



# THE ***OBSERVATION POST***

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



2014, 50th

*Courage*

*Mateship*

*Pride*

Anniversary of  
Embarkation

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](http://www.rslcaresa.com.au)

## 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:

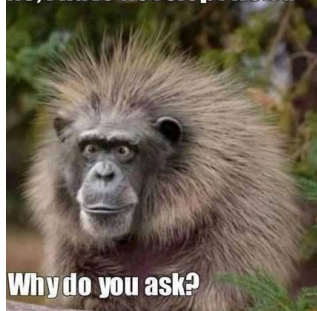
**\$20.00** Ordinary, Associate and Social.

**\$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...**



**Why do you ask?**

## 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-Branches. 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](http://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.

## 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".....

## SA NT AGM

**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" .....*

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## SA Governor

Congratulations to the SA Governor designate Mr Hieu Van Le. We wish you good luck and a memorable tenure.

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## Best Wishes and

**Thank You** to the retiring SA Governor RADM Kevin Scarce for your assistance to the SA & NT Branch of the NMBVAA Inc.

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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.

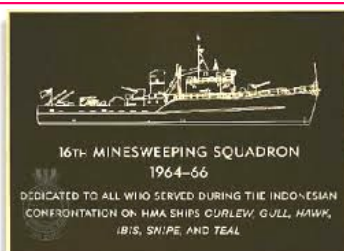
**To REMEMBER** with Pride, Respect and Gratitude, those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty and to ensure those who fell are represented on ANZAC Day in Australia and Remembrance Day abroad.

**To PROMOTE** the Association and it's Aims.

**To STRENGTHEN TIES** with Malaysia and Singapore.

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

**NOTES AND PICS**



**16th Mine Sweeper Sqn RAN**



**RAF "Beverley Freighter"**  
RAF Seletar 1965



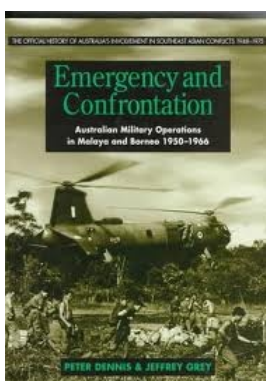
**Honda with the "sidecar option"...**

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



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

**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

