



OBSERVATION POST

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

John Sims RAAF

Welcome Back

Post Hospital

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Points of Interest

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

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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Keith Harrison

Marketing and Events



ARMY MUSEUM SA

The Army Museum at Keswick Barracks is developing a full sized diorama of a 111 LAA Bty gun position commemorating the 50th anniversary deployment of the Battery around RAAF Base Butterworth, '64-66, and plans to include items in the Centenary of ANZAC displays in 2015.

It is proposed that a backdrop mural will be painted depicting a

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1 JANUARY 2013

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money order ,or, pay personally
with cash.

ARMY MUSEUM SA

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

73 Berrima Rd

SHEIDOW PARK SA 5158 R B.

RGH DAW PARK

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????!!

SA RSL

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.

ALICE SPRINGS

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 Snowden 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.

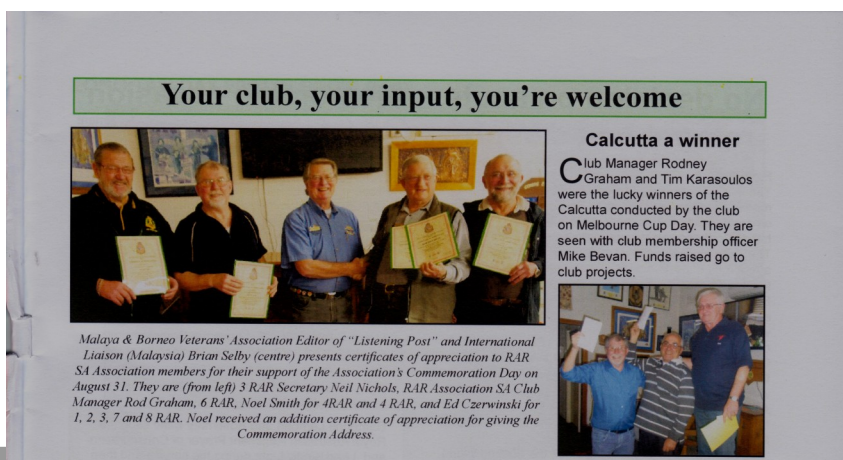
"While both departments have a long history of providing quality care and support, this MOU formerly recognises that this is a shared responsibility; it commits both departments to a closer and more integrated working relationship".

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](http://www.defence.gov.au/header/documents/SWIIP%20MOU.pdf)
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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 PI (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 PI (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.....

**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**

BUY IT NOW**(F)AAARRRKKK?****RSL SA****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 ;

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Lapel Badges

Name plates with badge (to order) .

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postage

Ph: 08 8252 2819, or email

daveandberylk@hotmail.com **DK**

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**

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 cata-
logue of member benefits, pro-
grams and savings. It is the up-
dated edition of the first publica-
tion and is a very worthwhile extra
of membership. **KH**

SPECIAL MALAYSIA VISIT 2014

A visit to Malaysia, specifically to
conduct a special Memorial Ser-
vice 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 accommoda-
tion 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 consid-
eration 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.**

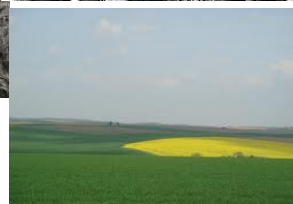
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THEN and NOW.....



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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FOOT NOTE

News of The World

Sign in a Bangkok bar...

"Our wines leave you
nothing to hope for".....

STOP PRESS

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

BREAST CANCER ADVERT



These are the new, and aptly
named "Road Rage Eliminator"
built to order only FOC extras
are limited to 5000 rounds of
mixed ammo. Further info from
SA with "Pacestick"..... **Tich.**

I don't go crazy.

I am crazy.

I just go normal
from time to time.

Printed with best wishes from
Dr Andrew Southcott MP
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.....