

# Vietnam war remembered

VIETNAM veterans from across the Manning, along with many ex-service personnel, dignitaries, family and friends were in attendance at Taree RSL sub-branch's commemoration of Vietnam Veteran's day.

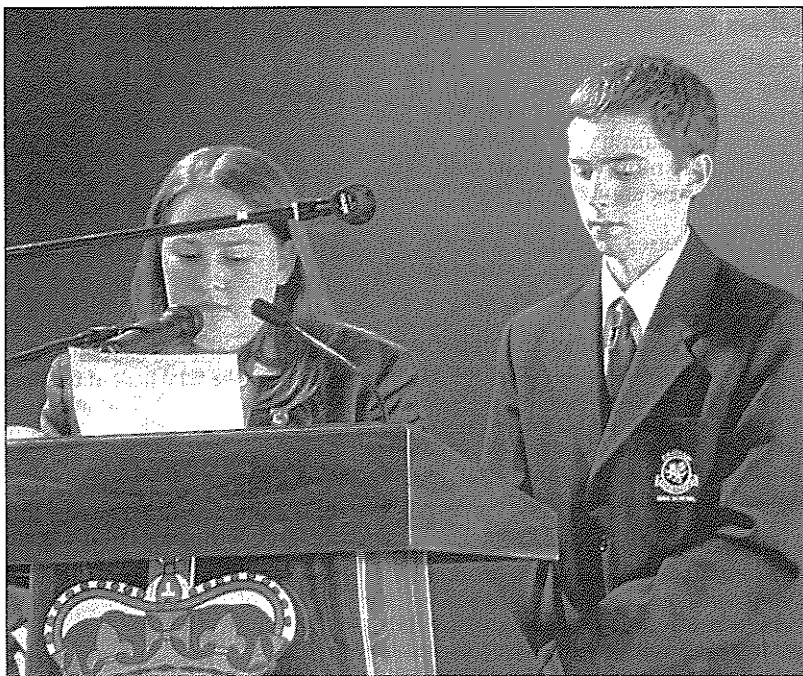
The solemn service dedicated to all Vietnam veterans was moved indoors at Club Taree due to the cold and blustery winds.

An excellent commemoration address was given by the Chatham High School year 11 history students Christopher Diessel and Nadeen Bayliss who provided their detailed overview of the war in Vietnam, Australia's military commitment to the war, the bravery, sacrifice and determination of the young soldiers and the problem associated with the return home.

In closing they paid special tribute to the five Manning servicemen who were killed in Vietnam.

The memorial was flanked by the catafalque party proudly provided by members of local Army and Air Force Cadet units.

Greater Taree City Council deputy mayor, councillor David West gave an address along with presenting the students with certificates of appreciation for their well researched and excellently presented address.



**Above, Chatham High School year 11 history students Christopher Diessel and Nadeen Bayliss address the crowd.**



**Right, Mariah Gardner and John Cooper at the Taree RSL sub-branch Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony.**