

# The Tasmanian Vietnam Veterans State Memorial Bush Retreat



## What is the “Bush Retreat”?

It is a memorial to those 16 Tasmanians who served and lost their lives in Vietnam. It was constructed with funds from both State and Federal Governments. The building was erected by veterans and professionals who donated their time and materials to the project. The 5 bedroom house is located at Dago Point, Interlaken beside Lake Sorell in the Central Highlands of Tasmania. It was opened by Governor General Sir Phillip Bennett on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1990. It sleeps up to 13. It has tank water, a large wood fire plus all electric mod-cons including TV, Video and DVD player. Although there is no mobile phone reception, there is a telephone (03) 6254 1055 for incoming calls and emergency 000 calls.

## What’s in the “Bush Retreat” for my use?

**Bedroom 1** – Single bunk, 2 single mattresses, 6 single blankets, 2 pillows, wardrobe, bedside table and lamp.

**Bedroom 2** – Tri bunk, double and single mattresses, 9 single blankets, 4 pillows, wardrobe, bedside table and lamp.

**Bedroom 3** – Tri bunk, double and single mattresses, 9 single blankets, 3 pillows, wardrobe, bedside table and lamp.

**Bedroom 4** – Single bunk, 2 single mattresses, 6 single blankets, 2 pillows, wardrobe, bedside table and lamp.

**Bedroom 5** – Tri bunk, double and single mattresses, 9 single blankets, 3 pillows, wardrobe, bedside table and lamp.

**Bathroom** – Wheel chair friendly shower, hand basin, toilet, toilet chair, shower chair, heater and first aid box.

**Lounge/Dining Room/Kitchen** – Large wood heater, lounge suite, TV, video, DVD, dining suite, 3 fridges, stove, sink, microwave oven, toaster, electric jug, crockery and cooking utensils.

**2 wood containers** – Wood, barrow, block buster, axe, hoe, shovel, tomahawk and step ladder.

**Covered barbecue area** – Barbecue, table & stool assembly, fire pot and 2 freezers as ice containers.

**Outside toilet** – Toilet only

**Laundry** – Twin tub washing machine and trough

**Tank water pump shed** – Pump, filter, 2 valves, axe, leaf blower with cord. Also broom, mops and buckets

**Clothes Line** – Pull out type clothes line

## What is the cost?

The nightly rental cost is \$40 for 2 adults plus \$10 for each additional adult.

Tenants may enter from mid-day and must exit by mid-day.

Tenants are asked to use what-ever is in stock, but replace when it runs out. Example – ensure that there are toilet rolls, sugar, coffee, tea and washing up liquid for the next tenant.

## Who can book?

Any adult who is eligible to be a member of the “Vietnam Veterans Association Australia” may book.

That means Vietnam Veterans, their partners, adult children and adult grand-children.

Also, any adult member of the “Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association” may book. (Please provide membership numbers).

## How do I book?

Bookings are made by ringing Tamara Abbott at the Tasmania Branch RSLA on (03) 6242 8900.

Postal address is PO Box 147, NEWTOWN, TAS 7008. Or email [tamara.abbott@rsltas.org.au](mailto:tamara.abbott@rsltas.org.au)

## How do I pay?

- By cheque to “Viet Vets Memorial Fund” send to Tas. RSLA, PO Box 147, NEWTOWN, TAS, 7008.
- Direct debit to Viet Vets Mem. Fund, BSB 807.009, Account Number 12149527, Reference – your name.

Keys are available on showing your receipt at the following:

- The RSLA Tasmania Branch, 206 Newtown Road, NEWTOWN, Hobart, TAS 7008, (03) 6242 8900
- The Launceston RSL, 313 Wellington Street, LAUNCESTON SOUTH, TAS 7249, (03)6344 9584
- The Devonport RSL, 18 Mac Fie Street, PO BOX 365, DEVONPORT TAS 7310. (03) 6424 2673 [devonportrsl@netspace.net.au](mailto:devonportrsl@netspace.net.au) Paul Barker.
- The StHelens RSL, 35 Quail Street, ST HELENS TAS 7216, (03) 6376 1372.

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Memorial Bush Retreat  
**BOOKING FORM**

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## What do I need to take with me?

- Bedding – Your towels, sheets and pillow slips plus favourite pillow and doona. There are some single blankets and pillows.
- Food, drinks, warm clothing for bush walking, fishing gear, a book or DVDs.

## **How do I find the Bush Retreat at Dago Point, Interlaken off the Bothwell Road beside Lake Sorell?**

**From Hobart** – Travel North up the Midlands Highway to Oatlands. Turn left onto Interlaken Road (C526). Keep left and drive between the 2 lakes then turn right into Dago Point. Follow the red roosters to the right and you are there.

**From Launceston** – Travel South down the Midlands Highway to Tunbridge. Turn right up the Tunbridge Tier on (526) until you are between Lake Sorell and Lake Crescent. Turn right about 2km past the connecting channel into Dago Point. Drive a few hundred meters,, then follow the red roosters to the right and you are there.

**From Devonport** – Travel Highway 1 to Deloraine, then (A5) along the Western shore of Great Lake to Steppes. Turn left onto (C527) to Interlaken. Turn left into Dago Point, then right following the red roosters and you are there.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

If you are staying at the “Retreat” in the Winter, you may get lots of SNOW, so be prepared. Don’t forget your CHAINS and a little extra food and medication, just in case you get snowed in. Lake Sorell is closed for Carp eradication, but Lake Crescent has large trout in season and Great Lake is open all year round, so fishing gear could be handy.

### **On arrival**

1. Using the orange key, unlock the meter box and turn the power on using both switches.
2. Using the blue and the yellow key unlock the end and back doors, checking that the door will not lock you out accidentally when shut.
3. Using keys 5, 6 and 7 unlock the outside toilet, the water pump shed and the laundry.
4. In the PUMP shed, turn the blue gate valve and black circular handled valve behind the door on, then switch the pump on.
5. Using the red and green keys, unlock the large wood containers. Someone may have the fire alight by now.

### **Process of unlocking**

### **On departure**

1. Clean the barbecue if you have used it.
2. Pack your bedding and tidy beds and bedrooms.
3. Check under beds, in cupboards and drawers.
4. Pack up your food and clothing.
5. As fridges will be switched off, please remove food.
6. Clean the toilets, shower and hand basin.
7. Check and clean the oven, stove, microwave oven, refrigerator, table and kitchen benches.
8. Mop the vinyl areas, vacuum the carpet and sweep around the fire place.
9. Ensure that the fire is safe and that there are sticks and wood ready for the next tenant. If the fire is cold, please set the fire for the next tenant.
10. Check that all windows are closed and locked. The sliding glass door is locked at the top with the purple key.
11. The last one out to check that all 6 doors and containers are locked, power is turned off and fuse box is locked.

Vietnam Veterans Name..... and Service number ..... or Peacekeepers and Peacemakers  Name .....  Membership number .....
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Applicant’s Name .....  Address ..... .....  Phone numbers ..... .....  Email address .....  Dates required: In ..... Out .....  Number of adults staying .....
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