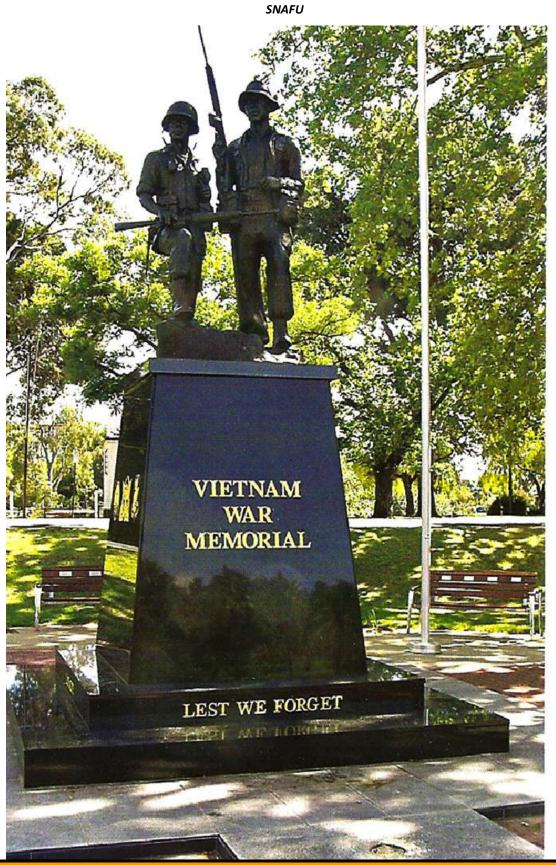


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Hullo again,

We are still locked in battle with the government over the relocation of Ward 17, together with our partners - Korea/Malaya-Borneo and VVA Associations. In the words of Winston Churchill, "We will never surrender".

Congratulations to Paul Copock, the newly elected President of the VVAA. Paul is quite happy to continue with the close working relationship which has developed between the VVF and VVA over the past two years.

We still need ideas from the members on what they would like to see happening at the Federation - such as Quiz Nights or other inclusive activities. But don't forget the next important Federation event coming up, which is the 50th Anniversary of Coral/Balmoral.

Your thoughts on how to best celebrate the 21st anniversary of the establishment of the VVFSA the middle of this year would also be appreciated, and remember, you can send your thoughts in by email, snail mail, or just rock up and let us know what you think would be good for activities and our 21st.

We still need people to join with our hard working volunteers by holding up their hand to work for an hour or two at the outside BBQ's, which raises much needed funds for the VVF. This is not onerous work, and can be quite fun with many people that come up for a sausage.

Well, I have battered your sensibilities enough this month, so I will now leave you in peace. I hope that you are all well, but if not, are on the road to recovery.

Grumpy

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi all,

Well how time flies; here we are into a new year, and don't let anyone tell you that you are another year older!.

We had a quick meeting on the 18th Jan and here are a few items that came out of that meeting.

Alawoona Camp Andrew Russell, Soldier on and Trojans Trek are still looking at the site to use it for their members, Bob Haslett will meet them on site soon.

Bob Ellis has been made an offer by an artificial grass company to cover the memorial area with turf, they will level and lay the material for free, great gift, thanks to Bob for following that up.

Bob Haslett has completed the irrigation to the trees around the memorial. Later in the year we will get back to C.A.R. to continue working on the camp. Remember you can go there at any time - it is yours to use.

Caravanning: A few suggestions were talked about. The Oyster Fest in October at Ceduna seems the most likely to be attended - more on this later.

Also, Pt Pirie and Pt Augusta in May that the W.A.C.A.S are organising will be good but we are away for that one.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 March at 10.30.

All the best for now.

Phil Scroop VORG coordinator 0418835516 philscroop@outlook.com



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Mr John Hough State President, Vietnam Veterans Federation 15 Corella Drive BLAKEVIEW SA 5114

Friday 19 February, 2016

#### South Australia's Ex-Service Commemorative Calendar 2016

The Anzac Centenary (2014-2018) is an opportunity to remember the courageous men and women from South Australia whose service and sacrifice in all wars, conflicts and peace operations has ensured the preservation of the way of life we enjoy today.

Dear Mr Hough,

Please find enclosed copies of this year's Ex-Service Commemorative Calendar for display on your organisation's noticeboards.

The annual Ex-Service Commemorative Calendar is an initiative of the Veterans' Advisory Council (VAC) established by the South Australian Government in 2008 and chaired by the Hon Sir Eric Neal AC CVO.

This annual calendar has particular significance as we enter the second year of the Anzac Centenary and turn our attention to battles in which South Australians fought in the Middle East and on the Western Front, particularly those at Fromelles and Pozieres in northern France. The calendar includes other key dates of particular importance this year such as the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in Vietnam, and 75th anniversaries of the formation of Australian Women's Services units across Navy, Army and Air Force.

In 2016, Veterans SA will commence a state-wide initiative involving the re-creation of Cheer-Up Huts in key locations across South Australia, including Unley in March, Adelaide and Mount Pleasant in May, Mount Gambier in September, and Port Augusta in November. Further locations for recreations are planned for 2017 and 2018, if the initiative proves popular. The Cheer-Up Hut recreations are designed to be a focal point for community storytelling; a place where South Australians who have an interest in sharing their Anzac story can come together to do so.

The Adelaide and Port Augusta Cheer-Up Hut recreations will be presented within the Community Zone of the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience. This national event travelling throughout Australia is receiving very positive reviews. If you have not reserved your free tickets to attend, you can do so by visiting www.spiritofanzac.gov.au. By booking ahead you secure a timeslot that will allow you to maximise your time at the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience, which takes approximately 60 minutes to enjoy fully.

The state's dedicated Anzac Centenary website, which was launched in April last year, now has hundreds of Anzac stories relevant to South Australians available to read and share. There

is also a Facebook page, Twitter account, Instagram account and Linked In page carrying significant content about Anzac Centenary activities, events, anecdotes and stories and we encourage you to bring this resource to the attention of your members.

Content uploaded onto the Anzac Centenary website will become part of the Anzac Centenary Time Capsule project for South Australia. This project aims to preserve the website content for future generations of South Australians to revisit and re-interpret when the Anzac Bi-Centenary takes place in 2118.

Over the next three years, it is our aim to attract more Anzac stories from members of the South Australian community, across all ages and backgrounds, onto this site. We ask that you encourage the members of your organisation and their extended family, to take this opportunity to include their Anzac story within this important state record. It is very easy to do and Veterans SA staff are on hand to assist anyone who may be experiencing difficulties uploading content.

To also assist South Australians to prepare their Anzac stories, Veterans SA recently launched its Anzac Centenary Cheer-Up Hut Club storytelling initiative. The Club's Honorary Patron is Mrs Lan Le. This free program has been designed to support amateur and first time writers of any age to research and write their Anzac story. To join, simply follow the links from the www.anzaccentenary.sa.gov.au home page to the dedicated Cheer-Up Hut Club membership portal. The eight-week self-paced program provides members with a step by step guide that is easy to follow and supported through an online club membership program.

Construction of our State's flagship centenary project, the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk on Kintore Avenue is well underway. The aim is to create a reflective space that will physically and symbolically link the State's principal site of remembrance – the South Australian National War Memorial on North Terrace with Torrens Parade Ground and the Pathway of Honour. This was the preferred project of the Veterans' Advisory Council when it considered the most appropriate way to commemorate the Centenary of Anzac in South Australia.

Applications for the 2016 round of the Anzac Day Commemoration Fund, which has been increased to 350,000 for the financial years 2014 - 2018, open in mid-February. If you have a project you think might fit the criteria for this grant funding, please consider applying. More information about how to apply can be found on www.anzaccentenary.sa.gov.au under the Grants tab.

Please contact Veterans SA by telephone on 08) 8226 8552 if you would like to receive more copies of the Commemorative Calendar. Alternatively you can download an electronic copy from www.anzaccentenary.sa.gov.au by simply placing commemorative calendar in the search bar. We can also provide more information about the contents of the calendar, as well as advice on how to conduct a commemorative service.

Thank you for your assistance in disseminating this information to your members.

Yours sincerely

Rob Manton Director, Veterans SA

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### OFFICIAL HISTORIAN FOR IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, AND EAST TIMOR ANNOUNCED

Selamat pagi Ladies and Gentlemen,

The compilation and publication of the OFFICIAL histories for Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor is a continuation of the records for all Australian military engagements, and please correct me if I am wrong, since the Boxer Revolution, and certainly since the Boer War. An admirable and "Must Do" archiving task, with two notable exceptions.

In this Centenary of ANZAC period from 2014 -2019, we are commemorating with proper reverence and ceremonies, with hundreds of displays including Australia, Turkey, the UK, France and Belgium, however, there are two very significant and historically important post WW2 undeclared wars that have still to be given due and proper recognition, including compiling and publication of the events, outcomes and Nominal Rolls recording the details of every Australian soldier, sailor and airman who was deployed into these campaigns... the MALAYAN EMERGENCY from 1948 - 1960 and **CONFRONTATION INDONESIAN** the WITH MALAYSIA from 1962 - 1966 have not been mentioned, nor, included in any commemoration service planned for these Centenary years.

An excuse has been given by a former Minister for Veterans' Affairs', that there were insufficiently trained staff to undertake the task of commencing and completing the Nominal Rolls for both of these campaigns.....

There is no Memorial to our Australian personnel for either of these campaigns in the AWM precincts, or, the Avenue in Canberra. The SA & NT Branch of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Association Australia Inc, is unveiling and dedicating a Memorial to the 22 Australian soldiers and one airman who were KIA, DoW and DoI during the Indonesian Confrontation.....we are commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Cease Fire and Declaration of the End of the Indonesian Confrontation in August, 1966.

A funding request to help defray the costs of this project was declined by a former Minister because the Memorial was not on Australian soil. We have now raised the necessary funds and will be holding the ceremony, with great assistance from the people of Sarawak, in the Sarawak War Memorial Gardens at 0930 hrs on 29 August, 2016. Our Memorial will be similar and adjacent to, the Australian SAS Memorial which was dedicated on 4 August, 2015.

The attached plaque design is the planned Memorial, made from a Sarawak black granite slab and crafted by a local stonemason in Kuching

Kami Jangan Lupakan...dan terima kasih....

Ubique Brian Selby President SA & NT Branch National Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Association Australia Inc.



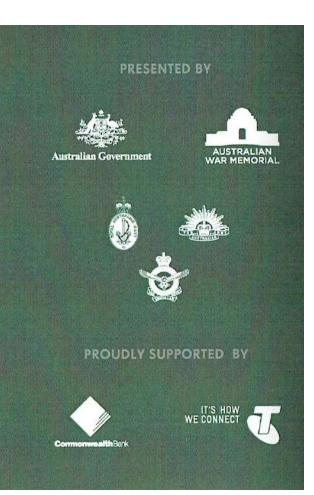
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- "One of the best exhibitions I've ever witnessed
- "Beautifully done and deeply moving"
- "Whatever else you do this year don't miss this!
- "It was truly phenomenal





## COMMEMORATION SERVICE OF THE BOMBING OF DARWIN

The Federation received an invitation to attend the 74th Annual Commemoration of the First Bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942.

The service was held on Friday 19th February in the RGH Chapel followed by lunch in the SPF Hall.

The address was by Brigadier (Ret'd) Robert Atkinson AM RFD FAMA, who is a Vietnam Veteran, and was an account of the time his father spent in Darwin during the bombing. He told the audience that he would be in trouble with his Dad if he got anything wrong as his father was at the back of the Chapel. It was a wonderful address.

Hayley Reid, who is a member of the staff at the Repat, sang the hymn and the National Anthem with the guests joining in. The ODE was recited by Mr Les Brown who is 95 and a Darwin Veteran and the Darwin Defenders Wreath was laid by Mr Bruce Arrowsmith also a Darwin Veteran.

Ray Buttery, a Darwin Veteran and his daughter, were in attendance. The service was well organised and well attended and the lunch was a wonderful spread as usual and enjoyed by all who were able to stay. The Museum was open at the conclusion of the service for those who wished to view the exhibits.

Well done to those who organised the service. Mike & Marg Culley



Ray Buttery and his Daughter

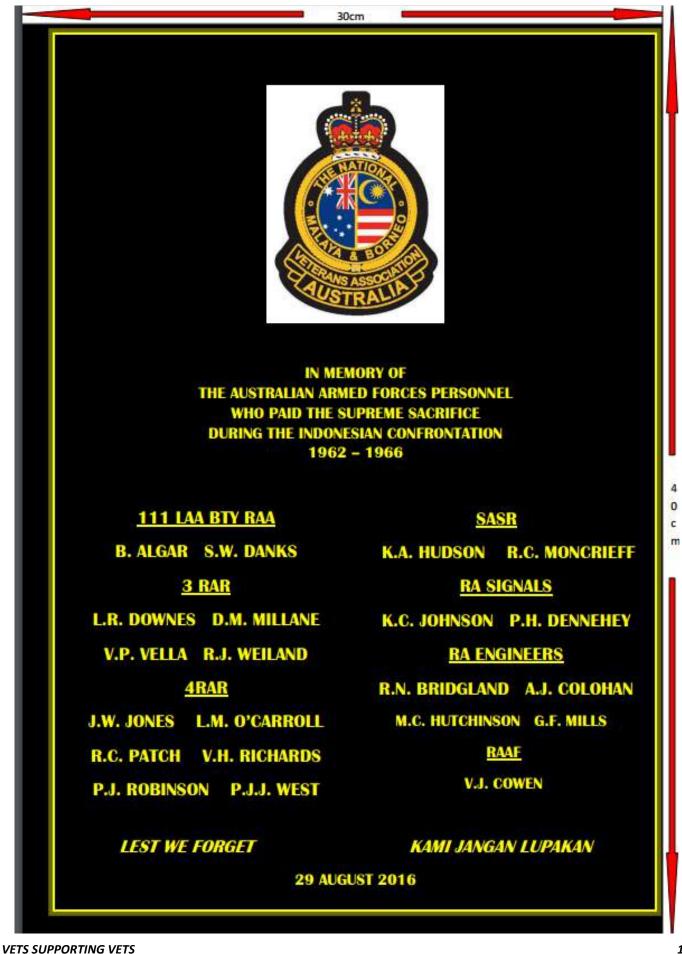
### COMMEMORATION SERVICE OF THE BOMBING OF DARWIN



Vietnam Veterans' Federation plaque proudly displayed in the Repat Chapel



## OFFICIAL HISTORIAN FOR IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, AND EAST TIMOR ANNOUNCED



## DESCENDANTS & FRIENDS DAY INVITATION 10TH APRIL 2016

Dear Secretary

I have a great deal of pleasure in inviting your members to attend the South Australian Boer War Association's Descendants' and Friends' Day at Keswick Barracks, Anzac Highway, on Sunday 10 April 2016 at 1.30 pm.

The war in South Africa 1899-1902 is Australia's forgotten war, even though it was our first major conflict and saw more Australian dead than any war apart from the two world wars.

SABWA is committed to keeping alive the memory of the men and women who served in this long ago war.

The annual gathering is the highlight of our calendar and brings together descendants of those who served and others simply interested in the war. This year we've another interesting programme of short talks and displays!

Some of your members may be interested. If so, could I ask you to post this email and the attached invitation on your noticeboard or better still to forward it electronically to members?

Details are on the invitation.

And while at Keswick your members might like to visit the Army Museum of South Australia *before* the SABWA event. There is no admission charge. AMOSA is one of South Australia's lesser known treasures and is open from 12 noon.

Kind regards

Marianne Moore Treasurer South Australian Boer War Association Inc





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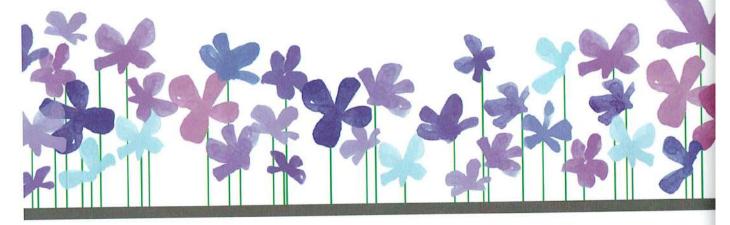
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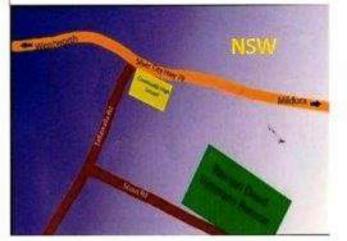
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Originally there were 8 campaign stars issued for the Second World War. Apart from some Commonwealth issues, these were issued unnamed. It was decided that the maximum number of stars that could be earned by any one person was 5, while those who qualified for more received a clasp to be sewn on the ribbon of the appropriate star. Only one clasp per ribbon was permitted which was the first to be earned after qualifying for the previous star.

In 2013 after much lobbying from various naval organisations the British Government issued the 9<sup>th</sup> star for WW2, The Arctic Star, in recognition of those personnel (both civil and military) who passed through the Arctic Circle to deliver supplies to Russia.

Clasps for the Stars are as follows:

1. 1939-45 Star i. Battle of Britain,

2. Atlantic Star ii. Air Crew Europe or iii. France and Germany,

3. Air Crew Europe Star iv. Atlantic or v. France and Germany,

Arctic Star None,

 Africa Star vi. 1<sup>st</sup> Army or vii. 8<sup>th</sup> Army or viii North Africa 1942-43,

6. Pacific Star ix. Burma,

7. Burma Star x. Pacific,

8. Italy Star None, and

9. France and Germany Star xi. Atlantic.

The ribbons are believed to have been designed by King George VI personally and have symbolic significance in each case.

When ribbons alone are worn the clasp is usually denoted by a silver rosette, however, the Battle of Britain clasp is represented by a gilt rosette and the 1<sup>st</sup> Army and 8<sup>th</sup> Army clasps by small silver numerals.

By Butch Daly

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Lead Light/Glass Fusion	Wednesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm
WACAS (We All Care and Support) Federation monthly BBQ	Social outings for partners - contact Wendy 0400 570016 2nd Friday of each month/cost \$8.00 begins at
   	11.30am
The Blokes	Tony Hermanson awhermanson@bigbond.com or 0400 570 016
OR, RING THE VVF OFFICE DURIN	NG OFFICE HOURS FOR CONTACT INFORMATION





We are back into the swing of things and starting to motivate ourselves for the year ahead.

Wayne's clock is still proving to be a challenge but the end is getting nearer.

John is tackling a new mosaic table so there will be a lot of cutting of tiles to fill in the design before it is finished. Chris and Butch are working on their historic vehicle

emblems and making good progress. Meryl hasn't done any glass fusion for awhile but she still comes to join in with the frivolity as we do go on with a lot of rot within the group.

The kiln is fired most Wednesdays and new members will be most welcome if anyone wishes to join us and learn the art of lead light or glass fusion.

This last week we went to the Henley Beach Hotel for a late Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by all.

# **Including Glass Fusion**



## ANZAC DAY

# Our clubrooms will be open from 12 noon to 5pm

All members and their families welcome

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- Bring a plate of food

Leave your car in the carpark and catch the train into the city for the March

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### **QUOTE BOARD**

People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do Isaac Asimov

A woman's mind is cleaner than a man's: She changes it more often Oliver Herford

I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade... And try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka, and have a party **Ron White** 

We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know **W. H. Auden** 

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please Mark Twain

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday **Don Marquis** 

> I can resist everything except temptation Oscar Wilde

Too much agreement kills a chat Eldridge Cleaver

One advantage of talking to yourself is that you know at least somebody's listening Franklin P. Jones

If two wrongs don't make a right, try three Laurence J. Peter

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month **Theodore Roosevelt** 

> No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar Abraham Lincoln

### FAMILY SEEKING INFORMATION

Advising of the death of Sapper Alan James Bickley who served with Unit 21 Engineer Support Troop.

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