

## Vietnam Veterans Friendly Retreats etc. across Australia

### QUEENSLAND

#### Standown Park, Qld

##### Our Facilities

At Standown Park we have 28 spacious powered sites all with excellent drinking water and unlimited unpowered sites with ample space for large groups or clubs.

The large camp kitchen featuring the big old Crown wood stove and BBQ is the central meeting place for all, while the open fire place is a popular spot each evening for 'Happy Hour' or two.

The clean, modern amenities block has male, female and disabled facilities and a coin washing machine and dryer.

A dump point was installed recently for the convenience of the park visitors and to the public for a small charge.



Telstra and Optus reception is very good and TV reception generally depends on your equipment and the site position in the Park.

Pets are welcome, with plenty of open space to exercise the dog/s and they are welcome to swim in the dam.

As we originally set up the Park as a Veterans Retreat we have continued to cater especially for the Veteran's from all conflicts and the travelling 'nomads'.

We don't have any facilities for children.

**Our Rates (Sorry NO Cards facilities)**

Powered Sites per van	\$18.00 per couple
Veteran's concession Powered Sites	\$15.00 per couple
Unpowered Sites per van	\$12.00
Extra person per night	\$6.00
Van, boat etc. Storage (per week)	\$6.00

##### Bookings & Enquiries

##### Standown Park

91 Radtke Road, KIA ORA

via Gympie Qld 4570

Postal: PO Box 1287,

GYMPIE Qld 4570

**Phone: 07 5486 5144**

**Mobile: 04 1771 8127**

[info@standown.com.au](mailto:info@standown.com.au)



##### Where to find us

Standown Park is situated half way between Tin Can Bay and Gympie on the Tin Can Bay Road. Radtke Road is directly off the Tin Can Bay road, opposite Counter Road, just 24km from Gympie and Tin Can Bay. We are two hours from Brisbane and less

than one hour from Maryborough.

**GPS co-ordinance:**

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Standown Park - 91 Radtke Road, GOOMBOORIAN

Where all campers, motorhomes, caravans and weary travellers are welcome to pull up a stump.



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**Vietnam Veterans Cockscomb Retreat,  
Cawarral, Capricorn Coast, QLD**

**COCKSCOMB VIETNAM  
VETERANS RETREAT  
PHONE:  
VET ON GROUND:  
Google Earth:**

Cockscomb is owned by Bruce and Liz Acutt  
Bruce is a local Consultant Psychologist  
Call Bruce's office 07 4927 9070  
Gene Owens on 0429492501  
23°14'6.46"S, 150°40'51.07"E

Cockscomb provides a quiet retreat away from the city, away from all mod cons, a quiet relaxing place to go when you want to get away and get back to basics.

Staying overnight, you will require your sleeping bag, camp stretcher, swag or hammock, a torch, matches, food, toilet paper and a rubbish bag. Mosquito repellent and your medication. We have completed the first of two Log Cabins and the And Awakey House for overnight stays.

Cooking can either be done on an open fire or in the kitchen. A RAYKEN heating system has improved the amenities by providing hot water 24 hours of the day Cockscomb Veteran Retreat came about from an idea that was developed some four years ago, between a number of the Vietnam Veterans in the Central Queensland area.

The Veterans came up with a plan to develop an area somewhere in the bush as a reasonably isolated camp/retreat. A place where fellow veterans could go, when things were getting tough, or when they felt the need to be out of it and alone for a while, or the need to lean on someone for moral support, or find someone that could walk the walk, talk the talk and understand the burden. It was promoted as an idea amongst interested parties.

After some discussions within our own ranks and with Bruce, he offered us the use of a section of land on some 60 acres he has, in an area known as Cawarral. An old gold mining and farming community, approx 20 km's from Rockhampton; half way between Rocky and the Capricorn coast. This was considered to be an ideal location and the gracious offer was accepted.

Cockscomb Bush Camp is set in the hills on the southern side of Mt Wheeler. Road access via two- wheel drive and only 30 minutes from Rockhampton. After staying take your rubbish home, replace firewood used, cleanup and leave a donation. There is no electricity or phone and you are asked to be careful with and conserve water.



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### Welcome to the Homestead Caravan Park in Barcaldine, Qld

Every day in the late afternoon during winter your hosts Ben and Thanh prepare the campfire at the Homestead Caravan park, located along the Landsborough Highway at Barcaldine Queensland.

At first it burns brightly and as the coals settle to a hot glow, the damper and billy tea is prepared the outback way. This has been a grand tradition at Barcaldine's Homestead Caravan Park for more than two decades and people from all parts of Australia have enjoyed the great Aussie welcome.

It's a great gesture of hospitality that has been passed down from owner to owner, and carries on to this day – every day from during the tourist season.

Most nights, a country music singer and a bush poet provide some entertainment, which means that from about 4:30 pm, there's about 2 hours of entertainment laid on for the guests!

Park owners Ben and Thanh also offer the occasional sausage sizzle or camp oven stews. If you're not bringing own tent or van, book in to one of our cabins. There are 10 cabins (both budget and en-suite) and two Units (for up to 8 people each).

A service station is also part of the complex (**fuel discount is available for park guests, StarCard welcome**), there a **kiosk**, camp kitchen, Free BBQ's, Free internet (wired and Wireless), coffee shop and book exchange as well.

The park is lush and green, with large sites available. It's only a short 200 meter walk to the town centre.

During the winter months there is also the **Chinese take-away**, open every Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm.

There is normally something special arranged each Vietnam Veterans Day 18<sup>th</sup> August. All Vietnam Vets invited.

For reservations call Ben and Thanh on **07 4651 1308** or email [info@homesteadcypark.com.au](mailto:info@homesteadcypark.com.au)



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### PANDANUS PARK, Cape York, Qld

*The quest for inner peace within the veteran community is on-going. Veterans of all conflicts need a place to go to chill out, to meet old and new mates, to be with others who have done the time, walked the walk and talked the talk. This site is a meeting place for such Veterans*

*Veterans from all walks of life, all ages, all stages of health, have made the pilgrimage to Pandanus Park, their wilderness retreat in in Cape York in far north Queensland. En route, many have spent a quiet night or two at Cockscomb Veterans' Camp and some have gone fossicking in the gemfields. Interstate travellers have trekked across the Nullaboor, built snowmen at Bush Retreat in Tassie, and made their way thru the mallee scrub, opal ridges and more.*

Wherever you come from, this web site will guide you in a new direction and you can follow in the well- worn steps of

**The Path To Peace**

**CONTACT PANDANUS**

Ex104 Signals Squadron 1968/69, Nui Dat



**Jenny & Geoff**

Phone 07 5445 0280

Pandanus

c/- 261 Chevallum Road

Chevallum Qld 4555

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**Zac's Place**

**715 Ross River Road, Kirwan, Townsville**

**Feeling stressed out.**

**Having trouble coping.**

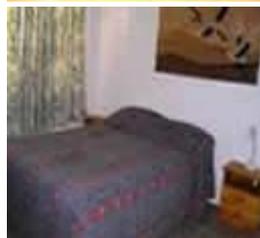
**Need to chill out for a while.**

**Just need a bit of private space.**

**Need to come to Townsville for medical appointments and/or treatment.**

**Visiting relatives in Townsville area.**

**Just travelling through.**



**Introduction:** Zac's Place is a six bedroom house used as a short/long term accommodation centre. The house is solely owned and controlled by the VVAA QLD Branch with the VVAA Townsville Sub Branch responsible for the day to day management and running. Zac's Place can accommodate up to eleven people, including family members, in an **alcohol free environment**.

There are Bar B Q facilities and outdoor entertainment areas with a huge area suitable for those people with a green thumb and growing most green veggies for the residents and also for the Sub Branch to sell at the local market on a Sunday morning.

**Tariff:** The tariff for staying at Zac's Place is \$25.00 per night or \$150.00 per week. This covers your accommodation but not does include dinner. The meals are normally a light breakfast and lunch

**Who can use this service:** The house is available to all Veterans and their families, current serving Defence Force members and their families, and other community charitable organisations. If space permits there is also accommodation available for family members who are visiting their serving relatives in the Townsville area.

**Please note:** All accommodation requests are subject to an interview with the House Manager and availability of beds. To arrange interview please phone the Manager, Mrs. Margaret Standfast on PH (07) 4773 6980 or after hours (07) 4723 7022

**Facilities of Zac's Place:** Guests have the use of all facilities and resources of the house including television, stereo, telephone (charges apply) and comfortable surroundings. All guests must be self-sufficient with their medical problems as nursing facilities are not available on site.

**What's Available:** About 100 metres away is the Willows Shopping Centre with Super Markets, Restaurants, Banks, Department Stores and most other stores for most of your daily requirements. Across the road is the brand new sports arena catering for Aussie Rules and Cricket. There is also bus transport available to take you to most areas of Townsville. There are hotels and clubs within easy reach. Transport is available if needed to pick up on arrival or drop off on departure and also for medical appointments etc.

All veterans and families or serving and/or ex service personnel are always welcome and will be warmly received by a very dedicated management and staff. Zac's Place is also the home of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (VVAA) Townsville Sub Branch where they also are willing to discuss and prepare any papers etc required for Pension, Welfare and Advocacy needs.

**House Manager:** The current House Manager is Mrs. Margaret Standfast, a current Vice President of the VVAA Townsville Sub Branch and the widow of Bill Standfast, also a Past Sub Branch Vice President.

Margaret is always available for any enquiries and is responsible for organising the Menus in consultation with our resident chef, budgets, collection of rent monies and overall control of the bookings.

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### ALARIC STATION VETERANS RETREAT, QUILPIE, QLD

Alaric Retreat is a fully furnished homestead on a remote station of 120,000 acres in western Queensland just north of Quilpie. It provides a secure and relaxing haven for Veterans of all conflicts. There are no formal activities, you can do as much or as little as you like.

Go Opal Fossicking, Fishing, Bird watching (160 species of birds identified on Alaric), Yabbying, Reading, Bushwalking, Watching tv or just getting back to nature. You can come for a day, come for a week or stay as long as you like, at minimal cost to the veteran. The accommodation at the homestead includes 3 meals per day. Beverages are the responsibility of the visitor.

Linen including Bed linen, blankets pillows and doonas are provided in the cost of the accommodation. Group bookings are welcome and prior bookings are essential unless you are camping or caravanning. Travel to Quilpie by train and bus then the Duty Manager will be there to meet you and escort you to the homestead. The train departs Brisbane for Quilpie Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.15pm, and is free for TPI veterans.

**Facilities at the Homestead include.\*** Six Bedrooms \* BBQ Area \* Plenty of Water \* Library \* Large Kitchen \* Lounge \* Gem cutting Machine \* **240v Mains power** \* **Satellite TV** \* **Telephone and Satellite Internet** \*

**Workshop\*Billabong\*Homestead is fully Air-conditioned \* Full laundry facilities \* Refrigerators, Freezers, and a Cold Room**



**A Welfare Project  
of the  
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia  
Sunshine Coast Branch Inc.**  
Library Complex, Beach Parade  
Cotton Tree, Maroochydore  
07 5479 4552

**For reservations contact ALARIC**  
**Phone: 07 4656 4740**

**Resident Duty Manager  
Veterans Retreat  
Alaric Station  
Canaway Road  
QUILPIE QLD. 4480**

Located at Sapphire behind the Post Office. One acre of land, several power points, water connection points, a hospital grade kitchen and gas BBQ.  
 Bar opening times are now Thursdays 3.00pm to 8.00pm, Saturday and sundays 2.00 pm to 8.00pm, The club now offers meals at a reasonable price Thur, Sat & Sun.  
 Contact details are now the club during open hours on 07 49854588 or fax to the same number or [email](#)  
 Cost is now \$15.00 a day or \$100.00 per week.  
 We now have a coin operated washing machine.  
 There is generally no need for pre bookings.  
 Errol Priestley  
 Secretary 07 49854588  
**Anakie Gemfields RSL**



Phil Selby Ex RAN



RSL entrance and inside (below)

### Rocky Creek War Memorial Park

This camp spot is located at Tolga. The Atherton Shire Council maintains it. There is a 72-hour limit and a gold coin donation. There are toilets, barbecue, and non-potable water. It is a memorial site to all soldiers, who trained on the tablelands before being sent overseas. There is a caretaker on site.



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Latitude 17.18167° S 17° 10' 54.02" S

Longitude 145.4548° E 145° 27' 17.35" E

From [Tolga](#), 5.41kms NW (6.1kms, 6mins driving)

From [Kairi](#), 10.14kms W (14.0kms, 17mins driving)

From [Mareeba](#), 21.01kms S (22.9kms, 20mins driving)

From [Dimbulah](#), 36.84kms E (53.3kms, 58mins driving)



This free Camp 23kms South of Mareeba is set along side the Rocky Creek War Memorial Park....

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Traditional Owners and Management of Elsey Station welcome Australia's veterans to

## ROPER RETREAT, NT

### Open 1st - 31st August annually

Vets are invited to rest by 60 km of the magnificent Roper River. Camping is free, there is fresh water in the river, with lots of peace for regeneration.

**Protocol** The same as for Pandanus Park ie take only photos, leave only footprints, you are totally responsible for yourself and there is absolutely no liability for Elsey Station or its residents. Ensure that you have medical clearance, and that you bring everything you might need.

**Bookings** Please use the format as in shared files on the MC2 site re "Bookings for Roper Retreat" and email details to [ROPER](#), or request a booking form by email.

**Communications** Local communications are UHF channel 6 Duplex using the local repeater. After establishing communications it is suggested vets move to another channel for general chit chat. If unable to successfully email phone **Tony 0401 100 514** or **Jimbo 0419 414 909** for assistance.

**Where is it?** 31km east along the Roper Highway, Northern Territory. Turn north at the Elsey Station sign. 3km later you will pass the Manager's house, and just 5km later you reach the Roper.

**How much dirt getting in?** Only eight km. Yep, you read it right. You don't even need a fourby.

**How's the fishing?** There are plenty of barra, seratoga and black bream - all great eating - and even catfish, if that's your fancy.

**Nearest facilities** 3km to the community clinic 35km to Mataranka for groceries, fuel, doctor and hospital 140km to Katherine for the dentist

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### CORAL HOUSE

107 Bagot Road  
LUDMILLA

Manager: Jack Hamilton  
Phone: 8948 0050

Coral House opened on the 21st September 1989. It is named after the "Battle of Coral" which was Australia's largest and one of the most successful operations during the Vietnam war. The house was established with a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is rented from the Northern Territory Government, and operates under a joint Territory/Federal Government funding arrangement



Coral House is located approximately half way between Darwin city and Casuarina district in the northern suburbs. It is managed by a House Manager, Jack Hamilton, who is responsible to a Board of Management. The Board is comprised of representatives from the Vietnam Veterans Association and an ex-officio member from government. Coral House is an emergency or short term residential facility, provided by the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia - Northern Territory Branch, and supported through the Support Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) of the NT Government. 107 Bagot Road, Ludmilla.

The house is self contained and amenities include:

- Shared kitchen facilities
- Shared laundry & bathroom facilities
- Linen
- TV in common room
- Three shared bedrooms providing seven beds

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### DARWIN RETREAT, NT

I used to run a Minibus/Taxi style business in Darwin and surrounds for near on ten years up until a couple of years ago. During the course of that business, I had dropped off people at a couple of locations that were being used by Returned Servicemen/Veterans for rest/rehab and somewhere off the beaten track where they were welcome to stay and not worry about the rat race.

I'm not 100% sure if it is still there, but about a **1 1/2 hours drive from Darwin** is a place called **Pioneer Beach**, which is on the western side of Cox Peninsula. The beach itself has a heap of fishing shacks on it. An ex-RAAF who lives there with his wife runs a "sly" bar there, which you donate money for a drink! There are a few fulltime residents who are Vets that live there. I think the isolation away from the rat race plays a big part in their choice of residence. The actual land that the Vets use is back from the beach about 5km in from the turn off that continues on to Mandorah. There was some land claim by the local Aboriginals, so I'm not sure if the Vets got to keep their retreat or

whether it was shut down.

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There is also a **5Ha block of land in McMinns Lagoon area, out past the Berrimah lights and just off Thorak Rd. Its 12km south of Darwin GPO, I think it is mainly for Vietnam Vets.**

There is a guy in Darwin called Ian Menzies, an ex-Major, Vietnam Vet and occasional journo. He may be able to steer you in the right direction for more details on both places. If not, he'd know someone who could. His Address is PO Box 1221 Darwin.

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### **NEW SOUTH WALES** **Murraguldrrie Veterans Retreat, NSW**

Run by V.V.A.A. South West N.S.W. Sub-Branch And we hope to open stage 1 at the end of March 2008, Veterans of all wars and conflicts will be most welcome. It is in the Murraguldrrie State Forest just North of Carrabost (60 km South East of Wagga Wagga). Over the last few months the land has been cleared and a structure erected.

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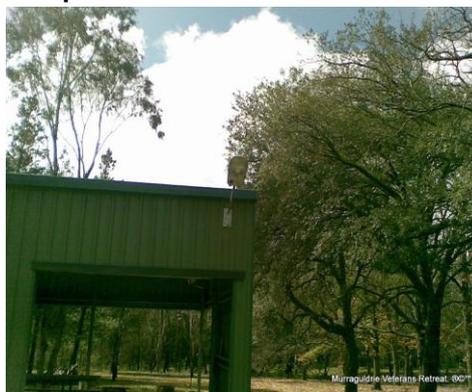
Stage 1 of this Retreat has now been completed ,we have erected 9m x7m weather shed, which can now be used as a camp kitchen. It has rain water tank and a permanent toilet/shower. It is now open to all Veterans and their wives and 8amilies,it offers bush camping with the above facilities.

This Retreat is now open all year round.

**NO LIGHTING OF SOLID FUEL FIRES ON TOTAL FIRE FIRE BAN DAYS** It is in a very good location half way between Sydney & Melbourne 7 Klms off Hume highway on Tumbarumba Rd.

**Please note the gate is locked. Anyone who wishes to use the facility, phone Gordon on 0428381292 or** Anyone who uses Google Earth can type in (Murraguldrrie Forest Australia) will be taken to the location the map.

**This Retreat is completely closed during Total Fire Ban periods**



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GPS Co-ordinates. S35.50270° E147.42462°

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### **VICTORIA**

#### **Ramon Deed Veteran Retreat, VIC**

**The current management team** of the Ramon Deed Veterans Retreat is Michael Chopping, President; Michael Robinson, Treasurer; Secretary and Roger Roach

**Location is as shown with directions as follows:-** Coming from Mildura, on the outskirts of Dareton (at the change in speed limit) turn left in to Tallawalla Road then after approximately 1km turn left into Scout Road. The retreat is 500 metres up Scout Road.

**The cost per night** is now \$15 powered, \$10 unpowered. The weekly rate is \$90 and \$60 respectively.

**The Township of Dareton** is only five minutes away and provides: Doctor, Chemist, Post Office, taxi Service, a great Take Away food shop, ladies and Men's Hairdresser. Fishers IGA Store. Bottle shop and Garage. The Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club provides Bowls, Pokies, Bingo, TAB and wonderful meals. The Coomealla Golf Club fronts the Mighty Murray River and is an excellent course. The Boat Ramp has just been upgraded, and the fishing is great.

**Contact details are as follows:**

The Secretary

Mail: PO Box 397, Dareton, NSW 2717  
Phone: 03 5027 4447



**Ramon John Deed 3788300 Born 25 July 1945, 1 Fld Sqn, Vietnam 13 March 1967 to 10 May 1967** was from Mildura and went to both primary and secondary schools with other local Veterans. He died at the US Evac Hospital Long Binh 10 May 1967 from wounds received from a mine incident at the Horseshoe the previous day.

This facility has a clubhouse, caravan slabs, Hot & Cold showers, Septic Toilets and Laundry. It is all 240 volt. There is an on-site (Vietnam Vet) caretaker

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### **Bublacowie Vietnam Veterans Village, SA**

A relatively new facility on the Yorke Peninsula - Bublacowie Vietnam Veterans Village operated by a Mr Chris Soar. This is an excellent facility in which there is an excellent Military Museum, Accommodation facilities, Chappel and Remembrance Garden/s, and a Camp Kitchen, Dining Room and Bar which are utilised during Commemoration Days (Anzac Day, Long Tan Day & Remembrance Day) The kitchen is of commercial quality and these days are catered for on a professional basis.

Mr Chris Soar can be contacted on Ph (08) 8853 4379 or at the following address .  
Bublacowie Military Museum and Memorial, PO Box 178 YORKETOWN S.A. 5575

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## **Bush Retreat – SA**

Well it finally happened the freeholds for the Mootatunga/Karte bush retreats have been issued and the club is now processing titles to the individual block owners. There are many people to thank for this event and acknowledgements will be made in due course.

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## **CAMP ANDREW RUSSELL, SA**

In South Australia is located 35km Sth East of Loxton along the Murray Bridge Road, turn left (or right if coming from Adelaide) onto the Lameroo Road, taking the right fork along the road. The entrance is marked with a cream tractor tyre, just past a road sign. You will need a key for access and thus need to contact [John Hough](#) mobile 0409 098 093 There are caravan & camping sites, There are no powered sites. The camp has an ablution building with two flushing toilets and a battery powered shower. You need to heat your water and fill the bucket for your shower. There is a camp kitchen which is screened to keep the bugs out. There is one frig and gas oven. A 6.5Kva generator for power

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## TASMANIA

### **Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bush Retreat Tasmania**

#### DAGO POINT INTERLAKEN

This Retreat was built in 1989-90 by Vietnam Veterans of Tasmania for the relaxation of all Vietnam Veterans and their families. Mainland Veterans welcome. Situated in the Central Highlands, the Retreat offers peace and quiet all year round. Fishing is at your door stop in Lake Sorell or just a few kilometers away at either the Great Lake or Arthur's Lake. Retreats are a great healing therapy, and still is for those who take the time to use this facility and just relax. This wonderful Bush Retreat accommodates up to 15 people. The Hut consists of a Kitchen, 1 Lounge, 5 Bedrooms, Bathroom /Laundry, Carport and undercover BBQ area.

**KITCHEN** This has three Fridges (1 Beer), Electric Oven, Hot Water, Crockery, Pots and Pans as well as all utensils, and a large Dining Setting. (Please bring your own food and booze.)

**LOUNGE ROOM** Wood Heater, Comfy Lounge Suite, Television, Video, Radio and Stereo.

**BED ROOMS** There are three Bedrooms with Double + over- head bunk Beds, also, two bedrooms with Bunk Beds. (Bring your own Linen).

**BATHROOM/LAUNDRY** Wheel Chair access to Shower and Toilet. Washing Machine. (Bring your own Toiletries and Towels).

**UNDER COVER BBQ** Wood Fired BBQ, Out door Setting, large Cement Fire Pot, Outside Toilet.

Access to the hut is by Steps at the front door, or the ramp at the Car Port end of the building.

#### **TO GET THERE**

**From HOBART:** Travel up the Midland Highway until you get to Oatlands and turn left onto Interlaken Road (C526) and on to Interlaken.

**From LAUNCESTON:** Drive down the Midland Highway and turn right at Tunbridge on to (526) or to Oatlands and turn right onto road (527) and onto Interlaken.

**From DEVONPORT:** Travel Highway (1) to Deloraine then (A5) to the Steppes (Traversing western shore of Great Lake) Left at the Steppes to road (C527) and on to Interlaken.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are staying at the Retreat in Winter, you may get lots of **SNOW** so be prepared. Don't forget your **CHAINS** and a little extra food just in case you get snowed in; also your fishing gear if you like to fish. Great Lake is open all year round.

**HAVE A GREAT STAY**

**TARIFF** \$30.00 per night for the first two people and \$5.00 extra per person per night.

**FOR BOOKINGS**

Robyn O'Connor

(03) 62240881

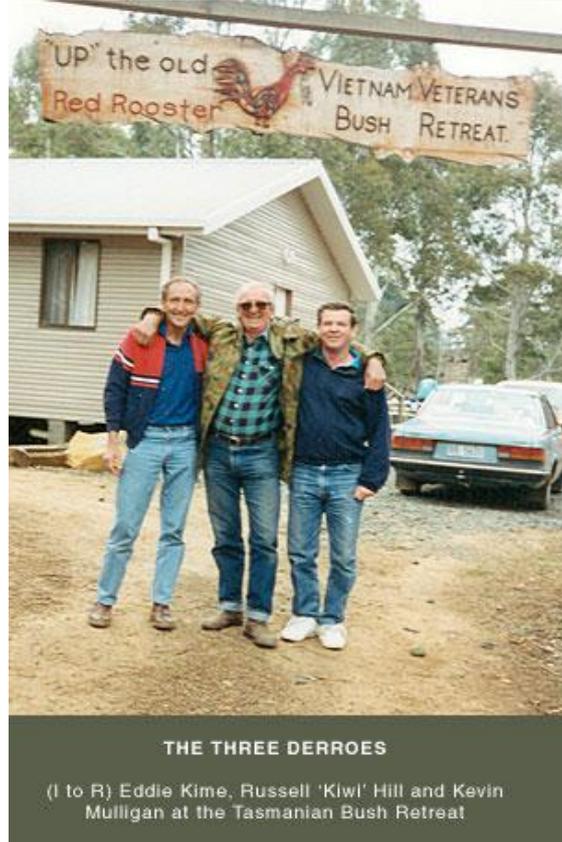
**EMERGENCY PHONE**

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**OUTWARDS ONLY**

**Family and friends can phone in on:**

**(03) 6254 1055**



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## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **Bruce Rock, WA**

The Shire of **Bruce Rock** and its town site are situated in the heart of the Wheat belt, 254km east of Perth. It has a population of approximately 700 people, with 1200 people in the shire. **Bruce Rock** 'leads the way' to open spaces and an agricultural experience to be enjoyed by all. We welcome visitors to enjoy the picturesque main street, gardens, amphitheatre and sculpture park, historic buildings, museums, federation style verandahs and great facilities.



Kokerbin Rock

Known as Kokerbin Hill, it is the third largest monolith in Australia and is recognized as an interesting unspoilt spot for flora and fauna study. It covers 9 hectares and is 122m high with interesting formations, caves and a deep well on the western side. Situated approximately 40km north-west of Bruce Rock, the picnic and barbecue facilities that are available make to an ideal location for a pleasant outing with family and friends.

### Vietnam Veterans 2010



The 2009 Vietnam Veterans 'Back to the Bush' event was bigger and better than ever before. It was the ninth reunion to date and there was a wide array of activities to keep everyone occupied. The Bruce Rock Shire would like to thank everyone who attended for making it a success yet again. Next years Back to the Bush Reunion (10th Reunion) will be held on the first weekend of November starting on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 in Bruce Rock. We hope to see you in 2010!

### Recreation Centre Upgrade



The Bruce Rock Recreation Centre is currently undergoing an upgrade. The new tennis and netball courts have been completed along with a new club, meeting and function room. Work has commenced on the bowling green which will be relocated to the recreation centre. The next stage of the upgrade includes expansion of the gymnasium and change rooms.

### Where to Stay

#### Bruce Rock Caravan Park – WA

PlaceID76975

Latitude 31.87556° S 118° 52' 32" E

Longitude 118.1417° E 118° 08' 30.01" E

#### Location of Bruce Rock Caravan Park

From [Narembeen](#), 31.79kms NW (39.8kms, 37mins driving)

From [Merredin](#), 45.61kms S (49.8kms, 44mins driving)

From [Kellerberrin](#), 48.19kms SE (57.7kms, 45mins driving)

From [Corrigin](#), 56.91kms NE (67.9kms, 54mins driving)



Bruce Rock Caravan Park  
Dunstall Street  
Bruce Rock 6418

Phone 08 9061 1070  
Fax 08 9061 1340

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### Camp Hart, WA

Camp Hart was founded in 1999 as a place where Australian Defence Force Veterans, and their families and friends, could find solitude and /or friendship within the Veteran community year round. More importantly Camp Hart, in conjunction with the Kulin Bush Races, brings together the Veteran Community and the local Wheat belt Country Community.

Camp Hart was named after Peter Hart. Peter's parents were the Postmaster/Mistress of Kulin in 1967 when Peter was wounded on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. He died 8 days later of his wounds in 2 Field Ambulance, Vung Tau, South

Vietnam. The public is welcome to visit Peter's memorial, which is across the race track at the north end of the ground.

A Memorial service is held every year, on the Saturday morning and due to popular demand will be held at 8.00am this year enabling more people to attend. Everyone is welcome. The service is followed by "tea and toast" at the Main Race track kitchen.

TO ENTER CAMP HART follow the signs from Kulin enjoying the display of horses as you drive . Turn left at the races sign and follow the road around for 2 kms. You will see Jilakin Rock on your right and on your left the service entry for The Bush Race personnel only. The Camp Hart entry is approx. 500m on, just before the bend.

The camp has a four toilet and four shower abluion block- including 1 disabled shower toilet, urinal. There is a fully enclosed "Meet and Greet" area with gas BBQ, 2 pot belly stoves for the cold nights and a 7kva generator for camp facilities only.

Camp Hart would not exist without the support and efforts of the 9 Vietnam Veteran Project Pioneers and their families, the Shire of Kulin, the Lucchesi family and all the good people of Kulin.

Camp Hart has been given permission to use its logo from the Australian Department of Defence and reflects the three services of the Australian Defence Force: Navy, Army and Air force.

Any enquiries regarding the use of these facilities may be made to:

President Barry Todd: Home : 08 95348331

Mobile: 0427 471 541

Email : [b.todd1@bigpond.com](mailto:b.todd1@bigpond.com)

Vice President Gary Williams: Home : 08 95812681

Mobile: 0148 945 785

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### **Veterans Legion, Paddy's Flat, Meekatharra, WA**

This is a most enjoyable place to spend some quiet few days. This is a resort style facility with unit accommodation including a community kitchen, laundry and large swimming pool and BBQ area. At the entrance is a most impressive replica of the Long Tan Cross bordered on three sides by red and white roses. It has to be seen to be really appreciated.

For bookings and information call Chris Atkins, caretaker and veteran on (08) 9980 1220

Chris is happy to accommodate volunteers for a working holiday in helping to maintain and upgrade the facilities

If going north turn right past the Shell service station on your way into town and follow the signs to Paddy's Flat.

Enjoy – Trevor Herbert, Bunbury

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