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**COURAGE MATESHIP PRIDE**



NATIONAL PATRON HIS EXCELLENCE 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

## 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.....

## 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.....*



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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, 2017, 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 &amp; 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

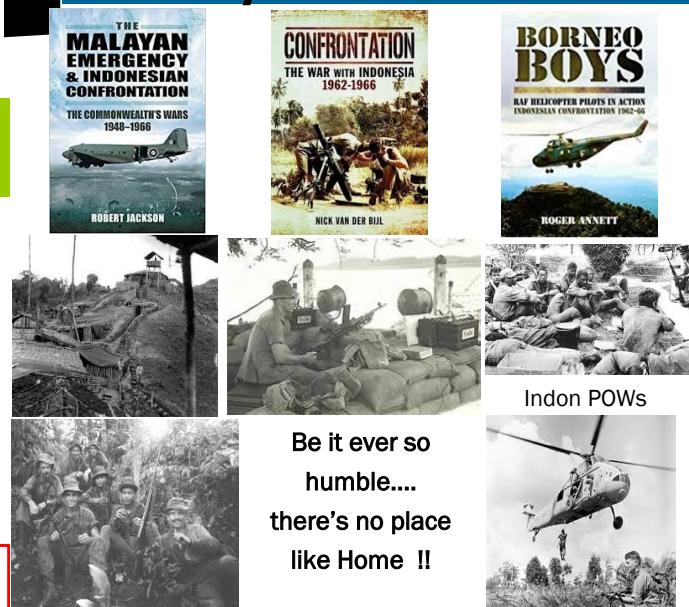
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**ASSOCIATION AIM**

**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 ?

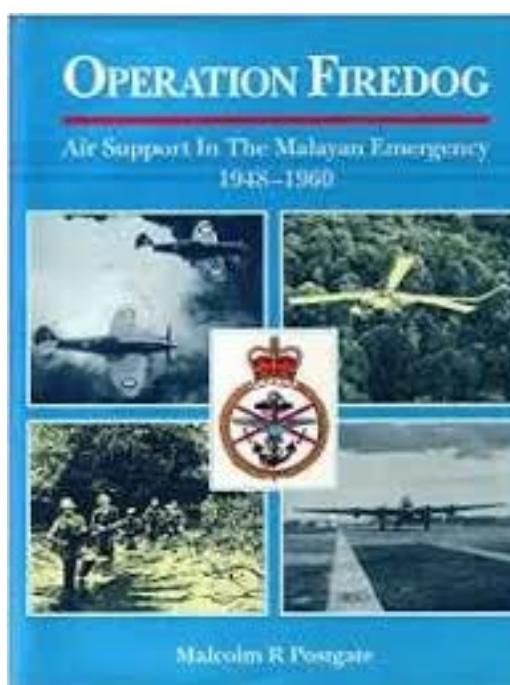
**The** maximum speed limit for motor cars was 10 mph ?

**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 ?



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