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The official Newsletter of the SA & NT Branch

2013, 47th Anniversary The Indonesian Confrontation and 53rd Anniversary The Malayan Emergency

NATIONAL PATRON MAJ GEN J C HUGHES AO DSO MC

JUNE-JULY 2013

SA & NT BRANCH PATRON DR ANDREW SOUTHcott MP



Notices

VALE

Everard Cape RAA

HOSPITAL

John Smith Ceduna

Geoff Howard

RAP

Theo DeKuyper

Welcome to.....

Sietse Venema

Colin Jones

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY

The 31 August 2013, marks the third annual commemoration, in South Australia, of the end of The Malayan Emergency and the end of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia. The Catafalque Party will be provided by cadets from 604 Sqn AAFC who have been associated with the commemoration service from the beginning in 2011.

The banners from 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions RAR, will be displayed in conjunction with the

RAN Ensign and the RAAF Ensign. The Australian National Flag is the Australian Army Flag. The seating and PA system will be added by the City of West Torrens.

Additional funding has been generously granted by the SA Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Jack Snelling MP, Mr Ian Kelly, the Deputy Commissioner for DVA in SA, and City of West Torrens to ensure a successful event. Hilton RSL will host the "After the Ceremony" celebrations.

Parking restrictions will be waived in the vicinity of the War Memorial Gardens which are approximately 500m from Hilton RSL, on Sir Donald Bradman Drive.

There will be representation from Federal and State politicians, the RAR SA, Korea & SE Asia Forces, RSL, DVA and kindred ESOs.

It is hoped that members will be able to engage their families with the ceremony, and any friends who are interested to attend on the day.

Terima kasih.

MEETING VENUE

NOTICE

As from 21 June, we are holding the Northern District Meeting at KILBURN RSL, 2 Way St, Kilburn with lunch.....the previous venue had issues with noise and privacy. A meal will be available at the RSL at very reasonable costs and full bar facilities will also be open to members.....*Ed*

Unalloted List

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

ANNUAL SUBS
ARE DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE
BRANCH TREASURER AS AT
1 JANUARY 2013.

As from 31 May, unfinancial
members will no longer receive
Meeting Minutes, Notices and
News Letters.

AWM

111 LAA BTY RAA and 3 Bn RAR
47 years on, a new Roll of Honour
is being mounted at the
Australian War Memorial
Canberra.

The Indonesian Confrontation
panel will list those soldiers who
were KIA, DoW and Dol



Jangan Kita Lupa

Points of Interest

- Meeting Venue
- Presentation
- ROLL OF HONOUR
- "Pit Stop"
- NOMINAL ROLLS
- AWM
- A&TSI Memorial

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MEMORIAL

The sod turning ceremony was held on 31 May and the Unveiling and Dedication of the Memorial is planned to be 10 Nov 2013. The funding target was achieved in 2012....\$750,000.00 of public and corporate donations. When completed, the Memorial will be the only one of it's type in Australia. A Tribute was placed on behalf of SA NT members. *Ed*

A&TSI Memorial
Torrens Parade Ground
Adelaide



Artists impression



The Spirit never changes.....

P R E S E N T A T I O N

A Certificate and a shaped glass stand with a new NMBVAA Inc logo metal badge mounted on it were presented to the Mayor of City of West Torrens the Hon John Trainer, on behalf of the SA & NT Branch on 16 May in the Council Chambers. The CWTC has been very supportive of the Branch and the War Memorial Gardens at Hilton is the site for the annual Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day Commemoration Service. **Ed.**

A U S T R A L I A N W A R M E M O R I A L

Veterans of the undeclared war of The Indonesian Confrontation will be pleased to learn that after 47 years, and submissions over 10 years to various Directors and Ministers for Veterans' Affairs, the Australian War Memorial in Canberra is about to unveil a full and proper list of soldiers who were KIA, Died of Wounds, or, Died of Injuries in the Gallery of the Rolls of Honour. Confirmation of the date will be advised.

Members of 111 Bty RAA and 3 Bn RAR are advised that the families of the men from these two units will be formally invited to the event which will be open to the public. The possibility of a group attending from SA could be developed. The event is scheduled for approximately mid to late August 2013. Any interested members can contact Brian Selby 08 8387 1672 or, oneoneecho111@gmail.com

S A & N T B R A N C H**M E R C H A N D I S E**

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;

available now are.....

Windscreen Decals

Tri Service Bumper Stickers

Blazer Pocket Badges (detachable)

Lapel Badges

Name plates with badge (to order).

Contact **Dave Kearns** for prices and postage

Ph: 08 8252 2819, or email

daveandberylk@hotmail.com

DK.

The NMBVAA Inc Metal Logo



mounted on a plaque of shaped glass with an engraved metal descriptive label presented to the City of West Torrens on 16 May 2013

On 31 May, the Sod Turning Ceremony and a full Smoking Ceremony for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander War Memorial was held at the Torrens Parade Ground site. Brian Selby placed a Tribute at the A&TSI Remembrance Service held at 1100 hrs at the SA War Memorial on North Terrace. The ceremonies were followed by a light lunch provided by RSL SA. Thanks to Don, Clive, Bill, Bernie & John, Beryl & Dave for making the journey. **Ed.**

N O M I N A L R O L L S

Every Australian serviceman, or, woman, who served in either, or, both of the two undeclared wars of the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation will probably have encountered the ridiculous situation of having to prove that they actually served in a particular unit, in a particular area, at a certain time....the reason is that for some never explained reasons, service records were not adequately kept, beyond unit rolls.....anomalies include not recording temporary inter-unit

deployments/secondments. One aggravating side effect of this "record keeping" has been the extended delays caused to many applications for disability pensions. In some instances, the applicants/members, have to confirm their degree of injury all over again because of the difficulty in locating unit medical records. A submission to compile the Nominal Rolls for all personnel who served in these campaigns will again be put to the incumbent Minister. **Ed.**

B E L I E V E I T O R N O T

Corinth Canal
Greece

S A & N T M E M B E R S H I P

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.**

Theologians and Laymen have been surprised with a dramatic picture disputing that only two men walked on water.... could Pedro Jimenez be No 3 ?



DVA NOTES

Men's Health Week will be focused on the healthy living choices with major displays setup at Torrens Parade Ground featuring Men's Peer Health Education stands and takeaway information. Members are urged to take advantage of the details for action regarding prostate and heart health updates. The displays will include Veterans and Veterans Family Counseling Service...

The Federal Budget released on 14 May, contained details that will effect some elements of Veterans' pensions and benefits, i.e., the DVA budget allocations for the 2013-14 fiscal period are; Pensions & Support \$6.8 billion Health Services \$5.6 billion Commemorations \$0.1 billion Mental Health \$26.4 million Additional ANZAC Commemoration Funding \$40.2 million HMAS AE2 \$2.7 million Documentaries \$2.5 million R & D \$7.2 million

"This funding will deliver more than just support and services to the nation's most deserving group. It will ensure their huge legacy lives on and that their service and sacrifices are never forgotten".

An additional \$25 million has been added to the Centenary of ANZAC commemorations as a result of recommendations put by the board of Centenary committee. *Hon W. Snowden* For a full report visit; www.budget.gov.au

"PIT STOP PROGRAM"

DVA is very proactive with health outcomes for former, current and future service personnel. As a result of feedback and input from health professionals and ex-service peer groups, a informal, but, fully researched program has been trialled in WA and is now being set up in SA. The idea is for a site, such as a local RSL to be selected to hold a full day seminar with various procedures available for tests

such as blood pressure, BSL, dietary advice, exercise plans and mental health contacts. The "Pit Stop" program is based around the need to maintain your motor vehicles with a regular oil change and grease, tyres, wheel balance, wash, shampoo and vacuum. There is no cost to attend, except your time. A date and time will be confirmed for members, and partners are very welcome also. *Ed.*

IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED
with a meal you have ordered, don't blame the SA NT Branch You take it up with the Chef on duty to fix....not us please!!



VETERANS' SA

Contrary to a media report, the Veterans' Home Care Service has NOT been axed..... *DVA.*

WCS EXTENSION

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service has been extended to include; Border Protection personnel, Australian and O'seas disaster personnel, personnel involved in Training accidents, members medically discharged and Submariners. *Cont....*

BRANCH AGM

Tiada Undi Bil Mengatakan.

Members are reminded that the SA & NT Branch AGM is being conducted at **1100 hrs** on **Friday, 23 August, 2013, at Kilburn RSL.**

The AGM will be followed by a Branch Meeting and lunch.

All executive and committee positions will be open for election.

Melakukan sesuatu ...



31 AUGUST 2013

MALAYA & BORNEO**VETERANS' DAY**

This will be the third annual commemoration in Australia for the declaration of the end of The Malayan Emergency and the end of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia. This year, the invitations also include members of the A&TSI Memorial Committee. The invitation is extended not only to VIPs, it is part of the heritage of all who served in the post WW 2 campaigns and their Families.....

JANGAN KITA LUPA



How do they unload the cars?



Tibetan Mastiff
\$1.25 Million



Builder error !!



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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.

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

DID YOU KNOW TRIVIA

The first car to be fitted with a replaceable oil filter was the 1924 Chrysler.....

The first three colour traffic lights were installed in Detroit, Michigan in 1919.....

The world's first Drive-In Movie theatre was opened in 1933 at Camden, New Jersey.....

Chrysler introduced the first standardised key start for automobiles in 1949.....



World's first convertible
1904 Thomas Flyer

I went to the Psychiatrist today. She told me I had a split personality and charged me 160 dollars.



I gave her 80 Dollars and told her to get the rest from the other idiot!!

The first automobile to be used by a US President, was a White Steamer in 1913 by President Taft.....



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



Lincoln said..... "Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves"

JFK said..... "Forgive your enemies ,**but**, never forget their names"

90% of people are able to;
Half Listen
Understand a Quarter and
Tell Double..... **Fido**