



THE OBSERVATION POST

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South Australia & Northern Territory Branch

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SA/NT Branch Patron: Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia



GOVERNMENT HOUSE ADELAIDE

On Wednesday 16 November last year, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC and Mr Rod Buntten hosted a Garden Reception to acknowledge the various organisations of which they are Patrons, including the SA/NT Branch of the NMBVAA.

Our Branch representatives were pictured with the Robert Hannaford statue of Her Late Majesty outside the Morning Room at Government House (left to right): Vice-President Don Cameron, committee members Paul Bayliss and Mal White, and President Paul Rosenzweig OAM – who at various times all swore an oath to *“well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her Heirs and Successors according to law”* (or words to that effect).





NOTICES

VALE

Kingsley John Paul OAM
(Warrant Officer Class 1)
7 December 2022, aged 81

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our printing needs.

BRANCH UPDATES

Welcome to a new year!

These newsletters are designed to share news of our activities and give you a forecast of what is coming up. We will also include material of historical interest for you and your family – so please share them with family and friends to keep them informed.

These newsletters will also give information about the organisations that we are affiliated with and the ongoing connections we are continuing to build – including No 604 Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets, the three schools in Sarawak, and the Consortium of Ex-Service Organisations.

We again thank Mr Matt Burnell MP, federal Member of the House of Representatives for Spence and Mr Tony Zappia MP, state Member for Makin, for their support and for making copies of our 'Observation Post' available in the foyers of their respective offices.

We invite you to renew your membership of the SA/NT Branch for another year. We have come through the pandemic, and have a strong Branch Committee leading us forward.

As you will have seen from these newsletters, the Branch is again becoming very active – engaging with relevant organisations, passing on news of relevance to veterans and their families, holding commemorative ceremonies and holding social events for members.

Late last year was a particularly busy period, so this January issue is a bumper edition to bring you up to date. Thanks to everyone who supported and attended our activities, or generously donated raffle prizes to allow us to continue providing the support that we offer.

Please contact Jenny Cameron to make payment – and use the Membership Renewal Form if any of your personal details have changed. We look forward to your continuing membership and engagement.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January: *There is no meeting in January*

Australia Day: *Thursday 26 January 2023*

February meeting: *1115h Friday 17 February 2023
Avoca Hotel, followed by lunch*

Date of interest: *Monday 6 February: 71st anniversary of the day in 1952 when Princess Elizabeth, as heir presumptive, acceded to the throne as Queen Elizabeth II, the fourth monarch of the House of Windsor*

March meeting: *1115h Friday 17 March 2023
Avoca Hotel, followed by lunch*

Easter: *7 to 10 April 2023*



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OPERATION 'HORNBILL 2022'

While in Sarawak last year, on 10 September Don and Jenny Cameron had a successful 'reunion' with the family of the late Iban Tracker Unchat anak Unyong.

Unchat was the son of Unyong, who in 1965 was the Iban Longhouse Headman (*Tuai Rumah*) in a longhouse located on the Bena Sot River in the village of Kapit, northeast of Kuching in Sarawak.

Our liaison party met with Unchat's family – his son Nyala anak Unchat and wife Terina anak Dari, with their twin 12 year old children Rewina anak Nyala and Justin anak Nyala. Unchat's 73 year old widow Banuh anak Itum was unable to make the journey from Kapit to Sibu, but sent her best wishes to veteran Don Cameron.

These two stories were published in Sarawak in the online newspaper 'Dayak Daily' (click on the link):

“Australian Confrontation Veteran reunites with Iban Tracker's Family”
Control + Click on this link to access the story >> [Dayak Daily 29 September 2022](#)

“Iban Trackers honoured in three commemorative ceremonies by Australian veterans”
Control + Click on this link to access the story >> [Dayak Daily 18 October 2022](#)

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Iban Trackers honoured in three commemorative ceremonies by Australian veterans

Oct 18, 2022 @ 15:39



At a commemorative service at the Batu Lintang Memorial Square in Kuching on Sept 11, Don Cameron and MBKS mayor Datuk Wee Hong Seng placed a tribute in memory of the Iban Trackers who lost their lives in the Malayan Wars. Photo credit: NMBVAA

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EDUCATION

DON & PAUL: 3 RAR + IBAN TRACKERS BORNEO
POSTED ON: MON 24 OCT 2022

Paul Rosenzweig OAM, President of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association of Australia chats with Vice President NMBVAA Don Cameron about Don's 1960s service with 3RAR in Borneo in areas such as Stass and Bukit Knuckle. Recently, Don went searching for two Iban Trackers who had served alongside him. We also hear about naming protocols of the Ibans, and about the Sarawak Veterans Association.

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Don Cameron and Paul Rosenzweig OAM, Producer Helen Meyer

After these stories were published, Don met with Helen Meyer to be recorded for the 'Service Voices' program which is broadcast on Radio Adelaide.

Helen adopted a different format to usual, whereby Don was interviewed by Paul Rosenzweig about his 1960s service with 3RAR in Borneo, the Iban Trackers who served with him, and this 'reunion' in 2022 with Unchat's family.

Helen invites all veterans and family members to consider joining her for a pre-recorded interview about their experiences at Terendak Camp, and in the Emergency and/or Confrontation.

Service Voices on Radio Adelaide offers news, perspectives and memories from the veteran, volunteer and Defence communities through oral history, giving a voice to a large sector of our community which is not available elsewhere on air.

Listen to Paul and Don on 'Service Voices' on Radio Adelaide, 101.5 FM:

<https://radioadelaide.org.au/2022/10/24/don-paul-3-rar-iban-trackers-borneo/>



Negeri Sarawak

During the liaison visit to Sarawak last year Paul and Don were successful in acquiring a new Sarawak Flag.

We now have a matching set of Sabah and Sarawak flags and a Malaysian national flag, stitched, not printed.

With these flags we honour the service of Australians at our ceremonial events.

In particular, we honour the eleven Australians who died as a result of operational service in defence of Sarawak during the period of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia:



Paul and Don with our new Sarawak Flag.

3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment

1200029 Private Larry Richard Downes (1945-1965), a Rifleman in 'A' Company: killed by an anti-personnel land-mine on 17 May 1965 whilst on a reconnaissance patrol from Stass, aged 20.

37746 Private Dennis Michael Millane (1943-1965), a Rifleman in 'C' Company: evacuated to Singapore on 23 April with encephalitis but died of illness in Melbourne on 27 August 1965, aged 21.

61207 Sergeant Vincent Phillip 'Vince' Vella (1934-1965), 'A' Company: killed by an anti-personnel land-mine on 17 May 1965 whilst leading a reconnaissance patrol from Stass, aged 32.

5976 Sergeant Reginald John 'Reno' Weiland (1927-1965), 'A' Company: killed by an anti-personnel land-mine on 23 March 1965 whilst leading a reconnaissance patrol from Stass, aged 38.

4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment

14982 Private John Wynne 'Taffy' Jones (1928-1966), a Rifleman in 'A' Company: accidentally killed on 28 May 1966 during a night sentry change in a border position near Kampong Gumbang, aged 38.

14840 Corporal Ronald Charles 'Danny' Patch (1941-1966), a Rifleman in 'A' Company: died in Sydney on 20 May 1966 following emergency surgery to replace a faulty heart valve, aged 25.

215881 Private Liam Mallows 'Len' O'Carroll (1937-1966), a Rifleman in 'C' Company: died in the company base near Bokah on 27 May 1966 from gunshot wounds (suicide), aged 29.

311512 Private Victor Herbert Richards (1942-1966), a Rifleman in 'C' Company: wounded-in-action near Bokah on 15 June 1966 and died in Singapore General Hospital on 20 June 1966, aged 24.

342550 Corporal Peter John Joseph West (1934-1966), Assault Pioneer Platoon, Support Company: seriously injured in the head at Stass on 1 July 1966 and died in Kuching on 2 July 1966, aged 32.

2 Squadron, Special Air Service Regiment

14172 Lieutenant Kenneth Ambrose 'Rock' Hudson (1936-1966), Troop Commander 'E' Troop: missing on 21 March 1966, presumed drowned in the Sekayan River during a river crossing, aged 30.

2412209 Private Robert Charles 'Bob' Moncrieff (1944-1966), 'E' Troop: missing on 21 March 1966, presumed drowned in the Sekayan River during a river crossing, aged 21.

The sacrifice of these Australian soldiers who lost their lives during the period of Confrontation was not in vain, serving to uphold the sovereignty of Sarawak and permitting the early development of Malaysia as an independent nation.

Lest we Forget



The hand-made Remembrance Bear was won by Bill Voyce.

Christmas Lunch Saturday 10 December 2022

Our annual Christmas Lunch at Club Marion was well attended, despite some late withdrawals due to COVID.

We are very grateful for the attendance of the Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, His Excellency Dr Justin Lee, and his wife Jeane.

Our other special guests were Mrs Janice Silby, Deputy Commissioner SA for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and her husband Gary.

Photos from the lunch may be found here:

Christmas Lunch 2022



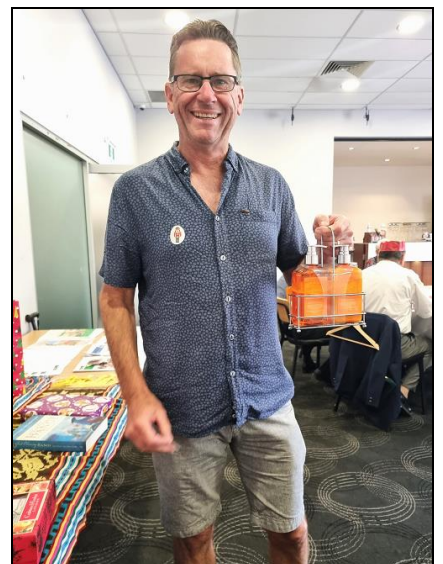
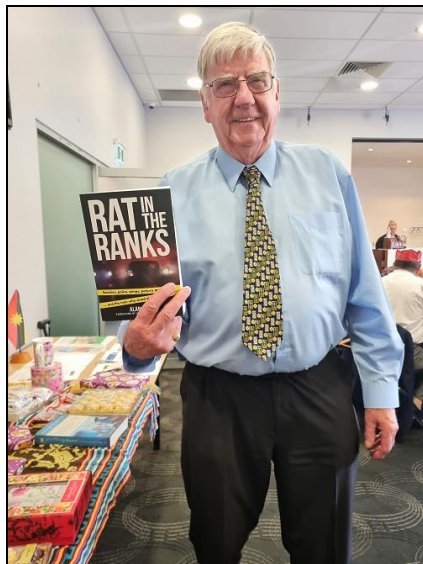
The Poppies Collection 'Tea for One' set was won by Sharon Mathews.

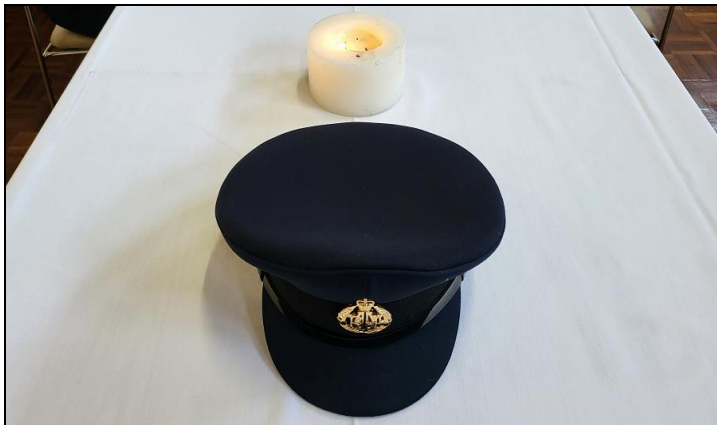


The 946 mL cans of limited edition 'Iban Princess' beer were won by Dave McCarthy and Bill Parsons.



Seated, left to right: Paul and Ingrid Bayliss; Mrs Jeane Lee and Dr Justin Lee, Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia. Standing: Mrs Janice Silby, Deputy Commissioner SA for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Mr Gary Silby, with SA/NT Branch President Paul Rosenzweig OAM.





No 604 Squadron, AAFC Saturday 10 December 2022

No 604 Squadron AAFC held a Dining-in Night for Cadets and staff at Payneham RSL on 10 December, hosted by Flying Officer (AAFC) Kieran Wandel, Commanding Officer No 604 Squadron.

The Dining President was Cadet Under Officer Kshitij Sapdhare, who was Catafalque Party Commander for our 2022 Malaya-Borneo Veterans Day service.

There was the traditional seat reserved for absent friends and fallen comrades.



Left to right: Flight-Lieutenant (AAFC) John Stobie; Flying Officer (AAFC) Kieran Wandel, Commanding Officer of No 604 Squadron; Wing-Commander (AAFC) Siobhan Forrester, newly appointed Officer Commanding No 6 Wing and a former Commanding Officer of 604 Squadron; Squadron-Leader (AAFC) Dennis Medlow; Mr Mark Lawson-Kent, President of the RSL Payneham Sub-Branch; Flight-Lieutenant (AAFC) Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP; Corporal (AAFC) Jordan Box.



No 604 Squadron, AAFC Sunday 18 December 2022

Paul and Don attended the 604 Squadron End of Year Parade at Hampstead Barracks representing the SA/NT Branch NMBVAA.

The Reviewing Officer for the parade was Branch member, Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Denny AM BM (ret'd).

Paul and Don presented the newly created Branch trophy for the first time – the Squadron Executive Instructor's Award (left) – a memorial trophy 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 award for 2022 was presented to Cadet Corporal Ryan Truong.

After the parade, Paul and Don presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Cadets and staff who supported the 2022 Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service of commemoration, including two Cadets from No 601 Squadron.



Don and Paul, with the inaugural winner of the Squadron Executive Instructor's Award for consistent excellence in drill and ceremonial activities through the year – Cadet Corporal Ryan Truong.



RECENT ACTIVITIES

Remembrance Day 2022

For the Modbury High School Remembrance Day assembly on Friday 11 November, the Catafalque Party commander was newly promoted Cadet Flight Sergeant Sukhmani Kaur (pictured left).

Cadet Flight Sergeant Kaur is a Silver Award participant in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

In August last year, then Sergeant Kaur was a member of the Catafalque Party which supported our Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service of commemoration. Thank you CFSGT Kaur for your commitment to commemorative services!

Northern Adelaide Veterans' and Families' Hub Roundtable

Paul and Don had previously attended an introductory briefing from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs the Honourable Matt Keogh MP on 17 October. On Monday 14 November, Helen Meyer represented the SA/NT Branch at a further session in the Gawler Civic Centre regarding the proposed Northern Adelaide Hub with Matt Burnell MP, the Federal Member for Spence.

This proposal was announced in the October 2022 Federal Budget. The federal government will provide \$5 million in funding for a new centre in Spence. It is described as a "one-stop shop for veterans and their families to access assistance from government, health services, ex-service organisations, and community groups". There are some 16,000 veterans and their families living in Spence and surrounding electorates.

Helen reported that the meeting was well attended by 32 people from wide-ranging organisations (Defence and Veteran communities). Attendees were asked to get together into groups and put forward what they saw as being required for the proposed facilities in regard to specified subjects, highlighting their most important requirement. Some key features that Helen's group proposed as being important were:

- The Hub must be a new facility, with whole of family applicability
- It should not be controlled by Government, Defence or a non ex-Service organisation
- It needs advocacy/health/mental health etc facilities; and links to employment
- Low (or no) cost to tenants, and free parking



Certificates of Membership Friday 16 December 2022

Some members of the Branch Committee gathered for lunch at the Old Spot Hotel to present certificates in recognition of 10 years' membership of the SA & NT Branch of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc since its reformation in 2010.

President Paul Rosenzweig presented Certificates of Membership to Vice-President Don Cameron and Treasurer Jenny Cameron, who have been members continuously since 21 August 2010.

Paul and Don then presented Certificates of Membership to Boyce and Helen Moffatt, who have been members since 12 November 2010.



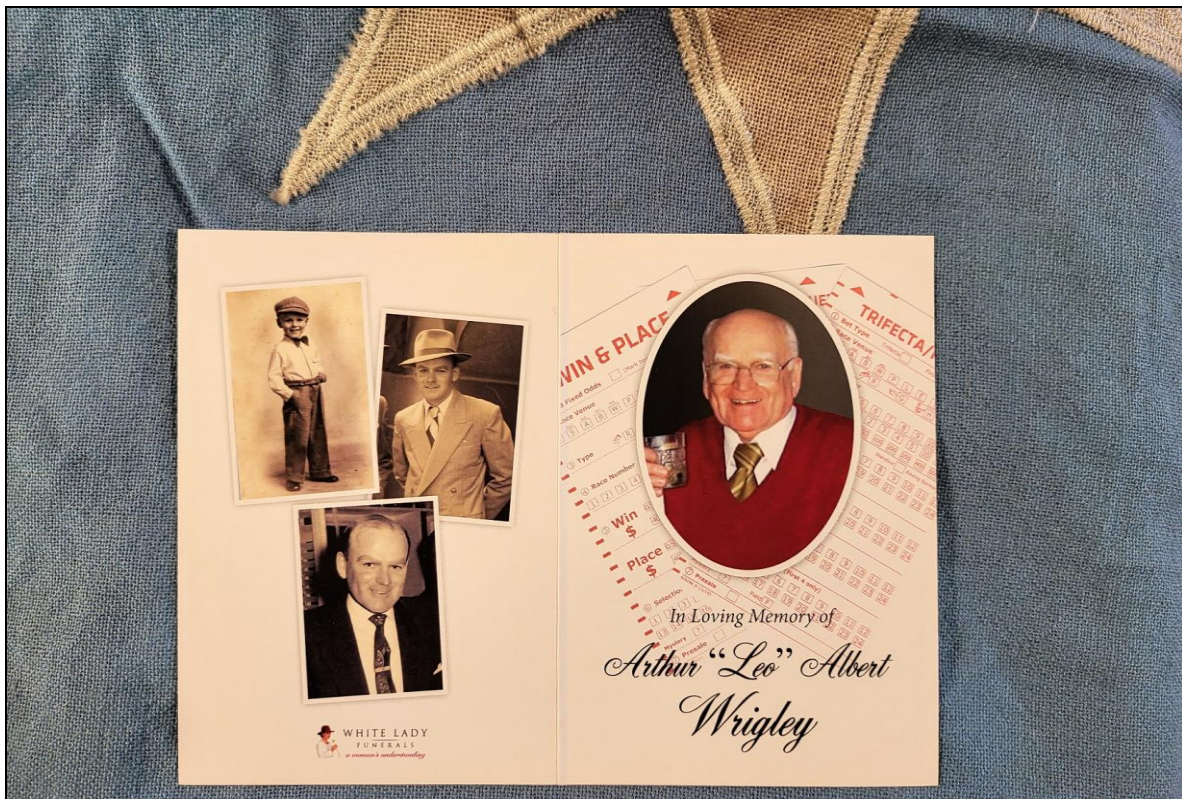
Arthur Albert Wrigley
13 November 1930 – 3 November 2022

On Thursday 1 December, Paul Rosenzweig and Mal White attended the funeral service of Malayan Emergency veteran Arthur Wrigley, who passed away on 3 November, aged 91.

Arthur Wrigley served in the Permanent Air Force from 19 April 1949 until 1 February 1957, and then the Citizen Air Force from 2 February until 4 June 1957. He was successively appointed Instrument Repairer (1950), Instrument Mechanic (1952) and Instrument Fitter (1953), and was reclassified as a Leading Aircraftman on 5 October 1950. His service included postings to No 82 (Bomber) Wing at RAAF Amberley, where he was responsible for instrument servicing and general maintenance on the A73 Lincoln B Mk 30 bomber – the largest aircraft to be built in Australia. He also served with No 34 (Communications) Squadron at Mallala in South Australia, and No 3 Aircraft Depot at RAAF Amberley.

Paul and Mal were accompanied by Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) Ian Wright of the Australian Air Force Cadets, an RAAF veteran who had also served with No 82 Wing although much more recently than Arthur Wrigley. Paul read the service history and recited the Ode of Remembrance, and Mal and Ian led veterans in placing poppies on the coffin.

We received this feedback from the Funeral Director: *“Thank you and your colleagues for all your help on last Thursday for Mr Wrigley’s service. It was lovely to meet you all and I really appreciated you sourcing and reading the military history of Arthur and reading the ode and for the assistance that you all provided to Charlotte the bugler”.*



During the Malayan Emergency, LAC Wrigley served as an Instrument Fitter with No 1 (“B”) Squadron at RAF Station Tengah in Singapore. He was initially posted for a 15-month tour, but was granted a tour extension and served until 28 May 1956.

He was responsible for instrument servicing and general maintenance on the 1 Squadron Lincoln bombers, which had been based at Singapore since 17 July 1950. During the squadron’s eight years in Singapore, more than 3,000 bombing and strafing sorties were carried out against the Communist Terrorists. The significant contribution of 1 Squadron was recognised with the presentation of a Squadron Standard by the Commander-in-Chief Far East Air Force, Air Marshal The Earl of Brandon.

For his service in supporting the war against the communist insurgency in Malaya, LAC Wrigley was awarded the General Service Medal with clasp ‘Malaya’ for service at RAAF Tengah from 1954 to 1956, and the Returned from Active Service Badge.

Lest we Forget



Post-WW2 Memorial – Ubon, Thailand

Late last year Paul Rosenzweig and Don Cameron met with Ian Smith, Chair of the RSL (SA) Anzac Day Committee regarding a project to update Adelaide’s Post-WW2 Memorial which commemorates personnel who enlisted in SA who died in service or were killed-in-action since the end of WW2.

The RSL Project aims to fix errors and include contemporary campaigns, and they are aiming to unveil the refurbished memorial at the Dawn Service on Anzac Day 2023.

We have long been keen to fix one key error on this plaque and two omissions.

Able Seaman Bobby Spooner was accidentally killed at sea in Malayan waters on 26 April 1957 while serving on D37 HMAS *Tobruk*, and was buried at sea on 27 April near the island of Pulau Tioman, Malaysia.

Spooner is incorrectly listed on this memorial under the title ‘Far East Strategic Reserve’, when it would be more appropriate for his name to be listed under the title ‘Malayan Emergency’ – as it is at the Australian War Memorial.

Signalman John Tassell of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals died in a motor vehicle accident in northeastern peninsular Malaysia on 4 April 1966. He was originally buried in the Terendak Military Cemetery in Malacca, Malaysia – his remains were repatriated on 2 June 2016 and interred in Enfield Memorial Park on 10 June 2016. As the only Confrontation fatality at rest in South Australia, and very clearly a South Australian volunteer, his name is noticeably absent from this plaque.



There is one other South Australian fatality not listed on this plaque, who falls within the NMBVAA’s broad area of interest.

Two Australians died on operational service in far eastern Thailand during the general period of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia and the Vietnam War. They are listed on the AWM Rolls of Honour under the title ‘Thailand, 1965-1968’ (panel 3 – see image, left).

This deployment was initially in response to Thailand’s call to members of the South East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) for military assistance in response to the communist insurgency in Laos and to defend Thailand from any attack from the Pathet Lao or from North Vietnamese troops on the northern border.

The Australian military response later came to support operations during the Vietnam War.

O44851 Pilot Officer Mark McGrath (1944-1968) was a pilot with No 79 Squadron RAAF based at the Royal Thai Air Force Base at Ubon near the Laotian border. He had been born in Adelaide on 17 June 1944, the son of George and Marie McGrath of Plympton, and was noted in media reports as the first South Australian league footballer killed during the Vietnam conflict.

Mark McGrath died on 3 January 1968 when the CA-27 Sabre jet he was flying in formation on an air defence mission crashed near the Ubon air base. This was the second, and only fatal, Sabre crash at Ubon. Two miles from the air base, his aircraft ‘A94-986’ suffered catastrophic engine failure on late finals and crashed from a height of 1,500 feet and burst into flames. Four homes were totally destroyed and one was partly destroyed, several outbuildings were damaged, and a young Thai girl named Prataisre Sangdang later died from extensive burns sustained in the accident.

Mark McGrath was buried in Centennial Park Cemetery in Adelaide (Derrick Gardens, Path 5, Grave 488A).

Lest we Forget



HMAS *Hobart* Lookout Fleurieu Peninsula

This lookout in Lady Bay near Normanville on South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula commemorates two naval vessels named HMAS *Hobart* and the crews who sailed in them.

The anchor points towards the final resting place of D39 HMAS *Hobart* (2), a destroyer which deployed three times during the Vietnam War (1967, 1969, 1970) and served in Darwin during Operation 'Navy Help Darwin', the RAN disaster relief effort following Cyclone Tracy. After being decommissioned, she was scuttled in Yankalilla Bay on 5 November 2002 to form an artificial dive reef.

Of relevance to us is the original HMAS *Hobart* which is also commemorated by this memorial. D63 HMAS *Hobart* was a light cruiser which served during WW2 and supported the 1945 landings at Brunei (June) and at Balikpapan (July), earning the Battle Honour 'Borneo 1945'. She was broken up in 1962.



VALE

Kingsley John Paul OAM
12 November 1941 – 7 December 2022

With sadness we advise of the passing of former Warrant Officer Class 1 Kingsley John Paul OAM on 7 December 2022, aged 81.

As a Warrant Officer Class 2, he was awarded the National Medal for long service on 11 October 1979. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "For service to veterans, and to the community of the Adelaide Hills". In 2019 he was given Life Membership of the RSL for his decades of service, advocacy, care and leadership in an organisation dedicated to improving the lives of veterans, ex-Service personnel, serving ADF members and Cadets.

Lest we Forget





PATRON OF ADF CADETS

The Patron of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC(Mil) CVO MC (ret'd), has taken up a new uniformed appointment.

Last December, Sir Peter introduced himself to the more than 28,000 cadets and their families in an online video message after he took up the appointment as the inaugural Patron of the Australian Defence Force Cadets.

The Australian Navy Cadets, Australian Army Cadets and Australian Air Force Cadets are the Australian Defence Force's leading youth development programs.

They support 13- to 18- year olds through activities that help them thrive in a team environment, improve their communication skills, and become responsible members of the local community.

The announcement stated that the former Chief of the Defence Force and Governor-General of Australia will visit units across the country to support cadets and raise awareness of the experiences that the programs provide.

In 1985, Lieutenant-Colonel Cosgrove was appointed a Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment in 1983-84.

For his leadership as Commander of the International Task Force East Timor (INTERFET), in 2000 Major-General Cosgrove was promoted within the Military Division of the Order of Australia to Companion (AC).

On 28 March 2014, General Cosgrove was appointed a Knight of the Order of Australia (AK) as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. All appointments as Knight or Dame are made in the General Division. Accordingly, he is entitled to use the post-nominals 'AK' following by 'AC(Mil)' to show that the latter award was in the Military Division.

At the end of 2017, General Cosgrove was announced as the new national Patron of the NMBVAA.

Regarding his new role as Patron of the Australian Defence Force Cadets, Sir Peter said: *"I'm honoured to once again put on a uniform to support our young people through activities that help them thrive and become responsible members of their local community"*.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Greenock Aviation Museum visit

The Elizabeth/Salisbury Branch of the Air Force Association is planning to conduct a visit to the Greenock Aviation Museum in the Barossa Valley.

The museum is home to a breath-taking private collection of preserved aircraft, scale model aircraft, aircraft parts and memorabilia.

A range of local arts and crafts, Barossa produce and aviation books are available to purchase.

The cost is dependent upon the size of bus the Branch ends up using. The event is planned for Sunday 26 March, and the bus will depart from the Salisbury RSL. Wait out for further information.





Waiouru National Army Museum

Among the displays found at the Waiouru National Army Museum Te Mata Toa on the North Island of New Zealand are various items relating to New Zealand's military contribution to the Malayan wars.

One interesting item is this display of the New Zealand Special Air Service (NZSAS), the first force deployed during the Malayan Emergency to counter the activities of the Communist Terrorists (CTs).

The NZSAS was established on 1 May 1955, and on 20 November the squadron departed New Zealand to complete parachute training in Changi, Singapore. After jungle training in the mountains of Perak, the 133-strong NZSAS Squadron became operational on 2 April 1956, attached to the British SAS.

The NZSAS Squadron was supported by the Royal Air Force and Royal New Zealand Air Force, which conducted strike missions, insertion and supply-drop operations.

This display shows Vickers Valetta C1 aircraft 'VX508' 'K' (in service from 1950 to 1958).

The Valetta was a twin-engine medium range transport aircraft used in the Emergency for supply and paratroop dropping. This aircraft belonged to No 110 Squadron RAF, Far East Air Force Transport Wing.

The squadron returned to New Zealand in late 1957.



MALAYAN EMERGENCY Roll of Honour – January

Honouring the sacrifice of the 45 Australians who died on operational service during the general period of the Malayan Emergency, 16 June 1948 to 31 July 1960.

1/2706 Sergeant Keith Henry Ewald,
Mortar Platoon, Support Company,
2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment:
31 January 1956

5/410165 Private Aeneas John Tulloch,
3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment:
31 January 1958

2/42764 Craftsman Bruce Dudley Henderson,
'A' Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery:
16 January 1959

1/3546 Gunner Ross Macleay Ducat,
'A' Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery:
25 January 1959

Lest we Forget

CONFRONTATION Roll of Honour – January

Honouring the sacrifice of the 26 Australians who died during the general period of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia, 24 December 1962 to 11 August 1966.

215303 Gunner Stephen Wallis Danks,
111 Light Anti-Aircraft Battery,
Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery:
24 January 1965

Lest we Forget

