



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **VALE**
No reports
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- **SA Branch**
- **Merchandise**
- **EMERGENCY 50th**
- **Annual Bursary**
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ANNUAL BURSARY / GRANT

The idea of commencing an annual bursary type of donation, to a yet to be determined school, student, or, education body in Australia, or Malaysia, has been discussed recently by the NMC in very early terms. Members may not be aware that there is a school in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, that had been the site of a NMBVAA plaque presented in appreciation. The SANZAC school has dropped off the radar for one reason, or, another.

There are any number of educational organizations that could be considered for an annual grant, both in Malaysia and in Australia. An example in Australia is that put into effect by the VVA, an annual bursary for a senior student for further

education purposes.

The criteria is yet to be decided, however, **members are now requested to submit ideas for this project**, for both Australia and Malaysia, including a suggested dollar amount to be provided, the theme, the title, the scope to be covered and any idea(s) that would enhance the basic idea as outlined here. The only restriction for a



Australian may be that the entry should be from a family member.

The dollar amount is the point which could create the most debate.....e.g. what would you consider to be a suitable amount for a year 11 student? Should the amount be part subsidy of school fees, annual camp costs etc?

There are many possibilities that could be very helpful to any student, and not to forget the family of that student. The final amount that may be decided on, is suggested to be made up in equal amounts from the State Branches and NHQ. Some Branches may decide to hold specific fund raising events to provide over and above the requested donation, if so, that is what the spirit of the idea is about.

The time frame to decide if this project is acceptable is between now and the National AGM in September.

Ed.

Malayan Emergency 50th

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the cessation of the Malayan Emergency, 1948—60. Enquiries to the Malaysian Embassy were answered with an indication that there would be no special commemorations held in

Malaysia. The occasion is being formerly observed by the **TASMANIAN Branch of the NMBVAA Inc.** The VIP Party includes the Tasmanian Governor and will be celebrated in Hobart at the Cenotaph on 31 July 2010 followed by refreshments.

A full itinerary of the functions is available from the Tasmanian Branch VP, Ken Miller, ph: 03 6229 6500 and email hobartnmbvaa@7mail.com

Congratulations and best wishes for a undoubted, very successful Remembrance Service.... Well Done.

Lest We Forget



Ashes to Ashes



National and Branch A G M's

The **National AGM** will be held in Brisbane at 1100 hrs on 11.9.2010. The venue will be Wynnum RSL Services Memorial Club and then lunch will be available for members in attendance. Nomination forms, and all relevant documentation, will be provided to all States, and sub-Branches, for members to complete and return as directed. Agenda items can be submitted through your Branch Secretaries.....the cut-off date for all submissions is 15.8.10.

All State and sub-Branch AGM's should have been completed, and the results of elections provided to NHQ by 31 August 2010. A full table of National and State election results will be published in the next edition of *The Listening Post* and on the association web site.

Members attending the AGM from other states have a wide range of holiday packages available and the package deals for a multiple day/night stays around Brisbane are very attractive.

IF YOU, OR ANYONE YOU KNOW, ARE NOT HAPPY WITH SOME ASPECTS OF THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR BRANCH, OR, YOU WANT TO HAVE A SAY.... THE AGM's ARE THE FORUM TO DO SO. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO LIVE IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD, AND AS SUCH..... THE MAJORITY RULES, WHICH MAY NOT BE TO YOUR LIKING SOMETIMES!!

SA Branch Membership Cancelled

The former SA Branch of the NMBVAA Inc no longer has bona fide membership of the National Association.

This has been brought about by the decision of the SA executive to secede from the NMBVAA Inc and form a lookalike incorporated group.

As a result of this action, and non compliance with the properly authorized Constitution of the NMBVAA Inc, all

members of the SA Branch, whether they knew it or not, have been removed from the membership register.

The former members are not able to use any form of identifier, e.g. Banner, logos, IT equipment or merchandise. To do so is illegal.

The vote to leave the NMBVAA Inc was engineered by about 31 members from a total of approx 95 members,

far less than the democratic majority required for such a wide ranging decision.

Any former members who wish to remove themselves from this decision, and remain as members of the

NMBVAA Inc, are able to do so easily. Contact NHQ by mail, phone, fax or email.

These numbers are listed on page 4 of this publication.

I. Davenport. President.

SA NT BRANCH Resumed

The **official** DVA and National RSL accredited ESO is the NMBVAA Inc, SA and NT Branch. The members who were unable to voice their objections to leaving this original association have been able to vote with their feet, retain membership with the spirit and the origins, and not be taken for granted ! As a

result of these moves, the **SA and NT Branch** of the **NMBVAA Inc** is fully operational with an interim committee ably placing members' interests at the top of the "to do list" again. A inaugural interim committee meeting was held 3.6.10 and future plans/ideas will be notified to all members and other

Branches forthwith.

The **interim committee** is : Alan Davies JP, Don Cameron, Chris Selby and Brian Selby. The support of many former members is making the task of re-affirming the SA NT Branch very enjoyable..

Illegitimus Nil Carborundum !

ANZAC Day 2011 New Zealand



In the previous edition of The Listening Post, it was indicated that in this edition, members would be asked to confirm their interest in travelling to NZ for ANZAC Day 2011. The ideas at this point, are for members to

have a choice of "after the day" things they may wish to do as individuals, and or, with a group. ANZAC Eve functions are, as yet, to be confirmed. ANZAC Day would be as for here in Australia, form up behind our Banner in the format of the Dawn Service, and then the march as organized by the Kiwis. It is probable that a Gunfire Breakfast would be in the orders of the day. The "package" for the trip is to be based around leaving Australia on 23 April 11, from various ports for **Rotorua** and staying at a venue that would

be central to the main events.....we could include transport / sightseeing in the deal. Some members may elect to do other things, or, return home. In any case, members who see this as a unique function, and a good time to be had, should send your confirmation of interest, in the first pass, to Brian Selby with an indication of the number of people in your party, by 30.11.10. A tour package is being worked up to be provided to States for members, when numbers are better known. See the attached Registration of Interest Form. **Ed.**



The Rotorua MVA and

RSA is

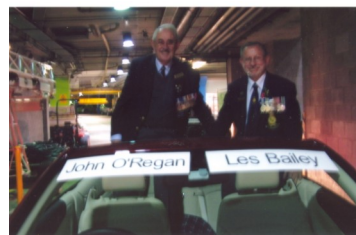
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forward to

meeting and

greeting us.

ANZAC Day Victoria Members of the Victoria Branch



John O'Regan NMBVAA Inc and Les Bailey FESR(RAN) about to take the salute at the MCG.

DVA Notes

ASBESTOS and CHARGE BAGS

Any member who trained on the M2A2 Howitzer guns is advised to contact your nearest DVA Office and register your details as a matter of urgency.

The Dept of Defence has released details relating to the use of dummy, asbestos impregnated charge bags for training purposes.

There is concern that these bags

may be contributing to related respiratory conditions and as such, all affected members should take the necessary steps.

This artillery piece was in service with most Australian Artillery Regiments from around 1962. Some units were equipped with L5 Pack howitzers later. No concerns have been noted for L5's at this time. **Ed.**



M2A2 Howitzer



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ACCREDITED Contacts for AUSTRALIA.**



Letters to the Editor

Did You Know ? The first radio transmitting/receiving station in Australia was near Pennant Hills in Sydney, 1912.

While some of us may have little or none, the average person has some 100,000 strands of hair on the scalp, and may lose from 40 to 100 daily.

Work smarder not harder and be careful of yor speling.

The Kara Sea is part of the Arctic Ocean.

Ticks transmit Lyme disease.

The goanna has a forked tongue.

An Elf Cup is a pothecium of fungus.

Since 32AD, there have been 265 Popes, of which only one has been English, Nicholas Breakspeare (170) and was named Adrian IV, 1154-59.

You wouldn't think a stone could float, but volcanic pumice is a form of rock and will float on water.



Over and above the call of duty has been enacted by a Branch President who has not let a dose of the flu interfere with his duties by attending specific functions and an AGM.
Anonymous.

**All NMBVAA Inc Merchandise
is now available from
Brian Selby in Adelaide.**

If you become aware of any former Malaysian Theatre Veterans, let them know about the NMBVAA Inc. There is a recruiting project about to be launched in SA through the information counters of the DVA, RSL and some kindred ESO's with a brochure and an advert in the DVA news paper "VETAFFAIRS" and a advert that will be inserted in the SA RSL July edition of "THE SIGNAL" Both the brochure and the advert can be easily utilised by the State Branches.

Many thanks to both of these great organisations for assistance