

National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc

South Australia & Northern Territory Branch

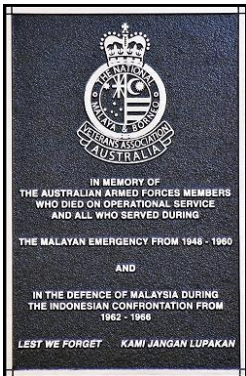
OUR VISION



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The South Australia and Northern Territory Branch of the NMBVAA has adopted a four-pronged approach to commemoration:

- ☞ Remember the fallen
- ☞ Remember Malaysia
- ☞ Honour the living
- ☞ Look to the future



1. Remember the fallen

At commemorative services in Adelaide and in Kuching we solemnly repeat the promise to remember the fallen. Our memorials include:

- ☞ The SA/NT Branch Malaya-Borneo memorial on the Adelaide Rifles Walkway, unveiled on 10 August 2003
- ☞ The SA/NT Branch Malaya-Borneo memorial in the West Torrens War Memorial Gardens, unveiled on 22 April 2017
- ☞ The Confrontation memorial plaque in the Sarawak Heroes Memorial Park in Kuching, unveiled on 29 August 2016; the amended plaque was re-dedicated on 27 August 2019

This Branch has gone to great lengths to ensure the names of the Australian fallen from the Malayan Emergency and Confrontation have been recorded as accurately as possible.

2. Remember Malaysia

The ceremonies and overseas visits of this Branch reaffirm the common values and deep friendship that we Australians share with our Malaysian counterparts and the other allied countries we have served beside, not just in Malaysia but during all other wars and peacekeeping operations.

To this end, we provide ongoing annual financial assistance to three schools in the Bau District of Sarawak, Malaysia, supporting the growth of upcoming generations. These schools are located in areas where Australian forces were deployed in 1965 and 1966 during Confrontation.



3. Honour the living

The Branch continues to acknowledge the service of our surviving veterans, through participation in formal ceremonial events including our annual Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day Service, social gatherings, an active advocacy and welfare program (including home and hospital visits), recognition of service and achievements, and an active information-based social media presence – refer: <https://www.facebook.com/NMBVAAadelaide/>

4. Look to the future

Our commemorative services have established strong bonds with local cadets. In the 1950s and 1960s, many who deployed to Singapore, the Malay Peninsula and Borneo had already served in a cadet unit before enlisting, and within just a few years they were deploying on active service. Since the first Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day Service in 2011, No 604 Squadron at Hampstead Barracks has mounted a Catafalque Party for our Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day Service each year. They also provided a Catafalque Party in Kuching on 29 August 2016, and for the unveiling of the Branch memorial in the West Torrens War Memorial Gardens on 22 April 2017.



LEST WE FORGET

KAMI JANGAN LUPAKAN

