



# THE **OBSERVATION POST**

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SA & NT BRANCH.....2015, 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANZAC.....



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

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2015  
KAMI JANGAN LUPAKAN



## NOTICES

### VALE

COL Tony English RAA  
Phil Prosser OAM RAA  
John Smith RAF  
Enid Thurston SA NT

### HOSPITAL

Marianne Kelly  
Beryl Kearns

### RAP

Brian Selby  
WELCOME TO  
Barbara & Chris Howard

## SA NT 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### The SA & NT AGM

was conducted in Hilton RSL on Friday, 21 August, 2015. The Annual Reports from the President and the Treasurer are attached to this newsletter. The state of the Branch is very good, we have had a stellar year with fund raising and the projects completed are now clearly beneficial to the NMBVAA Inc overall...  
*banyak bagusla..*

### SA NT Branch Executive

**President:** Brian Selby  
**Vice Pres:** Don Cameron  
**Secretary:** TBA  
**Treasurer:** Jenny Cameron  
**Padre:** Capt Quentin Castle  
**Advocate:** Ray Duthie  
**Auditor:** Alan Davies JP  
**Technical:** Brendan Kearns

**Research & Submissions:**  
Maj Roger Burzacott & Brian Selby with Brig Rob Atkinson AM RFD FAMA

### Committee Members 2016

Clive Dubois  
Alan Davies JP  
Di Davies  
Paul Bayliss  
Dave Kearns  
Beryl Kearns  
**Merchandise:** Clive Dubois  
**Ceremonial:** Don Cameron  
**Catering:** Di Davies, Chris Selby & Jenny Cameron  
**Distribution:** Clive Dubois  
**Observation Post:** Brian Selby

## SA NT Calendar 2015

**Branch Meetings** are held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 1100 hrs in Hilton RSL from February, plus...

**ANZAC Day 25 April...**

**SA NT AGM 21 August..**

**Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day Service**  
Saturday closest to 31 August..

**Remembrance Day**  
11 November

**Christmas lunch**  
5 December  
Plus ESO invites

### Points of Interest...

- Rifle Company
- AGM results
- Commemoration
- SA NT Advocate

## SA RSL NOTES

**Welcome to**, albeit, well after the event, to the newly appointed SA CEO, Ms Julia Langrehr. Julia joined the staff of SARSL in 2012

The **WW2 Cheer Up Hut** exhibit in the Drill Hall at Torrens Parade Ground is well worth a visit and bring your grandchildren to give them some tangible "vision".....

**Congrats** to LtCol Bill Denny AM BM (Ret) for being awarded the SA ANZAC of the Year for 2015...

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On August 12, 2015, exactly 99 years after he was KIA, aged 19, in the Battle of Pozziers, a replacement elm tree was placed in the Rose Park Avenue of Honour, in memory of Pte Syd Sando, 48th Bn, AIF. His brother Les, KIA with 32nd Bn, has a similar dedication.....

If you ever visit Malta there is a WW1 cemetery at Pieta which has many graves of Australian soldiers who died as a result of Gallipoli and Western Front actions. The nearby island of Gozo also has graves of Australian soldiers from Gallipoli and Salonika...

## NMC AGM RESULTS

The National AGM was held in Melbourne on Tuesday, 22 Aug, and the results are:  
**Nat President:** Owen Marshall  
**Nat Vice Pres:** Doug Prendergast  
**Nat Secretary:** Ben Thurlow  
**Nat Treasurer:** Ben Thurlow  
**Nat Merchandise:** Ron Lees  
**Nat Ceremonial:** John Lynch OAM  
**Nat Committee:** State Presidents

## KUWAIT 1991



**Operation "Desert Storm"**  
Kuwait burning from end to end thanks to the Iraqi army..... American politicians must have the shortest memories !!!

## MINISTER FOR VETS

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs is now Stuart Robert MP, the member for Fadden QLD. There have been no appointed Ministers to see out a full term of office for around 10-12 years. So, here we go again to set the records straight...!!!

SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH

Former and serving members of the ARC (RCB) are invited to contact .....

Stan Hannaford in Qld to get any information that may be required about the RCB.

E: shannaford@bigpond.com Ph: 07 4691 3200



Members may not be aware that a company of Australian Infantry soldiers has been rotating through the RMAF Base at Butterworth, formerly the RAAF Base Butterworth, and actively patrolling the Thai-Malay border

The ARC (RCB) has a link now included on the SA & NT Branch home page, on the national web site. A reciprocal link will be included for the Branch when the ARC web site is finalised.

Any former and serving ARC members are invited to contact the SA NT Branch and join in formal and social functions at any time. Bagus

SARAWAK Tour 2016 24 August-1 Sept KUCHING. Includes logos for various military units and a map of Sarawak.

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 Ordinary, Associate and Social. Membership, due 1 January. \$5.00 Junior members. .. Everyone is very welcome to join us and enjoy our functions..... Ed.

SA & NT ADVOCATE THE "PAMIR" R & S

NOTICE As advised earlier this year, Ray Duthie is now on board as the SA NT Branch Advocate for members and widows to discuss any concerns with the pensions and benefits members may already have and for members needing help to commence an application.. for an appointment phone 08 8352 6983 0430 779 265



The fastest and last of the Clipper ships in 1949

A new sub-committee has been put into effect for the Branch which may have a much broader scope of results in the medium term. The first task concerns the long held belief that there is a direct link between the use of the anti-malaria chemical sprays, and the range fuel used by Army units in Malaya post WW2, having residual and highly toxic effects.....

2015 MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY

The decision to conduct the annual commemoration on the Saturday closest to 31 August was brought about due partly to the problems associated with families not being able to attend because of weekday school and work commitments and the need to make the day more accessible for ESOs in general. This year the lunch menu was catered by the Casuarina Malaysian Bistro.....Bagusla

Hilton RSL provided the venue for the makan buffet and those able to have lunch included the Honorary Consul for Nepal, Dipak Dhamala, who is our link to the Gurkha Army Association. Dipak's family has been severely effected by the earthquakes. A message from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs was read by Matt Williams MP. The Confrontation Address this year was made by our

Padre, Capt Quentin Castle. The City of West Torrens War Memorial Gardens at Hilton is the site for the service and the area has had extensive refurbishment including relocating power, extra paved area and gardens remodeled. At a TBA date, our new Malaya & Borneo Memorial will be dedicated here. The lunch funding is provided by City of West Torrens.....

**PORT PIRIE RSL**



**RAAF HUEY**

Were flown by 5 Sqn RAAF during the Indonesian Confrontation...



The above pic is a 4RAR patrol returning to base...Sarawak...



111 LAA Bty RAA 40mm Bofor deployed around RAAF Base Butterworth

Pt Pirie RSL is the only RSL known to correctly display some facts about the *undeclared* War.....

Written 215 years ago...  
*"It is incumbent on every generation to pay it's own debts as it goes... A principle that if acted upon would save one half of the wars of the world."....*  
*"The tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of Patriots and Tyrants"...*  
 Thomas Jefferson, 1800



**TPI NEWS**

The rail travel concessions provided for TPI members by the Federal Govt to travel on the Ghan and Indian Pacific will cease as of 30 June 16... A new 11 part DVD history of **The Australian SAS** has been released and Part 2 tells the story of the SAS and the Indonesian killer patrols in Borneo during the Confrontation....

**VETERAN'S VOICE**

The State Govt has now earmarked the RGH site for healthcare, ageing, teaching and community related purposes. A Expression of Interest process to seek formal proposals from organisations will be undertaken and decisions about the future of the site are likely to be made in the first half of 2016.

The Chapel, Museum and the Remembrance Garden will be retained for their considerable significance, particularly to our WW2 veterans and their families. Veterans' SA has compiled a list of funding opportunities and the details are available at 08 8226 8552....

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**Name Badge**  
  
 Available to order \$18.00  
 Magnetic clasp  
 Name and Corps or State  
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**Christmas Lunch**

The SA NT Branch Christmas Lunch will be at Club Marion on Sat, 5 December 2015 from 12 Noon. The meal is Festive Fare and there will be a subsidy for members. There will be several VIPs attending including the SA Governor. ... **RSVP to Jenny Cameron by 25 November 2015 8264 2858 or, by email to wildcanyon@adam.com.au**

**Where Are They Now**

**BACK TO WOODSIDE**  
**20-23 NOVEMBER 2015**  
  
**111 MEET N GREET DINNER SERVICE and DINNER Register at www.back2woodside.com**

**Royal Marines Lunch**

The Royal Marine Corps (NSW) lunch will be held at Chatswood RSL on 1 Nov 2015. Blazers, tie, medals, black socks and shoes, Lounge suit. Ladies free to choose. \$30.00 pp. Widows FOC as usual. To confirm your attendance **Contact John Lees ASAP at anchorman@optusnet.com.au and 02 4620 5627**



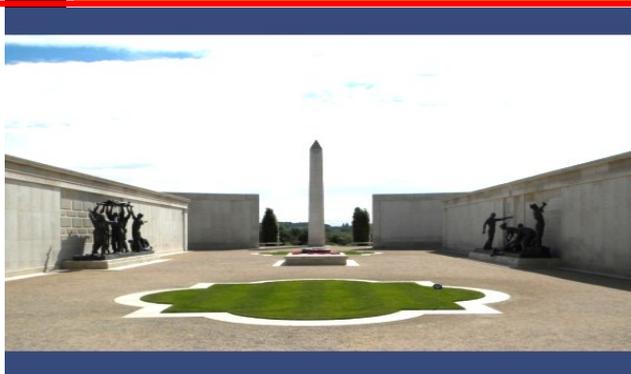
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All original pics and documents will be returned to the sender..... Ed.



This is the magnificent UK Memorial Arboretum dedicated to the memory of the British servicemen who paid the supreme sacrifice, and all who served, during the two post WW2 undeclared wars of the Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation.....Alrewas, Staffordshire UK

ASSOCIATION AIMS

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



Ferrari only 6 ever made \$4.5 mil  
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If you are an investor in the Chinese stock market.....you have lost over 50% of your stake...



Caption please..

US Marines latest troop carrier



RSL SA recently commemorated VJ Day and the pic below includes Mr Paul Bayliss Snr (centre), Sir Eric Neal, Paul Jnr, Bill Denny at RSL SA HQ....bagusla..



In case you ever wondered .....this is where the Great Wall ends...

What PART of the words do you NOT understand mate?



Printed with Best Wishes from Dr Andrew Southcott MP Federal Member for Boothby Terima kasih



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Terima kasih...



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