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The NMBVA was officially established in 1995 in Australia and is a self-funding, non-profit association which uses only unpaid volunteers.

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Lost medals?

The Government has approved the replacement of medals lost as a result of the natural disasters impacting on much of this wide brown(?) land. If you have lost your own medals you will need to contact Defence Honours and Awards and obtain form AD808 to lodge an application. If the medals belong to a member of the family who is no longer alive, contact the same Defence area and obtain form AD 809-1. Any problems please contact your State President.

ANZAC Day. The National march in **Canberra** has us at **position number 58**. Form up is in Anzac Parade at **1015 hours. Step off 1030**. All welcome. Members can renew membership on the day.

Sydney and NSW Branch.

We had one new member offer his services to assist with the set-up of this Branch but no other interested parties. If you feel you can make some time available to form a Committee to establish this Branch we promise we will give you as much assistance as you require.

As I said last time "Give Ian or Maureen a call and let's get things moving."

Malaya and Borneo Veterans Day.

The National Committee is trying to establish the 31st of August as the Malaya and Borneo Veterans Day. This is of course Merdeka Day for Malaysia and we are working at involving the Malaysian High Commission and State Based Commissioners in celebrations on this day. South Australia are well advanced and I am hoping we can soon announce a ceremony here in Canberra. More info later.

Sandakan Ceremony in Canberra 27 May 2011

The annual ceremony of Remembrance for the men of Sandakan will be held at the Sandakan Memorial in the grounds of the Australian War Memorial at 1100hrs on the 27th of May 2011. Coordinator Eric McDonald has just received confirmation that we

will this year be holding the Sandakan Dinner in the Officers Mess at the RMC Duntroon on the evening following the ceremony. If you are not on his books yet you can write care of the PO Box or email to Eric.McDonald@dva.gov.au

DVD of Malayan Emergency

We still have some copies of this DVD available. It is titled Jungle Green/ Khaki Brown, Malaya's fight Against Terrorism. It covers the period of 1948 to 1960 and was produced by TV3 Malaysia as an 8 episode TV series. TV3 visited Australia to interview members of our defence forces who were involved in The Emergency and it is certainly interesting viewing. If you would like a copy send your cheque or Postal Order for \$25 in an envelope marked "DVD Order" to the ACT/NSW Branch of NMBVAA at PO Box 670 Jamison Centre ACT 2614.

Association Merchandise

We currently have in stock new lapel badges and blazer badges with the new logo (as above). The lapel badge is \$9.50 including postage and the blazer badge is \$25.00 including postage. \$33.00 for the two in one order. The blazer badges are quite impressive as they have been sourced from Pakistan where they have been manufactured using metal wire as the gold and silver components.

We have a supply of Association plaques also with the new logo. These are selling for \$50.00 PLUS postage.

2011 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE \$20 Ordinary and Associate. \$13 other members of household.

If your newsletter has a red mark here > you are un-financial and unfortunately this will be your final newsletter until fees are received.

NEXT MEETING 7 MAY 2011 1100 HRS
Canberra Services Club Manuka ACT