



**HEADQUARTERS
1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE
SOUTH VIETNAM 1966 - 1972**

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Dear Mr Traini,

The 50th Anniversary reunion for members of Headquarters 1st Australian Task Force (HQ1ATF) who served in Nui Dat (SVN) during the period 1966 to 1971 will be held from 13 October until 17 October 2016 at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast.

We anticipate some 80 Veterans and 70 partners (a total of 150) to join us for this four day event.

The reunion is an important part of the Association's efforts in the healing process which is achieved through the continual networking of members and also importantly their partners and carers. With objectives to improve health and well-being and to reduce social isolation, the reunion plays a significant role.

Many of our members, all now in their late 60's, 70's and 80's, have not fared well, especially in the past 10 years or so when their health and consequential financial situations are suffering. Many of us continue to suffer from PTSD in addition to other ailments.

In order to keep our reunion costs affordable for members we are endeavouring to obtain financial assistance from RSL sub-branches. In this regard I ask if the RSL in Queensland could advise its branches of our reunion to ascertain their interest in assisting with a donation. For any contribution we would promote the respective sub-branch on our website (hq1atf.org), as well as highlighting the respective sub-branch at the reunion.

I do look forward to receiving your reply in due course

Yours Sincerely,

John Verhelst
President, 2016 Reunion