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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

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Birthdays**

SA NT AGM RESULTS 17 AUGUST 2018

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WELCOME

Datuk Chee Woh Leong

Points of Interest...

- ◆ Governor General visit
- ◆ AWM Visit
- ◆ **POSTPONEMENT**
- ◆ 2019 Diary Insert
- ◆ Sarawak Schools
- ◆ Armistice Centenary
- ◆ 2018 AGM Results
- ◆ DRAFT 2019 Calendar
- ◆ The REPAT.....

100 YEARS ON

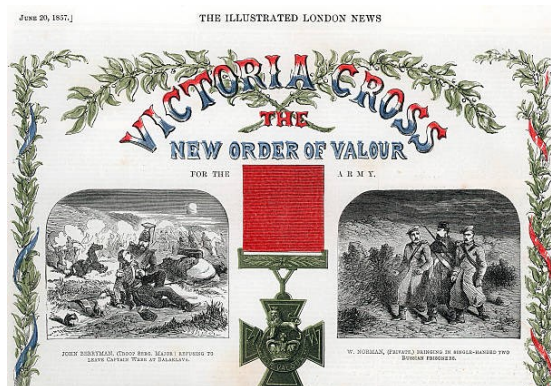
The **Victoria Cross** is the highest military decoration for gallantry in the face of the enemy for any member of the Commonwealth of Nations. It was instituted by Queen Victoria and is made from metal of the guns captured at Sevastopol in 1854 – 56. Hancock's Jewellers of London has been responsible for the manufacture of every VC awarded since it's inception. It is designed in the form of a Maltese Cross, in the centre is a lion guardant standing on the Royal crown, suspended on a crimson ribbon.

The words "For Valour" are inscribed underneath.

On the reverse of the medal, is the date of the action, number, rank, name and unit.

A total of 64 Victoria Crosses were awarded to Australian soldiers during WW1 for extraordinary acts of bravery and heroism.

There are no surviving Australian WW1 or WW2 recipients.



A visit to **Canberra** has been planned for **14–19 October, 2018**, the primary purpose of the visit is to have a small Remembrance service at 11.00 AM on 17 October where the two post WW2 Malayan wars Rolls of Honour are mounted. Invitations were sent to all NMBVAA Inc branches and the NZ MVA. Also in this tour, we will be attending a Meet n Greet, the Last Post ceremony, a Farewell lunch and interviews by WIN TV. The Director of the AWM, Dr Brendan Nelson has accepted the invitation to join us for the Remembrance service....*banyak bagusla...*


On **Thursday, 2 August, 2018**, Owen Marshall, Ben Thurlow, Ian Davenport and Brian Selby visited the Governor General who is also the NMBVAA Inc national Patron, His Excellency, General, The Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC at Government House in Canberra. A briefing and discussions included the status of the proposed public Memorial for both Malayan wars to be constructed in the precincts of the AWM....FYI the ground temperature at 0830 hrs was at –5C....



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL



His Excellency, General, The Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC, made time on 2 August in Canberra to meet, from L–R Ben Thurlow NMBVAA National Treasurer, Owen Marshall National President, Ian Davenport ACT NSW President and Brian Selby SA NT President at Yarralumla.....

Discussions included the background and future of the NMBVAA in Australia and a SITREP for the proposed Memorial to both of the post WW2 wars fought on the Peninsula, in Sabah and Sarawak.. 

18 **Presentation of funds to Bau District schools by Datuk Dr Philip Ting AM and Dato Lim Kian Hock in the Sarawak Club, Kuching, on Saturday 18 August 2018..**

Association presents aid to three schools

By Jeremy Veno
reporting@theheraldpost.com

KUCHING: The Malaya Borneo Veterans Association (MBVA) presented aid to three schools in Bau yesterday.

The contribution is to help SK Suba Buan, SK Stass, and SK Serabak with co-curricular activities.

Sarawak Tourism Federation (STF) Heritage Development Committee chairman Datuk Lim Kian Hock said the three schools were adopted by the association during its 50th anniversary reunion here in 2016.

The association comprises Australian veterans deployed to Sarawak during the Indonesian confrontation between 1964 and 1965, who were stationed at the border areas of Lundu and Bau.

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In 2016, the MBVA delegation of Australian veterans and some family members led by their president Brian Selby visited Kuching. During their trip, they visited various operation locations in Kampung Serikin, Stass, and the Bau Lake area.

— Datuk Lim Kian Hock, Sarawak Tourism Federation (STF) Heritage Development Committee chairman

Stass, and the Bau Lake area," said Lim prior to the handing over ceremony.

Australian honorary consul in Kuching Datuk Dr Philip Ting handed over the aid on behalf of the association to headmasters Medan Norey (SK Suba Buan), Ginnea Nyong (SK Stass), and Lipeng Nyong (SK Serabak).

A letter from MBVA president Brian Selby stated that the donations were raised by members from the South Australian and Northern Territory Branch, as well as from Ting.

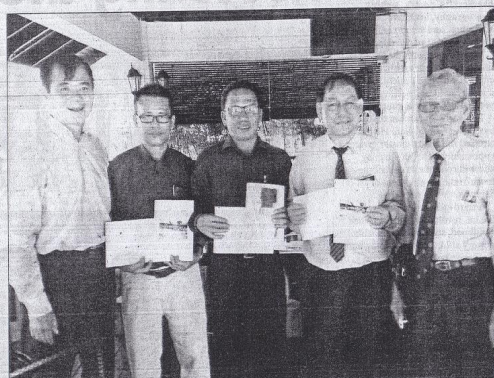
"We have very fond memories of our visit to each school in

August 2016, and send our very best wishes to all of your staff members and the students," Selby said in the letter.

Lipeng said the schools are grateful for the assistance, which will help them to conduct activities or field trips beneficial for the students.

A minute of silence was also observed for World War II Z Special Unit commando Jack Fredrea, who passed away on July 17 at the age of 98.

Fredrea played an instrumental role in lighting the Japanese occupiers in 1945 together with the community in Bario.



(From left) Ting, Lipeng, Ginnea, Medan and Lim in a group photo.

ARMISTICE 100TH ROLLS OF HONOUR

11 November 1918 saw the Armistice signed to bring about the *Cease Fire* in WW1. On 11 November 2018.

Formal commemorations will be conducted Australia wide and specific functions will be held across South Australia. A working committee has been established by Veterans' SA to meet a comprehensive list of items relating to this anniversary and Brian Selby is a member of the committee...

In **June 2013**, the amended Roll of Honour for the Indonesian Confrontation war was mounted in the AWM in the belief that all casualties had then been included...not so; SIG John Tassell was not listed.....he is now included. A similar project has been undertaken for the SA War Memorial on North Tce to correct the Rolls from WW1, WW2, Korea, Malaya, Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak... all of which had omissions of South Australian personnel for various reasons including lack of unit records....*banyak bagusla*....



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...

LEST WE FORGET

L/Cpl Rambahadur Limbu VC is the only surviving Gurkha VC recipient. Awarded the VC for an action on 25 Sept 1965 near BAU, Sarawak, during the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia.



By the outbreak of WW1, there were 23 Light Horse Regiments in Australia with 9000 part-time personnel. At dusk on 31 October, 1917, the 4th Australian Light Horse Brigade made the last charge at Beersheba and broke the Turkish lines before any poisoning of the very important fresh water wells could be carried out. On 7 November the Ottoman lines were taken at Gaza which led to the capture of Palestine.....



Peronne near Mont Saint-Quentin, was in German hands for most of WW1. It was never taken during any of the Somme battles. After being almost totally destroyed, the town was liberated in September, 1918, when Australian troops were engaged to capture the high ground and Mont Saint-Quentin

Lest We Forget

REACTIVATING THE REPAT

The Marshall Liberal government made a pledge to reopen the Repatriation General Hospital at Daws Rd if it was elected.....the process has now begun with the ACH contracts being cancelled and consultation with the ESOs, all of the Medical professions, and meetings have begun to put ideas and site redevelopment layouts on the table.....

At this time, some of the existing infrastructure is known to be retained and improved including the Hydrotherapy pool, the Radiology, Orthotics and Prosthetics clinics....the list of services being discussed for return includes the Eye clinic, the Heart clinic, the Urology clinic, a GP service, a Hospice and Palliative Care unit....

The Reactivated Repat will of necessity be open to the general public....

A great deal of the existing buildings will be removed in order to bring the site up to modern standards....

QUESTION

If a regular "REPAT LOTTERY" was introduced, similar to the current major 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.

RSL AVOCA HOTEL

The RSL SA Avoca Hotel GM, Ben White, has continued the Centenary of ANZAC theme and has now introduced a **Loyalty Card for members** and interested patrons.....show your card when you order meals and beverages and receive a very nice 15% discount.....

Terima kasih dan banyak bagusla Ben,,



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INVITATION



NOTICES

SITREP WARNING ORDER

******POSTPONED******

25 AUGUST, 2018
MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY
MEMORIAL GARDENS, HILTON

CANBERRA AWM VISIT

Meet n Greet	15 October	5.30 PM
Last Post	16 October	4.45 PM
Remembrance Service	17 October	11.00 AM
Farewell Lunch	19 October	12.30 PM

DIARY INSERT

1100 hrs, SATURDAY, 6 APRIL, 2019
we will be conducting a Memorial service at Enfield cemetery for SIG John Tassell who Died on Operational Service during the Indonesian Confrontation whilst detached to 208 Signals Squadron, Royal Signals.

SARAWAK SCHOOLS

Another AUD\$1500.00, MR4500.00, was presented to the Principals of SK Stass, SK Suba Buan and SK Serabak in the Bau District on Sat 18 August on behalf of the SA NT Branch by Datuk Dr Philip Ting AM and Dato Lim Kian Hock.

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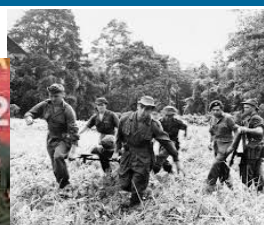
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Malaysia Remembers



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R.A.F. AID FOR AUSTRALIANS IN JUNGLE



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

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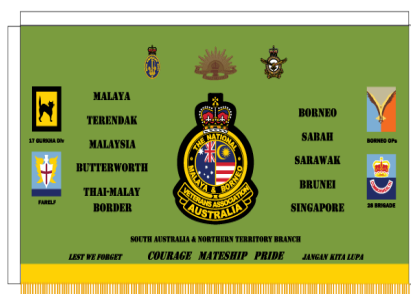
Member's contributions are very welcome; all original photos will be returned as usual....



AWM TOUR ADVANCE PARTY

after the recce conducted on 2 August in front of the Rolls of Honour for the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation wars.....L-R... Jan Algar, Brian Selby and Vicki Tiegs....

SA NT BRANCH



This banner is used with static displays to provide a clearer definition for the two post WW2 wars on the Peninsula, in Sabah and Sarawak...

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