

Glasshouse Country Vietnam Veterans' Day

Glasshouse Country RSL Sub Branch last Saturday (August 18) held its Vietnam Veterans' Day, attended by more than 30 local Vietnam veterans, along with other ex-service members and family. Five members who were involved in the Battle of Coral Balmoral in May/June 1968 participated in the service. They were awarded the Unit Citation for Gallantry (UCG) in May this year – 50 years after the battle. The battle, the largest for Australia in the Vietnam War, involved 2500 troops more than 100km from their combat base at Nui Dat, using main battle tanks for the first time since World War 2. There were 26 Australians killed in action plus 107 wounded with hundreds of the North Vietnam Army enemy killed.



Peter Thorne (104 Sig Sqn), Denis Hare (104 Sig Sqn), Eric Marques (131 Div Loc Bty), Peter Mangel (3RAR) and Alan Newton (3RAR)