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THE LISTENING POST

The only official News Letter of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc

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NOTICES

VALE

Les Paddon RA UK
Sir Richard Kingsland
Jack "Crazy Horse"
Holtman RAA & 5RAR
Steve Lennard RAA
John (Jnr) Suthers RAA
Peter Greig Vic

RAP

Nil Return

HOSPITAL

Theo DeKuyper SA
Helen Moffatt SA
Bill Hanson SA
Ben Thurlow VIC

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Pg 2 Memorial
- AGM Elections
- Military terms
- 50th Anniversary
- VIC Pics
- Did You Know.....

FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Hello to you all,

It is time to reflect on the past 12 months and my thoughts on how we can improve/enhance our association for the future.

It has been a busy year with many things done and many still to do. As we move into 2013, there is an opportunity to build a stronger, bigger, and better association for our members, and the following ideas are my thoughts, together with some great ideas put to me by some State Presidents on how to achieve this;

1. Try to bring more Veterans into our Association.
2. Standardise the Membership Application Joining Fees and Annual subscriptions.
3. Consider establishing a Scholarship for a student in honour of a Malaya & Borneo veteran who paid the supreme sacrifice.
4. Consider setting up a permanent Memorabilia Exhibition.
5. Complete, and standardise a Merchandise catalogue.
6. Prepare a standard Business Card for all elected association office bearers.
7. Put together a Australia wide recruiting campaign.
8. Select a suitable Publicity Officer in each State to promote a National public awareness campaign, including our Aims and Objectives.
9. Ensure *The Listening Post* is supported and provides information to all members.
10. More contact with other International Malaya & Borneo Associations.
11. Questionnaire to all remembers regarding "What do you want from the Association"?
12. Seek out Corporate sponsors for (some of) our projects.

Obviously, some of these ideas will take longer to achieve than others, however.....

"He who has no target, hits nothing".....

All the best,

Owen Marshall



BRANCH & NATIONAL AGM ELECTIONS

SA & NT

President : Brian Selby
Vice Pres : Don Cameron
Secretary : John Kearns
Treasurer : Jenny Cameron
Committee Members :
 Mike McClelland, Allan Davies JP,
 Ansel Mathews, Beryl Kearns,
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Secretary : Ben Thurlow
Treasurer : Ben Thurlow
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QUEENSLAND

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UK— Owen Marshall

Malaysia— Brian Selby

NZ— Allen Edwards

FESR— Reg Poole.



It could be a long walk.....

BRANCH & NATIONAL AGM ELECTIONS

ACT

President : Ian Davenport
Vice Pres:
Secretary :
Treasurer :
Committee Members :
AGM results will be advised later

Gippsland sub-Branch

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Vice Pres : Keith Tickner
Secretary : John Larkin
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TASMANIA

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Vice Pres : Archie Alomes
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NATIONAL HQ

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Dr Brendan Nelson has been appointed as the Director of the Australian War Memorial from 17 Dec 12. **DVA**

WARNING ORDER

50 TH ANNIVERSARY

MAY 2014 MARKS THE 50 TH
 ANNIVERSARY OF THE
 EMBARKATION of

111 LAA Bty RAA,
 7 Field Sqn RAE and reos for 5
 Sqn (Iroquois) RAAF
 onboard HMAS Sydney R17
 escorted by

HMAS Yarra DE 45 and
 HMAS Parramatta DE 46
 to Malaya & Borneo .

A major reunion and Remembrance function is in the early stages of being planned to include the crew members of those 3 ships, the Army units and the RAAF Sqn members that were part of that first movement of troops by HMAS Sydney into hostile theatres of operations. Initial contact information is to Snowy Selby in Adelaide ; 08 8387 1672 and email at oneoneecho111@gmail.com

Banyak baguslah.....

MEMORIAL UNVEILING

Briagolong RSL was the site for two Memorial Plaque unveilings on 19 August 2012 after funding was granted by DVA. Gippsland sub-Branch members assisted with the text content Pictured opposite is Reg Poole, National Vice President of the NMBVAA Inc after the unveiling ceremony. The two texts commemorate the Post WW2 campaigns of Korea, the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation, including the

Thai-Malay Border operations.



Unveiling was by Mr Wally Fawcner representing the Korea SE Asia Forces Association and Rob McDonald, President of the Gippsland sub-Branch of the NMBVAA Inc. Guest of Honour was GPCAPT Peter Cleary (Ret) Wellington Shire Mayor. After the service, refreshments were served in the RSL Log Cabin. Well done. Baguslah.

More pics on page 3.

DEFENCE PROCUREMENT DEBACLES

The Federal report into Procurement Procedures for Defence Capital Projects by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References committee singles out the future submarine project, saying Australia is at risk of repeating cycles of “blind hope”. The cross-party report criticised defence procurement, saying “the organisation “is unwilling, or unable, to hold people to account”.... “And there is little understanding, or appreciation, of the importance of contestability and a mindset that simply cannot, or refuses to, comprehend the meaning of inde-

pendent advice”. There are worrying indications that “Government and Defence have not heeded lessons from past experiences”..... It’s findings called for “drastic action to address serious identified skills shortages before a decision on replacing the nations aging Collins class submarine fleet is made”. The report took 18 months to investigate the way Defence buys it’s weapons, supplies, maintenance and equipment, saying “it had been dogged by delays and cost over-runs”.

Committee member, Senator David Fawcett (Liberal Senator for SA) a

retired Army Aviation pilot who flew Hueys in SVN, hoped the report would not be buried like many before as “the potential is there for the biggest shakeup for governance of Defence since the Arthur Tange report in the 70’s”, when all 3 arms of defence were drawn into one..... “since that seismic shift, it has evolved into a amorphous mass of bureaucracy”.....

A spokesman for Defence said the Government would respond “in due course”.....*snafu....*

Belinda Willis

SA Business Journal 12/9/12

Military Terms

Navy: Sea time

Army: Ops, Bush, Field,

RAAF: ??

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Navy: AFT Stores

Army: Q Store

RAAF: Westfield Malls

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Navy: Hot Packs

Army: Rat Packs

RAAF: A La Carte

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Navy: Shore Patrol

Army: MPs and RPs

RAAF: Chaperones

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Contributions welcome.....



PICS FROM BRIAGOLONG GIPPSLAND

Hank Seys



Jim Baldwin, John Stockton and Jim Craven.



Rob McDonald Wally Fawcner



DID YOU SERVE with any Australian or, Allied Armed Forces, **post WW2**, during the **Malayan Emergency** from 1948—60 or, during the **Indonesian Confrontation** from 1962—66, and since then with the **RAR Rifle Company Butterworth** ? If so, you are very welcome and eligible to join the NMBVAA Inc. Branch details are shown on page 4 for all enquiries.....

BRIAGOLONG

Thomas Carr College students in support of the NMBVAA Victoria



A annual Remembrance service is also held at the college to mark the post WW2 campaigns in Malaya.

Briagolong Log Cabin



Keith Tickner



WHAT THE..... !!!??

The recital of The Lord's Prayer has been removed from all official public functions, including schools, in the Canadian state of Ottawabeing deemed “Offensive to all Muslims”Toronto will be next.

And we are silent.

Dr Emanuel Tanya.

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**THE NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS
ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
ESTABLISHED JUNE 1995**

- 1 1900** Tpr J Bisdee VC Lt GG Wyly VC South Africa.
- 1-3 1918** 5 x VC's awarded to Australian's at Peronne & Mont St Quentin, France.
- 3 1939** Australia, NZ, France and GB declare war on Germany.
- 8 1943** Italy surrenders unconditionally to Allies.
- 12 1955** 2RAR advance party arrives in Malaya.
- 14 1914** HMA Submarine AE1 lost off New Guinea.
- 16 1942** Jap advance stopped at Ioribaiwa.
- 17 1918** Australian 1st and 4th Div's breach the Hindenburg Line at Picardy, France.
- 19 1918** 5th Light Horse captures Nablus.
- 20 1912** Formation of the Australian Flying Corps.
- 21 1914** German New Guinea surrenders.
- 26-27 1943** Operation Jaywick hits Japs successfully in Singapore Harbour using the "Krait".
- 28 1950** 3RAR arrives in Korea.
- 30 1918** L/Cpl EA Corey awarded 3rd bar to his MM.

ASSOCIATION AIMS

COMRADESHIP for those who served in Malaysia, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, the Thai-Malay Border, Brunei and Timor during WW2, the MALAYAN EMERGENCY and the INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION post WW2.

To ASSIST members in times of need.

To REMEMBER with Pride, Respect and Gratitude, those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty and to ensure those who fell are represented on ANZAC Day in Australia and Remembrance Day abroad.

To PROMOTE the Association and it's Aims.

To STRENGTHEN TIES with Malaysia and Singapore.

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Confucius said....

"It is not economical to go to bed early to save the candles, if the result is twins"..... Ah so....

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Members joining the NMBVAA
between 1 October and 31 Dec of any year, are financial members until 31 December of the next year.

Just because you have been diagnosed with *Paranoia* does not mean "*They're still not out to get ya*"..... **Fido**



The sixth Olympic Ring *by Nature*

COORDINATED VETERAN'S CARE PROGRAM

DVA is committed to ensuring that the veteran community has access to excellent health care. The program is specifically targeted to Gold Card holders with a high risk of being hospitalized from one or, more of the following conditions;

Congestive heart failure
Coronary artery disease
COPD
Diabetes

There has been strong support from the medical and nursing organizations and the general ex-services community. This is a new approach to care for Gold Card holders.

Participation in the CVC program does not effect any benefits that are in place for Gold Card holders, including those under the Repatriation Private Health Scheme (RPPS) or, any DVA entitlements.

DVA will write to specific Gold Card holders who are most likely to benefit from the CVC program, including war widows. If you receive a letter, you are requested to contact your GP ASAP to discuss participating in the program.

The DVA has more detailed info available with enquiries to:
Ph: 13 32 54 and on the web www.dva.gov.au/cvc.htm
Ian Kelly DC SA

Did YOU KNOW.....?!!

It cost AUD\$21 million to move the office of the PM 200 metres in Sydney CBD recently.....

The extraordinary number of single 20-30 yo males from Afghanistan arriving illegally by boats cannot be classified as *deserters* or *draft dodgers* because there is **no service requirement** for military or, police force service in Afghanistan....? **Why not?**

Where is EASY Street.... ?

I child-proofed my house, but, they STILL get in.....

Can't feed 'em?

Don't breed 'em.....