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## MALAYAN EMERGENCY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities for the Malayan Emergency which commenced in 1948-1960. This major "undeclared War" saw the longest military engagement in the history of the Australian Armed Forces. There has been little publicity and our casualty lists have never been made known to the public.

To mark this historic event, the **Tasmanian Branch** organized a major Remembrance Service held at the Hobart Cenotaph on 31 July attended by Hon. Peter Underwood AC, Governor of Tasmania, AVM Peter Scully AO, RAAF Assoc Tasmania, the State Minister for Veteran's Affairs, State VIPs, all Armed

Forces and ESO representatives including FESR(RAN) President Les Bailey, Hobart



City Council and over 100 members, families and guests. The Tasmanian Secretary, Lyn Miller was primarily responsible for the event which was a resounding success. Thanks also to the many who assisted



with the presentation and logistics, the choirs from Hutchins and Collegiate Schools, The Salvation Army Band, and Mr. Ken Short for presenting. The service was conducted by Canon David Lewis, Fr Peter Lewis and Maj Graeme McClimont. The Tasmanian members were also able to meet and greet the Tasmanian Governor and staff at a pre-service

cocktail party at Government House on 27 July, which was attended by 52 members, families and friends. The event is a credit to the Tasmanian committee and members for taking the initiative in the face of adversity. Banyak bagus !

**LEST WE FORGET**

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE



## CENOTAPH SERVICE



AVM Peter Scully AO

Hon Peter Underwood AC  
Ken Miller and Les Bailey

## I'M ALRIGHT JACK !

It has been brought to the attention of the NMC, that members in the former SA Branch, were not being sent by mail, or, other means, their copy of the National news letter, *The Listening Post*. A reason put forward by the former executive, was that members who attended the bi-monthly meetings were shown a copy at that time. The question begs, what about the portion of annual subs specifically

held by all Branches for the mailing of the *Listening Post to all financial members* ? Branches are reminded that the funds accumulated by subs, raffles etc, are specifically for the benefit of the members, not to see who can have the biggest bank balance. There is much more to consider than the annual dinner and occasional outing for members, particularly for those not residing in the metro areas.

As far as is known, this was the only neglect of duty in the NMBVAA Inc. There were definitely similar situations in the former, now defunct, Qld, NSW, VIC and TAS-Branches. Since the rejuvenation of those areas, the members are properly catered for, and in fact, kept up to date with what is happening around the Nation and elsewhere. Banyak bagus ! Ed.



The Post WW2 Nominal Rolls Project for the Malayan Wars has been presented to the Minister for Veteran's Affairs., Copies are with the Branches.

## NZ2011UPDATE

## TPI NOTE

## WARNING

The trip to New Zealand for ANZAC Day 2011 is shaping up to be a great turnout. At this early stage we have 16 Registrations of Interest. For those who may not know, or have not seen the details, the trip is planned to have arrivals in Rotorua via Auckland on 23 April 11. Your local Branch has all the details so far, plus the Registration form. A travel package is under way. Ed.

Research released this week proves that there were 50 Aboriginal men who served as Trackers and Horsemen with Australian Troops in the Boer War. At the conclusion of hostilities only 2 men returned, Those 2 had joined the Army and were considered Returned Soldiers...the others were left in South Africa because of the newly enacted White Australia Policy ! TPI News

The Dept of Defence has issued a warning regarding the use of Range Fuel, see Fact Sheet No. 18 dated Nov 09, Range Fuel and Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery Advice Notice 5/09 Range Fuel Fact Sheet. The details are disturbing and have only recently come to light generally. Members will recall using Range Fuel for many tasks, particularly with guns and vehicles. Ed.

The feed back from members is very positive, except for one individual who believes that without the names of those who served it is a waste of paper !! Well sunshine, that is what the project is all about..... Ensuring ALL of the names are recorded. If we already had that knowledge, we would have the Nominal Rolls for every unit, ship and squadron listed in Canberra who served in the theatres.

## NATIONAL &amp; STATE AGM RESULTS

The National and State Committees for 2011 are:

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NSW is administered by ACT.

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# ANZAC CENTENARY

## HOW SHOULD AUSTRALIA COMMEMORATE THE ANZAC CENTENARY ?

The ANZAC Centenary provides us with the opportunity to remember all those who have fought and served in all the wars and conflicts of the last hundred plus years, as well as those who stayed behind: the families, friends and communities who suffered the loss of those who

would never return, and provided sanctuary to those who did.

Share your ideas on how the Australian community can honour and remember this important chapter in our history, and the legacy that remains today.

All Australians — every school, community and ex-service organization — are asked to put their ideas and

suggestions forward to a National Commission about how the Australian community can be engaged to mark the ANZAC Centenary.

You can have your say through a public process that will be open until 17 Sep 2010.

For information visit : [www.anzaccentenary.gov.au](http://www.anzaccentenary.gov.au) or phone 133 254. Regional callers use 1800 555 254

## RUMOUR MILL

The rumour mill has been working overtime lately re the dislocation of 162 Army personnel families from the married quarters in the NT at Berrimah to be turned over to housing for the illegals from the boats being caught off our northern borders. If this is correct, why haven't the pundits from either of the main parties denied or confirmed this ? The problem is this: It is probably true.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST



Can you identify the two Gunners ? The pic was taken c. 1960 in Perak State during a Fire Mission by D Troop 101 Fd Bty RAA. There is no prize, however, Military Police are still interested in their whereabouts !!

## WEB SITE

The former NMBVAA Inc web site is no longer valid. All references shown are not authorised by the NMBVAA Inc.

**WE HAVE A NEW WEB SITE FOR AUSTRALIA !!!**

[www.nmbvaa.org.au](http://www.nmbvaa.org.au)

This site is owned by the NMBVAA Inc and cannot be plagiarised or corrupted by other non member interests.

*Ian Davenport*

## D V A NOTES

### KOREAN WAR GONG

After almost 60 years, our Korean War veterans have been recognized by the Govt with a properly authorized medal for active service in that theatre of war. The medal is formally known as The Australian General Service Medal Korea. Relatives of deceased veterans are

advised to contact : The Directorate of Honours and Awards, T-1-49 Dept of Defence, Canberra ACT 2600. There is a specific form (of course) to apply for the medal as a post-humous award. Further advice is available from local DVA offices in each state and from the Korea SE Asia

Forces Association in each state.

Australia became engaged in The Korean War from July 1953 till April 1956 and one unit in particular, 3RAR, was awarded the United States Presidential Citation, for incredible actions during the Battle of Kapyong.

*Lest We Forget*



Malaysia Boundaries

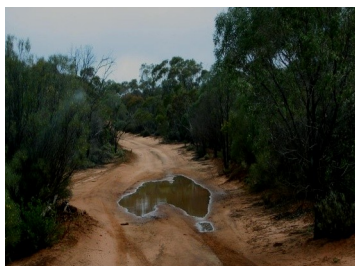


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**Foot Note:** We gratefully  
acknowledge the office of  
*Dr Andrew Southcott MP*  
for printing this National  
news letter. Terima kasih.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Diabetics . You may already know** that the humble Sweet Potato is a natural product that aids in the combating of this debilitating disease. Some of the benefits of eating this tuber regularly are: Omg Fat, Omg Cholesterol, calcium, dietary fibre, Vitamin B6, E, folic acid, manganese, potassium, carotenoids, sodium, magnesium, is easy to grow, does not need fertilizers and is more beneficial than rice. It is very easily digested and is able to be baked or boiled. The purple variety is Kamote  
**Leong Chee Woh**

**Ginger** has been used for 50 centuries in Asia as a cooking additive and in the preparation of medicines. Some of the medicinal benefits are now known to include: sooth sore throat, assist in calming seasickness, nausea associated with chemotherapy, acts as a anti-histamine, anti-inflammatory with arthritis and muscular disease, stimulates blood flow and helps to prevent blood clots, contains zinc, Vitamin C. Animal trials show cancer slowing and prevention.  
**Leong Chee Woh**

**Gunners ReUnion 2010**  
Members are advised that a reunion for 111 LAA Bty RAA and 110 LAA Bty RAA is to be held in Coolangatta from 17—22 October 2010. A full program of functions incl the traditional Meet n Greet, Dinner and a special Lunch Venue are part of the tour package. The accommodation is at Greenmount Resort not far from the Gold Coast and shopping strips. There may be some spots for late starters. Contact Eddie Keane at : [edkfast2@tadaust.org.au](mailto:edkfast2@tadaust.org.au)  
**Ed.**



The common *Dieffenbachia* is a dangerous indoor plant. Keep it well away from small children. Chewing leaves can cause tongue swelling and if eyes are affected, temporary blindness. **Leong Chee Woh**



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**Bono Animo Este**

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