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State President's Message

I have been concerned for some time about the "Mabo Debate" and what has been reported in the media and stated by politicians and government ministers. My concern is that people are not aware of the greatest danger in all this debate, that is division. I believe certain elements within our Australian society are "hell bent" on creating two nations within Australia. We are continually being told that we must carry the guilt of what happened in our early history with the Aboriginal people.

Tim Hewat, in his book "Who Made the Mabo Mess", claims "... attempts to fit the 98.47 per cent of Australians who are not Aboriginals with a mantle of guilt for the acts of the couple of hundred thousand who claim they are..." He further notes that "... more than half of today's non-Aboriginal families had no connection, whatsoever, with this country before World War II let alone links with the early settlers, an attitude of fakrs for the future of the whole country does grip some of the population...", these people are also included in the scenario that we have failed our Aboriginal people. The government seems to have always commenced the "two nation" concept, particularly when Hewat states in his book "... it should be recognised, of course, that a degree of separation has long been established. Aboriginal councils, clans, groups, tribes, units - call them what you will - already control nearly one-sixth of all the land (having actually paid for very little of it) and have the right and power to deny entry to non-Aboriginals. Further, Aborigines are in receipt of more than a billion dollars a year in payouts, which are not available to other Australians, from the Commonwealth - that is from largely non-Aboriginal taxpayers.

I think it therefore appropriate to the members of this State Branch, and readers of this magazine, to judge for themselves by reading a paper titled "Understanding Mabo Madness", written by Fred Cullen on 30 July 1993. The President and Welfare Officer of the Ivanhoe Sub-Branch, Fred Cullen has been a member of the Victorian RSL State Executive for 11 years. He completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and he has undertaken further studies in Public Administration. He was the Chairman of the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme in Victoria from 1951-1961, Director of Staff Training, Victoria Public Services Board 1961-1964, and Deputy Head Victorian Government Mines Department. The following is his paper:

An 18th century British statesman, John Bright, once remarked "The art of statesmanship lies as much in foreseeing as in doing".

This is true in the field of Aboriginal affairs as in others. The RSL from 1962 onwards foresaw the likely problems; we realised that the claim was not about land rights, but about sovereignty - i.e. in a separate nation under separate independent control.

Since the 1967 Referendum, according to one estimate, $23 billion has been spent on Aboriginal welfare. Very little has gone to genuine Aboriginal problems. Most has gone to those whites or black bureaucrats and activists who have made a good profession out of being "so called" Aborigines. This prodigious waste of public money has also been studied by the RSL.

THE MABO CASE

A new turn has been taken since the High Court brought down its judgement in what is known as the Mabo Case on 3 June 1992. It deals with the claim of the inhabitants of the Murray Island (which lie in the Torres Strait) to tide over the land which they inhabited in the past but which has been resumed by the Commonwealth and with which they have made a long and undisputed historical association. It will hereafter be regarded as a leading case outlining the principles of Aboriginal land rights in general.

In layman's terms which is emphasised and in broad-oaths, the decision laid down the following principles concerning land tenure:

1. The right of the Crown to sovereignty (the word is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "supreme, dominant, authority or rule") over Australian territory was established by the fact of settlement and is incapable of being set aside by Australian courts.

2. Once the Crown had established its sovereignty by virtue of settlement it had the right to make laws with regard to land tenure. It could validly resume land and make a grant of freehold, leasehold or other title which might terminate or interfere with existing rights, where these existed. Hence grants of land under various titles which have been made to settlers have been validly made, even if the ear involved extinguished pre-existing claims.

3. Aborigines might retain title to particular tracts of land, where the Crown had not terminated such titles if "ascertained according to the laws and customs of Aboriginal people", by these laws and customs, have a connection with the land".

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The High Court decided that the Murray Islanders had a long historic association with the land on which they resided and that as the Crown had not acted to terminate their tenure, they were entitled to this.

The decision, taken by 6-1 majority, then set aside the 1970 Blackburn judgment in the Goy Land Rights Case which held an legal doctrine of terra nullius, had denied the possibilities of any form of native land rights.

The decision will serve as a precedent for similar cases in the future, although it needs to be emphasized that the High Court is not necessarily bound by its own precedents.

The distinction between political sovereignty and claims to land held under the Crown, is thus rigidly maintained.

The Revolutionary Mabo Decision

The real impact of the High Court's revolutionary decision that native title could exist if it had not been extinguished by the Crown, is only now being widely realised. The Mabo decision has the effect of changing the entire basis for Australian sovereignty and goes to the heart of the question "Who owns Australia? Is Australian sovereignty vested in the Australian Crown, or do we own Australia as Aboriginal owners? The Mabo decision, establishing the previous doctrine of terra nullius has internationally recognised extinction in the 19th century, which means that the continent was not occupied by a 'society,' and effectively "changed the ground rules" of the very basis of Australian life.

The right in which the States now find themselves concerning the Mabo decision goes back to the changes in the Constitution in 1967, in which the Commonwealth was given the power to legislate on behalf of Aboriginal people. This power may now be used, following the changing of the "ground rules," to compel the States to either hand over vast areas of land, or pay huge compensation settlements to Aboriginal people. This power may now be used, following the changing of the "ground rules," to compel the States to either hand over vast areas of land, or pay huge compensation settlements to Aboriginal people. As Premier Richard Court points out, WA and Queensland will be most affected, as there are large vacant areas. He noted, that the development of States like Victoria and New South Wales took place under one set of rules, but the development of WA and Queensland is now expected to take place under a different set of rules, in which Aboriginal people now have enhanced "land rights." It should be noted that it is up to the State Governments to organise compensation.

The fact that such far-reaching decisions of policy can be made by an elected, unelected accountable body as the High Court, is in itself revolutionary. The proper role of the court is to rule on matters concerning the Constitution. That is, to interpret the Constitution. But in matters like the Mabo decision, the Court is effectively another arm of government, making decisions on policy. The Judge who did most of the damage in the Mabo case, Justice Brennan, justified the decision to establish a kind of native title not necessarily existing on the grounds that "the expectations of the international community accord in this respect with the contemporary values of the Australian people." Justice Brennan did not explain how he had tested the contemporary values of the Australian people, or of what he explained "international community" comprised.

However, it should not be forgotten that there was also a minority judgment on the Mabo case, produced by Justice David Drummond. The concluding sentence of his judgment is very significant: "Accordingly, if traditional land rights for at least eight tribes to their land are to be afforded, the inhabitants of the Murray Islands, the seasons, legally, both legal and moral, live with the legislature and not with the courts."

Justice Drummond is quite right, and this leaves both the parliament and the Australian people with a problem: what to do with a High Court that oversteps its proper role? Four judges can, and do, wield more power than the entire parliament. They are not elected, but appointed by the Prime Minister, and in order to maintain the integrity of the court, cannot accord to anyone except the law itself. If people like the late Lionel Murphy can be appointed to the High Court, then the entire process of appointment of judges and role of the Court is urgent.

The "External Affairs" Power

While it is certainly true that each State can resolve the Mabo problem by legislating the Commonwealth still holds the "ars in urbe" - the Racial Discrimination Act of Australia, either in extinguishing native title, or compensating "inadequately" for doing so, could be disallowed under the Racial Discrimination Act. When this was done from Parliament directly, it was done from the United Nations Convention on Civil and Political Rights, through the loophole of the "external affairs power" (Section 51) of the Constitution. How did this happen? An activist High Court ruled in the Tinarnta Dinco case in 1962 that the Commonwealth had the power, under the above "external affairs" power, to impose the terms of any foreign "treaty" on the States. Power was effectively annihilated further, and the key figure involved was Justice Lionel Murphy, former Attorney-General in the Whitlam government.
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The wild, ideologically driven claims to more huge areas or land for Aborigines as a result of the Mabo case, and the political posturing attendant on the attempts to resolve the legitimisation of Mabo, make a mockery of the Prime Minister's pan-Aboriginal attempts at reconciliation between Aborigines and other Australians. The Court's establishment of a new form of native title previously unknown in this country has further encouraged this revolutionary notion that Aborigines have long used the interests of Aborigines to shatter Australia into two separate nations. Historian Professor Geoffrey Blainey notes that "while Aboriginal attacks, housing and employment are largely ignored, the ever-increasing gains of land to Aborigines is probably a step towards two peoples and two nations or, worse of all, two half-nations."

Obtaining that the granting of too much land to Aborigines will be extremely divisive, Blainey says that it is no longer true that Aborigines are "landed in their own land." Blainey writes: "The part of the nation now in the hands of the Aboriginal groups and reserves is enormous. It probably covers about 12% of the continent. Aboriginal lands form almost a continuous corridor from the Australian Sea in the Southern Ocean, with only tiny breaks in the continent. One Aboriginal block is about as large as Britain, another as large as the Netherlands. Most of the land in Aboriginal hands is land, but some is in need of natural resources. The large Aboriginal area has the natural and general capacity to support a nation of many millions of East Asian standards. . . . the average Aboriginal has about 12 times as much land in his average coin as the average Australian. . . ., we could well end up with two permanent systems of land tenure and the genesis of two systems of government" (The Age, 12/6/93).

WHO MAKES THE RULES?

Throughout this conflict with the State premiers, Mr Keating held to his position, summarised when he said: "It's no point the premiers telling me their States don't accept the Mabo decision - it's a matter of law." It certainly is a matter of law - this much is correct, but who should decide what is the law? The Press has muddied the waters by making similar assertions to Mr Keating, any journalist writing disparagingly of the premiers "blindly refusing to acknowledge the fact that the High Court has made a new form of Aboriginal land title a legal reality which Parliament cannot alter." The Press has repeatedly echoed Mr Keating's comments. This is the classic case of Parliament who make law in this country and I don't believe that they continue to say that the High Court can make the law and we must accept it... The constitutional position supports Mr Keating.

Of the few journalists who have even asked the question to read the High Court judgements, Alan Jones included stories in his column Sunday Telegraph, 13/6/93. Jones quotes from the decision, which concludes that "while Mabo's people should enjoy title to their land, this is subject to the power of the Parliament of Queensland and the power of the Governor-in-Council of Queensland to extinguish that title by valid exercise of their respective powers." Jones notes that "Federal Parliament has no power to legislate in relation to land that is a State Parliament possession. So it is the States which must legislate to extinguish native title."

DEFINITION OF ABORIGINAL

The subject of "Land Rights" was never mentioned concerning the 1967 Referendum, which resulted in an overwhelming YES vote for a proposal which electors were told meant no more than a minor amendment to the Constitution designed to delete certain words - regarded as offensive - relating to the Aboriginal race in order that Aboriginals could be included in the census every five years, and to make it possible for the Commonwealth Government, in association with the States, to make any special laws for people of "the Aboriginal race".

The official YES case specifically expounded any suggestion of increasing the powers of the Commonwealth over the States: "THERE HAS BEEN AND THERE IS NO INTENTION ON THE PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH THAT AUTHORITY SHOULD BE RESTRICTED FROM THE STATES." Prime Minister Mr Gough Whitlam, in the White Paper case that the Commonwealth could override the States on "Land Rights", the eastern discovery, or land that they had been issued in 1967. Here the Commonwealth used the EXTERNAL POWERS to override the States.

Both the original words deleted from the Constitution and the addition meant that the only people referred to were direct full-blood descendants of the indigenous people strolled throughout Australia when European colonisation started. There were no references to part-Aborigines.

The definition of Aboriginality accepted by official Australia was established during Whitlam's prime ministership. It is essentially self-identification. It is so-called Aborigines who accept the definition because until Mabo, the stakes were low - by comparison. Even so, many jumped on the "greener" train and made a paying profession out of being so-called Aborigines. There are now 250,000 self-identified Aborigines. The number has grown rapidly this century - the 1911 census recorded just 220,000.
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Benefits to Mabo-related benefits would appear to require ancestral genealogical proof after 204 years of "terra nullius".

NATIVE TITLE

The nature of native title of how Aborigines have traditionally used land, is almost as complex as that of identification.

In the case of the late Eddie Mabo, it was clear. He, like his ancestors, collected a plot of land and lived on it. But he was not an Aboriginal. He was a Melanesian, his land closer culturally, as well as geographically, to Papua New Guinea than to the continent of Australia. The Mabo case rested on permanent settlement and land-use by a Torres Strait island population. But where large areas are claimed on the basis of former hunting and food gathering activities, the situation is clearly different.

The High Court has decided that native title exists, but does not recognize a native title system - it is a mythical concept with no substance. We should ask how did mutual exchange title amongst themselves come about? Why not mutual legal systems? You cannot accept one without the other.

The history of population movements and their consequences is vitally relevant to present discussions on "land rights" but seems to be overlooked. The European settlers who entered Australia from 1788 did not "conquer" Aboriginal lands. They did not destroy farms and villages or land being grazed by domestic animals. To them the land was largely unoccupied. The late Professor T.G. Strehlow, an anthropologist of note, emphasized, in one of his many works, that tribal life continued to exist undisturbed by conflict with Europeans in most parts of the Australian continent.

White settlement certainly does not bear responsibility for the modern problems of the Aborigines.

Aboriginal people were never a sovereign nation before the coming of white men. If ever Aboriginal sovereignty now would be to construct an expensive political framework - with no obvious benefits to the people it is meant to serve.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The High Court should not make the laws - this is the prerogative of the elected representatives in Parliament. It has now ruled on a matter of policy not of law.

2. The only long-term solution to the Mabo problem is to return the constitutional powers of the States and their relationship to the Commonwealth.

This involves challenging the High Court's revolutionary decision in the Tasmanian Dam's case, that the "external affairs" power can be used as an excuse by the Commonwealth to override the States on any issue.

3. Keating is quite incorrect when he claims that the Mabo decision can never be changed.

4. The ownership of minerals, and other natural resources, should reside with the Crown, otherwise development of them could be sterilised.

5. The definition of Aboriginal needs to be subjected to more intellectual rigour - otherwise the total population might find it profitable to identify as Aboriginal and set up communities for that purpose.

6. The concept of "native title" is a myth.

7. Australia should be maintained as an "undivided" continent.

8. The future of Aborigines should be seen as one of full citizenship of the Australian Commonwealth, with all rights, responsibilities, privileges and duties that go with citizenship.

9. There can be no future for Aborigines as a separate distinctive and separate group, with racially biased legislation, racially biased legal distinctions, racially biased privileges. There is no logic, or moral justification for imposing such a system of racial inequality. Conflict with governments, the community, pastoralists and miners will inevitably result from the social inequalities involved.

10. It follows that there should be one set of Land Laws for all Australians. Whilst we have the utmost respect for their culture and traditions, no special privileges are due to the Aborigines - any more than to other Australians who have shared with "new migrants" equal rights to acquire land as fellow Australians.

11. Most Australians today have as much goodwill towards genuine Aborigines as did those who voted in 1967, in the "Aboriginal industry" and the resulting growing inequality that causes resentment and antipathy.

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In conclusion, on behalf of the staff at Anzac House, a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous ‘Australia Remembers’ New Year to you all.

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Rear Admiral Kennedy was second-in-command of several ships as well as the Royal Australian Naval College. His sea commands included the frigate HMAS Pamunatta, the guided missile destroyer HMAS Hobart as well as overall command of the First Australian Destroyer Squadron. As a Commodore, Rear Admiral Kennedy was Commander of the Joint Services Staff College between 1981 and 1983 for which service he was made a Member of the Order of Australia. He then assumed the post of Deputy Fleet Commander in January 1984, was promoted to Rear Admiral six months later and reported to Canberra as the Chief of Naval Operational Requirements, Policy and Plans. In this role he piloted through Defence Committees the new Collins Class submarine project, the Anzac Frigate project and the SeaHawks helicopters. He was also responsible for the formulation of naval strategy and doctrine. Shortly before he retired in July 1987 he was promoted to Officer of the Order of Australia for his work. He is married to a West Australian and has five children.

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STATE WAR MEMORIAL -
Report by Retiring Warden cont.

used to renovate the Sydney War Memorial.

As these repairs will be quite extensive, it is essential that the materials used are the best available.

Many people, especially some more than Japanese visitors, are intrigued by the Whispering Wall of the semi-circular 1939-45 Memorial which was added to the complex in 1951. At that time it would have been hard to imagine that the Kings Park Administration, some 40 years later, in a gesture of goodwill, would be forwarding a drawing of the structure to the Mayor of a Japanese town, whom it is understood, wishes to replicate there a design he felt was quite unique.

Regarding ceremonies at Kings Park, all have been expertly programmed and carried through with sincerity, dignity, honor and complete respect. Many of our friends, visitors and wreath-laying groups have commented on this while an international participant was deeply moved by the sincerity of the occasion.

Of all the functions I have attended, I must say I was very impressed in April when the Anzac Commemorative Service for Schools took place. High commendation to the Education Department for the excellent programme, the top standard performance of all the student artists and the exemplary conduct of the hundreds of children.

Question? Where were the thousands of people to join these young Australians?

This brings me to publicity and communication. We often hear on ceremony days, "What's on here?" "What's it all about?" and "Who's it private?" and "We didn't know it was on!" Can we hope to get more help from the media - to advise the public - rather than seeing a past tense photo?

It appears to me that we should consider our communications. Other Chaplains, special guests, presidents and visiting VIPs have a message to deliver and we have the problem of being seen and not heard, or being heard and not seen. Many in the crowds say, "We couldn't hear a word." Can we consider the useful use of amplification without its affecting the due solemnity of the occasion? These remarks of course do not apply to the annual Dawn Service which is a rare experience for all who attend. Some of the groups and units would like to have their bands play at the Memorial, bearing in mind that the music chosen to meet the solemnity of the occasion would require official approval.

Congress: the dictionary says: "to come together - a formal meeting of delegates and usually action on some questions." Maybe I have grossed it a few.

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In the 'Eichstatt Job' on page 23 of the winter edition of 'The Listening Post' mention was made that the first intimation the Germans had of the escape from Oflag VIIB was when they came to put the chains on the officers in Block I and found some left over. This calls for explanation and another saga of POW life in Oflag VIIB.

After midday on 8 October 1942, a 'Sonder Appel' (special check parade) was called and all officers captured at Dieppe were called out of the ranks (about 100), marched up the Lagerstrasse, embussed in two large trucks and under very heavy guard travelled through the town of Eichstatt. A short distance outside the town the officers disembarked and passed through the inner wall tunnel and into the grounds of Wilhelmsburg Schloss.

The Dieppe officers (mostly Canadians) were then called forward and their wrists bound with rope (stout enough to tie up a horse one officer remarked). (It would appear that at Dieppe the invading force had bound the German prisoners during the battle pending subsequent collection and procedure was used again during a Commando raid on a Channel Island.)

The officers were to remain tied up until the British Government gave an apology and stated that in future prisoners would not be bound. Winston Churchill retaliated by tying up the same number of German officers: plus one.

After three days in the Schloss the Dieppe officers were moved back to the camp where that morning the last 20 on parade from each Company had been packed off to Block I enclosed with wire and handcuffed. Hitler had doubled the number to be handcuffed.

At first the German NCOs patrolled the rooms to ensure that the handcuffs, now replacing the rope, were worn at all times but it was not very long before various methods were used to 'spring' the handcuffs. After about five days officers had completely sabotaged the operation by gifts of cigarettes and 'biscuits' - a cup of real coffee to the German guards was a gift from heaven.

The Germans took the matter very seriously - Appel and handcuffing at 0800hrs, released at 12 noon, handcuffed again after Appel at 1300hrs and released at 2100hrs.

The handcuffs themselves improved from the regular police type to the cuffs being extended on about 15 inches of chain. The handcuffs could be placed in bat-dead trouser pockets and on meeting a German NCO the officer just put his hands in his pockets (unfettered) - Alles im ordnung! The situation got to the stage where the German guards opened the door of the room, shouted 'How many?' and then placed the appropriate number of handcuffs on the nearest bedpost.

Churchill's action had left the Germans looking very foolish. The farce continued for about a year and then suddenly ceased.

It was subsequently learnt that the day the Dieppe officers were moved out of the camp to Wilhelmsburg Schloss, the German NCOs had machine-guns and mortars mounted on the hill overlooking the camp in case of rioting.

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Hollywood is not usually known for its cuisine. But at Hollywood Private Hospital patients are being served five-star food, and the chefs have the medals to prove it following WBS Catering Olympics held in Perth in September. The hospital is now deemed to have the best chefs in the industry.

At the Salute Olympic Culinary in the Entertainment Centre, chef Nicholas Diamandaki, Chef Moises and Kelvin Menezes all won medals as well as the title of "Most Outstanding Individual Chef".

Competing against chefs from top hotels, other hospitals and restaurants, chef Nicholas Diamandaki won gold in the Fine Dining section for his salmon and lox in a salmon butter sauce and beetroot of duck with a soba noodle. He also won bronze in the buffet section.

Chef Cheesewong Lo won gold for a gourmet menu and where as a bonus for a strawberry and almond torte with grape marinated Iced cream and fondant icing which was Egyptian in theme and inspired by Nefertiti.

Cheesewong's gold-winning gourmet menu started with a choice of marinated smoked egg with duck liver quenelle in a curry dressing that was served on a sweetcorn flan with soy cheese and pickled capsicum praline. The main course was veal loin, stuffed with white asparagus and sweetbreads, baked in a pastrami and served in a red wine reduction with seasonal vegetables and maple syrup sauce. The dessert was chocolate and coconut mousse in a chocolate basket with pohine and dried almond triangle in a honey cream.

Hollywood's chief chef Kelvin Menezes won a license for an enterprising.

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WOMEN IN SERVICE
When war was declared in 1939, the young women of Australia had very sheltered lives. About the only career opportunity was nursing, teaching or employment in shop assistants to the women eligible for enlistment were nurses who joined the AANS, formed in 1912.

During World War II there were venues served in every battle area where the Australian Army fought - in the sands of the African Western Desert, in Greece, in the mud of New Guinea, and the jungles of Malaya. They were in hospitals, ambulances, in general, base and camp hospitals in Australia, in POW camps and some served in England during the Battle for Britain in 1940.

The second group eligible were the members of Women's Auxiliary Services - volunteers trained by the Australian Red Cross and the St John's Ambulance Brigade with units throughout the community. Two-hundred WAAFs were sent to the Middle East where they worked alongside mates and medical staff.

Returning to Australia after 18 months, they were absorbed into the newly-formed Australian Army Medical Women's Service where they continued working with nurses and medical services in New Guinea and Australia providing valuable service as nursing auxiliaries, operating theatre assistants, laboratory assistants, wardresses and cooks.

As the war progressed, the Air Force and Navy also established nursing services and these girls too served in Australia and New Guinea.

Towards the end of 1944, the shortage of manpower became evident and the three services established their own women's services: The Australian Army Medical Women's Service (AAMWS), the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS), the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS) and the Women's Australian Auxiliary Air Force Service (WAFAA).

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These girls needed a thorough knowledge of aircraft parts as well as the ability to read drawings - off-the-stand precision measuring equipment. They contributed in a remarkable degree to the Defence of Australia.

As well as the women in the various services, thousands of civilian women joined the many voluntary organisations. The Red Cross ran many rural and chip transporting camps and operated its blood transfusion service. Members undertook money raising and other work.

The YWCA and the Red Cross met every week to plan work and the Australian Red Cross and the St John's Ambulance Brigade with units throughout the community. In POW camps the women took on jobs ranging from hospital nursing to teaching and helping with the community. Two-hundred WAAFs were sent to the Middle East where they worked alongside mates and medical staff.

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Some found transport companies, they drove trucks and ambulances. Some worked in mechanics and some as field nurses, others manned radio and searchlight stations and were posted to Intelligence Units - they provided the power behind the war machine in forward areas and they did much to alleviate the fighting services' manpower problems.

I believe that their ability to adapt successfully in almost any situation and the high standards they achieved led to the awareness of the potential of women today being accepted into many sectors of the service on an equal footing with the men.

The Australian Women's Land Army was another organisation that released country area for service. Members took on farm picking, milking, feeding pigs, tractor driving, harrowing and ploughing, cleaning and skimming sheep, chaff cutting and corn crushing, without their efforts, the nation could well have starved and the services collapse.

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VE DAY IN LONDON 1945

For those of us who are left and have grown old, the 50th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe brings memories.

On 3 September 1939, I was in schoolgirl uniform of gym slip and blazer. On 8 May 1945, I was in a different uniform. Our unit was stationed in Hampstead, London, awaiting transport to India. There was still the war in the Far East but, for the moment, the European war was over and so we set out for town to celebrate, clutching flags to wave - the English girls the Union Jack, Sally and Gwen the Welsh Dragon, Rosemary and I the Scottish Lion Rampant. London was gray, grimy, shabby and pockmarked with bomb damage but for Londoners this was a day of rejoicing, thanksgiving and happiness. No more bombs, no more blackout. It was the happiest of crowds who danced and sang in the streets - civilians and service folk all. A good old London 'knees up', we did the Lambeth walk and the Hokey Pokey while service men, sailors and airmen, waving flags and bottles. One merry soul pranced along a narrow, fourth-storey ledge brandishing a bottle of champagne. Pubs were jampacked. In the forecourt of one old London coaching inn a group of Australians caught glasses of beer dropped to them by their mates who had squeezed their way inside. In some miraculous fashion they didn't spill a drop. The problem arose when they tried to throw the glasses up for refills to their fumble-fingered friends on the balcony.

In Trafalgar Square, we heard the sonorous periods of Churchill's victory speech broadcast over the tannoy: an appropriate place to hear the 'Former Naval Person'. (Churchill used this name during the war in secret dispatches.)

By evening we had made our way to Buckingham Palace, the focal point of all London celebrations. There was lit a still brilliantly lit group of Victorian statues in the road outside the main gate. Perched on one was an Australian soldier with beer. Perched on the opposite wing was a RNZAF pilot with beer. The tannoy was broadcasting Britain's thanks to our Allies the foreign Allies and our cousins from what was then the Empire. Coming New Zealand's turn. We all looked up at the Kiwi pilot and cheered. He blushed pinkly and hung his head shyly. Renewed cheers. Then it was Australia's turn and we cheered the Aussie soldier. He was not so shy; he raised his hand above his head, bowed style, and bowed to the crowd with apple-polish solemnity which brought roars of delighted approval.

The chanting, "We want the King, we want the King," rose and fell. Then "We want George, we want George," and again the chanting died down. The Aussie was left shouting, "We want G." He became aware that his was the only voice and, nothing daunted, roared, "I want George." Which brought him more applause and cheers. Finally the King, Queen and the two Princesses appeared on the balcony and the crowd went wild, nothing forward, yelling and cheering and throwing their caps in the air.

Who were they, the Australian soldier, the New Zealand pilot? Are they still alive 50 years later and do they too remember VE Day in London, 1945?

Who knows, till the searchlights all over London were switched on, illuminating the night sky. We hitched a lift outside home and reached Hampstead in the dawn light, fresh, merry, happy and yet we thought of all those who had not lived to celebrate with us... in the morning we remembered them.

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The following is a copy of an address given by the chairman of the Royal Naval Association (Perth Branch) at the unveiling of the Royal Naval Association at Karrakatta Hall, Fremantle, on 23 October 1994.

On the morning of 7 December 1941, the surprise and devastating attack by the Japanese on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor launched this part of the world into World War II. Three days later there was the tragic loss in the South China Sea of the battleship Prince of Wales and the battleship Repulse, with the loss of more than 1000 officers and men. In the following weeks many naval battles were fought in and around the islands of Sumatra, Timor and Java by combined units of the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Netherlands Navy and units of the United States Navy.

As a result of these battles the carrier HMS Victorious, Indomitable, Indefatigable and the battleships Exeter, Ramillies, Prince of Wales, Repulse were seriously damaged for the supreme sacrifice in the seas and oceans around the island of Sumatra, Timor and Java by combined units of the Japanese Fleet and all the necessary attendant ships. Twenty-three cruisers were moored in the Port of Fremantle with the depot ships HMS Maidstone and all the necessary attendant ships.

The cost of Australia's defence forces today. So vastly this time in history is remembered by so few in this hi-tech world in which we now live in with computers, micro-continuities and, dare I say it, short memories where arrogance and ignorance by some who should know better, seem to be the order of the day: I do mean you ladies and gentlemen that we have present this afternoon remember those who served and those who paid the supreme sacrifice to help give us the peace and freedom that we all take so much for granted today.

When the late Lord Nester of North Cape (who as Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser was commander-in-chief British Pacific Fleet) closed his headquarters off the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor he had a special paper published called "Thank you Australia" in which he wrote: "And when you return to your homes please let the rest of the world know of the dangers and hardships that we faced and above all the wonderful friendship and hospitality we received from the people of Australia."

Sir Bruce and Lady Burt, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Royal Naval Association, I thank you for being with us this afternoon. Each year at this time when we return for our memorial service, we will remember not only those who served and those who died, but also your presence with us on 23 October 1994.

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May Drive had been opened for motor traffic through the Park in 1901 by Princess May, Duchess of Cornwall and York (later Queen Mary). It was originally intended that all of the trees would be oak grown from acorns sent by Her Royal Highness from the Windsor Great Park to the then President of the Kings Park Board, Mr. Arthur Lovekin. However, some of the young trees were lost in propagation owing to the hard water used; these were replaced by growing trees from acorns given by Archbishop Riley from an oak planted at Bishop’s House by Bishop Hale some 60 years previously.

In November 1918, Mr. Lovekin outlined to the Kings Park Board his scheme for such an Avenue of Honour in May Drive and offered to pay the preliminary expenses of clearing and digging the planting holes. The idea was adopted by the Board and the President’s offer accepted. All the work, including the accepting of an allocation of trees to the applicants, was carried out by the Board.

In 1922 the West Perth Sub-Branch accepted the responsibility for the preservation of the Avenue and the RSL has been involved ever since. West Perth later became the Public Service Sub-Branch and then, through amalgamation, the Honour Avenue Committee is a sub-committee of Highgate Sub-Branch. The care and maintenance of the trees and road verges between the trees is carried out by the Kings Park Board and the Honour Avenue Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the plaques and posts on which they are placed, and the register of trees and plaques.

It should be explained that not all servicemen from WA who lost their lives are honoured with a tree in Honour Avenue. Those men whose relatives applied in response to advertisements have a tree and plaque. There are no more trees available in the Avenue.

It is interesting to note that the original cost to applicants was ten shillings one shilling for the tree, two shillings for the preparation of the soil and sixpence for the plaque and sixpence for the planting.

In acknowledgement of the cooperation and assistance given, the Honour Avenue Committee by the staff of the Kings Park Board, the State Executive recently awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the Board. The Certificate was presented in duplicate to the Director of the Board, Dr Steve Hopper, by the State President, Mr Len Keynes, on the 75th Anniversary day in the presence of the Board's staff. One copy is kept in the Board's Administration building and the other has a prominent place in the workers' amenities rooms. This was a significant way of recognising this important anniversary.

A. MAXWELL BRICE
Seconet, Honour Avenue Committee

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Kings Park Board Staff on 75th Anniversary of opening of May Drive Honour Avenue. Tony Evans, Supervisor in charge of May Drive, and wife, Wendy (left), and Miro Kocski, general maintenance worker.

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EARLY DAYS:
Snippets from the records of a Unit Association
by Jack Benari

In August 1926 a circular letter was sent to 100 metropolitan and 30 country newspapers asking them to print a notice announcing a meeting at the Perth's Soldiers' Institute to form a "special" ex-servicemen's body. The new group was intended to act with the "great" of the day such as the large membership formations of the 11th and 28th Battalions. Annual subscriptions to the new body, tentatively labelled the Ex-Service Association of Engineers and Signallers, were two shillings and sixpence (25 cents). Acting Chairman George Duncan Shaw and Acting Secretary Robert Tyler were provisionally nominated.

Association objects were to foster friendships made on active service, assist members in distress and look after widows and dependants. Money was to come from membership fees, raffles, reunions and "booster" nights. Money was to come from membership fees, raffles, reunions and "booster" nights. Colonel J. Nicholson was Association patron and Captain A.R.B. Cox, former member of the 28th Battalion, assisted with the management of the group and proved a constant supporter.

The first meeting held by the new organization was in October 1926, attended by prominent community people, including the editors of metropolitan newspapers and the Listening Post magazine. The inaugural function was marked by strong support from the 11th Battalion Association and there is no doubt it would have been even better had it not clashed with the 10th Light Horse reunion.

Shortly afterwards the name was changed to Ex-Service Association of Engineers and Allied Units, which was thought more appropriate. Enthusiasm was running high and the future looked encouraging.

As the twenties drew to a close and the Depression began to make itself felt, income and membership waned. Apart from Anzac Day and similar occasions such as "Warriors dinners", which generally were a marked success, there were periods of association silence. On record at this time are letters from members looking for employment and the notifications of others on "unserviceable".

It was a time of great stress and financial embarrassment in the community and the Association found itself unable to fund a modest advertisement in The Listening Post. Even worse, George Duncan Shaw was written to thanking him for contributing chickens at ruling prices and asking him to cease future donations.

To help solve the membership problem annual fees were lowered to one shilling (ten cents) and a vigorous drive resulted in 117 members becoming financial. Membership never again fell much below 100 and at times there were bright occasions.

The RAE Water Dinner for 1934 received news coverage in The West Australian. The former Association supporter and sometime acting secretary of earlier days A.R.B. Cox was now General A.R. Baxter Cox, eminent architect and commanding officer of the 11th Battalion (City of Perth Regiment). His generosity and support for the Association no doubt encouraged other prominent people, both civil and military to attend. There were plentiful fine eating, musical entertainment provided by members. The great majority of the addresses came from the Commanding General Officer of the Fifth Military District (WA) Brigadier Martyn, on Australian defence and preposition for any coming conflict.

Membership totalled 100 in 1936 - 100 less than the 200 names optimistically shown on the books. But the 10th of the early years was never achieved again. Though the situation improved financially, as indicated by George Shaw's resumed donations of chickens for raffles, and with an annual income of twenty pounds (£200) there were still letters about lack of employment from former comrades.

In the late twenties there was a split in the ex-service community about the observance of Anzac Day. One group wished to preserve the day as a "53rd Sunday". This was emphatically opposed by many ex-servicemen associations led by the Ex-Service Association of Engineers and Allied Units and the subject was well thrashed out, resulting in the defeat of the "53rd Sunday".

Extremely larger interest became involved with the commencement of World War II. In the beginning, European developments seemed very remote and coupled with a "business as usual" community attitude public apathy was apparent. In their midst, however, the Ex-Service Association of Engineers and Allied Units in early 1940 augmented to provide send-off functions for engineers going overseas.

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EARLY DAYS Cont.

pounds one shilling and ninepence in the Association's account, the Hon Secretary A.D. McLennan, responded:

"In reply to your letter dated 28 August 1961 relative to our Association account it is desired to state that this Association has been defunct since 1940.

It has accordingly been decided to request you to transfer the account to an Association inaugurated after the last war, namely the RAE Ex-Service Association, which has an account with the Commonwealth Bank at Mount Hawthorn.

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Would anyone who knows Cpl. Mason's whereabouts please contact Mr Lumbar at the above address.

Bill Searle
Reg Reynolds in NSW would like to get in touch with his friend, former Bunburian man, Bill Searle - last heard of in Wewak District.

If anyone knows Mr Searle's whereabouts, could you please contact:
MARGARET LEIGHMAN,
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New Guinea Photos
A European Medical Assistant with ANGAU during World War II would like to hear from anyone who has photographs especially of Bougainville terrain, native village life and native carriers in the Lauma River and Buin Peninsular areas. He wishes to supplement his memoirs for publication.

Please phone Ken McDonald (09) 384 5985.

Pingelly Honour Role
The Pingelly Sub-Branch is compiling a list of names of all ex-servicemen and women who enlisted from the Pingelly district for service in World War II. This Honour Roll will be dedicated and placed in the Pingelly Town Hall during 1995, as part of the "Australia Remembers" Commemorative services.

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DEFENCE ISSUES

Australia Remembers - Defence Preparedness

by Robert Mitchell

During 1995, Australians will be commemorating the end of hostilities of World War Two and special commemorations will mark VE Day and VJ Day. There will be limited participation by veterans overseas because local community events will feature the impact of war on all Australians - Returned Service men and women, their families and friends, the Land Army, Australia's defence production, the wounded and maimed, prisoners of war, the support and comfort agencies and the home front. Australia Remembers that those Australians who cannot remember, will reflect on and consider the sacrifices made, the dreams and tasks, and the duty done to preserve the freedom and way of life that we enjoy in abundance today.

While much of the commemoration will be directed towards commemorating the conclusion of hostilities, we should also take time to look at one of the factors which perhaps encouraged aggressive action, contributed to delay and importuning and virtually prolonged the war. In 1932, the Australian Army consisted of 3,536 permanent force members and 38,385 reservists, roughly half of its strength in 1914. The Navy had 3,117 regulars and 6,446 reservists, about the same strength level as 1916 but the population of Australia had increased from 3.8 million to 6.5 million. The RAAF had a strength of 890 regulars and 308 reservists, roughly half of its strength in 1914. The Navy had 3,117 regulars and 5,446 reservists, about the same strength level as 1916 but the population of Australia had increased from 3.8 million to 6.5 million.

Yet at that time, there were dangers of approaching war in Europe and the Far East. In 1931 Japan began its occupation of Manchuria and a year later resigned from the League of Nations. Such was the economic dislocation of the depression that defence spending did not reach 1928 levels again until 1935. In 1935/36 the Army was allocated £75,513 pounds for its development program. This was an army which could not mobilise even a brigade without commanding civilian police. With equipment left over from the return of the AIF in 1919, mobilisation was supposed to produce a force of five infantry and two cavalry divisions totalling 250,000 personnel plus reinforcements. In practical terms this means equipping a so-called militia brigade of authorized strength of 900 with limited equipment and no transport into a full brigade of some 3,600 fully equipped and mobilised infantry.

While some slow progress was made towards meeting this objective, events in Europe and China moved faster, so that by 1938 and the collapse of appeasement, the announcement of the war threat was readily apparent. Public response was excellent. In 1938 a recruiting campaign for the militia was undertaken and vigorously supported. Strength rose to 70,000. Orders were placed for new equipment but Australia was at the back of the queue. Most equipment remained undelivered in 1943. Gallant victories at sea, forts surviving shelling and the defeat of Rommel in the Western Desert cannot disguise the fact that Australia was unprepared for war and that this unpreparedness increased the suffering, deprivation and loss suffered from 1939 to 1945.

There are important lessons to be learned from this brief summary of un-preparedness. Military planning in the 1920s and 1930s was hampered by the lack of an Australian perspective of defence needs. Public participation, or even interest in defence was limited and other matters seemed more pressing. Political ideologies based on wishful thinking of imperial support or a golden age of international peace and goodwill also contributed to the situation of un-preparedness. Legislation, industrial planning, resource allocation and preparations planning were all either embryonic or non-existent. This was the situation on 3 September 1939, when Mr Menzies announced at 9.15pm, "It is my inescapable duty to inform you officially that ... Australia is at War!"

The RSL holds true to the motto "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance". During 1995, an Australia Remembers, part of that remembrance and reflection should be directed towards the terms of defence, defence policy and defence preparations. As part of its ongoing participation in the defence debate, the League is sponsoring at both the national and state levels a study of defence preparedness to better inform our members and the public of the means. The League has an obligation to present public concern about defence preparedness to government in a clear, unambiguous, peaceful and considered manner. As part of this process, the Defence Policy Committee of the WA branch will be sponsoring a public seminar at Anzac House in May 1995. The seminar will be open to interested members and sub-branches as well as organisations such as the United Service Institute and the Australian Defence Association who share similar concerns about defence preparedness. Further details of the seminar will be provided in the next issue of the Anzac Post. All members are invited to participate either by attending or sending written comments on the issues to be discussed. In this way we all can play a special part in Australia Remembers.
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The WA Branch Office of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) is now located in the AMP Building, 140 St George’s Terrace, Perth WA 6000.

Occupying the 9th to the 13th floors, the Veterans’ Advice Network, the main public area for enquiries and appointments, is on the 12th floor.

Changes to telephone numbers have been kept to a minimum with only the first three numbers changing and staff retain the same extension numbers. For example pension enquiries has changed from 428 8444 to 366 8444 for more detail.

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Electronic aids for severely handicapped war veterans

Severely handicapped veterans would have the same access to electronic aids as blind soldiers. Mr Sciacca, the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, and the change would correct an anomaly created in May 1991 when the Repatriation Commission agreed to supply electronic aids to Australia, without having to cause blindness.

Until now the legislation excluded veterans whose clinical need for electronic aids is no greater than that of blinded veterans and who are equally deserving of our help, he said.

“Those veterans have accepted disabilities like blindness resulting from war-caused paralysis, cerebral damage, multiple injuries to the head and spine. Electronic aids can make a tremendous difference to their quality of life. They can help veterans who are unable to speak, or whose speech has become unintelligible.

“They can also help people who cannot use their hands to open doors or catch appliances on and off,” the Minister said.

Mr Sciacca said that so far only a dozen blind veterans had sought and benefited from electronic aids provided by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. However, this type of specialised equipment was costly. Generally, there would not be many severely disabled veterans with a need for electronic aids for daily living.

The same drugs for less money?

Thousands of Australians are unaware that they may be paying more for prescription drugs than they actually need to. In general, pensioners and people on repatriation benefits need not pay more than $2.60 for a prescription.

Often there is more than one version or brand of the same drug available to patients. The price of different brands may vary considerably with extra charges ranging from a few cents to $17.00.

If there is only one brand of drug available and patients receive the cheapest alternative brand, there is an average saving to patients of $1.50 per prescription.

Although some doctors and chemists discuss the less expensive alternative brands with their patients, if it is clear up to the patient to ask their doctor for the $2.60 brand.

The different brands of prescription drugs are called “therapeutically interchangeable”. This means that although they may be a different price, colour or shape their effects are the same whatever brand is prescribed.

Like all drugs, the less expensive alternative brands must meet the same high standards set by the Australian health authorities and must be as effective as the original brand.

The extra cost of the more expensive brands is not a government charge. The price difference goes directly to the manufacturer of the drug and does not go towards a patient’s safety net. Furthermore, patients with safety net cards must pay the same amount even after the safety net is filled.

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In responding to the ACT Kindred Organisations' Committee, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs in August 1994 acknowledged that claims for carcinoma of the prostate were delayed awaiting the advent by the RMA Repatriation Medical Authority of a Statement of Principle (SOP).

The sensitivity surrounding this particular condition is known to the Hon. Minister and he is aware of a considerable amount of conflicting evidence.

Claims are now being investigated. Should any veterans have problems relating to the processing of this disease by DVA, contact should be made by letter to the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Anzac House, Perth.

TREVOR LLOYD
Chairman of Veterans Affairs Committee

Letters to
The Editor

HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL

In recent months I have been hospitalised twice at Hollywood, when I was most impressed with the treatment, services and friendly atmosphere which I received. From the time I arrived at the admission area until discharge I gained the impression that Veterans were welcome and were treated as well as, and in some areas possibly better than, the public would be in any other top private hospital. I have experienced both.

The medical and nursing professions leave nothing to be desired and the catering services are par excellence. The food is well prepared, served in a very attractive manner and often is more than adequate.

I have also attended as an outpatient and am most appreciative of the friendly reception one gets and the services received.

Many Veterans have been concerned that the hospital may not look after and care for them as it did in the past. I can assure them that their worry is ill-founded and if, unfortunately, they have to be hospitalised they could not go to a better place than Hollywood.

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REUNIONS

Army Medical Units

All personnel who are interested in marching in a combined AAMC party on Anzac Day are invited to contact Hal Finkelstein, 15 Jukes Way, Glenelg, 6016. Phone 444 0378. It is expected a banner will be carried listing the Units involved.

HMAS Warrego

Old shipmates coming West from other States next year are anxious to meet again all those who served in HMAS Warrego during her wartime and post-war service. So that we can all share in this important get-together, please contact Len Owens, 119 Benara Road, Noranda, phone 2 76 2707.

9 Div. 26 Brigade

The 46th and 2/48th Bn Association of WA invites all who served in the 26 Bde, particularly ex-members of the 2/23 and 2/24 Inf. Bn and 2/3 Pioneer Bn and 48th Militia Bn, to become members and enjoy the fellowship of other ex-infantrymen in our Association.

Meetings are held at the Carlton Hotel Hay St, every third Monday of each month at 1130am and any 26 Bde ex-serviceman will be made most welcome.

Further information can be obtained from President Tom Easom 330 7387 or Secretary Dallas Hamilton on 330 2923.

50th VP Day Celebrations

Atherton Tablelands

The Atherton Tablelands' 50th VP Day Celebrations committee has arranged a week long programme from 12 to 19 August 1995.

A tentative programme follows:
- Saturday 12 August: Annual Race Meeting, Tolga Race Course.
- Sunday 13 August: Combined Ecumenical Church Service at Wondecla Sports Ground, Herberton.
- Tuesday 15 August: VP Day Celebrations in Tableland towns.
- Thursday 17 August: Old time concert in Majestic Theatre, Malanda.
- Saturday 19 August: Old time ball in Atherton.

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On a sad note, we have lost the Home Secretary Jo Mosley, who apart from being an expectant mother is the very last person one would think of as being vulnerable. This can be borne out by the dedication shown by staff and residents alike and our best wishes go with her.

GERALDIATION

During their stay in Geraldton last month His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffrey, and Mrs Jeffrey, visited the Hostel where Mrs Jeffrey graciously dedicated our Rose Garden of Remembrance in memory of residents for whom the Last Post has sounded.

Ten units of Geraldton Retirement Village have been completed and sold and, Stage 3, the construction of a further six units, is currently underway. This stage will have one three-bedroom unit which has already been pre-sold and pending interest shown another one or two three-bedroom units may be built by the end of the project.

A great deal of interest is being shown in the units with another two of the two bedroom units sold. In view of this interest it is expected that the next and final stage of the project will commence before the completion of Stage 3 and that the Village should be complete in the early part of 1995.

MT LAWLEY

We thank all those who supported our raffle this year with a very big thank-you to Gladys, Norma, Melody, Carol, plus Ian and Margare. Taylor who helped out and will be joining the senior committee next year. 74,196 tickets were sold out of a 200,000 issued. Our net profit was $112,760. Mrs K. Dye of Australind won the $112,760. Mrs K. Dye of Australind won the 1994 EF Falcon she was ecstatic when the car was presented by the Homes Administrator Mr Dennis Nelson, Mr L. Innes of Fornamont won the second prize and Mrs Hammond of Australind took off the third prize. The two book-sellers prizes went to Mrs K. Millar of Busselton and B. Wood of Palmer. Thanks again to those who gave donations as well. All funds have gone into our fund investments for future building and redevelopment project which will be an ongoing concern and your support is greatly appreciated.

Next year we will run our raffle in April and it will be drawn at Congress. Best assured there will be only one raffle next year.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE

Recent media releases have announced the formation of a Task Force to examine the needs of Veterans in the Aged Care area. This is nothing new for all veterans Australia wide. What is also pleasing to report is that the initial pressure for such an examination came from WA.

At the War Veterans' Homes conference in September the State delegation spoke strongly on the need for the government to become as more active in the area of Aged Care for veterans. That same delegation consisting of State President Len Keynes, State Senator Vice President and Chairman of the War Veterans' Homes, Ken Murphy and Human Administrator Dennis Nelson also met with the Minister of Veterans Affairs Mr Con Sciacca and his senior staff to put the case from a Western Australian perspective. The State President said that it was time some definite action took place and acknowledged that while we were told some years ago to remove the plan for a "C" Class Nursing Hospital from our agenda it was time to return it! Ken Murphy spoke about the difficulties the League had experienced in seeking "Special Interest Group" status. He believed that at least in the area of Aged Care we should be seen as a "Special Needs Group". All this was confirmed by the administrator Dennis Nelson who again reminded the Minister we had documented cases where husband and wife had been physically separated, to the detriment of their health, because one needed "C" Class Hospital care. The Chairman Ken Murphy challenged the Minister by asking when do we at cases of our veterans cease to have that responsibility where do we as a veteran community say "that's it, you're too old now, we'll get you a place somewhere, goodbye!" The Minister agreed whole-heartedly with the reasoning and commented that his recent visits to the Mt Lawley War Veterans' Home complex and some interstate Homes had strengthened his resolve to do something in that area and that he would fully support our initiatives. The War Veterans' Homes and RSL National Congress both passed resolutions supporting the Minister and his efforts on our behalf.

Special mention must be given to a real friend of the veteran community in WA, and especially of the aged veterans, Stephen Smith, the member for Perth. Stephen visited Mt Lawley who Minute Cop. Sciacca was there and gave unequalled support for our push, as well as presenting the Minute with some timely and well-received donations. A further major success was
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The appointment of Mr Smith as a member of the Task Force. There is no doubt his representations in the Senate for Health, and later in the House of Representatives, were instrumental in influencing the formation of the new organisation.

Many people over the years have contributed to a pro-active stance on Veterans Aged Care. Dirk Arkeveld of the Mt Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch is one who comes readily to mind. Should his latest proposal be adopted, it is a direct result of their combined efforts and active political representations. We will have however a long road ahead and support from the sub-branches and individual members will remain an important aspect in achieving our ultimate aim. We have a unique opportunity during the 50th anniversary celebrations particularly if the nation wishes to truly honour our aged veterans don't thank them, do something for them!

As Chairman of the Board I add my personal thanks to those whose assistance and encouragement have made my position and presentation of it to others so effective. In particular Dennis and the staff at all War Veterans' Homes, the State President and the members of the State Executive.

K. MURPHY
Chairman

BOOK REVIEWS

OPERATION BLACK SWAN
by Geoffrey Edwards

Operation Black Swan is a story about kidnapping, murder, fraud, spies and invasions, all revolving around the secession of Western Australia from the Federation of Australian States. Set in WA and using actual place names and localities, it is interesting and easy reading.

The plot develops quickly without a lot of lengthy background and lead-up and the characters are similarly introduced.

Members and followers of the WA Secession Movement would find many sections of this book pleasing to their tastes. It is available through retail bookstores and the recommended price is $12.50.

GEOFF TANNER

BLACK JACK
Autobiography by Gt Captn Brian Walker DSO

Brian Walker with 50 years of flying and thousands of flying hours behind him in more than 130 different types of aircraft, undeniably confirms that he is better in the sky than driving a motor car.

The reader of this autobiography not only obtains an insight into Walker's Air Force life in peacetime and at war, but also into his postwar years as a test pilot.

In describing his early days in the Air Force, the reader's initial impression is that of an overconfident young pilot, but it is soon evident that he has an outstanding ability to own up to an airplane and has great mechanical and engineering knowledge.

Brian Walker, without doubt, is a born pilot, and his skills in aerodynamics, with his continual shoot-ups, "b-birds" did not please the top brass show up his brilliance as a pilot.

While he was commanding officer of several squadrons, many pilots learnt from his leadership and flying ability in the air and mechanical advice on the ground. His skills and the ability to pass on knowledge continued during the rest of his flying life.

Available through retail bookstores, Black Jack is well recommended, and there is no doubt that Brian Walker's flying life was certainly very different.

ROB JONES

KOKODA TRAIL
A recent addition to a growing number of books available is "Do it yourself trekking - Kokoda Trail" to Papua New Guinea. The book is intended to prepare the reader for the beauty of the terrain that will be traversed and the wildlife of the villages that are traversed on the route.

Those with an interest in military history should stop and investigate the World War II battle-grounds in the Kokoda campaign still in evidence, but due to the wild forest, changes in growth and location of clearings are to be expected. It is recommended that trekkers take the book with them as a handy reference guide and in no way in conjunction with the camps of the area due to any changes along the route.

For those who enjoy the outdoors, bushwalking or associated pastimes this book would be a valuable accessory. The sections on health, equipment and clothing to be taken are essential to ensure a trouble-free trip. In an easy-to-read style with an abundance of photographs and maps, the book would be a valuable addition to any library. It is available for $70 from Australian Military History Publications, 12 Veronica Place, Leyburn NSW 2232 (08) 284 5840.

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The book is well illustrated while the personal stories of those who served in 10 Platoon 2/28 Bn are down to earth, humorous and factual. In addition to the personal aspects, the book describes the desert campaign in great detail. The authenticity of the account is enhanced by photos and documents supplied to the researcher, Mr Phil Loffman, by next-of-kin and surviving members of the platoon.

The introduction gives the reader an insight into the exploits that are described in the book. "The platoon is the hard sharp cutting edge of the Infantry Battalion; like a well cut diamond it has many facets. This is the story of one facet struck in the hot North African sun at Alamein. The prism of colours lasted only a few days, then faded into history. On our 50th anniversary, for those who can remember, the following stories and photos may restore some of the sparkle and brilliance of the original colours."

The same group of researchers have also produced an excellently researched record about those members of the 2/28 Bn who died in World War II. It includes their names and the location of their graves worldwide. Entitled Honour Roll, it is available with "10 Platoon at Alamein" from the Treasurer, 2/28 Bn Assn, 47 Brandale Street, Harvest 6284. Both publications are available at $25 each plus postage.

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While I was on leave of absence in August and September, owing to illness, the Senior Vice President, Mrs J. Southern and Junior Vice President, Mf. Norris did a good job keeping the wheels running smoothly for this I thank them very much.

Our Executive members have been preparing Christmas parcels ready for delivery to hospitals, nursing homes and the War Veterans' Home.

In October I attended Bedford-Morley Auxiliary for its Friendship Day. Mr Taylor and I were guests at the Armadale Sub-Branch 25th anniversary dinner and Mrs Norris represented me at both Belmont Auxiliary and Murray Districts birthday lunches.

I wish all members a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. To members on the sick list, a speedy recovery.

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In The Greetings Post winter issue 1994, on page 23, an article appeared about Oflag VIIc POW camp. Whilst attending the various reunions and 20-year reunion functions, we took time off to visit Stieglitz and the former camp. After serving in a POW-camp, it became an UNRRA camp for displaced persons in 1945, then an army barracks, and is now a police training camp further police in Germany. We were given a kind reception and a guided tour around the grounds. We too can be seen at our branch. For ex-POWs, many of the buildings may bring back memories.

Those members who have been on holidays all over Australia and the world arrive back at our club-house with stories too long to print but how bad the rest of the stumps would be. The Building Committee finally decided that the whole of the floor should be ripped up, not only to replace the floorboards but to ensure that everything was sound underneath. This turned out to be a wise decision for, once the old flooring had been removed, it was found that the central stumps had also completely rotted. The builder eventually managed to get some excellent timber from a mill near Pemberton, and the carpenter new laying the new floor is very pleased with the quality of the boards. The official re-opening of the hall will be on 19th December, and all financial members should receive an invitation to attend.

These renovations have taken up our time over the past few months, and there is nothing else to report at this stage. Please give some serious thought to the election of office bearers for 1995, as it is time to have some new faces on the executive. I will not be standing for any position.

Meetings are every second Wednesday of each month, commencing 5:00 pm.

BUNBURY

Veterans who served with the US forces in the liberation of the Philippines are being recognised by the issue of a campaign medal through the Australian Government. Enquiries about the medal should be directed to Doug Guppy at our welfare office (21 3596).

There was a very poor attendance at the Vietnam Veterans Day 94 Service. Next year this day will be combined with celebrations to mark 50 years of peace in the Pacific. Many thanks for coming, Ken.

Our girls have done it again. At the annual Women’s Auxiliary birthday, Mrs Joy Nicholson and Eliza Brown received Life Memberships, and Helen Alexander and Renee Dwyer received Certificates of Services. Congratulations to you all.

CARL GIBSON

OSBORNE PARK

Owing to some rather unexpected hold-ups, the renovations to our hall are still being carried out. The major hold-up occurred when the builder found that the central wooden stumps supporting the outside walls were completely rotting away and we wondered how bad the rest of the stumps would be. The Building Committee finally decided that the whole of the floor should be ripped up, not only to replace the floorboards but to ensure that everything was sound underneath. This turned out to be a wise decision for, once the old flooring had been removed, it was found that all the central stumps had also completely rotted. The builder eventually managed to get some excellent timber from a mill near Pemberton, and the carpenter new laying the new floor is very pleased with the quality of the boards. The official re-opening of the hall will be on 19th December, and all financial members should receive an invitation to attend.

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Don’t forget these meeting nights – Ladies’ Auxiliary on the first Wednesday and RSL on the third Wednesday of every month.

ALF MAINSTONE
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COCKBURN

We sadly record the passing of John Fyray, Lynn, who was our Vice-President for ten decades.

Our new flag staff proudly flew our State flag presented by our friend, MLA Bill Thomas, also the Arnhem flag presented by Mr Jack Williams (who attended the celebrations in the Netherlands) and, of course, our own National flag.

Our Trustees forwarded to the Sub-Branch Guidelines for Grants from the Amelioration Fund. Don’t be shy! We are here to help.

We have two ladies on our committee – Carol Ann White, Minutes Secretary and Rosemary Shepherd in Trustee – and would like to see others joining them.

On 18 November, a new memorial dedicated "To All Who Served in Conflict since 1945" was handed over by the City of Cockburn Council. It was built in brick and sandstone and donated by Italia limestone. It is only because of the interest shown by such local businesses and civic authorities that new ventures can come to fruition.

The Sub-Branch annual dinner was held last month in the greater hall at the Cockburn Civic Complex when a fully-serviced meal was provided, a four-piece group provided the entertainment and we had a huge one-off raffle.

Now that warmer nights are here, our monthly dances, with a three-piece band, are becoming popular. They are held every second Friday so why not come along for a good night out and cheap too.

Remember our meeting place on the fourth Sunday of each month.

ERNIE DIBBLE

RIVERTON

CECIL RHODES THOM

Cecil was born in 1918 at Jarrow, WA, where his father was employed as a foreman, sawyer. When the mill closed there, the family moved to the proposed Galianda Settlement at Karridale, which was a failure. His father then went to Denmark to try his luck at employment at the timber mills. He purchased a small property on the river-bank, intending to return to his family farm.

However, his mother decided not to work and packed up the two small boys and she could of their possessions into their horse and cart and drove to Mr Parker and on through the bush to Denmark. In 1922 the road had not been cleared.

Educated at a small two-teacher school in Denmark, Cecil was then apprenticed to the local blacksmith and wheelwright. He earned only five shillings a week and was unable to finish his training, as his parents could not support him.

During the Depression years he moved around in the country, working on farms and in mining or other jobs which were available. He studied heavy-duty stationary diesel engine-driving, the power houses etc., by correspondence and did his practical work at the Fremantle Cold Storage Works at night. He obtained his certificate in 1938 and then worked for the British Tantalite Company in Coolgardie.

When war was declared in 1939, Cecil joined the RAAF as an aircraft fitter and went to Parramatta NSW for training. During a week’s leave in June 1941, he married and sent his wife back with him. In September 1941 he was sent to Melbourne and in the December to Natalia [sic] for advanced mining course. From Natalia he was selected to join 3 squadron in the Western Desert.

He went right through North Africa to Algeria, having many hair-raising experiences during the retreats. He was sometimes sent on detail of other troops to help with the continued of fighting behind enemy lines. He was promoted to sergeant in charge of maintenance and his section achieved a high standard of serviceability and his section achieved a high standard of serviceability and his section achieved a high standard of serviceability.

Sent to Malta to help maintain aircraft during the siege, he was awarded the Maltese national Commemorative Medal to mark the 50th anniversary of the island of Malta being awarded the George Cross.

From Malta he went with the invasion forces to Sicily and onwards to Italy. He always had a deep feeling of gratitude to the “man who never was”, whose creation history enabled those landing to be carried over with very little opposition. Cecil was involved in all the Italian activities in far to Tricity in Yugoslavia and Udine on the border of Austria. On one occasion he was awarded briefly in 450 Squadron RAAC.

About June 1948, Cecil joined with a few ex-service mates – including Merv Schofield, Harry Warner, Sid Johnson, Wally Lingard, Joe Coupland and Sid Bowdon – and in August 1948 the Riverton RSL

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Sub-Branch was formed. After starting with meetings in an old hall, our Sub-Branch now has a building to be proud of, with a membership in excess of 250 full members and approximately 50 social members.

When Ces returned to WA, he successfully tendered for the contract to run buses from Perth to Busselton, which he continued until the Metropolian Bus Services were taken over by the Metropolitan Transport Trust in 1966. He then purchased 3000 acres of derelict farmland at Lake Bannister (Mr Barlow) which he surveyed, drained off accumulated salt deposits and improved under the shortened Australian Argoona Scheme. Unfortunately, his health, which had not been good since his return from active service, became so poor that he was forced to sell the property. His next move was to Two Rocks where he lived a semi-invalid life - the last 10 years in an electric chair. He was always a most patient man and never complained.

He was Foundation President of the Riverton RSL and during the early years of his retirement, President of the Yanchep-Two Rocks RSLWives, Service and St John's Ambulance Association.

Ces passed away in August 1994, leaving a widow, Kate, a daughter, Catherine and five grandchildren. His younger daughter, Miriam, pre-deceased him by seven years.

Geraldton

This year's Poppy Day appeal was held on the anniversary of the actual day that the Armistice was signed 50 years ago. Proceeds from the Appeal are shared equally by the Aged Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Relief Fund and the Ambulance Account of the Sub-Branch.

President Steve Carroll advised in October that he would be leaving Geraldton. He and his wife Joanne are retiring to Exmouth after having been the Geraldton managers of Hospitality Inn. He will be greatly missed by all of us and we are pleased that Brian Cooper will have the position.

The historic Australian flag that was flown at Gallipoli has gone on permanent display at Birdwood House.

Also now on display is a grenade that was used for demonstration purposes. It was presented by Charlie Coote of Bedford Park who has also presented a model dressed in the R.A.F Uniform of his late father, Charlie Coote. Attached to the jacket are items from both wars. Mr Coote won the British Army in Palestine and France during World War I and a Right Handrists in World War II. Another donation from Charles is an attractive metal matchbox-holder that has an etching made by a soldier in Jerusalem in 1916 when Mr Coote was a bombardier in the British Artillery. The etching was made during a lull in the fighting, using the sharp corner of a broken file.

The new RSL council regional Vice President for the northern wheatbelt region, Frank Sharp, has returned from an overseas trip with his wife Gillian who is President of the Women's Auxiliary.

Our Secretary Brian Cooper can provide details of numbers of members of the first Australian Imperial Force World War I with details of an Australian Archives Service Scheme which made personal army records available for $25 per dossier.

Two visitors at our August meeting - Peter Maxwell and Alf Denny, President and Secretary of the Dongara Sub-Branch were presented with a pennant featuring a SANZAC member and President and Secretary of the Dongara Sub-Branch during their formation visit. A Geraldton pennant will be sent in exchange.

We thank Peter McAdie and Bob Bandy for the money-bags they made in the shape of army tents.

Newcomers to the Management Committee include Kevin Forrest, Chris Bowen and Wally Summer. The latter has been a Sub-Branch stalwart for many years.

PETER BARTON
PRO

RETURNED EX-SERVICEMEN

An active group of ex-servicemen from several services and many different countries, our Sub-Branch has a warm friendship with the Vietnam Veterans' Motor Bike group thanks to our Liaison Officer, Mr Joan Dowson MBE. They assist with the RSL Poppy Day Lunch of which Joan is the Convenor and the members of our Sub-Branch are very active and hard-working committee. We also have joint meetings with the War-Blinded and Partially Blinded Ex-Servicemen, which included a Christmas in June and a trip to New Norcia. Our members sell Poppies on Poppy Day and have provided most for the War Veterans Home at Mt Lawley.

Our Welfare Committee members are a caring group of ladies who make Christmas visits and keep in touch with those who are not so well, and our magazine, 'Light Flash', is widely distributed throughout Australian RSL Returned and Services' Sub-Branches.

We are a happy, friendly group and welcome new members. Please contact Mrs DJ Dowson 67121 or Mrs Val Longson 3591, if you wish to join us.

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