



2015, 100th
Anniversary of
ANZAC

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

COURAGE

MATESHIP

PRIDE

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

MARCH—APRIL 2015



NOTICES

VALE

RGH Daw Park

HOSPITAL

nil return

RAP

nil return

Welcome to.....

Kim Kearns

Brendan Kearns

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**
31 August..

National AGM TBA

Remembrance Day
11 November

Christmas lunch
11 December
plus other
ESO invites

Points of Interest...

- RSL SA Hotel deal
- 1 RTB RSM
- REPAT.....Fubar
- IRAQ Mk 2

ANZAC 2015 EDITION

AUSTRALIA WW1

Enlisted 416,809

Deaths 60,284

WIA 155,133

Gallipoli PoW's 80

Horses 50,000

VC 's 63

*What Is A Veteran?
A "Veteran" - whether on
active duty, discharged, retired
or reserve- is someone who, at
one point of his life, wrote a
blank check made payable to
"Queen and Country" for an
amount "up to and including his
life."
That is Honour. And there are
way too many people in this
country today who no longer
understand that fact.
Pride Runs Deep*

NEW ZEALAND WW1

Enlisted 120,000

Deaths 18,500

WIA 50,000

Horses 10,000

VC's 15

100 years on....

One hundred years is a long
time by any measure.....the
pilgrimage to Gallipoli was an
overwhelming experience for
most of the Australian and
New Zealand people fortunate
enough to have been
successful in the national
ballots for a sponsored ticket
for relatives of the ANZACs....

The speeches by the PM's,
the responses from the
Turkish military and the one,
in particular, from Prince
Charles were exactly to the
point. The messages were
straight forward and are now
recorded for posterity....they
could be included in the
curriculums of our schools...

The number of people who
attended Dawn Services was
as expected, many hundreds
more than usual, and in Adelaide,
the 12,000 + who
joined in the service at the SA
State War Memorial on North
Terrace, showed just how
important the date was.....

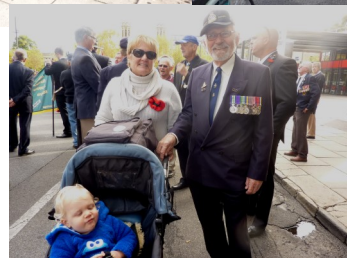
Lest We Forget

RSL SA

The CEO of RSL SA, Samantha
Jackman resigned to take up the
position of National Secretary of
the RSL in Canberra just prior to
a motion of No Confidence was
voted on by a group of Adelaide
metro RSL clubs.

The motion also included the SA
State President, Brig Tim Hanna,
who remains in the chair at this
time.

ADELAIDE ANZAC DAY 2015



SI VIS PACEM PARA BELLUM



CONDOLENCES



"Spirit of the ANZAC's"

CD cover design for the music and songs of Lee Kernaghan, Sheppard, Jessica Mauboy, Jon Stevens, Shannon Noll, Megan Washington and Guy Sebastian



to
Owen Marshall and Family
On the passing of his mother.

R I P

Committee and Members
SA & NT Branch

POSTHUMOUS OAM

PENSION v WELFARE



Koala Karma

The *calming opposite* of a
energy drink....

E=mc2

25 November 2015 will mark the
100th anniversary of Einstein's
presentation of his theory to the
Prussian Academy of Science.
He was 26 years of age...

WO1 Noel Smith OAM

Members are advised that Noel
had been awarded the OAM but
sadly, had passed on before the
award could be made publically.

DVA HOME CARE

Home care includes light garden
maintenance, lawn mowing,
gutter cleaning, outside window
cleaning etc.

For more information and
services available.....phone
1300 550 450

Here's a thought Digger.....

Memo to the Federal Treasurer

Dear Joe,

We constantly hear about the
Australian Aged Pension
scheme running out of funds...
How come we never hear that
Welfare is doing likewise?
What is interesting is that the
first group worked for their
money...the latter never
have...!!

Fido

"SAVE THE REPAT"

The interest and reaction
by thousands of former
service personnel, their
friends and families was
immediate, unmistakable
and definite....

To no avail...???

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.**

RSL HOTEL

PENSION RATES

FAIR PAY

RSL SA has leased the Avoca
Hotel at Edwardstown and will
rebadge as RSL AVOCA.....it is
located on Main South Rd op-
posite the Maid of Auckland
hotel and has a full compli-
ment of bars, entertainment
and gaming units, including
the TAB. Dining is open 7 days
per week for lunch and dinner.
A major remodelling of the
premises lifted the hotel to
above average..
Hope the prices come down mate...!!

As from 20 March 2015.....

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Service single | \$ 860.20 |
| Service couples | \$1296.80 |
| War Widows (ers) | \$ 874.10 |
| Income Support | \$ 257.80 |
| Special Rate TPI | \$1320.50 |
| Intermediate rate | \$ 896.40 |
| EDA | \$ 729.30 |
| 100% General rate | \$ 469.40 |

All per fortnight.....

All inquiries to the local DVA
Office during business hours.

After decades of rejection,
lack of will and hand ball-
ing, a private bill by Tassie
Senator Jacqui Lambie has
passed through the
parliament **to grant all ADF
personnel a annual pay
increase** that will be
indexed against the CPI, or,
politicians pay, whichever
is the higher.....How many
decades is this simple act
of fairness overdue ?????

ADELAIDE 2015



The day before was a classic wet and windy 24 hours. The forecast indicated clearing showers....wrong again....not a cloud in the sky and around 20C when we stepped off. This year there were 58 in our formation. An estimated 12,000 people attended the Dawn Service at the SA War Memorial on North Tce. The SA NT wreath was placed at Hilton RSL.

Quotations are being sought for the production of cravats for members use at semi-formal and informal functions. The primary colour is Jungle Green with a Navy blue and Air Force blue horizontal stripe embroidered into the facing surface.

The Association lapel badge can be pinned into the cravat as a highlight with the stripes. A similar idea is being considered for ladies scarves....

New Merchandise



IRAQ Mk 2

How good is your memory?

The previous Minister for Defence said
 "We will not be committing "boots on the ground to Iraq", then later added "**We must go back again to finish the job**"...and sent 350 personnel to Iraq as mentors and non combat advisers....
 Then on 3 March 15, the PM announced a further 330 troops will be embarked to Iraq in a "non combat and mentoring role"...adding
 "This is not mission personnel creep".

We must have one of the world's largest and most talented group of combat qualified mentors and advisers..... who are not allowed to return fire even in a self defence situation, because they are not in a combat authorised mode ??
 Will these mentors and advisers be eligible for all the repatriation benefits so rightly deserved, or, because of the "role definition", be refused the recognition and ignored...???

*Because...it is not a declared war mate !!!
 Sama sama Malaya x 2*

NEW CHIEFS

The PM has announced the appointment of new chiefs of the Army and RAAF....

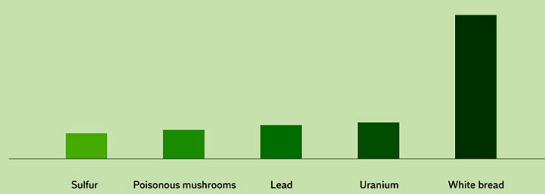
LTGEN Angus Campbell

AVM Gavin Davies

LTGEN Campbell has been the head of operations for Operation Sovereign Borders till now.

DIET DANGERS

THE MOST DANGEROUS FOODS ACCORDING TO DIETARY EXPERTS



Every other day the experts unload

another example of poor dietary foods....cop this set...

Did You Know ?

There are 250 known languages and over 600 dialects spoken by the Australian Indigenous peoples today

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The Sydney Harbour Bridge

weighs 52,800 tonnes and took 6 years to complete. There were 2 workmen's deaths during construction from falls.
 1927–1932

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Paul Bayliss had a birthday on 13 March....

Now We Know



David Troedel has clarified the above pic details....the members are from 101 Fd Bty RAA and the pic was taken at Terendak during a Arty Sigs course, 1961, at the end of the Malayan Emergency....

Terima kasih Dave.....

Ed.

No Name

Bottle-O

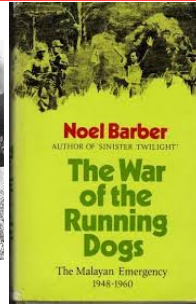
The ubiquitous Australian bottle shop drive in is attached to just about every watering hole in Australia.....
 Believe It, or Not, in the USA, the term Bottle Shop does not exist....the closest definition is around New England where they are called a Brew Thru...

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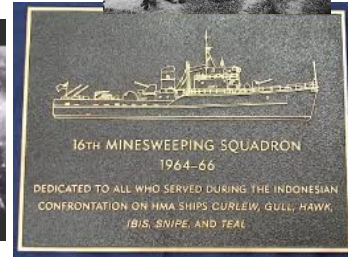
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ASSOCIATION AIMS

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

NOTES AND PICS



High standards: WO1 Trudy Casey is Kapooka's first female RSM, but says gender is "not important" to the role. Photos by LSP Mark Doran

RSM WO1 T. Casey

WO1 Casey has been appointed as the first female RSM of 1RTB Kapooka

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Due from 1 January

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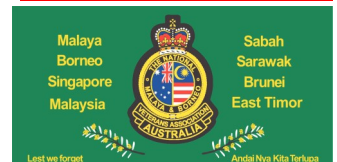
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Terima kasih



Do you remember when a *Big Mac* would cost AUD\$0.65 ????.It was 1970.....



William Harley and Arthur Davidson with the first production models.....1914.

