



SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



The OBSERVATION Post

The official Newsletter of the SA & NT Branch

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

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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2013



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

WEB SITE

nmbvaa.org.au

Web Master Dave Barton has undertaken extensive renovations with our web site. The entire skeleton of the 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.

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY IN SA

The weather could not have been scripted any better24C 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".....

NATIONAL AND STATE AGM ELECTION RESULTS 2014

	NHQ	ACT / NSW	Queensland
President	Owen Marshall	President Ian Davenport	President Allen Edwards
Vice President	John Larkin	Vice President	Vice President David Brewer
Secretary	Ben Thurlow	Secretary TBA	Sec/Treas Laraine Edwards
Treasurer	Ben Thurlow	Treasurer	A/Sec Betty Brewer
Merchandise	Ron Lees	Committee Members.....	Membership John Balabouhin
Editor "Listening Post"	Brian Selby	TBA	Comms Peter Lucas
Committee members are the elected State Branch Presidents			Welfare Ron Virgen OAM
			Merchandise David Brewer
			Editor "Hubungan" Dell Shears

VICTORIA

TASMANIA

SA & NT

	Victoria	Tasmania	SA & NT 2014
President	John O'Regan	President Michael Priest	President Brian Selby
Vice President	Arthur Seddon	Vice President John Boucher	Vice President Don Cameron
Sec/Treasurer	Ben Thurlow	Secretary Doreen McTye	Secretary TBA
Committee Members.....		Treasurer Lindsay McTye	Treasurer Jenny Cameron
TBA		Committee Members.....	Merchandise Dave Kearns
		Margaret Hughes, Gordon Dodge	Ceremonial Dave Kearns
		Vicki Hemingway	Social Organiser Clive Dubois
Sub-Branch Presidents		Almoner Margaret Hughes	Camera/Cine Clive Dubois
Gippsland	TBA		Committee Members
Bendigo	TBA	Many thanks to Barb Challenger for her years as Treasurer....	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

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...

ANNUAL FEES**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.***AGM**

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**

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

**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.*

RAR DINING

BEEF & BURGUNDY LUNCH
on Sunday, 20 October.

MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA
Lunch on Sunday, 3 November.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 16 November.

ALL BOOKINGS WITH THE CLUB
PLEASE.

Ph: 08 8379 5771 or,
Secretary 0413 189 558
Bob Whinnen

CORPS OF SIGS

RASigs national reunion in the Barossa Valley 25-28 October. Contact Bruce 0417 227 533 or, www.rasigs.com

RAN COOKS

RAN and WRAN Cooks will be convening a reunion from 7-10 March 2014 in Melbourne. Ph: Dave Dwyer 03 9720 8183 E: davidgdwyer@hotmail.com

2 RAR

22-25 April 2014 Adelaide
Ph Tom Young 08 8269 4171
E: tjlyoung@hotmail.com

STATE PATRON

Congratulations to the SA & NT Branch Patron, Dr Andrew Southcott MP, on retaining the Federal seat of Boothby with an increased percentage...

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.*

RSL SALES

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

MALAYA & 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!!!!



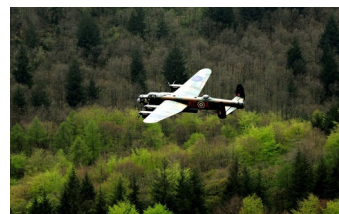
617 Sqn RAF "DAM BUSTERS" 70th Anniversary



"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 & 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.....

Alkasetzer 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

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

NOTES AND PICS



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

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



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**