



Minutes of the Special General Meeting

86 Transport Vietnam Association Incorporated

Held at the Riverbend Caravan Park Renmark S.A.

Saturday 17th August 2024 at 10 am

Committee:

William Thomas Denny (Bill) (Chair)

Kenneth John Parker (Ken), (Acting Treasurer)

Rudolf Bos (Rudi), (Acting Secretary Minutes)

Dennis Hicks, Dean Butler, Jenny Whalan (Committee)

Apologies:

Terrence and Lesley Healy, Kevin Jackson, Alan Nolan, Don and Kay Grimley, Debbie Jordan, Ian Milnes, Robert Bradbery, Mick Park, "Blue" Ducat, Michael and Sue Merrifield, David and Pauline Mickan.

Ordinary Members Present:

Ken Parker, Bill Denny, Rudi Bos, Dean Butler, John Philipps, David Duff, Tom Carroll, Gary Rose, Damien Pearce, Allan O'Grady, Dave Daniels, James (Shorty) O'Meara, Des Boyce, Rob Martin, Peter Jolly, Stuart Baillie, Geoff Leetet, Peter Southwell, Denis Hicks, Dennis Lowder, Steve Tolsher, Julian Holden, John Hunt, Alan Watt, Bob Patison and Hans De Kaste.

Associate Members Present:

Brigitte Holden, Glenda Butler, Marie Hunt, Junene De Kaste, Toni Patison, Heather Daniels, Margaret Bulger, Sally Hignett, Julie Philipps., Chris Hicks, Letitia Lowder, Carol Males, Margaret Duff, Karen Carroll, Jenny Whalan, Barbara Bos, Judy Zbierski, and Leonore White

Chair Bill Denny opened the meeting and introduced the members of the committee and welcomed all members of 86 Transport, in particular the widows of deceased members that were present.

Bill also made special mention of Bill Hignett and his achievements in initiating the 86 Transport Vietnam Association Incorporated as well as all the other work done by him for ex-service men and women.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as correct moved Dennis Hicks seconded by Rudi Bos,

Treasurer's report presented by Ken Parker: NAB Community Saver Account Balance as of 17th August 2024

Everyday Saver Account.....	\$ 900.00 Cr
Term Deposit.....	\$20,364.00Cr
Total Funds.....	\$21,264.00Cr

All funds had been suspended pending receipt of Incorporation details, but have now been released from 14th August 2024

The treasure's report was moved by Ken Parker and seconded by Rudi Bos and accepted by all present.

The Chair thanked Bill and Sally Hignett for their contribution to the Association over many years and moved that the Association now be wound up.

That all assets be distributed to a nationally recognised organization concerned with the health and welfare of Vietnam Veterans or their families and our history in Vietnam as per our Constitution.

Once funds have been divested our Australian Business and Incorporated Numbers are to be cancelled.

This motion was moved by Rudy Bos, seconded Ken Parker and unanimously accepted

Discussion then came as to where the funds could be directed. Ken Parker has been doing a lot of research into this and suggested to the members that our Mark 5 truck be installed in a permanent static display at the Australian Army Military Museum in Bandiana, together with a Land Rover with a decommissioned or replica M60 machine gun mounted on it.

A re-creation of the original sign at the entrance to our yard at Vung Tau and **“You are entering Cobra Country”** sign.

There could also be a 3D hologram and video from the ABC 7.30 Report of the 86 Reunion at Victor Harbor.

There was a suggestion from the floor about supplying earphones for the display or other newer technology.

The committee to look into negotiating a letter of agreement between 86 Transport and the Australian Army Museum Bandiana that they must not release or dispose of our truck, display, and history to be retained for future generations of veterans and public.

This will satisfy the objects and purpose of the Association’s constitution.

3.1 To foster the links between Australian returned servicemen who served in South Vietnam as part of 86 Transport Platoon:

3.2 To educate the Australian public on Australia’s involvement in the war in South Vietnam.

To save a data base of all who served with 86 Transport during the war, together with 2 Platoon, under the 5 Company Banner.

The idea being that we want to ensure it becomes a “permanent” display and to avoid the issues of the past, where our truck has on two occasions been almost lost.

The following suggestions were offered from the floor:

Peter Southwell requested funding for 86 Transport website run by Robert Bradbery to enable members to be kept informed into the future.

Ken then advised the meeting that \$2000.00 would be put aside for this purpose being (\$200.00 per year for 10 years).

“Snow” Lowder requested that an 86 plaque be placed at Seymour.

Peter Southwell requested that an 86 plaque be placed on a bench seat at Bookham.

These motions were then put to the members by Ken seconded by Rudi and voted for unanimously.

The treasurer suggested that the Paddle steamer trip scheduled for later that day be paid out of the available funds of 86 Transport. But after some discussion that motion was defeated.

Jenny Whalan then suggested that the members could meet again next year for a reunion at Moama. Most members were in favour of that suggestion.

The Chair then thanked members for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

Minutes confirmed by:

William Thomas Denny

Kenneth John Parker.....

Rudolf Bos.....