

National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc

South Australia & Northern Territory Branch

WHAT DO WE DO?



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The NMBVAA was established in Australia as a national body in June 1995. We offer membership to Australian and Allied ex-Armed Forces personnel (and widows, widowers, family and friends) who served in the prescribed areas of Malaya, Singapore and Borneo during World War 2, during the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia, in Ubon and Singapore, on the Malay Peninsula post-1966, with Rifle Company Butterworth, and in East Timor/Timor Leste.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia.

Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day Service of Commemoration

Each year in August, on the Friday or Saturday closest to 31 August (Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day), we host a service of commemoration in the West Torrens War Memorial Gardens to mark the anniversaries of the end of the Malayan Emergency (1948-1960) and the end of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia (1962-1966), and to honour the fallen.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the City of West Torrens which provides substantial assistance for these ceremonies.



Sarawak

We conduct commemoration services in the Sarawak Heroes Memorial Park in Kuching, Sarawak to honour the Australian Service personnel who lost their lives during Confrontation. Our Branch also provides financial assistance to three schools in the Bau District of Sarawak, located in areas where Australian forces were deployed in 1965 and 1966 during Confrontation.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Sarawak Heritage Development Committee of the Sarawak Tourism Federation, and the Australian Honorary Consul in Kuching, who facilitate our commemorative events during our periodic reunion visits to Sarawak.



No 604 Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets

We look to the future by supporting leadership development within the Defence Force Cadets. Since the first event in 2011, 604 Squadron has mounted a Catafalque Party for our annual Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day services. They also provided a Catafalque Party in Kuching in 2016, and for the unveiling of our Branch memorial in the West Torrens War Memorial Gardens in 2017.

Since 2022 we have sponsored a trophy – the Squadron Executive Instructor's Award – which is presented to the Cadet who has displayed consistent excellence in drill and ceremonial activities through the year and in representational roles, and has maintained the highest personal standards.



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

We are a Friend of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Australia. Our annual donation helps at least two disadvantaged young South Australians to participate in the Award where they might not otherwise have the opportunity.

The Award is an enriching program in which young people participate in activities and non-formal education over a minimum length of time to qualify for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Each level is progressively more challenging. Through this contribution, we are pleased to be playing a small part in the development of emerging South Australian leaders and community members.



“SA/NT Branch, National Malaya-Borneo Veterans Association of Australia Inc”

This Facebook page has been established to share knowledge and historical information with veterans, family, friends and the broader community regarding these post-World War 2 campaigns. Please Like and Share: <https://www.facebook.com/NMBVAAadelaide/>

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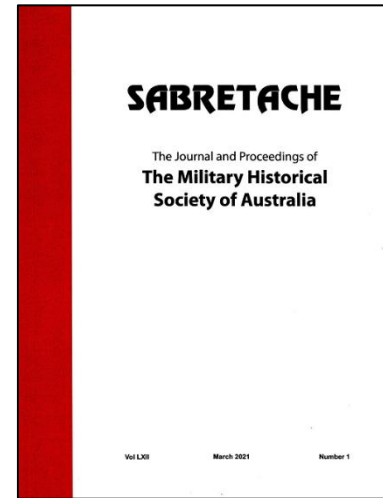
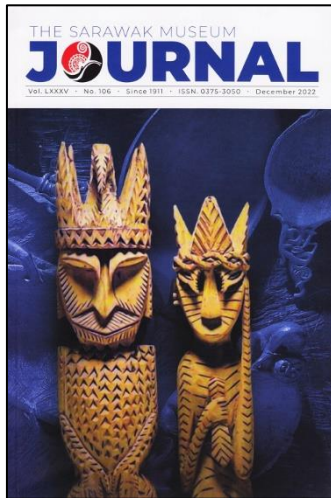
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