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COCKSCOMB MEMORIAL Lest we Forget



For those who were unable to attend, our service and dedication of the Cockscomb Veterans Memorial was truly a magnificent day. For many years it will be remembered. Being the 40th Anniversary of Australia's involvement in Vietnam more than 200 Vietnam Veterans, families and friends attended a very moving short service carried out by Chaplin Gavin Brown.

42RQR marched on and stood guard over our brothers who were killed in action and who have died since. A lonely Piper piped the Lament, all attending stood still in crisp silence remembering the sacrifices of war.

The families of loved ones whose names are now residing on our memorial had time to reflect on fond memories and join in with the Cockscomb Veteran spirit which promotes better times ahead.



FAMILY BRUNCH / BARBEQUE

The next is on the 25th August 2002 at **COCKSCOMB** at 11am with entertainment provided by Kerry Whelow and his guitar.

We'll provide everything except spirits and wine. The cost to you will be burgers \$5, GOFFAS (Good Old Free From Alcohol) \$1 and Heavies \$2. Please contact Allan 4934 4941 if you are attending for catering purposes.

HOW TO GET THERE

Camms Road is an all weather gravel road, leading up from the township of Cawarral. **From Rockhampton**, follow the signs to get onto the road to Yeppoon. At approx 21 kilometres you will find **Dairy Inn Road** on your right. This takes you to Cawarral. At the "T" intersection near the school turn left. Cross a little one way bridge, and just past the 100 zone turn left into Camms Road. Follow the road up the hill & along the flat to a "no gate" fence. Take the road slightly to the right through the gate and follow it to the end.



Bindi lays the first wreath on behalf of 6RAR D Company

ROSE SWADLING MAKES THE MEMORIAL HAPPEN



Rose Swadling has been of enormous assistance to the Veteran community. Although the idea for the Memorial came from the Cockscomb Community, it was Rose Swadling who made it possible and through her expertise we have a Memorial to treasure forever. A special thanks to Andrew Fricker and James Byrne the Stone Mason team who put the memorial together. Craftsman, no other words for it, magnificent, thankyou.

Wreaths laid will wilt and be lost, but books will go on for generations to come. Books laid on the Memorial were presented to Cawarral State School for generations of students to enjoy.

After a BBQ lunch and a multidraw, Allan Evans tried to sell off the Hot Dogs



ALL VETERANS WELCOME

If you are visiting Rockhampton and would like to meet fellow Vietnam Veterans, then Cockscomb is the place. Call **Allan Evans** on **07 4934 4941** or **Tony Dawes** **0407693317**

WORKING BEES

A **working Bee** is held every Tuesday at 0900. If you intend to stay all day bring your lunch.

PROJECT MATERIAL

We are always on the look out for **project material**. Bricks timber, custom orb, paneling, pavers, screws, nails and bolts. Crusher dust, shade clothe, gardening tools, power tools, shovels and rakes, screw drivers and hammers. Tie down strap, triple grips and clouts...Nothing is turned down.

Jim Drever, well known at Cockscomb for his wit and humour on captions in the photo album donated \$500 to the cause.



The **National Serviceman's Association** donated \$500. Here President Henry, Wilf and Vets accept the cheque



Donations are always gratefully received and carefully spent. At Tuesday working bees Veterans discuss projects and majority rules. Approval must be gained before expenditure.



Signal Sqns are well represented at Cockscomb. Here left to Right Nick Quigley 104, Graham Kunkel 104, John Gehle 110, Kev Fletcher 110, Tony Dawes 104, Pat Wilson 104 and Chauncy Jones 110 gather under the Signals logo.



Dave Rollston and the **VVF Golf Day** donated \$500 to Cockscomb projects

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Vietnam Veteran Day Baby

It only happens twice a year, ANZAC Day and Vietnam Veterans Day. The first-born baby of the day receives a Ted D Bear, and mum a certificate and a bouquet of flowers.

This year **Linda Sander** gave birth to **Che Andrew Sander** at 0403. Weighing in at 3090 Che is Lindas fourth child.



Linda was quite surprised to receive a bouquet of flowers and a certificate presented to her by Phil Aplin and Nick Quigley.



The last of **Jean R Williams** books “**Children of the Mist - Agent Orange – Future Generations**” was presented to North Rockhampton State High Schools Librarian Barbara May and Principal Peter Obeirne by Nick Quigley. The School already has “Cry in the Wilderness”, “Devils Rainbow” and Harvest of Tears”

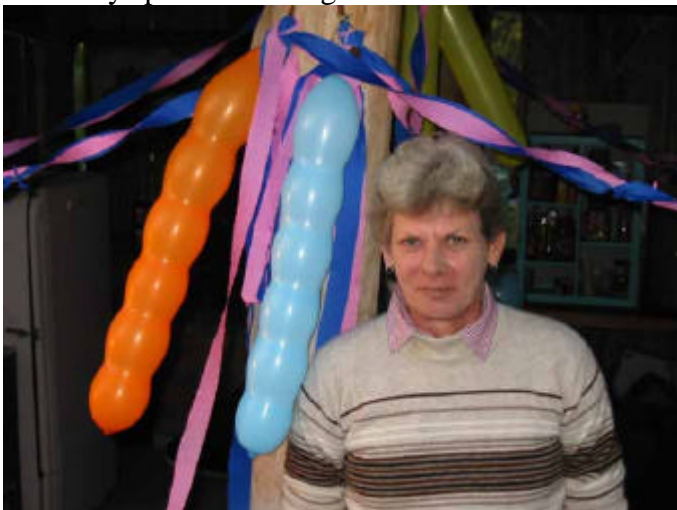
Cockscomb Veterans in the photo lime light at our recent BBQs and on Vietnam Veterans Day.



Allan Evans and Graham Jensen sell raffle tickets



Our Very special Catering core



Di Stanley celebrated another Birthday



Our Memorial Plaque says it all



Ray Stanley conjures up a brace for the water overflow



Eel, Wally and Digger have become well known to all visitors at Cockscomb. Wally meets you at the car as you arrive and as soon as the door is open, he's in for a look. Digger would love to be free of the chain and his day will come, but Eel, well she sniffs them all & sets up the chase. John, Darryl and Ray are the proud owners of this little gang.