

# Desert Mist

1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

From 7:30 pm until 11:30 pm



## JARRAHDAL LUNCHEON

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

\$10 per person bus

Leaving RSL 10:30am – 4pm

Pay at the bar



# The Heart Beats



**Performing on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm till late**

**Playing all your favourites from the 60's to the present day  
Great night for dancing and entertainment, great food**

## **Skippy the Bundy Boy**

**29 September 2017**

**7:30 to 11:30 pm**

## **Heart & Soul**

**13 October 2017**

**7:30 to 11:30 pm**

**The Armadale RSL Sub Branch  
and the Armadale RSL Club Inc.  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Election of Officers:**

1. Election will be for tenure of up to one year.
2. The Agenda for the AGM is:
  - a. Presentation of Annual Reports and Annual Accounts,
  - b. Vote on Notices of Motion, and
  - c. Election of Officers.
3. As a Member, this is your main chance to elect people of your choice to run this Sub-branch
4. If you feel a sense of duty, then nominate. Have the nomination Proposed and Second by two Service Members.
5. All nominations are accepted across the Bar or handed to the Secretary.
6. Committee representation is a volunteer position, all help is appreciated.
7. Nominations Close 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

**Notices of Motion:**

1. All committee members stand down and all positions are declared opened for election. The President and Treasurer positions will be for a two year period and in 2018, the Vice-President and Secretary will be elected for a two year term.
2. To Raise and elect a Sub-Committee as a Social (Entertainment) Committee with four positions, two service and two non-service with two positions holding post nominal positions as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer being re-elected or rotated on an annual period at Annual General Meetings (AGM).

# ARMADALE RSL SUB-BRANCH 2017 NOMINATION FORM

**Nominations close 1 September 2017**

**(No nominations will be accepted after this date)**

We the undersigned, being current **financial members** of the above Sub Branch and Club wish to nominate:

**(PLEASE PRINT)**

Name.....Position.....

Proposed By.....Signed.....

Seconded By..... Signed.....

I, the said financial member, consent to this nomination.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nominee)

NOTE: All positions must be Proposed & Seconded by financial Service Members.

**All nominations must be accompanied with a written letter for all major positions on the committee (Executive Positions).**

**If there is a vacancy in any positions on any part of the committee, Nominations will be called upon at the AGM.**

## MILITARY HISTORY FOR AUGUST

The **Battle of Long Tan** (18 August 1966) took place in a rubber plantation near Long Tan, in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. The action was fought between Viet Cong and North Vietnamese units and elements of the 1st Australian Task Force (1 ATF) shortly after its lodgement in Phuoc Tuy. 1 ATF began arriving between April and June 1966, constructing a base at Nui Dat which was located astride a major communist transit and resupply route and was close to a Viet Cong base area. After two months it had moved beyond the initial requirements of establishing itself and securing its immediate approaches, beginning operations to open the province. Meanwhile, in response to the threat posed by 1 ATF a force of between 1,500 and 2,500 men from the Viet Cong 275th Regiment, possibly reinforced by at least one North Vietnamese battalion, and D445 Provincial Mobile Battalion was ordered to move against Nui Dat.

For several weeks Australian signals intelligence (SIGINT) had tracked a radio transmitter from the headquarters of the 275th Regiment moving westwards to a position just north of Long Tan; however, extensive patrolling failed to find the unit. By 16 August the communist force was positioned east of the Long Tan rubber plantation, just outside the range of the artillery at Nui Dat. On the night of 16/17 August, Viet Cong mortars, recoilless rifles (RCLs) and artillery heavily bombarded Nui Dat from a position 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) to the east, damaging the base and wounding 24 men, one of whom later died. The Viet Cong positions were then engaged by counter-battery fire and the mortaring ceased. The following morning, B Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR) departed Nui Dat to locate the firing points and the direction of the Viet Cong withdrawal. A number of weapon pits were subsequently found, as were the positions of the mortars and RCLs.

D Company took over the pursuit around midday on 18 August. After clashing with a Viet Cong squad in the afternoon and forcing them to withdraw, the Australians were engaged by small-arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire from a flank. Numbering only 108 men, D Company was facing a much larger force. Pinned down, they called for artillery as a monsoon rain began, reducing visibility. Heavy fighting



ensued as the advancing battalions of the Viet Cong 275th Regiment and D445 Battalion attempted to encircle and destroy the Australians. After several hours D Company was nearly out of ammunition, when two UH-1B Iroquois from No. 9 Squadron RAAF arrived overhead to resupply them. Heavily outnumbered but supported by strong artillery fire, D Company held off a regimental assault before a relief force of cavalry and infantry from Nui Dat fought their way through as darkness fell and forced the Viet Cong to withdraw just as they appeared to be preparing for a final assault. Withdrawing to establish a landing zone to evacuate their casualties, the Australians formed a defensive position overnight.

Returning in strength the next day, the Australians swept the area and located a large number of Viet Cong dead. Although the Australians initially believed they had suffered a major defeat, the scale of the Viet Cong's losses revealed that they had actually won a significant victory. Over the next two days, they continued to clear the battlefield, uncovering more dead as they did so. Yet with 1 ATF lacking the resources to pursue the withdrawing force, the operation ended on 21 August. Eighteen Australians were killed and 24 wounded, while the Viet Cong lost at least 245 dead. A decisive Australian victory, Long Tan proved a major local setback for the Viet Cong, indefinitely forestalling an imminent movement against Nui Dat. Although there were other large-scale encounters in later years, 1 ATF was not fundamentally challenged again. The battle established the task force's dominance over the province and allowed it to pursue operations to restore government authority.



## Upcoming Events for your Diary

- **26 August 2017 – Black Tie Ball. CANCELLED**
- **28 August 2017 – Boulder Bingo. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Club members welcome.**
- **1 September 2017 – Members Night “Desert Mist” starting after Ode**
- **9 September 2017 – Bus Trip to Jarrahdale, leaving at 10:00 am**
- **10 September 2017 – Annual General Meeting**
- **15 September 2017 – Members Night “Heart Beats” starting after Ode**
- **29 September 2017 – Members Night “Skippy the Bundy Boy” starting after the Ode**
- **13 October 2017 – Members Night “Heart & Soul” starting after the Ode**

### MEMBERSHIP

The fees for annual Membership are as follows:

- Service Members: \$40.00, must provide evidence of service,
- Affiliate Members \$40.00, must provide evidence of relative's service,
- Social Members \$50.00, and must provide proof of identification.
- Current Serving Members receive their first Year's membership free.

If you have not received your receipt as yet, please check with the bar staff as they hold them behind the bar.

Our Membership Officer is **Tom Rynn**, if you have any questions or wish to join the Club, you can contact him on **0439 934 28**



## DALE COTTAGES

Dale Cottages are often in need of part time workers in the following fields:

- \* Nursing \* Drivers \* Carers
- \* Handy Men \* Gardeners

If anyone would like to offer their time and services it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Stacey Dowding at Dale Cottages  
Contact details: 9399 5393 and [csc@dalecottages.org](mailto:csc@dalecottages.org)

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We thank **Dr TONY BUTI** MLA, Member for Armadale,  
for his annual contribution towards the postage costs of the Furphy

# *Armada RSL Merchandise Special Sale Prices (For old stock only)*

RSL Stickers	\$1.00
Badges & Lapel Pins	\$3.00
Stubby Holders	\$5.00 or 3 for \$12
Key Rings	\$5.50
Caps	\$15.00
Scarves	\$20.00
Bar Runners	\$26.00

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ARMADALE RSL SUB BRANCH***

