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SA NT PATRON THE HON. HIEU VAN LE AC GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.



NOTICES

VALE

Reg Poole

101 Fd Bty RAA

Owen Preece

1 Sqn RAAF

MAJ Indrajit Limbu MC

1/10 Gurkha

R A P

Helen Moffatt

Ansel Mathews

Hospital

CAPT Aileen Ryan

Boyce Moffatt

Jim Deering

Birthdays

CAPT Aileen Ryan RAANC

Barbara Howard

Jing Lee MLC

Christine Selby

Marian Kelly

Mat Tee

Welcome

Bill Voyce

Points of Interest...

- ◆ WW1 Vickers Vimy
- ◆ RSL SA Results
- ◆ INVITATIONS
- ◆ Peter Goers OAM
- ◆ Malaysian Consul
- ◆ SA NT AGM
- ◆ MAJGEN Madan OAM

1919 EPIC FLIGHT



This WW1 Vickers Vimy bomber is probably the only one outside of the RAF museum in the UK.

It was flown by Ross and Keith Smith with mechanics Sgt Jim Bennett and Sgt Wally Shiers in 1919 from England to Australia and claimed the prize for this incredible flight when there were few airfields, dodgy fuel and hostile tribes in some areas of the sub continent. The flight took 93 days. The priceless plane will be relocated to the new Adelaide International Airport extensions as a fitting and permanent Memorial to these four men whom had undeniable courage, endeavour and the will to win against all odds.....

10,000.00 prize money

EARLY WARNING NOTICES

INVITATION

SA NT BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday, 7 December, 2019

12.00 Noon for 12.30 PM

The RSL SA Avoca Hotel

Main South Rd, Clarence Gardens

All Members, Families and Friends

RSVP by 29 November to Don Cameron
Ph 08 8264 2858 E wildcanyon@adam.com.au



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 SA

All Members, Families and Friends are invited

RSVP by 5 October to Don Cameron
Ph 08 8264 2858 E wildcanyon@adam.com.au



SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



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L—R ...Peter Goers OAM, Paul Rosenzweig OAM, Claudia Cream OAM, Brian Selby and Don Cameron
ABC Studios Adelaide....4 July, 2019....

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY 2019

The Commemorations this year took place in Adelaide and in Kuching, Sarawak. The veterans from Australia, NZ, UK and Malaysia were supported by the High Commissioners and Defence Advisers from Australia and NZ, the Defence Adviser from the UK, COL Kim Hosking 7GR [Ret], the Hon. Lee Kim Shin MLC Sarawak, Datuk Dr Philip Ting AM the Hon. Australian Consul to Sarawak, Dato Lim Kian Hock, Ms Fiona Marcus Raja, BRIGGEN Johnny Seng, Rev. Koh Thong Meng, Dean of Kuching and over 100 former and serving Malaysian army veterans. After the service, lunch was hosted in The Sarawak Club by both the High Commissioners and the entertainment included the NZ Contingent traditional haka, the Australians led by Datuk Ting with the Sarawak War Cry, Malaysian veterans traditional songs and gifts were also exchanged.

Visits were made to our three adopted schools at Suba Buan, Serikin and Stass and we were able to again donate funds to each. We were given traditional welcomes with dances, rice wine and food.

Dato Lim is leading the establishment of a **Memorial Trail** where Australian troops were based and engaged the Indonesian insurgents along the Kalimantan–Sarawak border; between Gumbang and Stass to include other ops areas around Cambrai and the SAS ops bases.....stay on the net.

SARAWAK 2019



SK STASS



SK SUBA BUAN



SK SERIKIN



The kampongs at Suba Buan, Serikin and Stass were strategic and important sites in the Bau district, the keys to Kuching....

Don Cameron, Iban Tracker Abang, Brian Selby

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 serv-
ing in the ADF, who have
served in the prescribed
areas during WW2, the
1948-1960 Malayan
Emergency, the 1962-
1966 Indonesian Con-
frontation, 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...

BILBY AWARD

Congratulations to Helen Meyer, SA Producer of "Veterans' Voices" radio program. The award of the "Can't Get Out of The Car" Bilby is made to the Community broadcaster who has been able to consistently produce radio programs that have the ability to make the listeners remain where they are till the program finishes....

The SA NT Branch has been invited several times to be interviewed by Helen to promote various aspects of the NMBVAA Inc and provide details of planned formal and social functions organised in South Australia and Malaysia, in particular, the anniversaries and commemorations relating to both post WW2 wars in Malaysia...bagusla...

MAJGEN VIKRAM MADAN OAM

Congratulations to MAJGEN Madan OAM for receiving the OAM in the recent Australian awards nominations....Namaste General.....

604 SQN AAFC

The formal parade at Hampstead Barracks for the Blessing of the Banner was held on 18 th May 2019., followed by the cutting of the cake and afternoon tea.

The Parade Commander was 604 SQN WO, Simon Russell, and whom has been a member of the SQN parties supporting many SA & NT Branch commemoration services.....

Terima kasih....



Contact and intros have been established with the Honorary Malaysian Consul to South Australia., Mr. Alexander Kitingan. The details regarding the SA NT Branch local schedule and the 2019 Memorial service background in Kuching have been provided. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial association...banyak bagusla...

2019 Tour Shirts Motifs



Left breast
Name
Call Sign

For Business & Polo shirts

Right breast

53rd Anniversary Tour 2019



604 SQN CO

Congratulations to PLTOFF Kieran Wandel who has taken over as the CO of 604 SQN AAFC from FLTLT John Bennett who has been posted to 6 Wing AAFC Ops at RAAF Edinburgh.



NOTICES



RSL SA
REMEMBRANCE DAY BREAKFAST
0700 HRS
WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2019
ADELAIDE TOWN HALL
TICKETS ARE \$60.00 FOR RSL
MEMBERS
\$550.00 FOR A TABLE OF 10
\$65 FOR NON MEMBERS
www.humanitix.com.au

Peter Goers OAM interviewed Don Cameron, Paul Rosenzweig OAM and Brian Selby during his ABC Radio program on Wed 10 July 2019, to discuss the plans in operation for the SA NT trip to Sarawak and the local events which will be completed this year. AM 891 ABC . Thank you to Claudia Cream OAM for facilitating the meeting Peter is well known for his support for the SA veteran community, particularly ANZAC Day...

FUND RAISING

The RSL SA Avoca Hotel is a sponsor to several local groups and has now included the SA & NT Branch as one beneficiary of the meat tray raffles held each week at the hotel. Many thanks to the GM Ben White for the support and publicity ...bagusla....



TRIVIA

Did you know that if you were able to travel at the speed of light, it would take 20,000 years to reach the edge of the Milky Way....



REPAT HUB

The SA NT Branch has been included as a ESO member for future the development at Daw Park Repat Hub.

SA NT Branch AGM

Conducted at 1100 hrs 16 August 2019 at the RSL SA Avoca Hotel.

President Brian Selby
Vice Pres Don Cameron
Secretary Brian Selby
Treasurer Jenny Cameron
PR, History Officer and AACF Liaison
Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP
Minute Sec Bev Dubois
Assist Treas Bev Dubois
Commemorations / Banners
Don Cameron
Catering Chris Selby, Jenny Cameron, Di Davies
Malaysia Liaison Brian Selby
School Liaison Don Cameron



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BRIGGEN Datuk Johnny Seng
Commander 31st Infantry Bde
Sarawak

Kampong Serikin is a strategically important kampong close to the Sarawak / Kalimantan border and we have a close relationship with the people who continue to honour the memories from the conflict 5 decades on....*kami jangan lupakan.....*

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

Pre-lunch refreshments NM&AF Club Adelaide



MAJ Roger Burzacott RFD [Ret], Mrs Claudia Cream OAM, Don Cameron, MAJ Paul Rosenzweig OAM [Ret], and Brian Selby... Convened by Claudia to "school" Don, Paul and Brian with the protocols to be observed at the ABC.....

This voyage by HMAS Sydney 111 R17, was her first into a hostile area of conflict after being converted into a Troop Transport vessel of the RAN. Departed RAN Garden Island Sydney at 0001Z on 25 May, 1964.

CAPT John Stevenson AM was the skipper.....

**OUR MEN SAIL FOR
SERVICE IN BORNEO**

SYDNEY, Today. — The fast troop transport HMAS Sydney sailed from Sydney late last night carrying Australian forces offered to the Malaysian Government for tasks in Borneo and Malaya.

The Minister for Defence, Senator Paltridge, announced this early today.

He said that units aboard the transport were the 7th Field Squadron and supporting detachments, the 11th Light Anti-aircraft Battery and four RAAF Troopers, hel-

icopters with pilots and technicians from No 5 Squadron.

The Seventh Field Squadron would construct air strips, roads and bridges in the Borneo States.

The 11th Light Anti-aircraft Battery would be located at Butterworth, in Malaya, where RAAF

squadrons served as part of the strategic reserve and the RAAF helicopters would be mainly available on support operations on the Thai-Malaya border.

Senator Paltridge said restrictions had been placed on the release of information in the best interests of national security and of the service men concerned.

The public would be kept informed as fully as possible. Security restrictions would be lifted progressively as the circumstances warranted.

The troops for Borneo number about 200. They are expected to be in Borneo, under Malaysian command, for about six months.

Strict security blanketed the ship's training and loading operations at Garden Island over the week-end.

The announcement of her departure was delayed for two hours after she had sailed.

The troops were not allowed to farewell their families because of the security curtain.

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



****ANNUAL Subs****

Due from 1 January

Please fwd \$20.00 to

Jenny Cameron

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Terima kasih...