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### 2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

<https://doublereds.org.au/>

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### 2/2 COMMEMORATION CEREMONY 2016



**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, November 20

**Where:** Lovekin Drive, Kings Park

Association members, their families, friends and other supporters are reminded and encouraged to attend this year's commemoration ceremony.

The ceremony will be the first to be live streamed online for those that cannot attend and for later viewing. Save the link and make sure you subscribe to our YouTube channel while you're there:

[live.doublereds.org.au/memorial2016](http://live.doublereds.org.au/memorial2016)

### ASSOCIATION GRANTS TO MELVILLE FRIENDS OF HATOLIA AND CONTAINERS FOR TIMOR

In August, President Peter Epps invited members to submit proposals about projects that the Association could provide funding support with a deadline of 30 September.

Four funding proposals were received and considered by the Committee at its meeting on 25 October.

After careful consideration, the committee decided to provide funding support to two of the projects:

Containers for Timor-Leste \$4,000

Melville Friends of Hatolia – \$5,148  
professional development training  
for teachers at Raeraga School,  
Timor-Leste

The unsuccessful proposers will be invited to revise their submissions and re-submit them for consideration in the call for funding proposals in 2017.

Further information about the successful projects will be provided in the next issue of the Courier.



School furniture provided by the Containers for Timor Project being unloaded in Dili

### FUND-RAISING AND FUNDING PROPOSAL PROCEDURE

The Committee also decided to actively fund-raise by encouraging donations and selling products through the Doublereds website; \$5,000-\$10,000 a year was set as a realistic target.

Donations received and income from sales will be utilised to financially support worthy projects in

the theatres where the 2/2 campaigned – Timor-Leste, New Guinea and New Britain.

Progress with fund-raising and donor acknowledgements will be communicated through a dedicated page on the Doublereds website:

<https://doublereds.org.au/donations/>

The same procedure and a similar timeline will be followed in 2017 calling for funding proposals and deciding the ones that will be supported.

### TIMOR GAP ISSUE

Association President, Peter Epps has written to The Hon. Julie Bishop Minister for Foreign Affairs confirming the Association's ongoing interest in the proper resolution of the ongoing border dispute between Australia and Timor-Leste. Peter wrote that:

1. Australia should enter good faith negotiations with Timor Leste; and
2. If no agreement is reached, both parties should participate in binding arbitration.

Peter concluded:

In 2016, Timor Leste, like any sovereign nation, seeks to establish its sea borders. I ask that this be done in a manner that takes into account the strong bonds between the people of Timor Leste and Australia - a relationship that has endured for over 65 years.

To see Peter's correspondence with the Minister, go to:

<https://doublereds.org.au/news/maritime-boundaries-dispute-r16/>

### DOCUMENTARY 'TIME TO DRAW THE LINE' PREMIERS IN CANBERRA



Almost 200 people attended a reception and premiere screening at Parliament House, Canberra of 'Time to Draw the Line' on Tuesday 11 October 2016.

The documentary tells the story of Australia and Timor Leste's relationship in a way that shares the highs and lows since WWII. The movie is fast

paced using historical footage and current commentary from many Australian voices.

The Kenneally family was well represented at the premier with Nora, Gerald and Helen in attendance.

The film can be previewed at:

<http://www.frontyardfilms.com.au>

### DOUBLEREDS WEB SITE AND 2/2 FACEBOOK PAGE



Member, wider community and international interest continues to grow in the Doublereds website and 2/2 Facebook page with an increasing number of connections to both sites and interesting contributions.

Thank you to Louis Crossing for his voluntary efforts in creating and maintaining these high quality web sites that provide such an effective means of communication for members and supporters of the Association.

### VALE ROBERT NAYLOR SMYTH OAM - WX19098



Robert (Bob) enlisted into the 2nd AIF in 1942 and served with the unit on New Guinea and New Britain as a Trooper in the Headquarters Group of 'B' Troop.

After returning to civilian life, he was very heavily involved with the Unit Association and even though he did not serve on Timor, he volunteered many hours over many years collecting, packaging and sending goods to help the East Timorese.

For recognition of his unwavering support of the Association, Bob was made a Life Member in 1968, was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2001 and was also awarded a medal of the Order of Australia in 2003.

Bob was a loving husband of Margaret, father of Bradley, Susan and Richard, and grandfather of Thomas and Emily.

He died peacefully at home on Wednesday 17 August 2016, aged 98.

His funeral was held at 11:30am on Wednesday 24 August in the Norfolk chapel at Karrakatta.