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NOTICES

VALE**R A P****Hospital**

Jim Deering

Birthdays

Brian Kennedy

Barbara Howard

Bill Denny AM BM

Welcome

Jim Litchfield

PLTOFF Kieran Wandel AAFC

Garry Lea

Ken Duthie

Points of Interest...

◆ Timeline 1919

◆ 75TH Anniversary of
 Jap surrender

◆ Sarawak Defender's
 Memorial Trail.....

◆ 2020 & 2021 NOTICES

◆ IT Service & Upgrades



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Mrs Claudia Cream OAM
 has accepted Honorary
 Membership to the
 SA & NT Branch



Author, Noel Selway, Wondai, QLD

The Treaty of Versailles was signed for Australia on 28 June, 1919, in the great Hall of Mirrors by the Prime Minister, Billy Hughes and the Deputy PM, Mr Cook. 31 nations signed the document which has 15 Parts and 440 Articles. It includes restoration payments to be strictly enforced for at least 5 years.

The Treaty was invalidated when Adolf Hitler came to power in 1935.

Some memorable events from 1919...

Australia's population was 5,193,104 ..
 Artilleryman won the Melbourne Cup ..
 Balmain won the NSW RFL Premiership ..
 Collingwood won the VFL Premiership ..
 Rotary dial telephones were invented ..
 CAPT Harry Butler flew the first airmail in the Southern Hemisphere from Adelaide to Minlaton SA ..

EARLY WARNING NOTICES

INVITATION

SA NT BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH
 All Members, Families and Friends

Saturday, 7 December, 2019
 Marion Sports Club
 Sturt Rd Marion
 12 Noon for 12.30 PM

RSVP by 29 November to Don Cameron
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11 September 2020 will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2 in the Pacific.

Brigadier Tom Eastick CMG DSO ED, 9 DIV AIF, KUCHING DET, took the Japanese surrender near Kuching at Batu Lintang, Sarawak, which was a Allied POW camp.

In addition, some sections of the proposed Sarawak Defenders Memorial Trail may be dedicated to the Australian Army casualties and those engaged in the defence of Sarawak from June 1962–August 1966.



THE MALAYAN WARS

Post WW2 there have been two undeclared wars fought on the Malayan Peninsula, in Sabah and in Sarawak. From 1948–1960, the Malayan Emergency and from 1962–1966 the Indonesian Confrontation. Australian Armed Forces were engaged in both.

There are still no dedicated and proper public Memorials to honour the men who did not come home, to the men who were injured and to the men and women who served.

These two undeclared wars are the only two in which Australia was engaged that do not have a place of Honour for the families and friends of the Australian service personnel to visit and show their respects. It is now over 59 years and 53 years respectively since the Cease Fire for both wars. Why were these military campaigns not declared as wars?

Because the vested interests in the rubber plantations and the tin mines would not have been able to claim compensation for damages caused to these sites if they had been caused by acts of war.....Brigadier Alf Garland AM wrote a epitaph to the Indonesian Confrontation....

"No one knew we went up there. No one knew we fought there. Now, no one cares. It's a disgrace".....kami jangan lupakan.....

SARAWAK MEMORIALS

In August 2014, a group of veterans from South Australia visited Kuching Sarawak to try and locate some of the sites where the Australian units had been based adjacent to the Kalimantan–Sarawak border, and attempt to find some surviving Iban Trackers who had been their guides during the Confrontation war. This visit resulted in an invitation being given to place a Memorial in the *Heroe's Graveyard* at Jalan Taman Budaya for the Australian casualties. The Memorial was unveiled and dedicated on 29 August, 2016, and is next to the SASR Memorial.....

In August, 2019, veterans from the NMBVAA, SASR, AAFC and RAN conducted a joint commemoration service at Jalan Taman Budaya with New Zealand Malaya Veterans' Association veterans, Malaysian veterans and representatives from the UK NMBVA and RAF veterans.

The High Commissioners and the Defence Advisers from Australia and New Zealand and the Defence Adviser from the UK, 150 Malaysian veterans and serving soldiers attended. The Very Reverend Koh, Dean of Kuching officiated. After the service lunch was held in the Sarawak Club.....*banyak bagusla...*

SARAWAK 2019

The idea for a "Memorial Trail" to be built to include the strong points and bases where the Australian battalions and SASR patrolled and Australian artillery provided supporting fire along the Kalimantan border with Sarawak is now a reality. Initial surveying and location work has been done; a start point will be sited in Kuching and move to Kampung Gumbang and Kampung Stass via Bau, Suba Buan, Serikin, Krokong, Bukit Knuckle, Bunau Mawang now Bunau Gega, Kampung Gunan Gajah and others, and if accessible, several SASR Insert and Extract Grid References.

The "Sarawak Defender's Trail" will not be suitable for walking due to the distances and the terrain between most sites and distance between the Start point and the Finish point. It will be more suited to a off road type of vehicle.

Each site will be properly signposted and where practical, viewing platforms will be built to overlook the sites....finished in time for the 55th Cease Fire anniversary in August 2021...

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...

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY 2019

AAFC Officers, Cadet SNCOs, Cadet NCOs and Cadets from 6 Wing Squadrons, 601, 604, 608, 609, 613 and 617 provided the Catafalque Party, SA Governor Escort and Honour Guards for the 2019 commemoration at the War Memorial Gardens, Hilton. After the service was hosted by Hilton RSL.....



SARAWAK DEFENDER'S TRAIL



Organising committee members led by Dato Lim

Kampong Gumbang is the site for the commencement of the Memorial Trail to be known as
The Sarawak Defender's Trail



The Kampong Gumbang Rock will be the start point, after Kuching, for the purpose built trail to include as many strong points and base camps where the Australian troops were deployed to stop Indonesian raids and insurgent attacks.....if possible some SASR insert & extract GR will be included.....



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



WARNING ORDER
55TH ANNIVERSARY
CEASE FIRE
INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION
27 August 2021
Kuching, Sarawak
7—10 DAY TOUR



This is a Anti-Aircraft artillery badge of the Peoples Republic of China.....



RAF Blackburn Beverley, Seletar 1965.....

TRIVIA

What does a baby computer call its father? ... "Data" ...

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Original pics and documents will be returned to the sender.....

The official commemoration of the Cease Fire and Declaration of the End of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia will be conducted in the *Heroes' Graveyard*, Jalan Taman Budaya on 27th August, 2021



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



...GONE WITH THE WIND...

Members will be interested to know that the lookalike / breakaway group that chose to do things [better?] in South Australia have folded their tents and moved into the night....Karma...



RAF Javelin, Victor & Vulcan from of our time.....Indonesian Confrontation war.....



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