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ACT/NSW BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony Monday 31 August 2015 Australian War Memorial

I have been advised by the Director of the Australian War Memorial that due to the busy period associated with the Centenary of ANZAC Wreathlaying Ceremonies for all Associations will no longer be accommodated by the AWM. The letter advised that ceremonies for the Korean and Vietnam Wars would continue as usual but other groups, such as ours, would need to be content with a mention at the 5pm Closing Ceremony on our Day of Remembrance.

I refuse to accept this.

I have written to the Director advising that this Ceremony is to remember those who died and those who served in the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation. This is not an NMBVAA in-house ceremony for the Association only.

I am awaiting a response.

Anzac Day 2015.

This will be a big day and I call upon as many people as possible to participate in the march. For those who can attend in Canberra, form-up will, to the best of my knowledge, be in the usual place on Anzac Parade. The AWM has been advised of our approximate numbers so adequate after-march seating can be provided. Any changes will be advised through normal media announcements.

Sandakan Ceremony in Canberra 28th and 29th May 2015.

The annual ceremony of Remembrance for the men of Sandakan and the Death Marches of World War 2 is to be held on the 29th of May 2015. Our tireless co-ordinator Eric McDonald is deep into planning for a 2 day Commemoration commencing on Thursday the 28th. Details still being finalised will be published on the website at www.nmbvaa.org.au

“Lest We Forget”

“BONO ANIMO ESTE”
(Be of Good Courage)

“Andai Nya Kita Terlupa”

Calling All NASHOS

There will be a ceremony at the AWM on 30 June 2015 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the march-in date of the first intake of the 2 year National Service Scheme in Australia. This will take the place of the usual February National Serviceman’s Day for 2015 only. There will be a formal march past followed by a barbecue to celebrate this important date. For more information email me on maindav@bigpond.com or visit the National Servicemen’s Association website www.nashoaustralia.org.au under the events banner.

Branch Meeting

The ACT/NSW Branch will meet on **Saturday the 21st of March at 1100 hours. Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden.** Please advise your ability to attend.

2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES Due 1 January. \$20 Ordinary and Associate. \$13 other members of household.

Please forward by cheque or Postal Order to PO Box 670 Jamison Centre ACT 2614.

**Electronic Payment can now be made to
BSB 801 009 Account Number 1059031. Please
include your name in payment record.**

**If you have a Yellow Line here
you are already financial for 2015 and no
payment is required**

Kit Wanted

One of the locals in Keningau Sabah Malaysia is writing a book about Confrontation in that local area. The author Abednigo Chow is also organising a museum display which will include Australian military uniforms etc. Most of the uniforms have been obtained but he is missing the Black Boots AB and Gaiters. If anyone has access to these and is prepared to donate them, please contact Tom at email address tomcie@inet.net.au

Newsletter by email ?

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email please advise me by email to

maindav@bigpond.com

You can view the colour version of the National Newsletters on the Association website at

www.nmbvaa.org.au

National Newsletter

New arrangements for the National Newsletter have hit a snag and nothing is on offer at the moment. Hopefully this will be sorted out shortly.

Canberra Senator Invitation

Senator for the ACT Zed Seselja is hosting a Seniors Forum with the Speaker of the House of Representatives The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP as a special guest. He has issued an invitation to members of this Association to attend the Forum at Parliament House Canberra on the 20th of March at 0945 for a 1000 start. RSVP to

Senator.seselja@aph.gov.au or 6247 6444 by the 9th March 2015.

“The Forum will be an opportunity for older Canberrans to raise issues that are concerning them the most and discuss policy ideas within those portfolio areas.”

The invitation is available at the website of Senator Seselja

www.zedseselja.com.au/files/seniors.pdf

Football season

All codes of football are preparing for the 2015 season. Hopefully players and commentators can add to this AFL repertoire of clangers:

“Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.” Mick Malthouse - Collingwood

“I’m going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes.” Peter Bell - Fremantle - on his University Law studies

“You guys line up alphabetically by height.” and “You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle.” Barry Hall Sydney Captain at training

Brock Maclean (Melbourne) on whether he had visited the Pyramids during his visit to Egypt: “I can’t really remember the names of the clubs that we went to.”

Jonathan Brown, on night Grand Finals vs Day Games “It’s basically the same, just darker.”

Barry Hall (Sydney) when asked about the upcoming season: “I want to kick 70 or 80 goals this season, whichever comes first.”

“Luke Hodge - the 21 year old, who turned 22 a few weeks ago”(Dermott Brereton)

“Chad had done a bit of mental arithmetic with a calculator.” (Mark Williams)

“He scored that goal after only 22 seconds - totally against the run of play.” (Dermott Brereton)

“We actually got the winning goal three minutes from the end but then they scored.” (Ben Cousins, West Coast Eagles)

“I’ve never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body.” (Luke Darcy)

“That kick was absolutely unique, except for the one before it which was identical.” (Dermott Brereton)

“I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father.” (Shane Wakelin)

“Sure there have been injuries and deaths in football - but none of them serious.” (Adrian Anderson)

“If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again.”(Andrew Demetriou)

“I would not say he (Chris Judd) is the best centreman in the AFL but there are none better.” (Dermott Brereton)

I never comment on umpires, and I’m not going to break the habit of a lifetime for that prat.” (Terry Wallace)

Garry Lyon: “Have you ever thought of writing your autobiography?” David Swartz: “On what?”

“Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw.”(Dermott Brereton)

“Strangely, in slow motion replay, the ball seemed to hang in the air for even longer.”(Dermott Brereton)