



SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



# The OBSERVATION Post

The official Newsletter of the SA & NT Branch  
2014, 50th Anniversary of Embarkation and Deployments

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SA & NT BRANCH PATRON DR ANDREW SOUTHCOTT MP

JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2014



## Notices

### VALE

Capt Paul McKay RAR  
Herbert Clatworthy RAAMC  
3 RAR Medic '63-64 &  
102 Fd Bty RAA '64-65

### HOSPITAL

Di Davies

### RAP

Nil Return

### Welcome to.....

Stuart McAlpine

### It's a boy...

Congratulations to Di and Allan Davies on the safe arrival of a new grandson, Stuart. Both mum and he are doing well.....

### RAR SA

Dining commences at 1800 hrs every Friday, except public holidays. Menus change every week

## Points of Interest

- A & TSI MEMORIAL
- USS Zumwalt
- DVA Stats
- Bunning's BBQs
- Malaysia Tour
- Branch Meetings
- HMAS Voyager DO4

## SELAMAT TAHUN BARU 2014

**Happy New Year** to all of our members and families and friends

2014 has certainly started with a exceptionally hot spell in all states and the bush fires have been as devastating this year as at any previous years.

There were a number of important milestones achieved in 2013 which have placed the NMBVAA Inc in good stead for the future.

The mounting of the **Roll of Honour** for the men who were KIA, DoW and DoI during the

Indonesian Confrontation took place in July at the AWM. A trip to the AWM is on the drawing board.

The annual commemoration of Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day, on 31 August, has been placed permanently on the calendar of military anniversaries by Veterans SA. *Terima kasih.....* Brigadier Laurie Lewis AM is our advocate with the Veterans' Advisory Council in SA.

We have established a good relationship with the SA A&TSI War Memorial committee.

**Two large scale** events for May and Aug/Sep 2014 are well underway. The May function marks the 50th Anniversary of Embarkation on HMASA Sydney and in Aug/Sep, the 50th Anniversary Tour to the Peninsula and Sarawak. Registration of Interest, and all other relevant info, have been published several times during the last 12 months. The commemoration in May has been designated as a Significant Anniversary by DVA.

See further details on page 2.

## G-G

**General Peter Cosgrove** has been announced as the next Governor General commencing in June 2014. The general is a former CDF, commanded the international force in the relief of East Timor and has served in Malaysia, SVN, UK, India and the US. He was also Australian of the year in 2001, retiring in 2005.

## MEMBERSHIP

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE FROM 1 JANUARY FOR THE 2014 YEAR .**  
fwd \$20.00 to  
**Mrs Jenny Cameron**  
**SA & NT Treasurer**  
**21 Gordon Ave**  
**ST AGNES SA 5097**

## SA & NT Meetings

### 2014

Commencing at 1100 hrs on Fri, 21 Feb 2014, at Hilton RSL, followed by lunch at the Hilton Hotel for those members wishing to do so.

Meetings will usually be completed by 1300 hrs.

**Visitors very welcome.**

## RAAF CENTENARY

The RAAF will celebrate 100 years of service on 1-2 March '14 at Point Cook, the home of the RAAF. The first flight of a military aircraft was by a Bristol Boxkite on the 1st March, 1914.....Whilst the RAAF was established in 1921, the beginning is traced back to the 1914 Boxkite. The RAAF is the second oldest military air force in the world and has operated over 200 types of aircraft to date. The fifth

generation of military aircraft are about to be put into service with the EA-18G Growler electronic warfare aircraft and the C27-J Spartan battlefield heavy lifters. The first Australian F35-A Lightning II (Joint Strike Force) planes are nearing completion and pilots are training to readiness by the end of this year. The air show will include the true classics; Spitfire, Mustang etc....

**From 1939-45**, 215,000 personnel, 6,200 aircraft and 61 squadrons made up the RAAF. During WW2 there were 9,870 who lost their lives, with more than 55% of those over Europe. On 14 Aug 1953, aircraft A94-101 a Sabre jet, piloted by FLTLT Scott broke the sound barrier over Port Phillip Bay in a dive at 670mph from 10,000ft (1,078km/h).

RAAF News

**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WAR MEMORIAL**

On Sunday, 10 November, 2013, the first, and only, War Memorial dedicated to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have served in the Australian armed forces since the Boer War, was dedicated and unveiled at Torrens Parade Ground in Adelaide. The larger than life statues depict an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander soldier and service woman, in uniform. The ceremony included a *Smoking Ceremony* and representatives

from the Canadian Aboriginal Nations were in attendance. After the ceremony, refreshments were available and a full concert programme was presented by various local Aboriginal and interstate artists with dances and songs. The pathway leading to the Coolamon and memorial is made of red brick pavers which have been inscribed with the names of the known Aboriginal servicemen and women who enlisted in Adelaide..

In lieu of wreaths, it was requested that a book tribute be placed. Clive Dubois did so on behalf of the SA & NT Branch. Members in attendance were; Bev Dubois, Beryl and Dave Kearns, Jenny and Don Cameron and Brian Selby.....

**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

Everyone is very welcome

*I don't have an attitude .....  
I have a personality you can't handle.....* DS

**DVA STATS**

As at September 2013.....

Gold Cards issued: 171,189  
Annual Costs: \$20.1 Mil  
White Cards issued: 49,113  
Annual costs: \$ 2.1 Mil  
VEA Pensions: 284,216  
Disability Pensions: 104,389  
Special Rate: 28,926  
Intermediate Rate: 764  
EDA: 7,914  
General Rate: 66,785  
War Widow/ers: 85,469  
Service pensioners: 142,932  
Total Annual Expenditure:  
**\$11.33 Billion**.....

**MALAYSIA TOUR**

**The time to confirm** your intent to be part of, and book your passage, for the 50th Anniversary Tour to the Malaysian Peninsula and Sarawak **is NOW**. The availability of flights and all accommodation are fast running out. **For your convenience, Harvey World Travel at Marion Westfield** has a very attractive deal and can reserve seats and accommodation while you wait. Contact **Sally Holt** between Tuesday to Saturday to make an appointment to book.....

Phone 08 8358 1949 or email sally.marion@harveyworld.com.au  
**Penang** group depart 23 Aug.....  
**Ipoh** group depart 28 Aug and all meet in Ipoh 29 Aug.....  
All depart Ipoh for Kuching on 2 Sep. **Sandakan and Kota Kinabalu** are other ports to consider. **From Ipoh**, day trips to Batu Caves Cameron Highlands and the service at Taiping are easily arranged as required once there. **Accommodation** in Ipoh is at the Syuen Hotel. Overnight stay in KL is at the Concorde Inn.....

**MALAYSIA TOUR**

In **Kuching**, the main events are a reunion with former Iban Trackers and Royal Malay Ranger soldiers who worked with 3RAR and 4RAR between '64-'66. Trips to Bau, Stass and other positions will be arranged once in town.....

**Summary**.....

**Group 1;** ADL—Penang via KL depart 23 Aug 14

**Group 2;** ADL—Ipoh via KL o/night depart 28 Aug. Arrive Ipoh 29 Aug  
**All** depart Ipoh for Kuching via KL 2 Sep 14....

Return home on 8 Sep from Kuching for some members .....

**Accommodation** in Kuching is at the Kuching Hilton. Each hotel rate includes a full breakfast..... Shopping is a highlight in all sites. In Ipoh, the night markets include local dining and bargain bartering is the way to go. Tailor made shirts, slacks, suits and all manner of ladies apparel are excellent value.

It is not difficult to have larger items sent by post and the service is very reliable. There is ample time for small trips/tours to be chosen.....

**Your passport must have a minimum of 6 months before expiry.**

No visas are required. International air travel and other domestic air travel is suggested with Malaysian Airline Systems. Vaccinations are not necessary however, malaria is active in parts of Borneo. Travel insurance is also recommended. Some credit card providers will provide cover at no cost if fares and accommodation are paid with their card.....

**KEEP CALM  
and Stay Deadly....**

## FREE FEED

**We need some volunteers** to man the bbq stand at the Bunning's Warehouse Modbury. The task is not arduous on the grey matter..... A couple of hours for a shift is what the deal is between 0900 and 1500 hrs (roughly).....  
 Dates are:  
 19 Feb, 23 Apr, 19 Jun, 13 Aug and 16 Oct. No experience nec.  
**Contact** Jenny Cameron at 0430 401 939 or 8264 2858  
 These are major fundraisers.

## BRANCH MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS

**SA & NT Branch** meetings are open to all members and visitors as has always been the procedure. The North South split with venues will not be continued in 2014. The decision to conduct meetings on a monthly schedule has been firmed up for 1100 hrs on the 3rd Friday of each month at Hilton RSL. The first meeting will be on Friday, 21 February. If a public holiday falls on a meeting date, the meeting will be held the day before on the Thursday.....

**In addition** to the scheduled Branch meetings, we have several formal services to attend;

- \*Banka Is Massacre, 16 Feb.
  - \*ANZAC Day, 25 April.
  - \*50th Anniversary service in Sydney, 24 –25 May.
  - \*Aboriginal Veterans' Service, 30 May.
  - \*Korea Veterans' Day, 27 Jul.
  - \*Merdeka Day in Ipoh, 31 Aug.
  - \*Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day, 31 August.
  - \*Remembrance Day, 11 Nov.
- Jangan kita lupa.....*

## 50th ANNIVERSARY TOUR

Former members of 3RAR, 4RAR and 111 Bty RAA are advised that **the cut off date** for responding to the tour to the Peninsula and Sarawak in August-September is set as Friday, 4 July 2014. The broad itinerary, travel and accommodation details were included with the recent *The Listening Post* news letter. There are three elements to the tour; early trip to Penang, the Ipoh-Taiping stay and the Kuching reunion with former Iban Trackers and Royal Malay Ranger soldiers who worked with 3 RAR and 4 RAR. Those making the tour will be able to visit Batu Caves, Cameron Highlands, Bau, Stass, Sandakan and Kota Kinabalu as some ideas.

## HOMOGRAPHS

**Same spelling** but with different meanings.....  
 The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**..  
 He could **lead** if he got the **lead** out..  
 They were too **close** to **close** the lid..  
 The dump had to **refuse** **refuse**...  
 A **wise** **guy** is not a **wise** **man**....  
 A **slim** **chance** can also be a **fat** **chance**.....

## ANNIVERSARY

The annual Hat Dich service will be conducted at the RAR HQ, Beatty St, Linden Park on 19 February at 1100 hrs, commemorating the 45th anniversary of the battle. NMBVAA Inc members and friends are very welcome to attend. Decorations, medals and awards to be worn, coat, tie. Light refreshments after the service. A wreath will be placed on behalf of SA & NT.

## VOYAGER



10 February 1964

50th Anniversary

**HMAS Voyager DO4**

Off Jervis Bay NSW was cut in two by HMAS Melbourne R21 at 2056Z

*Lest We Forget*

## 50th ANNIVERSARY OF EMBARKATION

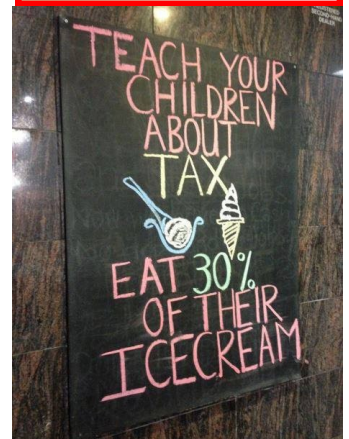
**The cut off date** for members to register for the functions in Sydney on 24 and 25 May is 4 April 14. Details have been published with the RAN, Army and RAAF and specific ESOs. The commemoration service is on 24 May at 1100 hrs and the 50th Anniversary Dinner is on 25 May at 1800 hrs at Rose Bay RSL. A final General Information package is available for all who have responded.....

## VETERANS' SA

**A reception** to acknowledge the work of the SA Veterans' Advisory Council, hosted by the SA Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Jack Snelling MP, is on 19 Feb in Parliament House. Representatives from the SA ESO groups are invited, including the SA & NT Branch of the NMBVAA Inc. The SA Minister is our direct link to the Federal Minister and our advocate for all matters that impact the veteran community in South Australia.

**42,582 applications** for tickets to the 100th anniversary of the **Gallipoli** landings were received by the Centenary committee. The process of selecting and providing the tickets has begun and the successful applicants will be contacted in due course.  
**Preference** is given to surviving WW1 war widows as members of the official party, and direct descendants, outside of the ballot. There are 400 places for school children and their chaperones.

**A new** dedicated pathway linking the SA War Memorial on North Tce to Torrens Parade Ground is the SA government commitment to marking the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings in 1915. The Premier also advised that the Walk Way was part of a suite of initiatives pledged to support the nationally coordinated events and milestones of the Centenary events. \$3 Mil has been allocated.





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**FARELF** colour patch  
FAR EAST LAND FORCES  
worn by 111 Bty RAA



**17 Gurkha Div** colour patch  
worn by 111 Bty RAA

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VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA  
INCORPORATED



HMAS Sydney unloading 7 Fd Sqn RAE at Jesselton, Sabah, June 1964.



Main (single) line between Singapore and Prai 1964.



Thai-Malay border Area of Ops, 64-66, for 3RAR, 4 RAR and 111 Bty RAA with 17 Gurkha Division Infantry companies



**HMAS Parramatta F05**  
Joined with HMAS Yarra F07 to escort HMAS Sydney to Sabah and Butterworth, May /June 1964.....

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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NOTES AND PICS

Retired US Army  
Armoured Corps  
driver



EVERY ESO should have one..... Fido

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



Opposite.....

The USS Zumwalt has commenced sea trials. The ship is made of composite materials that include similar properties to the stealth aircraft making it almost invisible to radar detection !!....it is the next generation of very high speed ships armed with long range missiles and ultra high tech capabilities.....  
**USN**



This RAF Typhoon pilot got up close to the rear door cavity of a RAF C130 during a photo shoot at 10000 ft

"Yes, that's close enough Sir" ....

RAF News

