

Wreath for remembrance

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A WREATH-laying ceremony is planned for tomorrow at 10.30am at the Australian War Memorial to honour those who served and died in Malaya and Borneo during the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation. The Indonesian Confrontation was the first conflict where National Servicemen were posted to a war zone in 1966. According to National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association Australia president Ian Davenport, very few Australians are aware of these conflicts because of the secrecy imposed at the time. The association has advised its members of the ceremony, but wishes to extend an invitation to the many other veterans of these "secret wars" who may wish to come along. Those who do come are asked to wear their medals to the ceremony at the memorial's Western Courtyard. Tomorrow is also Malaysia National Day.

Delivered with a smile

TO MARK National Meals on Wheels Day tomorrow, politicians will try the meals on wheels dining experience. Federal Member for Fraser Andrew Leigh and Liberal senator Gary Humphries will chow down on the veal parmigiana, creamed rice and orange juice brought to them. Member for Canberra Gai Brodtmann will join a volunteer on their usual delivery run of a dozen meals. According to the organisation, more than 78,000 volunteers deliver nearly 15 million meals to more than 50,000 people each year. The figures for Canberra are 285 volunteers delivering about 130,000 meals annually to about 650 clients. The reason why most of the clients need these deliveries is they cannot shop or prepare meals themselves. They enjoy their deliveries so they can remain in their homes, where they are happiest. Red Cross executive director for the ACT and south-east NSW Joan Hughes said the service was about more than just food. "It's the smile the volunteers bring each day and the connections that are formed that make such a difference to the people we visit." For information on volunteering, contact 62347634 or volunteernow@redcross.org.au. Student shapes change KUDOS to ANU student Michael Mazengarb. The 24-year-old, of Monash, who is also Young People Ambassador of the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment, will represent Australia at the 17th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Durban this year. He and five other young Australians will be among the 20,000 delegates who will attend the summit from November 24 to December 10. The convention will negotiate and develop policy on carbon emissions in an effort to reduce global warming. Mazengarb, an engineering and science student, wanted to be a voice for Canberra's young people and aimed to take Canberra's sustainability issues to the world. He said, "It should no longer come as a surprise to Canberrans that our ecological

footprint is [more than] 10 per cent higher than the national average.

We are living unsustainable lifestyles and should all be actively trying to stabilise this trend." Mazengarb was chosen after submitting a research proposal to Global Voices, a not-for-profit organisation which aims to educate young Australians and provide them with opportunities to contribute to foreign policy nationally and internationally. One for the calendar

IF YOU'D like to say hello to Hall and Oates you won't want to miss Daryl Hall and John Oates, who are set return to Australia for first national tour since 1991. Australia's own '80s band Icehouse would join them, it was announced recently. The bands will perform a series of A Day on the Green winery and indoor concerts nationally, including one at the Centennial Vineyards, Bowral, on February 4. Keen music fans might remember the link between the two acts - Oates co-wrote and sang the Icehouse hit Electric Blue. Oates remembers Icehouse frontman Iva Davies inviting him to Sydney to write a song in the late 1980s. "We tried for a few days and didn't come up with much of anything. Then we just hung out on the beach while Iva went windsurfing and when we returned to the studio we finally came up with the song Electric Blue," he said in a statement. For all show, transport, accommodation details and playing times, see www.adayonthegreen.com.au [<http://www.adayonthegreen.com.au>]. Tickets go on sale on September 7 from [Ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au). Defining satire

A SCIENTIST, **Derek Abbott**, has published a satirical dictionary to be updated via crowd sourcing. The **Adelaide**-based Abbott's tome features wry definitions for everyday concepts. He considers his creation an updated version of Ambrose Bierce's book The Devil's Dictionary and published it to mark the 100th anniversary of Bierce's work. Like The Devil's Dictionary, Abbott's book is an attempt at humorous and pointed descriptions of everyday terms and concepts. Unlike it, however, the dictionary draws from a variety of sources and will be updated regularly based on reader contributions. Definitions include "Creativity: n. 'knowing how to hide your sources' (attributed to Albert Einstein), and Lloyd Irving's definition of morals: 'excuses for not behaving badly'".

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