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NOTICES

HOSPITAL

Brian Selby
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RAP

Bernie Boxer
Russ Rowatt

BIRTHDAY

Chris Selby
Jenny Cameron
Mat Tee
Boyce Moffatt
Graeme Hanisch

WELCOME

Her Excellency
The Honourable
Frances Adamson AC
Governor of SA

Jim Nicholson
Bob Overton

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2021



Our 2021 Christmas lunch is being held at the RSL SA Avoca Hotel and there will be some special raffle prizes including a marquee item, our anniversary Port and some selected vintage Red wines to enjoy immediately, or lay down for the future....all have been proven by considered sampling ...

Points of Interest...

- ◆ Indonesian Confrontation Peace Agreement doc
- ◆ Malaya Act 1963
- ◆ SA NT AGM Results
- ◆ 604SQN Anniversary Pic
- ◆ Anniversary Notes
- ◆ NHQ AGM Results



CATAFALQUE PARTY and HONOUR GUARD

No.604 SQN AAFC Cadets and Staff mounted the Catafalque Party and Honour Guard for the significant Australian military 55th anniversary of the Cease Fire and signing of the Peace Treaty on 11 August, 1966, in Bangkok, Thailand, bringing to an end the Indonesian Confrontation.

The turnout, presentation and skill at .303 rifle drill was a credit to all members and instructor staff who ensured the proper reverence at the City of West Torrens War Memorial where the commemoration was held on Friday, 27 August, 2021.



55TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

We are approaching the end of the 2021 calendar year which is a milestone year for all veterans of the Indonesian Confrontation war with Malaysia. Our long planned visit to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra for the 55th anniversary of the Cease Fire and signing of the Peace Agreement by Malaysia and Indonesia had to be cancelled two weeks before the commemoration tour because of the COVID-19 spread into the ACT. Despite this, the daily *Last Post* ceremony at the AWM on 11 August was dedicated to the anniversary; the address by the Director, Mr Matt Anderson PSM, was well received and the podcast of the ceremony was accessed by our colleagues in KL and Sarawak.

Locally, to mark the anniversary, a two page, in depth article written by journo Andrew Fawlkner was printed on Friday, 12th of August in the Adelaide Advertiser.

Although we were curtailed by the COVID-19 restrictions in Adelaide, the SA & NT commemoration service was held on Friday, 27 August in the City of West Torrens War Memorial Gardens at Hilton and a larger than expected turnout by veterans and guests was very pleasing. Thank you to the City of West Torrens for providing the PA system, the seating and housekeeping.

The commemoration address was made by MAJ Paul Rosenzweig [Ret] OAM JP and the Response by our Branch Padre, MAJ Quentin Castle.

After the Service, lunch and hospitality were hosted by Hilton RSL and again, Thank you to Hilton RSL President Ian Gardner and the volunteers for providing the venue and spread for the members and visitors who joined us.

Congratulations to all involved.....*terima kasih dan jumpa lagi....*

The 2021 SA & NT Branch AGM and Annual Lunch were held on Friday, 20 August, at the RSL SA Avoca Hotel. Thank you to all who attended.



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 subs are:

\$30.00 for Service, Associate, and Social Membership,
\$5.00 Junior members.

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Everyone is very welcome to join us and enjoy our functions.....

Ed.

ANNUAL SUBS DUE
from 1 January except
for members
joining between
1 Oct and 31 Dec

MALAYSIA ACT 1963

An Act to make provision for and in connection with the federation of North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore with the existing States of the Federation of Malaysia. (31st July 1963)

BE it enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :-

Chapter 35....**Arrangement of Sections****1. MALAYSIA.**

2. Consequences of the modification of British Nationality Acts.

3. Operation of Existing Law.

4. Power to make consequential provisions.

5. Judicial arrangements.

6. Short title and repeals.

Schedules:

Schedule 1 - exemptions from operations S.2(2) of act.
Schedule 2 - Provisions referred to in S.3 (2) of act.

Schedule 3 - Repeals.

TPI NEWS

The **TPI Constitution** is in need of revision to include changes made to the MRCA, DRCA, SRCA etc which have moved the goalposts substantially regarding veterans who may have 100% disabilities, but, are ineligible for TPI membership.

Confirmation has been received that the training of Welfare Officers, [NOT Pensions Officers], will revert to the responsibility of DVA., which is how it was under the TIP program and should never have been removed from DVA. For anyone but DVA to oversee training is ridiculous. The bureaucracy created by ATDP [public servants] achieved very little in the way of training but became good at creating self promotion, cliques, meeting schedules and acronyms to confuse everyone. Many long standing Welfare Officers were disenfranchised and left.....

Peace Treaty
signed in Bangkok, 11 August, 1966
Tun Abdul Razak and Adam Malik



MAYBE we can now get back to DVA again providing "Refresher Courses" to ensure that Welfare Officers are aware of current procedures, but not insisting the WO's continue training up to legal knowledge of compensation?

Who knows, we may even see "Open Arms" get back to calling itself "Veterans' Counselling Service".....

DVA UPDATES

Contrary to some misinformation circulating, DVA is NOT contemplating any reductions, or cessation of Veterans' Home Care services. In the 2020/21 period, 36,000 clients were assisted with care and home maintenance.....

for all Home Care Assessments the contact is **1300 550 450** to arrange appointments and describe the services available for all white and gold card recipients.



DVA CONTACT

The phone number for all DVA requirements is

1800 838 372

CEASE FIRE**55th Anniversary****PORT WINE**

Specially selected vintage Port has been bottled and labelled

as a memento of this auspicious military milestone.

Contact Brian Selby
oneoneecho111@gmail.com

If you have some ideas for social functions, excursions etc, let us know.....

WHO DUNNIT.....

Kylie Stevenson is a journalist and very good friend to our association, in fact, wrote a amazing article exposing the injustices that have been delivered for some 50 + years to the personnel who were deployed into the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia between 24 Dec 1962 - 11 August, 1966.

Kylie and her fellow author, Carolyn Graham, have now published a true Australian outback who dunnit titled "LARRIMAH" which follows the events from 30 + years ago of the unsolved disappearance of a Larrimah resident... Worth a read and available at Big W...

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be returned to the sender.....



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**

2021 SA NT AGM RESULTS

The 2021 SA NT Branch AGM was held on 20 August at the RSL SA Avoca Hotel.....

EXECUTIVE Committee

President Brian Selby
Vice Pres Don Cameron
Secretary Brian Selby
Treasurer Jenny Cameron

COMMITTEE Members

Vicki Crannaford, Chris Selby, Bev Dubois, Dianne Davies, Lawrence Ng, Paul Bayliss, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP.

Branch Appointments

PR & Historian Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP
Asst Treasurer Bev Dubois
Minutes Recorder Bev Dubois
Flags & Banners Don Cameron
News Letter Editor Brian Selby

NATIONAL AGM RESULTS

The National HQ AGM was held by ZOOM in Melbourne on 5 October, 2021

EXECUTIVE and OFFICE BEARERS are...

President Owen Marshall
Vice Pres John Keenan
Secretary Ray Fulcher
Treasurer Ian Davenport

Committee Members

All Branch Presidents

Appointments

Public Officer Ian Davenport
Commemorations TBA
Merchandise Ian Davenport
News Letter TBA



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Family and Associate
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Terima kasih...