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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

CAPT John Stevenson AM

David Kearns

Paul Bayliss Snr

Mrs Rosenzweig Snr

### HOSPITAL

Nil Return

### SICK LIST

Jim Deering

### Birthdays

Anthony Cameron

Nicholas Tee

### Welcome

LTCOL Bill Denny AM BM

## SELAMAT TAHUN BARU 2019

### WELCOME BACK FOR 2019.

The New Year has started with a extraordinary burst of heatwave conditions in the southern half of the Australian States during January for which we were given a prelude prior to Christmas.....records were broken which were set going back to 1939 and the Iron Triangle cities of Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Pirie were baked for 5 consecutive days of 40 C—49 C. Adelaide's new record temperature is 46.8 C.....the temperature recorded on the main runway at Adelaide Airport went to 75.3 C....

Bushfires were horrific in WA, NSW and in Tasmania. North Queensland is underwater again and the only redeeming feature about that is the flow on will help to flush the Murray Darling River System which is almost at a stand still on the SA side of the NSW / VIC border.....as a result of public outcries, the Murray—Darling Basin Commission has been sacked and a investigation has confirmed the very obvious self interest of the former members, particularly those with cotton and rice farming interests....the water flow into the Murray has been redirected, in some upper NSW areas completely blocked, which caused Medindie Lakes to dry up and Broken Hill city to be placed into a position of having to truck in water.....The Murray Darling Basin Management Committee has been sacked....criminal charges must be considered and a full, open to the public investigation commenced post haste.....including interrogation of the National Party member, Barnaby Joyce MP who was the Minister responsible.....

### 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

### Email contact .....

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## ADVANCE NOTICES

### Points of Interest...

- ♦ The REPAT SITREP
- ♦ Murray—Darling Basin
- ♦ EFT for payments for membership renewals
- ♦ Advance Notices
- ♦ RSL ANZAC Ball
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### 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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SIG JOHN TASSELL

1100 Hrs

Saturday, 6 April 2019

Returned Services Section

Enfield Memorial Cemetery

Browning St, Enfield

All members, families and Friends are invited to attend.





## STASS...SERIKIN...SUBA BUAN



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# Association presents aid to three schools

By Jeremy Veno  
reporter@thesantapost.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 Kim 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 Lunzai and Bau. "In 2016, the MBVA delegation of Australian veterans and some family members led by their president Brian Seby visited Kuching. During their trip, they visited various operation locations in Kampung Serikin,

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— Datuk Lim Kim 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 Medin Norey (SK Suba Buan), Ginnea Nyong (SK Stass), and Lipeng Nyong (SK Serabak).

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

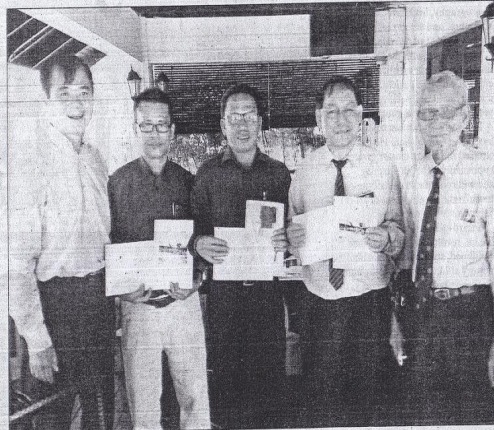
"We have very fond memories of our visit to each school in

August 2016, and send our very best wishes to all of your staff members and the students," Seby 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 Tredrea, who passed away on July 17 at the age of 98.

Tredrea played an instrumental role in fighting the Japanese occupiers in 1945 together with the community in Bario.



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

During the August/September tour, we will catch up with our three adopted schools.....

It is possible to submit a request for seating upgrades to Business Class with Malaysian Airlines. The process is simple and fast where passengers follow a few simple prompts to put a bid in that is over the purchased Economy price. A indicator for the probability of success is clearly placed on the screen and a decision is usually advised within 24 hours. *Bagusla....*

The accommodation in the Kuching Hilton is very good...4–5 star...staff are courteous, helpful and local knowledge is their forte. A full menu of Asian and Western style dining is offered daily, fresh and very tasty....*jampa lagi....*

## KUCHING SARAWAK



### 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...*



## VALE



**CAPT John Stevenson AM** was the Skipper of HMAS Sydney 111 R17 when the ship was converted to a Troop Transport Ship of the RAN in May 1964 and made the first voyage into a hostile Area of Ops to Borneo and Malaya with troops being deployed into the Indonesian Confrontation war, from RAN Sydney on 25 May 1964....

## INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION BOUND

No farewells were allowed for the families and friends of the entire RAN crews, the Army units, or, the No 5 Sqn RAAF crews on embarkation...24 / 25 May, 1964.



**HMAS SYDNEY 111 R17**

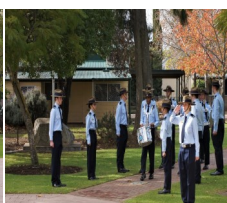


**HMAS YARRA FO7**



**HMAS PARRAMATTA FO4**

## 604 SQN AAFC



## NOTICES

### RSL SA NT ANZAC BALL

The inaugural RSL ANZAC Ball will be held in the Adelaide Town Hall from 1830 hrs on Friday, 26 April, 2019. Tables of 8 guests are open with a reduced price of \$140.00 per person which includes a 3 course dinner and beverages. Black Tie Decorations, Medals & Awards  
**RSL SA Ph: 08 8100 7312**

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY



**Hilton RSL is the place to be for St Pat's Day on Friday, 15 March, 2019 for entertainment from 5.00 PM till late contact Club Secretary Matt on 0438 285 836**



### 16 ALR REGT RAA

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



For details and FAQ's  
**Mike Streets**  
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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, VWF 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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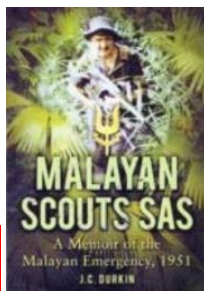
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be returned to the sender..... **Ed.**



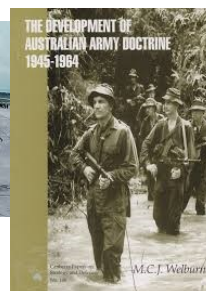
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ASSOCIATION AIMS

**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



INVITATION

RA SIGS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

SIG JOHN TASSELL MEMORIAL SERVICE

11.00 AM, SATURDAY, 6 APRIL 2019

RETURNED SERVICES SECTION

ENFIELD MEMORIAL PARK

BROWNING ST, ENFIELD

WREATH OR TRIBUTE OPTIONAL

DAY DRESS, SUIT & TIE, DECORATIONS, AWARDS & MEDALS

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