



# THE OBSERVATION POST

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE NMBVAA INC  
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  
KAMI JANGAN LUPAKAN

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2015



## NOTICES

### VALE

MajGen "Digger" James  
AC AO MBE MC  
Dennis Price 2+3RAR  
Brig J Deighton AM MC  
Bill Youngs VIC

### HOSPITAL

Louisa Hiscock SA NT

### RAP

Helen Adamson WWG

Aileen Ryan

### WELCOME TO

John Camalleri RAN

## 'TIS THE SEASON

The SA NT Branch 2015  
Christmas Lunch was at  
Club Marion on 5 December.

Guest of Honour  
His Excellency  
Hon. Hieu Van Le AO  
Governor of SA.

Lunch was a traditional  
3 course fare plus various  
beverages....



*Merry Christmas  
Dan  
Selamat Hari Raya*

A safe and happy trip for all  
travelling this year.

2015 was another Stella year  
for our Branch.

Thank you to those who have  
helped and put in the yards  
again....

*Banyak bagusla....dan...  
Terima kasih...*

## SA NT Calendar

### 2016

**Branch Meetings** are  
held on the 3rd Friday of  
the month at 1100 hrs  
from February, plus...

**ANZAC Day** 25 April...

**SA NT AGM** August..

**Malaya & Borneo**

**Veterans' Day Service**

**Saturday closest to  
31 August..**

**Remembrance Day**  
11 November

**Christmas lunch**  
December  
Plus ESO invites

### Points of Interest...

- War Widows 70th
- ANZAC Eve Vigil
- Beersheba
- SA NT Branch Home

## SA NT Christmas Lunch Pics



The SA Governor was the Guest  
of Honour at the 2015 SA NT  
Branch Christmas Lunch  
5 December 15



## VETERANS' SA NOTES

In 2014 we commenced the  
Centenary of ANZAC  
Commemorations

The following 4 years will be  
reflections of service rendered  
by our servicemen and service  
women and is arguably the  
defining event of our nation's  
history and there is no doubt  
it will have an impact on us.....

War is not known for the good  
things it delivers, but,

throughout our military history  
some wonderful characteristics  
have been developed and hard-  
ened on the hot forge of conflict...  
many have been inherited from  
our first soldiers and their resil-  
ient generation, like, Compassion,  
Mateship, Loyalty, Courage, Trust,  
Initiative and Integrity.....

If we combine respectful  
Commemoration with these and  
impute the importance of them  
into our current generation, I  
think we have upheld the  
traditions in a way that would  
make those original ANZACs  
proud;  
Commemoration is the right  
word, a time of Commemoration  
not celebration...

**ST. BARBARA**

4 December

**HAPPY ST. BARBARA'S DAY  
GUNNERS****BEERSHEBA**

800 4 Bde Light Horsemen charged Beersheba at dusk on 31 Oct 1917.

**Objective:** Take the town and the water holes intact.....

Done, Digger

**LUNCH PICS****SARAWAK Tour****2016**

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.**

**NEW BRANCH HOME**

Commencing February, 2016 the SA & NT Branch will be meeting at the new home venue of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt St, Adelaide. This is due to the closure of the Hilton RSL Sub-Branch as of the new year period. Dwindling membership and patronage is now a fact of life for many RSL sub-Branches...

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy 70th Birthday to the War Widows Guild of Australia

Celebrated in October 2015  
The Guild was commenced in Sydney in 1945 and has been instrumental in the well being of Widows and children in every State....ever since.

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**WEST AUST**

At the RAAF Museum Bull Creek WA

Les Evans, Baz Berkshire  
Ziggy Zangle (Red Body Shirt)  
and Hugh Ritchie

**WEST TORRENS****Malaya & Borneo Memorial**

The funding application for the proposed post WW2 plaque and plinth was rejected by the SA ANZAC Centenary Committee, however, rather than have a second attempt, the required \$3,750.00 will be provided by another source as a gesture of good will and appreciation....details will be revealed at the appropriate time.

*Terima kasih dan banyak bagusla..*

**ANZAC YOUTH VIGIL**

The City of Charles Sturt has been engaged by the national Legion of Frontiersmen in SA to provide the venue for the ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil at the Henley Beach Memorial. Event details were provided by Cr Robert Grant from CCS and we will be attending next ANZAC Eve representing the Malaya & Borneo wars. The scouts, guides and other youth groups are also part of the overnight vigil. We have donated \$1700.00 to the cause, \$1500.00 has been reimbursed by Cr Grant.....

**SARAWAK****CONFRONTATION MEMORIAL**

The funding and design of the Memorial to be dedicated on 29 August 2016 in Kuching have been completed. The publican and patrons of the Bridgeport Hotel at Murray Bridge SA have been at the front of raising the needed dollars as a response to the rejection by the Federal govt to assist our plan because this Memorial is not on Australian soil...

YOU AND YOUR PENSION

DVA has a set of documents that are specifically designed to make understanding the ins and outs of the Pensions and Benefits that have been developed over the course for those members, and the widows who are eligible for any pensions and payments relating to service in Australian military forces.

The following extracts are from the current 2015 edition of "You and Your Pension" available at all DVA offices.

If you have queries you can speak to Ray Duthie on 08 8352 6983 & mobile 0430 779 265

**Topics include ;**  
**YOUR OBLIGATIONS;** Changes to Residential Circumstances, Changes to Pension Eligibility, Changes to Financial Circumstances.....  
**AGE CRITERIA;** Service Pension, Invalidity Service Pension, Partner Service Pension.....  
**SOCIAL SECURITY ;** Age Pension paid by DVA.....  
**DEFENCE FORCE INCOME SUPPORT ALLOWANCE.....**  
**INCOME SUPPORT FOR WIDOWS and WIDOWERS.....**  
What if you are Blind?...

**DISABILITY PENSION.....**  
**MILITARY COMPENSATION.....**  
**WAR WIDOWS Pension.....**  
**ORPHANS Pension.....**  
**LIVING ARRANGEMENTS...**  
Singles and Couples pension rates.. If you are single, widowed, divorced If you are married, or, de facto  
**RESIDENTIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.....**  
If you own your home and your situation changes..  
If you pay rent for housing and your situation changes...  
**MOVING INTO RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE....**

YOU AND YOUR PENSION

**TYPES OF AGED CARE...**

Residential aged care costs... If you are moving into residential aged care....

Residential aged care means test assessments...how this may affect your income support payment...

**HOME CARE...**

Special provisions for the Veteran community...

**What is Respite Care?...**

If you live in a remote area... If you move interstate....

If you travel or move overseas

**YOUR INCOME and ASSETS....**

The difference between them...

**HOW THE INCOME TEST WORKS.**

**HOW ASSETS AND INCOME ARE ASSESSED..**

British and other pensions.....

Investments, Funeral Bonds...

**Allowances and Supplements** you may be entitled to.... Rent, Energy, Pharmacy, POW, Remote area, Seniors.....

**CONCESSION CARDS ...**

Pensioner Concession Card, Commonwealth Senior Health..

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** include Lump Sum Advance, Hardship, Pensions Loans and Bonus scheme, Education entry.....

YOU AND YOUR PENSION

**REPATRIATION HEALTH CARDS...**

Who is eligible for a Gold Card? Who is eligible for a White Card?

Optical, Dental, Hearing services Rehab Appliances, Footware,

If you need to go to Hospital, If you need an Ambulance,

**RESPITE CARE...**

Emergency Overseas Care, Orange Pharmacy Card, Mental Health and Counselling..

**WHAT TO DO** when someone dies

**WHAT ABOUT TAXATION...**

Do you need to lodge a income tax return?....Pay As You Go...

Medicare Reduction or Exemption, TFN....

**PENSION PAYMENTS ....**

When, How and Where your pension is paid...

How to Change Arrangements....

Overseas Account Payment....

Arrears and Quarterly payments..

**CHECK ON LINE...**

annual DVA expenditure is \$12.5 Billion

**YOUR RIGHTS....**

to receive Quality Service...

DVA Decisions Review....

Pension Increase Applications..

Privacy...Personal Info Requests

Fraud Controls...Proper use of taxpayer funds.

All information is available on CD from your local DVA office.

DVA SA NT is located at

Blackburn House,

199 Grenfell St, Adelaide SA

**Name Badge**

Available to order \$18.00

Magnetic clasp

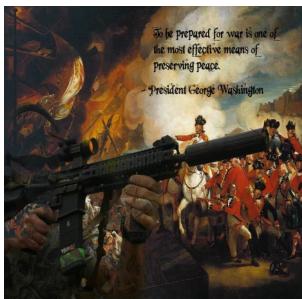
Name and Corps or State



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**IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME, CALL ME. IF YOU DON'T HAVE MY NUMBER, THEN THAT MEANS YOU DON'T KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO HAVE A PROBLEM.**

**Tupperware  
For Men.**



*Quote...*

*"To be prepared for War is one of the most effective means of preserving Peace" ...  
G. Washington  
President USA*

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Into the Ulu...

**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**

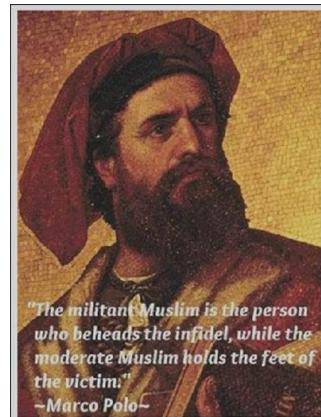


Tom Grierson and Sally '65



Gurkha Base

Marco Polo



Printed with Best Wishes from  
Dr Andrew Southcott MP  
Federal Member for Boothby  
Terima kasih



**RAA OVERWATCH.....**



RAR Patrol



**\*\*ANNUAL Subs\*\***

Due from 1 January

Please fwd \$20.00 to  
Jenny Cameron  
21 Gordon Ave  
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Terima kasih...