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The Weekend's Schedule

Friday 22nd April

Friday night footy (4.50pm Hawks vs Crows)
and informal welcome dinner at Tommy's 3 Bar (order from menu)

Saturday 23rd April

11.00am Auskick clinic (all kids welcome)

12.00am Lagler Legends vs Al Fresco's All-stars Game - Commbank Cup
(4 x 15min Quarters)

1.30pm Presentation of Commbank Cup

1.45pm Pre match formalities inc. national anthems and ode

2.15pm 7th Annual ANZAC Friendship Match

Vietnam Swans Vs Jakarta Bintang
(4 x 20min Quarters, Auskick game at half time)

4.00pm Presentation of the Friendship trophy at the ground

6.30pm McMillan Dinner, Pullman Hotel Vung Tau

Sunday 27th April

9.30am - 2.30pm Coaches course with Wally Gallio,

High Performance Manager, AFLNT, upstairs at Tommy's Bar

All day - Players recovery, Tommy's Bar

10:10am St Kilda vs Greater Western Sydney

11:10am Fremantle vs Carlton

4:10pm Melbourne vs Richmond

Optional Battlefield Tours, Long Tan

Monday 25th April

4.00am Buses Depart Tommy's Bar

5.15am ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Long Tan Cross

5.45am Busses Depart Long Tan for Tommy's Bar

6.45am Gunfire Breakfast at Tommy's Bar

10.30am Essendon vs Collingwood on the big screen

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Flying the Viet flag.
Vuong To, Nguyen Quang Vinh,
Sonny Le and Dinh Anh.

Hugh Borrowman

Australian Ambassador to Vietnam

It's my great honour to welcome you all to this year's Anzac Day friendship match in Vung Tau between the Vietnam Swans and the Jakarta Bintangs. As the 7th annual Anzac Day game to take place here in Vung Tau, Vietnam, this game can truly be considered one of the great traditions of Australian football in South East Asia.

ANZAC Day is a time of remembrance and reflection, as we commemorate those who sacrificed themselves to defend the freedom and values that are so important to us - not just those who fell at Gallipoli, which ANZAC Day commemorates - but also the many others who came after them in WWII, in the Korean War, in Vietnam, and more recently still in Timor Leste, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and other troubled locations. This year is particularly significant here in Vietnam, in that it marks the 50th anniversary of the battle of Long Tan - one of the largest battles fought by Australians during the Vietnam War - which took place just a few kilometres away from where we are today.

But the tragedy and adversity that ANZAC Day commemorates also brings Australians together. And that is something I would particularly like to recognise and celebrate here today. We have the Australian football clubs and their supporters from across Vietnam and Indonesia; we have Australian veterans, some of whom now live here in Vung Tau and some who have travelled specially for this weekend; we also have the non-veteran Australian community in Vung Tau; and we have other visitors and spectators here today, from Vietnam, from Australia, as well as from other countries around the world.

Something I'd particularly like to congratulate the Swans on is the establishment of their local development program. It's great to see young Vietnamese being involved in Australian sporting culture through the Swans, with this sort of "sports diplomacy" bringing opportunities for friendship and new experiences for all involved. I wish them - as well as other teams in the region - all the best in the year ahead as they gear up towards the AFL International Cup in 2017.



Of course, in addition to friendship and football, today is also a fundraiser for Swim Vietnam and the Vung Tau orphanage. I'd like to recognise the contribution that the Vietnam Swans and the Australian community in Vietnam make to these and other causes that support those less fortunate than ourselves, and encourage you all to do what you can to support today's fundraising activities.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Vietnam Swans for the hard work they put into organising this event, making each year bigger and better than the last. I also thank the Jakarta Bintangs and their supporters for travelling to Vietnam to participate in this ANZAC Day Friendship Match. I also wish the Vietnam Swans all the best in their hosting of the AFL Asian Championships in Ho Chi Minh City in October this year.

I look forward to today's match, and wish the event every success.

Hugh Borrowman
Hanoi, Vietnam



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Grant Keys President of the Vietnam Swans

Welcome all to the Swans' 7th Anzac Friendship Match in Vung Tau. A special welcome to all the veterans who make this weekend so special for all of the players. We really are fortunate to play our national sport on such a historic ground, there is no better place to play AFL in Asia.

It's a great pleasure to also welcome Paul Halliday and all the Jakarta Bintangas back to Vung Tau. They are leading the way in terms of their efforts to develop local Indonesian players, which is a big reason why I was so keen to invite them back. As we begin a new era for our Club in making local player development a priority, we are keen to learn from their experiences and like them, have local players regularly line up for their side.

The 'tangs are of course the only team to have beaten us at an Anzac Friendship Match and I'm sure they will be very keen to keep it that way. We have built a great rivalry with them that stretches many years, firstly through the Kainey Cup and more recently with some big clashes at Asian Champs. I have no doubt we will be in for a very tough game.

I am very excited to this weekend help formally launch our new local player development strategy, the Vietnam Swans Academy! It's all well and good to have locals play for the Swans but we want to ensure its a sustainable venture going forward, with Vietnamese players mentored and supported in their efforts to learn and play this unique game of ours.

It's early days for the Swans but we think we have already unearthed a few gems who I hope we will be seeing a lot more of in the future. I can't wait to stand arm in arm with a few of these guys in the fantastic heritage jumper before today's game. One of the highlights of this weekend will be watching the local boys from both teams compete and use the experience to grow as individuals from what is one of the greatest thrills in AFL Asia...stepping on the hallowed turf of the Lord Mayor's Oval!

We are very fortunate this weekend to also welcome representative from the Sydney Swans and AFL. A big welcome to Swans Director and



1996 premiership player Brad Seymour and his wife. It's great to have Brad along as our special guest at the McMillan Dinner, which I am pleased to have return to the program after a years hiatus. Also welcome to Wally Gallio from AFLNT who will be conducting the first ever Lv 1 accredited coaching course held in Vietnam on Sunday. We greatly appreciate the support of the Sydney Swans and the AFL in making this happen.

It's a huge weekend and I hope many of you can stay on for the Dawn Service at Long Tan on Monday morning where we will once again pay tribute to the men and women that made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Being the 50th Anniversary year of the Battle of Long Tan, this dawn service will be sure to hold additional significance and I look forward to the Swans also supporting further commemorative activities around the anniversary and Gala Dinner on 18 August.

It's been a great honor to lead this organisation over the past year. The Swannies mean so much to so many people, I really do feel responsible in upholding a legacy that others have built for us. The amount of games we play, the countries we travel to, the events we host and the money and awareness we raise for a wide range of causes in Vietnam is a credit to the team of hardworking volunteers, supporters and valued sponsors that make this club what it is.

Thanks for coming along and I hope you have a great weekend in Vung Tau!

Grant

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Paul Halliday President of the Jakarta Bintangs

There is always be a variety of reasons why an expat could leave the conveniences and support of their home country and head off into the unfamiliar sights languages and challenges of Asia. Each of the players for the Viet Nam Swans and the Jakarta Bintangs (national and international) has their own creation story of what bought them here, and some of these may be explained at length post-match when the teams meet up to relive highlights .

President Grant Keys and the Viet Nam Swans are famous in the region for their hospitality and camaraderie to visiting teams. They have given the Bintangs our captain and Best and Fairest winner David O'Shea but on the other side of the coin, they have also given us Shannon Leahy and, for a while, Gus McEwin so it would be wrong to hold grudges. As Jakarta returns back to Vung Tau for another ANZAC Friendship Match, there will be time for a somber moment to consider just how much has changed in the 50 years since the Battle of Long Tan conflagrated all around the area.

The expats who arrived 50 years ago for that fight were mostly 19 or so, lightly trained and fighting in a nightmare scenario that they barely knew existed a few short months ago. On the ANZAC Weekend that we can assure that all their struggle is not forgotten and their memory endures. Lest We Forget

We look forward to the weekend and would like to thank Grant and the Swans



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Around the grounds



The 2016 AFL Asia season will heat up on Saturday 23 April with another big round of ANZAC games across the region. Matches will be played in Vietnam, Thailand and Hong Kong, with commemoration events to also accompany the games.

AFL Asia President Darren Whitfield was excited about the Round ahead in saying “Anzac Day matches in Asia are always a massive, a sought after highlight of the AFL Asia season. They are a

great way for our Clubs to remember the hardship of Wars gone by and acknowledge the enduring friendships that still survive. We expect large crowds across the footy fields of Asia for this momentous day in the Asian Footy calendar! Get involved!”

Thailand Tigers vs Malaysian Warriors SCAFL ANZAC Round

2015 AFL Asia Grand Finalists the Malaysian Warriors will travel to Kanchanaburi, Thailand for what it also shaping up as a great match up between two of AFL Asia’s powerhouses.

Malaysia have had a solid start to the 2016 season with a narrow 1-goal away loss to Jakarta in March and their impressive home win against the Swans last weekend.

It will be Thailand’s first game of the season, with Malaysia taking the choccies at the 2015 Asian Champs in Bangkok 12-25.

The football match will be played on Saturday 23rd April at 1.00pm, and will once again be supported by the attendance of the Quiet Lions.

A dawn service will follow the game at Hellfire Pass and the Commemorative Wreath Laying Service at the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery on Monday 25th.

Round 3 of the South China Australian Football League will move to Stanley Ho Sports Centre at the University of Hong Kong for a special Anzac Round on Saturday April 23rd.

The day will kick off with a 9.30 AusKick clinic, before a 1230 ANZAC memorial service and SCAFL and Vikings AFL games.

Australian food and drinks available all day, with over 10 games of senior grade AFL football expected.

Reigning 2015 premiers the Lantau Lizards have been in good form with three wins from three matches in Round 2, catapulting the reigning premiers up the ladder. Easy victories over an undermanned Cobras side and Macau were followed up by a hard-fought win over the Guangzhou Scorpions, who will be looking to fill the massive hole that recent Port Adelaide recruit Chen Shaoling has left since departing for Adelaide.



Bintang and Swans genesis?

Rick Trewavas

Fortunately my playing days were not in Vietnam but in the safety of the VAFA in Melbourne suburbs 1964 - 72. It rarely entered my mind that blokes were running around in Vung Tau playing the truly beautiful game during the war.

The Bintang and Swan narrative: Not every story is the same, but

Aturan Aussie Sepok Bola: Jakarta Bintang
In 1982 I was in Jakarta on an AUSaid project. We were as parochial as Sir Les Patterson. For all sorts of reasons we underlings had to wait until the consul would accept a call Monday mornings to get the VFL results. The office telex was OUT OF BOUNDS for footy. Running a tipping comp was a logistics exercise. The Bloods were hijacked to Sydney and I was in mourning.

We did some Auskick at the British International School 1988-89 and in 1991 the ANZA society disturbed my reverie and asked me to organise a game at ISCI (International Sports Club Indonesia) for Jan 26. I umpired a night game between the Nth Jkt Wombats and the Sth Jkt Goannas who were as contrived the IPL/Big Bash. Much Bintang 'obat' was consumed during breaks. It was a draw.

In '92 we established JARS (Jakarta Aussie Rules Society) as a strictly supporter activity. It required some persistence. As recorded on the original Jakarta Bintang's website, written I think by Ken Allan, a fair footballer for a lawn hockey player:

"On 5 April 1993 a Mr. Rick Trewavas, ... convened a meeting ... to discuss the possibility of setting up a football club. Sadly ... we decided now may not have been the appropriate time. ... Unhappy with the quality of football being dished up (ATVI) each Saturday... (Rick)... personally sent 65 facsimiles to the powers that be.... The result was the AFL coverage that we have all been privileged to watch over these past few years, and which has contributed in no small way to the enthusiasm, interest and drawing power of the Bintangs." (Bintang original website)

We attempted to field a side in the 1995 Arafura Games - it didn't happen - couldn't even get more than 2 bodies for the Ashes test in Perth in Feb '95! We did become part of the ABC International

Football Network, which morphed into the International Australian Football Council post the '95 Arafura Games. But the future of Aussie Rules was in the hands of keener, younger and fitter men, and as cricket would have it, a decent deck at Cibubur. The Bintangs took off in 1995-6. (Incidentally the Arafura Games claims the '95 event as the first international sporting festival to have Aussie Rules as a competition sport in its own right.)

Half Time

In 1996-7 we kicked a leather conveyance on the banks of the Tonle Sap, Phnom Penh, not far from the Press Club, but mine fields were a heavy influence in not progressing to fields of appropriate space.

Bóng đá quy tắc Úc: Hanoi Swans

Footy was alive and well on ATVI 2001 in Hanoi, if you had one. A lunch at Pepperonis established that Mick Francis had a dish and maybe we could pick the games up. Playing was not on the agenda; the limit of our adventurism was a swig of 'nep moi'. A few of us started to meet informally on the roof of a Friday night, followed by Sat arvos at Pepperonis or Jack's (where we held the first formal GF Party). Many were delayed telecasts but we were trusting souls - although I was a little iffy around 'Bubbles' Tinlin - and indulged in a large pot of Dong for quarter by quarter scores as Mick 'drove' the satellite to illegal (?) receptions.

We christened "The Bobby Skilton Room just after 9/11 in 2001. In a moving ceremony, my beloved bedside photo of Skilts was then affixed to the wall of Pepperonis in 2002 and we became the Hanoi Swans. Imagine if we'd taken the Bintang - and not the 'binatang' - route and become the Beer Hois or The BaBaBas! (Although the latter does have a certain ring to it). A formal footy panel was established and we had an hour's entertainment before the telecasts with previews, past performance analyses, and more entertainment than Dyer, Lou and Woofers provided on League Teams.

Why the Swans? When dad came home from the war, he had never set eyes on his first-born son who was then 4 years old. Dad was a WO1, a big bloke with a big voice, and boomed at my brother



Above: Photos from November 2003: "Foster's Hanoi Invitational Cup", a 3-way tournament between the Hanoi Swans, Hong Kong Dragons and Thailand Tigers. **Insert:** Rick Trewavas finally got his Swans.

"They tell me you barrack for ##@** Essendon. My father barracked for the **^%# Swans, I barrack for the &*^\$## Swans and you'll barrack for the *^&\$%# Swans!" Needless to say, so did I. What's more in the 50s I was a mascot at the feet of true champions at the Lake Oval, a couple of really good Freddy Goldsmith spiral torps away from the Rats of Tobruk Hall in Vic Ave. My brother went on to be a Uniting church minister, prone to 'flashing' his clerical garb to reveal Swans' socks, jumper and/or scarf, post his sermon on a Sunday if South had won on the Saturday.

Incidentally, on leave in Melbourne in 2002 I had the pleasure of watching the first Aussie Rules International Cup. Goose bumps all day every day, as amongst others, Zulus sang and stomped; Sayanora Saints yelled "Too High"; Poms played a contact sport; Canuks looked good in Red 'n White; Septics were sceptic basketballers; and all 'advised' umpires in a myriad of aussie rules pidgin tongues. My culture reflected by others. Fantastic.

As the numbers of Aussies increased and their ages

decreased, the likes of Mick and Co nursed the Swans' development, and then came Phil Johns, (whom I have yet to meet!) Enough said. The Vietnam Swans latter day story embraces charity, commitment, good works and people inclusion via the vehicle and fun of social and competitive footy. It is grassroots at its best and extends the intimate footprint of Aussie Rules throughout ASEAN, Asia and Australia/NZ (will never forget the donations to Qld Flood, Vic bush fire and Christchurch earthquake victims).

I've heard it said in Vietnamese that 'two women and a duck make a market', on this occasion, however, 'two teams and an ump make an ANZAC Day' and The Kainey Cup. (The Kainey Cup bothers me a little - in my day you didn't play for multiple clubs. That was like joining the darkside.) Good luck to the Bintangs but I can't help it, I'm honking for the Swans.

PS Any discrepancies between archives and memories may be attributed to time, cancer treatment or alcohol.

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The 2016 ANZAC Friendship Match FAQs



1. What is "ANZAC Day"?

ANZAC Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served".

2. Why is ANZAC Day commemorated on 25 April each year?

25 April is the anniversary of when members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) landed on the beaches of Gallipoli (Ottoman Empire (Turkey)) in 1915. The ANZACs were met with fierce resistance from the Ottoman Army and suffered heavy casualties.

3. What is the history of the ANZAC Friendship Match?

In 2009, the Vietnam Swans were invited to play in the Thailand Tigers' 2009 Commemorative ANZAC Match in Kanchanaburi which is near World War II's infamous Thai Burma Railway.

The following year, 2010, the Vietnam Swans played the inaugural ANZAC Friendship Match. Players were divided into two teams that were named after previous playing clubs, the Hanoi Hawks and Saigon Saints.

The ANZAC Friendship Match was designed to:

Thank our hosts, the Vietnamese Government and Vietnamese people for warmly and generously welcoming us into their country

Encourage emotionally wounded people from abroad to return and experience the New World of Vietnam

Learn from those who have been here 40 years before us

Show those from abroad, through our eyes, what an amazing country Vietnam is to live and work in today

Focus attention on the number of children drowning in this country (more children die from drowning than road accidents)

Raise money for local causes supporting the future, the kids, via Swim Vietnam and the Vung Tau Orphanage.

4. Why do players wear two Black Armbands?

This is the ANZAC Friendship Match. It is about bringing people together. It's about recognizing that in times of war, people on all sides suffer.



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Typically, only one armband is worn to commemorate the loss of life. By having all players, from all teams, in all matches wearing two black armbands, it becomes very clear that we are explicitly recognizing the losses suffered by all.

In every photo taken on the day, every player will be wearing two black armbands. This is the ANZAC Friendship Match.

5. What is the Vietnam Football League (VFL)?

In 1966, Private John Heaney was given the call: organize a game of Aussie Rules Football – or face detention for a minor disciplinary issue. He chose the latter!

The following year, 1967, a full scale competition was organized between the various Australian units based in Vung Tau.

The competition, known as the VFL (Vietnam Football League) ran until 1971. There were two premiership seasons played most years.

6. What is the Lord Mayor's Oval?

Most of the Vietnam Football League's games were played at Lam Son Stadium which is now the Vung Tau Greyhound Racing Track – and home of the ANZAC Friendship Match.

This is the same oval that the diggers used to play on but they fondly referred to Lam Son as the Lord Mayor's Oval.

7. Who is Stan Middleton?

In 2010, the Vietnam Swans were very aware that footy had been played by Australian diggers during the War – but we had been unsuccessful in tracking down any of the players or any detail of its history.

So we went ahead and played our Inaugural ANZAC Friendship Match on 24 April 2010. Then, just two weeks later, on 10 May 2014, a guy named Stan Middleton left a comment on the Swans' website:

"I served in Vung Tau in 1967-68. A full scale Aussies Rules Competition between Australian units was conducted (twice a year). The Competition commenced in either 1966 or 1967 and I believe went through to 1971."

It turned out that Stan had albums of photos,

historical documents, contacts – and we were away. The Vietnam Swans had played our Inaugural ANZAC Friendship Match just two weeks earlier – but, suddenly, we had more than 40 years' of incredibly rich history!

8. What is the McMillan Dinner?

In 2010 and 2011, we enjoyed cracking post match functions. But they were the same type of events as every other post match event we have during a standard year.

But this was a post ANZAC Friendship Match function. It needed to be different. And it needed a name.

The Vietnam Swans in 2012 named the function the McMillan Dinner. It was named in honour of Kevin "Kev" McMillan.

Kev did two tours of Vietnam: one from 1969-1970 with the 6th Battalion Royal Australian Army Regiment and the second from 1970-1971 with the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam.

Some years later, Kev returned to Vietnam in Vung Tau where he married Le. They now have two children. Together with long time friend, Peter Taylor, they played a key role in forming the Vietnam Veterans and Friends Charity. They renovated the Da Bak School and raised \$40,000 to put in new toilets and classrooms for the new school at the end of the Luscombe airfield strip at Nui Dat.

Glenn Nolan at the time said that Kev is "a man that gave Australia two years of his life and has come back and helped to rebuild a country he fought in. But it's in a true ANZAC tradition. They may have been foe but are now friends and this, Kev, has proven."

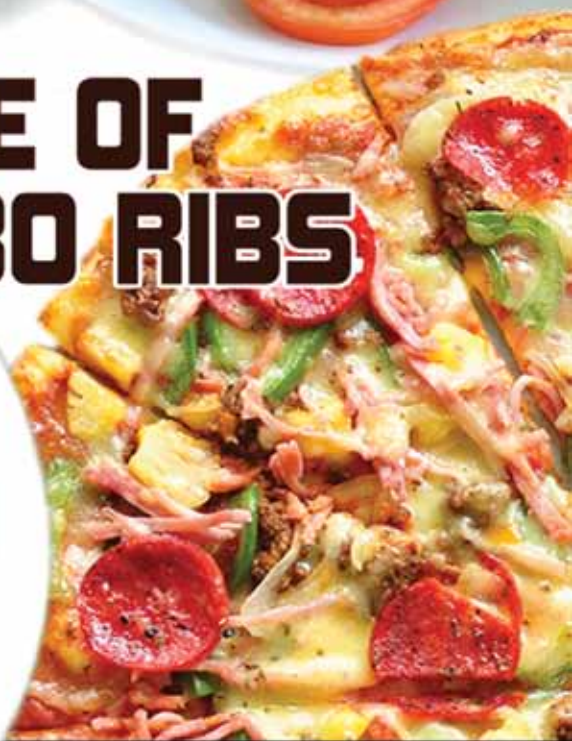
Kev was a passionate rugby man who loved to mock the southerners' "aerial ping pong". But while he didn't care about the footy per se, this rugby man was passionate about what the ANZAC Friendship Match represented.

It's always hardest to start something and Kev was there at the very beginning of the ANZAC Friendship Match in 2010.

Unfortunately, Kev was not able to be at the Inaugural McMillan Dinner on 21 April 2012. He was in Australia being treated for cancer. Stephen



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Drummond film the night for him, however. The footage was uploaded onto You Tube and Kev was able to watch it from his hospital bed which he loved greatly.

Ten days later, Kev passed away, “chuffed” that the McMillan Dinner had been named in his honour.

9. What is the Middleton Address?

If the ANZAC Friendship Match is about bringing people together, then, that’s what the McMillan Dinner needed to do.

For that to happen, the McMillan Dinner needed a signature event. Given the footy happens on the weekend adjacent to ANZAC Day, it is reasonable to expect that there will potentially be some amazing speakers over the coming years. And so we needed to build a spot for a keynote speaker. And that spot was to become known as the Middleton Address in honour of Stan Middleton. We didn’t name it after Stan because of what he did or didn’t do in Vietnam – on or off the footy field. The ANZAC Friendship Match is about bringing people together – and that is exactly what Stan has done.

Within two weeks of our first footy match, Stan had found us and reached out; offering to help and to share his library of photos, contacts etc. He has continued to work tirelessly to help spread the word and has also been heavily involved with Water Safety Vietnam which also aims to teach children to swim.

The inaugural speaker of the Middleton Address

in 2012 was Peter Taylor, Kev McMillan’s best mate. Stan himself has also delivered the Middleton Address.

10. What is the Peter Badcoe Club?

The Peter Badcoe Club was a rest and recreation club for diggers during the war. The Imperial Hotel, where the McMillan Dinner will be held, stands on the site of the Peter Badcoe Club.

Major Peter Badcoe VC served in the Vietnam War and is the last South Australian to be awarded the Victoria Cross – the military’s highest honour for bravery.

Since 2004, AFL Club, Port Adelaide has presented the Peter Badcoe VC Medal to the best player on the ground as part of ANZAC Round.

11. Where do proceeds from the ANZAC Friendship Match go?

The ANZAC Friendship Match’s tagline is “Honouring lost lives; saving young lives”. We remember and acknowledge the past and then, while we have everyone’s attention, we offer them a way forward to make a positive difference.

Children are the future of Vietnam and with more children dying from drowning than road accidents, money raised will be donated to Swim Vietnam and Water Safety Vietnam. In addition, we also support the Vung Tau Orphanage. All proceeds from gate takings at the ground and raffles, less direct expenses, will be donated.





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ANZAC FRIENDSHIP MATCH

Playing for the Bloods

This year the Vietnam Swans will be changing their colours to a throw back of their early days.

This special playing guernsey harks back to the days of 2003 when the Dave 'the Flyer' Kainey, a favourite son of the Jakarta Bintangs then based in Hanoi, pulled together a bunch of Hanoians to train and then later that year put together a team to travel to Thailand, pull on the red and white and take on Thailand Tigers and Hong Kong Dragons in a tri-nations match in Thailand.

Success was always out of reach, and it wasn't until March 2006 in a home match against Jakarta Bintangs that the Swans scored their first International win. Beating the Bintangs 6-7-43 to 2-4-16. The legend of the Kainey Cup was born.

In 2007, the Vietnam Swans went National, when Phil Johns went south to HCM, and since then team has gone from strength to strength.

Today marks another Kainey Cup face off, with Jakarta currently holding on to this coveted elusive cup.

Today the Swans will pull on the red and white, don two black arm bands, represent Swans from the past years and remember those that played on the hallowed turf of the Lord Mayor's Oval.

The heritage jumper encompasses designs from yester year. Featuring the Yellow Star and Swan from the original Vietnam Swans logo, within the South Melbourne red 'V'.

Another feature is the adopted Vietnam Swans catch cry heard during those peak hours of Vietnamese traffic "*Nếu bạn yêu footy, thì bóp còi.*" or for those who haven't spent enough time eating *phở* on a plastic stool on your local streets 'If you love footy, honk your horn.'

We also recognise the 50 years Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

VIETNAM SWANS



AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Above: The original Swans logo and kicking man, so people knew we were an Aussie rules footy club.



Phil Johns, high flyer....



Travis Fennel, setting it up



*Michael 'MJ' Johnston...
...roving the packs*

Daryl Taber, silky....



*Dave Rehn...
....all pace*



*Coach JD and Captain Gus...
...winners!*



*Fabbo slotting it through...
...GOAL!!!!*



Vaughan Swart

Like Wayne Gretzky on grass

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Insert: Vaughan's (far right) first taste of Aussie rules was pulling the boots on for the Osborne Park Saints.

The day I started walking was the day I started playing sports. In the Great White North as a kid you spend half your time wearing shoes and the other half wearing ice skates. For me sports came naturally and I tried them all; baseball, basketball, soccer, hockey, gridiron, and loved every minute. Some I was good at, some not so much. Contact sports like hockey and gridiron were my favourites. Gridiron was my ticket through university and when I hung up my cleats I thought that was it for contact sports; until I went to Australia in 2006. An Aussie friend invited me to watch a game of footy and within minutes I was hooked. Unfortunately, I didn't find a team to play for that year and returned to Canada, but the seed had been planted. When I returned to Aus in 2010, I knew it was my chance. I joined the Osborne Park Saints in Perth and was immediately welcomed in as one of the boys even though I wasn't that good and had just met them. It must be an Aussie thing because I've encountered it everywhere I've met them, especially in sport. A mateship that is found instantly by bonding over footy and sealed with pints at the pub after.

I remember my first training I was extremely confused and accidentally hit another player completely off their feet while tackling them. The coach came over and said 'that's your new job, do that to everyone!' Trainings were chaos in my

opinion, kick here, do this, no real structure as seen through the eyes of a foreigner. But I soon learned that's the game, improvisation at the highest level all while avoiding getting crunched by the opponent. The learning curve was sharp, but I played half a season, made some great mates and ignited a passion that would simmer until 2014.

The first person I met when I showed up to RMIT was Billy who said 'you're a big unit, know how to play?' I replied that I'd played a bit but was just looking to have fun. I was welcomed in to the team with a cold, post-training Tiger and everyone was so helpful, enthusiastic and just great mates. Within 2 days, I was booked in to my first tour to Jakarta. Since then, I've been on 8 more and am signed up for most this year. The tour is a sacred experience not found in sports that I've played in North America. A time to come together with players new and old and really get to know each other. A contrast of serious, single-minded focus on the game followed by hilarious fine sessions and gettin' into trouble afterwards. The tour is a family affair with your teammates.

When you play for the Swans, you're not just trying to make marks and kick goals, you're playing for the man beside you because he's doing the same thing. You're playing for all the guys on the field, on the bench, in the stands and anyone who's ever

been a part of the great Swannies. You play for the supporters who give their time, effort and money to get you there, but mostly you play for the honour of wearing the Swannies jersey and just try and do right by it. In all my years of playing competitive sports, putting the V on my chest is what I'm most proud of.

I learned early on that being a Swannie is something special. Every practice we welcome new players who quickly become old friends. We train hard and we play hard, both on and off the pitch. And it's not just footy, it's everything else too. It's the charity work, it's the 9's tourney, it's the Gaels, it's the Central Vietnam Games, it's the year-end banquet, and it's being part of a community of like-minded people. It's looking forward to Saturday's so that I can go out on the field and kick the footy with some of my best mates.

Learning the game as an outsider has been fun and frustrating at the same time. I see guys that move down the field and effortlessly drop the ball on a man with a perfect pass or kick dead straight for goals without changing stride. And here I am tripping while trying to drop the ball to my foot at just the right angle so I can completely shank

it to the right! The boys are good about it though, whether it's encouraging all new players to keep trying or spending a couple extra minutes before practice showing me how to improve my game. I've played all over the field and it's given me a great chance to learn the strategy of the game and try to play up to level of the guys around me. The speed of the game is like hockey, the precision of play like soccer and the full contact, knock down, drag out battle like gridiron. It's the sport I've been looking for all my life.

People back home ask why I picked up the game of another country and I used to say I like the hitting and the competitiveness and action. That's changed though, those things are great, but it's become more than game, it's become a lifestyle, a passion, an obsession. When my fiancée and I talk about someday leaving Vietnam, one of the first things that come to mind is the thought of leaving my Swans. The team has become a part of my family and I know that no matter where I go, I'll be a Swannie for life.

The team motto is: How good is footy in Vietnam? I'd say pretty damn good! Honk.



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Dave O'Shea

A view from the other side

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Above: Dave will be floating around the packs waiting for those uncontested possessions.

Insert: Showing off his silky disposals.

Whilst there are a number of big matches played in Asian Football there is no doubt that the Vietnam ANZAC Friendship Game is the biggest. Having been played since 2010, the Vietnam Swans have an outstanding record, winning every game bar 1. They have beaten all the heavyweights in Asia apart from one. That one team being the Jakarta Bintangs. Is this the reason why the Bintangs have been invited back? There is no doubt the Swans will want to rectify that.

I have played in 2 ANZAC matches at the Lord Mayors Oval in Vung Tau, both times for the Swans and I still remember to this day the feeling of standing up facing the crowd and listening to the national anthems of Australia, New Zealand and Vietnam. To hear Steve, (a Kiwi, Mad Swan Supporter and Vung Tau Legend) sing the New Zealand anthem was like heaven to my ears. Hearing the national anthems really feels as if you are about to play on one of the biggest stages, and quite frankly you are. This match is one of the biggest matches that any of us will get to play in, it's a game of football that you will never forget.

How often do you get to play international footy with your mates on the ANZAC Weekend? How

often can you play international footy in front of a number of Diggers who fought and played footy on the very same oval during the Vietnam War?

Everyone knows that playing a game of footy is nothing compared to what all the brave soldiers went through during the war, but just being in Vung Tau and playing on the same oval as those soldiers did 50 years ago really is something special and something that you will never forget. 2016 marks the 50th year anniversary from when the ground was first played on during the Vietnam War.

Personally, I am looking forward to making a trip back to Vung Wow. I can't wait to see the local orphanage children out at the game cheering on their favourite players. I can't wait to have a beer with the Vietnam Vets who will have made the trip all the way from Australia. I still remember to this day when one of the Vets came to me after the match in 2013 and said it was the best games of football he had ever seen. I can't wait to have a beer with the players from the Swans and the Bintangs. I know both teams will be fighting their hardest for glory, and I also know the game will be played in Great Spirit between two great clubs.



Vinh Nguyen

The big hearted Viet

Above: Vinh enjoying his time playing in the Al Fresco's Mixed AFL 9s January 2016. His hard running from the back line setup many attacking moves for his team, the Wide Eyed Tour Greens.

Have a blast in Central Vietnam Games 2016 in Da Nang!

The last weekend was really wonderful not only for me but also for everyone to take part in a very interesting sport day in Da Nang. We have a chance to compete with the other players living in different countries, different parts of Vietnam; some we have known for long, while some we have just met the first time but we all were united and burned together for the sportsmanship spirit. What an amazing tournament and experience that I would definitely miss without the support from The Vietnam Swans.

Exactly one year back, on this day, I first watched an AFL game in the first Central Viet Nam Games in 2015 and was immediately interested in this kind of sport which is like a mixture of rugby and football, my two favorite sports. I thought I would try this sport soon when I was back to Saigon but the business of work and study had blown such thought away for months. I finally made it happened one day in October when I came to the RMIT field two hours earlier than the time we play touch rugby and saw The Vietnam Swans practicing.

It was an extremely beautiful sunny day when I had some scores on the first training day. It was a great start but I had to wait two months for the second game due to field maintenance and tournament. My second game was the first game of the AFL 9s. At first, I was not confident to play as I was completely new to this sport.

I explained the situation to Maz (Mairead Scanlon) and she did encourage me to play in the tournament. Then, what happened next was completely awesome. Trying a new sports is not always easy; however, it is like a piece of cake in this case when I can receive a ton of supports from other players. As far as I am concerned, this sport is a great sport and this club is a great club as we can earn from them a friendship, a partnership and a sportsmanship.

That's why I can find the love and inspiration in this sport and would love to be the club's permanent member. I have a strong belief that the club can easily get more local players as it is the great place where people can really enjoy!

Saigon, Mar. 8th, 2016,
Vinh Nguyen.

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VIETNAM SWANS

Year team formed: 2003

National Coach: David Tholstrup

National Captain(s): Billy Crang (Saigon)

National President: Grant Keys

No. of Asian Champs competed: 10

Best Finish in the Champs: 4th

Brief Club History: The Hanoi Swans began playing footy in Hanoi back in 2003. In 2007, the Club went national forming a base in Saigon. Reflecting the "One country; one club" principle, the name was changed to the Vietnam Swans and the same year, we made our inaugural appearance at the Asian Championships.

In 2011, we made it through to the semi finals of the Champs - where we were trounced by eventual premiers, the Singapore Wombats. Last year was a truly mixed bag for the Swannies. Early season momentum saw us take out the Asian Champs the Singapore Wombats on ANZAC Day (ANZAC Day actually fell on a Saturday last year) and take that momentum into the Manilla Cup where we managed to surge past favourites the Malaysian Warriors in the semis and the home side the Philippine Eagles in the final. The Manilla Cup was the first win for the Swans on an all-Asian level, signifying our rise from local to Indochina winners to AFL Asian contenders. These steps don't come easy, and we found that out in the back half of 2015. A very tough draw in Luang Prabang saw the Swans play our toughest 2 matches

back to back and go down late in the second half to a very strong Thailand Tigers in their first game of the morning. That disappointment was multiplied when we lost our first game of the Asian Champs by a kick despite plenty of opportunity and then failed to score a win throughout the day. Despite this, new blood, new levels of inclusivity and the same old club values have 2016 looking like the Swans biggest ever. The biggest news for 2016 being the Swans hosting of the Asian Champs on home soil for the first time at RMIT in Saigon.

As well as playing teams from Asia, the Vietnam Swans actively encourage matches against clubs from further afield. An absolute highlight is the Phoenix Cup Perpetual Trophy which has been played on four separate occasions against visiting ships from the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). The Southern Dragons, a sister club of the Vietnam Swans, is based in Melbourne and comprises many players of Vietnamese origin, the Dragons toured Vietnam for the second time in 2013.



However, it is the ANZAC Friendship Match that has become the Vietnam Swans' signature event. It was first played in 2010 between Hanoi and Saigon (Hanoi won by a point). Since then we have played internationals against the Hong Kong Dragons and China Reds for two hard earned victories and a disappointing loss to the Jakarta Bintangs followed by inspiring victories against the Malaysian Warriors and the Singapore Wombats.

Now the event's 7th year, the level of interest in the ANZAC Friendship Match has grown enormously, especially back in Australia and in the Veterans' community.

Off the field, the Swannies continue to work hard on building our credentials in the local community. We actively promote and raise funds to support Swim Vietnam, an organisation that strives to reduce the number of drownings in Vietnam. In Vietnam, more children die from drowning than road accidents. We also actively support the Vung Tau Orphanage which is putting love back into the lives of less fortunate children.

Player Profiles:

Alex 'the Tank' Maskiell

The most effective tank in Vietnam since 1975. Alex doesn't train much, preferring to save it up for big occasions and unsuspecting opponents

Andy 'Flap' Glendinning

Andy would have been too old to serve in Vietnam but he will never ever be too old for Asian Footy! With a fresh engagement announcement behind him Andy will be looking for a big performance to keep his future wife keen.

Bart 'Dad' Schneeman

Upcoming fatherhood should inspire Bart to pull out another Manila Cup-esque performance. This may be his last chance to play a game with a decent night's sleep behind him!

Billy 'Fev' Crang

The Swans captain has played every single ANZAC match in Vietnam. Jakarta is the only team he's lost to in that time (Hanoi cheated!) so he will be desperate to settle the score with the Bintangs.

Chris 'Frit' Salmon

The Treasurer has taken hold of the Swans finances hence the new fancy boots, limo to the ground and staying at the Pullman, as opposed to with his teammates. Teammates will be looking for him to provide some payback on the field.

Damo 'The Russian' Judd

Damo has taken an alternate preparation to this year's ANZAC Day match. By carefully avoiding any training whatsoever his hunger come the first bounce should be off the charts.

Dan 'Sensible Dan' Hopkins

A wormhole opened in the past 2 years and the Swan formerly known as Crazy was exchanged for his 'alter ego'. Watch for a wormhole to open somewhere near the Pullman Hotel Saturday night!

Dan 'Digger' Morrison

May look homeless but is completely at home taking down big forwards. One of the worst Swans in terms of umpire abuse, hopefully he can reel this in for his marriage's sake!

Eric 'Kerro' Kerrison

Kerro has bought so much to the Swans nationally, a great game down back against Malaysia should see him bursting with confidence when he hits the field on ANZAC Day.

Grant 'Keysey' Keys

The poor old big fella took the back half of last season off because the house wife duties were getting too much but is looking fresh and hungry for 2016.

Gus 'Father Time' McEwin

The luckiest man in Asian footy - because he started Asian footy in 1924 - is still lining up for ANZAC day games and actually looks in career best form.

Jake 'Burra' Norris

Where do the Hanoi Swans pull tattooed hard at it mid fielders from? Every Central Vietnam Games is the same. The Southern Swans will be much happier alongside Jake than against him in the friendship match.

James 'Cue Ball' Bairstow

Jimmy B is another Swan to recently secure an Elastoplast sponsorship and string a few trainings and games together. His energy and leadership will be a focal point for the swans.

Jason 'Jas' Carter

The central Vietnam leader has been training hard on his beach lounge cocktail in hand for the Friendship match. He could play anywhere and will cause trouble wherever it is.

Luke Turner

Luke used his man of the tour effort on last year's Cannonball run to bring himself into the Swan's top echelon of performers on and off the field. His tenacious defensive attention have driven many forwards insane.

Nath 'Nato' Milner

B&F, BOG, BCCITW (Best Cheesecake Chef in the World officially)!!! What can't Nath do? if you're a Bintang forward today good luck answering that question.

Neil 'Santiago Muniz' Heiney

Long time Northern rep Neil combines his Gaelic hard running with attack on the footy to cause serious headaches for any opposition he faces

Robbie Scott

The Irish man mountain has hit the ground running with the Swans. Look for BIG things (literally) from him on ANZAC day. Guarantee he will 'lead hard' all day!

Roy 'Chris' Horgan

Roy has finally found his match day mojo. Unfortunately it had to happen in a game against the Swans but he's bought it back to the red, black and white.

Scott 'Skotty' Walsh

Scotty brings some much needed Australian country footy grunt to the Swans. Could play anywhere but will be a handful wherever it is.

Sean Campbell

Sean doesn't take too much notice of the Australian's yelling at him about the intricacies of Aussie Rules. The simple approach of see the ball, mark it and kick it back over the other team does the trick.

Sean 'Seany' Milner

Sean has finally managed to tape every joint in his body together and pulled a few games of solid form together. His silky skills and hard hitting will be invaluable to the Swans today and throughout the rest of the season.

Shane 'Sha Mac' Macfarlane

Jakarta beware; Sha Mac's on a tear / steer clear of his coccyx, don't poke the bear... And dont even try to be a Sha Mac hater / He'll leave the field a smouldering crater!

Tim 'the Fonz' Burdeu

The Fonz is making a play for Keysey's Kingdom and will be keen to upstage the big man on the biggest Swannie stage. He is already pres in the South and running the Swans footy department.

Timmy 'Timmaay' Clements

The Swans newest utility has finally realized AFL footy is a 2 way game. Regardless of where he lines up look for straight lines at the footy.

Trent 'Ginge' Davies

Trent has pulled out his full repoitaoire of excuses this season and has continued to bulk up in preparation for this year's game ready to hold down a key defensive position.

Vaughan 'Wang Han Swat' Swart

Vaughan may write soppo articles for footy records but he is the least sympathetic guy once he crosses that white line.

Vinh a.k.a - Nguyen Quang Vinh

Vinh is the Swans local development poster boy. The ANZAC weekend will be a big one for Vinh and the Swans entire local development program.



JAKARTA BINTANGS

Year team formed: 1995

President: Paul Halliday

Touring Coach: Matt Jolly

Captain: Dave O'Shea

No. of Asian Champs competed: All of them

Best Finish in the Champs: Winner 2000 & 2002

Brief Club History: In 2015, the Jakarta Bintang Australian Football Club celebrated its twenty year anniversary, publishing the prestigious Hall of Fame teams for both best on field and best on tour high achievers in those decades.

Formed in 1995 by a few hard core true believers in an inauspicious time, with little local recognition of AFL, a much smaller expat community and a looming Asian Financial Crisis, the great game has leapt from success to success across Java on the back of its diverse playing crew.

A total of 451 players have turned out in the Red, White and Black over the years, Australian expats of course, but also French, Canadian, Dutch, American, and an Undead Transylvanian, as well as an army of fit skilled Indonesian players. Originally, the Bintang outwork in the orphanages was relying on gradual incremental gains in getting the less resourced youth into an active and structured run around with opaque rules and a cruel ovoid ball.

With the continuous sponsorship of the Australian

Embassy and the dedication of the Australian Youth Ambassadors who bought the game to a new level throughout Java, a powerful squad of genuine Indonesian AFL Players has been formed making international matches on merit and even scoring All Asian Guernseys for Yosi Taihuttu and Vincent Halim. Playing as the Indonesian Garudas in the AFL International Cup 2014 in Australia, the lads left their mark across the Eastern Seaboard and will be even more of a handful on their next visit.

But it is the full international matches where the rubber meets the road, and the Bintang has played matches throughout South East Asia and East Asia and memorably made their first foray into Myanmar in February this year to take on the valiant Myanmar Fighting Cocks.

An ANZAC Day match is clearly a high point of any season and we are grateful to the Viet Nam Swans to be invited back for our second ANZAC Friendship Match on this the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.



Player Profiles:

David "Dermott" O'Shea

The Peoples' Choice for Captain of the Bintangs Football Club of Indonesia - Current Club Champion* and 4th best Golfer. He's arguably the fittest bloke in the team playing his hard in and under style of footy starting in the centre and pretty much covers every square metre of turf on any ground he plays. A chatty leader whose passion and drive to succeed is only rivalled by his delusions of being the Tangs best looking bloke. Odds of BOG 9/1

Paul "Flat Top" Halliday

Current President for Life of the Bintangs, massive contributor off the field who'd give his left nut to win this weekend. Being 58, the nuts are dangling a bit low and he'll need to be careful of any stray sprigs flying around on ANZAC Day that could dislodge a marble. He kicked a bagful at training a month ago and outscored our "guns" as he said. We want to see plenty of that from this nuggetty hard ass that never quits. Silky smooth skills that will come in handy as the troops tire out. Being the only player who has perfect balance whether he's standing on his feet or balancing on his head, get around this champ on the ground as he comes in with a fair rating of 99/1 for BOG.

Ben Corbett

7 feet 9 inches tall, 300 pounds of lean mean opponent eating breakfast" machine. Known only as BC which stands for a more primitive stage of human development, this Goliath wanted to "punch guys in the ring" last year. A nasty habit if I may say so. Nevertheless, come this ANZAC Day we expect BC to come out swinging. Don't let his child like grin and under 12's crew cut give you the impression that he's out there celebrating the Teddy Bears picnic. He's bringing the guns and he's gonna use them. At odds of 18/1 BC will be unstoppable..!!

Nick "Wizz" Gandolfo

From the Gandolfo mafia, you know, the mafia that can sing you to death. Well, he plays footy to a different tune. Known as the galloping road runner he can baffle anyone on the ground with his quick 2-step goose step. Constantly working on his fitness, he'll be one to watch come ANZAC Day. He harps on about, and drums into us that in order to succeed we need harmony from within. Wild horses couldn't keep this stallion from giving his all. In the words of the great Gandolfo "let's slice and dice these FRUITS". odds of BOG 16/1 but getting shorter.

Michael "MJ" Jackson

That's what I expected when I heard about this bloke called MJ. But, in actual fact he's Matthew "MJ" Jolly. By far the best known footballer in Asian footy and possibly the world, maybe even Mars. Club champion, Coach, captain and pretty much anything else that can be won or acquired being a Bintang. He is the epitome of a Tang. Some argue he is a right Tang. The fact is.... He's OURS. If there's one word to describe MJ it would simply be "evergreen". A leader on and off the field for as long as anyone can remember, he loves the club, he breathes Tang O2, He drinks Tang H2O. Lining up on ANZAC Day, just the sheer presence of our MJ standing there in the middle will make the hairs on your neck stand up just that little taller. Having never given less than 100% for the club, you can be sure come this ANZAC Day, our MJ will lead as he always does. Never far from the top 3 on ground, he's primed and with odds of 5/1 for BOG, he's the bookies and fans sentimental favourite.

David "Smithy" Smith

Famously won Sale of the Century back in 1998, but became more famous for shepherding the Bintangs to an historical victory against Myanmar. As the self-confessed long time anchor for 4-Corners (the 4 corners of the goal squares), don't let his lack of pace confuse you as to what his intentions are on the ground. He's a student of the game, he's assessed it from all angles and understands the importance of saving your burst for the most appropriate and opportune moments. In his most recent away game it was Smithy who single handedly provided the pivotal touch of the game to set-up a most famous win... It is the cunning stunts he performs which bring the Tangs together for these seemingly impossible wins. He has never and will never shy away from a contest, get around Smithy on ANZAC Day boys, for without him we'd still never know if E = MC2. Odds on BOG maybe not flattering for him, but, odds on him walking off the ground together as a team of winners 2/7..!!

John Paul "JP" Kenyon

Was picked up under the father-son rule to play for the Bintangs. His father, a "Jedi", used mind powers to guide JP's footy career to the heights he has now reached. Afraid of the limelight, he stays out of the public eye as much as he can. Never more than 100 meters from action, we expect monumental things from JP on ANZAC Day as our high scoring Full Forward. He plans to rip thru opponents like his father rips thru pepperoni pizzas. He leaves disappointed looks on girls' faces all around Indonesia, but come ANZAC Day his aim is to stamp disappointment on the

faces of opponents. Strong in packs with a piercing kick for goals JP is currently at 10/1. Get around JP on ANZAC Day boys

Beau "Blow" Temby

Boyfriend, Sweetheart, lover, darling, escort, suitor, toy boy, dandy, swell and popinjay ... These are some of the meanings of the word Beau. A lover by name, a mess you up and punish your machine by game. He displays more tats than Dane Swan and has the skill and determination equal to any player in Asian footy. Can play in any position, he's versatile and known as a Mr Fixit on the ground. Drilling is his day job, but come ANZAC Day, he'll be in the pile driving business. Prepared to take on and take down anything in his way, the Swans are yet to feel the full force behind this power-pak. He's a Diesel engine that never dies, expect his 4th quarter to be a memorable one. Keen to get early season votes, he's locked in at 9/2 and definitely one to watch out for. When the Beau-train is on, there's no stopping him.

Gerald "Gezza" Barnes

Courage in his veins. He took Bahasa Indonesia classes in Oz, packed up and came to Indo to start his own Sports and Health Products sales company. Gezza wears his Roman nose with pride, an aerodynamically modified human who now plays for the Bintangs, he has been injected with skills that James Hird would have been proud to administer to his players. Pumped full of supplements he'll run the day out from go to whoa. Keen to elevate himself as one of the Bintang greats, big Gezza will be on show this ANZAC Day. Word has it that every time Gezza takes a grab this ANZAC Day the screams of excited fans shouting Gezza-Lenko will echo over the CIB. Get around Gezza and let's see if the odds of 8/1 for BOG are potentially the best deal this weekend.

Andy "Stretch2.0" Bawden

Some have said Big Andy is the Milli Vanilli of the Bintangs, a one hit wonder. Over-towering Stretch and BC coming in at 8 feet 2 inches tall, Andy stands head and shoulders above any big men in Asian footy. His passion to play for the Tangs is unwavering, it takes him a Gojek, 3 x trains and a taxi to get to training, yet still makes it when he's not knee deep studying. Expect Andy to wipe the carpet clean with opponents on the weekend - he knows no other way. A specialist in big pack marks, tap outs and great kick for goal from 50m, he's an exciting footballer to watch. He's in that class of footballers that will run all day and not quit until we lift the cup. Get around him on the day boys - he'll be a pivotal part of our success. Odds of 9/2 puts him right up there with the elite.

Robert "Prowler" Powell

Currently holds the title of most travelled footballer in Asian football. He's played footy in more countries than Harry has hairs on his head. The moment the Tangs released their playing fixture for 2016, Prowler booked his flights to all destinations and added a few extras to Angeles. He's a gun footballer - all class (on and off the field). Words are pointless talking about this champ because his actions on the field say everything. Never say die attitude, pumps the boys up, full team player. To make the journey from abroad just to assault someone mocking his bucket hat tells you what it means to Prowler to be standing with his mates and win like Bintangs do. If he can put the effort in to travel 6000 miles to have a crack with us, then it's up to us to make that journey worth it. Get around him on the weekend boys, make him know his efforts and time are not wasted ... He's gotta be sent back with a "W". Odds of a BOG 7/1.

Chris Perez

One of the Bintangs you don't want to mess with. This Navy Seal Vet from Miami kills bad guys for fun. Chris came to the Bintangs with little football experience but plenty of raw talent. He is still confused how a man known as E-WOK managed to jump on his head and take the best ever mark at AIS, but unbelievably it happened and it was legal. The man who signs off e-mails as, "Respectfully, Christopher Perez" will be "Respectfully" destroying opponents on ANZAC Day.

Justin and Steven (field rats) Field

Justin - After walking around Phnom Penh with a Hello Kitty back pack a year ago, Justin is back at the Bintangs and he has brought his brother with him. Justin is a skillful tall forward who looks like Paddy Ryder. The last full game he played for the Tangs he was best on ground and his last tour he was best off ground. Big things are predicted for this gun in the forward line.

Steven - Having toiled through rigorous rugby competitions and under age Jakarta Nite Clubs, Steve is ready to take the next step and join the Tangs. A strong in and under type player and natural one on one defender. He shares the same first name as Gold Coast Suns 2016 All Australian defender "Steven May" and a comparison of football skill is a generous but not an unreasonable one.



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Above: Swans and Bintangs face off in the the 2015 Asian Champs, with Jakarta winning the match and making it into the Semi Finals.

Greame Pitches

GP (General Practitioner) . After a big couple of seasons with the Tangs this GP is set for a breakout season. General Practitioner was a high school prodigy athlete where he competed in track and basketball. He decided to come to Jakarta and convert his sporting talents to footy. General Practitioner has already proven in his short footy career that he has the capacity to establish himself as a great attacking defender. He has the ability to wear his opponent like a glove and the fitness to run off and cause havoc up the ground.

Jamie Chivvas

Did Tom Harvey ever leave? Is Elvis dead? Is Justin Bieber rubbish? The answer to these questions will never ever be clarified. Now Let's talk about Jamie... Does he look like Tom Harvey? Does he play like Tom Harvey? Does he speak like Tom Harvey? Does he train as regularly as Tom Harvey? The answer to all the above is YES. Either way it doesn't matter, this boy can play. In his first game as a Bintang he had 42 hit outs, a goal, 8 tackles and 10 marks. More questions have

been asked, "Was this the greatest ever match played on Australia Day by a first gamer?" No! David O'Shea was better. However no one can deny the importance of big Jamie against Viet Nam.

""The Unsung Heroes" :

You all know who I am talking about. The TEAM off the field that allows each and every one of us to have a crack on the field . A win for us is equally as much a win for them. Whether it's the Office staff , ground staff , F&B staff , Umpires , Helpers , Waterboys , Scoreboard attendant , Auskick group or Supporters Each is an integral part to the success of our Win on ANZAC Day. Get around them too on ANZAC Day and give them a nod, handshake, thank you or a pat on their ass. Odds on them being BOG (O = Off), 1/1....We're the Mighty Bintangs . We win together , Lose Together , Enjoy together , and Win Together some more ... This ANZAC Day we all gotta bring our "A" game There's no "i" in team (unless you write it in Bahasa Indonesia), but you get my point ...!! This ANZAC Day "We are 1" .!! Carn the mighty Tangs

ALL STARS AND LEGENDS



After a couple of successful ANZAC Friendship Matches, it became obvious that there was an untapped pool of talent just itching to run onto the Lord Mayor's Dog Track. These football fans, for one reason or another, weren't playing in the International Match starting at 2pmish (depending on the length of the speeches & national anthems), but knew they had something to contribute to the day.

So, it was decided to harness the energy and talent of these erstwhile champions. They were offered the opportunity to play during the stillest hottest part of the day while everyone else was enjoying lunch and cold drinks.

YES YES YES was the unanimous response, and the LEGENDS versus ALL STARS juggernaut was born.

Out of this feature match have come special moments like brothers colliding, fill-ins taking speccies, bean counters kicking goals and females dominating at Centre Half Forward. Coaching the LegStars Match has to be the highlight of any footy tragic's CV because these gals & guys actually listen to, and try to implement, their coaches' instructions!

Everybody who is part of the LEGENDS versus ALL STARS match is an integral part of the ANZAC Friendship weekend being a successful celebration of cross-cultural understanding through the platform of Australian Rules Football.

Michael 'MJ' Johnston



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CHÀO MỪNG ĐẾN VỚI BÓNG ĐÁ ÚC

Chào mừng đến với Bóng đá Úc Australian Football League (Giải Bóng Đá Úc) xin gửi lời chào mừng chân thành đến mọi người đến từ tất cả các nền văn hóa. Trò chơi Bóng Đá Úc gồm tất cả các nền văn hóa và mang các gia đình, cầu thủ, trọng tài và các cổ động viên đến với nhau. Chúng tôi làm hướng dẫn này nhằm hỗ trợ quý vị với những yếu tố thiết yếu của trò chơi.

CÁC ĐỘI: Trò chơi gồm 2 đội với 22 cầu thủ mỗi đội, có 18 cầu thủ của một đội ở trên sân tại cùng một thời điểm. Trò chơi bắt đầu khi siren (tiếng còi) vang lên và field umpire (trọng tài chính) tung quả bóng ở giữa sân. Bóng cũng được tung ở giữa sân để bắt đầu mỗi hiệp và sau mỗi bàn thắng.

THỜI GIAN: Trận đấu chia thành bốn hiệp mỗi hiệp 20 phút, thời gian bù giờ và các đội đổi bên sau mỗi hiệp. Các đội cố gắng giành lấy bóng, chạy sút và handball vào khung thành ở cuối sân đối diện. Các cầu thủ có thể chạy với bóng miễn là họ tung bóng mỗi 15 mét một lần.

DI CHUYỂN BÓNG: Các cầu thủ có thể chuyền bóng cho nhau bằng cách sút hoặc handball.

Handball là giữ bóng bằng một tay và bàn tay còn lại nắm lại để đánh bóng. Nếu cầu thủ có thể mark quả bóng (bắt lấy bóng từ cú sút bóng ở cách xa tối thiểu là 15 mét miễn là bóng chưa chạm đất hoặc chạm vào cầu thủ khác) thì cầu thủ đó được quyền set kick và đối phương không được quyền cản phá cho đến khi cầu thủ này sút xong.

CẢN PHÁ: Cầu thủ có thể giành được bóng bằng cách cản phá đối phương. Cản phá hợp lệ là giữ chặt đối phương đang có bóng dưới vai và trên gối. Cầu thủ không được phép đẩy đối phương ở phía sau khi cản phá và cầu thủ bị cản phá phải xử lý bóng trong thời gian hợp lý (một hoặc hai giây). Cầu thủ bị cản phá không hợp lệ sẽ được thưởng quả đá phạt trực tiếp. Trong một số tình huống khi mark hoặc được đá phạt trực tiếp thì đội đối phương cũng sẽ bị phạt 50 mét nếu cầu thủ cố tình kéo dài thời gian hoặc xúc phạm trọng tài.

TÍNH ĐIỂM: Mục đích của trò chơi là ghi bàn. Điều này có nghĩa là sút bóng qua giữa hai cột cao bên trong (cột bàn thắng) sẽ ghi được sáu điểm. Nếu bóng đi vào giữa cột bàn thắng và cột nhỏ hơn phía ngoài (cột biên) thì sẽ ghi được một behind (bằng một điểm).

Khi đọc hoặc ghi điểm, bàn thắng sẽ được tính trước, kể đến là behinds và cuối cùng là tổng số điểm. Ví dụ 10 bàn thắng và 6 behinds sẽ được tổng số điểm là 66 và được viết là 10.6 (66). Đội nào có tổng số bàn thắng và behinds cao nhất khi kết thúc sẽ là đội thắng.

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Vietnam Swans boost local development



Above: Saturday 9th of April, 2016, was a big day for Vuong, Vinh, Sonny and Dinh, as they traveled to Kuala Lumpur for their first of many tours and International matches for the Vietnam Swans.

The Vietnam Swans have a proud history of local community engagement through fundraising and junior clinics, and 2016 will see further investment in a bid to get more Vietnamese locals playing and touring with the senior team.

It's all part of an exciting local development plan initiated by the Swans, as they build towards hosting the 2016 Asian Championships in Ho Chi Minh City in October, which will include an all-local player feature game between SE Asia and East Asia. The AFL has also just announced its intention to host the AFL International Cup in Melbourne, Australia in August 2017.

Vietnam Swans President Grant Keys, a long time advocate of local player development following his involvement in previous International Cup campaigns with Team China, says its important the Swans embrace more Vietnamese playing in the Club.

"Many of the Clubs around AFL Asia now regularly field local players in games and we want to ensure our Club doesn't fall behind in this regard. It reflects the great history and development of our

game in Vietnam, and can showcase the amount of sporting talent we know exists here." Keys said. Football Department Manager Dan Morrison has praised the efforts of the local players as they learn a new game.

"Aussie Rules isn't that easy to pick up. It's fast, it's physical, so we're getting new local players used to the basic skills and game structure, and we now have 4 or 5 players ready to represent the Swans on tour."

There were positive signs early when defender Nguyen Huynh Quang Vinh was awarded player of the tournament in the preseason 9's competition in Ho Chi Minh City, having only recently arrived at the Swans after being involved with Rugby. The Swans will implement a series of initiatives in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, including new player training days, tour subsidies, and local high school and university programs in a bid to boost local participation.

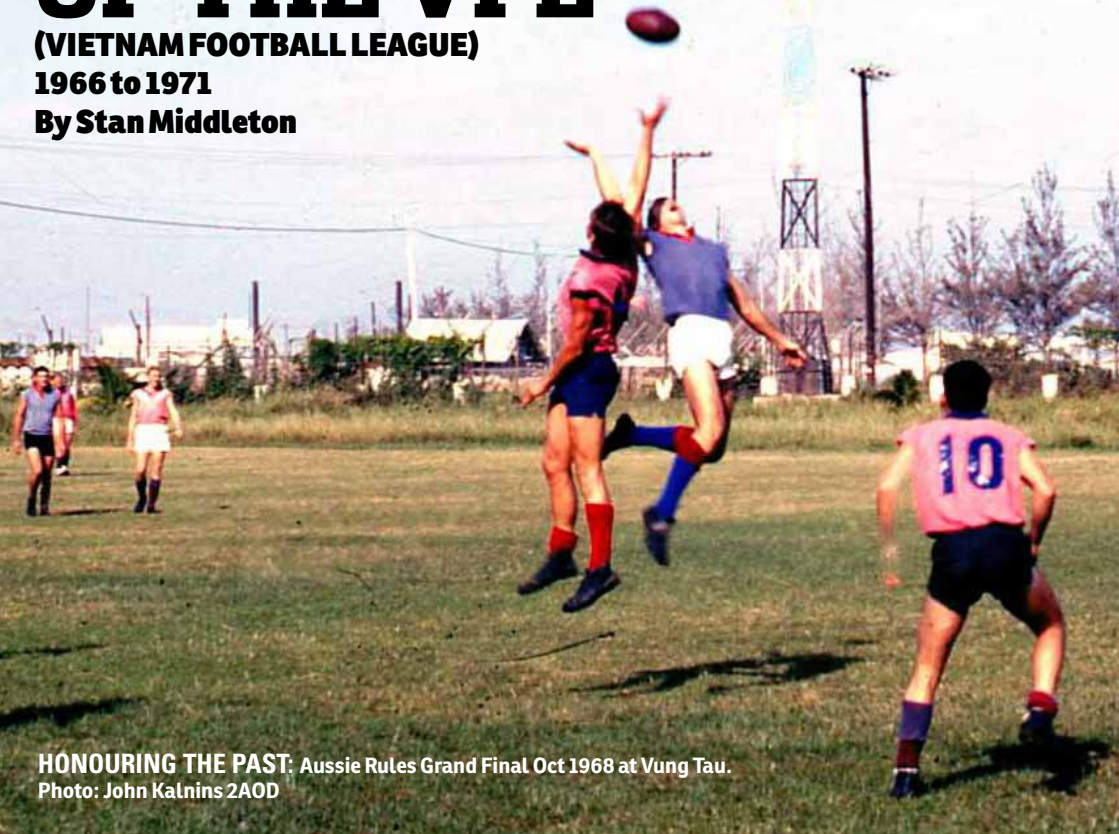
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OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE VFL

(VIETNAM FOOTBALL LEAGUE)

1966 to 1971

By Stan Middleton



HONOURING THE PAST: Aussie Rules Grand Final Oct 1968 at Vung Tau.
Photo: John Kalnins 2AOD

The Aussie Rules footy competition (Vietnam Football League) was formed within 12 months of the Australian Base (1st Australian Logistic Support Group) being established in the sand hills on the Back Beach of Vung Tau in early 1966 (it wasn't the beautiful place it is now!) The base was closed down six years later in March 1972 when the last of the Australian soldiers returned home. Football was last played in 1971.

Footy first commenced in Vung Tau when one digger (Private John Heaney, a "Nasho" from 1 Transport Platoon RAASC) was in trouble with his Commanding Officer. The CO gave him an option (actually, two options): organize a game of Aussie Rules Footy or face detention or other penalties! John (who now lives in Geelong) thought about it

for a second and chose the first option! Thus the first game of Aussie Rules footy was played in Vung Tau during the latter part of 1966.

1967

A full scale competition was then organized between the various Australian units based in Vung Tau. It commenced in 1967 and ended in 1971. There were two premierships seasons played most years. The competition was known as the VFL (Vietnam Football League)!

In the early days of the VFL, most games were played at what is now known as "San Van Dong Lam Son" Stadium (now with a Greyhound Racing Track). Unbelievably, this is same venue that the annual ANZAC Friendship Match is now played.



In the early days, the ground was fondly known as The Lord Mayor's Oval by the Australian diggers! As it was a soccer ground, games were played with 14 a side when playing there. No forward or back flanks! Other games were played at the Military Academy (also a soccer field) and later on at a much larger ground near the Vung Tau Airbase.

In 1967, the first of the two premierships was won by the RAAF. Ron Vernon who with his wife Ailsa spends considerable time each year in Vung Tau helping with Orphanages run by My Huong at Vung Tau and Long Hai was a member of that team. A very strong 2 Composite Ordnance Depot team was decimated before the finals when most of their star players went on strike and did not play in the finals! I have no idea what the dispute was about!

The second season in 1967 was won by 5 Company RAASC (Service Corp). Terry Holden (who I knew his family in Stawell, Victoria) and a close friend of Swannies' President Phil was a member of that premiership team.

1968

In 1968, both Premierships were won by a brilliant Ordnance team 2AOD (2nd Advanced Ordnance Depot). On each occasion they defeated 17 Construction Squadron. Led by their outstanding captain Bob McKenna, the late Tommy Perks, Micky Miller, Dick Johnston, Kevin Judge (cousin of Ken, former Hawthorn player and coach of Hawthorn and West Coast), Steve Costelow, George Soumilas, John Meehan (brother of Simon, ex St Kilda) and



2AOD VFL Premiers June 1968 Vung Tau

Back row from left: Ken Mountford, John Watkins, Andrew Cranston, John Bell & Geoff Walls

Middle row from left: Kevin Back, Colin Ryles, Mick O'Connor, Ron Lalor, John Cooper & Mick Miller

Front row from left: Dick Parr, Tom Perks, Ian Waddell, Bob McKenna, Terry Fogarty, Dick Johnstone & Terry Bennett

Photo by John Barker

many other excellent footballers. The coach was Merv Rudd. The footballers from those teams have been the focal point of reunions held every two years since 1998. Laurie Chick (brother of former Carlton Vice Captain, John Chick) also played in some of these games.

1969

The first of the 1969 premierships was won by 17 Construction Squadron (Engineers). 2AOD's run came to an end in the preliminary final or, more so the night before that final, when all their star players in the team ignored Captain, John Meehan's instructions to keep off the grog before the big game! A number of 2AOD's diggers had their send off party (before returning to Australia) on that night. Everyone got "blind" except John! John Meehan is now the Senior Pension Officer at Noble Park RSL. Those who know John would have been very impressed with his self discipline on that occasion (or more so shocked)!

In the second season of 1969, 2AOD returned to the winner's list but not without a brutal struggle against 17 Construction Squadron. 2AOD's Captain

was Wayne Closter (former Geelong star). In the other team was a brilliant but tough Aboriginal footballer, Glenn James. Glenn later became a very popular VFL Umpire and officiated in two VFL Grand Finals. As there was no trial by video in those days, Glenn was given the job of taking out Wayne Closter at the opening bounce! He did this to perfection and Wayne was useless for the first 3 quarters! At $\frac{3}{4}$ time the scores were level! Wayne finally came good and kicked 5 goals in the last quarter and 2AOD got home. Wayne and Glenn laugh about it now whenever they see each other but Wayne was not impressed at the time!

1970

In 1970, the 2nd Premiership was won by 2AOD. They beat 5 Company RAASC in the Grand Final. We are not sure who won the other or if there was one! This team was captained by John Huggins (whose son is now married to the daughter of Steve Costelow a premiership player in the 2nd 1968 2AOD premiership team). This team included Bill Thompson who played with Essendon (VFL), Williamstown & Dandenong (VFA) and was a Liston Trophy winner in the VFA. Some other stars were

Peter Maloney, Frank Reynders and many others. Greg Perry who played with Essendon played with the 110 Signals team that year. Interestingly Greg and I played cricket together at Stawell (Victoria) in the summer of 1965-66 before I was called up for National Service in July 1966. Greg was a tear away opening bowler and I was the wicketkeeper and opening batsman!

- RAAF
- 5 Company RAASC
- 102 Field Workshops (Engineers)
- 110 Signals

There may have been other units for some seasons as well.

The standard of football in the Vietnam Football League was very high. This was mostly due to the high quality of the “Nashos” drafted into the army! The competition was fierce! Rivalry between units was intense!

As for the author, I was a “Nasho” who served in Vietnam. I played in the 2 Composite Ordnance team in 2nd half of 1967 and in the 2AOD team in the first half of 1968. I returned to Australia on the eve of the first final and thus missed playing in the first premiership of 1968!

I have a strong connection with Vietnam as my wife (I met Sinh in 2002 and married her 2005) is Vietnamese. She worked in the Orderly Room at the Peter Badcoe Club for the Australian Army on the Back Beach of Vung Tau from 1968 to 1972.

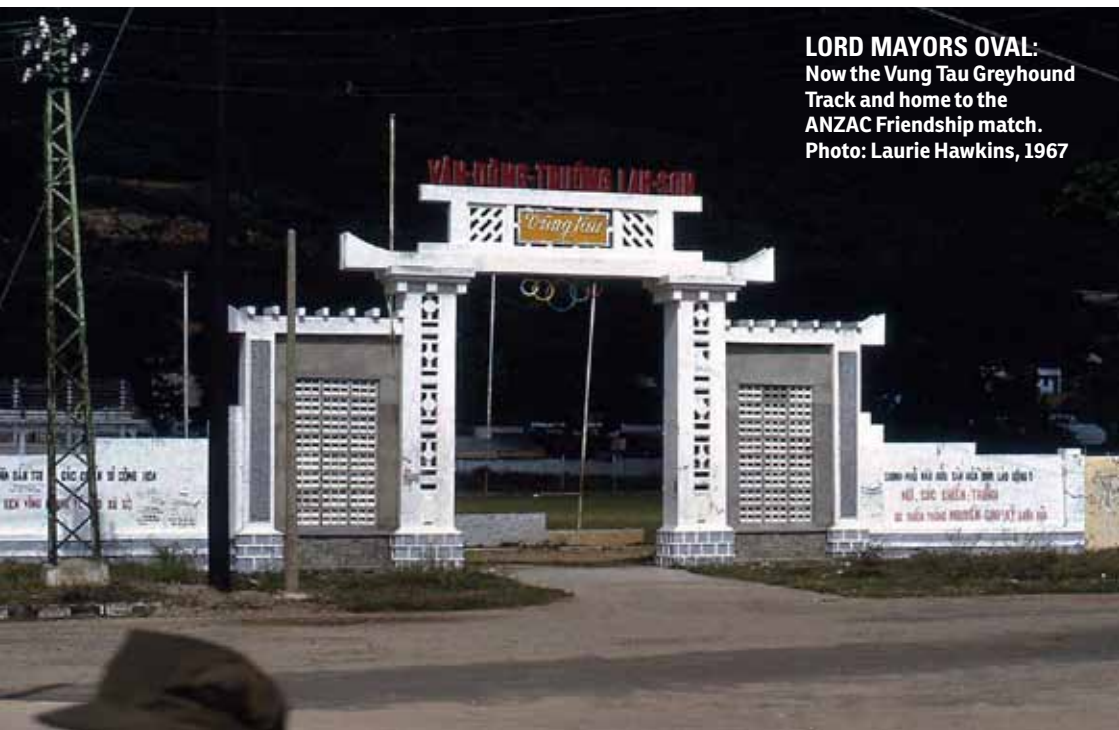
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1971

We believe there was only one premiership played for in 1971 in which 2AOD, captain/coached by Bill Thompson, beat 110 Signals in the Grand Final. 110 Sigs was captain/coached by Greg Perry. Greg however won the competition Best and Fairest with Bill runner up! That we understand was the last VFL Grand Final played in Vietnam! Bill and Greg are both great mates now and always attend Essendon Past Players functions together.

Units that competed in the competition over those years were:

- 2 Composite Ordnance Depot (1967 - changed name to 2AOD in 1968)
- 2AOD (2nd Advanced Ordnance Depot)
- 17 Construction Squadron (Engineers)
- 1 Field Hospital/8 Field Ambulance (Australian Army Hospital)



LORD MAYORS OVAL:
Now the Vung Tau Greyhound Track and home to the ANZAC Friendship match.
Photo: Laurie Hawkins, 1967

VUNG TAU



During 14th and 15th centuries, the cape that would become Vung Tau was an area which European trading ships visited regularly. The ships' activities inspired the name Vung Tau, which means "ship's bay" or "anchorage" in Vietnamese. Portuguese navigators who passed Vung Tau many times named it Sant'Iago after Saint James. The French, who invaded and took over Vietnam in the mid-19th century named it Cap Saint Jacques (Cape St. James.) The cliff of Vung Tau is now called Mui Nghinh Phong (literally means "Cape of greeting the wind").

A popular escape from the city for expats and locals alike, Vung Tau rocks at weekends when HCMC exiles descend in numbers, but it is relatively quiet

during the week. Vung Tau's beaches have been a favourite of the Saigonese since French colonists first began coming here around 1890.

It's changed a bit since then and is now big and brash & beautiful. While in Vung Tau be sure to check out the 1910 Lighthouse which boasts spectacular 360-degree views & the highest Jesus statue in the world at 32m, a good 6m taller than His illustrious Brazilian cousin.

After you can wash away any stress at the lovely Vung Tau beaches before heading out to one of the many bars and restaurants in the area.

CON DAO ISLANDS



Isolated from the mainland, the Con Dao Islands are one of the star attractions in Vietnam. This place is now turning heads thanks to its striking natural beauty. Con Son, the largest of this chain of 15 islands and islets, is ringed with lovely beaches, coral reefs and scenic bays, and remains partially covered in thick forests. In addition to hiking, diving and exploring empty coastal roads and deserted beaches, there are some excellent wildlife-watching opportunities.

Roughly 80% of the land area in the island chain is part of Con Dao National Park, which protects Vietnam's most important sea turtle nesting

grounds. Con Dao is one of those rare places in Vietnam where there are very few structures over two storeys, and where the visitor experience is almost hassle-free.

However, travellers are discovering the islands and numbers are on the rise, so it is only a matter of time before these little islands become a big attraction. The arrival of the super-luxurious hotels is a sign of the times and puts Con Dao on the map for the international jet-set. Watch this space.

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Building Friendships after 50 years

Gala Dinner 18th August 2016

On the 18th August 2016 it will be 50 years since the Battle of Long Tan and 50 years since the Australian and New Zealand entered the Phuoc Tuy Province. This resulted in seven years of continual operations in the province until the withdrawal in 1972.

In 2015 the former soldiers of the Liberation Army has extended the hand of friendship to their Australian counter parts at several ceremonies that were held in Vung Tau and Ba Ria Vietnam.

With the organizing committee of several veterans, a Gala Dinner will be held on the 18th August 2016 in Vung Tau. In attendance will be 40 Vietnamese members and several guests of honour from Australia including Lt Col Harry Smith SG MC (Ret), WO Keith Payne VC (Ret) and members from all branches of the Australian military veterans.

Australia has a strong presence in Vietnam with many Vietnamese students in Australia and a population that has assimilated into to Australia's way of life. In 2016 a gala dinner has been organized to bring stronger bonds between both countries. We have strong bonds and trading with Turkey (Gallipoli) Germany (Western Front) Japan (Kokoda) South Korea and now Vietnam.

The dinner will be held at the Pullman Hotel in Vung Tau which is a new five star resort with seating capacity of 2000 people. Veterans, partners, children, friends and public are invited to attend this dinner of friendship on the 18th August.

Money raised on the night will go to several charities in Vietnam, including some are the Vietnam Veterans and Friends and to the war disabled.

This is an opportunity for both sides to get together as both sides lost their youth in Vietnam and is now a time for healing.

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Above: The hand of friendship, Mr Rob Herring and Mr Thu, discuss times past and future possibilities.

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The Vietnam Swans and associates have been generous supporters of the Centre for Social Protection of Children Vung Tau/Long Hai for some time. Our children and staff enjoy the visits which bring so much happiness. It means a lot to know that there are people who know and care about them.

For most of the children at the Vung Tau centre, this is the only home they have known. They have all been abandoned, surrendered or found on the streets. Some are orphans who's extended family cannot care for them. Some are abandoned or surrendered by a parent who is in jail, dying or simply too poor to care for them.

Many are HIV positive from birth but receive ongoing medication at the Centre and are taken fortnightly to Ho Chi Minh City for check-ups and medication. Some children suffer birth defects and disabilities as a consequence of the indiscriminate spraying of Agent Orange. These defects and disabilities are now appearing in the fourth generation of the population. The greatest need for support in this Centre is food and clothing. The children grow quickly and although clothes are handed down supply barely keeps up with demand.

Long Hai School, now in its sixth year is providing education, vocational training and socialisation for 136 local children whose parents' dire financial and social circumstances prevent them from attending a Government school.

All children attend school for half a day, one group in the morning one in the afternoon. Children studying skills training attend a full day. All children are given a hot meal before going home and each child has two school uniforms made by the sewing class with donated fabric.

Without the desperately needed resources provided by supporters, this program would not survive. Food alone is a huge but absolutely essential outlay and supporting the children's families to ensure the children can go to school is imperative.

Thank you to all who have supported our Centres in any way. Everything is so appreciated and a big thank you to the Swans for helping to spread the word.

Visit www.vungtau-orphanage.com for more information and to find out how you can help.

Money raised from the ANZAC Friendship Match will be donated to the Vung Tau Orphanage and Swim Vietnam.



Swim Vietnam

Drowning is the largest cause of death in children over the age of one in Vietnam. Vietnam Ministry of Health statistics state that at least 10 children drown here every day. Many of these lives could have been saved if the children knew how to swim. It is described as the "silent epidemic" by many international aid agencies (e.g. UNICEF, TASC) who estimate that the true figure could be as high as 30 per day.

Drowning is the number one injury related killer of children in Vietnam. Many more children drown in Vietnam than are killed in road accidents.* Swim Vietnam trains swimming teachers, builds swimming pools and establishes swim schools which give free swimming and water safety lessons to prevent children from drowning. The Vietnam Swans are a long term supporter of Swim Vietnam.

Summary of Swim Vietnam achievements:

- Over 9,500 children taught since program inception.
- Over 150 teachers trained with around 90 employed by Swim Vietnam.
- Seven swimming pools installed.
- Classroom based water safety presentation embedded in school curriculum in Quang Nam Province with over 10,000 children educated each year.
- Partnership developed with Royal Life Saving Australia - NSW branch. Swim Vietnam teachers can now deliver RLS training courses.

Swim Vietnam continues to go from strength to strength. Its classroom based water safety education program has now been taught to over 20,000 children. This is a very efficient way to disseminate basic water safety education to large numbers of children at a very low cost.

Discussions are currently underway with the government to make this program available in other provinces and it is our aim that this vital lifesaving education will be available in schools nationwide within the next few years.

Swim Vietnam is working with other charitable organisations (e.g. Golden West Foundation) to enable them to teach the Swim Vietnam swimming program as part of their charitable operations. In this way we hope to make survival swimming lessons available to children in many other regions of Vietnam.

This has all been possible due to the support and encouragement Swim Vietnam has consistently received from the Vietnam Swans.

This is a very special relationship and the Swim Vietnam team and all the children they have taught to swim want to say a big "thank you" to the Swannies for all your help.

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