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Orders and Medals Research Society

HONG KONG BRANCH

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Branch Newsletter September 2026

Introduction

After the heat of the summer months we are now moving forward with arrangements for the rest of the year as members return from their holidays.

Branch AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held at the United Services Recreation Club on 26 May.

The Committee was appointed as follows:

- Hon. President & Treasurer: Steve Verralls
- Hon. Secretary: Martin Heyes
- Committee Members: Peter Hunt and Angus Stevenson-Hamilton

The Committee noted with sadness the passing of long-time member Gavin Shiu. Condolences were extended to Gavin's family, and the Branch was represented at his funeral.

In recognition of her long support and service, Patricia O'Sullivan was made a Life Member of the Branch.

Minutes of the meeting will shortly be uploaded to the Branch website.

Future Events

Later in the year, we provisionally expect:

- A talk by a former British South Africa Police and Royal Hong Kong Police officer on his experiences serving in Rhodesia and Hong Kong.
- A presentation by the Auction Client Liaison Manager at Noonans Mayfair (auctioneers).

Next Event

The World War Two Veterans' Clubhouse in Causeway Bay has recently been renovated. A reopening function, organised by the Hong Kong Ex-Servicemen's (HKESA) Association and the Royal British Legion (RBL), will be held on 24 September.

The Branch has been invited to join this informal evening of cocktails/happy hour with light food. The clubhouse features several notable medal displays, including a group awarded to a local seaman involved in the Yangtze Incident who served on HMS Black Swan and later in Korea. There is also a small library assembled by former member Lt. Col. Nigel Collett.

There will a small charge of $100 per head to be donated to the HKESA/RBL.

If you wish to attend the World War Two Veterans' Clubhouse function on 24th September, please email stevehverralls@gmail.com by 18 September.

Best regards to all,

Steve Verralls,
Hon. President