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STATE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

After attending the 81st National Congress of the League at Tweed Heads/Coolangatta early in September this year, I was left with a number of distinct impressions.

Queensland, the host state for the Congress, did a splendid job. The venue was ideal for the occasion as it provided all the facilities necessary in a centrally situated locality: the Twin Towns Ex-Services club which had high-class meeting, catering and other arrangements.

It was evident, having regard to the number of Federal Parliament ministers and their Opposition shadow counterparts present at the Congress, that the League continues to enjoy a high profile in contemporary Australia, particularly in Veterans’ Affairs, general welfare, defence, immigration and many other but nevertheless important areas.

Membership in the League is being maintained. In fact, in WA it is higher than it has been for a number of years, a trend which hopefully will continue, as numbers are vitally important in any organisation, particularly the League with its wide interest in many fields affecting everyday life.

Many of the proposed resolutions originating at the various State Congresses were not supported by delegates from another state and therefore lapsed for want of a seconder. Perhaps this was due in some instances to the tight economic times being experienced; in other cases they lacked substance. The lesson to be learnt is that it is the quality of the proposed resolutions and not the quantity that ultimately counts.

A matter scheduled for consideration at the National Congress was the further widening of eligibility to League Membership. This was referred to the National Executive Meeting in November of this year.

At the Presidents’ and Secretaries’ meeting on 12 October, the State Executive reported a favourable trend in League finances as compared to a year ago.

While present indications are that there will be a deficit for 1996, it will be of manageable proportions and, optimistically in the not too distant future, will return to a surplus situation if carefully managed.

It would be remiss of me not mention the successful membership seminar also held on 12 October. Many positive initiatives were introduced and discussed and the League can confidently expect the current upward trend to continue.

LEN TURNER

Season’s Greetings from the Editor

Season’s greetings and many thanks to all who help get The Listening Post out on time. The Committee deeply appreciates the co-operation we receive from:

- the office staff at Anzac House who accept the extra load we give them;
- the Sub-Branch members of Darling Range and Highgate whom we co-opt for proof-reading each issue;
- Westralian Publishers and the advertisers who respond so well;
- and, last but not least, our RSL contributors for news, articles, poems, photos and their verbal and written encouragement.

John Surridge
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State Secretary's Notes

National Service is never very far from the headlines and the League has embraced the concept as being a valuable contribution to the well-being of the nation's youth. During both periods of operation some 300,000 plus young men were trained and in most cases proved themselves capable and eager to be a part of the Defence Forces. This pride and sense of service has seen the formation of an Australia-wide National Servicemen's Association; most recent State Branch to be formed is in Western Australia.

The RSL has provided assistance in terms of advice, encouragement and, on a particular note, office space and administrative support. It is pleasing that the Association actively encourages "double badging" realising that dual membership is mutually beneficial. All members of the RSL welcome the formation of the WA Branch of the National Servicemen's Association and wish those involved a great deal of success.

On a personal note, I sincerely thank all those who gave me and my family unstinting support during our recent sadness. While our loss can never be compensated for, the "closing of ranks" behind a "mate" and his family will remain a treasured memory. I thank you all again.

JOCK GELDART.

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The State Branch has pleasure in announcing the appointment of Colonel William Musson, GM, as Warden of the State War Memorial for the 1996-97 year.

William (Bill) Musson entered the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst soon after it re-opened post-World War II and after basic infantry training in late 1946.

After graduation he joined the First Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment, in 1949 and for three years served as a platoon commander and company 2IC in Egypt and Jordan. He then moved to the British Army of the Rhine [BAOR] and a Staff Captain appointment in Headquarters First British Corps at Bielefeld, West Germany, during the period when the Allied Forces changed their status from that of an Occupation Force to become NATO partners on the reformation of the West German Defence Forces. From there he entered The Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, and the Army School of Ammunition to qualify in 1955 as an Ammunition Technical Officer in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

A two year technical appointment followed at the then Central Ammunition depot at Corsham, near Bath, before he moved to the Cyprus Emergency Campaign in 1957, initially to another technical and explosive ordnance Officer to First Guards Brigade where he was Mentioned in Dispatches. He next moved to a staff appointment with Headquarters 50th Infantry Brigade in Nicosia when the First Guards Brigade returned to the United Kingdom for disbandment in 1955 coincident with the end of National Service.

After a brief spell in Gloucestershire, he was in 1962 appointed to command the Inspectorate and Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit attached to Southern Command Headquarters at Salisbury, Wiltshire; there in 1964 he was awarded the George Medal.

A Guided Weapons Course at the Army School of Ammunition and the School of Electronic Engineering resulted in Grade Two Appointments in the HQ of the Director of Land Service Ammunition and the Ministry of Defence [MOD], London, prior to serving at a Training Centre at Deepcut near Aldershot.

Promoted to Lt Col in 1970 to command 154 Forward Ammunition depot at Wulfen in West Germany, he returned to the UK in 1973 to join Eastern District HQ at Colchester, Essex, and was posted on promotion to Colonel to the MOD London for less than a year. In 1976 he was “happily released” to command 3 Base Ammunition Depot and Bracht Garrison on the Netherlands/West German border until 1980: 3 Base Ammunition Depot included a Training Wing responsible for upgrading military and technical skills in order to detach personnel to Canada, Belize and Northern Ireland.

He then moved to a similar appointment as Commandant Central Ammunition Depot Longtown and Commander Cumbria garrison at Carlisle on the Scottish border, from where – in addition to Northern Ireland – considerable support was provided to the Falklands Task Force.

Retiring from the Army in 1983 he and his wife settled in Perth. A member of Perth Legacy and the Highgate Sub-Branch, he became the Legacy President for 1990/91 and is currently a trustee and a Member of the Board of Management.
SECRET HEROICS RECOGNISED

A little known group of Australian war veterans, whose heroic efforts were secret for many years, is finally receiving recognition.

Few Australians know that during the 1939-45 Pacific conflict there was a unit of sailors, the Royal Australian Navy Special Service Beach Commandos, who served with the AIF.

A top secret training establishment, commissioned as HMAS ASSAULT, was set up at Nelson’s Bay north of Newcastle in 1942. Here the commandos and invasion barge crews were trained in amphibious warfare and were themselves involved in the training of thousands of Australian and American soldiers and marines.

The commandos served in the AIF Beach Group of 1st and 2nd Australian Corps, particularly in the major Australian invasion of Borneo. Forces of this elite unit went to Tarakan, Balikpapan and Brunei Bay before the main invasion.

The navy commando unit wore army jungle green uniforms, webbing etc, and could be distinguished from a soldier only by their black military boots and RAN shoulder patch.

They were in the first wave of invasion troops and set up the beachhead for the main invasion force of troops, machinery and supplies.

Authorities recently declared that the war effort of these commandos had been a secret for too long. They have now recognised that these young sailors were a widely combat-trained and highly-skilled commando body.

Not only were they trained for hand to hand fighting but also in a wide variety of weaponry, underwater and land demolition with explosives, booby traps, army engineer field work in obstacles, camouflage, raft making, pontoon and temporary bridge construction for river crossings.

Following many years of silence from those who served with the group, the HMAS ASSAULT Association was formed. It held its inaugural meeting in 1988 and currently has more than 120 members.

Former members and friends are welcome to contact the association on: (09) 527 1817, or write to:

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RETIRING WARDEN'S REPORT TO STATE CONGRESS 1996

Firstly let me apologise for not being at this important gathering. I believe the term is R and R-I am indulging in a little of it at the moment. Mr Ron Stone, the ever-reliable Deputy Warden, has kindly agreed to deliver my report.

From the outset I would like to say what an honour it was to be asked to become the State Warden for 1995/96. As a Legacy Ward from a young age, I was privileged to be entrusted with this position. I have endeavoured, and will continue to do so until the end of my term, to live up to the high standards set by previous Wardens.

I must admit I was somewhat ignorant of the important role the State War Memorial plays in the life of this beautiful city. Now with more than seven months of my 12-month term behind me, I can appreciate the excellent job done by the Highgate RSL. It would be remiss of me at this early stage not to thank-and pay tribute to-the Deputy Warden and his fine band of Sub Wardens. They are stalwart men and indeed deserve rich praise and generous thanks from the people of WA. I know theirs is a labour of love and dedication and they do not seek personal gratification but their commitment is above and beyond the call of duty. They deserve to be recognised and applauded for their task.

Again this year the Memorial has played host to many different people and organisations paying their respects to the gallant men and women who gave their lives in conflict - each of these ceremonies was conducted in a dignified and respectful manner. I'm sure the many participants would agree that the services, although short, were extremely meaningful and gave them the opportunity to reflect on the past.

One service worthy of mention is the visit to the Memorial by the Ambassador of Israel, Mr Moyal, who represented a country which has lived for many years, and indeed still does, with the constant threat of aggression. It was a fitting tribute that the Ambassador recognised the sacrifice that many Western Australians had made to keep our country free.

It was made even more significant on that hot March Wednesday when he remarked: “This is just like home – the clear blue skies and the lovely clean air.” I am sure it was a memorable day for him.

Another service of note was the Dedication of Memorial Plaques to remember the highly-decorated servicemen of past conflicts. His Excellency, the Governor, delivered a moving and thought-provoking speech at the conclusion of the service before mingling with the friends and relatives of those men honoured on the day. These plaques are a handsome addition to the monument and will serve as a constant reminder of the gallant deeds performed by everyday West Australians.

The Schools' Commemorative Anzac Service was again a successful ceremony. The vignette, written and presented by the senior students, displayed an intelligent understanding of the significance of Anzac day. Performances by the choir and band of John Curtin Senior High School added to the ceremony. This, I am sure, is an insurance that the memory of the Anzacs will remain with the younger people.

It was pleasing to see a greater number of school-children present but, undoubtedly this could be increased with some support from the necessary authorities. After listening to the minister, Mr Colin Barnett, give his personalised address to the students, I believe a sympathetic ear could be found and suggest moves in that direction be initiated.

The Anzac Day Dawn Service was attended by yet another record crowd; authorities reported a figure of some 8,000 people - definitely a heartening sign. I am sure that some of this success was due to the fact that Channel Seven mounted an outside broadcast of the weather presentation the eve of Anzac Day. The breathtaking picture of the memorial set high above the dusk-lit city in the background inspired many people to leave their beds early on Anzac Day and make their way to Kings Park.

We have requested Channel Seven repeat this performance next year; but we must make sure the authorities are better equipped to deal with the parking situation.
The photography featured appeared in The West Australian on December 23, 1995. Pictured are Mr Laurie Taylor, of Cottesloe, with registered nurses Vanessa Watson and Anthea Downsbrough on Ward 2B. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the team on Ward 2B chose "Australia Remembers" as their theme for the hospital's annual Christmas Decoration competition. Wearing hand-made veils and offering home-baked Anzac biscuits, the nurses aimed to create the feeling of the first peace-time Christmas in 1945.

Every year, Hollywood Private Hospital staff get into the spirit of Christmas with their decoration competition. Ward 2B won the prize in 1995 for the best decorated foyer.
I have little to offer in the way of advice for the content of the service. I have no problem with amplified pre-service explanation or the Governor’s address following the service. The decision to conduct the service in darkness and silence magnifies the reverence of the occasion and allows every individual to be alone with his or her thoughts.

The rumbling of the Harley Davidsons breaking the silence and announcing the arrival of a large contingent of Vietnam Veterans was a poignant moment and helped to meld the past and present together.

The presence of such a large number of young people was heartening and reassuring. I was delighted and somewhat surprised when a number of them approached me after the ceremony to say it was their first Dawn Service and how much it had meant to them.

His Excellency and Mrs Jeffery commented on the size of the crowd and they both enjoyed meeting and speaking with many of the young people. I am sure the significance of Anzac day will not be forgotten. In fact I could go so far as to say that it is gathering momentum and its value is being embraced by many “new” young people.

I have dwelt on the significance of the young people because, as we know, the memory of the Anzacs is in their hands.

I would like to record my thanks to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs for taking the initiative to educate the school-children concerning the Memorials in Kings Park and their relative history.

Grateful thanks must also be extended to the Women’s RSL Auxiliary for their donations toward the upkeep of the Memorial.

Mr Broadhurst, the honorary architect, has advised that, since the 1995 State Congress, maintenance and new works to the value of $9,170 have been carried out. An amount of $1,750 was met by the Kings Park Board for the installation of the Victoria Cross and George Cross plaques.

Mr Broadhurst also advises that work scheduled for execution later this year includes the painting of all wrought-iron railings and grills and the possible widening of the central pathway joining the 1914-18 and 1939-45 sections. I believe one of the most pressing needs is the installation of an inconspicuous sound system. This will allow many of the veterans who take part in the ceremonies to be part of the service. I understand an amount of money has been allocated and a feasibility study is underway.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your time and I again thank you for the honour of appointing me as Warden. It is indeed a rare privilege to be part of the history of Australia’s most beautiful War Memorial.

JEFF NEWMAN OAM
Warden
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Len Turner, State President, announces a stunning list of benefits to RSL members

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1996 STATE CONGRESS RESULTS

Note: Where SC and NC are noted they refer to State Congress and National Congress.

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

Item No.
1. (A) "Re-number existing sub-rules 2.20 and 2.21 to 2.21 and 2.22 respectively and insert a new sub-rule 2.20, as follows: "Warden" means an officer of the Sub-Branch whose duty is to oversee the affairs of the Sub-Branch and in the best interest of the League and the Sub-Branch".
(B) "In rules 15.10 (line 5), 15.14 (line 1), 15.29 (line 1) and 15.30 (line 1) and 15.31 (line 1) replace the word "Trustee" or "Trustees" with, respectively, the word "Warden" or " Wardens".
CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Applecross)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

2. That rule 15 of the rules and standing orders of the West Australian Branch RSL be amended by deleting the word "Trustee" where it appears and in its place insert the words "Sub-Branch Warden".
CARRIED at SC (City of Rockingham/Highgate)

Referrred to Item 1.

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

3. In sub-rule 12.12.7, in line 1, after the word "no" insert the word "accredited", and in line three delete the words "Western Australian Branch Incorporated".
CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Rockingham)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

4. In sub-rule 13.8, in line two delete "14.4.1 and 14.4.2 and insert 14.4.1, 14.4.2 and 14.4.3".
CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Port Kennedy)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

5. In sub-rule 14.11.4 delete all words after "14.11.3".
WITHDRAWN at SC (State Executive/Applecross)

6. "Insert new rule as follows: 15A. Women's Auxiliary:

15A.1. Sub-Branches of the Women's Auxiliary, attached to individual Sub-Branches of the State Branch, shall be under direct control of the State Executive of the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary;

15A.2. The State Executive of the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary shall be responsible to the State Branch;

15A.3. The State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary shall convene at least once a year a conference of delegates of the Women's Auxiliary Sub-Branches to deal with matters pertaining to the activities of the Women's Auxiliary;

15A.4. The annual conference of the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary shall elect in accordance with the rules of the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary its State Executive.

15A.5. The Women's Auxiliary shall formulate its own rules and/or constitution; the first version, and any and all subsequent amendments thereto, must be submitted to the State Branch for approval;

15A.6. Neither the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary State Executive nor any of the Women's Auxiliary Sub-Branches may become incorporated under the act;

15A.7. The incorporation provisions of the State Branch shall cover the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary.

WITHDRAWN IN TOTAL (State Executive/Port Kennedy)

AMENDED COPIES OF STANDING POLICY FROM NATIONAL CONGRESS

7. That the National office provide an amended copy of standing policy to each State Branch within 60 days of the conclusion of any National Congress where resolutions amending Standing Policy are approved.
CARRIED AT SC (State Executive/Port Kennedy)

-amended to 60 days at National

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

8. That the entitlement to speak for or against any resolution put up for consideration by State Congress be restricted to approved Sub-Branch delegates and the State Executive representative for any State Executive agenda item as covered in State rule 12.2.3.
LOST at SC (Kalgoorlie/Rivervale-Carlisle)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

9. That State Branch rule 12.2.1 be amended as follows:

(A) Delete for each 75 members or part thereof 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

Insert, in lieu Sub-Branch delegate entitlement at Congress be two (2) delegates irrespective of membership numbers.

LOST at SC (Kalgoorlie/Rivervale-Carlisle)
10. State rule 16.6 be amended by adding a new sub-rule, 16.6.1 where membership records at Anzac House appear to be incomplete or inaccurate, a correctly completed statutory declaration submitted by the member, stating that he/she has completed 50 years continuous membership, be accepted as valid evidence.

LOST at SC (City of Rockingham/Nollamara-North Perth)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES
11. (A) That State rules 12.19, 12.20 and 12.21 be amended by substituting the word and number nine (9) where appearing by the word and number five (5).

(B) The mechanism for the implementation of the proposed amendment will be:
   (i) A complete Executive spill at the 1997 State Congress.
   (ii) That elections be held having five members serve a one (1) year term and five (5) to serve a two (2) year term.
   (iii) This to be achieved by the five receiving the greater number of votes to serve a two (2) year term, the next five to serve a one (1) year term.
   (iv) President, Senior Vice President and Junior Vice President to be elected as normal.

LOST at SC

MEMBERSHIP: ELIGIBILITY
12. That a review be held on membership eligibility to widen the scope for recruiting new members and that tangible benefits be obtained for members to further increase the potential to recruit new members.

CARRIED at SC (Albany/Mandurah) and NC

REPATRIATION: ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS
13. The minister for Veterans’ Affairs be requested to arrange for access to these records under the same arrangements as applied prior to privatisation.

CARRIED at SC (Bunbury/Wongan Hills) and NC

REPATRIATION: DVA CONCESSIONS
14. That the RSL endeavour to obtain the same motor vehicle purchase taxation and other appropriate concessions, for EDA recipients, as apply to T&PI pensioners.

CARRIED at SC (Bunbury/Highgate) and NC

REPATRIATION: DVA FUNERAL BENEFITS
15. That the Australian Government be urged to widen the entitlement criteria in section 100 of the Veteran’s Entitlement Act to include the spouses of all veterans who are in receipt of a service pension.

CARRIED at SC (Bunbury/Kwinana) LAPSED at NC

REPATRIATION: DVA FUNERAL BENEFITS
16. That the Australian Government be urged to increase the funeral benefit payable in section 99 of the Veteran’s Entitlement Act to an amount equal to that paid by the Military Compensation Scheme, under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 as amended by the Military Compensation Act 1994.

CARRIED at SC (Bunbury/Canning Districts) LAPSED at NC

REPATRIATION: PRIVATE PATIENTS SCHEME
17. That strong representation be made to the DVA to publish a list of public and private hospitals where a veteran can be admitted for treatment under the RPPS, and a list of medical specialists to whom the LMO can refer the veteran for treatment under the RPPS.

CARRIED at SC (City of Rockingham/Port Kennedy) and NC

REPATRIATION: DVA REPATRIATION ENTITLEMENTS
18. That the DVA be encouraged to develop a procedure that causes direct person to person follow up contact by a welfare officer (Departmental or Ex-Service advocate) with every veteran who receives a determination from the Department, to ensure that the veteran is in fact fully aware of the matters contained in the determination, any benefits that might accrue from the determination, and is also aware of the administrative procedures needed to complete any matters outstanding in the claim, and further that the DVA through the RSL and other ex-service organisations, publicise the educational services available through the Department and try to encourage more people to become welfare advocates of the various organisations.

CARRIED at SC (Bunbury/Mandurah and NC)

REPATRIATION: DVA SERVICE PENSIONS
19. That the League through National Congress or other avenues, take prompt action in approaching the Federal Government to have the present service pension rates increased or brought up to at least 90% of the so-called “minimum wage”.

CARRIED at SC (Kalgoorlie/Nollamara-North Perth) LAPSED AT NC

REPATRIATION: STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPAL
20. That the National Executive of the RSL make representation to the RMA to have them create an index in alphabetical order by disease or condition for use by recipients of SOPS and to update and issue
appropriate pages of the index with each issue of SOPS.

WITHDRAWN at SC (Geraldton/Canning Districts)

REPATRIATION: DVA VETERAN’S REVIEW BOARD

21. That the Returned and Services League vehemently oppose any proposal to allow lawyers to appear before the Veterans’ Review Board and/or to absorb the Veterans’ Review Board into the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

CARRIED at SC (Highgate/Canning Districts) and NC

REPATRIATION: DVA WAR WIDOWS’ PENSIONS

22. That a War Widow’s pension be treated in the same compensatory manner as a Veteran’s disability pension and disregarded when assessing other benefits, allowances and age pension.

CARRIED at SC (Bunbury/Highgate) LAPSED at NC

ADMINISTRATION: WIDOWS’ ENTITLEMENTS

23. That a defence widow’s superannuation entitlement be equal to the rate her late husband would have received had his wife pre-deceased him.

CARRIED at SC as Amended (Bunbury/Armadale) LAPSED at NC

ADMINISTRATION: POPPY DAY

24. That the resolution (item 36) carried at the 1995 State Annual Congress, prohibiting the participation of kindred and unit associations in the sales of poppies on Poppy Day, be rescinded and that the State Government be approached to amend the covering legislation so as to affirm the right of the State Branch to subject organisations others than the Sub-Branches of the State Branch to such rules and regulations as the State Branch may determine from time to time, provided that such rules and regulations do not conflict with provisions of the Western Australian Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Relief Fund Act of 1932.

LOST at SC (State Executive/Highgate)

ADMINISTRATION: POPPY DAY

25. That Congress give authority for unit and kindred organisations to sell poppies on Poppy Day.

LOST at SC (Rivervale-Carlist/Highgate)

ADMINISTRATION: POPPY DAY

26. That State Branch appoint an appeals officer to plan and co-ordinate, in co-operation with Sub-Branches, RSL Poppy Day fund raising efforts.

CARRIED at SC (City of Rockingham/Nollamara-North Perth)

ADMINISTRATION: AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP

27. That the Federal Government be asked to set certain minimum standards to be met by applicants for

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Citizenship including such items as a basic knowledge of Australian history and a standard of fluency in the English language taking into account the age, country of origin and length of residence at the time of such application.
CARRIED at SC (Albany/Eastern Regional) LAPSED at NC

ADMINISTRATION: CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES
28. That the WA Branch believes no constitutional change should occur before a referendum of electors of a State or the Commonwealth. Thus we support the NSW State Branch in its condemnation of the downgrading of the position and duties of the NSW Governor.
CARRIED at SC (City of Rockingham/Port Kennedy) and NC

ADMINISTRATION: GOVERNMENT CONCESSIONS
29. That the National Executive of the Returned and Services League, as a matter of urgency, take up the situation that exists at the moment, (i.e., Comsuper, widows and widowers pensions are reduced when one partner dies) and get the Federal Government to alleviate the financial and emotional stress on those of our community who have throughout their lives tried to provide, in some way, for themselves during their retirement.
CARRIED at SC (Canning Districts/Highgate) and NC

ADMINISTRATION: LISTENING POST
30. The “Listening Post” be printed and circulated to WA members as a broadsheet newspaper similar to those offered to members of the RSL elsewhere, such as in “Stand to” or “Reveille”.
WITHDRAWN at SC (Geraldton/Port Kennedy)

ADMINISTRATION: MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
31. (A) That the word “Secretary” be deleted from the heading, declaration by Sub-Branch Secretary.
(B) That the words “signature of Sub-Branch secretary” be deleted and inserted in its stead the words “signature of authorised officer” on the membership application form.
CARRIED as Amended at SC (City of Rockingham/Wongan Hills) LAPSED at NC

ADMINISTRATION: MEMBERSHIP BADGES
32. That Sub-Branches be issued with a quantity of badges to be issued to new members whose bona fides for membership have been established by the WA State Branch.
CARRIED as amended SC (City of Rockingham/Port Kennedy)

ADMINISTRATION: SERVICE MEDALS
33. That the Federal Government be asked to introduce a service medal to recognise the various terms of service in our military forces which is not recognised by some other award.
CARRIED as Amended at SC (Albany/Armadale) LAPSED at NC

ADMINISTRATION: STATE BRANCH ADVOCATES
34. That the Federal Government be asked to fund both the salaries and the operating expenses of State Branch advocates.
CARRIED at SC (Albany/Canning Districts) and NC

ADMINISTRATION: VETERANS’ AFFAIRS
35. That State Branch be requested to obtain Veterans’ Affairs funding for an 1800 telephone number for the benefit of country Branches. To keep costs under control such a number to be for use by Branch office bearers only.
CARRIED at SC (Albany/Geraldton) WITHDRAWN at NC (State matter, WA Branch to contact DVA)

ADMINISTRATION: WELFARE LEVY
36. That a welfare levy of 50c be charged per Sub-Branch member as at 31 December each year.
CARRIED at SC (Dowerin/Highgate)

ADMINISTRATION: 1939/45 STAR
37. That every effort and pressure must be brought on the powers that be to see justice is done and those persons who were stationed in the UK during World War II be eligible for the award of the 1939/45 Star and also that the UK be listed as a theatre of war.
CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Applecross) and NC (In Operation)

DEFENCE
38. That the League strongly urge the Minister for Defence to initiate and sponsor a series of public debates on defence issues as a means of better informing the people of Australia and of bringing home to them the importance of defence and national security for our future well being.
CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Highgate) REFERRED to National Defence Committee, NC

DEFENCE: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
39. That this State Congress urge the National Congress to take immediate steps to have the Defence Agreement with the Indonesian Government deleted from government defence agreements and our continued alliance with USA and NZ be reaffirmed.
CARRIED at SC (Shenton Park/Mandurah) LAPSED at NC
DEFENCE: TREATIES

40. The RSL of Australia make every effort to determine, through political and diplomatic channels, the extent to which Australia’s defence treaties with the USA and any other country have been compromised or weakened by the agreement with Indonesia and take action to influence the Coalition Government to further strengthen Australian defence alliances.

CARRIED at SC (Geraldton/Kalgoorlie LOST at NC

DEFENCE: NATIONAL SERVICE

41. That some form of National Service be re-introduced to make available at any given time a partially trained force for the services. Further, that both male and female persons commence National Service at the age of 18 years for a period of 18 months. (There would be certain exemptions in this regard)

CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Returned Servicewomen) and NC

DEFENCE: WAR/DISASTER RELIEF

42. That the National RSL urge the Government of Australia to develop within the ADF the capacity to heavy lift and transport equipment and provisions for the defence of the country, or disaster relief, in times of impassable rail and road links. The ADF should be given priority to heavy lift helicopters and hovercraft for this purpose.

CARRIED at SC (Geraldton/Canning Districts) and NC

GENERAL: AUSTRALIAN FLAG

43. The RSL of Australia act to lobby the Federal Government to fulfil their stated policy, and other political parties to support them, by enacting legislation to ensure that the Australian Flag can only be changed if a majority of Australian people in a majority of states vote in favour of doing so.

CARRIED at SC (Geraldton/Nollamara-North Perth) and NC (In operation)

GENERAL: AUSTRALIAN FLAG

44. That the new Coalition Government, implement procedures, so that the current flag be retained in its present form for time immemorial. Any change to be made, to be done per means of a referendum for all the people of Australia.

CARRIED at SC (Shenton Park/Nollamara-North Perth) and NC

GENERAL: COMMUNITY SECURITY

45. That the Federal Government make provision through financial resources to the states for increased security for members of the law abiding community and influence states to stiffen penalties to incarcerate offenders for longer periods and that the Department of Veterans’ Affairs provide a service to the Veteran community, as it does for financial information, to advise the elderly on matters of security in their residences and in community activities.

CARRIED at SC (Geraldton/Collie-Cardiff) and NC

GENERAL: CONCESSIONAL FARES

46. That the League take up with the authorities concerned to have concessional fares during school holidays and long weekends re-instated as soon as possible.

CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Returned Servicewomen)

GENERAL: ECONOMIC COOPERATION

47. That the State Branch meet with Legacy, T&PI Association and similar organisations to discuss economic and co-operative matters.

CARRIED at SC (Manjimup/Highgate)

GENERAL: LAW AND ORDER

48. That the National RSL strongly urge the United Nations to give high priority and whole-hearted supported to the formation of a task force to specifically apprehend those responsible for and those who actually commit atrocities against humanity, whether or not a state of war exists between protagonists, and that these criminals be brought to trial before a world court.

CARRIED at SC (Geraldton/Applecross) and NC

49. That the League approach Government for uniformity in the physical and financial support for the cadet units of all three services bearing in mind the officers and parents are very limited in their financial capacity and the hours spent by the officers in these undertakings.

CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Albany) and NC

GENERAL: TELEPHONE CONCESSIONS

50. That the League endeavour to have the telephone allowance as now paid to World War I veterans i.e. $41.30 quarterly, be extended to include veterans who have reached the age of 65 years.

CARRIED at SC (Kalgoorlie/Scarborough) and NC

GENERAL: TRAVEL CONCESSIONS

51. 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 80 years, the same privilege of free travel on the system as that now enjoyed by WWI veterans.

CARRIED at SC (Kalgoorlie/Darling Range) and as Amended at NC

GENERAL: WELFARE ASSISTANCE

52. A. That all ex-service personnel who are not members of the RSL be given on request
reasonable advice in regard to pensions and other services available to ex-service personnel and be encouraged to join a Sub-Branch so that further support can be given. Assistance to non-members shall not include monetary payments.

B. That all RSL members requesting welfare assistance shall firstly be referred to their Sub-Branch welfare officer, such approach shall be made known only to the welfare officer of that Sub-Branch and the name of the member shall not be made known outside of those office bearers. If the Sub-Branch is not able to completely satisfy the approach by the member it shall submit a written report and recommendation to the welfare officer.

LOST as Amended SC (Yokine/Joondanna/Manjimup)

NOTICE OF MOTION
AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

1. State Congress instruct State Executive to create a WA Branch set of rules enabling the creation of Auxiliary Membership amongst WA Branches and in line with National Executive Motion 19 of 28 November 1995 as reported to Sub-Branches by the National President's letter of 20 April 1996.

LOST at SC (Geraldton/Port Kennedy)

FOR ALL THOSE BORN PRIOR TO 1945: YOU ARE THE SURVIVORS!

Consider the changes you have witnessed:

- You were before television, before penicillin, before Polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the PILL.
- You were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothing—AND—before Man walked on the Moon!
- You came from the era when coppers were used to boil clothes in, clothes-dryers were the strings between a pole and tree in the garden and dishwashers were helpful relatives holding tea-towels.
- You got married first and then lived together. And you were the last generation that was so naive as to think that you needed a husband to have a baby.
- In your times, closets were for clothes, not for “coming out of”. Bunnies were small rabbits—and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeannie and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with your cousins.
- You thought fast food was what you ate during Lent and outer-space was the back of the local theatre!
- You were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. You were before day-care centres, group therapy and nursing homes. You had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, mobile phones, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and guys wearing earrings. For you, time-sharing meant togetherness—not computers or condominiums; a “chip” meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware and software wasn’t even a word!
- In 1940, “Made in Japan” meant junk and the term “making out” referred to how you did on an exam. Pizzas, “McDonalds” and instant coffee were unheard of.
- In your day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a Grandma’s lullaby and aids were helpers in the principal’s office.
- You were certainly not before the differences between the sexes were discovered, but you were surely before the sex change; you made do with what you had.

No wonder all of us in this group are so confused and there is such a generation gap!

BUT YOU SURVIVED! What better reason to celebrate!

Anon
Defence Issues

Restructuring the Australian Army – Army 21

On 15 October, the Minister for Defence, the Honourable Ian McLachlan, presented a Ministerial Statement on Defence Policy to the House of Representatives. The statement announced two major initiatives in defence policy, designed to increase the combat capability of the Army and the efficiency and effectiveness of the whole defence organisation.

One of the government’s aims had been to keep defence spending at projected levels and protect the forces from budget cuts. To achieve this, they propose to increase spending on the combat elements of the forces by cutting administration and non-combat activities. However, at 1.9 per cent, defence spending is at its lowest as a percentage of GDP since 1938-39. With $10.2 billion for the 1996-97 defence budget, the government’s proposal is for $125 million a year for the next three years to be cut from administration and directed towards improving combat capabilities, training and readiness and personnel retention measures. This measure in itself however does not go far enough to address pressing financial and capability problems in defence.

The Army’s assessment of its current position was that deficiencies in its structure, training and equipment put barriers in the way of its ability to respond quickly and effectively to defence emergencies. The Government is therefore supporting a plan, popularly designated Army 21, to make the Army more responsive, more mobile, better trained and better equipped to handle a wide range of military contingencies – from the defence of Australia to offshore operations.

In its strategic analysis, the Government envisaged a maritime focus for defence for the protection of our air and sea approaches and our ability to contribute to offshore operations. At the same time, it recognised that the Australian Army plays an essential role both in plans for the defence of Australian territory and in possible contributions overseas. The Army’s advice – as well as the advice from military and civilian heads from the rest of defence – was that its present structure was not well suited to Australia’s defence needs.

Deficiencies in army capabilities were identified in the following areas:

- some units were not adequately prepared for combat.
- some units suffered from shortages of trained personnel and from insufficient equipment.
- the current structure provided a framework for expansion but would require substantial warning time and financial expenditure to mobilise for major conflict.
- there are insufficient night-fighting devices, command and control aids and mobility available for widely dispersed, mobile operations.
- the present divisional organisations inherited from World War II might not meet the demands of widespread concurrent operations.
- shortcomings in the capability and readiness of much of the Army Reserves because many units were understaffed, poorly equipped and have low readiness levels.

Central to the Army 21 proposals is a series of discrete trials to reshape the Army by achieving the following goals:

- elimination of hollowness in Army units by reducing the overall number of units, and redistributing personnel and equipment so that all established units can deploy within shorter readiness times.
- increasing the number and effectiveness of combat troops by strengthening the contribution of Reservists or Part Time soldiers by following the six week initial training period with 50 training days annually.
- integrating infantry, armour, artillery and engineers into Task Forces which will be independent and largely self-sustaining.
- adopting new technology to modernise the force by increasing mobility and firepower including helicopters and fixed wing aircraft and more protected vehicles for infantry mobility.
- ensuring that higher readiness elements contain more Full Time personnel to support short notice deployment.

It is hoped that the shift from the traditional divisional structure towards flatter and more responsive Task Force structures will create units which will be more flexible, capable of a range of independent operations and better able to operate in concert with the Navy and the Air Force. In particular the reconnaissance, mobility and embedded firepower of the Task Forces could result in a versatile structure able to operate effectively in both widely dispersed and conventional operations. They should also be able to sustain themselves in the field for longer because those elements needed to support and sustain combat elements will be readily available.

A number of assumptions underlie the proposed concept. Key among these is that the Reserve component can be expanded, its standard of training increased and readiness improved. Because of the scale of the changes proposed, the Government has recognised the need to
ensure that change is introduced gradually and with the confidence that trials and evaluation will bring. This means that the Army will trial and evaluate these new concepts using selected formations and units. As concepts are proven, they will be more widely applied.

The plan for Restructuring the Australian Army draws on an internal defence study called The Army in the 21st Century. In Restructuring the Australian Army, the government has sought to achieve a more immediate increase in readiness and capabilities, and has chose not to reduce the size of Army's full-time combat force.

On this basis the Army has already begun to restructure. The decision to end the Ready Reserve Scheme and to increase Part Time capabilities is an integral part of these changes. To increase overall readiness, it will be necessary to raise personnel numbers in the combat force. This will be achieved by moving up to one thousand Full Time troops from base support areas into the combat force and by integrating Full and Part Time units.

The details of the proposals vary across the country reflecting a continuation of the move of units away from the south east towards the north and northwest. In WA this means retention of the Special Air Service Regiment's counter-terrorist capability. The 13th Brigade will be the focus for revitalising Reserve combat units in WA. The Brigade will be restructured as an integrated Full Time/Part Time formation. Within 18 months, an integrated Full Time/Part Time battalion will be raised in Perth with the addition of a regular infantry company to the 16th Battalion RWAR. In addition, all units of 13 Brigade will receive a minimum increase of 10% in full time personnel. Full Time Army strength in WA will increase by 250 and Part Time strength by approximately 700 personnel. Along with the continued presence of the Special Air Service Regiment, this amounts to a major increase in the Army presence in WA.

The RSL has an obligation to inform itself and to constructively comment on the changes in Army structure in the formulation and trial period. In particular the League needs to know more of the background rationale relating to the decision to strengthen or eliminate units and to change traditional command structures. If it is to make a meaningful contribution to the public debate on Army 21, the League must avoid knee-jerk or overly emotional responses to unit reductions, however historic the unit title. The League must also recognise that the vast geography of Australia will inevitably lead to differing regional perceptions of defence and security needs. In this regard the WA Branch is co-operating fully with the national office of the League to obtain briefings to the RSL and other interested organisations on the subject of Army 21 by Lt. Gen. John Anderson, the Chief of the General Staff. Should the opportunity arise to attend a briefing, members of the League are encouraged to attend and support the RSL in its campaign to promote vigilance and preparedness in national defence.

ROBERT MITCHELL
Secretary
Defence Committee
The Quiet Lion

The late Donald R. Stuart, known as “Scorp” to those in the Tenth Light Horse and the 2/3 Machine Gun Battalion, was an outrageous soldier who later became a noted author and president of the Australian Fellowship of Writers in WA.

He wrote a series of acclaimed books but many thought one of the best things he ever wrote was an article in The West Australian in 1977. Headed The Quiet Lion, it was Scorp’s tribute to Sir Edward Weary Dunlop, the man he saw as “a lighthouse of sanity in a universe of suffering and madness” on the River Kwai. In it he recalled how the Ambonese soldiers of the Netherlands East Indies Army in Java had called Weary, in their Malay language, Singa yang diam. “I agree”, wrote Scorp, “Weary Dunlop of the great heart and soft voice, was, is, and will ever be The Quiet Lion in the hearts and minds of all who knew him in our three and a half years of suffering in the prison camps of Asia. When we forget him, we shall be dead”.

Such an accolade from Scorp would have been harder to get than any from a field marshal. His father, Julian, had been gaoled as a leader of the Queensland shearsers’ strike in 1891 and Scorp despised authority on principle. He made a notable exception in Weary’s case, but always made it clear that he was saluting the man, not the uniform.

Scorp was one of the Dunlop Thousand who went with Weary from Java in January 1943 to work on the Burma-Thailand railway. Now others in that privileged band want to pass on the Weary legacy to a younger generation. They are organising a tour down the River Kwai in April next year that will culminate in the opening of a Weary Dunlop memorial pavilion and park on the banks of the Kwai, followed by an Anzac Day Dawn Service in Hellfire Pass the next morning. They are arranging to house the young people — aged between 14 and 24 — under canvas in a camping area on the banks of the Kwai as the story unfolds in a series of expeditions to various places along the old railway route including the site of Weary’s Hintok Road Camp. Hollywood Private Hospital is sending a nurse and the organisers hope that a couple of SAS volunteers will help organise things. The cost for young people will be a little over $1,000. A second tour for older people and family groups at the same time, but at a more leisurely pace and in hotel accommodation, will cost about $1,500. Both groups will be based at the Home Phu Toey Country Club, which is three kilometres from Hellfire Pass and eight kilometres from the road camp.

The story will start at Kanchanaburi with visits to the “Bridge on the River Kwai” and the Allied War Cemetery, the shop is operated by Boon Pong (a Thai trader who hid life-saving drugs in the vegetables supplied to the prison camps), and a Buddhist Peace Shrine built by a former Japanese interpreter to atone for the torture he saw inflicted by the Kempeitai.

There will be a visit to the site where a Dutch POW picked up a Stone Age axe among the rubble and went back after the war to help unearth the remains of a neolithic settlement. There will be a train trip over the Wampoov Viaduct on what is left of the “Death Railway”, an expedition to Three Pagodas Pass on the Burma (Myanmar) border and a lazy trip down the River Kwai, now strangely serene and beautiful.

The Weary Dunlop pavilion and park is being built by Home Phu Toey’s owner, Kanit Wanachote, a Thai admirer whom Weary once described as being out of an Arabian Nights’ adventure. They first met during the Weary Dunlop tour in 1985. Kanit was so impressed that every time an
Australian party appeared in the vicinity thereafter they were invited over for a banquet and a light-and-sound show on the bombing of a model “Bridge on the River Kwai”.

In 1994 Kanit arranged with former members of the Dunlop Thousand to float Weary’s ashes down the Kwai in a candlelit boat followed by a flotilla of others while a Scotch College piper played The Flower of the Forrest on the banks.

The usual banquet and light-and-sound show followed and then came Kanit’s personal tribute, a fireworks display similar to Perth’s on Australia Day and Weary’s name spelt out on the hillside in letters of fire.

What will happen next year is for Kanit to know and others to guess. In the meantime, the 2/3 Machine Gun Battalion Association has claimed him as one of their own. He is now an honorary member.

Those who are interested in the tour — or just interested in Scorp’s article — can get a copy of The Quiet Lion brochure from the Anzac House office.

For further details of the tour itself call Keith Flanagan (299 6351), Bill Haskell (330 3523) Banjo Binstead (361 8762) or Joe Mathews (098 311 510). For flight details, call Ryan Rowland at Flight Travel Service. (See advert at left.)

KEITH FLANAGAN

END OF A DANCING ERA — ANZAC CLUB

At a recent meeting of the Anzac Club Board, it was reluctantly decided to discontinue the afternoon tea dances owing to falling attendances. For more than 10 years the dances were a feature during winter months at the Anzac Club.

As Chairman, and on behalf of the Board, I thank the many hundreds who enjoyed themselves on these days as well as the Club staff who worked so hard moving furniture and preparing the area. And to the dance band — what can one say when up to 15 musicians regularly played on a voluntary basis with no thought of remuneration? Unfortunately, during that period, a number of the musicians passed away and others had to curtail their appearances through illness, mainly war-service related. Their ages ranged from 70 to 92 years.

As Master of Ceremonies throughout that time I enjoyed myself immensley, and it is with a great deal of sadness that I make this announcement.

To everyone involved I wish you well in the future and as the festive season approaches best wishes to one and all.

MIKE HALL

Anzac Club Dance Band — 1996
L to R back row: Fred Mayo (Drums), Eddie Klemm (Piano), Mike Hall (MC)  
L to R front row: Russ Carter (Sax), Tom Fuller (Sax), Don Jacob (Sax),  
Dick Langley (Trumpet), Elmore Nylander (Trumpet), Fred Harper (Banjo)  
Absent: Vic Arnold (Sax), Joan Wood (Drums), Better Daly (Piano)  
Average age 76 years
VJ DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
STATE WAR MEMORIAL — KINGS PARK

The Australian & Defence Services (AVADS) WA Council and the RSL conducted the annual VJ Day Service at the State War Memorial in Kings Park at 11.00am on 15 August 1996, at which the Governor of Western Australia delivered an address.

The service commemorated the 51st anniversary of the end of hostilities in World War II. It is a very important date in Australia’s memorial calendar and is gaining more and more significance since the first ceremony in Perth in 1992.

A very significant and we believe pleasing aspect of this year’s ceremony was the attendance of the Japanese Consul-General, Mr Nanami, who laid a wreath on behalf of the fallen in World War II. The Consul-General has been invited in the past but was unavailable owing to prior commitments. We believe it is now time we work together because of our extensive trade, defence and tourism ties. As a nation we are able to forgive, but never forget, what happened between our two countries more than 50 years ago.

There were many casualties on both sides and we believe it is a fitting tribute to those servicemen and women of both nations to be honoured in the most solemn and dignified manner and that we are now able, through the passage of time, to do this together.

We hope to commemorate this important event every year and hope that our former enemy (now our very important trade, defence and tourism partner) will join us.

B.F. COOPER, JP AIMM
State Secretary/Treasurer

Address by His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC MC, Governor of Western Australia

This morning we join to honour the sacrifices of our servicemen in the South Pacific Campaign that enabled Australia to attain its freedom. In World War II, with a population of 7.3 million, we put 700,000 into the field, suffered 27,000 killed, 24,000 wounded and 31,000 taken as prisoners of war.

During World War II Australia came very close to being beaten by Japan. We were an unprepared nation when Japan entered the war and with great speed swept through the South-West Pacific, Malaya and into Burma threatening India and, of course, China. The Japanese advance continued through Papua New Guinea, almost to Port Moresby, and the war was brought to the Australian continent with the bombing of Darwin, Broome, Derby and Townsville and the
mini-submarine torpedo attack in Sydney Harbour.

The turning point in the war was the battle of the Coral Sea which crippled the Japanese aircraft carriers that could have played a decisive role in the pivotal Battle of Midway. Midway ended the Japanese Naval Fleet’s ability to support its land forces. In Papua New Guinea at the Battle of Milne Bay, the Australian 7th Brigade, with magnificent RAAF support, inflicted the first major level defeat on the Japanese Army, and in the process prevented the Japanese from obtaining the essential airfield in Milne Bay and Port Moresby for any proposed invasion of northern Australia.

The dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was a terrible business but there can be no doubt that it brought a speedy end to the conflict and negated the necessity for a land assault on Japan which, in all probability, would have been hugely expensive in casualties to both the Allies and the Japanese people.

Happily that bitter period has long since gone and this country enjoys a very close trading and personal linkage with our former enemy. The importance of any now close and enduring relationships with Japan and our key defence alliance with the United States of America are essential components in the long-term stability of the Pacific region and are also fundamental to this country’s survival.

The 1990s are a time of immense change in the global security environment. The countries within our region of greatest strategic interest — South East Asia and the South West Pacific — are strongly committed to peace and stability. No country currently presents a threat to Australia, and we have good security relations with all our neighbours.

However, military capabilities are generally growing in the Asia-Pacific which Australia cannot ignore. There are many potential flash points: China-Taiwan, the Korean Peninsula and sovereignty disputes in the South China Sea are the most frequently mentioned areas where there is potential for military conflict. In addition there are many disputed border areas, competing claims over areas of land and sea, piracy, internal insurgency conflicts and historical enmities and suspicions often arising out of religious or ethnic differences.

Any of these could conceivably involve Australia, which is why we spend 10 billion dollars a year on defence to maintain combat punch across a range of key military capabilities.

But today it is our duty to remember all those who fought and died in the war against Japan, particularly those who died in POW camps. We must remain ever grateful for all they endured. That is why ceremonies like this are so very important; for to honour we must remember. Our young people need to understand that Australia is the way it is today because of what people did for the country 51 years ago.

Let us once again thank our veterans for answering the call to duty to preserve our freedom. What they fought and died for is now our duty to maintain.

And in the final analysis let us recognise the futility, stupidity and tremendous cost of war, but to prevent it, one has to be strong enough to deter it.

Finally, let us be thankful that out of an horrific conflict for both the Australian and Japanese people has developed a lasting friendship, mutual respect and economic benefit to both countries.

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Prepared by Allan Hutcheson for the Membership Seminar held at Anzac House on Saturday 12th October 1996

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND YOUR SUB-BRANCH

Good Public Relations involve the simple things in life.

I believe that the RSL has one of the greatest products on earth but we have often ensured that it is a well-kept secret. In the 1950s the RSL and its Sub-Branches made sure that everyone knew of the very real clout that the RSL had. The voice of the members of the RSL was heard in the corridors of power. They had direct access to the Prime Minister and Cabinet and their words were taken very seriously. As a result, many benefits were conferred on the membership of the RSL.

There was, however, a downside to this – benefits only flowed to *people in the know*. Often people in the Sub-Branch were not told about the benefits and country Sub-Branch members often missed out purely because they did not know what was available to them. We acknowledge the problems of information dissemination associated with the tyranny of distance; it’s a fact that for every mile information has to travel a certain amount is lost, and for every person it passes through even more information is lost or distorted.

You may well ask what has this got to do with Public Relations? Public Relations is a very useful tool to increase the benefits available to your membership. By benefits I do not only refer to DVA-style benefits but to the benefits of having a sociable and viable club where everyone pitches in does its bit.

Public Relations means showing people how proud we are to be members of the RSL. We pride ourselves on the fact that we join together to promote the feeling of mateship with people of like minds. Last year was the *Australia Remembers* Year. We celebrated the courage, tenacity and resourcefulness of the Australian Servicemen of World War II. Every Anzac Day we re-live the story of Anzac Cove and the Charge of the Light Horse in the desert sands. These are the values that we all believe in. Give respect to all members of the RSL regardless of which theatre they served in or whatever their political beliefs. Hold the thought: *we fought to uphold the right for an individual to disagree with us*. This freedom is what makes us strong.

Let’s consider what this means. It means we have a code of conduct that we wish to pass on to future generations. We all know that the only way to lead is by example. We all know that we should never ask someone to do something we cannot do ourselves. This is the core of what we shall call the new trendy name of *public relations*. When people talk about Public Relations all they really mean is making sure that other people know what you are doing well.

We all know that making a new member welcome is part of the process of developing a successful organisation. Every branch should have a system to ensure that any potential member or visitor is made to feel welcome – just as we would like to be treated. We were raised to be considerate and polite to everyone. We can still hear the voice in our heads saying “Stand up and give the lady a seat – show respect”. Public Relations is about listening to that voice. The values may be old-fashioned but they are what is needed in modern society. They need to be re-instated to the fore in society. By promoting the RSL in this way we can help to make our members feel part of something that is very worthwhile.

If we remember the ethos of mateship we will have the tools by which to build our membership. We need to make new members feel welcome; we need to maintain our current members and need to look for new members. By informing people about what we stand for, I believe we can promote the League and ourselves in a very positive way.

Two questions are often asked: “Why should we recruit new members?”

“If we want to recruit new members how do we go about it?”

We were raised to think of others before ourselves and this is shown by the way in which we are giving thought to what kind of an organisation will our successors need or want. This will, in turn, help us to recruit new members. I believe that we need to recruit new members because we want the League to survive. We want the values we believe in to continue to influence society. We want to look after our mates and we want the benefits that we fought for to be handed on to the next generation of service personnel. We were handed the baton by our fathers and grandfathers and it is up to us to preserve the League for future generations of ex service personnel.

We also need to look at what rewards will accrue for current members.

Any organisation which has a large membership has potential political clout. This means that people in powerful positions listen. In the fifties the leadership of the RSL knew this and used it to gain benefits for their members. We need to keep our numbers up in order to be heard. Simply put, if we want to increase benefits to our...
membership we have to be able to “frighten the politicians of all political persuasions”. This is called pressure group politics and it works.

I often hear people say “Well that is OK at State or National level but what has it got to do with me?” My answer is “everything”. What works, works at every level. Your Sub-Branch is the League. If your local Sub-Branch is seen to be a dynamic force in your local community, you can obtain real rewards for your membership. This, in turn, will increase your membership and result in better facilities and greater clout. A really-positive spiral.

As an example, I will cite an incident which took place in a small town which shall remain nameless. An old couple who were Homeswest tenants had a fence which had blown down and people were using their backyard as a urinal. Repeated requests to Homeswest had no effect. The local RSL Secretary heard about the problem and went and talked to the old man who, it turned out, was a World War II digger. He was not a member of the RSL because he had worked on the railways and was away from home frequently. Nevertheless, the Secretary went to the local politician who made one phone call to Homeswest and surprise, surprise, the problem was fixed. The old man joined the RSL and became one of the Sub-Branch’s most effective Poppy Day collectors. The Secretary of this Sub-Branch was using effective Public Relations.

We have to tell people what we are doing – Sub-Branches have made, and continue to make, a large contribution to the communities in which we live. Let us tell people what we do.

When the local Sub-Branch makes a donation to a local worthy cause try to get some public recognition. When DVA comes to your town make sure that your Sub-Branch gets some recognition. Be shoulder-to-shoulder with them. Put on coffee and tea, invite the local journalist and ask him or her to write a story about the local identity who, perhaps, has sold poppies for the last 10 years. Human interest stories sell newspapers. One I would like to see written is about a member of my Sub-Branch who, every Thursday night, puts out all the tables and chairs in the RSL hall, co-ordinates the Bingo session, serves a light supper, washes the dishes and then packs away the chairs and tables. He is not a young man and he is the only person who is always there. This effort raises money for the RSL Sub-Branch but it also illustrates a commitment to the community and reflects the value system that we all hold dear. These efforts should be recognised publicly.

Remember the I’m all right, Jack syndrome. Avoid it at all cost. Encourage your members to work as a team and make sure that other people hear about your good work.

On Anzac Day we all remember the way it was – the friendship, sticking by your comrades, the good times and the bad. Anzac Day marches had declining crowds during the ’60s, ’70s and early ’80s. Now the crowds are growing each year. Our pride in our organisation and what we stand for needs to be shown to a wider society. We make people feel welcome, we help each other, we give credit to others (and make sure that the word is spread) and we encourage people to join our Sub-Branch. This is how we promote the League. This is Public Relations.
When it comes to the RSL, it seems old soldiers neither die nor fade away. This year — its 80th — the organisation attracted more than 14,000 new members to give an audited membership of 236,000 and is as robust as ever, with the measured leadership of national president Major-General Digger James punctuated by the larrikin element of the citizen soldiery as has been the case for eight decades.

The Returned and Services League became a national organisation at a meeting of returned soldiers in Brisbane 80 years ago, from 11-16 September 1916, just 17 months after the Gallipoli landing.

The remarkable point about its membership now is that the net growth of 4000 — the total is up from 232,00 in 1995 — hides an attrition rate of World War II diggers of more than 10,000. When national organisations — political parties, churches, unions — are haemorrhaging, the RSL is growing.

The explanation lies in a bold gamble in answer to a 1977 plea from then-national president Sir William Hall to reject the philosophy of “dying out with dignity” and open the organisation to serving personnel.

The change in attitude — the organisation had been trenchantly protective of its “returned only” status — was not accomplished until 1985, but for the men and women of the Australian Defence Force, the RSL has proved to have the same appeal that it had to their forebears in the 1st and 2nd AIF. “A voice of stability in changing times”, former Queensland state president Sir Albert Abbott described it in 1985.

For the fundamental tenets of the RSL have held since 1916. In his 80th anniversary speech recently, James quoted then-NSW state president Senior Chaplain Dean Talbot’s summary of the sentiments that motivated the league’s founders: to carry into civil life the spirit of comradeship developed in the camp and on the field; to keep evergreen the memory of fallen comrades; to secure support for the wounded and dependants of the dead; to rehabilitate soldiers in jobs; and to “to perpetuate in the life of the nation the principals for which we fought”.

James points to the issues the RSL takes on to illustrate his point. The tide of national emotion over the recent Townsville Blackhawk tragedy has waned, but not for the RSL. James is campaigning for the Blackhawk victims and serving personnel involved in operational training to be eligible for cover under the Veteran’s Affairs Act.

He is meeting massive political and bureaucratic resistance. This too is a feature of RSL history. As a pressure group, the organisation has honed its lobbying skills. The RSL chose to be a pressure group rather than a political party in 1916. The rationale, which has stood the test of eight decades, was that the interests of those who fought for their country should remain above party politics.

Many of their leaders have, however, been consummate political operators. National president (1919-1946), Captain Gilbert Dyett, successfully pressured the Scullin Government in 1929 to ensure soldiers’ pensions were not cut during the depression; the direct lobbying of Prime Minister Bob Hawke by Sir William Keys, national president from 1978 to 1988, prevented the Department of Veterans’ Affairs being absorbed into Social Security; the overdue $7 million War Memorial re-furbishment in last month’s budget was secured largely through James putting the right word in the right place.

They have been a colourful lot, too. Dyett had connections with the notorious John Wren and was presented not unsympathetically as Sir Godfrey Dwyer in Frank Hardy’s Power without Glory; Keys has been profiled in the ABC series The Australians.

James lost a leg on a landmine in Korea, ended up in a US MASH — “no sign of any Hot Lips” — returned to Australia to study medicine, went to Vietnam as an Army surgeon, took time off in 1970 to work as a doctor in a remote Biafran village and returned to head Army Health.

In 1976, he successfully battled political and military establishments for an Army Field Hospital for the late Professor Fred Hollows’ trachoma team.

The RSL gave its highest award, its Anzac Peace Prize, posthumously to Hollows in 1993. The small “I” liberalism marking the choice of its Peace Prize recipients is at odds with the RSL public image. Winners include the late Ruby Rich for her work with feminism, Gareth Evans for his contribution to peace in Cambodia, and this year, Dr John Hargrave for life-long dedication to the treatment of leprosy in the Northern Territory and Timor.
The strident voice of the organisation is better known. The whole organisation has suffered when individual members have crudely articulated views. But neither have its leaders flinched when harsh words were needed to protect RSL interests or a principal dearly held, and research done for their official history showed that RSL views more often than not have been in accord with mainstream Australian thinking.

In his controversial Blamey oration in 1994, James warned against the dangers of coyness about homosexuality and blood transfusions on the battle field. The critics railed, but within a year, the Government vindicated his stand, bringing in stricter regulations to preclude HIV-positive recruits from combat duties.

In his VP Day speech last year in Brisbane, James enunciated concerns his membership had about Japan's failure to recognise its role in World War II. It was a familiar catechism — and it drew spontaneous applause from the vast crowd — the only speech on that day to do so.

For behind the sometimes rougher face of the old citizen soldier, is an empathy with the loftier side of Australian nationalism which permeated that meeting 80 years ago and which appears to have been inherited by the professional Australian soldier. James touched on it in an invocation last year to the ideals of the national capital:

“Anzac Parade, the Australian War Memorial and their precincts comprise the physical settings that take us as a nation to the deeper places of the human heart and where, as a nation, we keep a faith....

“If we are going to ensure we have a great Australian city here in Canberra, we need to weave with similar care our national values in all we do.

“Some strands will be vibrant and challenging; some quiet and reflective; all need to be honest to what we are, to what has made us what we are and to what we aspire.”

Jacqui Rees is co-author of Lest We Forget, the history of the RSL, and co-author of The Last Shilling, a history of repatriation in Australia.

Courtesy: CANBERRA TIMES

Dance delights crowd at Hollywood

More than 220 veterans tripped the light fantastic to the delightful sounds of the Anzac Club Dance Band at the annual Hollywood Red Cross tea dance. Master of Ceremonies Mike Hall did a superb job organising and compering the event, which has become one of the highlights on the Veterans' Health Week calendar, and afternoon tea was supplied by the hospital.

Hollywood Private Hospital Executive Director Roger Snell said it was Hollywood's pleasure to contribute to such a delightful day.

Hollywood also participated in several other events during Veterans' Health Week, including a health seminar for more than 200 people at the Bull Creek Airforce Memorial Estate, and a “Back to Hollywood” — for former patients and staff from the 1940s — was held on November 14.

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The dance floor was well patronised at the Hollywood Red Cross Tea Dance.

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A Reunion is being organised for those soldiers who served in Armoured Personnel Carriers in Vietnam from 1965 to 1972: this encompasses quite a few units - 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse, 1 APC Troop, 1 APC Squadron, A Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment. B Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment, plus all the ancillary units such as RAEME, RAAMC, RAE, etc.

We are trying to locate as many of those men as possible but, as you may well know, after service in Vietnam many went back into the woodwork and have had nothing to do with their units since then.

A golden opportunity was lost during the Welcome Home Parade in Sydney in 1987 when we should have organised someone to collect addresses. This was not done so now we are chasing them up.

Out of a possible 3500 officers and men we can account for only just over 700; goodness knows how many have fallen by the wayside since service.

For further information please contact:
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BEAUFORT REUNION

The Beaufort Squadrons Association will hold its biennial reunion in Melbourne during Anzac Week, 1997.

The Association has members from many of the units which were equipped with Beauforts - after all, 700 were built in Australia.

Yet we know that there are many ex-Beaufort men who have never attended a Beaufort Association function.

Anzac Week next year will see what will almost certainly be the last such function in Victoria.

It will be 10 years before it will be Victoria's turn again because this biennial function is held in each of the mainland states in turn. By then we will be older, fewer in numbers, physically weaker and probably poorer! This is an appeal to anyone who served in a Beaufort-equipped unit, and who has lost touch with his wartime comrades, to make an effort to come to Melbourne in Anzac Week next year.

The Australian-built Beaufort was without doubt the workhorse of the RAAF in the South West Pacific Area. Ten squadrons were equipped with them: nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 32 and 100. Apart from the squadrons already mentioned, nos. 30, 31 and 92 had one or more Beauforts, albeit for a short time. All told there were 50 units which used Beauforts at some stage of World War II.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 communications Flights; 9, 10 and 12 Local Air Supply Units; 1, 5 and 6 OTUs; the Central Gunnery School; the base Torpedo Unit at Nowra (shades of nought feet or lower!); various 1 AD units at Laverton plus a few units such as the Air Armament and Gas School; and the Chemical Research Unit, all used the ubiquitous Beaufort at some time.

Originating in Britain, Beauforts were also used by the RAF; the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm; RCAF; RNZAF; RAAF and believe it or not, the Turkish Air Force! South America is the only continent where Beauforts did not appear during World War II.

So, if you were ever involved with Beauforts (and there must have been thousands!) and have never attended a Beaufort reunion, get in touch with the secretary of the Victorian organising committee and have your name added to the mailing list for further information on what will be a great occasion.

The programme will include a luncheon and registration on Monday, 21 April, an optional outing on the Tuesday, an official dinner on the Wednesday evening, free day on Thursday and participation in the Anzac Day parade on Friday with a wind-up luncheon in the afternoon.

There were 200 at the 1995 reunion in Perth and an even greater attendance is expected in Melbourne. Anyone who ever served with a Beaufort unit will be welcomed and will find they have something in common with everybody else present. A meeting with old mates - perhaps some not seen since the war - is practically guaranteed!

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Further information may be obtained from Jill Van Blommestein on (09) 370 0200 during office hours.

The RSL War Veterans' Home
51 Alexander Drive, Mt Lawley 6050
or to: The RSL War Veterans' Home
62 Oakmont Avenue, Meadow Springs, 6210

RAAF top gun honoured by US

Twenty-five years on, Northern Territory man, Bruce Mouatt has received his Distinguished Flying Cross from the US Navy, joining the select few Australians who have been awarded this American honour.

Mr Mouatt received the award for his service as a fighter pilot with the RAAF, flying alongside the US Airforce in Vietnam. It is the third highest honour to be bestowed on airforce personnel in the US.

Mr Mouatt’s flying career began in 1966 at Point Cook Academy, in Victoria. From there he went to fly Sabre fighters at Williamtown, Malaysia, and Ubon in Thailand. Following ten months in Vietnam, he returned to Australia to complete a fighter combat instructor’s course: this was followed by a three year exchange in Tuscon, Arizona, in the late 1970s. In 1986 he was promoted to commanding officer of the RAAF’s first Hornet squadron and then made director of the F-18 Project based at RAAF Tindal in Darwin. It was from there he left the service for a career in the private sector.

Courtesy: VETAFFAIRS

DEFENCE RESERVES’ ASSOCIATION

The Defence Reserves’ Association is an organisation which, amongst other things, aims to:
* foster and assist the Australian Defence Force with particular emphasis on the Reserves;
* be actively involved in the welfare and betterment of serving and former Defence Force members with special attention to those of the Defence Reserves.
* consider and, where appropriate, seek changes to the conditions of service, amenities and equipment.

The Association has a State Branch which meets at least once every two months. The State Branch also has meetings which all members are invited to attend. These meetings feature a speaker on a defence subject and also have a period for exchange of information.

In March 1997 the State Branch is planning to have an “All Ranks Dinner”. This will provide a forum for former and present service people to get together in a social environment.

The National Council has a conference once a year and decides upon issues which need to be pursued with Heads of Service or, if appropriate, at a political level. Examples of issues successfully pursued were the removal of taxation on Reserve Force pay and issue of discharge certificates.

Current issues which we are dealing with are: Compensation, Training days, Protection of Reserves Legislation, Superannuation, Honours and Awards and effect of workplace agreement on Reserve Service.

The Association invites all present and former members of the Reserve Forces to become members. The annual subscription is $10 (equivalent of 20c per week). An application form is below.

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THE ARMY MUSEUM OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

After many happy years housed in the mansion Dilhorn, in East Perth, the Army museum of WA made the successful move to Artillery Barracks in Fremantle in 1995 with an official opening ceremony on VJ Day, 15 August 1995, conducted by the Right Honourable Richard Court, MLA, Premier of Western Australia. It was a most significant day to be opening an Army Museum in the year of Australia Remembers.

The Premier also presented the WA State Government’s main Australia Remembers gift to the people of WA in the form of an Education Centre based on a room which was the original Sergeants’ Mess. The primary aim of this room is to educate visitors in what occurred during World War II with special emphasis on the home front. All tour groups start at this point. More than 700 guests attended the opening ceremony and cocktail party that followed and were further delighted by the free concert performed by Army bands from Perth and the Eastern States. Some 3,000 people attended the very successful concert.

The Museum volunteer staff, under our long-serving and late Curator Capt. Syd Jenkins, RFD, ED, had worked frantically to have everything ready for the big day and so it was. We started with three galleries of exhibits; a Victoria Cross Gallery containing replicas of all 14 Army VCs won by Western Australians since Lt Fred Bell at Braakpan, Transvaal, in the Boer War. The VC Gallery also contained a 25pdr field gun in El Alamein colours, loaned and installed by the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of WA (RAAHSWA) under the command of Colonels Don Rae, RAA, (Retd). This particular gallery was of great interest to our visitors and was open to the public for eight months. The display has now been replaced by our newest exhibit The Pre 1914 Gallery, allowing us to display some of our earliest and rarest relics and artifacts from colonial times, the Boer War and the Militia periods.

The other galleries at the time of opening were the World War II Gallery and The Prisoner of War Gallery which are major and significant exhibits. The former is our longest gallery containing hundreds of artifacts, dressed manikins and weapons with special emphasis on WA units and the latter is the jewel in the crown. It was built by volunteers and ex-POWs and included the wonderful artistic talents of the late Scott Properjohn who, unfortunately, didn’t live to see it finished. Built in a series of life-sized dioramas, it depicts the despicable treatment metered out to our POW soldiers by the Japanese along the Burma-Thai Railway and elsewhere. The dioramas and replica false legs, implements and items fashioned out of anything they could lay their hands on were taken from the brilliant drawings of British artist Jack Chalker and expertly replicated by Dick Taylor of Fremantle, a returned man himself. This Gallery has had a disturbing effect on many people, especially ex-POWs, children and Japanese tourists. We do not resile from this fact. Our role is to present an accurate account of what happened and to present a stark reminder to all our visitors. This section of the Gallery is further enhanced by the inclusion of the full history of the 2/4th MG Bn, AIF, built many years ago by Les Cody and remains the only complete unit history the Museum possesses.

The second half of the POW Gallery depicts a German POW Camp and large murals of the Battles of Retimo (Crete, 2/11 Bn AIF, many captured) and Ruin Ridge (Western Desert, 2/28th Bn AIF, many captured). The Ruin Ridge mural is further enhanced by some splendid models of tanks, trucks and artillery pieces built by Tom Runeckles, a member of the RAAAC Association. This Gallery is yet to be completed.

In March this year the Governor, Maj-Gen Michael Jeffery, AC, MC, officially opened our World War I Trench Gallery. Built in the cellar primarily by members of the Military Historical Society of Australia (WA Branch), it is an excellent representation in diorama form of life in the trenches on the Western Front. It allows us to display, in a realistic setting, many excellent relics from that period in a meaningful way. This Gallery is a most popular inclusion to the Museum.

We will soon be given another building in the complex which will allow us to build our main World War I Gallery with a projected opening sometime in 1997. This Gallery will be linked with the POW Gallery with a display of POWs in World War I. The detail for this has been a University Practicum project carried out by Andrew Pittaway, one of our young volunteers and a Heritage Studies student at Curtin University.

The Museum continues to go from strength to strength with many volunteers acting as guides and workers in other areas. We maintain a monthly newsletter which is sent out to 475 organisations and individuals, keeping all informed of our progress. (Associations not receiving the newsletter are invited to contact the Administrator for inclusion on the mailing list).

As the Museum has a “Never Say No” policy, many significant relics and heritage items continue to flood in. It is estimated the Museum holds some 35,000 items from tanks to medals. The most important heritage items held are the
MUSEUM TOURS AND SERVICES

The Museum offers a very competitive Medal Mounting Service, a Book/Souvenir shop (open on weekends and during weekday tours) and a growing Research Facility. Our Curator, Mr Wayne Gardiner, is also a licensed valuer for the Taxation Incentives to the Arts Scheme which allows tax relief for the donation of valuable items to Museums.

The Museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12.30 to 4.30pm. The entry fees are: $2 adults, $1 children and $5 families (no further concessions). Tour group bookings are taken for weekdays @ $2/head – a booking fee of $20 is required, payable when the booking is made. Our preferable times for tours are 10am Monday to Friday. Morning teas or afternoon teas can be included in the tour @ $5/head including entry. A barbeque lunch can be arranged @ $8/head including entry. Bookings can be made by ringing 335 2077 or writing to:

The Administrator, The Army Museum of WA,
Artillery Barracks,
Burt Street,
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THOSE FORGOTTEN GUNS . . .

The two preserved coastal artillery 9.2-inch guns of the Oliver’s Hill Battery on Rottnest Island are well known and documented. But few people are aware that there was also a pair of 9.2-inch guns on neighbouring Garden Island.

Known as Scriven Battery, and a later model than the the MK Xs on Rottnest, these MK XV guns were never proofed and were placed in combat storage around 1947 after all work was stopped. There they remained until the early 1960s, silently pointing out to sea, awaiting the enemy that never came . . .

Finally, in 1963, after the disbandment of the Coastal Artillery, the guns and the associated underground equipment and machinery were sold for scrap and/or disposal.

Today all that remains are the concrete emplacements, the holding bolts and the underground magazines, machinery spaces etc. which are filled with sand.

VIC JEFFERY
Naval Public Relations Officer (WA)

three Victoria Crosses of O’Meara, Gratwick and Starcevich. This is the largest group of Australian VCs outside the War Memorial in Canberra and are covered by “Deed of Gift” to prevent them ever leaving the State.

The Museum’s collection of tanks, trucks and artillery pieces is steadily increasing. We were very fortunate to have TAFE restore three of our items: a World War II Dodge Weapons Carrier, a 25pdr gun limber and a rare two-wheeled Mini Wiles Cooker.

The Dodge was a complete wreck when found in Eneabba, and is now road-registered and in new condition. Future restoration projects include a Humber Truck, a Saracen Armoured troop carrier, two Bren Carriers, a Stuart tank, a Grant tank and a Stag Hound Armoured Car.

In conclusion we sincerely thank the Veteran Community and the public of WA for the superb interest shown in the Museum and the preservation of our military heritage.

You can rest assured that your precious relics will survive if included in the Collection of the Army Museum.

Please do not hesitate to call us for advice on the process of transferring items to the Museum and the details of the Taxation Incentives to the Arts Scheme.

M.J. MALONE, OAM
Captain
Administrator.
AN ASSOCIATION OF LONG STANDING

by Jack Benari

We have seen last year’s *Australia Remembers* celebrations come and go and what a mark of respect the occasion was to a senior generation. It would be equally relevant to mention here an example of one of the enduring unit associations which sprang from the wartime involvement of the then large numbers of serving Australians.

Conceivably, smaller associations might succumb to the erosion of time faster than larger ones such as the mighty infantry battalions of the Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Divisions. However, a small army engineer unit as one functioning representative ex-service body has made the distance, and that is the group now known as the 7 Army Troops Company (RAE) Association. Historically the World War II wartime unit was a sprig of the 13 Field Company of Engineers, premier RAE unit of its kind in today’s Western strategic region, and now all of 84 years old. By comparison 7 Army Troops Company was a short-lived wartime creation which first functioned as a cadre at the old Guildford remount depot in 1939.

In the immediate post-war period when the first meeting was held to form an association, it was decided that the name would be the 7 Army Troops Company RAE Association. George Shaw was elected president and Alex Wallace secretary, an admirable choice as Alex carried out his duties without complaint until his death in 1994. With George Shaw as the focal point there was no difficulty in rallying membership even though we had, at one time or another, reflected sourly on George’s legitimacy.

In the early days of the Association there was never enough money to build up a small bank for essentials; however early Association members who might be temporarily down on their luck would always get a sympathetic ear and more than likely free admission to any Association function. Reunions and other social occasions were held in a number of places now long disappeared, but the Dinghy Sailing Club on Crawley foreshore was one venue enjoyed for an extended time as its Commodore was a sapper colleague. Also in earlier days with the membership running at a comparatively high level, the impact of members passing away did not have the same significance as in the seventies and eighties.

By the dawn of the 1980s George Shaw’s toggle press, devised in 1943 as an early recycling effort, was rediscovered by Association members on tour beside the Northern Territory Stuart Highway campsite at Morphett Creek. This report stimulated contemporary military interest in the intriguing relic. It was in this decade also that the Association’s foundation president and inventor of the toggle press mentioned above, Major George Duncan Shaw, died at the age of 91 years as he was entering a taxi on his way to a meeting to arrange a visit of Anzacs to Gallipoli; he could not have had a more fitting exit. As a donor to medical research he left a seaside property and $250,000 to the University of WA. George had many interests but will be remembered mainly as a dedicated and decorated military enthusiast, having served in two world wars and was a practising citizen soldier during the intervening 21 years of peace.

With the publication of the unit history, compiled during the mid eighties, the days of the Association (being light on for cash) came to an end. The man who made the difference was Cam Cheyne who had left the unit in 1942 as a sergeant to eventually become OC of an Eastern States unit. Cam worked as a superb persuader when it came to netting sponsorship, and so the book was launched in 1989 and reviewed in the Sydney *Bulletin*. Free copies of the book were presented to widows of deceased members and the remainder sold to benefit the Association.

The existence of a unit history recorded such classics as those involving 7 Army Troops Company members in the early Japanese raids on Wyndham and Broome; the making of the toggle press at Morphett Creek, devised to be driven by sapper-power for converting empty fuel drums into useful corrugated iron; the insurrection at Morphet Creek touched off by an OC of Indian origin some time after George Shaw’s departure; the repair of a stranded aeroplane by Staff Sergeant (electrical) Bert Bunagate, and the building of the hospital at Howard Springs. Recording of the Northern Territory experience would not be complete without mentioning George Shaw’s dogged sponsorship of the generally unpopular egg pulp as food for the troops (George having been a poultry farmer). Coincidentally, egg pulp use declined steeply after George’s departure.

Darwin, the re-equipping and retraining camp at Kapooka, NSW, and Bougainville are substantially mentioned in the history with the concentration of the story-telling on the unit’s happier days.

Although Father Time has drastically reduced the ranks of those able and willing to attend annual reunions, 56 members were at Wembley Lodge for the main get-together last September. The Bunbury picnic which followed on
November 8 did not attract so many starters but the gathering of ex-sappers in the lower coastal sector achieved some distinction by attracting a friendly face which had not been seen by most of the group for almost 50 years. In the passage of five decades this Ex-Sappers' Association has effectively had one secretary and three presidents. The membership peaked many years ago at more then 150 but now approximately 90 are on the books; a number of these are in rest-homes in the outer metropolitan area and in the country.

All reunions and other functions are written up in detail and sent out in newsletters. What started as a service to those who could not attend reunions for one reason or another has now led to the newsletter being sent to some 30 members.

Old sappers never die - they simply fade away ....

**Hollywood redevelopment update**

Hollywood Private Hospital's $20 million refurbishment in stage one is now well under way.

The new accommodation block of the main hospital and the foyer are taking shape – the three floors have been constructed and the atrium effect of the main foyer is now easy to see. The accommodation will feature 120 beds in four wards, containing mostly single rooms. The date for admitting patients to the new block is 1 May 1997.

Ground floor planning is almost completed, with provision for a 600-square metre Emergency Department, Intensive Care/Coronary Care Unit, catheterisation laboratory, additional operating theatres and a purpose-designed day-surgery/day-procedure unit. The Specialist Medical Centre Plans are also under way.

Meanwhile, the demolition of wards, 9,10,11 and 12 is complete, and construction is under way for the Hollywood Clinic, the new psychiatric unit to be opened 1 March 1997.

While redevelopment is a priority, the character and spirit of Hollywood will be retained.

Catherine Archer
Public Relations officer

*The Hollywood Private Hospital development takes shape.*
DARWIN REVISITED
by Len Williams, 11Bn, AIF

In May 1994 a party of some 18 members of WA's 13th Inf. Bde, AIF, WWII, accompanied by partners, revisited Darwin – 50 years after embarking from there for overseas duty. The visit was to enable them to take part in a ceremony to consecrate plaques at the Darwin War Memorial for the 11th, the 16th and the 28th Battalions, commemorating their service in Australia and New Britain.

A service chaplain and a bugler were kindly supplied by the Northern Territory Command and ABC Television recorded the proceedings, which were viewed by the public. It was a memorable and poignant occasion. Service medals were worn by the veterans and appropriate banners and flags were displayed.

The party stayed on for a week or so and enjoyed themselves, visiting old war-time sites etc. and sought out their camp locations, now merely old, weathered concrete pads hidden in the tall grass staged along the Stuart Highway, south of Darwin.

On one occasion, the 11th Bn group hired a bus for a visit to the War Cemetery at Adelaide River and on the way stopped off to try to locate their old battalion area. The following refers to that nostalgic trip:

FANTASY AT THE 51 MILE (NT)

The old man pandanus peered through the palm fronds adorning his shaggy head and looked towards the main road where a bus was disgorging a motley group of people. He spoke to the large weather-stained slab of ageing concrete spread out in front of him.:

"These look like tourists – but why are they stopping here? There's nothing to see! Not like the old days, when we were the centre of great activity. You were the Big Canteen then: soldiers swarmed about the place and there was lots of noise and action." He sighed: "It's been very peaceful these last 50 years or so since I was a mere slip of a plant . . . but I have missed those rowdy lads, who left to go who knows where."

The large slab, sporting clumps of tall grass from the many cracks and fissures, said nothing. Its front steps, up which many a foot had trodden, still remained, now overgrown. The round holes spaced around its perimeter showed were the bush poles had supported the roof under which beer, baccy and biscuits had been dispersed in its hey-day.

"I hope they are not going to cause trouble – light fires or chuck beer cans about and despoil our area and our tranquillity," thought the pandanus. "Here they come now, walking down our track, past the old parade ground, pointing here and there. Wonder what they are up to?"

The canteen slab remained stolid and silent. A blue-tongued lizard, curled up on its warm centre, yawned then wriggled off into obscurity as as a pair of kite-hawks circled menacingly on high. "Anyway most of our secrets are hidden in this waving sea of spear-grass," muttered the pandanus. A bungarra poked his head above the tall grass to have a look, and a boody-rat scampered up a sapling, out of reach of a predatory snake disturbed from its siesta. Luckily there had not been any recent fires to lay bare the concrete bones of the camp sites to inquisitive eyes.

The old palm watched in alarm as one of the tourists climbed through the track fence and stood in the middle of the pad. "Hey – this is the old Canteen site," he called out. The group gathered along the fence line. "That means 'B' Coy was over there, 'A' Coy area across the road, the parade ground, BHQ and the other companies further up." The others chorused their agreement.

The old pandanus stared incredulously at the group. "Cripes, I think I know that bloke – yes, and there's others I recognise from way back. That one with the bald head for sure. He had plenty of hair then. They're a lot older-looking and wrinkle-y – but then I'm not too flash myself. Hey, welcome back fellas."

The group ignored him and he felt sad that he could not communicate with them. "Where are the rest of them now, I wonder – spread far and wide I guess, and I suppose many have passed on, like a lot of my generation mates." He looked around at old stumps and ancient, fire-blackened palm trunks lying on the ground.

After a while the cheerful, chattering group rejoined their bus and sped off along the highway. The 51-mile area settled back into its peaceful solitude, the silence broken only by the rapid-fire-clicking of the cicadas and the whispering of the tall grasses in the breeze. "I'm still going to miss those boisterous beggars" said the old man pandanus huskily. "I doubt we will ever see each other again." Suddenly he felt old and tired and his fronds drooped. The blue-tongued lizard crept up comfortably beside him, and time stood still . . .

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From the National President

The letter printed below has been received from the National President, Major General W.B. 'Digger' James.

I write to you, and through you to all members of the RSL, to advise you of the serious decisions that we should be looking at making in respect to the long term future of the Returned & Services League of Australia.

By this I mean that, as you all know, the very large proportion of the RSL membership is made up of World War II servicemen; of course, they are now of the average age of some 75 years and inevitably their numbers will deplete, and deplete quite rapidly, over the next 10 to 15 years.

Some four or five years ago a very major decision was made to change the title, and indeed membership of the league, by adding the word ‘and’ between Returned Services, enabling the League to accept for membership servicemen whose qualification was service in the armed forces of Australia, or allied armies, for a period of not less that six months, be it in regular or reserve employment. This has been a very wise decision, I believe, but we now need to look further for the future of our League.

By way of background, I think it is important to recognise that the League is a major and important element in Australian society, and I believe all members would agree with me that the League, and its importance, must be maintained well into the future.

I am of the belief that, in general terms, the League has three roles: the first being to look after the veteran and his dependants. The second, as embodied in our motto – The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance – is to lobby government to maintain a high quality defence force as a deterrent against war and hopefully to prevent war. The third major objective of the League, I see, can be summed up in calling it ‘Welfare of Australia’. By this I think we all understand that the League has felt since its origins, and it is policy, the need to speak up on major issues affecting the welfare of our nation. We have done this many times in regard to our attitudes towards immigration; our attitudes toward the family, our attitudes towards pornography, homosexuality and many other items that seriously affect the health of our nation.

These three roles, I think, should be maintained for as long as our country survives. For I see the RSL, in fact I am convinced the RSL, with its broad-based membership coming from every walk of life, all levels of education, all shades of political opinion and all religious groups coming together to look after our men and women and families and defend our country, is perhaps the most representative group of Australians one could find. For this, I see it as vital that we must look at ways now to ensure our future viability by way of membership.

With this in mind I would ask you to seriously consider now before the various State Congresses so that you are able to debate this topic, and I would put the following points that perhaps should be considered as a way to assist the League and its future.

- Firstly, we should be aiming to increase our membership by the recruitment of Australian personnel who served in what used to be called the Citizen Military Force, now called the Army Reserve. I believe there are probably many, many thousands in this category who would be very happy to become full members of the League, but we have not actively recruited them at the grass-roots level. I would ask you to seriously consider moving very actively in this regard and promote whatever activities are required to help that form of membership.

- Secondly, I believe we should seriously consider associate membership coming into the League, as presently happens in some of our States. This would allow people who, whilst they don’t fulfil the requirements for our current membership, maintain and believe in the work of the RSL, our objects and aims. They can perhaps be called Friends of the League. In South Australia this is quite an active form of membership, and it is done at the sub-branch level. These members do not have voting rights in regard to league policy, but have voting rights and involvement in activities of the sub-branch. I think this concept has great value and could be improved and widened throughout the League.

An important element of this concept is the national Executive motion 19 of 28 November 1995, which approved the establishment of a new by-law to the National Articles of Association for the formation of a ‘Citizens’ Auxiliary’. The article to read:

CITIZENS’ AUXILIARIES

1. Each State Branch may form within its jurisdiction such Citizens’ Auxiliaries as it may consider necessary or desirable.

2. The Constitution and Rules of each Citizens’ Auxiliary shall not have effect until approved by the State Branch authorising its foundation and no alteration shall be made thereto unless the same shall have been approved in writing beforehand by that State Branch.
3. The Constitution and Rules of each Citizens’ Auxiliary shall not be inconsistent with the Articles of the League or with the State Branch having jurisdiction over it.

4. Each Citizens’ Auxiliary shall carry out and further the objects of the League and be bound by its Standing Policy. In addition, it shall promote that Standing Policy within its jurisdiction.

- The other initiative I think we should be looking at is the membership of our RSL clubs, the majority of whom have memberships in the clubs, but in fact are not members of the RSL, and under the present rules are probably not so entitled. It seems to be that we should be looking at that vast number around Australia who freely enjoy the camaraderie and facilities of the RSL and Services clubs, and presumably would agree in the ethic and attitudes of the RSL. It seems to me a vast number of people here could be invited to join the Citizens’ Auxiliary.

One of my concerns is, and I speak for the National Executive in this case, that the membership of the clubs indeed seems, sadly, to be separate to the work of the League, and I think we should work hard to bring the two together. I don’t have the solutions, but I think if we put our minds together we could well see ways around this.

I ask you all to give serious consideration to this thorny problem; as I said at the beginning, there is a great need to look now at the future of our league.

May I wish you well in your service to the League and service to our nation. God bless you all.

W.B. Digger James.

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Hostel Care

Correspondence from the RSL National President to Minister for Veterans’ Affairs.

I seek your urgent attention to overturn one aspect of your Government’s budget that seriously affects not only many financially disadvantaged veterans and war widows but many elderly Australians of limited means. Effective from 1 July 1997, the Government will delete the Hostel Care Category from the proposed new resident classification system, resulting in the cessation of the Hostel Care subsidy.

Hostel Care is the lowest category applied to residents in the current system. These are people who are reasonably independent, but are not quite capable of looking after themselves: perhaps not eating proper meals, are probably socially isolated and generally requiring some type of physical and social support. Although these people do not yet require personal-care assistance, such as bathing, toileting, etc, they have been assessed by the ACAT teams as requiring hostel care and, consequently, have been provided with a hostel place when a suitable bed became available. Minister, I know this type personally – the old, long-serving professional privates and corporals who have lived in barracks for much of their lives and, quite frankly, need the camaraderie and support that this style of living provides.

The Government currently pays the hostel provider a daily subsidy for these financially disadvantaged Hostel Care resident of $2.90 per day. As of 1 July next year that subsidy ceases. I understand that this is part of the Government’s overall saving plan in aged care expenditure. What appears to be one of the smaller changes, estimated to save the Government 26 million dollars, it is, on closer inspection, one of the most insidious aspects of a relatively fair budget.

To implement this financial imposition on the people who are least able to carry the burden is a social injustice. The Hostel Providers cannot provide this care without the subsidy, and the people concerned are on basic pensions and certainly cannot afford to pay the increased fee which, in most cases, would have to be passed on to them. Whilst some of the more ‘affluent’ organisations may be able to carry the additional financial burden for a period of time, some will have to turn these people out immediately to find alternate accommodation.

Our social system has seen some major changes for the better during the past 30 or so years. Most Australians are now able to have at least a roof over their heads. This new imposition will throw us back to the days of derelicts living under bridges and in parks. Additionally, the boarding house industry will make an unfortunate resurgence. I’m sure you remember those unfortunate times as well as I do. This is certainly not progress and is certainly not good enough as far as the RSL is concerned.

One of the major aims and objectives of the RSL is “to provide for the sick and needy among those who have served and their dependants, including pensions, medical attention, homes and suitable employment”. These objectives were developed on the formation of the League in 1916 – it would be a dereliction of my duty as National President to neglect these objectives now.

Better health services for rural Western Australia

Speaking in parliament, the Minister for Veterans’ affairs said the Health Policy for the veteran community in rural and remote areas was another down-payment on the Government’s commitment to improving services in rural Western Australia.

He said the policy would provide improved access to health care and support services, improved health education and preventive care, more flexible transport arrangements and better information services for veterans and their health care providers.

“These include preventive health care services through the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the provision of advance payments to veterans travelling for treatment, joint arrangements with the State government to provide specialist services, an information package detailing available entitlements and services and a pilot project in the Goldfields region to provide regular telephone contact at times of special need for veterans and war widows living alone.”

“Rural WA was a major source of recruitment for World War II and all subsequent conflicts. This health policy is one way we can honour the debt of gratitude we owe to those recruits and to other veterans who have since chosen to make their homes in rural Australia.”

“This policy is made up of practical solutions that can be implemented now within budget constraints,” Mr Scott said.

Dementia Training for Carers of Veterans

The Federal Government will fund the $400,000 National Dementia Care Training for Carers programme over two years. Under the programme, carers in metropolitan and rural and remote areas across Australia will undertake two-day training courses in dementia care.

The programme is a significant component of the Federal Government’s Health Policy for the veteran community in rural and remote areas announced recently in Federal Parliament.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Bruce Scott, said the training is designed to empower carers in the areas of assessment, management strategies, communications skills and stress management, and to ensure access to needed services and facilities.
“We need to acknowledge that carers too have needs, especially in the important job of caring for people with dementia. Carers should not feel guilty about expressing their needs and, more importantly, taking positive steps to meet them,” Mr Scott said.

“Veteran carers’ participation at such practical training opportunities will help them in the long term through sharing ideas with other carers, acquiring new knowledge and skills and easing the burden of care.”

**World Authority speaks about living with stress**

Professor Shalev says some people are predisposed to PTSD from events that have occurred in the past and re-exposure to trauma is a major precipitant. He says health professionals have a lot of progress to make in informing patients with prolonged PTSD that they may be ‘sensitive’ for the rest of their lives but they can learn to live with it.

“One can rarely heal, but sometimes alleviate pain, but always comfort and encourage. Prepare the patient for partial, but often very meaningful, results,” Professor Shalev said.

**Response from the Hon. Bruce Scott in reply to from Major General W.B. James’ concern:**

My department is well advanced in the development of policy and operational guidelines for a veterans’ Vocational Rehabilitation Scheme. The Scheme will provide services to veterans on the basis of assessed need and subject to the likelihood of sustainable employment.

The range of services offered will include case management, vocational/career guidance and counselling, and practical assistance in securing employment. Training to supplement existing skills may also be provided through short courses, TAFE enrolment and university courses at undergraduate level.

The Scheme will complement services currently available from the Department of Defence. It will provide special assistance to veterans separating from the Australian Defence Force (ADF), particularly for those who have not had access to the ADF resettlement process and such assistance is necessary to obtain or retain civilian employment.

I expect that legislation to put a permanent Vocational Rehabilitation Scheme in place, together with a pension safety net, will take effect on 1 July 1997. Access to current vocational rehabilitation support will continue until then. A draft policy framework for the scheme will be presented for discussion at the next meeting of the Younger Veterans Program Advisory Committee on which the RSL is represented.

**Discovering the benefits of palliative care - the Dutch experience**

Dr Ben Zylicz is the director of the first hospice in The Netherlands, a country where euthanasia is common but there is little palliative care. Hospice Rozenheuvel has been in existence for two years and has been a huge success. Even the Dutch Health Minister supports it and has initiated a National Policy on Palliative Care. “People in Holland have accepted, perhaps for the first time, that more can be done to help people die with dignity, that there is an alternative to euthanasia,” Dr Zylicz says. “Yet, in our daily practice we see many people who request euthanasia. For most of them it is a form of denying death. When they experience good, tender care they allow us to care for them until the end. They face their own death with great courage and they are proud of it.”

**National memorials for service-women and service nurses approved**

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and the Minister for Sport, Territories and Local Government recently announced that national memorials recognising the outstanding courage of service-women and service-nurses, have been given the green light.

A proposal developed by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia, to erect a memorial to service-nurses on Anzac Parade has been approved by the Canberra National Memorials Committee, clearing the way for the site to be dedicated early next year and a design competition to commence. The Federal Government has allocated $100,000 to the memorial.
"The memorial to service-nurses will recognise the contribution of Australia’s service-nurses who, for almost a century, have been demonstrating their courage and valour by bringing comfort and care to sick and wounded troops, in the face of prevalent and personal danger,” Mr Scott said.

Planning has also commenced for the development of a memorial to Australia’s service-women, to be located in the sculpture garden of the Australian War Memorial, with the Federal Government contributing $150,000.

Mr Scott said the ex-service women’s community, the Office of Australian War Graves and the Australian War Memorial had already begun discussing the nature of the memorial and a co-ordinating committee would soon be formed to oversee design and construction.

Both memorials have received widespread support from the ex-service and general community, and were endorsed by the RSL in September this year at the League’s national conference.

Section 31 of the Veterans’ Affairs Act.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Bruce Scott, said: “I have been considering options to improve the quality of primary compensation claims management under the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the Act), and to expedite the handling of Veterans’ Review Board appeals. A recent initiative is the exercise to make greater use of procedures under section 31 of the Act.

As you know, another option, which was announced in the Budget context, is the Claims Assistance Grants Scheme, and I am writing to request the help of your organisation in making sure this scheme is implemented with maximum benefit for the ex-service community.

Under the Claims Assistance Grants Scheme, grants will be made to ex-service organisations to enable them to acquire additional facilities and support staff if they can establish that they have appropriate experience and administrative infrastructure. With this assistance it is hoped the backlog of claims before the Veterans’ Review Board can be dramatically reduced both by the use of section 31 review and by finalising those cases confirmed as going to the Board as quickly as possible.”

BARBARA CLINTON
Veterans’ Affairs Committee

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MEMORIES

How often does one hear “How difficult it was to sift through all the rubbish the old lady had accumulated before we could get her into a home or retirement village”? This remark (with variations) prompted me to send you an original verse.

My husband and I are both in our late seventies (he an ex-serviceman from the RAAF) and we enjoy reading The Listening Post and wish it continued success.

(MRS) NEROLI ROBERTS
Unit 20, Victoria Dist. Masonic Village
Milford Street, Geraldton WA

The Evergreen Heart

The stars are setting, the moon’s on the wane,
to the woman who sits alone in the dark
only the ghosts remain ... 
So, turn out the light,
the brightness might
frighten the phantoms away,
and she wants them to stay.

Turn out the light
Turn back the clock
Turn the key in the rusted lock
Turn to the page now yellowed with age.

Night takes her back to
people and places she knew,
and brings back a few
young faces.

But what has become
of those bright young faces?
Laughing eyes (with traces of tears)
Brave young hearts (with traces of fears)
What have they salvaged over the years?
Show me their souvenirs.

Tarnished medals from two World Wars,
gather dust in unused drawers.

Old love letters – read, and re-read
(far too much)
now crumble to the touch.
A silver shoe without a mate,
down at heel and out of date,
danced ‘til dawn on a ballroom floor
– before The Fall of Singapore ...

Medals and flowers, and crushed party caps,
patterned flowers, and dressed dolls, and “Box Brownie”

why does she keep them?

When the curtain comes down
at the end of the Play
it’s time to throw the program away
turn out the lights – and forget.

and yet –

When the once ripe body is withered and old
When even the embers of passion are cold,
The Evergreen Heart remembers.

The ears may be deaf
but the heart still hears

echoes of voices
down through the years.

Sunlight and laughter
(Moonlight and Dust)

The old heart grieves, because it must,
but the Evergreen Heart rejoices!

The stars are setting
The moon’s on the wane

to the woman who sits alone in the dark

only the ghosts remain.

So, turn out the light
the brightness might
frighten her phantoms away,
– and she wants them to stay ...

NEROLI ROBERTS

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BISHOP RILEY TROPHY
CITY OF PERTH RSL
HARVEY RSL CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES
BYO
DUDLEY PARK-Pt BOUVARD
BYO
MORRIE

Max O'Loughlin

Listening Venue: Doubleview Bowling Club Report at 9.30am

Reg Axford
Ian Gardner

Team Nomination: (Pairs accepted) $20 per team
Coach departs: Osbome Park Bowling Club at 6.30am
Contact Member: Max O’Loughlin or Ian Gardner

FEBRUARY 1997

February 7 – CLIFF SADLIER VC. MIXED FOURS
Sponsors: Osborne Park RSL Sub-Branch and Osborne Park Bowling Club
Venue: Osborne Park Bowling Club Report at 9.30am
Team Nomination: (Pairs accepted) $12 per team – BYO Lunch
Contact Member: Ray Ridley, Les Webb or Max O’Loughlin

Tuesday 18 – DARKAN CARNIVAL
Coach departs: Osborne Park Bowling Club at 6.30am
Manning Memorial Bowling Club at 7.00am
Team or Single Nomination: $20 per person
Contact Member: Les Webb or Max O’Loughlin

Friday 28 – GIN GIN CARNIVAL
Coach departs: Manning Memorial Bowling Club at 7.30am
Osborne Park Bowling Club at 8am
Team or Single Nomination: $20 per person
Contact Member: Max O’Loughlin or Ian Gardner

MARCH 1997

Friday 7 – TOWN AND COUNTRY MEN’S FOURS
Sponsors: North Beach RSL Sub-Branch
Town and Country Bank
Venue: North Beach Bowling Club Report: at 9.30am
Team or Single Nomination: $20 per team
BYO Lunch
Contact Member: Alf Price or Jim Middleton

Friday 14 – DUDLEY PARK-Pt BOUVARD MIXED FOURS
Coach departs: Manning Memorial Bowling Club at 8am
Osborne Park Bowling Club at 8.30am
Team Nomination: (Pairs accepted) $20 per person
Contact Member: Dudley Park – Max O’Loughlin
Pt Bouvard – Reg Axford

APRIL 1997

Wednesday 9 – MANDURAH MEN’S FOURS
Coach departs: Manning Memorial Bowling Club at 8am
Osborne Park Bowling Club at 8.30am
Team Nomination: (Single accepted) $20 per person
Contact Member: Les Webb or Ian Gardner

Friday 11 – LADIES DAY
Venue: North Beach Bowling Club Report 9.30am
Team Nomination: (Single accepted) $2 per person
Contact Member: Jim Middleton or Alf Price

Saturday 26 – MORRIE CREWE MEN’S FOURS
Sunday 27 – Sponsors: Yokine Bowling Club
Yokine-Joondanna RSL Sub-Branch
Open to all financial RSL Members
Venue: Yokine Bowling Club
Report: Saturday 26 at 1.00pm
Report: Sunday 27 at 9.30am BYO Lunch
Team Nomination: (Single accepted) $20 per team
Contact Member: Max O’Loughlin or Ian Gardner

MAY 1997

Saturday 17 – CITY OF PERTH RSL MIXED FOURS
Sunday 18 – BISHOP RILEY TROPHY
Sponsors: City of Perth RSL Sub-Branch and WA RSL State H/Qs
Venue: Osborne Park Bowling Club
Report: Saturday 17 at 1.00pm
Report: Sunday 18 at 9.30am BYO Lunch
Team Nomination: (Pairs accepted) $20 per team
HIGH TEA provided after final game
Contact Member: Max O’Loughlin, Les Webb, Ray Ridley

Sunday 18 – PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES
Prize winners of the below events are requested to attend at Osborne Park Bowling Club on Sunday afternoon 18 May, 1997 at approximately 4pm to receive their trophies from the respective Sponsors.
RSL Triples Championship – 1996/97
Town and Country Men’s Fours
Cliff Sadlier (VC) Mixed Fours
Morrie Crewe Men’s Fours

Section Headquarters
Royal Park Metropolitan Bowling Club, Cnr. Vincent and Charles Streets, North Perth Tel: 328 6964
The Match Committee reserves the right to alter or amend any fixture if deemed necessary.
THANK YOU

I would like to thank the RSL, especially Margot Harness and Margaret Ponta, for their understanding and direction in helping me in my claim for an increase in my pension.

Are other Veterans who are badly off missing out on their entitlements because they don’t know of these wonderful people?

I was due to go before the Veterans’ Review Board on 14 June. My advocate, Margaret Ponta, had left the RSL and I was put in the hands of Norm Johnson who unfortunately took sick leave and could not represent me at this time.

I had a week to go before I fronted the VRB and it looked as if I would have to represent myself when, out of the blue, I was contacted by Kott Gunning, Barristers and Solicitors, who were referred to me by the RSL.

So with the help of the RSL and their merry ladies, we won the battle.

Many thanks to you all.

AUB COVERLEY
12 Victoria Street, Redcliffe 6104

REQUEST FROM ISRAEL

A long-term resident of Israel, I am presently researching and writing a book which deals, amongst other matters, with the role which the Anzacs played in the eastern Mediterranean during World War I and World War II.

It is my contention that the Anzacs played a very real and significant role in aiding and preserving the restoration of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland Eretz Israel (the Land of Israel).

I would be grateful if any members of the 6th, 7th and 9th Division AIF who served in the Middle East region would be willing to forward copies of any materials, written accounts etc. of their time in this region and interaction with Jewish people and Jewish soldiers. The same could apply to any family members of men who served in the Light Horse during World War I.

My research has included a number of trips during the last few years, not only around Israel, but also to northern Africa, Gallipoli, the Sinai, and soon to Greece and Crete. I am willing to provide you with more details of my research and writing if you are interested.

Incidentally, two of my uncles served in this region; one is buried in North Africa, while the other, and my father, fought in the Pacific theatre.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

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BOOK REVIEWS

THIS MAGIC LAND
Ken Clift DCM

Ken Clift, the author of a number of books depicting service people and service units/battalions, has now turned to movie production. This Magic Land is a series of documentary-type movies of approximately 40 minutes' duration and covers such topics and people as "Anzacs our Version", "Tiger Story of a Commando", "Sister Anne, a Nursing Sister", "Australian Light Horse", "AIF France", "Australian Flying Corp" and "Wally and Warsaw Polish Partisans". It also includes Australian sporting legends "Les Darcy", "Victor Trumper", "Walter Lindrum", "Boy Charlton", "Phar Lap" and many more typical Australian themes.

Totalling more than 40 segments of a diverse nature, it is dedicated to those who fought in all the wars, to great sportsmen and women and to the people of Australia. It is indeed a story of Australia. The book is available to all who purchase shares in this movie production. For investors receive (a) $25.00 share, (b) $25.00 tax deduction (c) copy of This Magic Land.

Enquiries to: This Magic Land Film Trust Account
Unit 1, 5 Carlisle Street, Bondi NSW 2026
or ring Ken Clift on mobile 018 644 699
Shares at $25.00 each plus $2.50 per share for postage and packing.

IF LOVE WERE ALL
By Stephen Payne

Berlin, Duisberg, Karlsruhe, Dortmund, Aachen, Stuttgart, Leipzig, Frankfurt, Munich, Koblenz and Rheims are just place names to many of us. They, and many more, are the final resting places for many former Air Crew of 626 Squadron, Bomber Command of World War II.

Among the many members were a number of Australians and this book depicts some of the life endured by three such air crew: Noel Belford (22), from Taree in NSW, Rob Gould (32), of Geraldton, and an Englishman, Arthur Lee (22) from High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

They trained in numerous places including Temora in NSW, the Empire Air Training Scheme in Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. From Tiger Moths to Cessna Cranes to their first bomber, a Wellington, they trained hard until ready for combat duty.

626 Squadron was formed on 7 November 1943 at Wickenby in Lincolnshire. Their first operation as members of a crew was in a Lancaster called Victor 2 on November 23 to Berlin. The aircraft had completed 60 operations before this crew took over and their experiences had to be seen to be believed.

THE STORY OF THE RAAF NURSING SERVICE, 1940-1990
by Gay Halstead

A Superb historical book on the RAAF Nursing Service from 1940 to 1990.

This book highlights some of the dramatic incidents, poignant episodes and amusing anecdotes from the RAAF Nursing Service.

The book, with hard, cover, over 500 pages and approx 700 photographs, covers:
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- the development of RAAF hospitals and station sick quarters throughout Australia
- the sisters and medical officers, medical orderlies and WAAAF with whom they served
- escort duties for E.A.T.A. Air Crew to USA & Canada
- Medical evacuation from World War II New Guinea, post war evacuation of POWs through to the hostilities in Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and the mercy flights of the present day
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ON THE LONG ROAD BACK
"by DIGGER TRENCH"
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This non-fiction illustrated book is $8.00 including pack and post.

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In January 1944 the war ended for them. Returning after a successful bombing raid on Stettin a German Me110 attacked and a number of cannon shells struck their aircraft: it crashed near the village of Katzenelnbogen, sough east of Koblenz in Germany. Only Arthur Lee survived the crash; he was taken by a 20-year-old German soldier to his home. After being attended to be a doctor a Luftwaffe
The book contains details of the three men’s early lives, their marriages and finally their enlistments. During the war some 60,000 members of Bomber Command died, including 5000 Australians.

All proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to: World War Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief: PO Box 256 Kippax ACT 2615.

Price: $16.95 including postage and is available from the above to whom cheques should be made payable.

MIKE HALL

ACROSS THE YEARS,
ACROSS THE SEAS

Kerime Kilicoglu

This story covers the lives of three generations of Turkish women, giving an insight into their customs, tradition and culture. Beginning in Gallipoli during World War I, it tells of a love affair between an Australian soldier and Turkish-Bulgarian beauty, of their separation due to war and of their desire to find each other again.

Their illegitimate daughter takes up the story and shows how her education and determination help to find her family. Brief contrasts can be found between life on a rugged goat farm in Gallipoli and life on an Australian sheep station. There is the warmth of families being reunited and friendships formed. It is the story of achievement by a young woman who develops into an ambitious and successful doctor and of her love affair with (and loyalty to) a young Turkish lawyer. The harsh criticism she received because she was a love-child, through no fault of her own, is also portrayed. She copes with the invasion of the Press and ultimately finds happiness and respect, thus indicating that love has no boundaries of culture or creed.

Well presented, this book does not take long to read and allows the reader to reflect on other cultures and the will to succeed.

Available from Turkish Rose Nursery Pty Ltd, Lot 5, Cumming Road, Oakford, WA 6113. Tel: 439 1346.

R.D. MERCER

A BUGGER TO GO
by Reg Howard

In this autobiography the author looks at the depression years through the eyes of a very young boy: the lessons he learnt while looking after and fending for himself stood him in good stead during the hardships he suffered while a POW in Germany.

Reg Howard grew up in Three Springs during the depression and, aged 14, moved to Wiluna to work as a telegram messenger. Obviously very naive, and lonely...
for company, he sought the company of the old miners camped near the Wiluna mines: fortunately he soon realised that this was not a wise decision.

Reg then turned his attention to the friendlier atmosphere of the hotels for a beer after work but this newfound pleasure brought criticism from his superior. He resigned and returned to Three Springs. When war was declared he enlisted and was sent to the Middle East and not long after arriving he was captured by the Germans. He relates his experiences and the harsh treatment suffered during three long years as a POW in various camps across Germany.

After the war, Reg returned to WA and worked with the Repatriation Department but soon moved into the cartage contracting business, becoming very successful through hard work and long hours. By this time Reg had married and had three young daughters, unfortunately this type of employment took its toll on his marriage. Reg now enjoys being retired and writing poetry – samples of which can be found interspersed throughout his book.

An easy to read book, it is available from the publisher, Access Press, PO Box 132 Northbridge 6865 or through leading booksellers. Recommended retail price $20.

GEOFF TANNER

MASTERS OF BATTLE
Selected Great Warrior Classes
by John Willcox

In this interesting and informative book the author selects just six military classes which he proposes as elite performers amongst generations of warriors of races, creeds and colours.


Naturally these selections are bound to cause discussion and some heated argument with readers having their own ideas of candidates. In fairness to John Willcox, he does not claim these are the only superstars among military performers, but a selection of great warrior classes.

With pertinent detail, this book certainly makes the reader reconsider the role of the specialist warrior in history. The Vikings are described as the ‘best marines’ and the riflemen of Saratoga as the ‘finest sharpshooters’.

A criterion of this book is that each type of warrior must have changed the course of history in ways which affected his country, or even perhaps the world, to this day.

Divided into six parts, with 37 sections, this 224-page book is supported by 24 photographs and three maps. Throughout it stresses not the achievements of generals and admirals, but the capability of ordinary people to do extraordinary things when the call comes.


It is distributed in Australia by Capricorn Link, PO Box 6651, Baulkham Hills, NSW 2153.

VIC JEFFERY.
Executive members are busy packing parcels ready for delivery to hospitals, nursing homes and residents at the War Veterans' Home. Donations and support from Auxiliaries for Christmas Cheer are very much appreciated; thank you all for helping up to spread a little joy and happiness to ex-service people.

In August Mrs Fisher and I attended the Victoria Women’s Council’s 63rd annual conference at the Mornington RSL. It was interesting to hear that other Auxiliaries raise their money much the same way as we do. The State President Mr B. Ruxton officially opened the conference. In his address he spoke of extensions and new building in progress and the need for Auxiliaries to carry on their work and support for the ex-service men and women in all areas, not just in Victoria but all over Australia.

Executive members and I have attended lunches at Belmont, Rockingham, Murray Districts and Bedford-Morley Auxiliaries. Mr Taylor and I were guests at the Armadale Sub-Branch annual dinner and I attended the Armadale Auxiliary meeting.

Certificates of Service were presented to Mrs J. Neil, Mrs V. Putland (Belmont Auxiliary), Mrs B. Giles (Murray/District), Mrs M. Coleman and Mrs Y. Holloway (Armadale Auxiliary).

I also presented Life Membership Certificate and Badge to Mrs M. Kilgallon (Belmont Auxiliary) and Mrs V. Ellis (Murray/Districts). Congratulations to you all.

I extend Christmas wishes to all Auxiliary members, Sub-Branch members and kindred organisations and hope that 1997 will be a fruitful and prosperous year for everyone.

M. TAYLOR
State President

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**LOST TRAILS**

Jim Dodds

I am trying to find out if my pilot on Kitty Hawk Y of 450 Sgdn RAAF based at Cervia and Lavariano, Italy, in 1945 is still alive: Sergeant Pilot Jim Dodds. In 1947, Jim lived at 7 Merriwa Street, Nedlands and, pre- and post-war, worked in a post office.

If anyone knows Jim’s present address, I would very much appreciate their contact me:

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Ladies’ Winner VAL MARSHALL
WAR VETERANS' HOMES

The old Chinese curse of “may you live in interesting times” has certainly been applicable in the area of aged care in the past few months. The government’s proposed restructuring of the aged care sector as contained in the federal budget has been the cause of considerable debate. On the one hand, it has the potential for the RSL War Veterans’ Homes to achieve a long standing objective. On the other hand, considerable doubts have been raised about the long term capital funding and details of implementation.

Through resolutions at successive State Congresses, the League has called for authority to construct a C Class Hospital at Mt Lawley. Under its proposals, the government intends to eliminate the distinction between hostels and nursing homes and create a new entity called aged care facilities. This concept will mean that the War Veterans’ Homes could in the future provide a full range of personal care, including the range of support normally associated with a C Class hospital or nursing home.

As you are aware, plans are currently in hand to replace the frail aged facility, Howes Wing, at Mt Lawley. Rather than delay the project until the detail of the proposed aged care changes becomes available later in 1997, it has been decided to maintain the project time-lines to take advantage of the $1.9 million in government capital funding. The decision has been taken, therefore, to construct a new facility to incorporate 22 places to current nursing home standards. This means that the new Howes Wing will have three 10-bed clusters for personal care and two 11-bed clusters for nursing home care.

Resident transfer to temporary facilities at Mt Lawley, demolition of the existing facilities and site clearing will begin as scheduled between Christmas and New Year. The challenge facing the RSL will be to obtain the funding to cover the gap between the $1.9 million available from Health and Family Services and the $3.5 million which the complex is expected to cost. Some funding might be available from the Lotteries Commission and DVA, but the onus will be on the RSL to support a project which the members, through resolutions at State Congress, have always said was a high priority.

The Homes continue to benefit from innovative and supportive programmes initiated by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. All staff at Mt Lawley and Mandurah have had the opportunity to attend dementia care training paid for by DVA through the Sir James McCusker Training Programme. Other ex-service hostel providers also participated in this well-received and well-presented programme. In addition, ex-service organisations providing hostel care will benefit from DVA-funded management reviews which will further assist in the development of strategic plans, site utilisation studies and areas for further programme development. These studies will be of great assistance to the Board as an input for long-term decision-making.

One of the initiatives of the Board has been to encourage a wider use of facilities available at War Veterans’ locations, be they club amenities, meeting rooms or recreational areas. In addition, Mt Lawley has a 100-seat chapel which is available for memorial services or perhaps a grand-daughter’s wedding. Some catering services are also available. Ex-service organisations are encouraged to consider using these facilities.

The focus of resident interest is now being directed towards Remembrance Day and then Christmas. The Board, staff and residents work together to ensure a festive Christmas atmosphere where no-one is forgotten or isolated, even if distant from family and friends. Please consider joining us for Christmas lunch and sharing the day with your mates.

KEN MURPHY
Chairman

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Vale – Eric Stallard

Eric Stallard, who died on 10 October at the age of 73, originally lived in New South Wales and served during World War II with the 36th Infantry Battalion, which took him into some of the major campaigns in New Guinea.

He came to WA in 1966 and worked as an accountant for most of his life. He was a life subscriber to the RSL and became a prominent member of Applecross Sub-Branch as Secretary in 1986 and Secretary-Treasurer until 1990, editing its newsletter “O-Pip” during that period. Local members also recall his energy and drive in the establishment and dedication of the Memorial at Melville City in 1988.

Eric will be best known to the readers of The Listening Post by his contributions in 1990: Militia Battalions on the Kokoda Track (in three parts), and the following in conjunction with Ward Curedale: The Holding War (1991), South-West Pacific Area, 1943 (1992-93) and Finschhafen – The Australian Triumph (1993-94). He was still providing articles of interest – Goodbye to all that – until the Autumn issue, 1996.

Eric is survived by two sons, Richard and Gavin.
MAX REYNOLDS
Secretary.

BELMONT

We are proud of what this Sub-Branch has achieved during 1996 through the efforts of the Women’s Auxiliary members and, of course, the member volunteers, bar staff and especially the “Dad’s Army” group.

It would be very much appreciated if all those Sub-Branch members and friends who receive The Listening Post but not The Belmont Bugle, and who send in their subscriptions to but hardly ever come into the club house, make a special effort to attend one of our general meetings. They are held on the third Sunday at 10.30 am, followed by a free lunch. The volunteer workers of the Sub-Branch would like to meet the “silent” members, in whose interests they work very hard. Mark your calendar NOW! Put a circle around the third Sunday and write “RSL 10.30 am”. Bring a mate along with you as we need some new members.

Thanks to the members who run the bowling and fishing clubs – such as Brian Wake, Max Britton, Wendy Jackson and Mitch Cadden – these are thriving. Their donations to the Sub-Branch are very much appreciated. The fishing club even donated new television and video sets, for which members are very grateful. And how can we express our thanks to the Women’s Auxiliary? Do they ever rest? This year’s donations have been absolutely wonderful, including their magic donation of a new computer, with all the associated equipment. Thanks, ladies! It was also noted in the last issue of The Listening Post that our Women’s Auxiliary were “tops” and won the metropolitan cup with 45 points. How is that for an effort?

Unfortunately we have lost a few more members – J. Burns, L. Wheatley, A. Douglas and F. Hale – and we extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

The November/December issue of The Belmont Bugle is available at the Club. Pick up a copy when you come to the meeting. Previous issues are also available.

The Belmont Sub-Branch is alive and well and there are many items on the programme for 1997.
CARL F. CAUBO
Publicity Officer

BUNBURY

Plans for the hall front extension are well under way, with a 99% certainty of final approval. It is hoped to have the work completed before next Anzac Day, opening the way for the formation of a day club, which would provide amenities for members’ use and possibly lead to longer opening hours.

Our ladies were hosted at a dinner in October as a gesture of appreciation for their tremendous effort throughout the year.

Monthly luncheons are as popular as ever, with an average of 70-plus attending.

Our Welfare Committee continues its good work, with cases being referred to Bunbury from all over the State – and their “strike rate” is pretty good as well. This is what the RSL is all about so if you have any pension enquiries or think that it should be reassessed and upgraded, then give the committee a call.

Membership has never been better, thanks to Alf Mort, who never misses an opportunity. Despite our ageing membership, we broke new ground in 1996 with an all-time record and are now heading for 500 paid-up members.

Don’t forget those meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7.30 pm sharp.
ALF MAINSTONE, Trustee
Sub-Branch News cont.

COCKBURN

In the midst of debate, and a special general meeting to decide whether to accept the City of Cockburn’s offer of lease of the Memorial Hall, the Social Committee pulled off the success of the year – the Spring Cabaret, which was attended by eighty six members and guests. They were treated to the talents of Peter Evans, whose great impersonations of Elvis Presley brought the rock-and-roll legend to life.

One group of entertainers – The Kangaroo Cloggers – had people wondering. For most members the name itself conjured up some weird ideas of what to expect. The end result was a standing ovation for the performance of the three female dancers – their timing, footwork and dance routine were first class. No doubt we will see more of them in the future.

A big vote of thanks goes to Stephanie Clark and her small group, who now organise our social functions. Future events include our annual dinner dance at the Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall on 23 November and the children’s Christmas party on 8 December, with Santa Claus, the Fire Brigade and numerous other forms of entertainment. A New Year’s Eve Party with a fancy dress theme, a piper and a haggis, will be a fitting finale to a successful 1996.

Rumour has it that 1997 will commence on a high with a Hawaiian Night in February. Imagine a side of pork wrapped in a banana leaf and cooked in a pit – reminiscent of “Hawaiian Eye”.

On a more serious note, the Sub-Branch needs the support of all members – indeed of all ex-service personnel in the district – to support the Sub-Branch and all its activities, which are planned for your enjoyment. We also have a vision for the future, which may mean changes and improvements to our existing premises. With your help the Sub-Branch will succeed, as will the future of the RSL.

ARTHUR STANTON

GERALDTON

Vietnam veteran Derek Andrews, who lost a mate, Lt David Paterson, from C-Company of 3 RAR in Vietnam said it was pleasing to see 45 veterans at the Geraldton observance of Vietnam Veteran’s Day. He read a message from Geraldton veteran, Bob Bandy, who was attending a VV convention in Tasmania with Junior Vice-President, Kevin Forrest.

WA lost 60 veterans in Vietnam, including four from the mid west – Cpl Les McDonnell, of Northampton; Pte Murray Clark and PO Ray Hunt, both of Geraldton; and Cpl Ron Harris, of Mullewa. In addition, Michael Birch, of Geraldton and three other war correspondents were killed in Viet Cong ambush, even though they had identified themselves in Vietnamese as newsmen.

Kath Sanders, who in 1994 became our first Land Army member and Jess Parke received Civilian Service Medals from MHR Wilson Tuckey at a ceremony at the Civic Centre. Their late husbands also served in World War II – Kath’s in the Army and Jess’s in the Navy.

An Honour Roll, with the names of 126 Geraldton railwaymen who served their country in World War I, has been added to the War Museum display section at Birdwood House. They include Capt W.C. Robinson, of the 10th Light Horse Regiment, who in 1917 became the first president of what is now Geraldton City Sub-Branch (originally, a branch of the Returned Soldiers’ Association).

An earth-moving firm has been congratulated on clearing a large area next to the RSL Village in support of a joint venture by the Port Grey Lions’ Club and Geraldton War Veterans’ Homes.

Members of our Sub-Branch were among those who paid their final tribute at the funerals of Viv Simpson andFred Mallard, both of the Northampton Sub-Branch. Viv received the National Meritorious Medal at State Congress, and a 90-year-old Fred and his six brothers served in the armed services and were featured in the Aboriginal Exhibition at the Geraldton Museum during Australia Remembers. Two of Fred’s sons also served their country – Gavin in Korea and Allan in Vietnam.

PETER BARDEN

PRO

MANDURAH

November, a very busy month for this Sub-Branch, started with the Melbourne Cup and included the annual dinner on the 30th. Mandurah has been considered a place of retirement, yet this year we are taking poppies to 17 local schools.

An old Mandurah resident, Wally Fletcher, who has been living in Exmouth, has shifted to the RSL Hostel in Geraldton. Wally is a World War I Navy man and he has a lot of tales to tell. We wish him well and know he is in good hands.

WYN HOLDING

NORTH BEACH

The Sub-Branch regretfully reports the death of well-respected member John Tindale. He served with the 2/10 Armoured Regiment and after obtaining his commission joined the 2/11 Armoured Car Regiment.

John, who was well known as a teacher in the south-west before being posted as Deputy Head at Deanmore School, Scarborough, gave invaluable assistance in the production of the 77 page history of this Sub-Branch. He-
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was a very keen lawn bowler and will be sadly missed by his friends.

At our Sub-Branch meeting on 1 October we heard from the following guest speakers:

Derrick Jacquet, DVA – various topics;
Karen Marshall, DVA – home visiting and caring;
Sandy Vidot, DVA – financial information; and
Murray Francon, from Francon and Associates of Wanneroo – wills and other legal topics.

FRANK HEATH

NORTHAMPTON

Vale: Vivien Mervyn Simpson

It is with deep that we report the death of our esteemed member, Mr Vivian Mervyn Simpson.

He joined the League in 1946 and his dedication to the aims and objectives of the League, together with his involvement in civic and community affairs culminated in his being awarded the League’s highest honour, The Meritorious Medal.

Details of his award were printed in the Spring 1996 Listening Post.

Lest We Forget.

PORT KENNEDY

During our first year of operations, we held services on Remembrance Day, Anzac Day and Vietnam Veteran’s Day all of which were enjoyed and with excellent attendances.

Some of our members went to the Vietnam Veterans’ Service in Tasmania.

On our first anniversary – 25 August 1996 – we were presented with our Charter by the State President, Mr Len Turner. This was followed by an enjoyable social gathering.

Presentations to the club included a painting, “Shelter In The Sun” from the writer and her husband, and pennants, plaques and the Honour Roll of Australian Personnel in Vietnam given by Rooty Hill RSL Club Inc. and Rooty Hill RSL Sub-Branch, NSW.

It seems that the this Sub-Branch has quite a large number of members who have been members of, or have visited, Rooty Hill RSL Club since it opened on 6 June 1972. We hope that we may become even half as successful as they are, and we are proud of the link.

The Sub-Branch took part in Poppy Day this year, covering Port Kennedy and surrounding districts.

S.A. MONCRIEFF

PR Officer

Returned Ex-Servicewomen

True Stories of Vietnam

Mrs Joan Dowson, MBE, OAM, as Convenor, and assisted by her hard-working committee, held a luncheon on 12 August at Anzac House to raise funds for the Poppy Day lunch organised by the Returned Ex-Servicewomen’s Sub-Branch.

Members of the Red Cross Service Corps in their smart red and navy uniforms helped in many ways, and we heard from a variety of guest speakers.

His Excellency the Governor, Major General Jeffery, AO, MC, gave us a lead-up of political conditions and how Vietnam and South-East Asia were saved from communism. He spoke very highly of the use of helicopters and of how casualties were rescued and treated in less than an hour. Two men who had lost their legs were rescued promptly and within months were on their new legs welcoming casualties in Sydney to demonstrate how injuries could be overcome. HMAS Sydney, Perth and various other units received US commendations for their work. The Governor also gave high praise to troops in Vietnam.

Wing-Cdr Ella Bone, ARRC, RAAF Nursing Service, recalled the evacuation of casualties by Hercules aircraft. Patients were loaded into bunks of four or five tiers and had to be positioned according to the nursing care required for their respective injuries – i.e. drips, splints, etc. They were first taken to Butterworth, re-assessed and then sent to Richmond Air Base, NSW, a 14-hour flight.

Lt-Cdr Alex Donald, DSC, Commanding Officer Clearance Diving Team No 3, who searched the hulls of ships for mines and cleared mines from tunnels and barricades, had some hair-raising stories to relate.
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Lt-Cdr Mayo, RAN, a pilot working with the US, gave and account of crashing in a helicopter; though he was thrown out of the glass bubble in the front of the machine, there were no casualties, thanks to the manufacturer Mr Bello.

Paul Kelly, “PK” of the Vietnam Veterans’ Motor-cycle Club, told of tragedies but also recounted lighter incidents. His wife once sent him some cans of amber fluid inside a birthday cake!

Brigadier Russell Lloyd, OBE, MC, Commanding Officer Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam, 1969, told of walking for miles to get to know the conditions. His battalion was very highly decorated and he submitted two of the citations for VC awards, both of which are displayed in Anzac House. (Brigadier Lloyd is the son of our late sub-branch member, Mrs Muriel Lloyd, VAD (World War I) and the late Brigadier Lloyd).

CECILE HINTON, BEM

Rivervale-Carlisle

The two Sub-Branches amalgamated 25 years ago this year. To celebrate, a special pre-Christmas dinner was held on 24 November. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Even the slightest whisper that our Sub-Branch is reaching the point of folding should be dismissed as ridiculous – even mischievous! In fact we are forging ahead.

The aims of the League are being well targeted, and we are making it known that we are not only alive and in touch but also extremely active. This applies not only to our members but also to veterans and the community generally. Our monthly dinners are popular and in spite of adverse weather lately, Monday night bingo continues, with attendances on the improve. The lease of our premises from the Belmont Council has been renewed for the next ten years.

We are pleased to report that a motion put forward by this Sub-Branch was responsible for thwarting efforts to have State Congress by-passed on certain essential matters. Again we are looking forward to having keen delegates appointed to State Congress to make their presence felt. In all things, including rules and regulations and National and State Congress, we must maintain Eternal Vigilance.

TOM GRIFFITH
President (Tel: 361 8738)

Scarborough

Despite a cold and wet winter, there has been an excellent turn-out at our meetings. Dorothy Devaney in her welfare report made a special mention of the many ladies who attended, even though some of them had not been very well. Chase Ding had a by-pass and Doreen Barrett and Barbara Crisp had serious illnesses, but all are now on the mend. Dorothy sent birthday cards to Jack Rainoldi (82), Howard Grafton (83), and Alf Brown (85).

Sadly, we lost another member, Alan Hogan, who passed away in September. Alan had managed to appear, in a wheelchair, at one of our meetings after a long incapacitating illness. Jack Considine has had a hip replacement and a bone graft. The Sub-Branch has purchased a collapsible walking-frame from the Amelioration Fund to help his wife Hillary keep him mobile.

The Sub-Branch kept up its long bowling tradition by sponsoring the RSL Bowls Triples, and has confirmed its long-standing sponsorship of the Doubleview Bowling Club’s commencement carnival. Most of our members are bowlers and meetings are held in the clubhouse.

President Wally Evans greeted Ted Sharp, visiting us for the first time from Ballarat Sub-Branch, and visitor Bob Sheppard. Also Noel Whyte, who has been off sick for some time, was given a warm welcome back.

There were messages of thanks to the volunteers who worked hard to tidy up the gardens of older members; some find the task beyond them.

Secretary Doug Piggott expressed his disappointment that the visit to Whiteman Park had to be cancelled through lack of support, though the Casino trip was well patronised and enjoyed by all.

PETER STUBBS

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President: Mr J.E. Mayers, 15 Finlay Ct, Rivervale, WA 6103. Tel: 478 2071. Secretary: Mr R. Bruce, 2/159 Fitzroy Road, Rivervale, WA 6103. Tel: 362 3597. Meetings to be held on 1st Tuesday each month at Anzac House at 11.00am.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC.
General meeting held at Anzac House at 1.00pm, first Tuesday each month, except January. Secretary: Mr Maurice John Rinaldi (Maurie), 35 Weaponos Road, Scarborough 6019, Tel: 341 6151.

PEGASUS (AIRBORNE FORCES) ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)
President: Don Newman, Tel: 246 1738. The Hon. Secretary: John Hately, 14 Purley St, Bayswater 6053, Tel: 279 8626. General meetings held at Riverton RSL first Sunday of every third month, commencing February at 2.00pm. Informal luncheon meetings first Wednesday of every month 12 noon, Anzac Club, Perth. Ladies welcome both meetings.

POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN’S ASSOCIATION SUB-BRANCH No. 9.
President: Dr W. Gorski, OAM, Tel: 387 7347. Secretary: S. Zalewski, Tel: 274 6280. Hon Treasurer: Z. Slowinski, Tel: 298 8426. Correspondence to 33 Eighth Avenue, Maylands 6051.

RAAF ASSOCIATION MANDURAH BRANCH
President: Ron Lopaten, Tel: 535 7830. Secretary: Trevor Martin, Tel: 537 7101. Clubrooms: Phone & Fax: 535 8217, 0900-1200 hrs, Tues to Thurs. Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 133 Mandurah Tce, Mandurah (May-Oct at 1330 hrs), (Nov-Apr - 1500 hrs). All correspondence: PO Box 1015, Mandurah 6210.

RAAF 467-463 LANCASTER SQUADRONS ASSOCIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA
President: Mr Ron Smith, 63 Camm Ave, Bullcreek 6149, Tel: 332 3318. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr Kevin McGrath, 8 Appian Way, Hamersley 6022, Tel: 342 6554. Meetings: Four times a year at the RAAF Association, Bullcreek.

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Kevin Scott, 24 Wilberforce St, Mt Hawthorn 6016, Tel: 444 4655. Secretary: Mr W.C. (Bill) Mahab, 272 Marmion St, Palmyra 6157. Tel: 339 2187. Meetings: Committee meets second Tuesday each month at 1pm at the Anzac Club.

REGULAR DEFENCE FORCES WELFARE ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Sqn Ldr T.F. Agnew. Secretary: WO1 B.F. Cooper JP, A/IMM, Tel: (09) 409 6577. Treasurer: Sgt R.A. Hinton. Tel: (09) 387 2237. All correspondence to the Secretary, PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meets the second Wednesday of each month at the USI Rooms, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta at 1400 hours. Any member is welcome to observe.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION (BRANCH 1210 WA)
President: Mr Norman R.T. Jarrett, Tel: 592 7524. Secretary: Mr Maurice McFadyen, 16 Warragoo Cres, Mt Pleasant 6153, Tel: 332 3318. Meetings: held at the Meg Room, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta on second Monday of each month.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION)
Twelve branches and nine affiliated groups. A fully licensed club is open to members daily. For further information and meeting details contact the State Secretary. Tel: 332 4444.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION WA DIVISION INC. BULL CREEK BRANCH
President: Allan Stewart Tel: 310 7239. Secretary: Tel: 310 9127. Meetings: held at 1930 hours at the Meg Olive Room, Air Force Memorial Estate on second Monday of each month.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS ASSOCIATION
President: Mr J (John) Williams, 11 Cornish St, Armadale WA 6112, Tel: 399 3452. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr R.J. (Ray) McMahon, Unit 6/52 Keymer St, Belmont 6104. Tel: 478 2398.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING CORPS ASSOCIATION WA BRANCH
President: Mrs Judy Gibson, 19 Carnegie Way, Padbury 6025, Tel: 401 7138. Secretary: Mrs Olga Greig, 9 Napier Road, Morley 6062, Tel: 276 3493.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Mr J.A.T. Hobbs, 10 Edgar Way, Mt Pleasant 6153, Tel: 364 3568. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. R.J. Shurman, 40 Carlyle Cres, Duncraig 6025, Tel: 447 1423. Meet on the third Monday each month at 10.00am, Anzac House down-
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stairs. Meetings are open to all members and members of affiliated Associations.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Mr M.J. Ryan OAM, Bus Ph: 481 0205 A/H 307 2385, Mobile 015 446 666. Secretary: Mr N J Clark, Bus/Home Ph: 342 5808, Mobile: 019 102 338 Meetings: Second Sunday in February, April, June, August and October at 10.30am at 13 Fd Sqn RAE Sappers Way, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY – ALLIED CHINESE SHIPS
President: Mr Neville Philip, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount, Tel: 294 1798. Secretary: Mrs B. Philip, same address as President. Meetings and luncheon at Anzac House, second Friday in February, April, June, August and October and December at 11.30am.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CLEARANCE DIVERS ASSOCIATION WA CHAPTER
President: Alex Donald, DSC, 7 Woodley Cres, Melville Heights 6156, Tel: (09) 330 6596. Meetings: Anzac Day (AGM) 1300, Navy Club, High Street, Fremantle. Correspondence to the President.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CORVETTES ASSOC. (WA)
State President: J. Appleby, 143 McDonald St, Joondanna 6000. Tel: 444 3598. State Secretary: J. Shepheard, Unit 45, Ocean Gardens, 60 Kalinda Dr, City Beach. Tel: 385 8400. State Treasurer: M. Corry, 4 Nottingham St, East Victoria Park. Tel: 361 2824. Meetings: February, May, August, November.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOCIATION WA (INC)
President: Mr John Brierly, 221 Erindale Rd, Hamersley 6021, Tel: 342 5606. Vice President: Mr Bert Lane, 6 River Rd, Maddington 6111, Tel: 493 5252. Secretary: Mr Brian McMacAuley, 173 Hardey Rd, Belmont 6104, Tel 277 1406. Treasurer: Mrs Avis Macauley (as above). Meetings: first Thursday each month (except January) at 7.00pm at Anzac House. All Signallers welcomed.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) INC.
President: Mr Ray Sargeant, 29 Bouvardia Way, Greenwood 6024. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr Philip Bray, 33 Napla Way, Duncraig 6023. Meetings: Anzac Day, Corps Birthday (July) and Christmas.

SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND
President/Secretary: Mr John Martin, 9 Gladstone St, St James 6102. Tel: 361 3390. Airforce and Associated Units (e.g. Chindits serving in 14th Army Theatre 1939-1945).

SUBMARINE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
President: Commander Pete Shield RN (Ret'd), 19 Fifth Rd, Armadale, Tel: 399 4243. Secretary: M.E.M. (Michael) Pearson, 8-106 Terrace Road, Perth 6000, Tel: 221 1037. Meetings: Leeceville Bowling Club, second Wednesday each month at 7.30pm (except December).

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LIMITED WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH INC.
TPI Memorial Estate, Bag Lot 2, Post Office, Como 6152. President: Mr Geoff Dunne, Secretary: Mr Dennis Connelly, 80 Henley St, Como, 6152. Tel: 450 1893 or 450 1921. Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January) commencing at 10.30am. Lunches available weekdays and weekends by booking one day prior.

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, WA BRANCH
President: Mr Jack Patterson, 15A Greville Way, Girrawheen, Tel: 342 0142. Secretary: B. Thomas, 9 Queens Road, Mt Pleasant 6153. Tel: 364 3038. Meetings first Monday each month (except January) Anzac Club 1130, when Monday is a public holiday, first Tuesday. All ex-Water Transport welcome.

THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION WANNEROO BRANCH
President: Brig. N.E. Manuel (Ret’d), 398 Belmont Avenue, Kewdale 6105. Tel: 277 2367. Secretary: Ben Colquhoun, 5 Oakwood Avenue, Cleverdale 6105, Tel: 277 4814. Meetings: second Tuesday each month at the Nollamara Autumn Centre, Sylvia Street, Nollamara.

THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
President: Mr John Barton, Unit 7/5 Septa Crt, Rockingham 6168. Tel: 527 3351. Secretary: Mr Len Kebbell, 17 Glengarry St, Parkwood 6147. Tel: 457 5027. Meetings: Every third Wednesday of the month. Contact either of the above for information.

THE HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Ed Cole, 1/22 Day Road, Mandurah, Tel: 09 535 5853. Secretary: Max Davey, 8/228 Albert Street, Osborne Park, Tel: 344 2114. Social Meeting: second Monday each month at Anzac House; for further information please contact Secretary.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Ken Barrington, Tel: 446 4227. Secretary: Mr Kevin Trent, 3 Broad St, Kensington 6151, Tel: 367 7794. Meetings: second Wednesday at 8.00pm in February, April, June (AGM), August, October & December. For venue please call the Secretary on 367 7794. All correspondence to the Secretary.

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH
President: Mr Gordon Norton. V/President: Mr Graham Chapman. Hon Secretary: Mr Jim Wood. Treasurer: Mr Don Getliffe. Meetings: The Navy Club, 64 High St, Fremantle at 8.00pm the last Monday of every month including public holidays. Address for correspondence: The Hon Secretary, 25 Jindarra Close, Cooloongan 6168, Tel: 527 9510.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION FREMANTLE BRANCH (W.A.)
Chairman: David Wiseman, Tel: 592 1458. Hon. Secretary: F H Cooke-Willis, 23 Foss Street, Palmyra 6157, Tel: 339 5573. Meetings: first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Navy Club (Inc), 64 High Street, Fremantle at 7.00pm.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION PERTH (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) INC.
Chairman: Mr I R Hunter, 9 Derwent Place, Rockingham 6168, Tel: 527 1612. Secretary: Mr Geoff Paice, 106 Landsdowne Rd, Kensington 6151, Tel: 367 1945. Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at RSL Hall, Leake Street, Belmont at 7.00pm.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (ROCKINGHAM & DISTRICTS) BRANCH
Chairman: David Slowley, 18 Welch Wy, Wambro 6169, Tel: 593 1279. Vice Chairman: Derek Ramsdale, 6 Falcon Crt,
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ROCKINGHAM
Rockingham 6168, Tel: 527 9515. Hon Secretary: Dorothy V. Rawe, 62b Frederick St, Shoalwater 6169, Tel: 592 6148. Hon Treasurer: Ted Haines, Lot 32 Mallee Dr, Amarillo, Karnup 6176, Tel: 537 1599. Meetings: first Tuesday each month (except January) at TS Anzac, Point Peron Road, 7.30pm.

THIRTYNINERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
Meeting dates: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, 4th Wednesday March, May, July, September and November. All enquiries to the Secretary. State President: Mr J.P. Hall, AM BEM JP Unit A/3 Hellam Grove, Booragoon 6154. Tel: 364 7776. State Secretary: Mrs F.E. Johnson OAM, 38 Renwick Street, South Perth. Tel: 367 5949.

UNITED KINGDOM-COMBINED-EX-SERVICES
President: Mr G. Norton RM, Tel: 418 8284 Secretary: Mr E.H. Martyn JP, 9b Wilson Place, Belmont 6104, Tel: 277 2061. Meetings with Association Delegates arranged four times a year. Annual Dinner and Remembrance Commemoration (11th Nov) Parade in Perth and service Wesley Church. Other functions as arranged by the Committee. Contact either of the above for further information. All correspondence please to the above address.

V.A. & A.A.M.W.S. (A)
President: Mrs Glyn Cody, 138A Karrinyup Rd, Karrinyup 6018, Tel: 341 3323. Secretary: Mrs E H McGinn OAM, 9 Castile Street, Wembley Downs 6019, Tel: 446 3742. Meetings: Arranged monthly at members homes. Contact Secretary for information.

VIETNAM LOGISTICAL SUPPORT VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (INC.)
President: Vic Boreham, 8 Hollis St, Samson 6163, Tel: 337 8885 (h), 334 2489 (w). President: Mr Mike Beasley, 8 Highcliff Rise, Currambine 6028, Tel: 300 6769. Treasurer: China Homan, PO Box 69, North Fremantle 6159. Tel: 019 374 3238. Secretary: Brian Long, 38 MacArthur Ave, Padbury 6025. Tel: 402 0241. Meetings: Victoria Cross Room, Anzac House Perth, third Tuesday each second month. Dates can be confirmed with the Secretary.

VIETNAM VETERANS AND DEFENCE FORCE JOBLINK
President: Mr Doug Rasmussen. Administrator: Mr G Purcell, 148 Lord Street, Perth. Tel: 227 6961 or 227 6963.

VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH INC.
PO Box 21, Maylands 6051. Office: 219 Railway Parade, Maylands, Tel: 370 3011. Fax: 332 4964. President: Mr Rob Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Secretary: Mr Keith Jones, Tel: 443 1530. Welfare Officer: Mrs Joe Cox, Tel: 332 4964. Meetings: Held three monthly, Peninsula Hotel Building - 219 Railway Parade, Maylands.

VIETNAM VETERANS M.C. AUSTRALIA
President: John Lewis. Vice President: Geoff Coulpaund. Secretary: Brian Rees. All correspondence to be sent to the Secretary. Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club, PO Box 1442, Wangara 6065, Fax business hours only: (09) 401 1546.

WA RSL BOWLS SECTION
Management Committee meet third Monday of each month at the Royal Park Bowling Club, Charles Street, North Perth at 10.00am. President: MrDoug Piggott, Tel: 446 1331. Hon State Secretary: Mr Ted Philp, Tel: 450 4033.

WAAAF ASSOCIATION (NOR-WAAAF GROUP)
The NOR-WAAAF Group (Northern Suburbs branch of the WAAAF Association) meets on the last Thursday of each month at 12.00pm, upstairs at Anzac House, with the exception of December and January when the group is in recess. For information ring Lilian Waldie on 349 1829.

WAAAF BRANCH RAAF ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION)
President: Mrs Olga Sullivan, Tel: 332 8693. Secretary: Mrs Moira Ball, 6/91 Parkway Road, Bibra Lake 6163, Tel: 417 8578. Meets 2nd Monday each month at 10.30am.

WRAAC ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA)
President: Mrs May Tomich, 2 Ludlands Street, Morley 6062, Tel: 276 8616. Secretary: Lyn Lovell, Tel: (w) 426 7700. Treasurer: Jean Pearce, Tel: 367 4705. Correspondence to P.O. Box 6149, East Perth 6892.

WRAAF BRANCH - RAAF ASSOCIATION
President: Mrs Laeraine Ewen-Chappell, 35 Lakeview Drive, Edgewater 6027. Tel: 306 2681. Secretary: Mrs Judy Bland, 2 Graphic Court, Beldon 6027, Tel: 401 8296. Meetings held on the first Friday of each month in the RAAF Association at Bull Creek.

Z SPECIAL UNIT ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.
President: L.M. Griffiths, 52 Koolinda St, Falcon 6210, Tel: 534 2991. Secretary: Lt. Col. E.W. Dubberlin, ED, RL, JP, 28A Houston Ave, Dianella 6062. Tel: 275 1348. Meetings as arranged by committee.

Z SPECIAL UNIT INTERNATIONAL (INC.)
PO Box 490, Kalamunda, WA 6076. Chairman: Jay Sue, Tel: 250 2737. Vice Chairman: Ross Davidson, Tel: 383 7654.

1ST AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION W.A. BRANCH
President: Mr Bill Rose, 19 Jukes Way, Glendale 6016, Tel: 444 6858. Secretary: Mr Ron Waters, 25 Clyo Way, Kallaroo 6025, Tel: 307 7079.

2BN MALAYA MERDEKA VETERANS (WA)

2/1-2/2 PIONEERS W.A.
Chairman: L.A. Preedy, 152 Keightley Rd, Shenton Park 6008. Tel: 381 6294. Meetings held at Anzac House on third Friday in March, July and November in Anzac Club.

2/2ND COMMANDO ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
President: Mr W. Howell, 68 Randell St, Mandurah 6210, Tel: 535 1923. Secretary: Mr J.W. Carey, 13 Stoddart Way, Bateman 6150, Tel: 332 7050. Meetings held second Tuesday of each month at 10.00am at Anzac House.

2/3 FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION W.A.
President/Secretary: Mr W.S.T. Stacy, Tel: 337 6227. Treasurer: K. (Sandy) Leek, Tel: 337 1908. Address for correspondence: 3 Jull Court, Kardinya. Meets second Wednesday each month, 11am at Anzac House.

2/3RD MACHINE GUN BATTALION ASSOCIATION
Committee meets when necessary. President: K.E. Eckermann, 31 Tranquill Rd, Kelmscott 6111, Tel: 390 6072. Secretary: F.J. (Banjo) Binsted, 101 Star St, Carlisle 6011. Tel: 361 8762.
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2/4TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION
President: Mr E.W. Wallin, 3/63 Constance St, Nollamara 6061, Tel: 349 1409. Secretary: J. Kyros, 19 Almondbury Rd, Ardross 6153, Tel: 364 2639. Meetings: third Tuesday each month, Anzac House, 10.00am.

2/7TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Joe Stokes, 23 Gafoch St, Applecross 6153, Tel: 364 7160. Secretary: Vern Sprigg, 8 Moss Vale, Floreat 6014, Tel: 387 6732. Reunion after Anzac Day march and Service. Any 6 Division veteran without Association is welcome to march with us in the Anzac Day parade.

2/7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION WA SECTION
President: Keith Fruin, 274 McCallum Street, Ardross 6153, Tel: 364 7160. Secretary: Vern Sprigg, 8 Moss Vale, Floreat 6014, Tel: 387 6732. Reunion after Anzac Day march and Service.

2/7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President: Jim Smith, 1/113 Edward St, Osborne Park 6017, Tel: 444 4748. Secretary: J.S. Miller, 120 Lockhart St, Como 6152, Tel: 450 4170. Treasurer: K.P. Nicol, 31 Valerie St, Dianella 6062, Tel: 276 2146. Meetings as arranged.

2/28TH BATTALION AND 24TH ANTI-TANK COY. ASSOCIATION
President: Mr A. Henderson, 45/177 Dampier Ave, Kallaroo 6025, Tel: 307 3627. Secretary: Mr E. Harrod, 13 Hadley St, Safety Bay 6169, Tel: 527 6833. Committee meets Anzac House 2nd Wednesday each month. Visitors welcome, AGM second Wednesday in August.

2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: Mr Fenton Smith, 184 Shaftesbury Ave., Bedford 6052. Tel: 271 6492. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr Colin Edmiston, Unit 3, 456 Main Street, Balcatta, 6021, Tel: 349 0799.

2/43RD BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Eric Treloar, 2 Alison Road, Attadale 6156, Tel: 330 4764. Secretary: Mr Wally Hughes, 20 Aberle Street, Hamilton Hill 6163, Tel: 337 2088. Meetings on third Wednesday of each month.

7 ARMY TROOPS COY RAE ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Jack Benari, 38 Roebuck Drive, Salter Point 6152, Tel: 450 3876. Secretary: Mr Colin F. Wilson, 41 Herald Ave, Willetton 6155. Meetings last Friday of September. Past members most welcome.

7TH THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT (Pig Bn)
President: Don Cudren, 165 Henley St, Henley Brook 6055. Tel: (b) 296 4081. Secretary: Doug Fieldhouse, 509 The Strand, Dianella 6062. Tel: (b) 275 8598. Meetings as arranged.

11TH BATTALION AIF 13TH BGDE WWII
President: Mr Roy Walsh MM, 63 Sexton Road, Inglewood, 6052, Tel: 271 5769. Secretary: Mr Don Angwin, 7/6 Mt Henry Road, Como 6152, Tel: 450 1833. Reunion & other meetings as arranged. All correspondence to: Hon. Secretary Mr Don Angwin.

11th DIVISION SIGNALS ASSOCIATION
President: Lt Col O.R. Vidican, Tel: 446 6304. Secretary: N. Deakin, 20 Canterbury Drive, Willetton 6155. Tel: 457 1163. Regular meetings held at 20 Canterbury Drive, Willetton.

11th (1914-1918) & 2/11TH AIF BNS ASSOCIATION
President: Mr J.M. Walter, 4/18 McLeod Road, Applecross 6153, Tel: 364 3270. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr J.C. Watson, 686 Canning Highway, Applecross 6153, Tel: 364 2126. Meetings: Third Tuesday each month (except January) at 10.00am, Gallipoli Room, Anzac House.

16TH BATTALION, THE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF WA ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Robert Boyd, Villa 4/208 Burston Avenue, Maddington 6109. Tel: 493 1175. Secretary: Mr Shane Edmonds, 187 Brookdale Street, Floreat 6014. Tel: 387 6364. Members advised re meetings by letter as required.

28TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF)
1939-45 ASSOCIATION
Committee - Mr Phil Wilkerson, Tel: 330 7263. Mr Clif Tamblyn, Tel: 384 5008. Mr Tubby Whitfield, Tel: 458 9983. Annual reunion early January, other functions as arranged by Committee.

25 SQUADRON BRANCH
Royal Australian Air Force Association. President: Mr A.J. Ferrier. Secretary: Mr R.G. Podmore, 61 Anglesey Drive, Kardinya 6163, Tel: 314 1447. Meetings held at 2000 hrs Meg Olive Room, Airforce Memorial Estate, Bullcreek Drive, Bullcreek, on 2nd Tuesday each month.

44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
Committee when called. Annual Reunion on advice. President: R. Collins, 134 Roseberry Street, Bedford. Tel: 271 4448.

48TH & 2/48TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Tom Easom, 568 Marmion Street, Booragoon 6154, Tel: 330 7387. Secretary: Mr Brian Corboy, 11A Ventnor Avenue, Mt Pleasant 6153. Tel 364 7829. Meetings and luncheon held at the Carlton Hotel, 248 Hay Street East at 11.30am on the third Monday of each month.

FIGHTER SQUADRONS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Mr Mick Michael. Tel: (w) 221 3719. (b) 384 4222. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Shirley Donaldson, 1 Howson Street, Hilton 6163. Tel: 337 2260. Correspondence to the Secretary.

460 SQUADRON RAAF ASSOCIATION (WA)
President: W.E.M. (Gerry) Bateman, DFC, 30 Norton Ridge, Winthrop 6150, Tel: 332 5051. Secretary: N.B. Johnson, 63 Kirwan Street, Floreat Park 6014. Tel: 387 4229. Treasurer: T.R. Gallop, 19 Felstead Crescent, Hamersley 6022, Tel: 447 4037. Meetings are held four times a year.

1940 DUNKIRK VETERANS ASSOCIATION
Meets first Tuesday each month Anzac House (Club), 28 St George's Terrace, Perth at 1.30pm. President: R.H. Duncafe, Tel: 295 1689. Secretary/Treasurer: Peter W. Hessell, Tel: 344 1756.
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644249, Abbott, J.E., City of Rockingham, RAF

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WX27762, Arkell, D., City of Perth, 24 Aust 7th Div Sig

PM5526, Bailey, H.L., City of South Perth, RAN

243371, Baldwin, A.T., City of Perth, Perth WKSP Coy

VX633, Bale, A.L., City of Wanneroo, 2/2 Fd Regt

R305971, Barrow, C., City of Rockingham, RN

47260, Bell, T.A. Mt. Lawley - lnglewood, 3 Bn Leicester Regt

B318576, Bone, J.C., Canning

VX12697, Bluno, F.S., City of Wanneroo, 2/2 fd Regt

441805, Christie, D.W., Mosman Park, 6th Acs RAAF

82010, Burns, J.E., Belmont, RAF

441805, Burrows, H.L., Central, RAF

WX11226, Cameron, G.K., Central, 2/4th MG Bn

WX14452, Cant, A.R., Bicton-Palmyra, 2/1st Hy Bty

81414, Christie, D.W., Mosman Park, 6th Acs RAAF

WX12140, Clarke, T.S., Wembley-Floreat, 2/28th Bn

WX5380, Clarke, S.W., Harvey, 2/28th Bn

WX3964, Clarke, A.J., Nollamara-Nth Perth, 2/2 Fd R.A.E.

45460, Cole, E.S., Bicton-Palmyra, RAF

A415402, Conway, D.T., Highgate, 467 Sqn

WX7167, Cook, L.A., Eastern Region, 2/5 Inf Bn

WX21734, Crispin, J., Manning, 2/2 Pioneers

WX7967, Davison, G.W., Cockburn, 2/3 Fd Rgt

WX594, Dyer, H.J., Mandurah, 2/11th Bn

4/400047, Evans, D.E., E. Vic Park & Vietnam Veterans, 3 Bn RAR

VX1212, Forbes, D.R., City of Wanneroo, 2/2 Aust Fd Coy/RAF

169576, Fumish, J.E., Osborne Park, RAF

VX118519, Gilbert, T.R., City of Perth, RA

WX9398, Gillam, L.B., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, 2/13 Amb

WX18576, Gillies, C.A., Cottesloe, 2/32 Bn

N241174, Grimwood, R.H., Armadale, 117 AGT Coy

WX13535, Hasson, J., Mandurah

427092, Hayes, C.P., Canning Dist-Victoria Park, RAF

F3987, Height, G.A.S., Mount Hawthorn, RAN

VX55705, Hutchinson, R., Albany, 2/9 Cav Regt

F3243, Jennings, D.J., Mosman Park, 472536, Jones, H.A., Wembley-Floreat, RAAF

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WX27772 Kinshela, I.J., City of Perth

WX2407, Kirkland, J.W.C., Scarborough, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

415431, Knowles, N.W., Kojonup, RAAF

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WX11034, Martin, N.W., Applecross, 13 Bde

C1400076, McCann, J.M., Cottesloe, RANVR

NX37261, McCarthy, P.J., Rivervale-Carlisle,

WX21811, McKenzie, F.K., Lancelin/Coastal Dist, 6 A/W S

103490, McRae, S.M., Dongara, WRAAF

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80548, Parkinson, T.E., City of Rockingham, RAAF

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WX2748, Prosser, A.J., North Beach, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

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