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On behalf of the National Management Committee, I would like to wish all members of the NMBVAA Inc, a Joyful, Safe and Happy Festive Season.

We head into the New Year with quite a few new and potential new members and it is imperative that we make them feel welcome and encourage their participation in the activities and the running of the Association

To all our members who are affected by the recent and ongoing rain, we wish you well, and if there is any way we can assist, please let us know. Just last year we were giving the same message in relation to the bushfires. This sure is one hell of a country.....wouldn't swap it for quids !!

Ian Davenport National President

VICTORIA BRANCH RESEARCH

CLARIFICATION

Victorian /Melbourne Branch members will have the opportunity to discuss and provide first hand information about the Malayan Emergency for a Malaysian post graduate student studying at Deakin University.

The meeting will be conducted on 1 February 2011.

Members are asked to bring relevant photos and documentation that will confirm, and add more substance to particular events/actions and sites for this period of Australian involvement in Malaysia.



The name Sakai as described in the article "Old Jungle Soldier and the Sakai" is not the name in use now. Advice has been received that the indigenous tribes are now known as the Orang Asli people.



WOUNDED DIGGER

The **WOUNDED DIGGER** WEB SITE HAS NOW BEEN LAUNCHED ON THE WEB.

The website aims to provide serious casualties and their families with a wide range of information on support organizations and the rehabilitation process. The site is a directory that seeks to provide information, networking and interaction for wounded and seriously ill Defence Force members, their fami-

lies and other stakeholders. The Wounded Digger website was made as a result of the requests from wounded Australian Army personnel. It became clear at the Wounded Digger's Forum in Canberra on 29 March 2010, that a website was required to assist members and their families to better access for support services. For further info go to: www.army.gov.au/woundeddigger

MERCHANDISE

There is still a limited amount of "Old Logo" paraphernalia left for sale. It could now be considered to be "Collectors Items". Your Branch has a listing. We also have New Logo items....i.e. Lapel Badges, Blazer Pockets that are excellent quality, larger than previous and wire woven in fill colour, Plaques, Stubby Holders and Ties. Name Badges can be ordered through your Branch.



NATIONAL LIAISON DUTIES
Malaysia & UK—
Ian Davenport.
NZ—Brian Selby.
FESR—Reg Poole.

D V A NOTES

WAR MEMORIAL DONATION

GOLD CARDS

The decision has been made to provide all INOCULATIONS that may be required for travel overseas, Free of Charge, to all holders of the DVA GOLD CARD, effective from the 1st August 2010. If you have travelled prior to this date, and were required to pay for any necessary jobs, contact DVA for the requirements to claim a reimbursement (s) of the costs. *Ed.*

The NMBVAA Inc is an integral part of the establishment of the last major War Memorial, post WW2, to be erected in Canberra. Funding is in the vicinity of AUD\$3 million, give or take.. At this point, all necessary monies, raised, and used to begin the tasks, have been due to the efforts of the FESR(RAN) members. **A full accounting is available** at all NMBVAA Inc Branches.

The NMBVAA Inc, NMC, has agreed to provide funds by way of a small DONATION of \$1050.00, being \$150.00 from each Branch, including \$50.00 from each of the Victorian sub-Branches, towards the ongoing admin costs for this massive project. There is one notable objection..... the Tasmanian Branch..... The shortfall has been made up by a personal donation from the Victorian Branch President. Terima kasih Tuan. Bagus !!

WEB SITE DESIGN

Our web Master, Dave Barton, has commenced the task of reconfirming the NMBVAA Inc as the official ESO for the prescribed areas of service post WW2 and is delivering a very professional product that will remove any confusion caused by the fragments of information being touted as genuine by the lookalikes in some states. **Members are asked to contribute to the overall result by submitting ideas via your Branch asap.** Don't be shy !!

BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

SA & NT

43 Members and 5 invited guests from DVA, TPI and LEGACY had a convivial lunch, the traditional festive raffles and salubrious beverages with the bbq cooked by the bait layers from TPI. Nice job gentlemen. The slab of beer was won by Dave Kearns and the leg of ham by Di Davies. Seasons Greetings To All !

QUEENSLAND

John Balabouhin hosted 22 members for the Qld Branch lunch at his home again this year. As well as the traditional raffles, there was an amount of \$201.50 raised this year for a donation to the "Bush Kids" charity group.

Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year to all.



101 **BTY RAA** FD

2011 Re-union in Adelaide on 23 April—26 April 11, includes a Barossa Valley tour and a dinner at Adelaide Shores, West Beach. On ANZAC Day, form up at Torrens Parade Ground. Details avail at Reg Poole Ph 03 9799 7568.



SA RSL has partnered with Great Southern Rail for rail journeys Australia wide. The routes are ADL—DARWIN on the GHAN, ADL—MELBOURNE on The OVERLAND Daylight, ADL—PERTH and SYDNEY on the INDIAN PACIFIC and MEL—BRISBANE on the SOUTHERN SPIRIT. Packages include a free \$500.00 Travellers Pack and some free accommodation deals. GSR 1300 13 21 47.

ANZAC DAY 2011 IN NEW ZEALAND

ANZAC Day 2011 is now only 4 months away. This year marks the 95th anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings. Members will be aware of the fact that all ANZAC Day marches have been headed by the WW1 unit and particular formation markers only, for the last few years. In some cities, a commemorative formation of Light Horse re-enactment members is in place.

A package tour has been put together for any interested members and friends to go to **Rotorua** in 2011 and attend the services that are part of the Kiwi traditions for ANZAC Day. The primary tour is for a 5 day period, leaving from Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney by Emirates or Pacific Blue on **23 April** and arriving in Rotorua via Auckland same day. Staying at the Sudima Hotel.

Rates and Charges are:
Return Air Economy each :
ADL \$705 Emirates
BNE \$545 Pacific Blue
MEL \$442 Pacific Blue
SYD \$462 Pacific Blue
Sudima Hotel 4****
 Twin share \$390.00 pp
 Single \$640.00
 Includes breakfasts.
Book directly with the travel agent: Rebecca Fernie in Brisbane 07 5443 1130 to reserve your space now.



MOARI GREENSTONE CARVING

STRANGER THAN FICTION.....OR TRUE ?

Back in 1971, the US spent, and printed more paper money than it could cover with gold reserves. A few years later, the French demanded redemption of it's paper-dollar holdings in gold. The US rejected this as it actually didn't have enough gold for the dollars already spent all over the world. In fact, this was an act of bankruptcy. So, the

US went to the Saudis to cut a deal..... **OPEC** *denominate all sales of oil in US dollars.....* From that point on, all countries buying oil had to hold US dollars which meant they had to exchange their goods and services for US dollars which the US simply printed. The Americans literally bought their oil for free by printing those dollars.

However, the plan started to unravel when Saddam Hussein began selling Iraqi oil for Euros and not US dollars. Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela, started doing the same, selling oil for any other currency..... The *Petrodollar Scheme* was out of the bag.....Iran has adopted the same idea, sell the oil for any currency other than US dollars. More and



MALAYA VETS

Did you serve with Australian or Allied Armed Forces between 1948–1960 in the Malayan Emergency, or 1962–1966 in the Indonesian Confrontation or post 1966 on the Peninsular ?
Sign On Now
 by contacting your nearest Branch. Details on pg 4.

STRANGER THAN..... CONTINUED

WEB SITE

more OPEC countries are willing to trade oil for stable currencies. As the nations of the world find that they do not require US paper-dollars, more OPEC countries will abandon the US dollar. The worst case scenario is that the US will eventually have to buy oil with Euros, or Rubles instead of just printing money. The world economy will be very different at the end of this century.

WHERE DOES THAT OIL GO ?
 Averages per 200 lt barrel are :
 22.6 % Domestic Petrol
 6.7 % Domestic Diesel
 5.5 % Jet Fuel
 1.2 % Liquid Gas
 0.8 % Asphalt
 0.4 % Lubricants

Other products such as the many variations of plastics and chemicals make up the remainder of the uses for oils.

Per barrel price in Dec 2010 is US\$ 88.00

Members are advised that the lookalike web site , www.nmbvaa.com is no longer a valid web site.

A completely new site has been established for the NMBVAA Inc . www.nmbvaa.org.au

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE FOR OUR ASSOCIATION

Banyak bagus !!

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A persistent rumour concerning the relocation of the **Museum of Artillery** from North Head has proven to be true. The museum is being moved to Puckapunyal. **Question:** What will happen to the hundreds of Memorial Bricks and the specific Memorial Walk plaques placed there ?



Congrats to Great Grandparents Laraine and Allan Edwards in Brisbane. Jett arrived 16.11.10 in Pt Pirie SA.



CORRECTION TO WA COMMITTEE

Gary Burgoyne OAM is not a member of the WA Branch committee for 2011. **Ed.**

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Foot Note: We gratefully acknowledge the office of **Dr Andrew SOUTHCOTT MP** for printing this National News Letter. Terima kasih.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHARIA LAW.....

The UK is becoming embroiled in the must win debate on whether Sharia law should become part of the British legal system. At this time, the overwhelming majority of British people do not agree with this move. The politicians are typically non committal and are being seen to be less than protective of the British heritage of centuries. France has declared the wearing of the burqha in public is now illegal, and the Swiss are about to vote, polls showing 99.99% against any move to Islamic values in that country.

Under Sharia law, women have no status whatsoever. A muslim man is able to marry a baby as young as 12 months, and should consummate that marriage before the child reaches 9 years of age. Education of females is not allowed. Women take no part in the decisions for the household. Women are not able to have legal representation and are sentenced to payback rape, stoning to death, whipping and beheading at the whim of a selected town leader. A muslim woman cannot obtain a divorce and may be killed by her family if the honour of the family is

thought to have been damaged. A muslim man is allowed 4 wives and unlimited "temporary wives" for up to an hour if he desires. Islamic scholars agree that those who criticise, or leave the Islamic faith, should be executed. It is now becoming alarmingly apparent that it is conceivable the USA, and some Western European countries could have a Islamic President in about 20 years because of the population imbalances. Examples exist already in the USA. Dearborn in Michigan is one of several towns taken over. **Joys of Muslim Women.**

