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THE OFFICIAL SA & NT BRANCH NEWS LETTER

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

NATIONAL PATRON MAJ GEN J C HUGHES AO DSO MC

NEW YEAR 2013

SA & NT BRANCH PATRON DR ANDREW SOUTHcott MP



Notices

VALE

Gen N Swartzkoph

US Army

HOSPITAL

Di Davies New knee

Allan Davies NAD

Ron Lee Geelong

Welcome to :

Noel Smith RSM INF

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Welcome Back

Post Hospital

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Points of Interest

- RGH Daw Park
- DVA Notes
- Veterans' SA
- Malaysia Visit draft Itinerary attached

THE RSL IN 2013

Since the Great War the RSL has achieved much in 98 years representing the ex-service community and the rights of serving Defence Force members.

Many of the rights and benefits now in place are due to the efforts of RSL members and committees. It is a democratic organization with a good constitution and individual members can effect change at sub-Branch, State and National level.

RSL South Australia is the peak body for members in South Australia,

Northern Territory and Broken Hill.

RSL State President Tim Hanna is aware that the RSL has concerns with its image and is a strong advocate for change and improvement. We must analyse our methods and adopt modern principles.

The increased Army and Air Force presence in SA makes the delivery of health services and family needs one of our priorities. Other topics the RSL is working on include planning for the Centenary of ANZAC; providing Military

entitlements assistance and welfare contributions to veterans and families; care packs and recreational equipment for ADF personnel serving overseas.

RSL members with proposals to remedy issues with health services, DVA, RSL etc, should present them to the sub-Branch or State Branch for review.

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Marketing and Events



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ANNUAL SUBS

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1 JANUARY 2013

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

111 Battery gun position, and in order for this to have a sense of realism, pictures of gun positions from that campaign are asked to be loaned for copying as models for the mural. If you have any pics they will be returned in good order to the sender.....Ubique.

Fwd to; Brian Selby

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RGH DAW PARK

SA RSL

ALICE SPRINGS

The closure of the RGH Acute Referral Unit at Daw Park, is another "no consultation" act by the SA Govt, effective from 21 December 2012.....the theory is that all ex-service personnel who would have had direct access will now be seen at RAH and Flinders.....
on the ramps maybe????!!

The December edition of the SA RSL's "The Signal", contained two very informative entries for our Association.....
we extend our Thanks and Gratitude to Keith Harrison for his support and ongoing interest in the SA & NT Branch of the NMBVAA Inc.....
Terima Kasih.....
Ed.

Members travelling to the NT and looking to stop over in Alice Springs for a frothy, or two, are welcome to dine and refresh at the refurbished Alice Springs RSL. The usual RSL privileges are available to all interstate visitors, 7 days per week. Former artillery and Woomera items are displayed in the RSL grounds.

DVA NOTES

DVA and DEFENCE have signed a Memorandum of Understanding pledging closer ties in support and delivery of services to former, and current ADF personnel. Minister Snowdon said that both departments are committed to delivery of the best possible outcomes, including to all eligible dependents. The MOU introduces the concept of the "Support Continuum" for a seamless care and support method to former and serving personnel, and dependents.

The MOU sets out the key principles which will govern the cooperative delivery of care, support and services, and establishes effective governance to ensure that the support arrangements remain effective. "While both departments have a long history of providing quality care and support, this MOU formerly recognises that this is a shared responsibility; it commits both departments to a closer and more integrated working relationship".

Mr Smith said "All ADF personnel will benefit from the closer ties of the departments, with services tailored to meet the changing needs of individuals". "This is another example of the work being done to ensure the best possible outcomes for our servicemen and women and their dependents now, and into the future". Copies of the MOU can be obtained at; www.defence.gov.au/header/documents/SWIIP MOU.pdf Media Release VA006 6/2/13

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO 1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH BATTALIONS RAR

For their support of the SA & NT Branch Malaya & Borneo Veteran's Day 2012.

Neil Nichols 3 Bn , Rod Graham for 1 Bn, Brian Selby, Noel Smith 4 Bn, Ed Czerwinski 2 Bn



VETERANS' SA NOTES

The Hon Steven Marshall MP, the recently elected Leader of The Opposition in SA has also taken on the role of the Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs in SA. In coming weeks, the MM will expand to include articles relating to men's health, courtesy of the Veterans' Health Advisory Council. The VHAC will use the page to invite you to express your views on different issues and you will be advised of how you can

ensure your voice is heard. This is a very positive development and will ensure the veterans' community is not only informed, but, can have a say...

The Repat Foundation 2013 ANZAC Gala Ball will be held on Saturday, 20 April in the Entertainment Centre. Tickets are \$160.00 and include food, wine and entertainment. A silent auction will also be held. Tickets at 08 8275 1039

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RAR Club	Functions
	2013
	January
11 Ladies Night	
18 Bar snacks	
26 Schnitzel Night	
	February
1 Barbecue	
8 Ladies Night	
15 Bar Snacks	
22 Schnitzel Night	
24 Reef & Beef	
	March
1 Barbecue	
8 Ladies Night	
15 Bar Snacks	
22 Schnitzel Night	

50th ANNIVERSARY

25 May 2014

marks the 50th Anniversary of the embarkation of

111 LAA Bty RAA

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,

No. 5 Sqn RAAF

42 Tpt Pl (Amp) RAASC

32 Small Ship Sqn RAE in the celebrations.

The tentative date will use **24 May 2014** as the objective.

All assistance will be very much appreciated. Ubique.

Parramatta Sydney Yarra
111 LAA Bty RAA 7 Field Sqn RAE
42 Tpt Pl (Amp) RAASC
5 Sqn RAAF 32 Small Ship Sqn RAE

DO NOT CALL

From February 2013, calls to mobile phones from any tele-marketing company are legal, unless you have registered your wish to *not* receive such calls. These calls are at your expense, and solicit anything from money to nefarious time share holiday plans.....
The web site to register is
<https://www.donotcall.gov.au>
If you do not have use of a computer, ask for help asap **DS**

RIP OFF

DON'T GET FOOLED

If you need to use the Directory Assistance service, as we all do, from time to time, it is listed with SENSIS, a Telstra satellite, as 1234. This will cost you \$0.40 to connect and \$0.04 per second to speak..by law, Telstra must provide a free directory assistance service.
"They" have chosen *not* to make this public knowledge,
the FREE number is 1223 DS

NO WORDS



"I didn't mean to do it Mum".....

RAR SA Members Draw has now jackpotted to \$275.00. Drawn on Friday nights at the Club.....

BUY IT NOW

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

(F)AAARRRKKK?

An investigation has been concluded into the unusually large number of crows that are killed by vehicle impact on the Nullarbor Plain near Ceduna. The ornithologists determined that 2-3% had died from impact by a car and the remainder by impact from heavy transport.
"When crows dine on road kill, a lookout is perched in a tree and warns the mob of any approaching vehicles...they can say "Cah Cah" but not "Truck Truck".

Fido

RSL SA

2013 Membership renewals are due from 1 January and this year an innovative plan has been made to allow members the choice of a 3 years term. The annual cost is still \$40.00 and subs can now also be made by *Bpay* using your own banking system. Financial members will have received the updated Ambassador Card catalogue of member benefits, programs and savings. It is the updated edition of the first publication and is a very worthwhile extra of membership. **KH**

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-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 possibility of a day trip to Bau will be investigated. Don't forget, family members are 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.

42 Transport Pl (Amp) RAASC
Looking for the surviving members who were members of the DUKW mob to join in the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Service and Dinner in May 2014 in Sydney.
Contact Snowy Selby 08 8387 1672 and or oneoneecho111@gmail.com

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THEN and NOW.....



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.

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Congrats to Felicity-ann Lewis,
City of Marion Mayor being
elected to the position of the
National President of the LGAA.

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Federal Member for Boothby
and SA NT Branch Patron

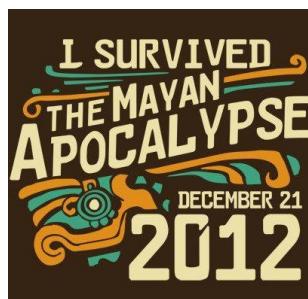


Gandhi said.....

**"Blessed are they who seek
no gratitude.... For they shall
not be disappointed"**

Here's a thought....

**"We take your bags and
send them in all directions "**
Qantas, Virgin, United, Ryan ,
Air Congo , Jet Star.....
et al.....



I don't go crazy.

I am crazy.

I just go normal
from time to time.