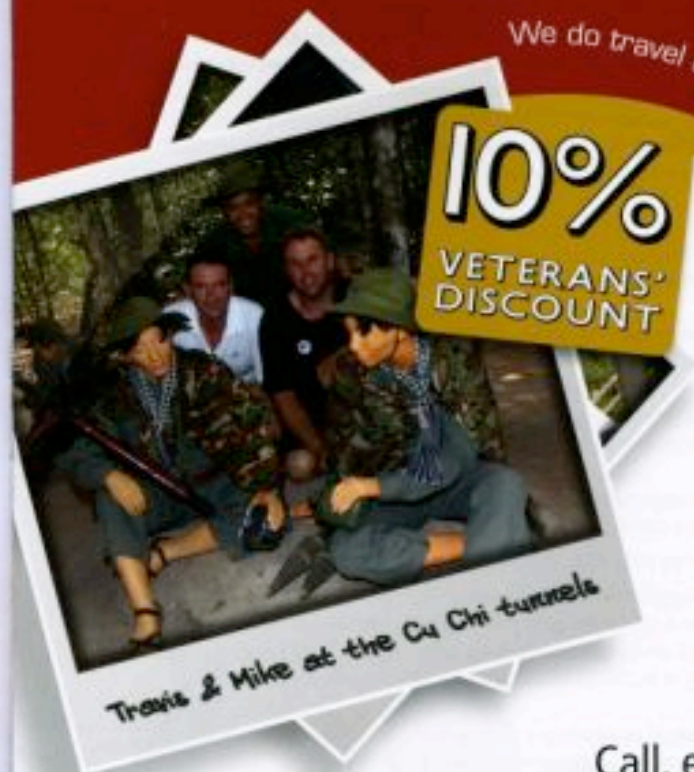


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8 July 2010

The Editor  
Chin Up

Dear Sir

Just a short note to say how pleased we were to see the full page article in the latest issue of "Chin Up" about Wide Eyed Tours.

We experienced a great return to Vietnam in October/ November 2009 and could not have enjoyed such a fantastic trip without the Guides and Drivers that Travis' Tour Group provided.

Our bookings were made by Carol Sing from Harvey World Travel in Bendigo and this was the first time she had utilized Wide Eyed tours so she was thrilled when contacted on our arrival home that every thing had gone smoothly and we had been well looked after all the time.

The Christmas issue of TAOR from the Outer Eastern Melbourne branch of the VV AA contained an article telling of our experiences back in the "Funny Country", also telling others about Wide Eyed tours and contact details.

We have also been in touch with a veteran group in the USA that has included their contact details and a few of our photos on their web site.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Guy     Badge no 13617

#### ANZAC Day and football

Last year, the Vietnam Swans were invited to play in the Thailand Tigers' 6<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day Match in Kanchanaburi, Thailand -in front of three ex POWs. The venue of the match was 5kms from the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery; and 50kms from WWII's infamous Hellfire Pass on the Burma Death Railway.

*An abridged version of the welcome address before this year's match, from National President Phil John - Vietnam Swans.* In Asia on ANZAC weekend, footy matches were played, in nine countries, in memory of Australia's and New Zealand's fallen.

This year, for the first time, Vietnam hosted an ANZAC match, played between the Hanoi Hawks and Saigon Saints. Commemorating ANZAC Day in this place will have particular significance for those fortunate enough to be there, we will be reminded first hand that wars end long before the pain and suffering they cause to all involved.

The Vietnam Swans is just an Aussie Rules Club made up of ordinary people from different backgrounds who are living in an extraordinary country. We are humbled by the generosity shown to us by those who have so warmly welcomed us into their country, and we share together our sorrow and mutual respect for the sacrifices of our peoples.

While we are daunted by the prospect of hosting our first ANZAC Friendship match, we are strengthened by the knowledge that sport is a formidable force in building relationships. The Vietnam Swans hope that this match will help build the ever strengthening friendship between two friends: Australia and Vietnam.

Have a great day and enjoy the footy in Vietnam!