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2015, 100th Anniversary of ANZAC

NMC MEETING

17 FEBRUARY 2015

MALAYSIA LIAISON REPORT

SA & NT Branch members hosted a informal Meet n Greet at Hilton RSL on 5 February, for five visitors from Sarawak....Barbara Atan is the director for ASEAN and Australia of the Sarawak Tourism Board and accompanied by four colleagues, visited Adelaide on the way back to Kuching after a 4 day Borneo Tourism Expo in Perth, WA.

Barbara and Mr Lim Kian Hock were key partners in helping to make the 50th Anniversary of Deployments into Sarawak last September for members from South Australia.

Guests included COL Rob Manton, Director Veterans' SA, Keith Harrison RSL SA, Hon Matt Williams MP, Federal Member for Hindmarsh, and Hon John Trainer Mayor, City of West Torrens.

Gifts were exchanged and an idea to develop special tourism packages between the NMBVAA Inc and the Sarawak Tourism Board was discussed. A long term element of the idea is to see if it is viable for several packages to be offered, varying in length to include the Peninsula and a number of side trips to visit specific contact sites on the Peninsula, in Sabah and Sarawak. The initial response is very encouraging. There is minimal to nil costs for the NMBVAA Inc.

The reciprocal benefits for both organisations are both tangible and intangible. The people of Borneo are very mindful of the role played by Australia during WW2, the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation, much more so than Australians, and their gratitude is evidenced by recognition, politeness and respect.

The SA NT Branch "adopted" three remote schools in the Bau District of Sarawak. This area is embedded in 3RAR and 4RAR history as being the site of several highly successful ambush actions in 1965. Elderly locals still remember the Australian soldiers from those times.

A major objective of the visit was to have a reunion with some surviving Royal Malaysian Rangers and Iban Trackers in Kuching. A formal lunch was held in the Kuching Hilton where gifts were exchanged and we have again been requested to help with the refurbishment and updating of a post WW2 war cemetery in Kuching.....

We have established permanent contacts with the Penang Veterans' Association in Georgetown who are former Malaysian and Indian Army veterans. Some members may visit Adelaide for ANZAC Day 2015. Association plaques have been exchanged and we have been asked to help with the establishment of a permanent Memorial for both post WW2 campaigns in the precinct of the Penang War Memorial.....

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Brian Selby



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Courage Mateship Pride



Sarawak Visitors





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