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# OBSERVATION POST

THE ONLY OFFICIAL SA & NT BRANCH NEWS LETTER

2013, 47th Anniversary The Indonesian Confrontation and 53rd Anniversary The Malayan Emergency

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ANZAC EDITION



## Notices

### VALE

Brig RJ Salmon CBE RAA  
Maj Barry Marr RAA  
Dick Villiers CdeG RMC

### HOSPITAL RAP

### Welcome to :

Roger Snuggs  
Bernard Cunningham  
Peter Wilson  
Geoff Howard

## ANZAC EDITION 2013

**99 years** is more than the life-time of the greater majority of any human beings. That is how long it is since The War To End All Wars, started..... the next 4 years has had many films attempt to depict the times, volumes have been chronicled, and homage paid to the men and women who were part of that long ago carnage. When the dust had settled on the Battle Fields of Europe, the toll of lives lost is still a staggering number.....and the number of those missing, presumed dead, is numbing.....

The amount of munitions used by the "conventional methods" of those times has not been seen in any conflict since. In terms of the destructive power unleashed, only the atomic bombs of WW2 had a similar impact.

Next year will mark the 100 years since the events of the next four years began the changes to the societies of the entire world that some say removed "innocence" forever.....21 years on, memories had no effect because it was on again, with an extra two years added for good measure.....!!!

Records indicate these facts about WW1.....

Allied	KIA	5.0 Million
Wounded		12.8 Million
Missing		4.0 Million
Other		5.7 Million
Totals		27.5 Million

Enemy Totals (Est.) 37 Million

Civilian Casualties 8.9 Million

Allies  
Artillery tonnage Fired 641,400  
Small arms tonnage 1,846,000

Allies Rifle & MG rounds 9.4 Billion

### Terendak '66

4RAR & RAF Skyhook



### R.I.P

Selamat Jalan

Dick Villiers CdeG, a WW2 Royal Marine Commando, and during the Malayan Emergency, a Malay Federation Police Officer, passed away in Adelaide on 14 April 2013.

Dick was a founding member of the NMBVAA Inc in South Australia in 1995.

Jangan Kita Lupa Ed.

### OVERDUE ANNUAL SUBS

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**ANNUAL SUBS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE BRANCH TREASURER S AS AT 1 JANUARY 2013**

*Please fwd by cheque, money order ,or, pay personally with cash.*

**PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT**

### PROFILES

**From time to time,** members' profiles will be documented and published in the news letter.... the contents can contain both civvy and military personal history and whenever possible, have a pic or, two for the inevitable "Then and Now" comparisons..... First up for the SA & NT Branch, in this edition includes a profile of Major Ansel Mathews (Ret). **Ed.**

## ANZAC DAY ADELAIDE 2013

### Points of Interest

- Pensions
- Malaysia Visit
- Member Profile
- New Pension rates
- Posties help.....



## DVA NOTES

The bi-annual pensions and allowances fortnightly payments from 20 March are as follows;

Service pension single	\$ 808.40
Service pens couple	\$1218.80
War Widow	\$ 820.70
Income Support	\$ 241.50
TPI Special Rate	\$1238.20
Intermediate Rate	\$ 840.40
EDA	\$ 683.70
100% General Rate	\$ 440.00

A full list of new payments is at [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au) or ph 133 254 for all enquiries

DVA.

The Labor govt has again deferred and blocked debate on the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 in the Senate, 15/3/13, because it faced defeat on the question of Fair Indexation.....

**Coalition amendments** would have delivered for DFRB and DFRDB military superannuants aged 55 and over, and this has been the long established, and consistent position of the Liberal coalition, and it is absolutely committed to Fair Indexation.

"The Labor govt must tell us why it continues to reject this Legislation and tell the Parliament when they intend to give the chance to debate Fair Indexation" .....**Stuart Robert MP**

This is the fourth time Labor has denied any debate on this very important and long overdue equality to ex-servicemen and women, who have given a lifetime of faithful service to the Australian nation. Meddling with veteran's entitlements must stop. **Sen. M Ronaldson**

## ANZAC DAY PICS

## BUGGER !!!



What \$4Mil of taxpayers hard earned looks like when it is catastrophically bogged in the oasis.....US Cav Abrams.....

## IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED

with a meal you have ordered, don't blame the SA NT Branch  
You take it up with the Chef  
on duty to fix....not us please!!

**Refurbishment** work on the Northern section of the War Graves in Centennial Park has commenced to replace beams and other structures and all should be completed before ANZAC Day. In the event that it is not, any visitations to that section will not be able to be made due to safety concerns. Inclement weather is the unknown factor to the task.

**ANZAC Centenary Grants** are now open to applications and provide up to \$100,000.00 per electorate for local initiatives that recognize Australian service during WW1. A committee will be created for each electorate to work with local Federal MPs on grant applications. The grants will provide opportunities to pay homage and respect to WW1 and reflect on the lives of those who served and sacrificed in Australia's name.

**Centenary Projects** .....could include...

Public Commemorative events  
New WW1 Memorials...  
New WW1 Honour Boards...  
Restoration of WW1 Memorials.  
Restoration of WW1 Boards...  
The preservation, interpretation and display of WW1 military equipment, memorabilia, and artifacts, pictures, and;  
School Projects relating to WW1  
Information will be available at [www.anzaccentenary.gov.au](http://www.anzaccentenary.gov.au)



## RAR Club Functions

## APRIL

**5 BBQ and soup \$5.00**  
**12 Ladies Night 3 course \$10**  
**19 Bar snacks**  
**26 Schnitzel 3 course \$7.00**

## MAY

**3 BBQ and soup \$5.00**  
**10 Ladies night 3 course \$10**  
**17 Bar snacks**  
**24 BBQ and soup \$5.00**  
**31 Schnitzel 3 course \$7.00**

## JUNE

**7 BBQ and soup \$5.00**  
**14 Ladies Night 3 course \$10**  
**21 Bar snacks**  
**28 Schnitzel 3 course \$7.00**

## 50th ANNIVERSARY

25 May 2014

marks the 50th Anniversary of the embarkation of  
**111 LAA Bty RAA** and  
**No. 5 Sqn RAAF**

onboard HMAS Sydney for deployment around  
RAAF Base Butterworth in  
Kedah State Malaysia and  
**7 Field Sqn RAE**

to Sabah, Malaysian Borneo.  
It is proposed to develop a formal reunion in Sydney that

will include the attached  
**RAEME, RASigs, RAASC, AACC, and RAAMC** troops, the RAN crews of  
**HMAS Sydney, HMAS Yarra, HMAS Parramatta, 42 Tpt PI (Amp) RAASC, 32 Small Ship Sqn RAE, 16 Mine Sweeper Sqn RAN**  
The tentative date will use  
**24 May 2014** as the objective.

All assistance appreciated.  
Ubique.

**Parramatta Sydney Yarra**  
**111 LAA Bty RAA 7 Field Sqn RAE**  
**42 Tpt PI (Amp) RAASC**  
**5 Sqn RAAF 32 Small Ship Sqn RAE**  
**16 MSS RAN**

**FALL OF SAIGON**

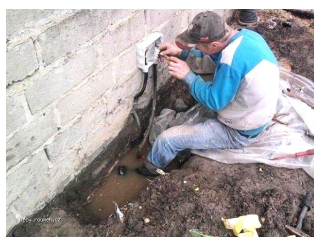
**SA & NT members** Beryl Kearns, Dave Kearns and Brian Selby attended the inaugural service to remember the 38th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, and the 58 SA soldiers KIA in Viet Nam, by the Vietnamese Ex-Services Association on Sunday, 28 April. A wreath was placed at the Viet Nam War Memorial on Torrens Parade Ground. After the service, refreshments were enjoyed by all who attended.

**RAR SA DINNER**

The inaugural Regimental Dinner of the RAR SA Association will be held Saturday, 18th May, 2013 in the RAR Club at Linden Park. Dining commences at 1900 hrs and will consist of 3 courses. NMBVAA SA & NT Branch members and partners are cordially invited to attend this important function. If you have not advised your intent to attend.....phone Brian Selby 08 8387 1672 asap. Terima kasih..... **11E**

**ON SALE NOW****ANNIVERSARY****MERCHANDISE**

There is now a choice of high quality items available for purchase by our members at very good prices. There will be additional items added in due course ; available now are.....  
 Windscreen Decals  
 Tri Service Bumper Stickers  
 Blazer Pocket Badges (detachable)  
 Lapel Badges  
 Name plates with badge (to order) .  
**Contact Dave Kearns** for prices and postage  
 Ph: 08 8252 2819, or email  
 daveandberylk@hotmail.com **DK**

**Lottery 240**

The pic above is one of the clearest examples of "how not to do it" by a sparky for an apprentice you will ever see.....zzzzaaaapppp

Approval has been given for the **50th Anniversary Embarkation Commemoration** of 111 LAA Bty, 7 Field Sqn, 42 Tpt Pl, 5 Sqn on board HMAS Sydney, escorted by HMAS Yarra, HMAS Parramatta, 16 Mine Sweeper Sqn, and joined by 32 Small Ship Sqn, to be held in the Garden Island Defence Precinct on 24 May 2014, followed by a Commemoration Dinner in the evening. Baguslah..... **11E.**

**SPECIAL MALAYSIA VISIT 2014**

**A visit to Malaysia**, specifically to conduct a special Memorial Service at the Australian War Graves cemetery in Taiping for those men from 2 RAR, from NZ and the UK who were KIA during the Malayan Emergency is now in the planning process. The cemetery is sited in Taiping, north of Ipoh on Kamunting Road. There are also some dependent's graves there. The proposal, at this time, is to coincide the visit with the national day of Malaysia, Merdeka Day, during the week of 31 August 14.

There is first class accommodation in Ipoh where we have very good friends in the NMBVA Malaysia. A example of a 14 day visit will be put together to include return air fares, all land transport and accommodation costs for consideration of our members. Some may want to extend the visit and go to Penang Island or, return to Australia via Borneo, just to see how much has changed since 1962-66. See attachments.

**Contacts have** now also been established with ex-Royal Malaysian Rangers and Iban Trackers in Kuching, Sarawak. Members who would like to extend a stay in Kuching should make it known so that proper details can be developed to have a reunion during the visit with some surviving Rangers and Iban trackers from 1962-66. The probability of a day trip to Bau will also be investigated. Don't forget, all family members are also very welcome too. **11 E.**

**SA & NT MEMBERSHIP**

In addition to **Ordinary Membership**, our Branch includes.....  
**Associate Membership** for Family members over 18 years of age.  
**Social Membership** for those interested in joining and helping us, and **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 and all service post 1966 to the present day.

**Annual fees are:**  
**\$15.00** Ordinary, Associate and Social.

**\$10.00** RAR subs.

**\$5.00** Junior members.

Those already members of the RAR Association do not pay the above subs of **\$10.00** .

**Nor do Juniors Ed.**

**16th Mine Sweeper Sqn**  
**RAN**

Looking for the surviving crew members to join in the **50th Anniversary Commemoration Service and Dinner in May 2014 in Sydney.**

**Contact Snowy Selby**  
**08 8387 1672 or email**  
**oneoneecho111@gmail.com**



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Water, water everywhere



RAR patrol



6 Gurkha Regt Patrol



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**ASSOCIATION AIMS**

**COMRADESHIP** for those who served in Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, the Thai-Malay Border, Brunei and Timor during WW2, the MALAYAN EMERGENCY and during the INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION post WW2.

**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.

**THE NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO  
VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA  
INCORPORATED**

**STOP PRESS**



Who said that.....??

**AUSTRALIA POST**

If you are in ill health and have letters to post, your local Postie will accept mail and post it for you, providing there are sufficient postage stamps and a return address is written on the envelope.

Members not financial by 30 April 2013 will be placed on the Unallotted List.

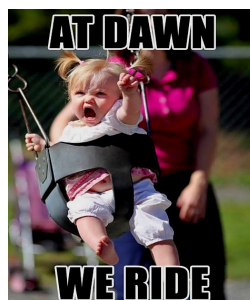


Sarawak Souvenirs ?

Crescent Moon Hotel Dubai



Confused?



Printed with Best Wishes from  
Dr Andrew Southcott MP  
Federal Member for Boothby  
and SA NT Branch Patron .....



**Gandhi said.....**

Life is like a coin,  
you can spend it anyway you  
wish ....but..... Only once .....

**Here's a thought....**

The greatest threats to our  
Freedom are.....  
...Apathy and Complacency...

Prof. Joseph Olson