

# Big crowd remembers Vietnam Veterans

MORE than 150 people attended the Vietnam Veterans Day service in Scottsdale on Thursday 18 August. The day marked the 45th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in which 18 Australians were killed.

Coinciding with the service, a special reunion of members of the 5th platoon B Company from all over Australia, was held on the town.

The reunion was hosted by Bruce Scott, a member of the platoon.

Among those who travelled was John "Stumpy" Kenworthy from Western Australia.

For Stumpy, it was the first time he had seen his fellow Vets for 41 years.

"I'm not really into big events, but when I saw this reunion was advertised to be held in Scotty's home town, I decided to come," he said.

Bruce Scott said the group had built up a special bond.

"We'll be on a high for a couple of days as we catch up and remember old times," he said.

Guy Barnett was the guest speaker at the service, attended by Veterans from

the North-East, Lilydale, Launceston and George Town.

"The courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice demonstrated by our veterans, at Long Tan on this day in 1966, should never be forgotten," Mr Barnett said.

"Our Governor General Quentin Bryce is today in Brisbane to present the 'unit citation for bravery' to six RAR members 45 years after they earned it in their squalor blood and mud.

"It is better late than never. If honours need granting and memories need restoring and our history needs fixing, it should be done.

"In the case of the Vietnam war this is necessary," Mr Barnett said.

He reminded the crowd that on their return, Vietnam Veterans did not receive the due recognition that they deserved.

"Today we say thank you for your service and sacrifice in Vietnam for and on our behalf," Mr Barnett said.

• **John 'Stumpy' Kenworthy and fellow veteran Bruce Scott of Scottsdale catch up at the reunion.**



## Lions support Samaritan's Purse

FOR more than 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has gone to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. The international organisation administers emergency relief programs which provide desperately needed assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, disease, and famine.

The most common way that people get involved with Samaritan's Purse is to fill a shoe box with gifts for a child in need. Every year over 8.5 million children in over 100 countries across the globe open up a shoe box from someone who has participated in Operation Christmas Child.

The Scottsdale Lions Club is a financial supporter of the organisation, and last week Mrs Lona Bissett of Scottsdale spoke to the club outlining the many functions carried out by Samaritan's Purse.

In 2011, more than 570 shoeboxes full of gifts were sent worldwide from Scottsdale. Mrs Bissett travelled to Vietnam last year and was part of a team which passed over the boxes to remote villages.

At their meeting, Lions club members donated many products that Mrs Bissett will be able to distribute this year.



• A section of the crowd at the memorial service at the Scottsdale RSL Club.

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## POLICE REPORT

# Thieves caught near Gladstone

**NUMEROUS OFFENCES**

by Constable Marty Rodgers

AT about 2pm on Tuesday 16th August, approximately \$90 worth of petrol was stolen from a service station in Newstead. Attendants at the service station recorded the registration number of the vehicle and reported the matter to police.

At 5pm that evening, police located the vehicle travelling west on Waterhouse Road, several kilometres

from Gladstone. Police attempted to intercept the vehicle but it refused to stop. Police then deployed road spikes which deflated several tyres on the vehicle, causing it to stop.

Police then apprehended the two males in the vehicle.

A 17 year old year old youth and an 18 year old have been charged with numerous offences including traffic offences and stealing. Both have been bailed to appear in court at a later date.



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