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**MARCH—APRIL 2017**



## NOTICES

### **VALE**

#### **HOSPITAL**

#### **HOME**

**Clive Dubois**

**Eddie Keane**

#### **RAP**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Nicholas Tee**

**Ben Tee**

**Alan Davies JP**

**Paul Bayliss**

**Brian Selby**

**Tich Tyson OAM**

**Blue Wonnocott**

**John Bennett**

**Rob Atkinson AM RFD FAMA**

*Selamat hari jadi kepada anda*

### **NEW MEMBERS**

*"Selamat datang"...*

**Adam "Scotty" Henderson**

**Vicki Crannaford**

**Mike Wilson**

**Michelle Brown**

### **ANZAC DAY REUNION**

**After the March at the  
Naval, Military and  
Air Force Club from  
1230 hrs....**

## SA & NT BRANCH MEMORIAL

At 1100 hrs on Saturday, 22 April, 2017, a new Memorial to the Australian Armed Forces who Died on Operational Service during the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation was unveiled and Dedicated in the Memorial Gardens at Hilton, Adelaide.

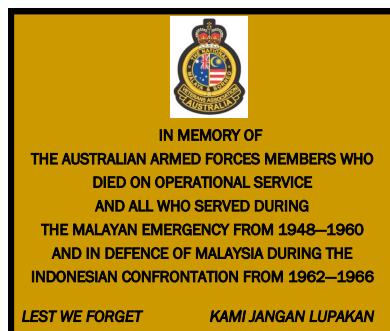
There are two bronze plaques embedded in the face of the highly polished black granite.

Those in attendance included the Hon John Trainer OAM Mayor of the City of West Torrens, the Hon. Steve Georganas MP Federal Member for Hindmarsh, the Hon Steven Marshall MP State Liberal Leader, Mrs Janice Silby Deputy Commissioner DVA SA NT, Brig. Tim Hanna AM President of RSL SA, representatives from RAR SA, Korea SE Asia Forces, Navy, Army and RAAF, TPI SA, Veterans' SA, War Widows Guild SA and Helen Meyer Veterans' Voices. SA.....

The Honour Guard and Banner bearers were provided by 604 Sqn AAFC.

Major Quentin Castle, SA NT Padre, conducted the Dedication and Blessing of the Memorial. After the service, guests, members, family members and friends had refreshments at Hilton RSL Sub-Branch.

## SA NT BRANCH MEMORIAL PLAQUES



## SA RSL DIARY

## OPERATION K9

## Points of Interest...

- RSL NOTES
- SA NT Memorial
- VAC appointment
- TPI News
- AWM Visit
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**Adelaide and SA Country**  
functions are being promoted via the SA RSL *Short Burst* each quarter and start 2017

**Friday, 17 March** Luncheon at Pt Lincoln fundraising for the RSL Virtual War Memorial

**23 March RSL Connect** in the Memorial Hall at Torrens Pde Ground 1630-1830 hrs.

**Friday, 7 April ANZAC Appeal Breakfast** at the Adelaide Convention Centre was unfortunately cancelled.

**Friday 21 April night game**  
Port Adelaide vs Carlton....

**Sunday, 23 April at 1100 hrs**  
pre ANZAC Day service and lunch at Plympton-Glenelg RSL

**Potential Puppy Educators** are required for early training and socialisation of puppies selected for evaluation to become Guide Dogs and Assistance Dogs. All costs are covered by the RSB during the 12-14 months that a puppy is placed with a volunteer

Details are available from the RSB 1800 664 577 and at [puppyeducation@rsb.org.au](mailto:puppyeducation@rsb.org.au)

**RSL SITREP**

At this time reports have now confirmed that charges will be laid against both the former national President and NSW President. Both senior executives have allegedly accepted large payments for roles that are on a voluntary basis. Investigations are being made by NSW Police regarding the alleged payments and other misuse anomalies..... RSL SA is now under Administration....

**TPI NEWS**

A bbq lunch is organised for members and visitors each Friday from 1200 hrs. Bar facilities are open.

A visit is a good opportunity to catch up with mates and what is being partitioned for on behalf of TPI category former service personnel..... TPI House

171 Richmond Rd  
Richmond Ph: 8351 8140

**AWM Visit**

In June 2014. some 48 years after the Cease Fire, the Roll of Honour for the Indonesian Confrontation was completed and then mounted in the Galleries of the Roles of Honour. For some time, a visit to the AWM in Canberra has been talked about. For any who are interested, the date to set may be early October.....

**ANZAC DAY 2017**

Dawn Service Adelaide



Anthony Cameron, Don Cameron, Brian Selby and MAJ Quentin Castle SA NT Branch Padre.....

**ANZAC DAY 2017**

MAJ Ansel Mathews TDM (Ret) former Malaysian Army Recon Sqn and Military Attaché to the UK....



Group pic after the march at the Naval, Military &amp; Air Force Club...Hutt St Adelaide

**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** Service, Associate and Social. Membership, due 1 January.

**\$5.00** Junior members. ..

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

**WE NEED YOU TO RENEW YOUR SA NT BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MATE**

25% goes to HQ

75% is invested in the benefits for members and towards the costs of two projects; for the SA NT Branch legacy....



SA NT MEMORIAL UNVEILING

DIARY NOTE  
AWM visit in October

1100 hrs Saturday, 22 April, 2017.

The new Memorial was unveiled by the Hon. John Trainer OAM, Mayor of the City of West Torrens,  
Don Cameron, VP SA NT Branch and Brian Selby, President SA NT Branch



SA NT MEMORIAL UNVEILING



**A full house was a welcome sight** for the unveiling and dedication of the new Memorial to both post WW2 wars on the Malaysian Peninsula, in Sabah and Sarawak on Saturday, 22 April, 2017. The service and unveiling was held in bright sunshine and VIPs in attendance included the Hon Steve Georganas MP, the Hon Frances Bedford MP, Andrew McLaughlin, Janice Sibley DC DVA SA, from the War Widows Guild SA Colleen Fowler, Helen Adamson and Claudia Cream OAM, Pres RSL SA NT BRIG Tim Hanna AM, Director Veterans' SA COL Rob Manton, MAJ Tony Moggeridge TPI SA, from Legacy SA LTCOL Keith Bleechmore, BRIG Rob Atkinson AM RFD FAMA and Tich Tyson OAM. The CO, Officers and Cadets from 6 Wing, 604 Sqn AAFC Hampstead Barracks provided the Honour Guard. Refreshments were hosted by Hilton RSL after the service...*Terima kasih dan banyak bagusla...*

CHINA ROCK GUNNERS

It is around 52 years since the first 111 Battery Guns moved onto China Rock.....since the return to Australia, the location of that island has been speculated on at various reunions and social functions without confirming. Recently Brian Selby was able to put the question to former RAF Regt gunners deployed at RAF airfields during the Confrontation and the map reference is; 26 nautical miles East of Singapore....give or take.....Ubique..

SA NT BRANCH PADRE

**CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES**  
to our Branch Padre,  
Major Quentin Castle on his  
promotion to Major.....  
*Banyak bagusla.*

BUNNINGS BBQ DATES

Friday, 2 June and  
Saturday, 5 August.....contact  
Jenny Cameron Ph 8264 2858....

VAC SA APPOINTMENT

**Congratulations to** Helen Meyer who has been appointed to the Veterans' Advisory Committee in SA. Helen is the radio producer for Veterans' Voices in SA and we have been privileged to have several podcasts produced concerning the events leading up to the 50th Anniversary of the Cease Fire last year and an ongoing compilation of the Indonesian Confrontation by members of the SA & NT Branch...  
*Terima kasih Helen....*



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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**



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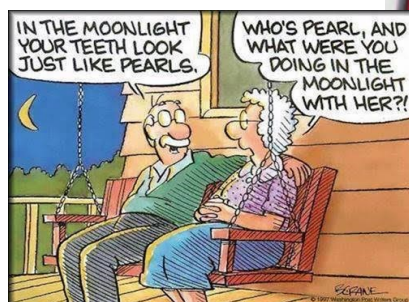


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**RED BUTTON** TILL ORDERED TO....

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