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NATIONAL PATRON HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL THE HON. SIR PETER COSGROVE AK MC
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.



NOTICES

VALE

Norm "Darky" Parks

R A P

Bill Hanson

Birthday

Vicki Crannaford

Paul Bayliss

Brig. Rob Atkinson

Brian Selby

Tich Tyson

Ben Tee

Vicki Tiegs

Vern Joseph

John Bennett

Ingrid Bayliss

Welcome

Trevor Roderick

Noel Fairley

REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL

On Wednesday, 27 February, 2019, the Federal Minister for Health, the Hon. Greg Hunt MP, announced a fully budgeted funding grant of AUD\$30 Million towards the Reactivation of THE REPAT at Daws Rd, Daw Park.

This funding will be incorporated into the renewal of medical facilities, in particular, for head and spinal trauma rehabilitation.

The SA Premier, the Hon. Steven Marshall MP, also announced that SA State funds of AUD\$40 Million would be added to the Federal funds in order to bring The REPAT back to a fully functioning Veterans precinct.

The open forum was attended by various interested ESO's, RSL SA Deputy CEO, former staff members, both nursing and medicos and admin.

To emphasise the importance of the announcements and the hard yards that have taken place over the preceding four years, a formal flag raising was accompanied by a bugler from the Army Band Adelaide playing the Last Post and Rouse.....

Congratulations were acknowledged to the Hon. Nicolle Flint MP, the Federal member for Boothby who had been the conduit between the SA State groups and directly to the Federal government Minister (s) who ultimately made the decisions.....

Stay on the net.....

SARAWAK TOUR 2019

Airline and Accommodation have been secured with our agent Cheryl John for all ports departures from 26 / 27 August 2019. Details have been forwarded to all NMBVAA Inc branches.

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ADVANCE NOTICES

WARNING ORDER

MOVE TO KUCHING, SARAWAK

UPLIFT: 26 & 27 AUGUST 2019

PORTS: ADL, BRI, SYD, MEL, HOB, PER

ETA: 27 AUGUST 2019

DURATION: 27 AUG – 2 SEP 2019

MISSION: COMMEMORATION and revisit to Bau, Gumbang, Serikin, Suba Buang, Stass, plus other places of local interest.....refreshments and convivial entertainment.....



INVITATION

SA NT BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, 12 October, 2019

6.00 PM for 6.30 PM

The Gurkha's Restaurant

72 Angas St, Adelaide

All Members, Families and Friends are invited to attend.

RSVP by 5 October to Don Cameron Ph: 08 8264 2858

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Points of Interest...

...REPAT SITREP...

- ♦ Advance Notices
- ♦ RSL ANZAC Ball
- ♦ Morning Tea
- ♦ Sarawak post 1966
- ♦ New Plaque Site



SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM

LADIES SOIREE**AND GALLERY**

A group of SA NT ladies were entertained at Government House on 12 April having morning tea with the Governor's wife Mrs Lan Le. Thank you to Mrs Claudia Cream OAM for facilitating the function. A security check by the Federal Police guard did not locate any silverware, or, other items during the departure checks, Claudia Cream OAM, Helen Meyer, Chris Selby, Jenny Cameron, Di Davies, Ingrid Bayliss, Marian Kelly, Mary Murray, Aileen Ryan, and Joan Johnsson...terima kasih..

**VALE****NZ NEWS**

MAJ Morrie Stanley RNZA, was in command of RNZA, RAA and US artillery during the Battle of Long Tan. The 105 mm Howitzers laid down precision fire within 30 metres of the Diggers from D Coy 6 RAR to provide a wall of steel which shredded the 455D NVA troops attacking in strength of up to 2500 troops. MAJ Stanley passed away at his home in Campbell's Bay NZUbique...

**The Promise****AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE VETERANS' COVENANT**

We, the people of Australia, respect and give thanks to all who have served in our defence force and their families.

We acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the sacrifice demanded of all who commit to defend our nation.

We undertake to preserve the memory and deeds of all who have served and promise to welcome, embrace, and support military veterans as respected and valued members of our community.

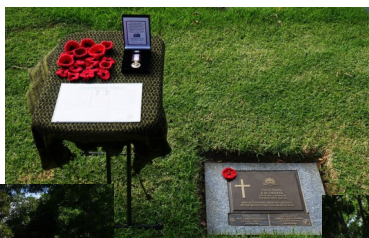
For what they have done, this we will do.

from the Australian government

COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR SIG JOHN TASSELL

A graveside service was held in Adelaide for Signalman John Tassell who Died on Operational Service whilst detached to 208 Signals Squadron, Royal Signals, during the Indonesian Confrontation. The service was held in the Returned Services section of Enfield Memorial cemetery on 6 June, 2019.

Family group



L—R
Brian Selby,
John's sister, Vicki Crannaford
and Paul Rosenzweig OAM



Saturday
6 June 2019

**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...

ANZAC DAY ADELAIDE SA 2019

FORM UP 0900 HRS STEP OFF 0955 HRS....



Father & Son

Oscar & Wayne Johnsson

26 years RAInf and 23 years RAE

First march together in Adelaide



SA & NT Branch

North Terrace, Adelaide

ANZAC DAY AT SUTTON VENY WILTSHIRE UK



WW1 AIF graves 1918



ANZAC Day has been commemorated in Sutton Veny UK every year since 1919 and the students at Sutton Veny CE school place a tribute at the graves of the WW1 Australian and some allied servicemen who died as a result of injuries and illness when being cared for from Gallipoli to Armistice...

NOTICES

2019 Tour Shirts Motifs



Left breast
Name

Right breast

53rd Anniversary Tour 2019



INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION CEASE FIRE
Courage Mateship Pride

NMBVAA PLAQUE

A submission to place a bronze NMBVAA Inc plaque in the designated area at The Jamie Larcombe Centre has been made to the site management committee. If accepted, a formal dedication will be scheduled. The proposed plaque will be that of the NMBVAA Inc badge with a small text...

16 ALR REGT RAA

50th ANNIVERSARY
celebrations on
1 & 2 June 2019
at Woodside SA



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UBIQUE

REPAT REACTIVATION

SITREP

Beds are now open

The first two steps of the 6 step plans to bring the Daws Rd Repatriation General Hospital back to a fully functioning hospital have been completed and Step 3 is now the evaluations after all the submissions have been coordinated, **from SA NT Branch, VVA, VF and RSL SA.**

As promised, the redevelopment of the site is very well placed in the order of priorities and a unexpected benefit will be the ability to take the strain off the newly opened Jamie Larkin Centre at Glenside which has now reached capacity; waiting times have blown out to 6 weeks plus if a veteran needs 24/7 mental health care initially.....

as we have previously stated, the closure of The Repat was a very poor decision by the previous Labor govt and has added to the delays at the Flinders Medical Centre...and elsewhere.

As we had co-proposed, the Heart, Eye, Urology and the Out Patient clinics plus 20 beds will be reopened and updated as very important parts of the REACTIVATION of THE REPAT... *banyak bagusla.....*

QUESTION

If a regular "REPAT LOTTERY" was introduced, similar to the current major lottery prizes on offer in SA and interstate, would you purchase tickets as a matter of course ?

Members are requested to send any ideas and suggestions to the editor ASAP for passing on to the Committee.

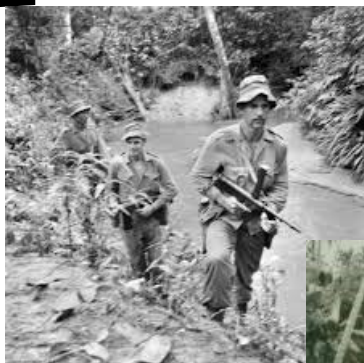


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All original pics and documents will be returned to the sender..... **Ed.**



Battle of Sungei Koemba

11 August, 2019, is the 53rd anniversary of the Cease Fire for the undeclared war of the Indonesian Confrontation...

Kami Jangan Lupakan



INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION / SOUTH AUSTRALIANS AT WAR

ASSOCIATION AIMS

COMRADESHIP for those who served in Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, the Thai-Malay Border, Brunei, the MALAYAN EMERGENCY, the INDONESIA 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 AND PICS



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Terima kasih....



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Terima kasih...



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