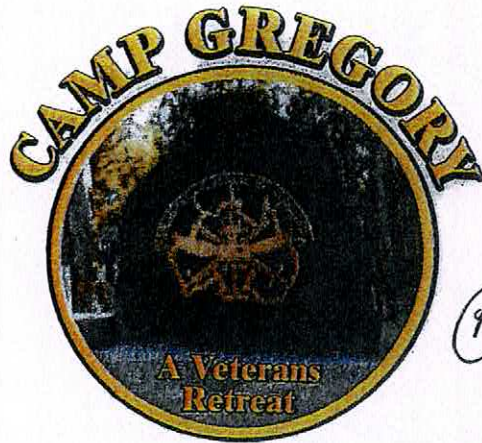


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Without goodwill you have nothing more to achieve in life

Camp Gregory Veterans Retreat - Discussion Points

The core reason for the creation of Camp Gregory Veterans Retreat is for the safety, security and tranquillity it can provide to military veterans and their families.

After being one of the first veterans treated for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), I realised that there was nowhere to go to after my treatment had finished.

"Fear of failure" upon leaving military life is the ultimate problem with veterans, this creates anxiety which leads to PTSD, the end result. Be aware of these post military medical conditions.

I have been building Camp Gregory Veterans Retreat for the past 15 years. The goal is to be the provision of a safe and secure property to relax in. The camp has been built and extended with voluntary labour, combining the skills and efforts of many veterans over 1,000's of hours

Results:

- Younger Veterans together with their families now mix with older Veterans and openly and safely discuss their issues, knowing that their confidential conversations will not be repeated and discussed outside of the safe boundaries of Camp Gregory.
- Veterans of all ages, including couples and their families now come and are welcome at Camp Gregory. Elderly and younger veterans together with their children and grandchildren mix and engage in social activities including fishing and crabbing and daily walks as well as visiting nearby country towns.
- The location is perfect. Camp Gregory is set on 40 acres of rural 'bush' property surrounded by a national park and adjacent to a river (The Gregory). It is close to towns and provides a place with camping, campervan or caravan facilities. Just setup camp or unhitch the caravan and roam each day free of cost.
- There are open fires to sit around and talk, wood barbeques a camp kitchen with facilities, hot and cold showers and septic toilets. Dogs are allowed. The whole camp is designed to revolve around the needs of Veterans and their families.

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~ Onwards and Forward ~

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Incidentally we at Camp Gregory encourage the use of 'companion dogs by veterans. We believe that the special relationship between veterans and their comfort dogs provides a major therapeutic benefit particularly to troubled veterans. Currently media seems to be broadcasting stories three times per day about companion dogs. The property at Camp Gregory is ideal for this purpose, and companion dogs are welcome.

The electorate seat of 'Hinkler' has the largest population of ADF Veterans and their families outside of Brisbane. We draw your attention to our disappointment with the very minimal positive support our Camp has received from Keith Pitt, who is the current Federal National Party member for Hinkler. His support or lack thereof over the last seven years has been very unhelpful.

We would also like to draw your attention to the financial benefits to local community income if the model of Camp Gregory was extended throughout Australia. Veteran's affairs in general and the 'Camp Gregory' model in particular is one single issue you can focus upon which affects all Australian irrespective of where they live. This issue crosses party politics and should be addressed by any government equally.

We strongly believe that the issue of providing support and more importantly approval of Camp Gregory's numerous requests for assistance in building a disabled persons Jetty on the Gregory River (Crown land) adjacent to the camp is an election winner. The correspondence between the Camp and DVA on this matter is available to you on request.

Around the world, the Australian Government is supporting local communities by building necessary basic infrastructure. The defence force is well trained and very capable in these matters. Camp Gregory already has the support of military engineers based (fairly) locally at Amberley, who are willing to utilise some of their training budget to build the jetty. The project only requires your approval to proceed.

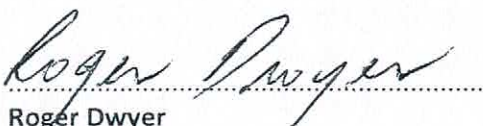
We believe you will be amazed at the response of the general public to the notion that their own military engineers are engaged in this positive construction on behalf of all disabled and senior veterans and its local community right here in Australia.

What a story it would become and think of the goodwill throughout Australia if proud serving disabled and aged veterans finally had access only metres away to the River and enable them to participate in all the various type of pleasures it provides.

We understand that you have a very busy schedule over the next few weeks however should you find time to visit the Camp, of course you would be very welcome.

We veterans keenly look forward to hearing from you

Yours faithfully,



Roger Dwyer

(Vietnam Veteran 1968-1969 & 1970) Founder/Owner 'Camp Gregory Veteran's Retreat'