

100 YEARS OF ANZAC
THE SPIRIT LIVES
2014 - 2018



Honouring lost lives; saving young lives*
ANZAC FRIENDSHIP MATCH



VIETNAM SWANS

VS

SINGAPORE WOMBATS



25th APRIL, 2015

LORD MAYOR'S OVAL (DOG TRACK), VUNG TAU

1.00PM FRIENDSHIP TROPHY: SWANS VS WOMBATS

11.30AM COMMBANK CUP: Al Fresco All-Stars vs Lagler Legends

BUS FROM HCMC FRIDAY 24 APRIL

MEET AT COMMONWEALTH BANK

65 NGUYEN DU (ACROSS FROM CATHEDRAL)

10AM AND 6PM (\$10) - Bookings Essential

AFTER GAME FUNCTION AT TOMMY'S BAR

FROM 5.00PM - FREE ENTRY

AFL, AUCTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

BUFFET DINNER VND200k

COMBINE WITH ANZAC DAY 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAWN SERVICE AT LONG TAN CROSS
BUSES DEPART TOMMY'S BAR AT 4AM

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES - nationalpres@vietnamswans.com

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Welcome

In Australia, Australian Rules Footy is very closely aligned with ANZAC Day – the anniversary of that terrible dawn back in 1915 when the ANZACs landed on the beaches of Gallipoli. In Asia ANZAC footy matches are being played in nearly ten countries, in memory of Australia's and New Zealand's fallen.

Annually the Vietnam Swans host an ANZAC match at Ba Ria Vung Tau. Vung Tau served as the Australians base during the Vietnam/American War. It was here at the Vung Tau Greyhound track - formerly known as the Lord Mayor's Oval – that Australian soldiers held footy tournaments back in 1966-1971.

In Vietnam, the Government only allows two countries to honour their fallen with a memorial. They are France (Dien Bien Phu) and Australia (Long Tan). In exchange, the Vietnamese Government requests that those who visit the memorials must not wear medals, uniforms, raise or display flags or play music and that any speeches should be short and low key.

Against this backdrop of sensitivities, the Vietnam Swans feel extremely privileged to be able to host our ANZAC Friendship Match. We wear two black armbands to respect all who have fallen and to share the vision of one bright future.

We also use the occasion to raise money for local orphanages and swimming initiatives that will save young lives. In Vietnam, more children currently die from drowning than road accidents.

We are humbled by the generosity shown to us by those who have so warmly welcomed us into their country, and we share together our sorrow and mutual respect for the sacrifices of our peoples.

The Vietnam Swans hope that this match will help build the ever-strengthening friendship between two friends: Australia and Vietnam. We warmly welcome the Singapore Wombats to the 2015 ANZAC Friendship Match in the spirit of friendship and respect – and to have an amazing day at the footy.

Event Schedule

Friday 24th April	Commonwealth Bank Ho Chi Minh City Branch 65 Nguyen Du, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City	10.00am and 6.00pm Bus departs for Vung Tau Approximately 90 minute journey (\$10) <i>*Bookings essential - Contact</i> mairead.scanlon24@gmail.com to reserve seats
	Vung Tau Beach	Midday (TBC) - Surf Life Saving Demonstration
	Tommy's Sports Bar Ba Cu, Vung Tau	4.50pm Richmond vs Melbourne and welcoming dinner
Saturday 25 th April	Tommy's Sports Bar Ba Cu, Vung Tau	4.00am Bus departs Tommy's Bar to Long Tan Cross for Dawn Service (<i>for bookings contact nolaglenn@yahoo.com.au</i>)
		6.30am Buses return to Tommy's for Gun-Fire Breakfast
	Greyhound Racing Track Lam Son Stadium 15 Le Loi Street Vung Tau, Vung Tau	11:30am The Commonwealth Bank Cup – Lagler Legends Vs. Al Fresco's All Stars
		1:00pm Pre-match speeches and National Anthems
		1.30pm 6 th Annual ANZAC Friendship Match Vietnam Swans vs. Singapore Wombats
		3.30pm Presentations at the Ground
	Tommy's Sports Bar Ba Cu, Vung Tau	5.00pm After game function at Tommy's
Sunday 26 th April	Commonwealth Bank Ho Chi Minh City Branch 65 Nguyen Du, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City	2pm Bus departs for HCMC

Getting to Vietnam

Visas

Vietnam requires people to have a visa for entry/exit. A visa to Vietnam cost \$45USD. To acquire a Visa there are two options:

1. Get the visa before you leave at a Vietnamese embassy (this is the legit option, which is cheaper as you don't have to pay for the approval letter and will save you time when you get into Vietnam airport)

<http://www.vietnambassy.org.au/Consular.htm>

2. Apply for a Visa on arrival - You can acquire an 'visa-on-arrival' approval letter from a number of visa agent websites – this isn't an actual visa, only permission that you can get a visa on arrival. The letter generally takes 2 – 5 days business days and depending on which website will cost about \$20USD. Once received you need to print and present the approval letter to the airline upon check-in or many airlines will not let you fly.

Prior to immigration in Tan Son Nhat International there is an office where they put the visa in your passport. You will need to present the letter, a completed visa on arrival form and a passport photo and also have \$45USD to pay for the visa.

<http://www.vietnam-visa.com/>

<http://www.myvietnamvisa.com/vietnam-visa-cost.html>

Arrival Instructions

1. Fly to Vietnam - Get off aeroplane

2. Go through immigration (get visa on arrival next to immigration)

3. Go down escalators to baggage carousels, get bags, **exchange some money/use an ATM to get VND** then walk out the airport doors and turn left towards the taxi rank.

4. Ignore the first lot of taxis such as Saigon taxis/happy tourists' taxis etc. Just past the dodgy taxis there is normally staff wearing branded **Vinasun** or **Mai Linh** uniforms.

5. Get in any Vinasun or Mai Linh taxi, normally white and green. The kerbside staff can help tell the driver where you are going if their English is poor. The taxi ride into District 1 should cost about 120,000 - 150,000 VND (\$6 - \$8 AUD) and takes 20 – 30 minutes.



Getting to Vung Tau

Vung Tau is situated on a peninsula around 1.5 - 2 hours drive from Ho Chi Minh City.

Bus

The Vietnam Swans will be organising buses departing from the Commonwealth Bank 65 Nguyen Du, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City at **10.00am and 6.00pm sharp** on Friday 24th. Return buses will depart Tommy's Bar at **2.00pm Sunday** from Tommy's Bar. Price will be 200,000 VND per person (\$10) each way payable on the day.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - If you would like seats reserved on the bus contact mairead.scanlon24@gmail.com. The Vietnam Swans cannot guarantee a seat on the bus if you have not booked.

Buses at all other times are available from Hoa Mai buses on Nguyen Thai Binh Street in District 1, Ho Chi Minh City for 100K VND each way or 165 for the VIP bus, which is highly recommended over the cheaper bus www.hoamaitourist.com

Car

Private transfers can be arranged through most hotels direct from HCM Airport to Vung Tau for approximately \$100.

Hydrofoil

Taking the Hydrofoil can be a good way to see the commercial maritime areas as the boat runs through the Saigon River to the sea, taking around one hour twenty minutes. However, there has been some concerns about the safety of the boats.

Three companies provide hydrofoil services on the HCM City-Vung Tau route, including Vina Express, Greenlines and Petro Express, with more than 20 hydrofoils.

Most of the hydrofoils are old and were imported from Russia and Eastern Europe. Some boats have been used for over 20 years.

Services were recently suspended due to safety concerns. Some services resumed in December 2014. Consult the relevant websites for booking details.

<http://www.vinaexpress.com.vn/index.php?&lang=eng>

100th Anniversary ANZAC Dawn Service – Long Tan Cross

The Long Tan Cross (LTC), located in Ba Ria-Vung Tau (BRVT) Province approximately 110 km east of Ho Chi Minh City, marks the site of the Battle of Long Tan. This Battle, which took place on 18 August 1966, was Australia's single most costly engagement of the Vietnam War, with the loss of 18 Australian soldiers.

A cross was first erected on the site in 1969 when the 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, which fought in the Battle, was on its second tour of duty. The original cross was later removed by the Vietnamese. A replica now stands on the same site.

In recognition of sensitivities associated with the LTC, visitors should conduct themselves with appropriate decorum and observe the following protocols in order not to jeopardise continued access to this important site:

- No medals or military uniforms to be worn
- No flags to be raised or displayed
- No music to be played
- Any speeches made at the site to be low key and short

Buses to Long Tan

Buses will depart from Tommy's Bar to Long Tan Cross for the Dawn Service at **Saturday 4am**, returning direct to the ground at around **6.30am** where a gunfire breakfast will be held.

The Swans will be booking a bus for players only (of both games – VND200k/\$10 each) – contact mairead.scanlon24@gmail.com to reserve a seat. A 3 bus package (HCMC-VT, Dawn Service and VT-HCMC) is available for VND500/\$25.

All other supporters are encouraged to book a seat on a bus through Glenn at Tommy's Bar who will be selling tickets at the bar in the days leading up or by contacting him on nolanglenn@yahoo.com.au



Hotels – Vung Tau

- ★★★★★ Imperial hotel, 159 Thùy Vân - approximately \$150
<http://www.agoda.com/the-imperial-hotel-vung-tau/hotel/vung-tau-vn.html?CID=1651962>

- ★★★★ Seaside Resort, 28 Tran Phu Street - approximately \$70
<http://www.agoda.com/en-au/seaside-resort-vung-tau/hotel/vung-tau-vn.html?CID=1651962>

- ★★★★ Petro Hotel, 9 – 11 Hoang Dieu St – approximately \$100 (next to the field)
<http://www.agoda.com/en-au/petro-hotel/hotel/vung-tau-vn.html?CID=1651962>

- ★★★★ Sammy Hotel, 157 Thuy Van St – approximately \$50
<http://www.agoda.com/en-au/sammy-hotel/hotel/vung-tau-vn.html?CID=1651962>

- ★★★ Rex Hotel, 1 Le Qui Don St – approximately \$60
<http://www.agoda.com/en-au/rex-hotel-vung-tau/hotel/vung-tau-vn.html?CID=1651962>

- ★★ Song Huong Hotel, 09 Truong Vinh Ky St – approximately \$40
<http://www.agoda.com/en-au/song-huong-hotel/hotel/vung-tau-vn.html?CID=1651962>

- ★★ Pacific Hotel, 4 Le Loi Str - Approximately \$25-
<http://www.agoda.com/en-au/pacific-hotel/hotel/vung-tau-vn.html?CID=1651962>

Plenty of local hotels with the basics such as air-conditioning – from \$15

**Using the above links allows the Indochina Bulldogs (local playing team) to receive a small commission from each booking. Please support grass roots Asian Footy and use these links to make your bookings or contact the Swans to create specific links for other hotels. Thanks!*

Restaurants – Vung Tau

Yummy Yummy, 6 Tran Hung Dao St – great western and Vietnamese food

Ganh Hao, 03 Tran Phu and Ha long St - Best seafood restaurant in the south

Bistro 9, French café restaurant - 9 Truong Vinh Ky

Tommy's Sports bar restaurant - Ba Cu, Vung Tau

Bars – Vung Tau

Tommy's 3 Sports bar restaurant - Ba Cu, Vung Tau (Home of the Swans in Vung Tau)

Matildas, 6 Nguyen Du - open air bar with food, often frequented by expats

Lucy's Sports bar, 138 Ha Long Street – across from ferry terminal, has darts and pool

Beach Club, 8 Thuy Van St on Back beach bar across from imperial hotel

Rock and roll bar, 18 Quang Trung - good theme and music

Black Pearl, 64 Ha Long – cool bar with live band but drinks are expensive for Vung Tau

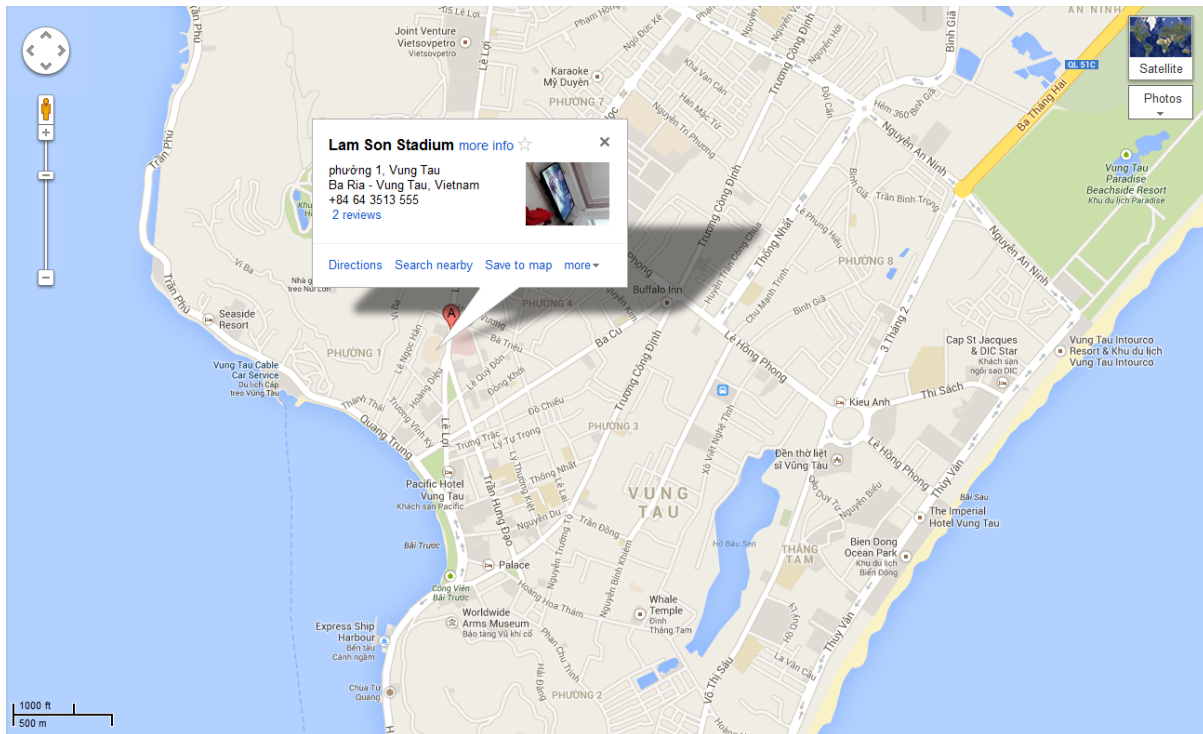
Walk around the streets and you will find plenty of bars to have a beer

<http://www.vungtau-city.com/>

Match Venue

The match will take place at Vung Tau's Grey hound track - Lam Son Stadium, 15 Le Loi, Vung Tau.





Other Useful Information

Money

Money can be changed at most hotels. Almost all banks' ATMs are available in Vung Tau. In HCMC we recommend using which bank??? Obviously, the Commonwealth Bank, a Swannies sponsor. They allow the greatest withdrawal amounts and have ATM's in convenient locations and in great condition.

IN Vung Tau:

Vietcombank: 27 Trần Hưng Đạo (main office)

8 Thùy Vân Sammy Hotel

143 Thùy Vân, Rex Hotel

8 Hoàng Diệu Petro Tower

Dong A Bank: 207 Lê Hồng Phong (in front of Vung Tau Post office)

120 Hạ Long (in front of the Hydrofoil Ferry Port)

34 Hoàng Hoa Thám, 155 Nguyễn Thái Học (in front of Coop Mart Vung Tau)

ACB: 3A Trần Hưng Đạo

09 Hạ Long (Hydrofoil Port)

205 Nguyễn Văn Trỗi

Agribank: 103 Nam Kỳ Khởi Nghĩa

Sacombank: 67A Lê Hồng Phong

BIDV: 24 Trần Hưng Đạo, Vung Tau Post Office, 72 Trần Hưng Đạo.

Visa and MasterCard are also accepted with a fee for each withdrawal.

Climate

The weather in HCMC varies little from season to season with an average temperature between 27 and 33oC. Humidity levels average 75-80 per cent. Annual precipitation is about 2,000mm.

There are two seasons per year. The wet season lasts from May to November, and the dry season from December to April. The weather immediately before the onset of the wet season is particularly hot and humid.

Hospital

Lê Lợi Hospital, 22 Lê Lợi Street

Telephone

International direct dialling code	00
Country code for calls to Australia	61
Country code for calls to Vietnam	84
Area code for calls to HCMC	08
Police	113
Fire Brigade	114
Ambulance	115

Time Differences

Times in selected Australian capitals relative to Vietnamese time are:

Canberra /Eastern Capitals +3 hours to local time

Darwin and Adelaide +2.5 hours

Perth +1 hour

From October to March add 1 extra hour for daylight saving, excluding Western Australia and Queensland

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