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Anzac Day Parade

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State President's Message

On 14 August 1994 the Prime Minister launched the Federal Government's "Australia Remembers" programme to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. As we are now a few months into 1995, I think it is appropriate to speak on this matter.

The idea to encourage all Australians to remember and, in particular, to thank all who fought in World War II and all who remained at home and kept Australia running is to be applauded. It is anticipated that there will be many ceremonies throughout this commemorative year, and I hope that many country towns, metropolitan councils, sub-branches etc. will become involved. It may be the last chance for us to say "thank you" to those who were involved, and who are alive today.

Unfortunately, certain people have concluded that the Federal Government is using this commemoration as its nationalist platform for the republican issue, or that it intends to focus on the event as a vote catcher for the next Federal election. As the time of writing this report, I am still being asked about the Government's "hidden agenda" behind the commemoration. The National President has suggested that it may be appropriate to reprint his letter of 4 October 1994, at the Prime Minister, and the PM's reply of 24 October.

Dear Prime Minister.

I write in relation to the planned celebrations to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II and particularly to remember those who fought and died, and their families, to make Australia free in August 1945. The celebrations now known as "Australia Remembers" were, of course, opened by you at the Australian War Memorial on 14 August this year.

The RSL and ex-Service community are very keen to ensure this commemoration is all that it was meant to be. Unfortunately, many are disturbed by press statements indicating that the Government's plan for the celebrations is really a political plan to use "Australia Remembers" to achieve victory at the next election and also further promotion for the concept of Australia becoming a republic. An article by Glen Milne, Channel 7's political correspondent, in a recent article in The Australian states: "The Victory in the Pacific Celebration will look to the past as a source for inspiration for the republican spirit. The VP Memorial will also make an attempt to resist branding as a controversially modern Australian Prime Minister, identifying himself with the war against Japan and the direct defence of Australia rather than the imperial wars in the past."

More recently, in a copy of The Independent Monthly October 1994, an editorial headed "What a Lovely War - The Winning Plan for Election '95". This article, a copy of which I attach, is very disturbing. I find this very damaging for the split and ordering of the planned communications and write to you asking for your assurance that all these statements, as indicated, are false. I believe it is important that I should be able to assure the RSL membership of the fidelity of the intent of the Government.

Sir, I ask you for your support in helping me in this damaging public relations exercise that is currently being run by some of the media.

Yours sincerely,

W.B. FOGGERS JAMES
National President

The Prime Minister's reply follows.

Dear Major General James,

Thank you for your letter of October 4.

You most certainly may tell your members that the Australia Remembers programme is not part of any political campaign in 1995. I read Glen Milne's article in The Australian. It is not the first time he and other journalists have written in government publications - a common purpose, or some more complex goal than was once dreamt of outside the press gallery. I would have thought, for instance, that I have already made it perfectly plain that I want Australians to know more about the war against Japan than they presently do. Probably half a dozen of my speeches as Prime Minister express that sentiment. These were unquestionably better in a war for Australia - and without reservation I believe all Australians should know about them. If Glen Milne or anybody else chooses to translate that into a political message there is very little anyone can do about it. The same applies to The Independent editorial.

You can tell your members that the Government does not want 1995 to pass without a proper commemoration of the war and that we will not be letting it pass in order to deflect the cynicism of the Press. It will be a very sorry day for the country when governments allow ourselves to be paralysed with fear that the Victory in the Pacific - and, for the information of any who believe I discriminate against so-called
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President's Message cont ...

"imperialist" wars, speeches I gave at Villers Bretonneux and at the ceremony for the Entombment of the Unknown Soldier.

I don't believe for a moment that all the members who harbour doubts about my "fidelity" on this issue will thus be satisfied. All I can suggest in addition is that you encourage them to bring a degree of enlightened scepticism to their reading of the newspapers.

With best wishes.

PJ. KEATING

Illegal Immigrants

The RSL has urged that the Federal Government ensure any new refugees have sent the strongest possible message that Australia would neither accept illegal immigrants nor give them legal aid or any other assistance to test their stories.

RSL National President Major General "Digger" James said hardly had the Government announced its new legislation that we have "do-gooders" trying to undermine it.

"It is time to put a stop to this folly at all levels. Australia is not worthy of respect from the rest of the world for being seen as the fools' paradise that we have become."

Although we have yet to see the fine print of the Government's new legislation, it does seem, belatedly, to have the right intent, i.e., to stop Australia being seen as a nation right for exploitations.

"We once had a proud record of refugee acceptance, non-discriminatory and high in numbers proportionate to our own population. Increasingly, people who, quite obviously, are not genuine refugees have made their way to Australia, been welcomed by misguided 'do-gooders', supported by our taxes and encouraged by lawyers standing to make a lot of money by turning justice on its head."

"The system has become a bane, and an expensive one. People come to Australia, claim all kinds of hardships in their own country, write home pretended letters here and invite legal aid to sue for it, then travel freely backwards and forwards between this and their own country."

"The Government must stand absolutely steadfast against what is a terrible abuse of the rights of this nation."

From THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Gallipoli: the Debris of History Unveiled

For the first time in more than 50 years, the Gallipoli battlefields have been uncovered. They offer clues about the disastrous Allied campaign in 1915.

This summer scrub fires raged across the sites of the Anzacs' gullies, Shrapnel Valley and Suvla Bay. They have revealed the original trench and dug-out systems, and an expedition of 12 amateur military historians has just visited the battle site.

"If you'd known this," says Lt-Col Michael Hickey, formerly of the Army Air Corps. "It was a mixed bunch, including two old gents and their wives. I told them to wear floppy hats and boots and we jumped the five-and-a-half miles from Cape Helles to Anzak. They were on their chinstraps by the end."

July's fire cleared 5,000 acres of land previously covered by conifers, but the debris now visible includes numerous army rum jars left by British troops. Also found was a 1915 Johnnie Walker whisky bottle; the contents of which are believed to have fortified an officer in the Lancashire Fusiliers. Hickey's irregulars also had to contend with a selection of unexploded shells and grenades.

AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS
1945-1995

A display of memorabilia of Ex-Service women will be held at Anzac House, Thursday, 28 April 1995 in the Gallipoli Room from 10 am to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome and morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

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State Secretary's Notes

Firstly, let me congratulate Sub-Branches on the excellent results of the 1994 Poppy Day collection. The Aged Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Relief Fund this year will receive $74,199 compared to the 1993 total of $55,398. Well done indeed.

As I have previously commented our Welfare commitment is ever increasing, resulting in great pressure being placed on the financial position of the League. To relieve this somewhat we have recently received a boost of $30,000 from the Lotteries Commission and $118,000 from the Anzac Day Trust Fund. A heartfelt thanks go to both organisations for their kind consideration.

The Membership Renewal Form distributed as a page in the Summer edition of ‘Listening Post’ was a great success; incorporating the notice in the magazine saved the League $5,000. With improvement, this form of renewal notice will be used again at the end of 1995. I welcome comment and suggestions from members.

Preparations for Anzac Day are well underway and the parade looks like being very well attended. Sub-Branches throughout the State have been providing me with programmes of activities which they intend to undertake in support of ‘Australia Remembers’. I am certain it will be a most memorable Anzac Day and I hope all members, their families and friends enjoy all the activities which they attend.

JOCK GEIDART

Calling all Vietnam Vets...

The Vietnam Veterans' Trust can help if you are financially stressed. The monies are intended to help those veterans who find themselves in necessitous circumstances and are looking for a "hand-up, not a hand-out". Assistance is normally in the form of a grant and usually for payment of debts, medical, dental, orthodontic bills, necessary household or car repairs or essential household items. The Committee consists of volunteers who are all Vietnam Vets, so feel reassured your case will be scrutinised and assessed fairly by your peers.

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I was one of those who were against the idea of Hollywood Private Hospital. I didn't think the proposal changes would work. How wrong I was.

I have been a patient in this hospital this year and I have nothing but the highest praise for every facet of my treatment. I have also noticed a wonderful improvement in the outpatients section. In all, everything has improved.

Keep up the good work. It's not often someone can say it's a pleasure to go to hospital.

Harry M. Heenan, M.B.E.
Ex-Kilt

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Results and action on agenda items

The following is an updated report on all Agenda items that were dealt with at the 1994 State Congress. The items are numbered in the sequence in which they appeared and should be read using the Agenda as a guideline. The identity of the Sub-Branch which submitted the resolution and the Sub-Branch which seconded it are contained in brackets after the result. Where SC and NC are used they refer to State Congress and National Congress respectively.

This information would normally have been in the Summer edition of Listening Post, but publishing the State President's important lengthy MABO Statement left insufficient space for it to be included.

ITEM ACTION

Constitution

1. To the State Rules add new rule 5.7 to read:

Indemnity - Every Officer, Trustee, Auditor or Agent of the State Branch shall be indemnified out of the property of the State Branch against any liability incurred by him in his capacity as officer, Trustee, Auditor or Agent in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in relation to any such proceedings in which relief is granted to him by the court - CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Highgate).

2. Delete present wording of State Rule 14.11.6 and substitute the following:

On behalf of the State Branch keep and maintain in an up-to-date condition and in an appropriate manner a register of members and their postal addresses and, upon the request of a member, shall provide a print-out of the register available for inspection of the member and the member may make a copy or take an extract from the print-out but shall have no right to remove the register for that purpose - CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Rockingham).

3. Delete the present wording of State Rule 14.8.5 and substitute the following:

To cause the Common Seal of the State Branch to be affixed to an instrument by resolution of the State Executive - every instrument to which the Common Seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the State Executive and shall be countersigned by another member thereof, the State Secretary and by one of the State Branch Treasurers - CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Rockingham).

That the Rule 10.11 of the RSL Western Australian Branch and State Rules and Standing Orders be rescinded, and that a new State Rule 10.11 be inserted as follows:

For a Life Member, the current annual dues are to be multiplied by the factor applicable to the corresponding age group of the nominee and then reduced by the factor shown for the number of financial members in the nominating Sub-Branch as shown in the table hereunder, rounded off to the nearest dollar:

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CARRIED at SC (City of Perth/Sandgate-Midland).

4. State Executive be reduced from 18 to 12 members, this being considered adequate to handle the present volume of work. Six (6) members to be elected bi-annually. To take effect from June 1995 - CARRIED at SC (Braysville-Carlsruhe/Porvoo-Midland).

5. That Rule 8.1 of the Rules and Standing Orders of the Western Australian Branch Inc and article 17.5 of the Articles of Association of the League have:

The word 'BY' substituted for 'ON', and after the last word add 'After which date they shall cease to be an ordinary member', and article 17.6 of the Articles of Association to be rescinded - CARRIED at SC; rescinded at NC (City of Perth/Bentley).
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one delegate, each delegate to have one vote only provided that the maximum number of delegates from any Sub-Branch shall not exceed six (6) and replace with

16. Insert in lieu Sub-Branch delegate entitlement at Congress to be two (2) delegates irrespective of membership numbers - LOST at SC (Kalgoorlie/Cookernup).

Repatriation

9. That when Veterans are required to appear before the Commission at either the Branch Office, or to attend hearings being conducted at the Veterans' Review Board, and no parking facilities or parking vouchers are provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the reasonable cost incurred by the Veteran for the parking of his vehicle be reimbursed by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs - CARRIED at SC (Kalgoorlie/Rockingham).

10. That this Congress instruct National Congress to apply pressure to the Federal Government to increase Department of Veterans' Affairs benefits to compensate for the real increase in the cost of living experienced by a majority of DVA beneficiaries due to the inclusion of home loan interest rates in the calculation of the CEL and falling return on savings and investments - CARRIED at SC and NC (City of Wanneroo/Nollamara-North Perth).

11. That the Australian Government be requested to amend existing legislation to provide that spouses of Veterans who are card holders be entitled to all benefits, as such, that are the entitlements of a War Widow - LOST at SC (Kalgoorlie/Perth).

12. That, where ex-service personnel use private health insurance, the Commonwealth Department of Veterans’ Affairs pay, to ensure that the amount equivalent to the difference between medical/dental/hospital accounts and the amount of benefits recovered from medical/private health insurance (noting that only DVA accepted disability benefits, as such, that are the entitlements of a War Widow) - CARRIED at SC (Kalgoorlie/Rockingham).

13. That Department of Veterans’ Affairs policy be revised so that all Australian and Allied forces personnel who served in the first and/or second World Wars be accepted as Veterans, regardless of their field of activity, whether Volunteers or Conscripts, and receive the same rights and privileges as Veterans - LOST at SC (Kalgoorlie/Rockingham).

14. That the League through National Congress or other means, take prompt action in approaching the Federal Government to have the pension rates increased or brought up, as at least 50% of the so called 'minimum wage' - LOST at SC (Kalgoorlie/Baldivis/Perth).

15. That the Australian Government be urged to approve that ex-service personnel who served outside Australia for a minimum period of 500 days be paid a special allowance, on reaching the age of seventy (70) years - LOST at SC ( Returned ex-Servicemen/Western Australia).

16. That the league endeavours to have the telephone allowance as now paid to World War I veterans, so $41.30 currently be extended to include Veterans who have reached the age of seventy (70) years - CARRIED at SC and NC (Kalgoorlie/Appley).

17. As the entire interstate rail system is now under the control of the Australian National Railways, the League should make every effort to have extended to Veterans of WWII and other Veterans who have reached the age of seventy (70) years, the same privilege of free travel on the system as that enjoyed by WWII Veterans - CARRIED at SC and NC (Kalgoorlie/Appley). Refer to 1989.

18. That Australian Merchant Mariners of World War I and II, in receipt of a Service Pension, be provided with Repatriation Health Benefits on the same basis as Veterans of the Australian Defence Forces of World War II - CARRIED at SC and NC (Nolla Marine/Pennant/Hill.)

Resolutions

19. That Standing Policy be continued, as follows:

14. Taken The existing Section 8.1 (i) II to 1987, and

16. Insert in lieu That war pensions be disregarded as income for assessment of Social Security Pension - CARRIED at SC and NC (Returned ex-Servicemen/Bunbury).

Defence

20. That the RSL Standing Policy Section 13.2 (iii) be deleted in its entirety and replace the following new section 11.7 (iii):

13.21 (iii) National Development

Id National Development in the Australian context should be based on the following principles:

[1] Encouragement of exploration and value adding processing to all exploited raw materials and natural resources.

[2] The expansion of transport, communication, education infrastructure to sustain a vigorous industrial base for domestic and export markets.


[4] Incentives to ensure that were possible publicly funded infrastructure, particularly in remote areas can serve multiple purposes.
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21. That the RSL delete Section 13.2 (b) (ii), dealing with non-partisan Defence policies, from its standing policy on Defence and Foreign Affairs - CARRIED at SC and NC (State Executive/Rivervale-Carlisle).

22. That Section 13.2 (d), of Standing Policy, relating to women serving in combat units be deleted - CARRIED at SC, LOST at NC (State Executive/Highgate).

23. That the League urge the Minister for December to review the level of support provided to the Cadet Units by the respective single services and to formulate a uniform policy on sponsorship of Cadet Units - CARRIED at SC and NC (State Executive/Rivervale-Carlisle).

24. That this Congress voice very strong opposition to the introduction of National Service for all persons on reaching the age of 18 years - CARRIED at SC - Standing Policy, NC (Mandurah/Wanneroo).

25. That the League urges the Australian Government to introduce National Service for all persons on reaching the age of 18 years - CARRIED at SC, Standing Policy, NC (Mandurah/Wanneroo).

26. That the Section of the Defence Service Homes Act detailing the qualifying period for loans, as being 'more than' six (6) years, be amended as follows:

1. After the word 'completed,' delete the words 'more than'.
2. The amended section will then read:

where service commenced on or after the 15 August 1977 and prior to 15 May 1985 - member must have completed six (6) years effective full-time service' - CARRIED at SC and NC (State Executive/Highgate).

Administration

27. That the Congress Rules of Order be amended so that, for motions and resolutions put forward at Congress, only two speakers for and two speakers against be heard for any one motion or resolution, with the mover to have a right of reply before the vote - LOST at SC (Applecross/Claremont).

28. That amendments to Standing Orders etc be consecutively numbered with printing on one side only of the amendment sheet - CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Highgate).

29. That membership renewal notices be not put into an envelope and that there be printed on the bottom of the renewal notice 'Renewal Subscriptions may be paid direct to your Sub-branch', in this way further costs can be saved - CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Armadale).

30. That new members of the League shall pay a prorata subscription based on a fee of two dollars ($2.00) per month for each of the remaining months of the calendar year in which they join, in a maximum of $24.00 - CARRIED at SC (Murray/Cockburn).

31. That there be a 'once off levy of two dollars ($2.00) on all financial members for 1995 - CARRIED at SC (Mandurah).}

32. That increases in membership subscriptions be deducted from the five dollars ($5.00) currently retained by Sub-Branches. The initial deduction to be two dollars ($2.00) with Sub-Branches retaining three dollars ($3.00). The annual division of fees to be twenty two dollars ($22.00) to State Branch Headquarters, and three dollars ($3.00) to Sub-Branches - LOST at SC (Clarence/Nettlefold).

33. That Sub-Branches forego three dollars ($3.00) of the five dollars ($5.00) of the annual subscription at present retained by them to assist State Branch headquarters to present out in Welfare and Veteran services a possible increase in membership subscriptions - LOST at SC (Murray/Claremont).

34. That there be no increase in membership subscriptions for 1995 - CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Armadale).

35. That the percentage of membership subscriptions retained by the Sub-Branches be never less than 20% - CARRIED at SC (City of Perth/Armadale).

36. That a budget be presented to Congress and that the final accounts be presented by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and not the Auditor - (The Auditor being a person to scrutinise the books).

37. That the Australian media be invited to assist in our cause by broadcasting prior to Poppy Week historic...
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44. That the Australian Government declare Anzac Day as Australia's National Day of Remembrance and that the day be held on 25 April in each year, and on no other day - CARRIED at SC [City of Perth] and NC [City of East Fremantle].

45. That the WA Branch of the RSL require all non-Australian-born soldiers of the Australian Defence Forces to take an oath of allegiance to Australia in terms of Anzac Day by:
(a) Requesting the State Government designate a common space for Anzac Day ceremonies to be conducted in schools in 1994;
(b) Providing guidelines and procedures for the school Principals to conduct Anzac Day ceremonies - CARRIED at SC [City of Perth] and NC [City of East Fremantle].

State War Memorial

46. That an amplification system be installed at the State War Memorial. This resolution be placed in the hands of the State War Memorial Committee for further investigation on the conclusions of the State Executive on the provisions for an amplification system to be provided at the State War Memorial for special occasions - CARRIED at SC [City of Perth] and NC [City of East Fremantle].

47. That some form of portable public address system be made available for ceremonies held at the State War Memorial, also that a Bugler attend. This would particularly apply to our own ceremony held during Congress, something that has been sadly lacking over the years. CARRIED at SC. Refer to Item 47 [Mandurah/Rockingham].

48. That theWA Branch of the RSL request the State Government designate a common space for Anzac Day ceremonies to be conducted in schools in 1994.

49. That as the State War Memorial has been dedicated to the memory of all those men and women who gave their lives in all the conflicts in which Australia has been involved, no further memorials should be erected for individual units or groups in Kings Park - LOST at SC [City of Perth].

Homosexual Relationships

50. That homosexual relationship not be regarded as unacceptable as an alternative lifestyle - CARRIED at SC and NC [City of Fremantle/Mandurah].
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Veterans' Children Education Scheme
51. That the Veterans children's education scheme be made available to the following categories of Veterans and ex-service members in conjunction with a name change to Veterans and ex-service children's education scheme, thereby incorporating ex-service members who have completed 15 years service or more and those Veterans and ex-service members who have been medically down graded and because of it discharged - LOST at SC (Nullawarra/North Perth/Armadale).

Note 1 - Anzac Day
That this Congress direct the President of the Returned and Services League of Australia (WA) Branch to directly approach the State Premier Mr Richard Court to refute the contents of the letter attached from the Minister of Health, the Arts and Fair Trading Mr Peter Foss and that this State Branch reaffirm its total opposition to major retail chains including hardware stores, opening prior to 12 noon on Anzac Day - CARRIED at SC (State Executive/City of Perth).

Note 2 - Australian War Memorial
This Congress endorses the principle of admission charges being levied for entrance to the Australian War Memorial and the comments by the Chairman, Designate General Peter O'Sullivan (Ret) associated with the financial maintenance of the Memorial - CARRIED unanimously at SC and NC.

JOCK GILBERT
State Secretary

GOVERNOR VISITS VETERANS AT HOLLYWOOD

Remembrance Day in Hollywood Private Hospital was commemorated with a special ceremony including the raising of the flag.

Earlier that week, the Governor of Western Australia, Major General Michael Jeffery, visited Hollywood and met some of the patients.

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On Remembrance Day the Department of Minerals and Energy invited the President of the City of Perth RSL Sub-Branch, Mike Hall, to attend the unveiling of its updated Honour Roll by the Minister for Mines Mr George Cash.

Mr Hall believes it was through the enquiries by another City of Perth Sub-Branch member, Bruce Minchin, that the Honour Roll was updated and placed in its present position in the foyer of Mineral House.

The ceremony began with an address by the Acting Director General, Mr Lee Ranford, who introduced the Minister.

The Minister pointed out that it was the centenary year of the Department of Minerals and Energy, which, from an initial staff of four men and a messenger boy, had grown to a staff approaching 800. The industry these people served, he said, produces more than $12,000 million dollars worth of minerals and petroleum annually.

The huge prosperity that Western Australians enjoyed from the resources sector may have been worth nothing today had it not been for the courage and commitment of people who had put their lives on the line to serve their country.

At the end of World War I the Department commissioned a War Service Honour Roll to acknowledge those who had fought in the Boer War and World War I. The names of 52 Mines Department employees appeared on the original honour roll, among them 10 who were killed in action during World War I. That represented a significant sacrifice of human resources by the Mines Department, given that the average size of the Department's workforce between 1914 and 1918 was only 1509 of which fewer than 100 were eligible for service.

As part of a special project to mark its centenary, the Department updated the original War Service Honour Roll and the names of another 58 employees who served during the World War II and the Vietnam War were added. The most famous of them was Jack Axford VC. Jack had joined the Department in 1937 as a retriever of missing files in the Records Branch. He re-enlisted for the World War II and returned to the Department in 1947, working there until his retirement in 1959.

Another name on the updated honour roll was George Matheson, a former New Zealander, who worked as an Inspector of Mines at Cue. His decorations included the Military Cross and the Distinguished Service Cross, the latter being awarded posthumously by the United States of America. Matheson was killed while on secondment to the United States Forces during a special commando exercise near Bougainville Island, in January 1944.

Also on the wall was the name of Phillip Martin (present at the ceremony) who won two Distinguished Flying Crosses for missions over Europe, and that of the late Alan Stephens who, despite having only one leg, served as a rear gunner in the RAF's Bomber Command. Apparently, Mr Stephens had made several attempts to join the armed services. After British pilot Douglas Bader achieved notoriety as a fighter pilot, despite having artificial legs, Mr Stephens again pressed the Air Force until, finally, they allowed him to join up and he trained as an observer gunner.

Another name was that of Alice Constance Stevenson who served as a clerk in the Army on Rottnest Island during World War II. She worked with the Department for many years as secretary to the State Mining Engineer.

The Minister added that of the 57 Mines Department people who served during World War II, eight were killed in action.
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The Health of the Nation

The National President of the RSL, Major General W.B. "Digger" James, gives his prescription for an Australia in need of an improvement in health of body, mind and spirit, in the 1994 Blamey Oration.

In my first year as National President of the Returned & Services League, it is an honour to be asked to give the Blamey Oration.

Like the late Field Marshall Sir Thomas Blarney, too, have been a soldier and like him enjoyed a many-faceted career; his was divided between the profession of arms and the police force; mine between the profession of arms and medicine.

Blarney's leadership - Commander in Chief of the Australian Military Forces in World War II - came at a very critical time in our history, a time of very grave crisis indeed.

Next year, we mark the 50th Anniversary of our successful stand against the peril that then faced us when we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Defeat of the Japanese.

We did not wage that struggle without huge sacrifices, and from time to time, it is appropriate to stand back and ask ourselves whether the aspirations of those who gave their today for our tomorrow are being fulfilled.

I wish to pose that question today, from the particular and controversial perspective of what we might call "Community Ethics".

I define "health" in the broadest terms to include not only physical well being but moral and ethical values.

It is one of the great tragedies that society is sometimes ambivalent about moral virtue and all too willing to accept the cult of the new in which anyone holding values identified with the past is indiscriminately condemned as outdated, conservative, unfashionable, and even unpatriotic.

The RSL weather all these labels. The Press delights in portraying us as grey-haired "old buggers" living in the past.

But it is worth noting that at a time when membership of political parties, unions, primary producer organisations, and conservation groups are falling quite dramatically, RSL membership is holding firm.

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The point is that we are attracting new members in significant numbers. Our membership stands at 240,000 and is increasing. The values we stand for obviously appeal, as they have for 75 years now, to a very broad range of the Australian community. More and more, it would appear, we are quite happy to come on board with grey-haired "old buggers".

And so it is with some support that I say today that there are some spots on our national body. I do not think that the condition is critical or that the death of the patient is imminent.

But prudent medical practice demands the keeping of a sharp lookout for inconsistencies in vital signs and the prompt treatment of symptoms as they present themselves.

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And so, it is with some support that I say today that there are some spots on our national body. I do not think that the condition is critical or that the death of the patient is imminent.

But prudent medical practice demands the keeping of a sharp lookout for inconsistencies in vital signs and the prompt treatment of symptoms as they present themselves.

I am sure that you would have little confidence in a doctor who advised you, in the face of a particularly virulent rash on some part of your body, that you should wait to see if there was a change of colour before doing anything about it.

THE ILLS IN OUR SOCIETY

So what are some of the identifiable illnesses that beset us? I will list them under 10 headings.

- The comfortable society
- The lack of role models
- Homosexuality
- Lack of physical fitness
- Lack of self discipline
- Pornography
- The cult of individualism
- Threat to the family
- Republicanism

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The Comfortable Society: Fifteen years ago I identified what I called the "Comfortable Society", a society dominated more and more by a sense of right to create comfort and lifestyles devoid of ever-rising self-discipline and traditional Australian "mateship," I take little joy in the fact that our sense of indulgence has become ever more exaggerated and that self-discipline became re-defined as the "Selfish Society.

The Selfish Society has become obsessed with "I", seen in the pursuit of fame, fortune and rejection of "self".

We do not meet our politicians they do not meet each other. We have lost trust in big business, banks and business people. Households and towns have learnt there are children who cannot place trust in a parent or other family members or even a friend.

Some doctors, nurses, teachers and some lawyers have betrayed trust. Angry and insecure men and women seeking instead women undermine the role of mother and father.

Unheroic Role Models: What role models are we giving our children and sometimes role models today seem restricted to the latest media star with or without drugs, but invariably loud, brash and ephemeral.

The great civilisations always promoted the qualities of courage, audacity, independence, devotion, comradeship, patriotism and self-control in their role models, the qualities I dare say epitomised by the service veterans. In Canberra, we still see school children visiting the War Memorial and busily completing work sheets which remind them that they owe their freedom to men and women who displayed these qualities in two great conflicts and several smaller ones.

But I wonder how many children, or adults, can recall the qualities and how many recognise them as having values that are important for them and for Australia as a whole.

How many families or institutions of learning positively promote these values?

Homosexuality: Mention of great civilisations brings reminders, too, of their fall. History shows us that the decay of most great civilisations was accompanied by an increasingly indulgent attitude to homosexuality. This is a fact.

In the wake of the utterly tasteless Sydney "Gay Mardi Gras", it is a fact we should not dismiss lightly.

There are those who bleat that the State has no place in the bedrooms of the Nation. Perhaps not, but the State certainly has a place in the nation's streets and is most definitely has a place in the nation's armed services.

To this end, both as a leader of the RSL and as a veteran, I unequivocally support the Armed Services Choir's continuing objective to have instruments in our service.

The discipline of the services is totally at odds with the proselytising of homosexuality. Moreover, very serious medical issues have been ignored.

AIDS is deadly. Homosexuality is directly related to AIDS. Australia way of automating AIDS via Blood.

In the services in emergencies, we must-transfuse in the field and will continue this practice in the future to save lives. That is, I will transfuse blood directly from one soldier's body into that of another - no bottles, no cumbersome donor boxes. The dog-tag tells me the blood group and that is my only information, but the dangers are obvious.

When I was critically wounded on the battlefield in Korea, I thought little about my belief that I would receive pure and uncontaminated blood. That pure and uncontaminated blood was what I received and I am daily reminded of the facts when I attach my artificial leg.

For me, hardly a day passes without a thought for other veterans whose lives were saved by expedient blood transfusions in the field.

To jeopardise these emergency procedures is no sin, in to be. I suggest, without conscience or sense.

Physical Fitness: Generally speaking, we are not a physically fit nation. In this context, I do not escape the medical profession from blame.

But I am concerned that so much money and medical time has to be expended in the treatment of conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and so on.

Why is it that five to eight per cent of the Australian population are diabetics? Why is our incidence of heart disorder still so high?

While the causal link of smoking and cancer is now widely recognised, too few Australians understand regular exercise and observe sensible dietary constraints that would, we know, prevent many causes of morbidity and mortality.

In assessing "the health of the nation", we score poorly here. Neither medical practitioners nor government have done sufficient to persuade Australians they have a responsibility to exercise some self-discipline when it comes to health care. Preventative medicine is surely the key to minimising many ailments.

Self Discipline: These words return me to a more traditional vocabulary. How little we value it today and, accordingly, how much worse off we are.

When I would never claim that the responsibilities of parenthood are easy to discharge. I am deeply concerned that the notion of self-discipline appears less and less to be taking root in the family.

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of the provision of creature comforts, not the incitement of sales.

I wonder if there is any relation between the phrase "you can't do a thing with kids today" and the child-abuse school teacher friends keep making that there is a discernible reduction in demonstrations of affectionate physical contact between parents and children.

Even in primary schools, few teachers would risk a hug, cuddle or friendly pat on the shoulder, when physical contact of this kind is often desperately needed by children.

Discipline problems in some schools now manifest as violence against fellow students and staff.

What contact do children who never see such affection have with what we once called Citizenship or Community Service? I ask - what kind of self-discipline, if any, have they enjoyed? What kind of affection have they experienced?

Pornography and Violence: The special pleading of those who advocate that pornography "liberates" or "doesn't have to be watched" betrays either a total misconception of human nature or indicates downright dishonesty.

The millions of dollars that are earned annually in the pornography industry weigh the conclusion in favour of dishonesty.

Liberations and merely legislations uphold the inalienable right of choice. But freedom of choice has never been an absolute right and should never be confused with licence.

Academic opinion on the harmful effects of depictions of violence and sex on film and TV and other media is divided, so little or nothing is done.

It seems to me that the consumerist debaters have reached the same stage that the smoking debate reached some 30 years ago. In the case of smoking, the tobacco lobby was able to present sanctions on smoking because the harmful effects could not be proved beyond doubt.

In the interest of health, the medical profession persisted because they knew of the harmful effects of smoking. Scientific opinion has caught up with what individual doctors knew from evidence of their own eyes. Hence, the restrictions have been totally justified.

I apply the same argument to the censorship debate. If the depictions of violence and sex are probably harmful, then the legislation should come down on the side of caution and safety. No one ever died from not seeing a violent and pornographic movie.

But, however, there is any likelihood at all that depiction of violence does lead to violent behaviour, then

common sense and sound policy recommends the restriction of such harmful material.

Individualism I am much in debt to Tommy Koh, a former Singaporean Ambassador to Washington, for his incisive analysis of East Asia strengths compared with some Western societies.

East Asians, he said, do not believe in the extreme form of individualism practiced in the West. They are, he continued, conscious of the fact that they are not isolated beings but members of a complex and extended family, clan, neighborhood, community and nation. They believe that what ever they do or say, they must keep in mind the interests of others. Unlike Western societies, where an individual gets his or her interests above all, in Asian societies, the individual tries to balance personal interests with those of family and society. East Asians believe in strong families. Divorce rates are much lower than those in the West. They believe that the family is the building block of society.

East Asians believe in the virtues of saving, frugality and hard work. They practice national teamwork. Unions and employees view each other as partners, not class enemies.

It is very difficult to replace the "Asia" or "East Asia" of Tommy Koh with "Australia" and have those statements retain the virtue of truth. On the other hand, his criticism of "The West" has considerable relevance to our nation. Our tendency to focus on self at the expense of neighbour is, I believe, the root cause of such problems as Aboriginal health, youth employment, latch-key children and high divorce.

We need to ask ourselves whether we have blurred respect for the individual with self-interest. They are not the same. The former is precious, and a mark of a mature democratic society; the other is destructive in the extreme.

The Family Unit: The observations of Tommy Koh have a ready parallel in RSL Policy. We unhesitatingly affirm our belief in the primacy of the traditional family as the basis on which our society is built.

We simply do not accept the "politically correct" argument of the Prime Minister at the launch of the International Year of the Family at Bankstown, in December, 1993, that "families are endlessly diverse in shape and structure", nor can we agree that this diversity is "equally legitimate needs".

The traditional Australian family is the basis on which our nation has developed and grown in strength and stature through the late 19th century and into the 20th century. It was, and is, the one social unit integral to the health and survival of every other social institution in Australia.

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There are always going to be occasions when a parent is left to bring up children alone and we support an increase in single parent subsidies in view of this. However, the figure of 40,000 broken marriages a year in Australia is too large and the inadequacy of funding to help restructure the institution and obligations of marriage set another of our failures to invest in preventative medicine for the human health of the nation.

Republicanism: In the light of the drought that plagues for the Republican Option, it is true to say that Dame Louise Kennedy brings some sense of history and common sense to a description of Australian nationalism.

The League desires her concern that we may face a narrowing of nationalism in this country, a nationalism that could lead to isolation and a sense of superiority rather than a recognition of what the full flowering of our historical development means and the place we occupy in the wider context of the community of nations.

Australians have developed a healthy awareness of their distinct identity in the mid-19th century. In the 20th century Australia has chosen her political and trade alliances with growing confidence. Even if we have not always conducted these arrangements with absolute objectivity, it is fatuous to claim that Australia has been hampered in her march to independence by the Crown.

The fact remains that there is no evidence of a genuine movement for a republic in Australia and no argument has been advanced to support the notion that Australia will catch some illusory shared identity by shedding the monarch. I have always thought that anyone with a half-decent education would only use the word “inherently” with the graces of manner. Those who change the word with regard to an Australian republic might take heed.

We have been too ready about our Constitution and about teaching each generation to understand it.

There are too few copies of the Australian Constitution in school libraries and in academic department resource libraries. Compared with junior schools in schools in the United States of America, young students in Australian schools are considerably less well informed about the structure of their Constitution and the rights and privileges conferred by it.

While a growing number of young people seem vocally aware of their rights to express various non-sexual, political and behavioural freedoms, including sexual, marital and civic authority, the question of responsibilities seems to turn disproportionately on such matters as the use of the concert.

To the extent that our present Constitution represents the basis for the functioning of our nation, the RSL regards it worthy of defence. Indeed our membership, past and present, has been found wanting when called on to do so. While all Constitutions should be subject to scrutiny, changes should be implemented only in order that the nation as a whole can benefit.

Democracy means the voice of all the people, not the self-appointed few, but more, in some cases, that those of us who do not regard a republic as either inevitable or superior to the present state, an looking in publication or magazine, is honestly conceived.

Abhorrent Multiculturalism: While the “Republican Debate” scratches the national skin and results in some infractions and irritation, swallowing what sometimes passes as “Multiculturalism” has the danger of leading to more serious disorders. The concept of multiculturalism is an illusive one. Rarely defined in absolute terms it has meant what either supporter or opponent have wanted it to mean in the course of their debate.

I would assume that no one would deny a nation the right to determine the racial composition of its population. The official policy of recent Australian Governments has been one of restraint in the manner of immigration.

By and large, the Australian community has welcomed those who have left other places and have sought a new life in Australia. Making good and viewing their nation have generally endeared the “New Australians” to the “old timers” who were, or whose families were, migrants in the not too distant past.

It would be unreasonable and unwise to demand that the “New Australian” shed his or her culture on becoming an Australian citizen. But citizenship surely demands that the applicant becomes first and foremost an Australian citizen both here that preserve a priority or even an equality of identity do not serve the national interest.

Mr Keating speaks with Doug Atkins on Radio 1110 (10 March) and reaffirmed the principle that all those who make Australia their home should never forget that their first loyalty is now to Australia. So, old world hatreds are not acceptable.

In campaigns of hatred, and the preservation of old-world hatreds are not acceptable.

If multiculturalism is the description of policies and practices that lead to unacceptable fragmentation and inter-ethnic tension, that is a threat to the social, economic and strategic future of our nation. The short term effects will be dangerous and the long term effect terminal.

It is obvious that some people in our society and particularly some well meaning people, find it hard to come to terms with the prospect for breakdown among differing groups in society.

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could lead not to harmony but to deep distress.

As I move around Australia, I feel an anxiety about our preparedness for the future. I would suggest that we have yet to get it quite right and that the Prime Minister's plea to all who choose to come here to give Australia the best hopes for the future.

It should be accompanied not by an explanation that whilst we welcome newcomers, we do not welcome those who come, nor to accept us as we are but to impose other ways upon us.

So there are my two points. I hope you can take them away and think upon them. They would not be complete however, in the circumstances of this occasion, without a reference to one further point and that is the defence of this nation.

Defence of the Nation. I wish to draw your attention to two problems facing our Defence Forces today. One exposes us to danger from without, the other from within. The former relates to seriously depleted funding; the latter to extending the society laboratory into the defence forces.

The question always posed in connexion with defence funding is: "Where is the threat?"

The answer at the moment, quite properly, is that there is no threat.

But was the question the right one?

Recently, in New Zealand, I heard the Chief of the New Zealand Defence Forces Staff, Admiral Sir Somerford Teagle, put it differently.

"The world is an uncertain place," he said. "That, and not the 'no threat' attitude, is the one that should surely trouble us!"

Admittedly, only places at our own magic and most particularly in the area of the Korean Peninsula, or to think of other areas where our Peacekeeping troops are and have been in recent years, is to find aegocentric and complacent attitudes to continue and continuing cuts in defence funding reaching short of danger.

Likewise, the present trend to insist the defence forces share in social experimentation exhibits an almost incomprehensible ignorance.

I have mentioned the ill-conceived move to allow homosexuals into the services. Equally ill-thought out, or perhaps not thought out at all, is the rush to include heterosexuals.

To say that we need to review these policies is not to say that we need to reverse them. The reality of life, for example in a Collins Class submarine, is that it is not easy to ensure women and men share all aspects of service life.

It is simply dishonest to pretend there will not be sexual tensions when you have men and women living together in the closed confines of a capsule like a submarine. And it is nothing short of tragic to pretend that in an emergency a defence team can afford any added pressure at all, especially for good reason, the presence of sexual tensions.

It is time for some honesty on this issue, in the interest of the careers of individual serving men, and women as much as in the interest of the nation.

REMEDIES

Removing the diagnosis is not all negatives. There is still a spirit within the nation that sustained us in the World Wars, brought us through the great depression, and ensured public commitment to the Vietnam movement, albeit after a long delay.

We have always admired ourselves with the idea that we will "be there when the whips are cracking". The whips are cracking and it is timely for those who hear themselves as the arbiters and masters of the nation to take note.

The League addresses itself to the political and business leaders, teachers, parents, employers, the churches and all concerned citizens.

Education authorities and school boards need to encourage national physical fitness.

The League commends the following measures:

- Make sure resources available for preparing people for marriage.
- Provide more resources to help married people sort out their problems.
- Provide more resources for single mothers who want to stay at home to care for a family.
- Provide further assistance to households in the ideal and the real stress of the demand on nutrition that expect disproportionate distribution of resources for the promotion of more life styles.
- Make a more honest and less pragmatic approach to the moral and physical effects of permissiveness in both the heterosexual and homosexual contexts.
- Recognise that the nation will never be well served by legislation that is not thought through, despite the loss of revenue to promoters who have no interest in the wellbeing of the nation.
- Accept that abstinence is not an easy task.
- Provide more positive examples of loyalty, with regard to the existing Constitution.
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- Re-examine policy that determines the extent to which the employment of women in the Defence Force contributes to the defence of the nation and meets our international obligations.
- Determine the type of defence we should have and provide adequate resources.

The general population should be encouraged to:

- Recognise the continuing needs of the ex-service community;
- Accept their role in the financing of social service programs;
- Recognise their responsibilities in keeping their parliamentary representatives informed of their views.

CONCLUSION

We honestly believe that we speak for a significant portion of the Australian community that is not simply proscribed by sectional interests of religion, ethnicity, society or political persuasion.

Those we represent claim attention for the very reason that recognition of their service to the country was not a prerequisite for the rendering of that service. But no nation could be so small minded as to forget.

As long as there are veterans and women, we are necessary and irreplaceable. To render service is the highest calling. A nation whose citizens are content with the generality of the provision of service in matters both great and small is a nation whose health is blooming.

Our nation's heart is strong and its limbs are sound if we follow the appropriate course of remedies, to combat the identifiable ills, we need have no fear for our future state of health.

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Their encouragement to each other back then was "If you don't die, I won't die!"

The two airmen formed a firm friendship that has sustained the passage of time and long distances. Don is a regular visitor from England to George's Rockingham home and through a friend who now works at Hollywood, the pair were able to make their return visit to the Veterans' hospital.

In 1942, Don, who was in Signals in the RAAF, survived an escape trip by a small fishing boat from Java to Perth. Soon after setting sail he developed malaria, followed by blackwater fever. "The subsequent voyage remains a blur as I drifted in and out of a coma," Don said. Realising that he was eventually between white sheets in Hollywood Hospital was indescribable.

Meanwhile, George had been brought back to Australia by an American submarine after playing cat and mouse with the Japanese on Tinian. The first attempt by a flying boat to rescue the group of about 50 men failed when it was delayed and then destroyed in the air raid on Borneo. Surviving in the jungles of Tinian, George had halved his weight - from 12 stone to 6 stone - but eluded the Japanese.

Back at Hollywood, the two men built up their strength on the hospital and Red Cross Canteen food. They both remember the poached eggs on toast and steaks they had - after near-starvation in Asia - as well as the excellent nursing care they received.

Hollywood Ward 7's current Nurse Manager, Veronica Bymas, was delighted to show the men over the ward where they had spent time in 1942. The men chatted with other patients who also had their own memories of Hollywood in the 1940s.

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Others, however, disagree.

Ken, of Lesmurdie, was named as an Australian Fire Service Medal winner in this year's Australia Day honours list.

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During almost two decades with the brigade, Ken has shown a strong commitment to his work and a great compassion for the people he has been called upon to help.

He has been involved in training new officers and has helped promote goodwill and comradeship among brigade staff throughout the state.

One of his most notable achievements was the successful running of the inaugural South West Games in Bunbury 1985.

"I was the sports director," Ken said. "It was great fun. Officers who had never even talked to each other on the two-way before finally got the chance to meet face to face."

Ken, who says he's now "a bit long in the tooth", is the brigade's information systems officer.

He has enjoyed a steady climb up the brigade ladder since joining on 1 May 1978.

But his recruitment was "an accident".

"I was in the army when a training officer from the bush fire brigade came to borrow some tents," Ken said. "I started talking to him and he suggested I join the brigade. I told him I wasn't. I hadn't even heard of it before."

But the conversation inspired him enough to seek out more information. He later decided he would join after all. "If you have a rural background and are a good communicator, I would thoroughly recommend it," he said.

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OPERATION RECALL

The Australian Army's premier infantry battalion, the 1st Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment, has issued a recall to arms for all former members.

In October 1995, 1 RAR, as the Battalion is known, celebrates its 50th birthday. To mark the occasion a week of celebrations including a Trooping the Colours parade will be held in Townsville. To make the celebrations complete the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ray Martin, has issued a 'Recall' to all former members to return to the Battalion for a week of displays, reunions and memories.

1 RAR was formed after the end of World War II from the 7th Division. Originally it was known as the 65th Battalion, but was renamed the 1st Battalion in the post-war rationalisation of the Army. In its 50 years the Battalion has served its country in times of conflict and at home. The battalion has distinguished itself in Japan, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and, more recently, Somalia. Since the early 1980s, 1 RAR has formed a major component of the Army's operation deployment force which is always ready to reply at short notice to serve the nation if required.

In its 50 years many thousands of soldiers have served with the Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel Martin is keen for as many ex-members as possible to return for the celebrations. Whether they served in 1 RAR in times of peace or war is not important. All former members helped make the Battalion what it is and all former members are invited," he says.

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**SURVIVAL ON AMBON**
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Survival on Ambon relates the experiences of Les Hohl, a survivor from Gull Force - a group of Australian soldiers who were posted to Ambon to assist the Dutch forces. In 1941 the Dutch forces were the owners of the then Dutch East Indies in their fight against the Japanese. Gull Force comprised a total of 1,131 men who faced 20,000 enemy; at the end of the war only 121 survived.

During their term as POWs the men made buckets from almost anything plus other items that helped them make life a little easier. In the beginning coconuts were plentiful, but gradually they became scarce and a code of honesty was established.

To boost their morale, debates and lectures were organised on subjects such as mechanics, maths, soil erosion, law, shorthand and even card games, while church services were held on Sundays.

As was usual in Army camps, concerts were organised in which the Japanese guards took an interest. Work on the wharf was turned to the advantage of the prisoners with some of the foodstuffs finding its way to the camp.

As the war turned in favour of the Allies the main danger was the bombing of Ambon by Australian and American Hudson and Liberator planes when some 120 were killed.

The book is most interesting and is reasonably priced at $13.50 including postage. It is available only from the author, Ailsa Rolley, 2 Laura Court, Beaudesert, Qld 4285 Ph (075) 411765.

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Fighting Patrol tells of those things which the returning soldier didn't speak about and of the everlasting scars that infantry men endure in the cause of peace.

Early readers have thanked the author for writing this tribute and some have suggested that a copy should be in every school and that every Australian should read it.

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A Brief History of the 2/5th Independent Coy.

Wartime security never allowed very much publicity of the part the Independence Companies played in New Guinea in the defense of Australia. The exploits of the 2/5th Independent Coy are now being told by Andy Pirie, an original member, in a book just released "Commando Double Black".

Probably the most turbulent year in Australian history was 1942. The enemy had spread through the islands like a bushfire and had arrived at Australia's door. In March 1942 they had landed at Leu and Salamaua to commence the invasion of New Guinea. It was in this early period that the 2/5th Independent Coy entered into operational service in the Salamaua-Buna-Madang Valley area. The Company was mainly formed, comprised 25 Officers and about 300 other ranks, and with elements of the New Guinean Volunteer Rifles constituted Kanga Force. This Force was absolutely independent.

The enemy had superiority in men, planes and supplies. The 2/5th Independent Coy was scattered over approx. 1000 sq miles in small groups. Helped by NGVR Scouts, they were constantly patrolling these areas, setting ambushes and being ambushed. The nation would report to the Japanese having seen "Penny white man" (Their only previous contacts had been an occasional Patrol Officer at Milne Bay). For several months the constant activity of the members of the 2/5th Independent Coy - mostly behind enemy lines - was a thorn in the side of the Japanese and foiled them into believing Kanga Force was a much larger Force, enabling the Allied Commanders to build lines - was a thorn in the side of the Japanese and their resources to meet the Japanese threat over the Kokoda Track.

Supplies to the Company were forwarded from Port Moresby by rubber boat, then canoes and finally by native canoes over mountain ranges or through vast swamps. Rare flights into the airstrip in Wau were very dangerous. Food, medical supplies and ammunition were scarce. Through ignorance of tropical diseases, sickness was rife, and all the men contracted malaria. Despite these adversities, there was born a Guerilla Force which held off the enemy forces with guerilla action by the Independent Companies. Lack of outside support made the men independent upon each other and their own ingenuity. From provision and handbags seized, the men were armed and guarded by Unit and force into all members.

The Independent Companies had been formed at the Guerilla Warfare School at Brisbane on William Promontory, Victoria, and expected to be used as guerilla fighters in Europe. When Japan entered the war, plans were changed. General MacArthur lacked the forces needed for large scale operations outside Australia, and while he was waiting for reinforcements, there was only one way he could take the offensive - with guerilla action by the Independent Companies.

The 2/5th Independent Coy - later the 2/5th Australian Commando Squadron - was formed in January 1942 from selected volunteers. They were designated the black Double Diamond colour patch, which they wore with pride. Their commander was Major Paul Kneen and 2i/c Capt Pat Lang. The Company was given an all-too-brief specialist training in guerilla tactics, unarmed combat, blowing bridges, setting booby traps etc. and then sent to New Guinea.

On 13 April 1942 they embarked on SS Timor and arrived at Port Moresby during a Japanese air raid - the 25th raid. At this time the only troops defending the coast were Fort, The Militia, an AIF Anti-Aircraft Battery, a Platoon of 1st Coy men and the 77th Squadron of the RAAE. After training in the cold of Wilsons Promontory, the Company had to adjust to the tropical conditions. For the first couple of weeks many developed fever and dysentery.

Early in May the 2/5th Independent Coy was sent to Boe Creek, near Port Moresby. One night they were told to dig in on the rocky hillside so the Japanese would be landing at 0400 hrs. American dive bombers were coming and going and dog-fights were overhead. The Japanese avoided the Japanese attack it never came. It was one of the hardest camps the Unit had for it was surrounded, its personnel, the 300 men would have had to fight 25,000 Japanese invades. Australia owes a lot to these gallant men who fought in the Battle of the Coral Sea and turned back the enemy invasion fleet.

On 31 May, Lt. Col. Kneen was appointed commander of Kanga Force, and his headquarters were to be in Wau. His instructions were for Kanga Force to attack Lae and Salamaua, making the invasion fleet.

On 24 May, the 2/5th Independent Coy was flown to Wau from the Melville Islands in the Allied Forces to be flown into a war zone. Tripods sat on their ammunition in the planes. When they went into the forward area, they carried a spare set of clothes and their weapons in their packs and were told their kit-bags and surplus gear would follow. They never saw them again until they returned to Australia. The clothing they wore with them on the planes had to last them for seven months.
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The 2/8th Independent Coy was formed for the very successful guerrilla raid carried out on the Japanese held at Salamaua on 29 June 1942. The raid was planned in great detail and led by Captain Norman Winning and Captain Unghelly using NGVR members as scouts. Reporting on the success of the raid, he estimated more than 100 Japanese were killed, and six houses, one bridge and three trucks were destroyed. None of his men was killed, although several were wounded.

Up to the time of this Salamaua raid on the enemy practically no Japanese equipment or documents had been taken by the Australian Army during this raid. Sgt. Bill O'Neill shot a Japanese pilot, who was escaping from Lae. When the 2/8th Independent Coy was eventually pulled out, their clothes became torn and their boots went mouldy. They no longer had any razor blades, so they all grew beards.

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At Vipuk, on 27 September, Capt. Winning assembled the men and briefed them in preparation for the proposed attack by the Company on the Japanese at Milne. His raiding party of 60 men were to advance on Milne and capture as many Japanese as possible.

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On 11 January the signal to attack was given from three batteries position, the under no control, down the hill, killing many Japanese, with several Australians killed or wounded. One of the wounded described his battle. The other men had now cleared. Capt. Sherlock was killed, together with other commanders. General Blamey decided to try the 17th Brigade into Wau. Seven aeroplanes were made, but the move was hampered by bad weather and only a few planes were able to land. The 2/5th Independent Coy were to be relieved at last, and they began returning from the forward area to Wau, for rest and recuperation. But as they were returning, the battle was at Wundurn.

The Japanese had begun their push towards Wau. Many times a party of 200 Japanese had been reported under fire, made 244 landings on the Wau airstrip in 1500 reinforcements from 17th Brigade. The battles for Wau ended. It lasted 17 days. The Japanese cut a track around their position in the night, Australian were helped by the US Air Force who, with many others, including several men from the withdrawing. They were pressed by men from 17th Brigade. Together with other Companies, members of the 2/5th Coy who had not yet returned to Wau, the remaining Japanese. The enemy fought hard to keep their line of retreat open.

During May and June the bombing of the landing area had been intensified before the seaborne assault. The invasion fleet arrived off Balikpapan in the early morning of D Day. On 13 May 1945, the Company returned to Australia, just 11 months after leaving on 13 April 1945. Leave was very welcome. However, it wasn't long before they received Movement Orders to again the 2/5th Independent Coy, in Camerons. From there they were transferred to the Atherton Tablelands. On 3 October 1945 the 2/5th Independent Coy was reorganised as the 2/5th Australian Cavalry Commando Squadron, which became part of the 2/7th E Coy Commandos Regt, attached to the 7th Australian Division and stationed at Kairi.

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ward were limping back. General MacArthur came ashore which boosted the morale of all the troops.

When No 1 Section of the 2/5th Squadron were forced, it was caught in an ambush, and the Medical Officer and four other men were killed and seven men wounded. The Unit established a defensive position against the Japanese and set up a perimeter from whence patrols were formed. The forward scouts proceeded cautiously and were sometimes caught in other ambushes. When one scout was killed, and another wounded through the knee, Sgt McLaughlin received a DCM for dragging the wounded man to safety.

The Japanese had had several years to dig their defensive positions, which were now well camouflaged with vines. It was impossible to see them until our troops were fired upon. Gradually the Australians overcame the enemy positions and moved inland. After about three weeks of intense fighting, they began to push the Japanese up the Milford Highway. Patrols were continually sent along the Highway under heavy fire. For 12 days the troops were rationed to one water bottle a day - for drinking, washing, shaving and cooking.

Now the Japanese were making a delaying stand to allow their retreating troops to converge. A patrol was sent out to draw their fire, then an Artillery Officer contacted the batteries of 25 pounders, which rained down shells. On 4 August, five weeks after the landing, the 2/5th was relieved by the 2/3rd Sqn. The next day the 2/5th consolidated in new positions and continued patrols.

Various ‘fripperies’ began to spread amongst the troops that the enemy was about to capitulate, and on 10 August they were ordered to cancel all patrols.

On 15 August the Cessnock was beaten, and word was received that the atomic bomb had been dropped. The war in the Pacific was over - but they still had to convince the Japanese soldier who could not accept the fact that his Emperor had given in.

On 8 September the signing of the surrender took place aboard HMAS Burdekin, which Sgt McLaughlin from 2/5th Sqn attended. The first sprinkling of scared Indonesians started coming out of the jungle, weak and starved. The 2/5th Commando Sqn was given the task of officially taking over from the Japanese in their area. Patrols looked for Japanese weapons and food, and engineers blew up ammunition dumps. One morning a camp was found containing 300 dead Indonesian women, who apparently had been massacred by the Japanese.

Eventually orders were received to withdraw to a base camp on the beach. On 11 October the Regiment was broken up, and the men returned home on a prize ship - on their arduous and period of service. Those with the highest points returned first. Many spent a couple of months waiting for their turn while others went to Manus or with the Occupation Forces to Japan.

On the 31 December 1945, a victory ship sailed proudly up the Brisbane River, carrying the last of the 2/5th Commando Sqn Cadre under Capt Ted Chaston. They proceeded by train to Sydney where their loved ones were eagerly waiting to greet them.

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For some time now there has been a special committee of the National Trust of Australia (WA) dedicated to the identification, assessment and preservation of Western Australia's defence heritage. This had been thought necessary because most heritage activity to date is more focused on buildings and places which reflect other aspects of the development of Australian society such as urban, rural and natural environments, famous public buildings and so on. A very few military places, recognised as having heritage value, are usually highly significant sites such as the fortifications at Albany. However, while there is a great deal of heritage value attached to buildings and other places which date from the 1930s and 1940s in the general run of heritage places, there is almost nothing which is considered of value from the time around World War II.

Defence Heritage is really a term devised to include more than items of military interest in the community's appreciation of heritage values. The Defence Heritage Committee is currently working on projects such as the assessment of an aerodrome, an army base ordnance depot, a site related to POWs, a military hospital and artillery positions. There are many other military sites but also important were those civil places which were associated with our defence. They include many places which were taken over for defence purposes in time of war such as showgrounds, hills, offices and other facilities but they also include places which were affected by war such as areas in the north west where there were large bases along with ordnance and explosives depots.

By identifying sites such as these and arranging to preserve them for future generations, the Defence Heritage Committee is trying to ensure that future generations appreciate the importance of defence in the development of Australia. There is the need to remind people that preparation for war, the experience of war and the aftermath of war cannot be isolated from everyday life; it is a part of it.

Part of the process of developing an awareness of the importance of Defence Heritage is a database which the Defence Heritage Committee is setting up. Its purpose is to allow the Committee to find out about and record all the different places around Western Australia which have defence significance and to use the list to focus the database to work out which kinds of sites are most under threat and to develop strategies for more effectively investigating and preserving places.

The Committee is keen to hear from anyone who might have information to contribute to the database. Forms have been prepared to a standard format so that they can be easily filled in with the details that are entered into the database. Like all databases this will be continually expanded and upgraded as more information comes to hand and will be made available to anyone who is interested in the material it will contain. The Committee intends to use it as a source to identify and assess some of the war amount of defence heritage which exists in Western Australia but about which so little is known. The Committee welcomes comments, suggestions or information on this topic.

The contact person for this project is Mrs. Pamela Jackes, 48A Robert Street, Como, WA 6152. Telephone (09) 450 4985.

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To ensure that the Homes do run correctly it has been necessary to make some staff and management changes. These have been achieved through promotion within the staff employed at the Home and with minimal cost. Appointing an Assistant Administrator gives the Administrator the time to ensure that constantly changing Government Acts and Regulations are kept up to date and that the other Homes are consistent with Mt Lawley in the way that they are run.

A particularly pleasing aspect was the formation of the Federal Government's Taskforce to Investigate Specialist Veterans' Aged Care Services. Our lobbying played a significant role in getting this off the ground and as a result we hope that Aged Care for Veterans will receive a higher profile in Government and Community thinking.

On a sadder note, we have had a number of Veterans pass on throughout the year and after discussions with the Administrator it is clear that the importance of preparing a valid Last Will and Testament is still not getting through to some of our Veteran population.

Dying intestate causes many problems, particularly where finance and property are involved. A most important aspect of this is that your wishes cannot be carried out if they are not known. The preparation of a proper Last Will and Testament also provides the opportunity to remember others. Bequests to organisations such as the War Veterans' Homes help us to continue to assist "Diggers" and those in our care, and to this end any help is always gratefully appreciated.

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The following may be altered to suit circumstances.

We are assembled here today to pay a last tribute to ........ , who served with us in war and has now gone to join the great army of those who fell in battle in defence of this country.

......... came through the ordeal of war. How well he served will be known by many here today. How he served his fellow men on his return — is known. to his fellow members of the RSL who mourn with me the passing of a loyal co-worker.

PERSONAL DETAILS HERE

Remembering his many qualities — the happy times we spent together — we join in a silent pledge to sink all differences — one with the other — and extend the hand of comradeship to all in need as he would have us do.

As brother follows brother into the great beyond, we who are left close our ranks to carry on the RSL tradition of unselfish service — to the disabled and to the bereaved and to maintain the highest ideals of citizenship.

WITH POPPY IN HAND RECITE THE ODE

Speaker says

"O valiant heart, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame,
True to your king, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory followed in the land you loved,"

followed by Speaker holds up poppy

The service of the day is over, and the hour has come for rest. This blood red poppy - the traditional emblem of our sacrifice, the symbol of a life given for one's country - helps us with — It's a token of our affectionate and proud remembrance. We place here in abiding memory.

THE SPEAKER PLACES OR DROPS POPPY ON THE CASKET AND INVITES ALL EX-SERVICEMEN TO FOLLOW SUIT.

The speaker says "I ask you all to join with me, reverently - in a silent tribute to ......

Lest We Forget

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Silver Chain Nursing Association and Dept. of Veterans' Affairs

The Department of Veterans' Affairs engages the services of the Silver Chain Nursing Association (SCNA), a largely public-funded nursing organisation in Western Australia, to provide community nursing care to OVA entitled clients.

The Department has in the past accepted financial responsibility only for community nursing care delivered by Registered Nurses. However, with the increased age and frailty of veterans and war widows, it is expected there will be an increased demand for community nursing services, especially in the area of personal care. Also, the increasing trend of early discharge from hospitals has increased demand on the Registered Nurse's time as many people discharged early now require complex nursing procedures traditionally provided in hospitals.

In addition, the nursing profession has recognised that it is better utilisation of Registered Nurses' time to allocate some of the more routine, basic nursing tasks to Enrolled Nurses to perform under supervision.

The Department's recent review on community nursing revealed that publicly funded community nursing agencies are able to demonstrate their commitment to quality care. They also have the staffing structure and quality assurance programs in place to provide the supervision to an Enrolled Nurse as required by the Registrating Authorities.

In view of the above, the Repatriation Commission will now accept financial responsibility for community nursing care provided by Enrolled Nurses employed by publicly funded community nursing organisations. Therefore, the Department has entered into agreement with the Silver Chain Nursing Association to accept financial responsibility for the provision of community nursing care by Enrolled Nurses, where it is clinically appropriate.
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Medicine costs for Veterans and War Widows

The cost of medicines for veterans and war widows on the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS), or the Pharmaceutical benefits Scheme (PBS), will not increase in 1995.

The Government's recently announced 1995 calendar year arrangements on Patient Contribution Charges and Safety Net thresholds for medicines supplied under the RPBS and the PBS, are little different to those which applied last year.

For 1995, the Patient Contribution Charge for RPBS items and Concessional PBS items remains at $2.60 per prescription item. Consequently, the Concessional Safety Net threshold for the RPBS and the PBS also remains at $135.20.

The Patient Contribution Charge for General PBS items has increased from up to $16.00 per prescription item in 1994, to up to $16.20 in 1995.

The Pharmaceutical Allowance paid to veterans and war widows to compensate for the payment of the RPBS, or the PBS, Concessional Patient Contribution Charge continues to be $5.20 per fortnight per family, to a total of $135.20 for the year.

Advances of the Pharmaceutical Allowance, free of any income or asset test, continue to be available for the chronically ill to ensure that they are not out of pocket for drug costs in the short term.

To reach the Safety Net thresholds during 1995, veterans and war widows, and their dependents, will be able to continue to include the cost of medicines received at Outpatient facilities in public hospitals with patient contribution charges paid to community pharmacists for medicines received under the RPBS and PBS.

If you wish to inquire about any aspects of these arrangements, including the payment of the Pharmaceutical Allowance, the Department of Veterans' Affairs invites you to call its office on: Metropolitan - 366 8222; Country - 008 113 304.

Volunteer Support Programme

The Volunteer Support Programme has been established in recognition of the valuable volunteer work carried out by Ex-Service groups. It has been acknowledged by the Department of Veterans' Affairs that by offering support to volunteers, the veteran population will continue to be assisted by fellow veterans, war widows and others to continue living independently in the community.

Some examples of volunteer projects may include:

- Home and hospital visiting
- Shopping
- Minor home maintenance
- Transport service

The above projects are just a few which have been identified as being areas of need for people who need some assistance.

The type of assistance that will be provided by the Department will depend upon the needs of the volunteer project. Support can be offered in a number of ways:

- suggestions for volunteer projects
- volunteer recruitment and management training
- provide training workshops for volunteers
- assisting with the establishment of new projects
- linking Ex-Service groups with areas of veterans and war widows

Distribution of a monthly newsletter with information of volunteer issues

- provision of material to promote volunteer projects
- encourage applications for ARA Joint Venture funding to implement self-supporting volunteer projects.

Co-ordinator Volunteer Support, Carole Gittens, will be available at the Department on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 8.00am and 2.00pm but messages will be taken on (09) 3668144.

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Field Ambulance 9th Division

I write at the suggestion of the Senior Curator, Australian War Memorial Canberra, to ask if you know of any living members who were part of the 130 General Support Company 2/12 or 2/13 Field Ambulance 9th Division, who served in Labuan, Borneo in 1945.

It is hoped we can arrange a reunion.

My brother the late Royson David Washbourne, NX100514 was a member of the unit which included quite a few Western Australians.

ALAN WASHBOURNE
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Buna-Sanananda Memorial Medical Centre

The polished concrete [terazzo] Memorial Cairn for the above centre, with Unit names, is about to be cast in Adelaide. We seek your co-operation in publishing the following list so that we do not miss any Unit which participated in the Buna-Sanananda campaign in 1942-43.

We believe the list is complete but would like to hear from anyone who served and whose Unit name does not appear.

The buildings are scheduled to be erected in March and the Memorial Cairn shortly afterwards. The opening of the Medical Centre and unveiling of the Memorial is planned for July, 1995.

BUNA-SANANANDA CAMPAIGN UNITS 1942-43

16 Aust Inf Bde (211, 212 and 2/13 Bns)
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Queen's Scarves

I was intrigued to read the article "Queen's scarf ranked equal in status to Victoria Cross" in the Listening Post, Spring 1989, and republished later. As a regular soldier in the Coldstream Guards and parachutist, I wondered why I had never heard of this award before - nor had any of my friends.

During a recent visit to England, I stayed at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (Pensioners) and made enquiries, but no one there had ever heard of the award either, not even the Governor of the Hospital.

When I was invited to Clarence House by my former commanding officer, Sir Ralph Austen 1V, GCV, MC, DL, I took along my copy of the Queen's Scarf. He had never heard of the award nor had any of the guests present, so I dropped the enigma in St Ralph's lap.

Six weeks later I received information from the Royal Archives, Buckingham Palace.

DEREK J. FLORESTER

The Royal Archives confirms the issue to Queen's Scarves to 24 World War soldiers from each of the West Surreys, the West Yorkshires, the Devonshires and the East Surreys. The scarves were knitted by Queen Victoria herself. No documentary evidence has been discovered that the Queen's Scarf should be held equal to the Victoria Cross.

The British Ex-Services Assn, Inc.

We seek information about the origin of the British Ex-Services Association Inc. On 1 March 1948, the title was changed to the Imperial Ex-Services Association Inc. That title was later changed to the one used today.

If anyone can help, please contact the under-signed.

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The Bruce Rock Sub-Branch is compiling names of all ex-servicemen and women who enlisted from the Bruce Rock district for service in World War II. The Honour Roll will be dedicated and placed in the Bruce Rock Shire Hall as part of “Australia Remembers” Commemorative services.

Any information to assist with this project would be greatly appreciated.

HELEN NUNN
16 Barry Street,
Bruce Rock 6418
Phone (090) 611207 (evenings)

WILUNA HONOUR ROLL

The Shire of Wiluna seeks the full names of those who enlisted from Wiluna to serve in Australia’s armed services in World Wars I and II and other military conflicts. The names are needed so that the Council’s Honour Roll and War Memorial can recognize the people from this region who paid the ultimate price for defending our country.

This project is part of both Australia Remembers and Wiluna’s centenary celebrations.

Details please to:
ROBERT TURNER
Shire Clerk
Shire of Wiluna
PO Box 38
Wiluna WA 6646
Tel 0991 617202

RMS ORAMA - AUGUST 1939

I would be grateful for any information about the following personnel:

Jack Cromwell DAME
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These young men went to England in August 1939 in RMS Orana, members of a party of 22 who were to take up short service commissions with the RAN. Unfortunately they did not return.

J. STIBON
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SURVEY CORPS & HMAS VAMPIRE

I seek information which will assist in my research of wartime events in WA during World War II.

Survey Corps: Any person who may have served in the Survey Corps with their detachment at Mount Gregory in the Northampton area in November 1941.

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The final figure of $87,000 for the renovations was an overrun of the contract price which has to be expected on any work of this nature. The renovations included a new floor, kitchen, toilets and windows, re-wiring and installation of a gas barbecue but, happily, the original external look of this well-known landmark has been retained. The project, financed by a land sale, was overseen by Building Committee Chairman Ted O'Grady and President Bill Sullivan.

At the opening of the renovated hall (from left) Fred Guelfi, Sonny Conway, Fred Birnley, Pat Meagher, Bill Sullivan, Charlie James and Jack Callow

BUNBURY

1995 got off to a flying start with most positions being filled at the AGM.

President, Chris Mills; Senior Vice President, Charles Ferguson; Junior Vice President, No nomination prior to AGM; Secretary, Neville McWilliams; Treasurer, Curly Tremble; Membership Officer, Alf Mort; Hospital Visitors, Mort Bras; Office Manager, Lesley Mills; Trustees, Norm Bann; All Members: Welfare Committee, Tom Keogh OIC, Ken Linkjohn, Doug Guppy, Max Kellow, Neville McWilliams and Mick Acton.

A special welcome is extended to Neville McWilliams, who brings a wealth of experience. Mike Ludeman from Karndea and Eric Prince, who is well known locally, Mike and Eric were elected to the Executive Committee.

Membership is an all important issue at this time of the year. In order to maintain our strength, we must continually recruit new members young and old. There are still hundreds of local veterans who have never joined the RSL - maybe they just need to be asked!

Coming up is the 11th Light Horse annual reunion dinner at the Lord Forrest on Sunday 28 May. Tickets will be available from the office. There will also be an extra special Lego display and championship on 13 and 14 May.

The RSL benefits from the Lego competitions; Andrew Robbers has put a lot of time and effort into these over the past three years. Bring the grandchildren or just come along to the hall for a look. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy it.

The Mothers' Day Raffle is well and truly under way, thanks to a team effort, but raffle sellers are always needed. As usual Ross Stewart has done the groundwork to get it up and running.

Don't forget that the hall is open every weekday morning and that Sub-Branch meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month, are always over by 9pm.

BELMONT

Mitch Cadden (our President) and Ron Reynolds (our Vice President) had to stand down at our last election of officers, and were replaced by Bill Sharp and Bill Winfield with Dot Dylan as junior Vice President. The office-bearers in this Sub-Branch have always been, and still are, top hardworking members - something which has been highly appreciated. They are always ably assisted by the other committee members who make the Sub-Branch what it is today.

Without the valuable work of the Women's Auxiliary during the past year, and the donations they have made to the Sub-Branch, our financial position would not look as healthy as it does today. Thank you, ladies. Keep up the good work.

We lost one of our dearest members, Bert Polack, in January and our sympathy goes to Elaine, who also lost her son Don in Geraldton. Very sad to lose a husband and a son in such a short time. Please accept our condolences, Elaine.

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SCARBOROUGH

Once again there was an excellent turnout for our Christmas dinner at the Doubletree Bowling Club. This was the 50th Anniversary of the Sub-Branch which was formed in December 1944. State President Les Keyser, assisted by Wally Evans, gave an interesting speech on the early days when the school was first built.

Many of our members are still on, including our Welfare Officer, Bert Dean, who is in Melbourne. Yours truly will be heading "around the block" and will represent our branch at the Cooktown, Queensland, Sub-Branch Anzac Day. We hope to be back for the Spring edition with more news from Belmont.

CARL E CAUBO

GERALDTON Life Member's Death

Members were saddened to learn of the death in South Australia of Graham Till, of Bank Park. A Life Member of the League, he served as Sub-Branch Secretary at Northampton and also at Geraldton before being Geraldton's President from 1980 to 1983. During

his presidency, he also served as Chairman of the Regional War Veterans' Finance Committee. Mr Till was a petty officer on HMAS Shropshire in World War II.

It was decided that Senior Vice-President Denis Mans would serve as President until the AGM in February following the departure of Steve Carroll, who is retiring to Scotland after holidaying in the Banff Stacks.

Activities associated with Remembrance Day included the annual pilgrimage to the War Cemetery, where white crosses with poppies attached were placed on the graves of 83 servicemen including 43 members of the RAAF of whom 22 were killed in four separate accidents near Geraldton's three wartime airfields in 1943; and 41 army men, including 16 from NSW, 15 from WA, nine from Victoria, and one from Queensland. Poppies were also placed on graves in the general cemetery.

The pilgrimage to the Geraldton War Cemetery was followed by the Diggers' Dinner, at which Secretary Brian Cooper MNS thanked Women's Auxiliary President Gillian Sharp and her small band of helpers for all their work.

Poppy Day this year brought in more than $3,300 - about $400 more than last year.

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Congratulations to WSL members Benie and Richard "Taffy" Davies on their 65th wedding anniversary. Benie and Taffy, currently in their 80th and 90th years respectively, are well known in RSL circles. In former years Benie was a member of the North Perth RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary and Taffy a former member of the North Perth RSL Sub-Branch, in which he served in several elected offices, including those of Honorary Secretary and President. Taffy also served in the RSL WA, Branch State Executive and was the moving force in the founding of the Taffy and the former SEC RSL Sub-Branches. In addition to a Certificate of Service awarded in 1948, Life Membership awarded in 1967 and a 50 Year Service Award in 1992, Taffy has 53 years of continuous financial membership of the RSL, which includes service in North Perth, Nollamara-North Perth, Busselton and Mt Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branches.

Taffy's military record included service in 1941-42 in the Middle East theatre of war with 2/11th Aust Inf Battalion; in 1942-44 in an instructor with the 8th Military District Training Centre at the Cannington Military Training Centre; and in 1944-45 in the 8th Military District Central Register at Swan Barracks, Perth. He was demobilised in August 1946.
SOUTH PERTH
75TH ANNIVERSARY

Our Sub-Branch celebrated its 75th anniversary on Friday 16 December 1994 with a function at the South Perth RSL Hall where members entertained the Mayor of the City of South Perth, Peter Campbell, and the South Perth Parliamentary representative, Phillip Pendal. Among other guests were Dr Alan King, the Sub-Branch Liaison Officer; John Russell, Junior Vice-President of Legacy; Keith Fruin, Cromer Sub-Branch; Jack Neillings, Kensington Sub-Branch; and lan Rasmussen, Manning Sub-Branch.

Besides celebrating the 75th Anniversary, the afternoon proved to be an ideal time for catching up with old friends. Former Sub-Branch President, Bob Lewin, and Secretary, John White, met with George Burnett, former Mayor of South Perth and Bill Grayden, former Parliamentary representative for South Perth. All are members of the Sub-Branch and took the opportunity to reminisce with current office bearers Harry McArdle, Secretary; Ray Mouritzen, Minute Secretary; Richard St Quintan, Membership Officer; and Danny Robinson, Treasurer.

President Kevin Trent used the Sub-Branch's gong, fashioned from a shell, to call everyone to order to commence the speeches. The gong is of historical significance, as it carries the names of all Sub-Branch Presidents since 1922.

John Burridge, Senior Vice President of Legacy, was unable to attend, but the function was an opportunity for several of his acquaintances to meet and swap yarns.

John Russell, who was John's Platoon Commander in Vietnam, met lan Rasmussen, who is also a member of Legacy. They were seen deep in conversation with Lt Col Bill Forbes, who was lan's Squadron Commander when lan was serving in SASR and helping out at Legacy Camps.

The afternoon was voted a success and we look forward to celebrating the next Sub-Branch birthday.

KEVIN TRENT
President

KALGOORLIE

A first for Goldfields Sub-Branch

Former RSL State Executive member Roy Ball is a very proud man. His daughter Annabeth is the first woman to be a member of the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch committee - Junior Vice President, in fact. Now Annabeth Russell, she joined the RSL in 1968 and trained at Laverton Air Base in South Australia. Although she didn't have the opportunity to train as aircrew, she enjoyed her work as a clerk. When the conditions for membership were changed, she joined the League because she considered it a great organisation.

At our recent Remembrance Day Service, Annabeth handed the RSL Ode from the balcony of the Australia Hotel, on the corner of Hannan and Main Street.

The League is proud to see Annabeth carrying on a tradition set by her father and we hope that more young ex-servicewomen and women will follow in her footsteps, not only in joining but also accepting senior positions to enable the older members to relax, knowing the RSL will be in good hands.

MIKE HALL

RIVERTON

The annual dinner was attended by approximately 100 members and friends. Both the meal and the dance music were excellent.

The highlight of the night was seeing President Harry Lowe receive a life membership from the State Senior Vice President, Ken Murphy (pictured right).

JOE WARD
Hon. Secretary

THREE SPRINGS-ARRINGO

Among those at our annual dinner in December were State President, Mr Ken Keynes, and his wife, Ann; State Vice President, Mr Ken Murphy and his wife, Jeanette and Country Regional Vice President, Mr Frank Sharp and his wife, Gillian. Before the dinner the group visited the Three Springs hospital to present a fifty-year continuous membership certificate to Mr Ned Wells, who is 102 years of age. He was very excited at receiving his certificate and kept his visitors amused with his humour.

During the dinner, the Sub-Branch President outlined the activities of the Sub-Branch in the last 12 months, which included awarding two scholarships and certificates valued at $150 each to our local school, plus $800 to upgrade its sports equipment, $100 to the RSL NSW Bushfire Appeal, $200 to the War Veterans' Home Building Fund (this money being raised by Ashley and Jantine Duplock, the proceeds from a car rally), $100 to the Red Cross Blanket Appeal, $50 to the State Women's Auxiliary towards a computer, $50 to the RSL NSW Bushfire Appeal, $200 to the War Veterans' Home Building Fund (this money being raised by Ashley and Jantine Duplock, the proceeds from a car rally), $100 to the Red Cross Blanket Appeal, $50 to the State Women's Auxiliary towards a computer, $50 to the State Women's Auxiliary towards a computer.
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The President acknowledged the support the Sub-Branch received from our Shire Council, the Sporting Club and Golf Club, business houses and the public in general. He also advised that Major General Ken Taylor will be the guest speaker this Anzac Day. It is a great privilege to have such a high-ranking officer of the Australian Army coming to the town.

At the end of the evening, Mr Len Keynes responded and said how delighted he was by the large attendance at the dinner and at the activities of such a small Sub-Branch. Mr Mundy spoke about the War Veterans' Home Building Fund and the Home in general. Mr Sharp, Country Regional Vice-President of the northern Wheatbelt area, was very pleased that he was selected for the position and how other Sub-Branches in the area will be seeing more of him. Our Shire President, Mr Terry Reading, thanked the visitors for their attendance and thanked the RSL for its successful year. The Sub-Branch Vice President, Mr Dudley Hunt, concluded by thanking the Sub-Branch President for his efforts in the past year. The last item was the drawing by Mrs Keynes of the RSL Christmas Hamper raffle, valued at $200. This was won by Karen Perry of Carnamah, and the second prize went to Warren Knapp of Three Springs.

JO STOKES
Secretary

MARGARET RIVER

The President and members of this Sub-Branch are saddened by the loss of Douglas Vincent Phillips-Jones (WX4048, 2/3 MGBn) a staunch League member and colleague who passed away on 24 November 1994. Deepest sympathy is extended to Sylvia and family on the loss of their loved one.

Doug, who was made a Life Member in 1980, served as Secretary from the mid-sixties until the early eighties and, as well as being the Parade Marshal on Anzac Days, was President in 1984 and Secretary again in 1993.

During his 33 years as a member of the Margaret River Golf Club, Doug spent approximately 20 of them involved with administration - President in 1985, Captain in 1993 and Bar Manager from 1980 until 1982. He was made a Life Member in 1988.

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May I wish you all a happy and healthy 1995.

The Executive and I had a very busy time packing and delivering Christmas cheer parcels to hospitals and nursing homes. This follows the Auxiliary's long tradition of presenting a small gift to ex-service men and women who are hospitalised at Christmas.

Mrs Kathy Clark, State RSL Women's Auxiliary Treasurer, presents a small gift to Mrs Jessle Parke of Geraldton RSL. Mrs Parke served in the Women's Land Army.

Hollywood Private Hospital Director of clinical services, Julie-Anne Wark said Hollywood was proud and pleased to continue supporting the Auxiliary ladies in their distribution of gifts and good cheer. Once again we thank all auxiliary members for supporting this fund and extend the grateful thanks of the recipients. We accepted many invitations from Auxiliaries, Sub-Branches and Kindred organisations last year and thank everyone for their hospitality.

M. TAYLOR
President

Mrs Kathy Clark, State RSL Women's Auxiliary Treasurer, presents a small gift to Mrs Janine Parkes of Geraldton RSL. Mrs Parkes served in the Women's Land Army.

Mr. Harry Moley of Glendalough receives a gift of good cheer from State RSL Women's Auxiliary Executive member Joan Spencer. Both served in the airforce.

Mrs Southern and I attended the War Veterans' Home Remembrance service. At the Remembrance Day service in Kings Park I placed a wreath on the War Memorial on behalf of all Auxiliaries. At the War Veterans' Bowls Trophy Night I presented the State Executive Trophy and prizes to the winners and runner-up.

It was a privilege for me to present a Life Membership Certificate and badge to Mrs M. Dawson, Certificates of Service to Mrs L. Seaman and Mrs E. Bywaters of Northam Auxiliary and Certificates of Service to Mrs J. Spencer and Mrs J. Coles of the Nollamara/North Perth Auxiliary. Congratulations to all these ladies.

Conference is not very far away so please send agenda items in as soon as possible.

M. TAYLOR
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