



THE *OBSERVATION POST*

THE ONLY OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE NMBVAA INC
SA & NT BRANCH.....2014, 50th ANNIVERSARY OF EMBARKATION



2014, 50th
Anniversary of
Embarkation

Courage
Mateship
Pride
**NATIONAL PATRON MAJ GEN J C HUGHES AO DSO MC
SA & NT BRANCH PATRON DR ANDREW SOUTHcott MP**

JULY – AUGUST 2014



Notices

VALE

Ray "Marj" Dore RAA

MH 17

Passengers and Crew

HOSPITAL

Michael Priest TAS
Nick Mason-Jones RAA

RAP

Bill Hanson RAA

Welcome To

Martin Hamilton-Smith
newly appointed
SA Minister for Veterans'
Affairs

Mr Hieu Van Le
SA Governor designate

FAREWELL

RADM Kevin Scarce
AC CSC RANR

WHY...????... WHAT FOR...!!!

MH 17

Amsterdam to ADL
Unspeakable crime
298 passengers
and crew murdered
including
37 Australians
17 July 2014

Deepest Sympathy
and Condolences
to all families who
have been so
dreadfully hurt .

R. I. P.

The Russians are
denying any
involvement.....

So, who supplied the
Ground to Air missiles..

Total infamy.

VICTORIA CROSS

Enquiries are being made with
DVA to establish whether, or not,
assistance may be considered
for Ram Bahadur Limbu VC to
visit Adelaide in April 2015 for
the Centenary of ANZAC com-
memorations. Discussions are
also in progress for supporting
letters from other kindred ARMY
ESOs.....

Near Bau, Sarawak,
on the 21st November, 1965,
L/Cpl Ram Bahadur Limbu, serving
with 2nd Bn of the 10th Princess
Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles Regt,
was engaged in an action against
a large group of Indonesian regu-
lars dug in on high ground. His
bravery resulted with him being
awarded the Victoria Cross.

It is fitting that the visit is consid-
ered for 2015 because it will
mark the 50th Anniversary of the
action that culminated in the
award. The 50th Anniversary tour
to Sarawak, in September 2014,
by some NMBVAA Inc members
will also include visits to Bau,
Stass and Bukit Knuckle from
Kuching.....

Ed.

Points of Interest...

- Gurkha VC
- MBVD 2014 in SA
- SA NT AGM notice
- Capt Aileen Ryan
- 50th Anniversary Tour
- SA Governors
- SA NT Branch AGM
- RAR SA AGM

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY 2014

A once off change has been put
into effect for the SA & NT 2014
annual memorial service. Due to
the difficulties introduced to the
organisational procedures with
some members visiting the Penin-
sula and Borneo in August and
September for the 50th anniver-
sary of deployments, the date for
the 2014 commemoration has
been moved to....

19 September, 2014

The traditional invitation list will
be advised and the After the
Service venue at Hilton RSL is
not affected with other bookings.

This year, the commemoration
has additional significance for
members of 111 Bty RAA, in that,
it is also the 51st anniversary of
the death of Bdr Barry Algar, the
first casualty of the Battery....

Jangan Kita Lupa

Next year, the commemoration
will have additional significance
for members of 3RAR and 111 Bty
RAA. It is the 50th anniversary of
the deaths of Sgt Vince Vella and
Pte Les Downes on a patrol near
Stass, Sarawak and Gnr Steve
Danks near Ipoh, Perak.

**The time is well past when these
wars must be given due status
and recording in our history.....** Ed.



RSL CARE SA

RSL Care SA is pleased to announce the acquisition of two Retirement Villages within the City of Marion..... Hamilton Retirement Village at Glengowrie and the Sturt Village, Finniss St, Marion. These premises are in addition to Myrtlebank, Wallaroo, Angle Park and Clovelly Park, increasing unit numbers available by 67 for members.

RSL Care SA primary objective is to provide a safe environment with a positive community spirit that supports each other at the same time as respecting individual privacy and space. We have been supporting veterans for over 100 years and while our core role remains as a aged care organisation supporting veterans,

our services are also used by the wider community. Units available include single and married variations.

For further information and discussions about personal situations, members can contact RSL Care SA.....

Ursula Thornquest
Ph: 08 8379 2600 and
E: www.rslcaresa.com.au

EXEMPTION

DVA Gold and White Card holders will be exempt from the \$7 co-payment for attending a GP.

DFRB & DFRDB

The 2014 Budget confirms indexation for military superannuants aged 55 and over from 1 July 2014. The budget also restores Veterans' Advocacy Funding and adds a further \$1Billion per year to the BEST programs that includes ongoing pension & welfare and advocate training schemes.

LEGAL SERVICES

Hunt & Hunt has been a long-time supporter and provider of legal services to the RSL in SA. A representative attends at Torrens every second Thursday to provide FREE legal advice to members, dependents and Sub-Banches. Phone to make an appointment with; Carol on 08 8100 7301.....



TRAVEL

From 1 July 2014 the rates of reimbursement and payment to eligible members is.....

Private vehicle	33.3c/km
Public transport	Actual fare
Non Cap city accom	\$137.30
Capital city accom	\$163.00
Share accom	\$223.20
Private accom	\$ 42.80

Meal allowances per day : if more than 50km but less than 200km from home \$13.60 If more than 200km from home \$27.60 Accommodation rates include meal allowances.....

RENMARK

Renmark Hotel on the Murray is offering a very generous 15% discount to all RSL members on food, drinks and accommodation. Open all day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Modern and comfortable. Coffee and cake all day..... Great regular entertainment..... ph 08 8586 6755 www.renmarkhotel.com.au



PUBLICATIONS

From the Trenches hardcover \$40 Actual writings from diaries, letters and memoirs as well as poetry.

Mystery of AE1 soft cover \$30 Australia's lost WW1 sub and crew.

Animals in Combat soft \$19.95 Tells the story of military animals throughout the ages.

And the Band played on \$29.95 From Australia to the Pyramids, the Western Front, the hospitals and the ships. **Music CD** \$25.00 **Enquiries to:** AWM Canberra Ph: 02 6243 4236, 6243 4360

BOAT

The AWM will loan the WW1 historic *Devanha* life boat used to ferry Australian soldiers ashore at Gallipoli, to the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne as part of the Centenary of ANZAC services. Extensive refurbishment has regained the original condition from it's donation to the AWM in 1920.

The only other surviving landing boat from the Ascot will stay at the AWM.

The *Devanha* was a P & O passenger ship pre WW1.

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 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 to join us and enjoy the functions..... *Ed.*

No, I have not slept well...



CONDOLENCES

RIP

Sincere condolences to

Capt Nick Mason-Jones and family for the tragic and the mind numbing loss of family in the MH17 tragedy over the Ukraine on 17 July, 2014..... the *how* is known, the *why* and the subsequent inhuman treatment of the victims and the wreckage may not be brought to justice.....

We are dealing with a different group of human mindsets....

DOGS FOR DIGGERS

They are trained to be companions in times of trouble and to bring calm in times of stress... They are Dogs for Diggers.... The RSB of SA predicts a strong demand, given the high level of PTSD among veterans. Money is the key, it costs \$20,000.00 to train one Labrador properly. Training includes ability to open a fridge, turn on a light and to load washing machines. The first two graduates, Macy and Murray, have now been allocated to clients with diagnosed stress related illness. "We also help those who have seen too much".....

S A N T A G M

The SA & NT Branch AGM will be held at Hilton RSL on Friday, 15th August at 1100 hrs with a light lunch afterwards. Nominations so far for the next 12 months are.....

President : Brian Selby

Vice Pres : Don Cameron

Secretary : Paul Bayliss

Treasurer : Jenny Cameron

Committee members

Clive Dubois

Paul Bayliss

Merchandise : Clive Dubois

Ceremonial : Clive Dubois

Newsletter : Brian Selby

Banyak bagus.....Terima kasih....

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, 25 July 2014**.

The broad itinerary, travel and accommodation details have been sent to all Branches. 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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

CAPT AILEEN RYAN RAANC

The tour itinerary and all of the departures have been put in place for those members making the trip to the Peninsula and to Borneo commencing on the 23rd August to Penang, meeting up with others in Ipoh for the Merdeka Day commemorations and service at Taiping Then to Sarawak and Sabah for a reunion with surviving Iban Trackers and Royal Malaysian Rangers who operated with 3RAR and 4RAR.

On Friday, 25 July 2014, a Certificate of Thanks was presented to Capt Aileen Ryan (Ret) during a lunch at Club Marion to recognise the *Long Service and Good Conduct* Aileen has given to the SA & NT Branch as a member since the formation of the Branch in 1995. Aileen served during the Indonesian Confrontation at BMH Singapore and in Borneo in 1965/66.....



Front Beryl Kearns, Aileen Ryan, Mary, Chris Selby, Jenny Cameron

Back "Gentleman Jim" Deering, Brian Selby, Helen & Boyce Moffatt Allan Davies and Don Cameron.....

RAR SA AGM

The RAR SA AGM was conducted on Sunday, 13 July, 2014, at the RAR SA HQ, and the following have been elected for period:.....

President : Mike von Berg MC

Vice Pres : Rod Graham

Secretary : Bob Whinnen

Treasurer : Tony Boyle

Committee :

Adrian Craig, Lyn Fisher,

Web Master : Mike Bevan

Infantryman Magazine Editor:

Penelope Forster

Photographer : Bruce Forster

155 mm Premature Detonation

US Army 155 mm Howitzer.

"Wrong charge or fuse setting mate" ??



"Hey Sarge.....
I found the barrel".....

USAF B-36



LIFE



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



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.

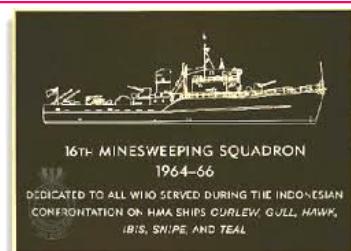
To REMEMBER with Pride, Respect and Gratitude, those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty and to ensure those who fell are represented on ANZAC Day in Australia and Remembrance Day abroad.

To PROMOTE the Association and its Aims.

To STRENGTHEN TIES with Malaysia and Singapore.

**THE NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO
VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA
INCORPORATED**

NOTES AND PICS



16th Mine Sweeper Sqn RAN



110 LAA Bty RAA

Members are advised that a commemorative plaque is to be placed at the **NMBVAA Inc SA NT Branch** **Memorial on the Pathway of Honour** in May 2015.

Contact Peter Woodrow
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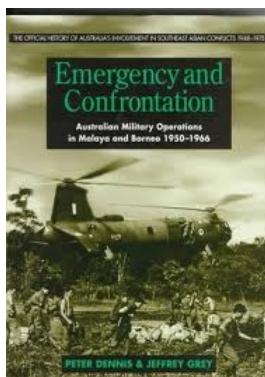


RAF "Beverley Freighter"

RAF Seletar 1965



Honda with the "sidecar option"...



21st century version of the rack....???



Printed with Best Wishes from
Dr Andrew Southcott MP
Federal Member for Boothby
Terima kasih



High & Wide Loads
definitions are open to
individual interpretations
north of the equator it





HMAS Sydney 111 R17 near Manus Is '64



Penang Island Cenotaph



near Bau Sarawak 1965



77 Sqn RAAF Ready Line Butterworth 1965



RAF Vulcan RAAF Base Butterworth 1965

ALPHA Gun Alpha Troop

111 LAA Bty RAA

RAAF Base Butterworth 1965

