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# The OBSERVATION POST

The official Newsletter of the SA &amp; NT Branch

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

NATIONAL PATRON MAJ GEN J C HUGHES AO DSO MC  
SA & NT BRANCH PATRON DR ANDREW SOUTHcott MP

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## Notices

### VALE

Frank "Tug" Wilson  
No. 1 RAF Regt

Francis "Kiwi" Thurston  
RAA & SAS

Geoff Henderson RAA  
HOSPITAL

Allan Davies JP  
RAP

Welcome to.....

Paul Bayliss REME  
Mark Dennis RAA

## MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY IN SA

The weather could not have been scripted any better .....24C and a cloudless sky.

This year during the placing of wreaths and tributes, John Williamson's "True Blue" was played as background music and provided an extra bit of feeling for the service.

The Banners of 1 Bn RAR, 2 Bn RAR, 3 Bn RAR and 4 Bn RAR were set up with the NMBVAA Banner at the War Memorial Monument.

On behalf of the Members and Committee of the SA & NT Branch, I would like to convey our grateful thanks to Veterans' SA, City of West Torrens Council, Hilton RSL and 604 Sqn AAFC for the support provided to ensure another successful Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day Commemoration Service.

Terima kasih.....

Thank you to Bev Dubois for taking pics and also to Penelope & Bruce Forster for pics which will be included in the November edition of "Infantryman" news paper with a description of the Commemoration.

The after service function was hosted by Hilton RSL for the second year and was an excellent spread of fare enjoyed by all able to attend there.

An overheard comment went words to the effect...."There's enough Brass here today to go to war"....

### WEB SITE

[nmbvaa.org.au](http://nmbvaa.org.au)

Web Master Dave Barton has undertaken extensive renovations with our web site. The entire skeleton of the [nmbvaa.org.au](http://nmbvaa.org.au) site is now world class and the contents are more user friendly for members and visitors. The current home page will be redone and include "first contact" information..... Ed.

## NATIONAL AND STATE AGM ELECTION RESULTS 2014

### NHQ

**President** Owen Marshall  
**Vice President** John Larkin  
**Secretary** Ben Thurlow  
**Treasurer** Ben Thurlow  
**Merchandise** Ron Lees  
**Editor "Listening Post"** Brian Selby

**Committee members are the elected State Branch Presidents**

### ACT / NSW

**President** Ian Davenport  
**Vice President**  
**Secretary** TBA  
**Treasurer**  
**Committee Members**.....  
TBA

### Queensland

**President** Allen Edwards  
**Vice President** David Brewer  
**Sec/Treas** Laraine Edwards  
**A/Sec** Betty Brewer  
**Membership** John Balabouhin  
**Comms** Peter Lucas  
**Welfare** Ron Virgen OAM  
**Merchandise** David Brewer  
**Editor "Hubungan"** Dell Shears

### VICTORIA

**President** John O'Regan  
**Vice President** Arthur Seddon  
**Sec/Treasurer** Ben Thurlow  
**Committee Members**.....  
TBA

**Sub-Branch Presidents**  
**Gippsland** TBA  
**Bendigo** TBA

### TASMANIA

**President** Michael Priest  
**Vice President** John Boucher  
**Secretary** Doreen McTye  
**Treasurer** Lindsay McTye  
**Committee Members**.....  
Margaret Hughes, Gordon Dodge  
Vicki Hemingway  
**Almoner** Margaret Hughes  
Many thanks to **Barb Challenger** for her years as Treasurer....

### SA & NT

**President** Brian Selby  
**Vice President** Don Cameron  
**Secretary** TBA  
**Treasurer** Jenny Cameron  
**Merchandise** Dave Kearns  
**Ceremonial** Dave Kearns  
**Social Organiser** Clive Dubois  
**Camera/Cine** Clive Dubois  
**Committee Members**.....  
Di Davies and Beryl Kearns, Martin Clark, Paul Bayliss and Allan Davies JP

## Points of Interest

- 617 Sqn RAF
- Fund Raising
- Mark Donaldson VC
- Web Site
- President's Report '13
- RN "Operation KILO"
- Looking for.....

## FUND RAISING

## ANNUAL FEES

## AGM

Jenny Cameron has made the contact and is the Prime Mover for organising an easy to use, and profitable, regular source of funds for the Branch. Bunning's Warehouse at Modbury will be the site for the bbqs we will commence shortly. The bbq, gas and cover will be provided by Bunnings. **We provide** the sausages, onions, bread and condiments..... **AND** THE COOKS, serviettes, utensils and soft drinks. Great Job Jenny...

NOTICE

**The annual membership fee** for Ordinary (Service), Associate and Social categories of the SA & NT Branch was raised to \$20.00, by agreement, at the Branch AGM on 23 August 2013, to be effective from 1 January 2014. Junior subs remain at \$5.00. Annual subs are due on 1 January or, on application for membership.

**Committee.**

**The Branch AGM** was held on Friday, 23 August at Kilburn RSL. The election results are shown on page 1. There are three new committee tasks this year, Ceremonial, Social and Photographer. Congratulations to all who have been elected, sceptics say *Shanghaied*, and the planned events for 2014 will set new benchmarks indeed. Baguslah..... **BJS**

## DIARY DATES AND REUNIONS

Mark Donaldson VC will be at Marion Cultural Centre in the Domain Theatre at 1930 hrs on Wednesday, 13 November 2013. Mark was awarded the VC for action in Afghanistan in 2009. This was the first VC since Keith Payne's in SVN in 1969. He has written a book about his tour called "The Crossroad" and will sign after the forum. Interested members may like to have a meal prior at the Casuarina in Marion Shopping Centre. *Booking is essential.* **Ed.**

## STATE PATRON

**Congratulations** to the SA & NT Branch Patron, Dr Andrew Southcott MP, on retaining the Federal seat of Boothby with an increased percentage...  
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**WRAAC**  
65th Birthday  
12–15 February 2016  
in Canberra.

## Contact

Denise Hudson

administrator@wraacreunited.org

## A W M

**After 47 years**, the AWM has mounted the Roll of Honour for all personnel who were KIA, Died of Wounds or Died of Injuries., between 1962–1966. The possibility of holding a small reunion in Canberra has been discussed for sometime prior to Christmas..

Anyone interested can contact Don Cameron, Clive Dubois or, moi to register your interest. Don 08 8264 2858 Clive 0409 675 318 **Ed.**

## R S L S A L E S

**A new selection** of souvenirs is available from RSL HQ. Items include new 30cm Bears...  
ARMY Bear \$24.00  
RAN Bear in Whites \$24.00  
RAN Bear in Camo \$24.00  
RAAF Bear \$24.00  
P&H \$ 8.00  
7.62 Bullet Pens \$18.00  
Bar Runners \$30.00  
80cm x 25cm

All items can be posted and orders taken at RSL SA HQ. Enquiries to 08 8100 7300

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 and RIFLE Coy Butterworth

**Annual fees** are:  
**\$20.00** Ordinary, Associate and Social.  
**\$15.00** RAR subs.  
**\$5.00** Junior members.

Those already members of the RAR Association do not pay the above subs of **\$15.00** .

Nor do Juniors **Ed.**

## Hustlers !!!

Mud cloth, mud cushions, mud pockets...slight level problem

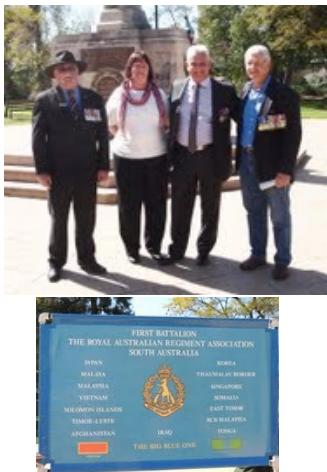


## MALAYA &amp; BORNEO VETERANS' DAY 2013



## NO PARKING

Rather severe penalty for parking this APC in 2RAR lines by a Cavalry officer for a formal mess dinner in 1972. Camo paint was changed to pink!!!!



## 617 Sqn RAF "DAM BUSTERS" 70th Anniversary



"G George" aircrew 16 May 1943 and ED825/G



RAF Memorial Flight



RAF Scampton, near Lincoln...  
617 Sqn RAF was formed on 21 March 1943.

On 16 May '43, 19 Lancasters with 133 aircrew of 617 Sqn RAF, began the mission to bomb strategic dams in the Ruhr Valley in Germany. History shows us that the raid was an outstanding success. There were 8 Lancasters lost with 53 aircrew KIA and 3 aircrew taken prisoner. Sqn Ldr Gibson RAF, was awarded the VC.....



31 AUGUST 2013

## MALAYA &amp; BORNEO VETERANS' DAY

This was the third annual commemoration in Australia for the declaration of the end of The Malayan Emergency and the end of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia. This year, the invitations also included members of the A&TSI Memorial Committee. The invitation is extended not only to VIPs, it is part of the heritage of all who served in the post WW 2 campaigns and their Families.....

## JANGAN KITA LUPA

## 50TH Anniversary Update

24 May 2014 has been designated as a Significant Anniversary. DVA has granted funds towards the costs for;

111 LAA Bty RAA  
7 Fd Sqn RAE  
42 Tpt PI RAASC  
5 Sqn RAAF  
32 Small Ship Sqn RAE  
HMAS Sydney 111 R17  
HMAS Parramatta F05  
HMAS Yarra F07  
16 Mine Sweeper Sqn RAN

## RAR FRIDAY NIGHT DINING

The club is open from 1600 hrs and every Friday night there is a rotation of bbq, light snacks, cooks choice or, schnitzels.

20 Oct Beef & Burgundy lunch.

3 Nov Melbourne Cup Calcutta lunch.

16 Nov Quiz Night.

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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**

**DID YOU KNOW**

**Toothpaste** makes an excellent salve for burns....

**Listerine mouthwash** will kill toenail fungus.....

**Alkaseltzer** will cure UTI's very quickly.....

**White vinegar** soaked in a cotton ball and applied for one hour to a bruise will reduce the blueing and speeds up the healing process.....

**Tarzan's Grip** will remove splinters; apply a drop or, two to the site, allow to dry and peel off.

The splinter sticks to the glue .....

**NOTES AND PICS**



I REALLY NEED A DAY IN  
BETWEEN SATURDAY  
AND SUNDAY

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



**RN "OPERATION KILO"**

**An enquiry has been received from a UK family member requesting details of the Royal Navy *Op Kilo* in Borneo during the 1962-66 Indonesian Confrontation. Info may relate to transporting Army personnel to & from Sarawak?**  
Contact Brian Selby Ph 0416 118 843 or, email [oneoneecho111@gmail.com](mailto:oneoneecho111@gmail.com)

His wife came into the lounge room and sat next to him as he was flipping channels and asked;

"What's on tv" ...to which he replied;

"Dust".....and that's when the fight started.....

**LOOKING FOR**

29480 Gnr Ken L Bright

101 Fd Bty RAA

Malaya 1957

Contact Owen Marshall 03 5428 3623

**Lincoln said.....** "Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves"

**JFK said.....** "Forgive your enemies, **but**, never forget their names" .....

**90% of people are able to;**  
**Half Listen**  
**Understand a Quarter and**  
**Tell Double.....** **Fido**