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KOREA RE-VISITED

A party of former Australian and New Zealand Servicemen re-visited Korea on Anzac Day to attend ceremonies commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong and also a service at the United Nations War Cemetery at Pusan.

I was among those attending and I was given the honour of leading the re-visit tour - hence my absence from the State on Anzac Day, 1976.

The re-visit programme was arranged through the Korea National Tourism Corporation and the Korea Veterans’ Association of Korea and included a visit to the “Peace Village of Panmunjom, a narrow de-militarized zone which separates the northern and southern halves of the country.

Once little more than a wide place in the road, Panmunjom suddenly found itself the focal point of world attention in July, 1953, when the village saw the signing of an Armistice Agreement which ended the three-year conflict.

It continues as a world- famous point of confrontation between the contentious political systems that still divide Korea.

It is significant that this year is the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. The touring party visited the famous battlefield of Kapyong where the Australian Third Battalion won the United States Presidential Citation.

KAPYONG VETERAN

Deputy Tour-Leader, Jack Gerke DSO, of Como, a veteran of the Kapyong battle, placed a wreath at a service held on April 24 at the Kapyong Memorial, and read a message from the National President of the Korea and South-East Asia Forces Association.

The party then moved to Moktong-ni for a wreath-laying ceremony at the 3 RAR Memorial.

On Anzac Day the party travelled to Pusan and at the United Nations War Cemetery I laid a wreath and then read a message from the National President of the RSL.

Korea is a country from which we recall those who did not return with us to receive the welcome of their nations; we remember the disabled, the handicapped, the widowed and the orphans of War.

The harsh experiences of the past should not be forgotten, neither shall we stir up hatred, but we must endeavour to strengthen the spirit of friendship and co-operation among peoples and the respect for human rights.

Though I was many thousands of miles away from home, participating in Anzac Day Services in Korea, my thoughts turned to home and to the services being held throughout the land on this great day of sorrow and national pride.

SUCCESSFUL R.S.L. BOWLERS DAY

Ex-Servicemen from many parts gathered at the Albany Bowling Club to do battle for the Frank Gomm fours Trophy, which is competed for annually, on the 17th of March.

Teams came from many country centres, including Ongerup, Broomhill, Kojonup, Denmark, Frankland River and also teams from Perth, Melville and Gosnells Clubs. Eighteen teams in all took part.

Mr. Bill Cake, newly elected President, of Albany Sub-Branch welcomed many visitors also Ern Newton, Secretary of the R.S.L. Bowling Section in W.A. The players were very fortunate in having Mr. Ron Turner organise the play who was ably supported by the Albany Bowling Club Women’s Committee, headed by Mrs. Dorothy Turner and Mrs. Pat Robin, who catered for the luncheon. The visitors were so pleased they presented the Ladies with special R.S.L. badges. Also present was Mr. Sam Crook, Country Vice President of the R.S.L., who thanked Mr. Turner and the Albany Bowling Club for a memorable day.

Two teams won four games each, being undefeated and a play-off was necessary over four ends between Reg Angove’s Albany team (winners of the trophy in previous years) and Bob Russell’s team for Denmark.

The Albany team scored six on the first end but Bob’s team came back and scored six on the second end, they remained in for the next two ends and won by one. Frank Gomm made the presentation for a well deserved victory.

The winning team was Bob Russell (skipper), Lindsay Ballard, Alex McKenzie and Ken Kelly.

The runners up were Reg Angove (skipper), Andy Woodings, Horrie Bridge and Charlie Bridges.
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Excerpts from Interim Report by Sir William Hall, National President of the R.S.L., to the May Meeting of National Executive in Canberra

REPARTIATION:

(a) The Toose Report: All State Branches have now had the opportunity of examining the recommendations put forward by Mr. Justice Toose and his Committee, following a most lengthy investigation. It seems to me in general terms that the Report does much to reaffirm the justice and the validity of the Repatriation System. Many of the proposals contained in the Report will improve the System. Others will need the closest examination. Such things as the abolition of the Repatriation Boards, while on the one hand producing perhaps a more streamlined administrative process, would, I am certain, be unacceptable to the membership both of the R.S.L. and the ex-service community, because this would do away with the ex-service representative at this level of consideration.

In general terms, however, most of the proposals will improve and strengthen the Repatriation System in Australia. We will be examining this in greater detail during the course of this Executive, and have been asked to submit the final Report to the Minister by the 19th of this month.

To summarise then, the Investigation has been well worthwhile, and can only result in improved arrangements for compensating disabled ex-servicemen and women and providing them with satisfactory medical and re-habilitation treatment.

(b) Compensation Increases: As you know, at the last meeting, we raised with the Minister for Repatriation, the situation that has arisen between the Government and the League in relation to Government Policy on Compensation levels. In our view, the Government on two occasions in 1974 and in 1975 had clearly stated its policy as being parity of Compensation Rates with the Minimum Wage. We now find that Cabinet does not feel itself committed to this principle. I, and the National Secretary will be meeting the Government Member’s Ex-Servicemen’s Committee shortly. We will state the League’s case and will await results. You might also recall that the Minister undertook to keep our submissions on this matter very much in mind for further discussions prior to the framing of the Budget.

DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES:

At our last meeting, we discussed the future of the Defence Service Homes Scheme, and we were all in agreement that we should press for the incorporation of Defence Service Homes into the Repatriation Department. Submissions have been made and we are still awaiting a final decision. Increasingly it becomes obvious that if these special benefits available to ex-servicemen and women are to be safeguarded, they will have to come within the framework of a Department of Veterans Affairs. If not, they will be continually under attack from other sections of the community who will seek similar treatment. If this is not economically possible, the trend will be for the benefits available to the ex-service community, to be whittled away in favour of a general improvement in conditions throughout the whole community. We will continue to press for the establishment of a Department of Veterans Affairs that will take over all those matters that provide special benefits for those who have served in the armed forces of Australia.

The Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Affairs, asked us to look at the possibility of a system of priorities being established within the Defence Service Home Scheme, to allow certain applicants to obtain their loans ahead of others. However, I think that all States are in general agreement that it would be extremely difficult to compare all the individual points of entitlement which different people might have. For example, how do you compare a World War 1 man who wishes to retire and has limited finance with a Vietnam veteran who has three small children. Whose need is the greater? Do you allot more points to those who have served earlier, or do you give a preference to those who have family responsibilities? We have not received replies on this proposal from all States, but the Minister has been advised of our serious reservations about the possibility of being able to devise a workable system.

THE FUTURE OF THE R.S.L.:

As you know, we have a Committee established, to examine all those matters in any way connected with the future of the R.S.L. and its continuing ability to safeguard the rights of its own members and other ex-servicemen and women, and to contribute to worthwhile and appropriate community and national undertakings. The Committee’s task will not be an easy one. Not only do they have to look into the future with broadmindedness and imagination, but they must also devise ways in which proposed, and in many cases, urgently needed changes, will receive the endorsement of a majority of R.S.L. members.

We are basically a tradition-alist organisation. This is a good thing, because traditions are essential in any community. Sometimes, however, this attitude produces excessive conservatism, and this can be a handicap in reaching necessary solutions. I think it is the responsibility of all of us to assist the Committee in every way we possibly can. Our State Congresses must be persuaded of the need for change; of the need to introduce Service Membership on a basis that will encourage sizable numbers to join our ranks on this new basis of membership, and of the need to bridge the generation gap and to acquire greater support from each succeeding generation. It is a small task, but it is well worth the effort.

This year, I hope to attend all State Congresses, to speak on this and other issues affecting the League.

Over the immediate future, we will be called on to resolve quite a number of problems affecting our members and our organisation. Might I say that from my experiences to date, I am convinced we have a team on the National Executive that can resolve the issues as they arise and give the leadership to the R.S.L. that is needed.
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By: CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS

Readers will remember the resolution on Service Membership which was carried at our 1975 Annual State Congress, the details of which were published in the Listening Post.

When our resolution was put forward at the National Congress in October, 1975, it had a stormy passage and the final form was a long way from what was wanted by the W.A. Branch.

However, thanks to the steadfastness of our State President, Len Phenna, an amendment was brought forward - in order to bring the resolution back into line with W.A. thinking - at an Extraordinary National Congress called for February, 1976.

At this Congress, the amendment was discussed and State Branch views have been called for before it is finally passed at another Extraordinary National Congress to be held in May. We now have no reason to believe that it will not be passed.

It has always been the contention of the W.A. Branch that in order to make Service Membership attractive - the Service Members should be allowed to take the fullest possible part in League debate and activities, compatible, of course, with the best interests of the League.

SUITABLE BRIDGE

The important clauses in the new rules for Service Membership are given below but the whole programme cannot be started until after the May National Congress and even then a suitable badge will have to be chosen which will all take time as each State will need to give their views.

Sub-branch secretaries may rest assured that they will be given the fullest instructions and the appropriate forms - which will of necessity be of a different colour - when recruiting can be commenced.

Briefly - the new rules would include clauses such as:
- Service Membership will be open to any person who has served in the armed forces of Australia, a present or former member of the Commonwealth of Nations, a Crown Colony of the UK, the USA, or the armed forces of any country which was an ally of Australia at the time of his enlistment (provided he is now an Australian Citizen).
- A State branch may veto an application, but the person will have the right of appeal to the national executive.
- No person shall be admitted to a Branch or Sub-Branch if it would mean the number of Service Members exceeded three-fourths of the number of Ordinary Members.
- The subscription would be the same as for Ordinary Members and they would have the same rights, privileges and duties.
- Any one who is eligible to be an Ordinary Member cannot become a Service Member.
- A Service Member shall be eligible to hold any office in the League's Branches and Sub-Branches except the office of national president; any office on the executive of a State branch; the office of president of a sub-branch.
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WHY HAVE AN R.S.L.?

By Doug Bruce

Many and varied answers are received when the question "are you a member of the RSL?" is put, BUT have these people ever given thought to the reasons for the forming of the RSL.

It all dates back to the Boer War when, on discharge, the men were given no consideration by Governments of the day — that was prior to Federation.

On the contrary, one State withheld payment of a shilling a day, an amount that was added to a soldier's pay by the British Government.

This action gave rise to considerable legal action against the State, but was averted when payment was finally made.

The lesson, learnt the hard way, was a prime factor in the formation of the League, and when on return of some AIF members to NSW in 1916 they were looked on as undesirables and were about to be neglected they became determined that lives, health and time were not to go unrecognised.

These men banded together to form the Returned Servicemen's Association - the RSL.

Their action was followed in other States and soon it was recognised that unity would give strength, and so the League was born. Plans were drafted, presented to the Government and hammered at until recognised.

Things accepted as a right today though sometimes erroneously credited in their origin to the Government were the brain-children of the League. Gratuities, rehabilitation, repatriation, pensions, housing, land settlement and child education all emanated from the organisation.

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BY THE STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE

MR. L.J. TURNER.

Your Excellency, Lady Kyle, Distinguished Guests, members of the Armed Services, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, viewing and listening audiences, wherever you may be in Western Australia. Present with us today, we have Vice Admiral T.B. Hayward of the United States Navy, and Mrs. Hayward. The United States Ship "Oklahoma City" flying the Admiral's flag, and under command of Captain P.D. Butcher, is at present in Fremantle. To you all and your Ship's Company, we extend a cordial welcome.

To commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the outbreak of the war in Korea and the subsequent Battle of Kapyong, the Government of the Republic of South Korea, in conjunction with the Korean Veterans Association, extended an invitation for a delegation to visit that country. Our own State President is privileged to lead that delegation.

Today is the 61st Anniversary of that eventful landing at Gallipoli and on this occasion, representatives of the Returned Services League are visiting New Zealand for the purpose of taking part in similar services which is being conducted here this morning. On another Sunday morning, 61 years ago, the Anzac tradition was born in adversity on the beaches and slopes of Gallipoli, which was to witness acts of bravery and courage without parallel in the succeeding seven months, which was the duration of that Campaign.

History reports the fact that our Forces, due to an error, landed at well defended position, consequently, the toll of life was heavy, and it was only due to the steadfast and resource action of those engaged that the landing was consolidated.

The traditional Dawn Service was held this morning, and representatives of the National and State Governments, Community Leaders, Service Chiefs and many others paid tribute to those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. No doubt, it brought back to many, thoughts of other occasions, and of those who paid the supreme sacrifice or who were in some way affected by the horrors of war.

Many of you who marched along the Terrace this day, remember the epic events, not only of World War 1, but of those who gave their lives in World War 11, and the subsequent conflicts of Korea, the Malaysian confrontation and Vietnam. Perhaps you counted amongst your mates many who did not return. It is fitting that they too be joined in this commemoration.

Today, let us pause and do them honour; the men and women of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force who gave so much for a way of life, and let us not forget also all those adversely affected in mind and body, caused as the result of war.

To mark the 35th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Naval Service, Ex W.R.A.N.S. for every State of the Commonwealth have gathered here in Perth, and we are privileged to have them on parade here today, together with Mrs. F.V. McKenzie, O.B.E., who inaugurated the Service, and Mrs. Sheila Kenworthy, O.B.E., a war time Director of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service.

It is pleasing to note that in addition to our own Service Personnel who have marched on prior occasions, we have a contingent from U.S.S. "Oklahoma City". Perhaps there are those amongst them whose father or other relative marched through this same City during the Second World War, when our two countries were firm allies.

While no Australian Servicesmen or Women are at present engaged in conflict, it is well to remember that throughout the world there are many trouble spots which could have wider repercussions if not locally contained. Africa is, and could continue to be an uneasy Continent. In the Middle East, the world continues to witness an explosive situation, quite capable of spreading beyond the area.

In other countries, the hijacker and the bomb terrorist continue to take toll of innocent civilian lives, and one could not help but be shocked by recent events in the United Kingdom, brought about by a desire to achieve by force, a solution to unsolvable problems, the origin of which is either unknown or centuries old. Let us all be thankful that to date, we live in a country where our differences can at least be solved by democratic means, where men and women of goodwill and understanding can meet together to seek and find just solutions in areas of disagreement.

Yet, there are those among us who would challenge any decision, no longer believing in community service, and seeking or preferring to destroy rather than to build, setting aside tried and proven customs or a way of life, and substituting little or nothing in its place, while at the same time, maintaining constant pressure for individual gain for less effort. This is the classic cause of many difficulties facing our country today. Problems can be overcome if people are prepared to address themselves to the task. Let each and everyone of us count ourselves amongst this latter group, and be prepared to do that little extra towards solving the many everyday disputes that surround us.

In a world constantly demanding and expecting the best which modern technology and knowledge can give, including high living standards, security and environmental protection and such, we must as individuals continually work towards excellence in everything we do, believing no one should expect to receive more than they are prepared to give.

1976 is the Sixtieth year since the Returned Services League of Australia was formed, subsequent to which it adopted for its motto, the following:

"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance" and these words and their meaning are as valid today as when they were written into the League's Constitution.

We are an Island Continent, enormously rich in mineral and other natural wealth, sparsely populated and in some ways, isolated from the rest of the world. Therefore, while we should always be prepared to extend the hand of friendship to all neighbouring countries, nevertheless, the adequate defence of our country should be the concern of everyone, and it is well to remember that into the future, greater reliance will have to be placed on our own capabilities and it is the youth of today on whom this burden will fall, and no doubt such responsibility will bring with it, one must believe, national pride and community, as well as patriotism and heritage, which does at times appear to have been forgotten in today's fast moving world where changing values are the rule, rather than the exception.

It is on such an occasion as this that one could reflect on the words of a notable Australian Statesman who said:

"The human spirit is the enduring element in all history. It may be turned aside from its normal occupations, it may be called upon to perform great sacrifices, it may have its moments of anger and even its moments of hatred, but when these things have settled down into their place, it is the human spirit which is the continuing element in our civilisation, and it is a wonderful thing, isn't it, that we should be able to stand in a place like this and think about the human spirit, think about indomitable human nature, and be proud of it, and be refreshed by it".

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Anzac Day, 1976, has passed. The daily press and TV stations gave an excellent coverage of the main parade conducted in Perth, but it remains for the League to express its sincere appreciation to all who played a part, major or minor, in the commemoration and ensured success which it was. It is on occasions such as this that the League finds there are many willing people anxious to take part in paying homage to those who gave their all so that this country might enjoy its freedom.

The Boy Scouts who stood vigil over the State War Memorial on the night preceding Anzac Day are worthy of the highest commendation.

Thanks are due to the Services for their part, particularly in the main parade. The fine support from bands, both brass and pipe, helped considerably and is deeply appreciated.

Thanks are also due to the Lord Mayor and Councillors for the erection of the stands from which the salute of the march was taken by His Excellency the Governor, Air Chief Marshall Sir Wallace Kyle, and the school choir conducted.

Here again, the singing of the choir must not be overlooked and they and those responsible for their very fine effort are thanked.

To those who provided cars for the transport of the sick and disabled, a big “thank you”.

Space does not permit special mention being made of other organisations and individuals who played their part, but the League does express a very sincere “THANK YOU” to all.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Wallace Kyle taking the Salute on the Anzac Day Parade. With him is Mr. Len Turner, Acting State President.

Photo by Courtesy of W.A. Newspapers

FLAG STOLEN

The flag has been stolen from the flag-pole at the Regional War Veterans’ Home at Geraldton.

The Geraldton Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League decided at its March meeting to report the theft to the police.

Eight veterans of World Wars One and Two and a caretaker-couple are accommodated at the Geraldton War Veterans’ Home which was opened in October after being established at a cost of about $110,000.00.

The Sub-Branch has appealed for the co-operation of citizens with a view to having the flag re-installed at this unique establishment. As far as country areas are concerned, it is the first regional annexe of the War Veterans’ Home at Mount Lawley.

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FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT'S DEATH

Prior to the observance of the period of silence and the recitation of "The Ode" at the March meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the RSL, the President, Stan Moore, asked members to especially remember Fred Bell, who died on March 6, aged 63.

The meeting decided to record in the minutes, an expression of appreciation of the loyal service rendered by Mr. Bell over the years.

He was the immediate past senior vice-president, and had also given many hours of service as a Committeeeman and in various fund-raising activities. In addition, he had set a splendid example as far as attendance at meetings was concerned.

Speakers said he had also been a valuable member of the Geraldton Police and Citizens' Youth Club and was vice-president at the time of his death.

An employee of Telecom Australia's Engineering Section, Mr. Bell served overseas with the 2/16th Battalion during World War 2.

Remembrance Poppies were thrown into the grave by RSL members at his funeral on March 10 after "The Ode" had been recited by Mr. Moors.

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Ever looked at an RSL badge? Really taken it in your hand and studied it? Have you ever paused to realise the full significance of something that is part and parcel of RSL life?

It's in three colours — red, white and blue; in the centre, sailor, soldier and airman march together; and round the rim can be seen the rose, the leek, the thistle and the shamrock.

Not wealth, nor influence, nor social standing can purchase this badge, which may be worn with honour only by those who have served in an operational theatre in Her Majesty's Forces.

The badge remains a symbol of its wearer's readiness at all times to serve the Queen and help his former comrades in arms.

In three more ways, the badge is full of meaning.

The leek is the emblem of Wales, the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland and the shamrock of Ireland, and their presence on the badge is the symbol of unity between these countries when they were "home" for so many Australians who answered the call.

The colours represent the blood ties that exist between comrades and members — red; the purity of motive that leads men to join the league — white; and the willingness to help a comrade in need anywhere beneath our bright Australian sky — blue.

The red, white and blue are the colours also of our own Australian flag.

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COMMEMORATIVE SITE

The Shire of Mundaring will be conducting a tree planting exercise on this site in Greenmount on 13th June, 1976.

As the site has some special historic significance, the Council has agreed to a recommendation, from the Advisory Committee responsible for developing the site, that all Schools in the Shire and Returned Services League Sub-Branches involved in the project, be invited to participate in the tree planting exercise either by planting a tree or trees, or by donating cash for the purchase of trees that can be planted by the Shire.

A plan has been prepared by Mr. A. Selkirk showing the exact location for planting each tree.

The plan also shows TYPE of tree to be planted at these locations. Because of this it will be necessary to obtain, from the Shire office the name of the tree you should buy if taking part in this exercise.

Please contact Mr. Max Williams, Deputy Shire Clerk — phone 95-1400.

FURTHER EXTENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

At the February meeting of National Executive held in Canberra it was resolved to extend membership of the League to those servicemen, with brief periods of service in South Vietnam, after withdrawal of the main troops in December, 1972.

Sub-Branches are requested to take action on this announce-ment.
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Of the many functions of the Repatriation Department, probably the least publicised is that of Education. Yet, over the years since the establishment of Repatriation, approximately 85,000 children have benefitted.

Children become the responsibility of the various State Boards on reaching the age of 12 years on becoming eligible for Repatriation benefits as laid down.

The main business of the committee is to recommend the acceptance of the students, to approve the payment of benefits, and then to supervise and guide their educational career, until such time as they have established the highest possible educational qualifications compatible with their ability.

Thus the majority of our young people will undergo a three-year secondary course of studies, at which stage they will seek employment, or join suitable terminal courses leading to apprenticeships, or special avenues of work, such as nursing, commerce, building trades etc.

In the case of the more academically inclined child, every effort is made to ensure that he continues his education into the fourth and fifth secondary years. Examination results will then be a most useful guide in deciding whether the student should be encouraged to enter the tertiary field of education leading to a profession.

During these years of advanced education, when the student must be responsible for his own progress, the question of guidance and counselling becomes extremely important.

INDIVIDUAL STUDY

It will be obvious, therefore, that the really important function of the Board member is to make an individual study of every child, and to offer the greatest measure of guidance and encouragement.

In this regard we, in this State, are most fortunate in that Board members include the directors of all the important counselling services, university, technological institute, secondary education and technical education.

These not only make their valuable service available, but they are also able to make valuable relevant information at hand, and to give specially valuable counselling service where required, particularly at the higher levels.

In order to gain the most fruitful results from educational counselling there has been established over the years a comprehensive system of student interviews.

All members of the Board share in this process, and each member is one of an interviewing sub-committee.

Thus, in addition to general committee meetings, Board Members participate in interview committees. All students are individually interviewed in their second and their fourth high school years, these periods being considered the most suitable years for study appraisal and future progress.

While these interviews are in progress, a parent is invited to join the sub-committee and discuss the child's educational plans.

All tertiary students are interviewed mid-year in their first year at University or Institute.

Because of the fact that the Board has discretionary powers to take the advanced student beyond the pass degree to professional diploma, honours degree or masters degree, these early interviews at tertiary level are most important and the responsibilities of special sub-committees.

It will be appreciated that an advanced student may work with the Board for a dozen years.

HOME CONDITIONS

Of course, valuable assistance is forthcoming from school and college authorities, and very often the intimate knowledge of home conditions experienced by the service associations has direct value.

This particularly applies to Legacy and to the T and P I associations, both of which are well-informed about general family conditions.

For these young people, this can be the most important phase of counselling, bearing in mind that they are selected for special care on the basis of parental loss or total health impairment of a parent.

Quite a considerable proportion therefore find their studies interrupted by tensions and frustrations arising from the home condition, and in making any educational assessment, due consideration must be given to such factors.

This, of course, must be reflected in departmental policy, and there is no doubt that repatriation education is strongly charged with humanity and sympathy.

Regulations are very flexible and generously framed.

In its work, the Board has the widest possible discretion. Very few cases have had to go to Canberra for final decisions, and when a recommendation to Head Office is made, it is subjected to the closest examination, and certainly, in our experience, generally accepted.

Special cases, involving States generally, often become written into regulations. In fact the "book of cases" is constantly subject to flexible change as problems become exposed.

Relationships at both Federal and State levels are excellent, and the voluntary work of all Boards is fully appreciated.

LIBERAL DECISION

The Deputy Commissioner for the State (in our case, Colin Williams) is a permanent member of the Board in each State, and on those rare occasions when he comes into a discussion, his advice inevitably encourages a generous decision, one which in most cases gives the benefit of any doubt to the student.

As an indication of the level of departmental interest at the top, the year just passed found the Board on three separate occasions enjoying the privilege of tendering welcome to the Departmental Heads, R. Kingsland, the Deputy Head, R.G. Kelly and Commissioner Costello, whose portfolio includes the educational activity.

To the members of the Board, it is a matter of great satisfaction to find such distinguished visitors joining a meeting.

Educational benefits are both comprehensive and generous, and information concerning such detail is readily available in departmental information sheets and in the annual report of the Board.

A final note of interest to RSL members. I have enjoyed the privilege of filling the chair for many years, and I have occupied this important position by happy coincidence as the League representative on the Board.

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Anzac Day has an image problem. The passage of sixty years has blurred the intention and significance of the event. It has gathered up battle memories, wartime nostalgia and political rhetoric. With this burden, can the traditional Anzac Day survive unchanged in an era so different from that into which it was born? I think not - the world has moved on so far since 1915.

The present Anzac Day meets the needs of a past age and a passing generation. The themes of the traditional commemoration are largely out of touch with modern times. We need to identify which of these themes are completely outmoded, which can be updated, and what new features could be appropriately incorporated in a revitalised Anzac Day.

If Anzac Day is to be a national day, what characteristics should the occasion possess? To help identify desirable features, we may look to existing commemorative events. The essential feature of such events is the presence of themes and symbols which reflect values the community holds in high esteem. The American 'Declaration of Independence' was the formal instrument of revolt against the British - it was symbolic of resistance to oppressive rule. The storming of the Bastille was another symbolic act - the casting down of a repressive institution.

Australia's transition to nationhood was not violent, and no wars have been fought on our soil. We thus lack two of the most common sources of inspiration for national day celebrations. Our search for national day themes must be more imaginative. I suggest a revised Anzac Day celebration should have a dual emphasis - the nation and the community. The distinction between these will emerge presently. These two themes reflect the general recognition by Australians that they are part of "one indissoluble Federal Commonwealth" while at the same time belonging to their local community. Both stand high in common estimation. In what follows I will seek to show that these two themes can provide a national commemoration which is a coherent combination of the nation's past events and current aspirations.

The general aim of the national commemoration programme should be to encourage a wider and more informed discussion of defence and foreign policy. I envisage consideration of past involvements, present situations and future eventualities. The aim is to foster pride in the local area as a part of the Australian nation. The community aspect of the commemoration will deal with matters particularly relevant to the local area in question. This dual approach attempts to ensure that Anzac Day activities have a certain degree of similarity (at least in theme) throughout the whole country. One can expect no less of a national day. On the other hand, it is desirable that a commemoration include activities with which the population can identify in a close personal way, preferably by actual participation. A community oriented programme is intended to achieve this end. This approach will require vigour and imagination at both national and local levels, but I cannot envisage any successful national day celebration without committed organisers and participants.

The present commemoration of Anzac Day is essentially a glorification of participation in war. Little is said about how Australia became involved in World War 1, or indeed in any other war. This may be because the background to such involvement is so much the image of heroism and sacrifice that is so cherished in popular imagination. We should realise that romanticism is not in keeping with the needs of the modern state. War has become too dangerous to permit illusions. I feel that the national commemoration programme should involve accurately recounting the foreign policy background to Anzac Day participation in the world wars. We can surely look back now and realise that we entered World War 1 more as an appendage of the British Empire than as a separate nation. One can surely look back now and realise that we entered World War 1 more as an appendage of the British Empire than as a separate nation. One can surely look back now and realise that we entered World War 1 more as an appendage of the British Empire than as a separate nation.

A prominent feature of remembrance of Anzac Day is the glorification of public service, particularly in the armed forces. Our soldiers have been uniquely successful in this regard, and it is through them that many Australians have become acquainted with the nation. However, it is not only the military that has contributed to the image of the nation. Australians have contributed to the image of the nation in many ways, and the forces of the community should be celebrated.

The future commemoration of Anzac Day as an Australian National Day

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WHERE HAS THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT AND CULTURE GONE?

Where has the great Australian spirit and culture gone? Both are fast being consumed by the needs, wants and aspirations of modern society. Daily we are reminded of scientific and technological advances, the growth in wealth and prosperity, and the continual grab for power by the powerful. Faction groups; militant trade unions; the socialistic and communal elements; a vivid and colourful world and the like, all consume aspects of our lives. We seem to have forgotten the almost liquidation of the Australian armed forces. They were in the forefront of much of the fighting that took place overseas during the war which was wisely fought. But now they are a stepping stone to a world of destruction and misery. Where are the leaders that can inspire us to take hold of our lives and to make our country great?

THE FUTURE COMMEMORATION OF ANZAC DAY AS AN AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DAY

Submitted by Janis Wilson.

The final part of a programme of national commemoration would be a consideration of Australia's armed forces. We would be better served by less reminding about how ill-prepared we were in the past and more positive questioning of how secure we are now. The general level of defence awareness in Australia is low, being generally confined to uninformed and emotional reactions to various "threats" and the like. It is time we asked ourselves whether we have the same level of awareness and knowledge as we had during the war.

Australia needs tradition to survive. It could have no better tradition than Australia - to unify national feeling.

"This country would lose its soul and character completely if national pride, gratitude and emotional attachment to the fallen were to be shamed of, and if youth gathered no obligations from the past. Youth needs the lessons of Anzac Day" - March 30th, 1968.

Since the first Anzac commemoration field exactly one year after the Gallipoli landing, the community attitude toward and organisation of such have gradually increased in towns and cities across Australia, generations of one time soldiers have the opportunity to fall in behind their banners and march to the Hills of Remembrance, for the national services. Today, not many have themselves involved in the past as they are today. The Anzac has established a world renown reputation for military skill, bravery and comradeship that was to be admired of, and by youth gathered no obligations from the past. Youth needs the lessons of Anzac Day.

Anzac Day has been part of Australian tradition for sixty years, and has achieved the status of a legend. One might ask why we should disturb it. To answer this we must ask another question - which legends survive the passage of time and which do not? Those survive in the hearts of the people which appeal to popular themes. Valour alone passes from memory. The passage of time draws us even further away from the original Anzac Day. The sentiments associated with it do not have the impact felt in former years, when we were closer to the events in question. That particular inspiration is fading, to be replaced by others.

The final lesson to be learned from the traditional celebration of Anzac Day is that there is no ultimate commemoration. The passage of sixty years finds us seeking a new image for the event. What we seek is something relevant to the attitudes and values of today. It is pointless to ask for a programme which will be appropriate in fifty years time. Attitudes in the future are likely to be seen as less stable than at present. There will always be a need to revise the form of celebration of a national day, since national aspirations are always changing.

I suggested a programme of activities based on two themes - the nation and the community. These themes are interwoven to form the basis for a commemoration which emphasises Australia's position in the world, while at the same time providing an opportunity for local participation. The programme will not succeed without enthusiasm and determination and imagination on the part of those involved; but what nation has ever prospered in the absence of these qualities?
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The Anzac spirit was resurrected from the depths of despair. Can it be reconstituted from the remains of the 1914-18 war in Palestine, Egypt, Mesopotamia, France and Flanders? That the Anzac spirit was rekindled when our men and women joined forces in the 1939-45 war, with the U.N. Forces in Korea, in the jungles of Malaya and with the U.S. Forces in the Pacific, shows that there is enough spirit in us to hope for a triumph over the forces that have kept us in the past in a condition of semi-awakening and semi-sleeping, until an event should happen to reawaken us.

In total, almost 100,000 men and women have sacrificed their lives to protect Australia from oppression.

Anzac Day is the day one in the year set aside in their memory and in gratitude. What better day to choose to honour our war heroes than April 25th - the day Australia first became actively involved in war and the day that Australia, savagely and tragically, came of age.

The Anzac reunions that stimulated comradeship by bringing old mates together to relive old times and to thank God that the “would be pals for ever” are also disappearing.

In both cases, the decline is attributable to our oldest diggers passing on and the consequent slump in public interest.

However, some school students and youth groups still continue to pay homage by laying wreaths, as the consciousness of their elders is prodged.

With the declaration of April 25th as a public holiday in 1925, hotels, shops, factories and theatres were forced to close. Since 1960, however, activities have eased with an observance till 1.00 p.m. After that time hotels and theatres open and sporting fixtures dominate the remainder of the day.

Servicemen of World Wars 1 and 11 had the interests of Australia at heart. They were patriotic and they valued comrade- ship, “mateship”, that’s what made men real men, said one veteran recently. Conversely, however, Vietnam servicemen don’t have the easy conscience of the old diggers. Whilst they were dodging machine guns in war and the typhoon the home fires had gone out, national support and interest were lacking as Australia’s overall contribution was minimal and meant direct sacrifice to only some families. Also they were the pioneer western world continuously questioning the need for international involvement in the Vietnam War. National support and feeling of “get behind our guys” practically non-existent.

Nowadays, the majority of Australians regard Anzac Day as a holiday - another day off work. For the minority, Anzac is seemingly remembrance day on Anzac Day, but their interest wanes also.

The situation is pitiful. Then again, perhaps we want to forget Anzac, let it gradually slip into oblivion, sweep it under the carpet, close the book, etc... do we really want this to happen?

What the R.S.L. has to do is to observe Anzac Day more actively. A programme and prior to its launching, it is essential that the R.S.L. as sponsors/guardians of Anzac, first re-establish its position in the community. The public is apathetic toward the R.S.L. and its ideals. They generally regard it as being weak and its image old fashioned. Anzac and the R.S.L. are synonymous. A friendly and progressive R.S.L. image is essential in regaining support for the Anzac concept (i.e. Anzac cannot expect optimum support if the R.S.L. image is not strong).

Therefore the R.S.L. must win the full respect of the community, in particular the young generation, by changing in accordance with trends in modern society, becoming objective in solving more realistic issues and voicing opinions in a manner that is respected, forceful and authoritative. The R.S.L. must become motivated and “get with it” to survive.

Without conducting an in depth survey, the major problems facing Anzac appear to include a lack of interest, enthusiasm and participation, a failure to recognize the true meaning of Anzac, remembering Anzac by the public per se and practically no public support (as mentioned) for the R.S.L. - the sponsors. Without the backing and full co-operation of all Australians, the future commemoration of Anzac Day as a National Day will be in jeopardy. This is the essence of the problem.

From the outset, Anzac must be clearly defined. By definition, we are choosing the focal point around which we can gather our thoughts mould our new-look programme and from which we can obtain a sense of direction.

"The Anzac spirit was not born at Gallipoli, it merely gained fame at and around the Somme. It was the same spirit that had founded the Australian nation, that opened it up by exploration and that developed it. It was the same spirit that drove men and women into remote parts to open up new frontiers and to carve themselves a future" - W. J. Keys, 1974.

Anzac is, therefore, a two fold national tradition -

1. The nobility of sacrifice - a tribute to those who fell in war and the recognition and acknowledgement of the freedom, comradeship and humanity they fought to retain.

2. The adventures that men and women overcame in building a nation.

The rejuvenation of Anzac Day and assurance of future commemoration will be achieved with the implementation of a new commemoration program. It will gain gradual but lasting public support and will solve present problems. It will retain the essential symbolism of Anzac Day. The Anzac Day Labour Representative, Australian National Day yet reflect contemporary needs and attitudes plus projected requirements of the future together with an overall national level. Above all, it will be an ongoing programme climaxing with formal activities on or about April 26th.

1. This programme recommends a transfer of emphasis in the commemoration of Anzac Day. Any future commemoration should focus on both the commemoration of the spirit of Anzac and the achievements of its people, and their belief in its future, plus a tribute to the fallen, rather than only the latter (present).

2. The approach taken is the finest example in our short history where everyone as individuals possessed the Australian spirit and rallied for the betterment of their country because they believed in its future.

Glimpses of this same spirit appeared as Australians voluntarily rallied in support of Mrs. Anning and later after the devastation by Cyclone Tracey in 1974. Unfortunately bureaucratic bungling by a disorganised government dampened rather than encouraged, the enthusiasm of the majority of supporters.

Thus, “Anzac” symbolises a national spirit. The recognition, commemoration, etc. must follow our earlier definition and strives for the perpetuity of Anzac in preference to the current remembrance (if at all) on only one day of the year.

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ion programme whose prime objective is to counteract the current lack of understanding. Years ago it seemed unnecessary to stress the need for the maintenance of Anzac. Today, if it is to retain any significance, the younger generations, the migrants and the country must be informed of the Anzac tradition and its meaning.

To most young people the second world war is history; it happened before most were born, or at least before most were aware of world happenings. Even to the older people, the story is becoming blurred. The number who need no reminder of their Anzac past is dwindling annually. Each Anzac Day more people have to ask what the Day commemorates.

The problem is firstly in the schools where most children fail to understand the importance of instruction and secondly with the R.S.L who have failed to follow up with effective communication generally. The younger generation should not be the caretakers of this valuable asset. It was gained at a high price and if it is to be retained we must ensure that we carry on where our predecessors left off. Anzac lessons are not morbid. They are something to be thankful for and proud of.

The educational programme will be directed at 3 levels - schools, migrants, the general public.

The schools must engage in proper instructions, kits can be issued. Youth must realize that whilst Anzac itself is history, the lessons learnt from it are not. They must be told of heroism and sacrifices of war, to fire them to display the same ideals, spirit and courage that motivated young people of the past. The war was won by service personnel and all civilians. Australia was at war, not just those in the services. Although war must not be glorified, the threat of another war cannot be shelved, we must face reality and prepare accordingly.

Australia has need of its young people and it has need of tradition - Anzac is the link between both. Promotional activities, utilising all mediums, would act as general public instruction and a back-up to class instruction.

Migrants, regardless of age, must also be informed of the significance and traditions of Anzac. Printed publicity sent to the respective countries from which they emigrate should refer to the Anzac lesson. Double page features in all national and metropolitan papers at the commencement would spell out to everyone, the message.

3. An Anzac message to the Nation by the Prime Minister on April 25th.

4. Gallipoli re-enactment on April 25th.

5. Organised sporting events aimed at linking provincial centres to the cities, and states to states and forming a national and united feeling. Events would include sports as marathons (relays, car club events, cycle races, etc). Each centre would nominate a candidate-team to compete in whatever form of competition that was decided.

6. Any united, national spirit can be encouraged in any activity involving people. Such activities as music festivals, concerts, youth groups, sports associations, social clubs, cadets, guides, scouts, etc have as their objective, unity, team building and a spirit that is fundamentally similar to the characteristics displayed at Gallipoli. This being so, it seems logical for such activities to be encouraged to increase membership and so spread a 'club' objective (and an Anzac spirit) to as many as possible.

7. Displays, exhibitions, lectures, etc, by groups as nominated above, throughout the year, have strong psychological benefits. These presentations: sub-consciously trigger off a feeling of pride, association, possession and involvement within every individual making up the spectating group. Each person endeavours to visualise himself in a similar situation. The degree of excitement, pride, etc. and the manner of expression of such naturally vary from individual to individual.

A person goes to a display, etc. by a particular 'group' because that activity basically is of interest to him. If executed with a manner of conviction, that person may be sufficiently influenced to become physically involved i.e. "join up". This happens. Naturally, this ties in with point 6 and recruitment.

8. As Anzac represents Australia and New Zealand an interchange of activities is recommended. For example, an exchange of an Aboriginal group and a Maori Concert Party to tour both countries respectively around the April 25th time slot.

9. Introduction of a full services parade on 25th April. Concern must be shown for the decline in numbers marching in annual parades. The WWI ranks thin each year as the oldest veterans pass on. Very soon there will be none. This decline will continue with the next significant peak coming in another 20 years as the same natural occurrences engulf the WWI veterans, who currently form the backbone of the parade. Whilst it is not possible to overcome such natural phenomena, a solution must be sought to counteract the loss of marchers if the parade is to continue beyond the life spans of these people.

A decline in numbers spectating is evident, and is proportional to the decline in numbers marching as the former usually watch relays march. The envisaged parade would include all service organisations (Returned Servicemen), children with accompanying unit banners, regular Army, Navy, Air Forece, CMF, School cadets plus associated brass and pipe bands, weapons, defence systems, mobile equipment of both yesterday and today.

A full services parade would:

- guarantee marching numbers (controlled) in preference to a progress decline.
- assist in stimulating a dying interest and recreate a feeling of involvement, solidarity and participation amongst the public.
- attract spectators
- give the services an opportunity to "show off".
- command respect from the kids by its very nature and assist in aiding recruitment - a difficult task as the services need to regain acknowledgement and public support.
- aid in consolidation of tradition versus youth and demonstrate the need for both.
- as a whole, to continue to honour our heroes.
- No commemoration is complete without a parade.

10. The offering of Anzac awards to both Kiwis and Aussies in same fields of endeavour as the Nobel Prizes plus the addition of sport and outdoor. These could be in a monetary or trophy form or scholarships for the nominated persons to progress that field of endeavour for the benefit of Australia/New Zealand.

11. The bringing together of a number of young intellectual people to sit down, and forward ideas on this whole question and discuss them. This is probably the most practical way of achieving a satisfactory result.

These recommendations are only thoughts, but should take a step toward spelling out the Anzac concept in a manner that should eventually motivate all Australians. It won't achieve overnight results. Naturally, cost in any programme is a prime factor and restoration to the desirable situation would not be cheap. It is essential that the concept be expanded into something that will meet the needs of the future.

The victories, the hardships endured and the heroism displayed by the Anzacs set a standard that should be adopted as a beacon light for Australia's future. The Anzac concept is the vehicle needed to bring Australia back on the rails. It demonstrates how people came together and submerged their individual desires to serve National aims.

A nation never achieves true greatness unless it is permeated by high national ideals. If future generations of Australians endeavour to emulate the generous aspirations and intense patriotism of those who died so willingly and so freely for Australia, then the future of our heritage is secure for all time and our heroes will not have died in vain.

Despite innumerable solutions for preservation, Anzac and associated commemorations will survive only if such solutions are adopted and practised by the team. Without the backing and full co-operation of Australians, the future commemoration of Anzac Day as a National Day will be in jeopardy.

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A NEW MEMORIAL PARK IS BORN

By Doug Carter

For many years the Sub-Branch RSL have conducted an Anzac Day Service around a small plot of ground containing a few roses and a flagpole situated on the waterfront at Rockingham.

Each year we see the parade grow longer and the spectators increase.

Time waits for no man nor worries about the ravages of nature. The roses died, the roots of the gum trees cracked and lifted the brick wall surrounding the garden.

RSL members favoured enlarging the Garden or another area. The Shire Council helped in many ways, including for the past three years, planting an instant garden of flowers and shrubs especially for Anzac Day - for which RSL members are deeply grateful.

Two years ago at our monthly meeting, it was suggested that the Secretary, Life Member Les Shardlow should approach the Shire President at our Anzac Day Luncheon to see what could be done about a new memorial garden.

The Shire Council was receptive to our ideas and offered us a block of land in the main street, if it could be negotiated.

COMPETITION

The Rockingham District RSL conducted a competition amongst the members of the local schools for a fitting memorial to the fallen, and the winners of the competition will find their ideas merged into the new concept.

Les Shardlow was given carte-blanche authority to work in with the Shire Council and the RSL offered its meagre finance (which was $300) towards the costs.

The land deal could not be negotiated, but despite this setback, the council commissioned an architect to draw up several designs, and these were forwarded to the Sub-Branch for approval.

While these matters were in progress a letter was received from RSL Headquarters that some 25 pounder guns were available in Adelaide, but we were told to make our own arrangements for delivery.

The local Sub-Branch applied, so did the Shire Council. The Sub-Branch was successful whilst the Council failed to gain a place. Not to be outdone, the Shire offered to pay all expenses of the gun from Adelaide to Rockingham.

We still had to find a place to put this gun when it did arrive in W.A., as Anzac Day 1976 was fast approaching and no site was in view.

TOURIST ATTRACTION

However, the Council members really had their teeth into this project and the Sub-Branch was informed that the park alongside Flinders Hall would be landscaped and turned into a fitting memorial to the fallen as well as a tourist attraction for the area.

Tenders were called and we now have the finished product.

On Anzac Day, April 25, 1976 the Anzac Service was preceded by a Dedication Service performed by the Sub-Branch Padre Bill Hawker, and the Australian Flag, together with the colours of the parade participants, proudly flew over newly-hallowed ground.

To the members of the Rockingham Shire Council, the rate payers of Rockingham and to Les Shardlow, please accept the heartfelt thanks of all ex-service members in the area for making this memorial park possible.

At the cessation of hostilities in World War I a sprig of Rosemary was brought home to W.A. by a member of the original 11th Bn. This was planted and is still represented from the many successive growing bushes.

Each year Rockingham RSL parade members are given a sprig to wear in their lapel.

At the Dawn Service this year, an offshoot from the original plant was presented to the Shire for inclusion in the memorial garden. It will take a permanent pride of place alongside the flagpole.

OLDEST AND YOUNGEST

The oldest man to march at both Anzac Day parades at GERALDTON was JACK CLARKE, who celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday eight days previously.

CLARKE, who was born in GERALDTON and served with an engineering regiment in World War One, said he had missed only one Anzac Day parade - when he was in hospital some years ago.

The youngest of the marchers on the main Anzac Day parade was DEREK ANDREWS, 26, who wore his three Vietnam medals as well as the medals earned by his father, the late BILL ANDREWS, in World War Two.

Also on the main march was "A Gentleman of the Light Horse", BILL CREAM, aged 80. He said he had been hoping to ride a horse in the parade - because one of his old Light Horse mates, HARRY RISEBOROUGH, was doing this in PERTH. However, he had been unable to obtain a suitable horse.

Although BERT LOCK, 86, gave away marching in the Anzac Day parades a few years ago, he was at both parades at Birdwood House. This former Sergeant-Major was in the English army for eight-and-a-half years, first joining it in 1908, and having officiated at the funeral of King Edward the Seventh in 1910.

The youngest of the 30 ex-servicemen in the dawn march was VIC OTWAY, 41, who served in KOREA, MALAYA and VIETNAM.

B.J.B.

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POLAND REMEMBERS

As a result of my recent visit to Poland, I took the opportunity to visit the graves of Australian airmen fallen during the Second World War and buried in Poznan. I have on hand photos of all names of their headstones on the list published below.

Any relatives of the deceased members are requested to contact me.

I was fascinated and deeply moved by the expression of respect, comradeship and sincerity of Polish citizens when passing the graves of Australian servicemen. My brother, who is a war invalid and lives in Poznan, saw to it that I put a branch of rosemary on each of the graves.

35488, Flt. Sg t. S. J. Juggard, RAAF, April 29, 1943. Age 25.
410496, Flt. Sg t. E. A. Joyce, RAAF, January 6, 1944. Age 30.
Flying Officer, C. I. Reynolds, RAAF, January 6, 1944. Age 31.
411203, Flt. Sg t. (name indiscernable) RAAF, January 6, 1944. Age 30 (or 27).
Fit. Lt. R. V. Kierath, RAAF, March 29, 1944. Age 29.
433103, Flt. Sg t. R. E. Harding, RAAF, August 30, 1944. Age 19.
Flying Officer, B. S. Tasker, RAAF, February 9, 1945. Age 20.
Mr. S. Bodnarsky, 18 English Street, Glenfield. 2187.

SUCCESSFUL ANZAC DAY AT WAGIN

More than thirty six members of the Sub-Branch together with groups from St John Ambulance, Voluntary Fire Brigade and Boy Scouts and Cubs attended an excellent parade at Wagin.

This was a marked increase last year's parade and very gratifying to the new Sub-Branch President, Mr. R. Cuneo who presented his first Anzac Day address.

KUNUNURRA — DAWN SERVICE

More than 31 persons attended the Dawn Service and more than 100 the parade at 11 a.m. which was held in perfect weather.

After the parade 450 residents of the town attended the first Annual R.S.L. free picnic on Packsaddle Plain. This was a great success and will be a feature every year from now on.

Warwick Johnson watches as Parade Marshal Dick Hoskins acts as Flagman.

Kununurra Ex-Servicemen and Women, with Rev. G. Ewin (centre front) on Parade at Dawn Service

It is pleasing to report that many country Sub-Branches advised Anzac House of excellent attendance at both the Dawn Services and the main Parade.

This is indicative of the meaning of Anzac Day and what it means to those who have served and families and the residents of the towns.

The main Parade in Perth was a record for a Sunday - 5069 on Parade which did not include Cadets as they did not march this year.

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BALANCE SHEETS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1975.
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**CURRENT ASSETS**

- Cash at bank and on hand: 117,097
- Stocks on hand: 69,424
- Trade debtors: 5,114
- Other debtors: 23,266
- Prepayments: 2,199
- Amounts due from associated bodies: 0

**NON CURRENT ASSETS**

- Investments: 276,814
- Land, buildings, furniture, fittings and equipment: 1,929,722
- Trust funds and other: 29,973
- Advance to caterers: 13,000
- Tertiary: 1,793
- Subscriptions: 192
- Provision for long service leave: 1,036
- Reserve for repairs: 10,000
- Amount due to national headquarters: 135
- Provision for building maintenance: 1,000
- Amounts due to associated bodies: 29,026

**TOTAL ASSETS**

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The non provision for depreciation on buildings is a departure from a Statement of Accounting Standard issued by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. In our opinion depreciation should be charged to the income and expenditure statement so as to absorb the cost or value attributed to buildings over their useful economic lives. As referred to in note 1 (a) the "League" and the associated bodies referred to above have not calculated the financial effect of this departure from the accounting standards and it is impracticable for us to estimate this.

With this exception, in our opinion the accompanying accounts of the "League" and the Group are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the "League" and the Group at 31 December 1975, and the results for the year ended on that date.

We are satisfied that the accounts of the associated bodies consolidated in the Group accounts are in form and content appropriate and proper for the purposes of the preparation of the Group accounts. With the exception of qualifications relating to non depreciation on buildings in respect of associated bodies, referred to above, no auditors report on the accounts of any associated body was made subject to any other qualification.
## COUNTS for 1975

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### Note 4

- **Reserves**: Includes reserves for future purposes and specific reserves for particular purposes.
- **Anzac House redevelopment**: Reserve established for the redevelopment of Anzac House.
- **New project reserve in War Veterans' Home**: Reserve established for a new project in the War Veterans' Home.
- **Geraldton Anzac reserve in War Veterans' Home**: Reserve established for the Geraldton Anzac Home.

### Note 5

- **Trade debtors**: Trade debtors are amounts owed by trade customers for goods and services.

### Note 6

- **Investments**: Investments include debentures, stocks, and bonds.
- **Deposits with building societies**: Deposits with building societies for the purchase of real estate.

### Note 7

- **Land, buildings, and furniture and equipment**: Total values of land, buildings, and furniture.

### Note 8

- **Trusts and provisions**: Trusts include those established for the benefit of members.

### Note 9

- **Provision for building maintenance**: Provision charged to the accounts for building maintenance.

### Note 10

- **Land titles**: Details of land titles purchased.
- **Pearson Village homes**: Details of homes constructed and purchased.

### Note 11

- **Capital commitments**: There is a commitment for capital expenditure of $2,620.

### Note 12

- **Subsidies for capital expenditure**: Subsidies provided for capital expenditure.

### Note 13

- **Municipal rates**: Rates payable for the current financial year.

### Note 14

- **Contributions by associated bodies**: Contributions made by associated bodies to the league.

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### ACCOUNTS MAY BE INSPECTED

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War Pensions for disabled or Incapacitated veterans also rise and new rates are shown together with allowances for dependants which have not altered except for War Widows:

**FORTNIGHTLY WAR PENSIONS RATES FROM 6TH MAY, 1976.**

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**WAR WIDOWS:**

$82.50 + Domestic Allowance - $24.00 = $58.50.

Marriage & Birth Certificates:

Applicants for Service Pension on the grounds of need are now required to obtain and submit Birth Certificates to the Repatriation Department to prove entitlement on age grounds.

Where a Service Pension for a wife is involved and providing there is no War Widow payable, it is necessary for a marriage certificate to be submitted to the Department to prove the marriage.

Economic factors introduced by the Federal Government place the onus on an applicant for Repatriation Benefits to prove age, birth and marriages where benefit is to be granted.

I am glad to see the Department has withdrawn its decision for widows to prove the date, place and cause of a husband's death when claiming a War Widow's Pension. The Department itself will continue to obtain confirmation of death details upon receipt of an application from a Veteran's widow.

Repatriation Hospitals:

The submission by the Australian Hospital Association to the Medibank Review Committee that the Repatriation System including Repatriation Hospitals be abolished as reported on the 22nd March is contrary to RSL Policy. A new special report was commissioned by the Department to examine in detail the Independent Inquiry into the Repatriation System conducted by Justice T. Elligett which concluded that "the foresible future Repatriation Hospitals should continue to be developed as separate entities and their primary role should continue to be the treatment of Repatriation patients'.

Mr. T. Elligett, the National Director of the AHA, is quoted as saying: "There were immense difficulties associated with abolition of the Repatriation System, but within a medical economics viewpoint, retention of a dual hospital system was unjustified. The release of repatriation beds to the State Hospital System would, in part, partly ease bed shortages and provide better utilisation and rationalisation of scarce and expensive resources and would also move 50 per cent of the cost burden to the States'.

Mr. Healey, the State Minister for Health, said the Health Commission agreed in principle to the phasing out of Repatriation Hospitals but free treatment and services would be made fully available to all Ex-Servicemen at major public hospitals if Repatriation Hospitals were converted. Mr. Healey believes Concord RGH could be preserved and expanded as a Teaching Hospital if it were converted to a public hospital admitting the normal range of patients.

Justice T. Elligett reported to the Commonwealth Government that while in the short term the primary function of the Repatriation General Hospital was to treat Repatriation patients, he was of the view that because of a decline in the eligible treatment population, the likely effect of Medibank and the need to update completely the facilities available, the hospitals will need to be fully integrated with Community Health facilities.

The Report in part states: "The manner in which this should be achieved will depend on the existing health care facilities and community needs in the particular localities in which each hospital is situated and should be consistent with a national approach to the provision of health care services'.

Justice T. Elligett is strongly of the view that appropriate steps should be undertaken as soon as possible to develop plans for the integration of the Repatriation Hospitals with community facilities, and the relevant authorities.

In the meantime he concludes that the Repatriation Hospitals should continue to be developed to meet modern standards and needs within the limits of management, and should continue the present policy of using spare capacity in the hospitals to treat civilian patients.

Special Hospitals for Repatriation Patients:

The conclusions by Justice T. Elligett were reached after hearings witnesses questions the need for continuing to maintain separate hospitals for Repatriation patients.

No firm submission was made to the Inquiry into the Repatriation System to the effect that Repatriation Hospitals be handed over to any other Australian Government Department. Suggestions were made to the Senate Committee on Health & Welfare that Repatriation General Hospitals could conveniently form the nucleus of an Australian Government Hospital System under the Department of Health (which controls a small number of hospitals in the Capital and Northern Territories) or the Hospital and Health Services Commission. It was not suggested however that the hospitals are likely to be run more efficiently by some other Australian or State Health Authority.

A suggestion that the average length of patient stay in Repatriation Hospitals has been unduly long was not substantiated by the evidence.

Indeed the statistical information available showed that the Repatriation figures compared favourably with other major general hospitals.

Clearly, in the Australian scene, successive Governments have an obligation to ensure the ready availability of a high standard of medical and patient care for disabled members and the dependants of members who have died from service related causes.

In order to discharge this obligation satisfactorily it has been considered necessary for the Government, through the Department, to conduct its own hospitals with related services.

However, some witnesses who questioned the need for these Special Arrangements in Australia pointed to the fact that, in the UK, and New Zealand, for example, Ex-Servicemen receive treatment through the facilities established for the general community although it was acknowledged that the different, constitutional position in Australia makes this issue more complex here.

In Canada the Government has adopted a policy of handing over its hospitals to Provincial Universities. The various Provinces have apparently shown a great reluctance to take over the hospitals and on the few occasions in which a hand-over has occurred, the Canadian Government has had a continuing financial commitment in relation thereto.

Indeed, since this policy was adopted, the Canadian Government has had to provide new veterans' hospitals and new facilities at the hospitals handed over. In the United States there does not appear to be a suggestion from any quarter that the veterans' hospitals be handed over to any State. In that country there are a number of hospitals catering for the health of some 29 million veterans.

The RSL believes it is not the time for a take-over of Repatriation Hospitals and that they should continue in the terms of the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into the Repatriation System at least.
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The Memorial is an exact replica, and to scale, of the Official Memorial in Tobruk cemetery in Lybia, North Africa. Until recently it was the only one.

Despite threatening skies, 72 Rats from Perth, Waroona, Miami, Rockingham, Northam, Yarloop, Mandurah and Aldersyde attended also 51 wives and members of the Ladies Auxiliary. The Governor Air Chief Marshal Sir. Wallece Hines and Air Chief Marshal Sir. Wallece Hines being one of the many social events attended by the Service is the Annual Parade on 8th April 1976.

A SPECIAL TOUR to the United States has been arranged to coincide with the 1976 American Legion Convention.

Departing from Sydney on 18 August, the Tour flies to Seattle where R.S.L. Members attend the Bi-Centennial Convention activities and celebrations. Included in the overall tour cost is a self-drive car with a 300 mile free allowance, whilst in Seattle.

After the nine day visit to Seattle, the return to Australia is via San Francisco for three days, a four day stop-over at Los Angeles includes a tour of the Universal Studios and Disneyland and ends with four days of leisure and pleasure at Honolulu, arriving back in Sydney on 7 September.

The cost of the 21 day tour is $1555.00 and includes the economy airfare from Sydney to San Francisco, Los Angeles and back to Sydney, accommodation on a twin-share basis with private facilities, transfers from airports to hotels and sight-seeing in air conditioned coaches.

Some of the highlights of the Convention are the provision of Distinguished Guest packets, tickets to the National Commander’s Banquet, the Parade, the Muscial Spectacular as well as invitations to some of the many social events.

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NO. 94 PILOT’S COURSE GRADUATION PARADE

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GAMES NIGHT AT CHIDLOW

DOUG COMES TO THE RESCUE

The final night and the presentation of the Ted Townshend Memorial Shield Games for 1975-76 was held at Chidlow recently.

When the secretary of the Chidlow – Mt. Helena Sub-Branch tried to arrange transport for Mrs. Townshend to attend the games and present the Shield to the winners for safe keeping for the next 12 months, he was faced with a problem as our liaison Officer.

Fred Birnie could not help us out as he had a prior engagement, so in desperation our secretary rang the State Secretary, Doug Bruce.

Doug said something would be arranged and contacted State Executive member Wally Cloutman, who immediately agreed.

So we had Mrs. Townshend and Mr. and Mrs. Cloutman, who had to come from Nedlands, which is a good step to Chidlow.

The games got away to a good start after Chidlow president Ken Clements welcomed our visitors with a special welcome to Mrs. Townshend and her escorts.

The games were played in the good spirit that has been evident right from the very first night and though our numbers have dwindled somewhat over the years this did not stop those present from having a good nights fun with Mr. Cloutman by now – Wally to all – helping Glen Forrest out and actually pegguing out in a game of darts.

After the games were completed, and during supper, Mr. Clements, who has been organising the games since previous organiser, John Ellis (now in Wongan Hills) left us, announced the final scores, with Chidlow Mt Helena running out winners from Upper Swan, with Darlington in third place and Glen Forrest fourth.

In congratulating the winners, Tom Baker, president of Darlington Sub-Branch, also thanked the host sub-branch for their hospitality with a special “thank you” to the women who all provided something.

The evenings are a general one-in, all-in, the men supply the refreshments and the ladies the supper. Ever since the ladies joined us there has always been a lovely supper – no matter where the games are played.

When Mrs. Townshend made the presentation to the winners she drew attention to the fact that her late husband Ted presented the original just 22 years ago and though we have had a lot of changes in personnel over the years, several of us have not missed one night.

That is what Ted wanted and it is very obvious that his foresight has kept the RSL alive in the Hills.

One point that Mrs. Townshend made during the presentation, was that Chidlow, then a lot stronger in man-power than now, and before any other sub-branch, has won the Shield for three years in succession.

Instead of claiming the Shield as their property, they donated it back to be kept in circulation and though our Donor was still alive it was to be known from then on as the Ted Townshend Memorial Shield to Annear's man, who appreciated this action and accepted it.

When Mr. Cloutman thanked Chidlow Sub-Branch for the good night's entertainment he reminded them that as far as he knew, the Townshend Memorial Shield Games appeared to be the only organised Games for this year.

He exp. the wish that they continue for as long as possible, for many years to come.

Home tired but well and truly contented at 11 p.m. The raffle supper prize was won by Mr. A. Gliddon.

Jack Thompson, Secretary of Darlington Sub-Branch.

BACK TO QUEENSCLIFFE

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To mark more than 115 years of close association between the Army and the Borough of Queenscliff and 30 years between the Australian Staff College and the Borough, a "BACK TO QUEENSCLIFFE" Celebration is to be held by the Staff College and the Borough, on the 24th and 25th October, 1976.

On 15th September, 1960, a volunteer Artillery Corps was formed at Queenscliff to man three 69 pounder muzzle loading cannon, which were emplaced in the cliff overlooking Port Phillip Bay. At 4.15 p.m. on 25th October, 1946 the advance party of the Australian Staff College entered Fort Queenscliff to take over the fort.

In holding a "BACK TO QUEENSCLIFFE" celebration, it is hoped that many of those who, actually served at the Fort, in pre-war, war-time and post war periods, will revisit the Borough and re-live their experiences of earlier times. It is also hoped that reports or relics can be obtained from our visitors for the Fort Queenscliff Museum.

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CONFERENCE DETAILS DISCUSSED

By State Secretary Joy Ford

Executive members met in February to begin the work for 1976, hospital visiting resumed and arrangements for our annual State Conference were discussed.

On February 13 Mrs Rowe, Mrs Young, Mrs Mortimer and I had lunch with the members of the Waroona-Hamel Auxiliary, and Mrs Rowe was pleased to present Mrs Clements with her Life Membership.

Mrs Rowe, Mrs Holder and I attended the Mandurah Auxiliary meeting on February 25, and Mrs Sykes received her Life Membership.

In March, our State President left to attend the Tasmanian State Conference in Ulverstone, the first time a representative from WA has gone.

Mrs Rowe was accompanied by her husband and after the conference they were able to see some of Tasmania. A report of her trip follows my report.

Our State Treasurer and her husband also enjoyed a holiday in the Eastern States, and I was left to keep the home fires burning.

On April 20, my husband and I left Perth and travelled down to Northcliffe where we had a very enjoyable evening with the Auxiliary and sub-branch members.

LOVELY COUNTRY

Next day, after visiting Mrs Blashford, the Auxiliary treasurer who had been ill, we took a quick look through the timber mill, and then drove through lovely timber country to the Pemberton RSL hall.

After meeting our host and hostess, and visiting some local sights, we returned to the hall for a buffet tea and an informal gathering of Auxiliary and sub-branch members.

Afterwards we were all taken over the huge timber mill, a most interesting and informative tour.

After lunch, next day, we went to Greenbushes, where we were again warmly welcomed by the Auxiliary and sub-branch to a high tea and informal chat. To finish the evening we visited the new timber mill being built there.

Altogether, it was a most enjoyable three days and we would like to thank everyone for their wonderful welcome and hospitality. It was indeed a great pleasure to meet them all.

Members of the Executive attended the Anzac Eve Service at the War Veterans' Home, the Auxiliary wreath was placed on the Cross of Remembrance by Mrs Rowe.

Mrs Rowe and I attended the Dawn Service, and an Auxiliary wreath was one of the many beautiful floral tributes placed on the Memorial. We all attended the Anzac Day Service on the Esplanade.

Don't forget to send in some ideas for the 50th Conference, so that we can start forming a programme.

Kindest regards to all.

TASMANIAN REPORT

THIRTY-FIVE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

By State President L. ROWE

On March 5, 6 and 7, I attended the Tasmanian RSL Women's Auxiliaries 27th Conference, which was held in Ulverstone on the N W Coast, representing the WA Auxiliaries.

The Senior Vice-President and State Secretary of the Victorian State Council were also present.

The official opening on March 5 at 8 p.m., was very similar to our own, with the State President, Mrs Anderson; welcoming the guests, delegates and observers.

A welcome was extended to all by the Warden of the Ulverstone Municipality, and then the official opening was declared by the State President of the Tasmanian RSL, Mr J. Patterson.

Saturday was business day, and after roll-call, confirmation of last year's Minutes, Annual Report and Balance Sheet, the Agenda items were discussed and voted on.

At 12.15 p.m., we adjourned to Anzac Park for the Wreath-Laying Ceremony, after which luncheon was served. Business resumed after lunch.

The main thing which impressed me about the conference was the fact that although only 35 Auxiliaries had sent delegates, one per branch only, there were nearly 200 Auxiliary members there as observers.

Very interested ones, I might tell you, who pay their own expenses, but who rarely ever miss a conference, no matter where it is held, and quite a percentage of them who work had either taken holidays or two days off (they didn't leave Ulverstone till Monday) so that they could be there.

WHAT'S MISSING?

The keenness and enthusiasm of all Auxiliary members in Tasmania amazed me, and I wonder what is missing with us. Why have we in WA become so uninterested in our work? Is it because we feel we have nothing left to accomplish... Surely not!

There is as much or even more work now. As our men become older more of them will need hospital treatment and hospitalisation. Perhaps we need a "new" look at ourselves and our direction.

My husband was with me in Tasmania, and after the conference ended, we continued around the Island on holidays, enjoying it very much. Two sub-branches and Auxiliaries, Lenah Valley and Glenorchy, entertained us at functions. The State Branch also entertained us at a Cocktail Party in Anzac House.

The hospitality extended to us everywhere was most generous. We hope to see a large number of you at Conference.
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R.S.L. VISIT TO EDWARD MILLEN

The State President, Len Phenna, Mr. Reg Warnett, and the State Secretary, Doug Bruce, accepted an invitation from Mr. Col. Williams, Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, to visit the Edwad Millen Hospital on the 5th April.

Dr. E.J. Lee and Matron Currie escorted the party through the wards to meet the patients and also inspected work being carried out under the guidance of Physiotherapist Mrs. Beale and Occupational Therapist Miss. Jeffrey.

The visit was very edifying and all expressed appreciation of the way the patients were receiving such excellent and professional treatment.

In the near future a reciprocal visit will be arranged to the War Veterans' Home, Mt. Lawley.

WANTED

Did you know that many of the younger generation are anxious to keep alive your efforts, your deeds, your achievements? They can do it in many ways, but one way that is most acceptable is to collect, or purchase, your old military items.

ANYTHING!

Most sought after are medals, diaries, swords, guns. Probably very rare to see the latter now, but still turn up! And, if possible, they want a short account of how each item was acquired. Perhaps - let's face it - you even "souvenir"ed" it.

A battered World War 1 trench with badges would be revered. A 10th Light Horse sword would be an item "per excellence". Old photos and other articles - all are needed.

There are several societies whose members are avid collecters of old military items.

If you feel you would like to pass on some items - and their history, please contact Mrs. Constantine, C/O RSL, and she will see it reaches good hands.

LIFE MEMBER WELCOMED

A Life Member of the VICTORIA PARK Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League, Mr. Reg Warnett, was welcomed to the April meeting of the GERALDTON Sub-Branch by the President, Mr. Stan Moore.

Mr. Warnett is living at Geraldton after being at Carnarvon for eight years. He has been both President and Secretary of the VICTORIA PARK Sub-Branch.

Prior to the observance of silence in memory of fallen comrades, the President, Mr. Stan Moore, asked members to especially remember the late Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, under whom some Sub-Branch members served in North Africa during World War Two.

The meeting was told that there were one hundred and eleven financial members of the GERALDTON Sub-Branch and that further subscriptions were expected on Anzac Day.

R.S.L. APPOINTMENT

At its February meeting, the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League elected a new Senior Vice-President, Mr. Cliff Walker.

Walker is Health Surveyor-Building Inspector for the Greenough Shire Council.

Mr. Joe Willers was to have occupied the position but decided to hand it over to Mr. Walker because of his commitments as Sub-Branch Treasurer.

The new Secretary of the Sub-Branch, Mr. Graham Till, who was previously the Secretary at Northampton, says the Anzac Day arrangements for the Regional War Veterans' Home will be held on Friday, April 25th, and the annual Reunion Dinner on Saturday May 1st.

GOING BACK AFTER 50 YEARS

Sam and Kath Crook will leave by air on the 16th June to revisit his hometown and relations, for the first time since arriving in Western Australia in December 1926.

Sam came from Ashton, Northumberland, and has been farming in the Kolonup area ever since.

Sam and Kath have been stalwarts of the League for many years and played a big part in the community life in Kojonup.

After a short sojourn on State Executive, Sam was appointed Country Vice-President in 1986 and has travelled thousands of miles attending meetings, visiting Sub-Branches and carrying out welfare work for members. No job has been too small for Sam.

Kath has been a tower of strength to Sam in his travels for the League and has been President of the Kojonup Branch of the Women's Auxiliary for many years.

We wish them a happy trip and safe return.

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NEWS FROM GERALDTON

The Geraldton Sub-Branch will ask State Congress to press for the abolition of a holiday on the Monday when Anzac Day falls on a Sunday as was the case this year - because it says Anzac Day is Australia's National Day and there is only one day of significance - April 25th.

The Sub-Branch says Anzac Day is a day to pay tribute to the memory of those who died and suffered - and still suffering - it is not necessary to have an additional holiday on the Monday.

As one member said 'what holiday were the dead given?'

Geraldton Sub-Branch will also ask Congress to consider 'The Ode to Fallen Comrades' be preceded by the declaration "With Proud Thanksgiving, let us remember those who served'. There could be a reference to recently deceased ex-servicemen of high standing, or Sub-Branch members recently deceased.

GERALDTON, May 1st.

The RSL Ball will be held at the Subiaco Civic Centre, Friday, August 13.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A WILL

Every adult person, male or female, rich or poor should make the effort to make a Will. A Will, as everyone knows, is a legal instrument whereby the wishes of the person making the Will (called a testator in the case of a male and a testatrix in the case of a female), as to the disposal of his or her property after death, are given effect.

As the laws governing Wills are intricate, it is always advisable to seek specialised assistance in the making of your Will. Before we discuss the mechanics of making a Will however, we should give some consideration as to why we make Wills and the importance of making them.

Wills are made to try and provide the means for the distribution of a person’s estate after death. This is their most common and important function.

There are, however, other purposes for making a Will. It can also express the testator’s wishes with regard to the guardianship of any infant children of the testator after his death.

It can also dictate the wishes of the testator with regard to the means of his burial. There are many cases in which the Will will speak for the deceased testator long after death.

Whilst the lack of a Will does not mean that the deceased’s estate does not pass on to his or her next of kin, it does mean that the distribution of the estate may not be in accordance with the testator’s wishes.

LAWS OF INTESTACY.

For example, if a man died leaving a wife and dependant children, the laws relating to intestacy (meaning laws applicable where a person dies without a Will) provide that the deceased’s widow receives the first $12,500 of the estate and half of the balance. The other half of the balance of the estate passes to, in this case, the children.

This lack of a Will does lead to hardship to the widow if the value of her share of the estate is less than the total value of the deceased’s residence, if that residence was owned by him alone.

In the example just given, had the deceased made a Will, he would have almost certainly been advised to leave his estate to his wife while she was alive or until her remarriage and then, on either her death or remarriage, for the estate to pass to his surviving children in equal shares. This has the clear advantage of protecting his wife and, by extension, his family.

Whilst the purpose of this article is not to discuss the philosophies surrounding probate, death and succession duties, we all have to face the fact that these are very much a part of estate planning.

It should be realised that certain classes of beneficiaries render the deceased’s estate liable to the payment of higher rates of death duties than do other classes of beneficiary.

By the making of a Will, a testator conscious of the death duty problem and wishing to preserve as much of his estate as possible for his family will have ensured that his Will distributes his estate so that there is the least possible incursion theron by the relevant probate duty authorities.

GUARDIANSHIP

We previously mentioned that a Will can also express the testator’s wishes with regard to the guardianship of his or her infant children. Now whilst there is surviving spouse this does not really present a problem but if the testator is the only surviving parent of infant children, then in this event the expression of a wish with regard to guardianship assumes much greater importance.

Likewise, it was previously mentioned that a Will can express a wish with regard to the disposal of a deceased’s remains. There are many among us who abhor the high cost of burial and are not concerned with the snow attendant upon this event.

A Will can direct the most inexpensive burial possible or cremation or the donation of one’s body or part thereof to the Department of Anatomy at the Medical School of the University of WA or a similar institution.

On the other side, there are many who regard the burial as being of great importance and these persons may desire to express some wish as to the conduct of this ceremony. All of these matters can be given voice in a Will.

With regard to the making of a Will itself, there is not a great deal of expense involved in the making of a usual form of Will. Those concerned with the expense of making a Will should know that Wills can be drawn free of charge by the Public Trustee and by private Trustee companies.

In these cases however, the trustee concerned, whether it be a charitable institution or a company, is appointed the Executor of the Will and receives a fixed charge for the administration of the estate after death.

The Australian Legal Aid Office will also draw Wills free of charge for those persons who qualify for assistance from that office.

MODERATE CHARGE

If a person seeking to make a Will does not wish to use any of these institutions and is worried by expense, it is still strongly advisable that they have their Will drawn up by a solicitor and, as previously stated, the charge is normally quite moderate.

It is a fairly general observation among the legal profession that whilst the drawing of everyday Wills represents a large degree of skill and attention, the profession, knowing that this is an area of public need, have always endeavoured to keep the costs to a minimum.

Impressive Will forms are freely available from stationers, but you should not draw your own Will or rely on the service of a lawyer for this very important task.

Having decided, hopefully, that if you do not have a Will, then you should make one, you should give some very careful thought to what you want to happen to your estate.

Having done this, you should then give further careful thought as to whether you appoint your Executor or Executrix. Ideally, your Executor should be a person who has a good chance of surviving you and in whom you can confide a trust.

Likewise, your Executor should be, or at least in all likelihood should be an adult at the time of your death.

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

Having thought about these problems, you should then seek professional advice and have your Will made. Once your Will is made you should notify your Executor that he or she has been made the Executor and advise him or her to where the Will is kept.

Your Will should be kept in a safe place such as your Solicitor’s office or your bank. You should never keep the original copy of your Will in your home.

Generally speaking, neither your Solicitor nor any bank will charge a fee for keeping your Will in safe custody. Under no circumstances should your Will be pinned or fastened in any way.

It is advisable to keep a copy of your Will at home.

Having attended to the making of your Will, you should make a resolution to review it every year, and, if any circumstance has changed from the time you made your Will, you should give thought to the making of a new one.

Again, generally speaking, it is better that a new Will be made than a codicil. A codicil is a further legal document which can alter a previously drawn Will.

The reason why a completely new Will is to be preferred is that there is often a danger when there are two documents that one may be separated from the other.

BOOKS.

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and
the Student Centre, Teachers' Training College.
Palmerston North,
on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 18 - 20, 1976.

It is hoped this time to make arrangements for overseas ex - 75'ers to attend this Reunion, and to this end those of you who are still in touch with people living in the United Kingdom, Canada or Australia or anywhere else, are asked to inform them urgently of the proposals.

Contact has been made with British Airways, and they have agreed to co-operate in arranging group tours and travel concessions.

Please tell your friends to get in touch with the following as soon as possible:

Group Captain Brian Stanley-Hunt,
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New Zealand House,
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or

Mr. Ron Butcher,
RCAF Association,
National Headquarters,
424 Metcalfe Street,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

In addition to the Reunion, it is hoped to arrange other special functions at various stopping-points of any tours which may be arranged.

Speed is of the essence however, so please advise anyone you know who might be interested or even if he isn't interested, so that we get as wide a coverage as possible, as soon as possible.

So in the words of the classics, "extrectum digits", and rally round for a good muster next June.

Russ Banks,
(Hon. Secretary).

EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELDS 1978

The Returned Services League, National Headquarters is organising a tour of the battle fields of Europe which will be visited in 1978, the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

The 1978 Pilgrimage to Anzac, Lebanon, El Alamein, Greece and Crete was a success. One reason being that the group visited places of interest to the Australian ex-servicemen, thus involving as many members as possible.

So far places on the 1978 visiting list include —

Ypres
Passchendaele
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Pozières and
Amiens.

Villers Brettonaux, Menin Gate and Mt. St. Quentin are, of course, a must.

If persons interested in this tour consider that some centre of interest has been omitted, would you please advise National Headquarters, and if possible it will be slotted in.

The Afrika Korps have been alerted and are already on "Stand by".

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He is also interested in old Army correspondence, envelopes or postcards bearing Field Post Office marks, particularly where the Unit of the sender could be ascertained. Commercial rate of payment will be made for any material.

RETURNED SISTER HONOURED

Miss Vera Harvey, a member of the Returned Sisters Sub-Branch, was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Year Honours-List.

Miss Harvey, 2/6 AGH, was granted the award for her work in establishing the Silver Chain Association in Bunbury, and for her involvement with community service in the region.

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"Yes sir, it's the heat that kills them."

Storey and Gilroy show that jokes can get much worse. Still in the restaurant: "Waiter, there's a beetle in my soup."

"I'm terribly sorry sir, we've run out of flies."

Or how about: "Waiter! This egg isn't fresh!" "Don't blame me, Sir I only laid the table."

Then, there is the classical question: "Why did the chicken cross the road?"

FOWL PURPOSE

"For its own fowl purpose," is one answer. "To get to the other side," of course is another and "To see Gregory Peck" is a third—for film fans.

Still in the animal line, have you heard about the latest biological experiment—they're crossing sheep with kangaroos. Why?

To grow woolly jumpers of course.

Doctor jokes include one which probably first saw the light of day in a Richard Gordon novel. "I've got all my clothes off, doctor. Where shall I put them?"

"On top of mine."

Getting more cultural, you may have heard of the song: "Verdi blue of the night meets the gold of the day," or "That old-fashioned Mahler of mine."

Stop singing. Did you hear of the court case where the judge says to the prisoner: "You have been found not guilty."

Prisoner: "Does that mean I can keep the money?"

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"Why did you become an electrician?"—"Just for light relief."

Or "Why did you become a gardener?"—"I needed the digs."

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"My wife's gone to the West Indies."

"Jamaica?"—"No, she went of her own accord."

Mothers-in-law... the one who read in the local paper that the council were going to put a gondola on the park lake. "That's daft," she said. "Why don't they get two of them and let them breed?"

And would you believe this one?

LORD MAYOR

Why does the Lord Mayor of London wear red, white and blue braces?—to keep his trousers up.

The old classic, "who was the lady I saw you with last night?" gets little treatment.

The famous George Burns (of Burns and Allen) question: "Man, who was that lady I saw you with last?" is not even listed.

All the same, Storey and Gilroy crash merrily to old depths.

"Your lips are like petals."

"Flower petals?"

"No, bicycle."

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