



THE OBSERVATION POST

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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

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

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*

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



“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

CONDOLENCES



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

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

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...



RSL HOTEL

RSL SA has leased the Avoca Hotel at Edwardstown and will rebadge as RSL AVOCA.....it is located on Main South Rd opposite the Maid of Auckland hotel and has a full compliment 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...!!

PENSION RATES

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.	

FAIR PAY

After decades of rejection, lack of will and hand balling, 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 ?????

“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 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. Membership, due 1 January.

\$5.00 Junior members. ..

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

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.

NEW CHIEFS

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

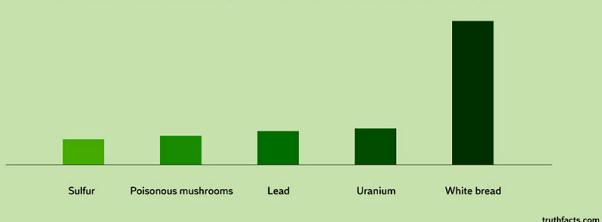
LTGEN Angus Campbell

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 the they are called a Brew Thru...

New Merchandise

ON THE 8TH DAY,
GOD CREATED THE
AUSTRALIAN ARMY



BECAUSE THE RAAF
NEEDED HERO'S TOO....

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..???

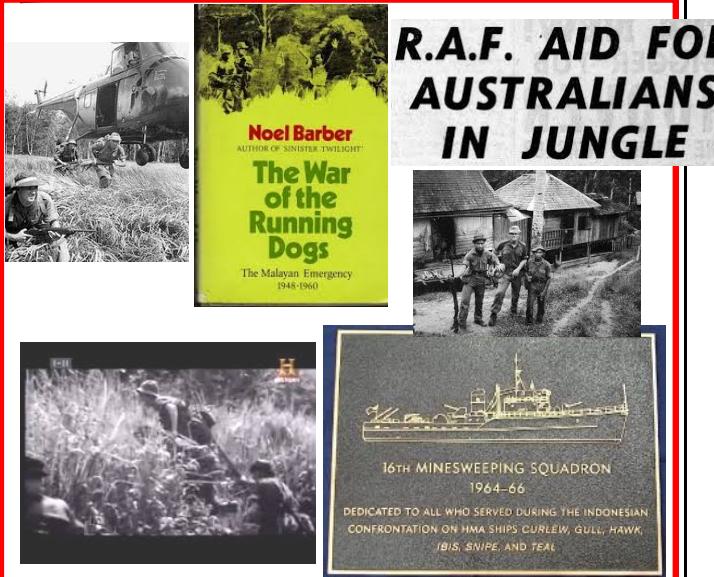
*Because...it is not a declared war mate !!!
Sama sama Malaya x 2*

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



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.

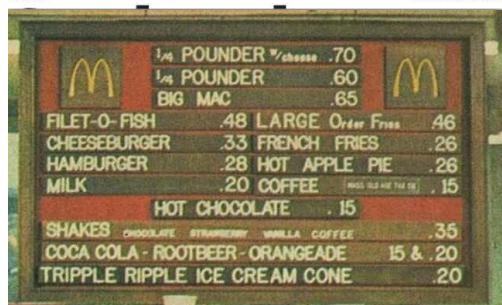
To STRENGTHEN TIES with Malaysia and Singapore.

**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.



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

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

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Federal Member for Boothby
Terima kasih



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



Artillery Lends Dignity To What Would Otherwise Be a Vulgar Brawl



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