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NOTICES

VALE

Datuk Patinggi Adenan

Haji Satem

Chief Minister of
Sarawak

HOSPITAL

Mary Duthie

RAP

Nil Return

SELAMAT TAHUN BARU 2017

On behalf of the SA & NT Branch Committee
A Very Happy, Safe and Healthy 2017
to all
Members, Families and Friends

BIRTHDAYS

David Kearns

Brendan Kearns

ANNIVERSARIES

MARRIAGES

DIVORCES

BIRTHS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CEASE FIRE TOUR

The 50th Anniversary Tour

to Sarawak was a massive confirmation of the pride and long time high regard that the people of Sarawak have for the Australian, New Zealand and UK troops who were engaged in the defence of Malaysia on the Peninsula, in Sabah and Sarawak for the undeclared war of the Indonesian Confrontation from June 1962 — August 1966.....

The placing of the NMBVAA Memorial next to the Australian SASR Memorial in the Kuching "Hero's Graveyard" at Taman Budaya, is a special privilege granted by the custodians of the site and a particular *Thank You* is due to Dato Lim Kian Hock for facilitating the permission. Banyak Bagusla dan Terima Kasih.....

Points of Interest...

- "New" UK Group
- BBQ Dates
- SA Memorial Site
- RSL National & NSW
- ANNUAL SUBS
- **WARNING**
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NMBVAA Memorial Unveiling 29 August 2016



UK ASSOCIATION

A kindred group of former British armed forces personnel have made contact after SA NT member Paul Bayliss passed on the Facebook contact details. At this stage Paul, Boyce Moffatt and Brian Selby have registered and have been able to post various pics and info re Confrontation service.

The group includes former members of Royal Green Jacket Regts, RE, RA, and some Guards Regts...you can contact the group at "MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS GROUP" and dialogue with Jack Gillan.....

NATIONAL & NSW RSL

The **implosion** of the national RSL and the NSW executive has created a inexplicable vacuum which should never have happened...

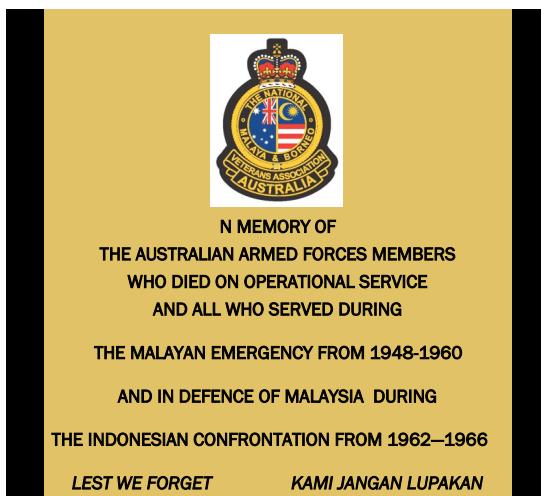
The alleged offences have caused collateral damage which may be very hard to recover from.

The repercussions

may have a domino effect that will be seen in associated executive boards?

The vision of the RSL founders is in need of being reiterated and hammered home...to ensure that the many hundreds of the RSL sub-Branches are not smeared wrongly...

MEMORIAL PLAQUE



RAW MEMORIAL



SA MEMORIAL SITE

The City of West Torrens has approved the placement of a new Memorial dedicated to the Indonesian Confrontation in the Memorial Gardens at Hilton. The Gardens is where the annual Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day commemoration service has been held since 2011.

Tilletts Memorials will provide the plinth, granite block, and the bronze plaque, to be completed by ANZAC Day ?

ANNUAL SUBS

It's that time of the year again folks when your annual subs are due for payment. There is no change to any category.

After HQ capitulation, part will go towards the funding of the new Memorial.

Fwd payment to Treasurer Jenny Cameron 21 Gordon Ave ST AGNES SA 5097 Terima Kasih....

MERCANDISE

WARNING
BOGUS NMBVAA INC WINDOW / BUMPER STICKERS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AT TPI SA
THE ITEMS DEPICT THE AUSTRALIAN RIBBONS AND GSMS FOR BOTH OF THE POST WW2 MALAYAN CAMPAIGNS
IT IS PROBABLE THEY WILL APPEAR IN ALL CAPITAL CITIES..



Black Bart and Cohorts

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.

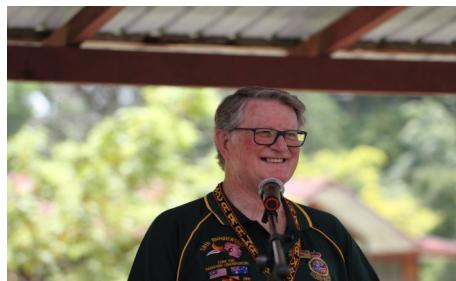
MORE PICS FROM SARAWAK



These pics were taken on 29 August, 2016 at the Memorial unveiling and dedication and will also be included in the book to be written and compiled about the Australian armed forces deployment into the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia from June 1962 till August 1966 and subsequent actions.....

There were around 70+ former Malaysian Rangers and Sarawak Border Scouts who turned out for the Commemoration service.

Autographs all round...



Former Royal Marine Cdo Dennis Gover made the trip from the UK and spoke on behalf of the UK group....

King of the Kids at Serikin just before a huge monsoon storm broke over the kampong..... A memorial tree was also planted for future Remembrance services.....Terima kasih....

Traditional welcoming drummers....

Pics courtesy of Kylie Stevenson



The welcome provided by the three kampongs at Stass, Suba Buan and Serikin was emotional and much appreciated.... The SA NT Branch has adopted 3 (primary) schools at Stass, Suba Buan and Serabak...in the Bau district....



Traditional feast and rice wine welcome....

Banyak bagusla.....



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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, PLTOFF Paul Rosenzweig
Don Cameron and Brian Selby.



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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**

CONFRONTATION PICS



Australian, Gurkha, NZ and RAF pics around 1965 / 66



Indonesian POWs



RAF Troop uplift



****ANNUAL Subs****

Due from 1 January

Please fwd \$20.00 to
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Thank you to Tony at
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Murray Bridge for printing the
SA NT Newsletter
Terima kasih