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GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
SA NT PATRON THE HON. HIEU VAN LE AC GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.



NOTICES

VALE

Mary Duthie

Ray "Darkie" Ewan

HOSPITAL

Brian Selby

SICK LIST

Beryl & Dave Kearns

Bill Hanson

Brian Lindsay

BIRTHDAYS

Paul Bayliss

Vicki Crannaford

Rob Atkinson

Kate Selby

Brian Selby

Ben Tee

Allan Davies

Vicki Tiegs

John Bennett

Vern Joseph

Roger Burzacott

WELCOME

Bernie Boxer RA

Mark Butler

Adrian Walford

Points of Interest...

- ◆ Datuk Dr Philip Ting AM
- ◆ Adelaide RSL AGM
- ◆ 16 June 2018
- ◆ AVOCA Hotel
- ◆ Service Voices Radio
- ◆ 604 Sqn Farewell
- ◆ MVA NZ invitation as attached for members

ANZAC—100 YEARS ON

103 years on.....



ADELAIDE 2018



Two Gunners kept the level of decorum as it should be....
Banyak bagusla.....



THE MALAYAN EMERGENCY ANNIVERSARY

This year, on the 16th June, 2018, at 1100 hrs, another important, but, little know Australian military anniversary will be honoured with a formal commemoration in Adelaide at the City of West Torrens War Memorial Gardens.

This service marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the undeclared war of the Malayan Emergency which was fought on the Peninsula from 16 June, 1948, till the surrender of the communist terrorists, led by Chin Peng, in August, 1960. The Commonwealth countries engaged in this war included Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, North and South Rhodesia and the UK...there were 1800 casualties including Malay Police and Special Branch Officers plus several hundred civilians attached to the armed forces. Forty five Australian service personnel Died on Operational Service during this war.....*kami jangan lupakan...*

SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



DATUK DR PHILIP TING AM DINNER

Dinner was held at The Gurkha's Restaurant, 73 Angas St, Adelaide, Saturday, 19 May 2018 with SA NT members and VIP guests when Datuk Ting was in Adelaide for a flying visit. Philip is the Honorary Australian Consul to Sarawak and is very supportive of the ongoing contacts by SA NT members with the people of Kuching and the Bau district in Sarawak.... *Bagusla....*



Snowy and Don tasting the Gurkha Rum from the Glass Kukhri

The toast by Datuk Ting and the Kuching War Cry which is mandatory..!!



Presentation to Datuk Ting of the 2016 tour book by Bev Dubois



The "Long House" family including Datuk Ting and Dipak Dhamala



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MALAYAN EMERGENCY MAJOR ROGER BURZACOTT AND SA GOVERNOR FLG OFF PAUL ROSENZWEIG OAMMAJP MAJOR QUENTIN CASTLE



CADETS FROM 6 WING AAFC



SA & NT Branch MEMBERSHIP

In addition to **Ordinary Membership**, our Branch includes.. **Associate Membership** for Family and friends over 18 years of age. **Social Membership** for those interested in joining and helping us, and also **Junior Membership** for family and friends under 18 years of age. **Ordinary membership** is for ex-service personnel, and those currently serving in the ADF, who have served in the prescribed areas during WW2, the 1948-1960 Malayan Emergency, the 1962-1966 Indonesian Confrontation, all service post 1966 to the present day, and

**RIFLE Coy
Butterworth**

Annual fees are:

\$20.00 Service, Associate and Social Membership, due 1 January.

\$5.00 Junior members. ..

Everyone is very welcome to join us and enjoy our functions.....Ed.

ANNUAL FEES DUE from 1 January except for members joining between 1 Oct and 31 Dec

Terima kasih...



604 Sqn AAFC

CUO Aaron Musk has been a member of the AAFC all of his teenage years rising through the ranks to the rank of a Cadet Under Officer.....

He has reached the point of having to resign from the AAFC because he has now reached "aging out" at 20... and is now ineligible to remain in the AAFC....

Aaron has been a member of many 604 Sqn AAFC support functions for the SA NT Branch and, in particular, led the August 2016, 604 Sqn Catafalque Party for the 50th Anniversary Memorial unveiling in the *Hero's Graveyard*, Kuching, Sarawak.....

His presentation and role model examples have been noticed and mentioned several times by those in attendance at the NMBVAA commemorations...

On behalf of the Committee and Members of the SA & NT Branch, I would like to say Thank You...*Terima Kasih*.. And wish you well in your future endeavours....

Ubique
Brian Selby



ADELAIDE RSL

The Adelaide RSL sub-Branch held the 2018 AGM on Friday 16 March at RSL SA, Torrens Parade Ground.

Executive members are:

President: **Nathan Klinge**
Vice Pres: **John O'Grady**
Secretary: **Brian Selby**
Treasurer: **Lance Bagster**
Committee members:
Ken Brown, Ron Green, John Seibert, Don Cameron, Geoff Tattersall, Lee Francis.....

NEW MINISTER

Members may not be aware that there has been another change to the very important federal government position of Minister for Veterans' Affairs..... the third change since December 2017.....**personal comments can be directed to your local member.....**no responses were received from the two previous incumbents regarding intros and details forwarded about the NMBVAA Inc. The "new" Minister is Hon. Darren Chester.

VIP VISIT

Datuk Dr Philip Ting AM is the Honorary Australian Consul to Sarawak, residing in Kuching, and has been involved with the NMBVAA Inc memorial and the establishment of the "adoption" of our three schools near Bau at Stass, Suba Buan and Serikin in 2016. Datuk Ting is visiting Adelaide from 18-19 May and a social dinner function will be held in the Gurkha's Restaurant on the 19th May....*banyak bagusla...*

RSL AVOCA HOTEL

The SA & NT Branch has provided some items of memorabilia relating the two post WW2 Malayan wars to the Avoca hotel for display in the ANZAC Centenary exhibition in the main dining area and the foyer of the hotel.....items include dog tags, badges, bush hats, field note books, maps, various pieces of webbing, uniforms, a kukhri, bayonets, survival knives, gollock, large Association banner, Australian National flag, books and some pics.....



INVITATION



NOTICES

WARNING ORDERS

25 APRIL, 2018

ANZAC DAY

19 MAY, 2018

DATUK DR PHILIP TING AM
DINNER FUNCTION

16 JUNE, 2018

MALAYAN EMERGENCY COMMEMORATION
MEMORIAL GARDENS, HILTON

25 AUGUST, 2018

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY
MEMORIAL GARDENS, HILTON

ANNUAL SUBS ARE NOW OVERDUE

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Mrs Jenny Cameron

21 Gordon Ave, ST AGNES SA 5097



RSL SA CEO

Mr Kim Henshaw has taken up the position of the RSL SA CEO.

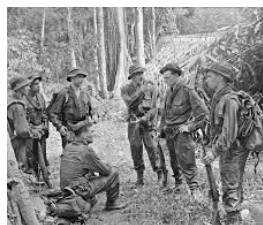
We wish him well and offer assistance when requested.

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All original pics and documents will be returned to the sender..... **Ed.**



ASSOCIATION AIMS

COMRADESHIP for those who served in Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, the Thai-Malay Border, Brunei, the MALAYAN EMERGENCY, the INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION, Deployments post 1966 and with the Rifle Company Butterworth.....

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.

THE NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

NOTES

Brian Selby will be in the NMBVAA group visiting the G-G in Canberra on 2 August, 2018.....

The RSL SA AGM was conducted at RSL SA HQ on 14/7/18 and well attended by sub-Branches. The financial status was explained in detail and there is a major issue centred around the auditors and the administrators who are refusing to provide any feedback. A unanimous vote was agreed to terminate the current auditors and to appoint a new company as a matter of urgency. It was confirmed that the funds provided to Alice Springs RSL are not able to be recovered....\$2 Million + -

SITREP....Trust, Credibility, Empathy, Knowledge....veterans are dismayed, bewildered and increasingly disenchanted with the cavalier manner in which the incumbent Federal Minister for Veterans' Affairs has been changed not once, but, THREE times since December 2017.....now Minister Chester.....

The DVA Secretary position has seen MAJGEN Liz Cosson AM given the role by Minister Chester....

INVICTUS GAMES SUPPORTRSL SA is requesting financial support from all sub-Branches to raise \$80,000.00 as the estimated costs for the SA veterans whom have qualified to participate in the games. An amount of AUD\$300.00 per sub-Branch would be sufficient for the team to compete. Adelaide sub-Branch has donated \$500.00.

SERVICE VOICES Radio programmes are produced by Helen Meyer in the Radio Adelaide studios and broadcast every Monday on 101.5 FM as recorded interviews and on the internet..... Australia-wide and Internationally....*bagusla...*



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