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NATIONAL PATRON HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL THE HON. SIR PETER COSGROVE AK MC
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
SA NT PATRON THE HON. HIEU VAN LE AC GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.



NOTICES

VALE

LTCOL Garth Hughes
RAA

HOSPITAL

Di Davies
Brian Selby

SICK LIST

Bill Hanson
Dave and Beryl Kearns

Birthdays

Aileen Ryan
Dave Kearns
Nicholas Tee
Ingrid Bayliss



**Michael McCormack MP
has been appointed
as the new Minister
for Veterans' Affairs**

In 1956

A FJ Holden Special
cost
£1,204.00 + tax

ANZAC—100 YEARS ON



At dawn, on the 25th of April, 2018, we will begin the commemorations for the centenary of the end of the First World War.

It is the most auspicious military commemoration in the history of both Australia and New Zealand.

I invite all former members of the Australian, New Zealand, British and Malaysian military forces who have served in any conflict, post WW2, in Malaya, the Malayan Peninsula, the Thai-Malay Border, Sabah, Sarawak, Brunei and East Timor, who are able to form up with our Association, including Carer's for riders in wheelchairs and electric carts.

Your participation is an honour that will never be able to be repeated.

Forming Up Points and Timings will be advised, as and when, we are briefed by the SA RSL ANZAC Day March Committee.

A "After the March" reunion / celebration is being planned; details later.

Dress of the Day; Day Dress for serving members, Coat, Tie, Decorations, Awards and Medals.

I also invite all relatives and friends of members to make the effort to attend along the route of the march, and if able to, join in at the After the March celebration...

Terima kasih dan saya berharap dapat jumpa di sana.....



Points of Interest...

- ♦ ANZAC—100 Years On
- ♦ AWM Roll of Honour
- ♦ SA NT Christmas Lunch
- ♦ TPI Subs Increase
- ♦ DVA new Address
- ♦ Woman of the Year

Good mates, good food,
good time and



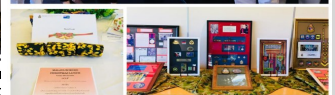
good service with a smile at
Marion Sports Club.....

Guest of Honour Nicolle Flint MP
Federal Member for Boothby
was escorted by Snowy and Don



SA NT Branch
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
10 DECEMBER 2017

Rogues Gallery with Jenny C,
Chris S and Paul Rosenzweig



Including Guests of Honour,
Nicolle, Helen Meyer and the
DC DVA SA Janice Silby.....

SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

CAPT John Stevenson RAN has been awarded the AM in the 2018 Australia Day Honours. At 0001Z on 25 May, 1964, he was the skipper of *HMAS Sydney 111* R17 as she moved into Sydney Harbour from Garden Island, loaded with the first Army troops and RAAF personnel to be deployed into the hostile area of conflict to be known as the Indonesian Confrontation war. This was the first voyage of *the Sydney* after being converted to a Troop Transport Ship for the RAN.... Congratulations Captain...well overdue..

XO FAREWELL

604 Sqn AAFC Staff and Cadets said Farewell to their outgoing XO on 13 December at Hampstead Barracks....FLTLT Brett Walker had served with 604 for 5 years. He has now been posted to RAAF Victoria.....



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL ROLL OF HONOUR



Some 51 + years after the Cease Fire and the Declaration of the End of the Indonesian Confrontation, the official AWM Roll of Honour has again been corrected. It has taken 18 years for Vicki Crannaford, the sister of RASigs Cpl John Tassell to have his name recorded as having Died on Operational Service during the Indonesian Confrontation.. Why ? is more than just the question...as our members know, it took 47 years to have the Roll recast and mounted in 2013, to

include the 22 Army and 1 RAAF member who were also casualties of this undeclared War and who had not been included. And as at this time, there is still no Memorial in Canberra to acknowledge the Australian Armed Forces personnel who Died and served in either of the Post WW2 wars of the Malayan Emergency, 1948-1960, and the Indonesian Confrontation, 1962-1966.....

LEST WE FORGET KAMI JANGAN LUPAKAN

PALESTINE, CHRISTMAS 1917



PALESTINE in November and December, 1917, was also a very important strategic place that had to be captured from the Ottoman armies. Beersheba and Jerusalem had been captured and made safe....

But, the seaport of Jaffa was the port of entry for all supplies and was still under Turkish artillery fire. During heavy rain on 22 Dec, the British 156th infantry Brigade made a surprise assault on the Turk positions and pushed their lines back 8 km.....not one shot was fired.....bayonets only were used to complete the action..... the battle was such a success it was mentioned in the despatches of General Allenby.....



In memory of those men fighting overseas, the *Adelaide Chronicle* published this special front page cover in December 1917.....

Lest We Forget

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...

TPI ANNUAL SUBS ANNIVERSARY 2018 PLANS

**16 June 2018 will mark
the 70th Anniversary
of the start of the
Malayan Emergency**



**Lest We Forget
Kami Jangan Lupakan**



There are several projects underway, or, in the early planning stage, that the SA NT Branch will be doing this calendar year including the trip to the AWM, more air time with Service Voices, the 70th Anniversary of the Malayan Emergency, items for publication, formal and social functions and the continuation of our support to our adopted schools.....

FACEBOOK AND VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL SITES

There is a kindred web site to the SA & NT Branch in addition to the National web site of www.nmbvaa.org.au.....it has been researched, built, refined and maintained by MAJ Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (Ret), now serving as FLGOFF Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP with 604 Sqn, 6 Wing AAFC at Hampstead Barracks in Adelaide. As a serving Australian Army officer, Paul served in East Timor, Iraq, the Philippines and the US as a Military attaché. He is also the recipient of the Philippines equivalent of the OAM and was awarded the Australian OAM in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours awards for his services to Military history and research.

As a matter of pride and interest, I recommend that members, their families and friends look at this very informative site, packed with details about both of the post WW2 wars in Malaya, Malaysia and Borneo.....a major project underway is for the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the Malayan Emergency on 16 June, 1948..... *banyak bagusla*

Facebook.....www.facebook.com/NMBVAAelaide

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CONGRATULATIONS
to CAPT John Stevenson RAN
Awarded the AM
in the 2018 Australia Day Honours



**CONGRATULATIONS
to Vicki Tiegs
Voted as the Woman of the Year 2018
in Wollongong NSW**

WARNING ORDER.....GUNNER REUNION 2018

After a very successful function in Perth 2017, Adelaide is the selected 2018 venue for the ex AD Gunners from 110 and 111 LAA Btys. Stay on the net _____

ADELAIDE RSL Sub-Branch will be conducting the AGM on 16 March, 2018, in the Torrens Parade Ground premises at 1700 hrs. All members are invited to attend and an invitation is extended to members who may wish to transfer to the Adelaide sub-Branch, including all those who are also eligible for Service membership, and or, Associate membership.... *Jampa lagi...*

Jampa lagi...



Dedicated to the ships &
ship's companies who
served in both of the
post WW2 wars in Malaya
and Malaysia...

DARWIN

At 0958 hrs on the
19th February, 1942,
a total of 242 Japanese
planes attacked the port
and the City of Darwin.

2018 will mark the 76th anniversary of this first attack on the Australian mainland.

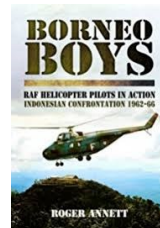
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All original pics and documents will be returned to the sender..... **Ed.**



Indon POWs



Be it ever so
humble....
there's no place
like Home !!



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 AND PICS

DID YOU KNOW IN 1915

The life expectancy for a male
was 47 ?

Chemists sold marijuana, heroin
and morphine over the counter ?

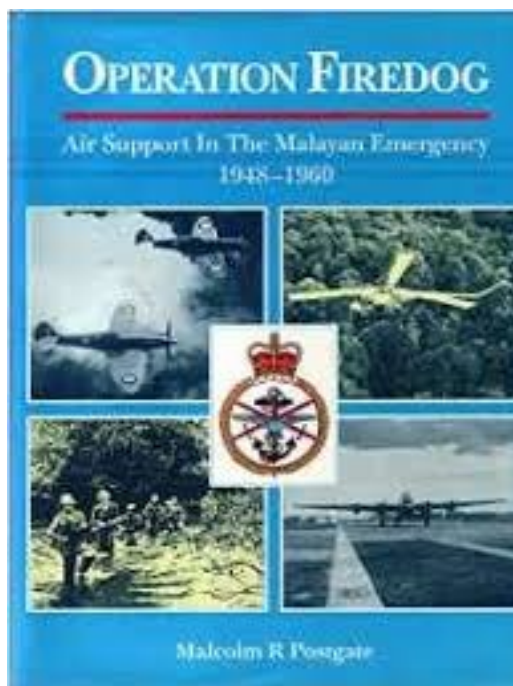
The maximum speed limit for
motor cars was 10 mph ?

Fuel for cars was sold only by
chemists ?

The Titanic was sunk in 1912 ?

The tallest structure in the world
was the Eiffel Tower ?

20% of adults could not read nor
write ?



Thank you to Nicolle Flint MP
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for providing the printing
facilities for the SA NT Branch
Terima kasih....



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Terima kasih...



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