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SA & NT BRANCH.....2015, 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANZAC.....



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Anniversary of
ANZAC

COURAGE

MATESHIP

PRIDE

NATIONAL PATRON MAJ GEN J C HUGHES AO DSO MC
SA & NT BRANCH PATRON DR ANDREW SOUTHCOTT MP

JUNE-JULY 2015



NOTICES

VALE

Bill Schmitt AM
WW2 POW Changi
2/3 MG Bn AIF
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Brian Day
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HOSPITAL
Theo DeKuyper RAN
RAP

August 2016 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Cease Fire and Declaration of the End of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia. A specific commemoration tour to Sarawak is being planned, and the attached notices are where we are currently at. The scope of the plans has changed and the notices will now include the New Zealand MVA members.

The original idea was simply for any interested former Australian members who served in the prescribed Areas of Operations to consider making the tour. At this time, the word has apparently been passed to some units in the UK, including the Royal Marines, the Parachute Regiment and the Royal Navy river patrol units. The anniversary is not on the radar of DVA, the RSL, or, particular ESO's....

except for this Branch. There is a request for 5 x national flags to be donated by the Minister, however, there is no funding available to assist with the manufacture of the black granite Memorial to be unveiled on 29 August, 2016, in the Sarawak War Memorial Gardens. Our Memorial will be similar to the SAS Memorial being unveiled on 8 August 2015, at the same location....

SA NT Calendar

2015

Branch Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 1100 hrs at Hilton RSL from February, plus these...
ANZAC Day 25 April...
SA NT AGM 21 August..
Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day Service Sat 29 August..
National AGM TBA

Remembrance Day 11 November

Christmas lunch 11 December
plus other ESO invites

Points of Interest...

- War dead repatriation
- Nepal earthquake
- Sarawak Tour 2016
- A & TSI Service
- Clare SA Memorial

50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

TPI ASSOCIATION SA NOTES

The winter edition of the TPI SA magazine contains some very interesting details that all members should be alarmed at....the Federal government subsidy for travel on the Ghan and Indian Pacific will cease in June 2016..no warnings advertised by DVA, so much for looking after the TPI vets!

The promised indexation for Dental and Allied Health services has been cancelled till JUNE 2018....a saving of approx \$69.6 mill over the forward estimates. *Fubar..* Again, no advice seen from DVA to the general veteran population...

*Cop this young Harry...*if some members of the Senate; Sen Lambie, Sen Xenophon, the Labor and Green senators, had not voted against the Feds downgrading the promised indexation to all service related pensions, all bets were off. Don't be fooled by the DVA spin doctors mate...

WAR DEAD REPATRIATION

The Prime Minister has announced the repatriation of 25 war dead from SVN buried in Terendak, Malacca. No time table has been advised at this time.

There are 28 Australians buried in a Chinese cemetery adjacent to where the British Military Hospital in Taiping, north of Ipoh used to be. Casualties during the *undeclared war* of the Malayan Emergency

Why leave them there mate?...



WW1 Australian 18 Pdr and Limber paraded on ANZAC Day in Canberra...*Ubique*

SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

NEPAL CONSUL ADELAIDE



SA & NT Branch donation
cheque handover.

L-R Don Cameron, Brian Selby
and Dipak Dhamala

A donation of AUD\$400.00, including \$100.00 from Jacqui and Jim Deering, was delivered to the Nepal Consul, Mr Dipak Dhamala on 17/6/15 on behalf of the SA & NT Branch to assist with the crisis in Nepal. Members may not be aware that 111 Bty RAA served under 17 Gurkha Div command and 3RAR and 4RAR worked in close proximity to the Gurkha battalion in Sarawak during the Confrontation.....

Hami bhula lest

WAR MEMORIAL

SA & NT Members will be going to Kuching Sarawak in August '16 to unveil a long overdue War Memorial in the Sarawak War Memorial Gardens in honour of the Australian and Malaysian Armed Forces who served during the *undeclared War of the Indonesian Confrontation* from 1962–1966. Memorial costs have been contributed by the SA & NT Branch. The site has been donated by the Sarawak government....

SARAWAK Tour

2016

Notice & Itinerary
attached

24 August–1 Sept

KUCHING

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 serv-
ing in the ADF, who have
served in the prescribed
areas during WW2, the
1948-1960 Malayan
Emergency, the 1962-
1966 Indonesian Confron-
tation, all service post
1966 to the present day,
and

RIFLE Coy
Butterworth

Annual fees are:
\$20.00 Ordinary,
Associate and Social.
Membership,
due 1 January.
\$5.00 Junior members. ..

**Everyone is very welcome
to join us and enjoy our
functions..... Ed.**

Sincere Condolences

to the

Walsh family



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SA & NT Branch

REPAT

As at December, 2014, DVA had a treatment population of 17,655 in South Australia; the 5 members protesting on the steps of Parliament represent 0.028% of that population. There appears to be a lot of misinterpretation circulating in the public arena, as well as a lot of emotion; the announced SA Health reforms will be implemented and it is hoped that time will tell regarding the merits of these changes.....

SA BBQ DATES

We are well on target to raise a record amount of funds this year.....just a couple of hours of your time would be very helpful on any of the scheduled days...
Phone Jenny Cameron to work out when you could help out on, 8264 2858.
As a matter of fact, the bbq on 28 June made \$1100.00 nett, made up of 37.5kg sausages, 18 kg sliced onions, 24 loaves of bread, 1 bottle olive oil, and heaps of good will from the interested public....banyak bagusla..

JUST SAYING



US Army 155 mm Recoil....Do
Not, I say again, Do Not Stand
near the breach mate....!!!

SA DIARY

CLARE SA

SA SERVICE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Branch Meetings

17 July 2015

21 August 2015 AGM

18 September 2015

16 October 2015

20 November 2015

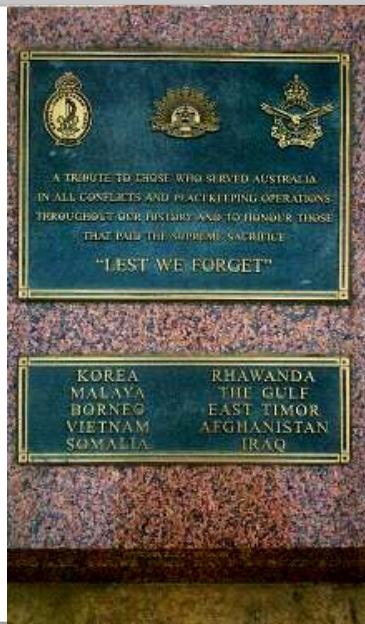
BBQ's

8 August 2015

30 September 2015

27 November 2015

Terima kasih.....



Dairy entry...

The Annual Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Day Commemoration

will be conducted on

Saturday, 29 August, 2015,
at 1100 hrsin the Hilton War Memorial Gardens
cnr of Brooker and Davenport Tce
Hilton.After the service refreshments will
be in the Hilton RSL and everyone
is invited to attend.

Family members are very welcome.

Buddhist Peace Park

The centre piece of the Buddhist Monastery and visitors centre has been completed at the site overlooking the Gulf between Sellicks Beach and Myponga. It is 18.5m high.

The finished project will include a temple, meeting rooms, cafe, learning centre and sculptured gardens.

The Buddha is the Goddess of Peace and the resident staff are all Buddhist nuns.



DVA SA & NT

A & TSI COMMEMORATION

Mr Ian Kelly retired on 10 April 2015 from the SA Deputy Commissioner role after 6 years in the chair. A formal replacement is to be announced in the near future. Ian was very helpful with the inquiry levels and had driven the restructuring of the SA office in recent times.....We wish him and his family a safe and healthy move to the next life after DVA...

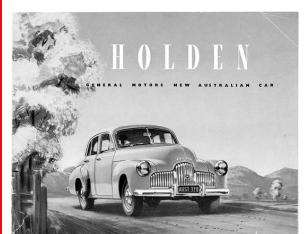
Friday, 29 May at Torrens Parade Ground was the site for the 2015 commemoration service followed by the launch of *Call to Country*. Clive Dubois, Di and Allan Davies and Brian Selby attended. Clive placed a Tribute from his mob in Alice and Brian a placed book Tribute for the SA & NT Branch. The books will be distributed to selected schools in SA. \$12K+ of books have been donated to date.



Do You Remember these icons???

If you have one now, you have a small fortune...

The closure of GMH at Elizabeth SA in 2017 will be a great tragedy for us



RAR SA REGIMENTAL DINNER 2015

The RAR SA RSL at Linden Park was the venue for a fully catered 3 course dinner commemorating the RAR SA Regiment Association in this Centenary year..... Guests included members of 7 Bn RAR based at Edinburgh, and kindred ESO's. Our SA & NT Branch was represented by 11 members.

Decorum was the order of the nightmostly.....unfortunately Theo, Brittany and Kellie had to miss due to sudden illness....



Some SA & NT Members

The 2015 RAR SA Regimental Dinner on Saturday, 29 May, was a full house of members and guests.

Guest Speaker was COL Rob Manton, the Director of Veterans' SA.

A three course dinner with selected red and white wines was served and the traditional toasts were confirmed with Dinner Port.

Personally named and laminated place mats were gifted to all.



That's what breaking the sound barrier looks like !!!

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E
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All original pics and documents will be returned to the sender..... **Ed.**



This is the magnificent UK Memorial Arboretum dedicated to the memory of the British servicemen who paid the supreme sacrifice, and all who served, during the two post WW2 undeclared wars of the Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation.....Alrewas, Staffordshire UK

ASSOCIATION AIM

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.

**T H E N A T I O N A L M A L A Y A & B O R N E O
V E T E R A N S A S S O C I A T I O N A U S T R A L I A
I N C O R P O R A T E D**

NOTES AND PICS



RSL SA

Contrary to recent reports, Brig Tim Hanna AM has been re-elected unopposed as the RSL SA President..

The nominations for vacant RSL SA Board members and the ballot paper, have been circulated for financial Service members to consider and vote accordingly. Nominations for Board membership are;

W Denny, R Flink, R Graham and D Milford.



Air Defence bumper stickers @ \$2.50 and free postage available at sales@aadaa.asn.au



Three Selby grandsons
L-R Nick, Ben and Mat.....



Clipsal 500 Grid Girls

Members, Family and Friends
This section of the newsletter is open for members, family and friends to send pics with details



"Man...that is gunner hurt."....!!!
Abrams 105 mm.....



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Malaya
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East Timor
Lest we forget
Andai Nya Kita Terlupa

****ANNUAL Subs****

Due from 1 January

Please fwd \$20.00 to

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Terima kasih...