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NOTICES

VALE

HOSPITAL

WELCOME TO

Brian Lindsay RAR

Eddie Harkin RAA

Don McKenzie AAVN RAR

Birthdays

Vicki Crannaford

Datuk Leong Chee Woh

FAREWELL TO
NORTH HEAD

A formal function is being organised for a Farewell Dinner to be held at the former School of Artillery in February 2018.



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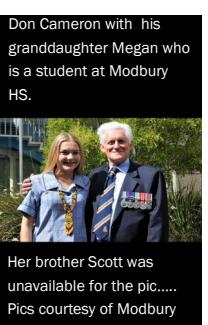


MERRY CHRISTMAS



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017

Brian Selby gave the Commemoration address at Modbury High School and was ably assisted by FLOFF Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP and Don Cameron VP SA NT....*banyak bagusla...*



SA NT GROUP PIC

Points of Interest...

- ◆ GUNNER Reunion
- ◆ 2018 Reunion
- ◆ Farewell to North Head.....
- ◆ "Walers"



Some of the SA NT Branch committee members taken after the AGM in August ...
L-R Standing are;
Brian Selby, Paul Bayliss, Don Cameron and MAJ Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (Ret).....
Seated; Ingrid Bayliss, Jim Deering and Jenny Cameron. Jim is the remaining original SA NT Branch founding member and served as a Royal Marine in the Malayan Emergency then with the Federation of Malay Police.

SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



110 AND 111 LAA BTY RAA

A reunion of Gunners who served in either 110 and 111 Bty RAA during these units' deployment into the Indonesian Confrontation was held in Perth WA from 15–20 October 2017.

111 Bty RAA was uplifted from Holsworthy on 24 May, 1964, on board HMAS Sydney 111 and deployed around Butterworth RAAF Base from 12 June 1964 till June/July 1966 and detachments to 3RAR for Thai border operations. For the record, this troop movement included 7 Field Sqn RAE, a RAASC Amphibious unit and five additional Iroquois helicopters for 5 Sqn RAAF. It was the first troop movement by HMAS Sydney after being converted to a troop transport, into a hostile area. **110 Bty RAA** relieved 111 Bty in July 1966 and remained till 1968, returning to Woodside SA when 16 Air Defence Regt RAA was formed. The former members from both Batteries were able to join several well organised events and functions starting with the Meet n Greet, Dolphin Cruise, SAS barracks visit, the RAAF Museum, the formal Dinner and plenty of free time to look around Perth.

Congratulations to all who were involved in organising the function...banyak bagusla...



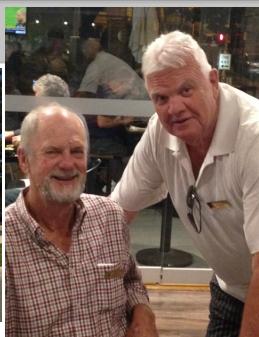
NEXT REUNION

During the Farewell Dinner, a decision was made to conduct the **2018 Reunion** in Adelaide, possibly in November, probably over a 5 day window. It is yet to be planned in detail, however, it is an opportune time for the SA NT Branch and the rebadged Air Defenders Association to put a function together.....and possibly include input and assistance from 16 ALR Regiment RAA based at Woodside.....remembering that the Regiment was originally formed by 111 and 110 Batteries in 1968; a Fifty year anniversary which will coincide with the 60th Birthday of 111 Bty RAA.....stay on the net....

PERTH 2017



SASR WA Museum tour



Meet n Greet...Barry, Dinger Bell

REUNION PICS



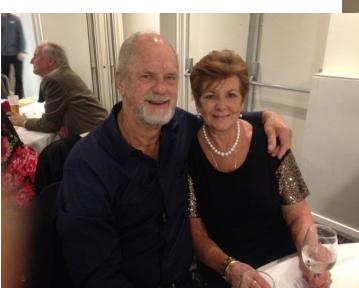
Association Dinner

Chris n Bill Hanson, Jo Zangl



Meet n Greet at the Travelodge.....

Bill, Chris Hanson, Shirley, Barry Berkshire, Snowy Selby, Jo and Ziggy Zangl



Barry and Shirley Berkshire



Snowy, Ziggy, Bill, Barry

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...

100 YEARS AGO IN EGYPT



1st AIF Camel Corps



This picture was taken 100 years ago in Egypt and is in the form of a postcard. The details on the back name L/Cpl Patrick O'Leary (seated) from No.3 Section, B Company, 4th Battalion of the Australian Imperial Camel Corps.

There is no identification for the soldier who is standing.

Courtesy of CAPT Aileen Ryan RAANC

AUSTRALIAN WAR HORSE

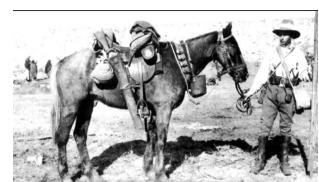
Every AIF Unit raised and deployed into the WW1 theatres of action, had "Walers" as part of the unit establishment. These horses were a particular breed which had been developed to be able to withstand the Australian outback conditions of heat and rough terrain that was the makeup of the Australian undeveloped bush during the 19th and 20th centuries.

A total of 136,000 "Walers" were exported to all theatres between 1914–1918. Only one was returned to Australia..."Sandy" was the mount for MAJEN W T Bridges, KIA Gallipoli.

The orders given to the Light Horsemen in Egypt and Palestine to hand over their horses to the local peasants was not received well by every surviving Light Horseman because they had seen first hand just how cruel and badly these people treated the horses, camels and donkeys native to those countries.....it is not recorded to any length, however, legend has it that many hundreds of the "Walers" were quietly and gently put to sleep by the men for whom they had so unquestionably served in horrific battles, including Es Salt, Amman, Ziza, Megiddo, Rafa, Gaza and Beersheba....to avoid being put into a life of utterly unacceptable horror.

SA NT Branch
The SA Governor's annual Garden Party was held in the Government House gardens on Wednesday, 15 November and the SA NT Branch was ably represented by VP Don Cameron, Jenny Cameron, Sharon Mathews and Major Ansel Mathews TDM (Ret). The function is an annual event for all ESOs and other associations that the Governor and Mrs Le are patrons. Entertainment, finger food and selected beverages are enjoyed by all able to attend.....*banyak bagusla..*

CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNY AND DON CAMERON
ON THEIR
50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
29 OCTOBER 1967



"Sandy"
12 ALH

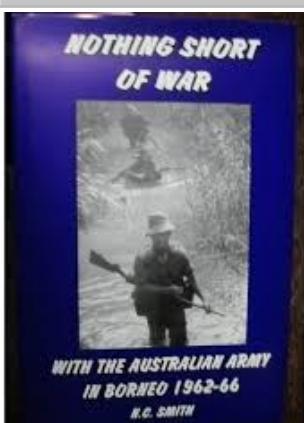
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CONGRATULATIONS

CCPL Tomasz Kochimski has achieved two major flying milestones at 16 yo ...
SOLO for both
Gliding and Powered flight
and to
LCDT Levi Schubert for
achieving the **Silver**
Duke of Edinburgh's Award
and
LCDT Austin Arnold for
achieving the **Bronze**
Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



For Your Library.....



Indonesia and Malaysia

- President Sukarno was against the formation of Malaysia in 1963, claiming that much of the land and Islands being incorporated into Malaysia was actually supposed to be Indonesian.
- Indonesia declared its policy of *konfrontasi* (confrontation), which was close to a declaration of war.

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



The original b&w pic is
from the album of Cpl
(acting Sgt) Bill Lagas,
IntelSec HQ 3RAR in 1965.
The colour pic was taken
purely by accident from

the same spot in 2009 by MAJ Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP; Cambrai
Camp near Bau where Bn HQ and D Coy were sited.



Malayan Emergency Victory Parade September 1960
in Kuala Lumpur....39 Field Ambulance RAMC

ASSOCIATION AIM S

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.

**T H E N A T I O N A L M A L A Y A & B O R N E O
V E T E R A N S A S S O C I A T I O N A U S T R A L I A
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NOTES AND PICS



16 Field Battery, 2/8 Field Regt RAA
75TH anniversary of the commencement of
the battles at El Alamein, 1942



2 Sqn RAAF "Canberra", Butterworth RAAF Base,
Kedah, during the Indonesian Confrontation
1962–1966



77 Sqn RAAF "Sabre"
Butterworth RAAF Base
1962–1966



HMAS Sydney 111 R17 entering
Jesselton Harbour, Sabah, June '64
Indonesian Confrontation



HMAS Sydney 111 R17
South China Sea
May 1964



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