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2016, 50th
Anniversary of
CEASE FIRE

COURAGE

MATESHIP

PRIDE

SA NT PATRON HON. HIEU VAN LE AC GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

DECEMBER 2016



NOTICES

VALE

**MAJGEN JC Hughes
AO DSO MC**

HOSPITAL

RAP

**Ray Duthie
Joe Kelly
Marian Kelly**

VALE

MAJGEN JIM HUGHES AO DSO MC

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MAJGEN Hughes' funeral was held in Melbourne on 23 August, 2016. He had been in less than good health for some time after a fall which caused serious injury to his leg.

He was a published author and a very active member of several ESO's including as the National Patron of the NMBVAA Inc. I was fortunate to have he and Jan attend a service in Ipoh with me and several NMBVAA Inc members in June 2004; the first time a national Patron and national President had taken part in this service.

One of his last official attendances was to Kuching, Sarawak, for the unveiling and Dedication of the Australian SAS Memorial tablet on 4 August, 2015.....RIP Jim.

SA NT Calendar

2016

Branch Meetings

are held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 1100 hrs in the RSL AVOCa Hotel from 19 February plus ANZAC Day 25 April... 50th Anniversary Tour 23 August–1 Sept

Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day Service
17 September

Remembrance Day
11 November

Christmas lunch
3 December

Points of Interest...

- 50th Anniversary Tour
- SA NT AGM
- Legacy Radio
- Dato Lim Kian Hock

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CEASE FIRE TOUR

A selection of photos taken by Kylie Stevenson and Jenny Cameron

SK STASS



Welcome



SK SUBA BUAN



AAFC Catafalque Party

The welcome given to our group by the children and people from our three adopted Bau District schools was genuine and very heartfelt.....



The schools are within the kampong boundaries, all of which were staging points and bases used by 3RAR and 4RAR during the Indonesian Confrontation and are clearly remembered by surviving kampong elders....



SA NT BRANCH AGM

The SA NT Branch AGM was held at the RSL Avoca hotel on Friday, 19 August 2016

The members present were brought up to date concerning the passing of our national patron and a note of Condolence was sent to Tom Hughes on behalf of our members which was acknowledged.

Due to the absence of several committee members leaving for Sarawak early, the election of executive and committee members had been confirmed previously by the nominated members. Election results are:

SA NT Patron Hon. Hieu Van Le AC

President Brian Selby

Vice Pres Don Cameron

Secretary Default Brian Selby

Treasurer Jenny Cameron

Padre Capt Quentin Castle

Committee Clive Dubois, Dave Kearns, Alan Davies JP, Beryl Kearns, Di Davies.

Advocate Ray Duthie

Ceremonial Don Cameron & Clive Dubois

Catering Chris Selby, Jenny Cameron, Di Davies.

Branch Muso Jim Butler ex RNZAF & RAAF

Catafalque Party 604 Sqn AAFC

NATIONAL AGM

The results of the national AGM conducted in Melbourne on 27 Sep are;

President: Owen Marshall

Vice Pres: Doug Pendergast

Sec/Treas: Ben Thurlow

Committee Members are the incumbent State Presidents.....

DOMAIN REGO

nmbvaa.org.au....nmbvaa.com.au

After almost a decade of plagiarising by the so-called small breakaway groups that disregarded the spirit and ethics of the NMBVAA Inc, both of the above domain names have now been secured by the NMBVAA Inc as the only representative addresses for our association.

Selamat selama-lamanya !!

NATIONAL WEB SITE

nmbvaa.org.au

Do yourselves a favour and look it up Ladies and Gentlemen.....

Then consider the way visitors to the site might react to the lack of current info, and the out of date info that is put for any further follow up...the web master is a resident of Italy and provides his expertise free of charge,

Yet, even with this incentive for State and National input, he is unable to keep the relevant details up to date..... without any intention of "one upmanship", SA NT is the only Branch providing info of note...members demanded a web site of importance but, do not provide any pics, notes, or, even current info regarding who is who at their respective Branch. Some of the info is over a year **out**

of date...it is not a difficult task to complete. If you don't know what to do, there are plenty of members who can help you get the job done.

Correct contact details are mandatory....with the address, phone and email published....if you are on the committee you are obliged to provide your details...privacy bs is not an excuse to opt out...

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.*



Caught in the rain....

CHRISTMAS



52 members with family members and 4 children had a traditional Christmas fare lunch at the Club Marion of soup, mains and dessert....

A Door Prize and Raffles were part of the celebrations

MORE PICS FROM SARAWAK



SK STASS WELCOME



That's courage mate....



7.62 SLR



AMMO BOXES



105 MM

DATO

Our very good friend and colleague in Kuching, **Mr Lim Kian Hock** has been elevated to the title of Dato by the Sarawak governor for his decades of work and input to the promotion of Sarawak and his affiliation with the Australian Army ESOs, and his recording of Sarawak history...*banyak bagusla...*

SA RSL NOTES

There has been a considerable amount of press coverage recently concerning the NSW RSL Care decision to withdraw from the retention of the Repat site at Daw Park. For the record, the deal was not in the best interests of the veteran community in South Australia. The fine print actually required SA assets to be handed over at no cost, i.e., Myrtlebank and other assets.

A full report is available on the RSL SA web site. Negotiations are now well advanced with RSL QLD RDNS to purchase the SA RSL Care business at a hugely better outcome for all SA veterans. E.g., all staff will be retained and expansion of *in home* care plans to SA will be a first outside QLD. **NB...** RSL SA could not stop the decision by the SA Labor govt to sell off the RGH Daw Park facilities. It was non-negotiable.....

SA NT BRANCH pre Tour Pic



This is a pic of the rarely seen *Immortal Cat* of the Phantom.....usually resides in the Skull Cave....

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

ANZAC DAY 2018 PROJECT

A working committee has been formed to commence the project to bring CAPT Rambahadur Limbu VC to Adelaide for the 2018 ANZAC commemorations.

A 2015 project to bring Ram and his wife to Adelaide was brought to a sudden halt by the major earthquake which devastated much of Nepal including Kathmandu.

The scope of the project will include the commemoration of Ram's VC citation from 1965 and the Centenary of ANZAC being commemorated.

Committee members are; MAJGEN Vikram Madan VSM, MAJ Roger Burzacott RFD, Don Cameron and Brian Selby.



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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 INCORPORATED

NOTES AND PICS



A selection of pics taken at the Memorial unveiling on 29 August 2016, Kuching, Sarawak.... and Stass, Suba Buan and Serikin....



****ANNUAL Subs****

Due from 1 January

Please fwd \$20.00 to
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Terima kasih...