councilor Luke Smith (Logan Council), Ms Virginia Balmain (UNAA), Mr Rob Sumpton (APPVA), members of Patriots Queensland and Patriots Wide Bay, and members of the Brothers In Arms motorcycle clubs. Many other guests took the opportunity to attend the opening and to have a good look at what VAC SLIPPER was. All together some one hundred and fifty people attended.



Senator Sue Boyce, Fang, Zepp, Hollywood (BIAMSMC)



The opening included speeches by the Senator, Fang and Zepp, and Hollywood who said the Prayer of Saint Francis. Notable was the emphasis by all on the needs of the Veteran, and how the Veteran can be supported through Centres such as VAC

SLIPPER. ZEPP mentioned the efforts by Townsville and Canberra Sub Branches in acquiring and starting their VACs.

The opening was well supported by our singing supporter, Romain. A wonderful full suite of classic and contemporary music including the National Anthem provided the opening with the right atmosphere.

Photo plate page 3.



Romain, providing the backing music



President's Message



I ask that all members remember why we formed, committed our time, and spent valuable time building the VAC. The VAC is us, and it is our National HQ (NHQ). Other Sub Branches are now working towards setting up their VACs in their locations. If we can help, at NHQ, then let us know. Remember, when you get your VAC up and running, maybe even before then, pick an operational name. Let us know what it is and we will ensure there are no conflicts with other VACs around Australia.

We have our first **Club Roll Call** on page 5. I ask all members to ensure they let the Editor know – through our Monthly SITREP – what is happening so it can be reported in future newsletters.

FANG

Letters to the Editor



Apart from DAMO (Gold Coast Sierra Squad) no letters at this stage. Don't let that stop you sending your comments and opinions. I'm happy to discuss whatever is on your mind.

We need more comms with other SS Members

As a Sierra Squad (SS) member on the Gold Coast, I am worried that there is not enough contact with other SS members Nationally. What can be done about this?

DAMO (Gold Coast)

Editor

Working on it. Our next AGM might sort things out. WAIT OUT.

MUCHO

CSM's Rant



Every member should take note. Our 3 greatest weapons in sustaining the Club are DISCIPLINE, COMMITMENT and CSODs. I place those in capital letters. I ask every SSM to ensure they maintain good discipline and that each and every member is dressed as per our CSODs. Anything less is not acceptable. Veterans out there are well aware that if you have served then there is an obligation to observe the protocols. Dressing correctly to get the message out is COMMITMENT. Getting the message out is displaying the Club at its best.

EDGE

Club Roll Call

The following members comprise the membership, eg, Service Members, Sierra Squad Members and Junior members, of the Club. Data regarding the following has been sourced from Sub Branch SITREPS where provided. Our apologies for any omissions, incorrect details or incorrect members. Please advise the Club Secretary to ensure the details in the next edition are correct.

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| CANBERRA | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | KELL |
| CANBERRA | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | MACCA |
| CANBERRA | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | HAMMO |
| CANBERRA | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | CHIEF |
| CANBERRA | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | BONES |
| CANBERRA | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | KASPER |
| CANBERRA | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | POCKLE |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | HOMER |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | HARVO |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | MUCHO |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | BLUEY |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | STOCKIE |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | GAZZ |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | SKIP |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | ZEPP |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | STOKER |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | FANG |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | DAF |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | EDGE |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | PALADIN |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | BARE |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | SHELL |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | SHEP |
| GOLD COAST | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | BART |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | OLY |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | SJ |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | DANNY |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | SMASH |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | JO JO |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | ISA |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | POSSUM |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | DAGWOOD |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | BLING |



Gold Coast Members



Canberra Members

Success of the Constitutional Change

The Nation-wide vote to change the Club Constitution met all expectations. A 90% return was achieved with a 99.9% vote in favour of the change. As a result, the Constitution has now been amended. The amendment described the need for every confirmed Service Member to have at least a motorcycle licence. Previously partners in a relationship who owned just one motorcycle between them only needed the rider to be compliant. Refer to Section 67 of the Constitution.

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| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | NODDY |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | ECHO |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | TARGET |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | DAMO |
| GOLD COAST | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | MAXI |
| GOLD COAST | 3-JUNIOR MEMBER | BIRDMAN |
| GOLD COAST | 3-JUNIOR MEMBER | ANGEL |
| GOLD COAST | 3-JUNIOR MEMBER | FLICKA |
| GOLD COAST | 3-JUNIOR MEMBER | CLOUD |
| HOBART | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | JD |
| MELBOURNE | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | FORDY |
| MELBOURNE | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | WILLIE |
| MELBOURNE | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | FLETCH |
| PERTH | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | PYRO |
| SYDNEY | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | MOSSY |
| SYDNEY | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | TERRY |
| SYDNEY | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | JOHNNY |
| TOWNSVILLE | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | HARRY |
| TOWNSVILLE | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | FERAL |
| TOWNSVILLE | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | LOWIE |
| TOWNSVILLE | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | KRAZY |
| TOWNSVILLE | 1-SERVICE MEMBER | WOBBLY BOB |
| TOWNSVILLE | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | JESS |
| TOWNSVILLE | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | KIRSTEN |
| TOWNSVILLE | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | SHAZ |
| TOWNSVILLE | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | SAM |
| TOWNSVILLE | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | KEK |
| TOWNSVILLE | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | STACEY |
| TOWNSVILLE | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | LOZ |
| TOWNSVILLE | 2-SIERRA SQUAD | HOSEY |
| TOWNSVILLE | 3-JUNIOR MEMBER | BANTUM |
| TOWNSVILLE | 3-JUNIOR MEMBER | NANI |
| TOWNSVILLE | 3-JUNIOR MEMBER | BUGS |



TIP OF THE DAY - Pop rivet your ID disc to your vest, just above the flag. It has your Club number on it.



Gold Coast Sub Branch on Anzac Day in Beenleigh, Qld

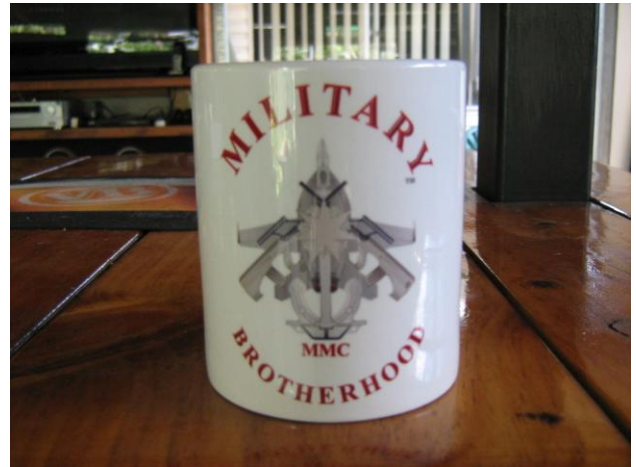
DVA News - Budget 2011-2012

The Gillard Government has maintained its commitment to Australian veterans and their families in the 2011-12 Budget, and provided \$60.7 million in new initiatives including a Veterans Pharmaceutical Reimbursement Scheme, Prisoner of War Recognition Supplement and an overhaul of the rehabilitation and compensation claims process. For more information on DVA Budget initiatives read the media release or the Portfolio Budget Statements.

MBMMC Posters and Mugs For Sale



The following posters have been created by the MBMMC (Gold Coast). They can be reproduced to B0 (1000x1414mm) size at \$110.00 a print on 200gsm paper, laminated, mailed to you



We have a number of these Club mugs for sale.



Goto the merchandise page on our Club website for all items being sold to members.



Sub Branch News

Gold Coast

The membership in the Gold Coast has grown substantially since our formation in June 2009. With our opening of VAC SLIPPER we are progressing extremely well, given that no planned recruitment drive has yet been raised.

Apart from the opening of the VAC we have been fortunate in obtaining a 'right' to the opening of the new Harley Davidson dealership called **Gasoline Alley**, a Canadian company now in competition with Morgan and Wacker. The beauty of getting in early is that we have been invited to setup a 'sausage sizzle' at their opening, and then further attendance on weekends. This will be a major boost to our finances given that these 'sausage sizzles' will be a great fund raiser.

Melbourne

Fordy's return is imminent, as per emails received. After an extensive deployment to the sand pit, he should be back with the boys down there by this June.

Well done mate, you stayed safe, and now are back with us.

Perth

Pyro has emailed that he is still hanging in there, against all expectations from the Veterans MC. A few rides have been completed, but he is keeping his head down for good reason.

Sydney

Little news from our three mates in Sydney. Next addition I hope.

Townsville

A few changes reported, but the Sub Branch appears to be doing well. Harry the President has left for a deployment to a destination best left to him. Good luck mate. Feral is currently on predeployment training and may disappear for a short time.

Albury/Wodonga

A big hello and welcome to our new members Johny and Ingas. Both are keen to start riding with Club colours and spreading the word around the bases. Hope the numbers increase and a new Sub Branch commences.

Canberra

Numbers are increasing all the time with the recent arrival of Pockle. Well done mate, you have joined a great bunch of people.



Veteran Focus

What services does the VVCS provide?

VVCS can provide you with:

- individual, couple and family counselling
- after-hours crisis telephone counselling via Veterans Line
- case management services
- group programs for common mental health issues – anxiety, depression, sleep and anger
- psycho-educational programs for couples including a residential lifestyle management program
- 'Stepping Out', a 2-day 'transition' program for ADF members and their partners preparing to leave the military
- 'Changing the Mix' – a self-paced alcohol reduction correspondence program – to register call 1800 1808 68
- Resources – information, education and self-help resources

We can help you work through issues such as stress, relationship, family problems and other lifestyle issues as well as emotional or psychological issues associated with your military service.



touchbase website

The *touchbase* website is an information portal where you and your family can access information and links to resources on a wide range of topics, from jobs, sports clubs and hobbies through to fitness, wellbeing and counselling.

Helplines – crisis support

[Lifeline](#)

13 11 14

(24 hour phone counselling)

[The Salvation Army Hope Line](#)

1300 467 354

(24 hour phone counselling for bereavement support)

[Suicide Call Back Service](#)

1300 659 467

(Professional call back service referral line operates seven days a week)

[MensLine Australia](#)

1300 789 978

(24 hour professional phone counselling and referral)

[Veterans Line](#)

1800 011 046

(after hours crisis counselling)

[Kids Helpline](#)

1800 55 1800

Need to talk? Kids Helpline counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Nothing is too big or too small to call us about, and we will always listen and try to understand.

For Sale or Trade

Members are encouraged to email any items etc for sale or trade. The next edition is out in SEPTEMBER. For items to appear here I need a photograph or two and a good description and contact details. Any item can be advertised, from motorcycles, houses, property, vehicles, etc.

RIDE SAFE, STAY SAFE

