

**2016
ANNUAL REPORT**

Presented to the AGM on
31 May 2017

**86 TRANSPORT VIETNAM
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**



Our mission

When organising our first reunion in Adelaide in 1999 it was decided to form our unit association from members deployed to 86 Transport Platoon RAASC in Vietnam from 1967 to 1972. The main purpose was to assist with future reunions.

In addition we assist our members with their TPI claims before the Veterans Review Board. Most of our members are TPI pensioners who are now aged between 65 and 89.

We hold a register to assist with future reunions and arrange for seed grants to start up the next reunion.

We notify members of funeral services for our deceased unit members.

Our vision

To foster links between Australian Returned Servicemen who served in South Vietnam as part of 86 Transport Platoon RAASC or those whose service and contribution was linked to the unit.

Our History

In 1998 a small group of former drivers started to meet to organise the first National Reunion of former members of 86 Transport Platoon RAASC who served in Vietnam. The reunion was being organised in Adelaide around Anzac Day 1999.

During the 1999 Reunion Committee Meeting in Adelaide on 21 September 1998, it was decided to form the 86 Transport Vietnam Association and seek incorporation under the South Australian Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

The original committee members present at the meeting who formed the inaugural membership and sponsored the formation of the Association were Bill Denny, Bill Hignett, Rod Langman, Graham Bulger, Bill Moyle, Barry Field, Ian Milnes and Harry White.

A constitution was developed and approved at the meeting on 5 October 1998 and the office bearers elected at that meeting were President Bill Denny; Secretary, Bill Hignett; Minute Secretary Graham Bulger; Treasurer Bill Moyle; Public Officer, Bill Hignett; Committee members, Rod Langman and Barry Field.

On 26 July 2000, Bill Moyle resigned as Treasurer and the Committee decided to combine the roles of Secretary/Treasurer with the position currently being held by Bill Hignett.

An application seeking incorporation of the Association was completed and forwarded to the SA Office of Consumer and Business Affairs with incorporation approved on 5 July 2001. The reasons we sought incorporation was incorporated organisations are recognised as a separate legal entity by government, the courts, businesses and the public. This has its advantages when opening bank accounts, applying for funding and purchasing goods and services.

We are a small association with as at 31 December 2016, \$2,217.95 in the bank. Members currently do not pay an annual subscription. We rely on small donations from each of our biennial reunions to run the association. We also obtain small grants from the State Government and Commonwealth Department of Veterans Affairs to assist with some of the running of the reunions eg transporting our members to the Dawn Service and the Anzac Day March.

The affairs of the Association are maintained, managed and controlled by a Committee which in addition to any powers and authorities conferred by the constitution may exercise powers and do all such things as are within the objects of the Association.

STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

86 Transport Vietnam Association Incorporated is an incorporated association under the South Australian Associations Incorporation Act 1985. In 2016 Secretary/Treasurer Bill Hignett is the Association's nominated Public Officer under the Act.

The Committee

The affairs of the Association are maintained and controlled exclusively by a Committee which in addition to any powers and authorities conferred by the constitution may exercise all such powers that are within the objects of the Association.

The Committee is comprised of a President, Secretary/Treasurer, Minute Secretary, and 2 Committee members, all of whom must be members of the Association.

The current Committee members are:

President	Bill Denny AM BM
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Hignett OAM
Minute Secretary	Vacant
Committee members	Rudi Bos, Ian Milnes

In 2016, the Committee held 4 meetings to dispatch Association business

General Meetings

No general meetings of the Association were held in 2016 and the 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at TPI House SA at 9.30am on Wednesday 31 May 2017.

Membership

A person is qualified to be a member of the Association if the person served in 86 Transport Platoon in South Vietnam and/or the person applied for membership and been approved for membership by the Committee of the Association.

The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and shall be in such form as the Committee shall prescribe from time to time.

As of 31 December 2016, the Association comprised 22 members who had applied and satisfied the membership requirements of the Association.

Communication

The Association uses 3 main methods of communication with its members, former members of 86 Transport Platoon in Vietnam and family members. We have website at 86transportvietnam.com which members and the public can access. We use a mailchimp program to communicate electronically with members and in 2016 three electronic newsletters were sent out to members. We also maintain a closed 86 Facebook page which is moderated by Rob Bradbery to communicate and allow 86ers to communicate with one another.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our achievements during the reporting year have brought me great satisfaction.

Our Association has as its primary mission the fostering and management of our bi-annual reunions. The work done in this area was extraordinary and culminated in a wonderful reunion at Maroochydore from 20th to 26th April 2017.

I was only able to attend for the last day or so, but from all reports every attendee felt the event was a great success.

These events don't just happen. They occur because good men and women work hard to meet our best expectations. It was no different here and on behalf of you all I extend our collective thanks to **Ron and Anne Kratzmann, Cliff and Karen Glover and Don and Kay Grimley** for doing such a great job and giving us the opportunity to renew such valuable friendships.

Our next reunion will be held in Wagga Wagga in 2019 and Peter Southwell has stepped up and offered to lead the planning team. He will be ably supported by Wayne Lyons, Mick Merrifield, Barry Field, Don Kalis and Colin Locke. They have some great ideas and I know that this event will continue the succession of similar great events.

Sadly since our last reunion in 2014, we have lost a number our comrades who served with 86 Transport Platoon in Vietnam and I would like to acknowledge the service of Howard Berg, Herb Bilsborrow, Nick Birt, Peter Casey, Wayne Fisher, Gary Hackett, Ron Ilett, Michael Jonas, John Kidd, Peter Middleton, John Olney, Heinz Pontaks, Errol Quartermaine, Dave Reardon, George Watson and Harry White for our country. Harry White also gave 18 years of service on the Committee of our Association and we miss him greatly.

On a more general matter I would like to acknowledge the good work done by Rob Bradbery in keeping the website running and moderating our Facebook site. Thank you Rob.

Finally, a big thank you to Bill Hignett who as Secretary/Treasurer of our Association takes on much more than he should. He is ever efficient whether it be organising the monthly lunches for former 86 members and friends here in Adelaide, or coordinating the after march revelry on ANZAC Day. Sadly, Bill occasionally has to alert us to the passing of a member and if at all possible we try and represent you at the funeral. Simply put we would struggle to keep going were it not for Bill's efforts.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 31 May 2017. We do not expect any major issues to arise but some good suggestions have been made that, if accepted, will make our Constitution a little more welcoming and efficient.

In conclusion I can report that during the reporting period we have achieved our mission of assisting with future reunions, and our vision of fostering links between Australian Returned Servicemen who served in South Vietnam as part of 86 Transport Platoon RAASC or those whose service and contribution was linked to the unit; remains sound.



Bill Denny
President
17 May 2017

Financial Statement – 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015**Profit and Loss Statement**Income

Interest	\$ 00.15	
Donation from 2014 Reunion	\$ 1,040.32	
		\$1,040.47

Expenditure

	\$ 0.00	
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Cash operating surplus for this period	\$1,040.47
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Balance SheetFunds

Brought Forward from 31/12/14	\$1,492.86	
Plus Cash operating surplus	\$1,040.47	
		\$2,533.33

Represented by

Beyond Bank S3 Access Savings Account	\$1,493.01	
NAB Community Fee Saver Account	\$1,040.32	
		\$2,533.33

Liabilities

Total Liabilities	\$ 00.00	
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Net Assets and members' funds as of 31/12/2015	\$2,533.33
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Notes:

1. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the South Australian Associations Incorporation Act 1985.
2. The Association is not registered for GST. Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised inclusive of GST.
3. The Association is a not for profit organisation and is of the view that it is not subject to income tax.
4. In making a \$1040.32 donation to the Association, the 2014 Reunion Committee also transferred its operating account, the NAB Community Fee Saver Account to the Association on 30 April 2015.



Bill Hignett
Secretary/Treasurer
19 May 2017

Audit Certificate

I have examined the books of account of the 86 Transport Vietnam Association Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2015 and report that the above is in accordance with those records.



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Financial Statement – 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016**Profit and Loss Statement**Income

Interest & Share refund	\$ 2.04	
Merchandise Sales	\$ 235.00	
		\$ 237.04

Expenditure

Postage	\$ 13.40	
86 Website Fees	\$ 324.82	
Death Notices	\$ 214.20	
		\$ 552.42

Cash operating Loss for this period	\$ 315.38
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Balance SheetFunds

Brought Forward from 31/12/15	\$2,533.33	
Less Cash operating Loss	\$ 315.38	
		\$2,217.95

Represented by		
NAB Community Fee Saver Account	\$2,217.95	
		\$2,217.95

Liabilities

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4. On 21 March 2016 the Association's Beyond Bank S3 Access Account was closed and the balance of \$1,495.01 in the account transferred to the Association's NAB Community Fee Saver Account.
5. The accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association.
6. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.


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