

# Half Circle



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## AT THE RAP:

**Peter Molloy** – new prosthetic leg

**Barrie Taylor** – ongoing oncology treatment

**Wally Magalas** – ongoing oncology treatment – good news – Wally's doctor is starting to issue good reports, and three months apart!

**Denny Cakoliris** – Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma now under control!

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**FROM DENNIS (DIGGER) NEVINS:** Earlier this year, Andy MacDougal and his wife Ginny dropped into Beaudesert for a visit. During the course of the afternoon, Ginny told me that on their first date together, she didn't see anything in Andy! So I told her about one time in the Mao Tao's. Early in the morning on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1970 I awoke, the moon was bright, and its rays filtering through the jungle canopy. I then realised that there was a weight on my right shoulder. I glanced down and there was Andy – sound asleep on his left side, using my shoulder as a pillow. I left him there and simply went back to sleep. I told Ginny that I didn't see anything in him either! We sat back and had a good laugh.

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## TRAVELLING ABOUT:

Eric and Pam Hamlin, travelling from their home at Port Macquarie to Hervey Bay and meeting up with Ben and Pat Oram, and Barry Baker. Shares in XXXX have soared!

Wally Magalas left his beloved Melbourne to go to Adelaide for a visit with his old mate George Szczurko. He's back now!

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The construction of the new War Memorial at Hervey Bay, Qld. What a magnificent tribute to the fallen and returned veterans this will be. This tribute to the ANZACs will be ready for ANZAC Day 2015.

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George Szczurko and Wally Magalas pictured at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Adelaide, SA. Wally presented a Tiger's Head image on a hessian background, to be displayed at the 5RAR corner of the Royal Australian Regiment Hall in Adelaide.

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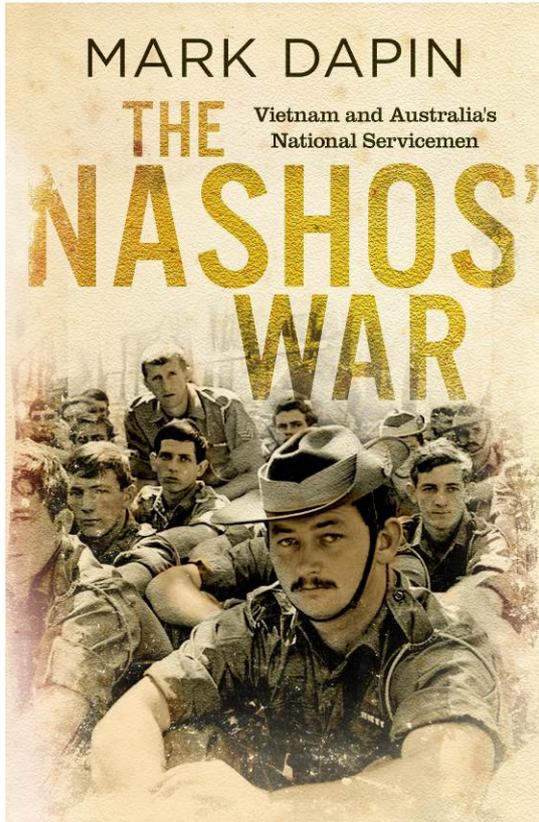
**Quotation:** Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed!

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***In Sydney and want to hit the little white ball?*** Then head for the Georges River Golf Course, Henry Lawson Drive Georges Hall. Geoff Grimish and his team will make you most welcome. Geoff is a Vietnam vet (FSB Coral, 1968), and is a good mate. Phone (02) 9724 1615.

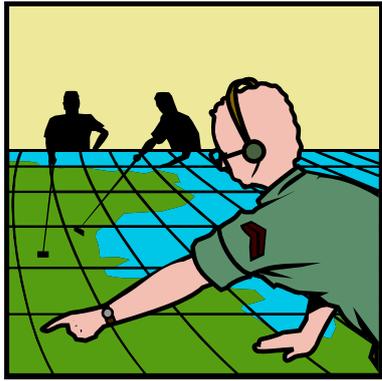
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**JUST RELEASED BY PENGUIN BOOKS!** Author Mark Dapin has released a new book which is centred around the role of the National Serviceman in the Vietnam War. The front cover shows a C Coy 5RAR group, headed up by Bill Hartley. Other men of C Coy (not necessarily Nashos) include Kiwi Hill, Michael Struchlak, John Hellyer and others. This picture was probably taken as we left Nui Dat to embark on the HMAS Sydney for our trip home in 1970. The best way to purchase a copy is Angus and Robertson online. About \$40.



Two young platoon commanders – Ian Hosie (l) and Roger Lambert, 1969



**DON'T FORGET:** Planning for the C Coy (2<sup>nd</sup> tour, Vietnam) is well underway, with the target dates of 15-17 March 2016 in the sights!

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