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The League, over many years, has stressed the need for surveillance, patrol and policing of our national waters and maritime resources zone, and for some demonstration of our sovereignty over these waters, in conjunction with civil agencies.

The Government Paper on Australian defence, points out that “even though our security may be ultimately dependent upon US support, we owe it to ourselves to be able to mount a national offensive that would maximise the risks and costs of any aggression”.

The League, in its 1977 Defence Paper makes the point that the Government White Paper on Defence stops short of indicating the magnitude of the effort needed to provide this country with an adequate defence force, without relying heavily on allied support.

Our long coast-line, the size of our land area, our small population, the high cost of up-to-date sophisticated defence equipment and other compelling demands for our man-power and our resources all combine to make defence planning difficult in the extreme.

The RSL holds strongly to the view that the first objective of defence planning should be the provision of a force that provides a deterrent that is a clear indication to any would-be aggressor that the price of victory would be very high indeed, and disproportionate to the likely gain.

NUCLEAR ALTERNATIVE

The decision to be made then, is on the nature and composition of that deterrent, and in this analysis, it is unwise to completely rule out the need for a nuclear alternative in the final analysis.

As far as Australia is concerned, much will depend on the identity of the countries that acquire a nuclear capacity and on the policies they are likely to follow.

The United Services Institute of the ACT, in an in-depth study of nuclear weapons for Australia, points out that the development of a nuclear force by any of our near neighbours, would seriously increase Australia’s sense of insecurity, and constitute the strongest case for Australia also becoming a nuclear state.

For this reason, the Institute points out that Australia should enter into strategic dialogue with our near neighbours in an endeavour to keep the region non-nuclear.

The RSL believes that the case for Australia providing its own industry and world requirements with uranium and developing nuclear power for peaceful purposes is overwhelming.

COMPELLING NEED

The League further believes there is a compelling need for this country to make available the resources the world requires.

Australians should clearly understand the situation in which this country is placed in the world of today, and the nature of the increasing pressures we must face.

It is not too much to say that we are the world’s most privileged community. We possess vast land areas and immense natural resources with only a comparatively small population to sustain.

It is self-evident that a cure for inflation and a strengthening of the Australian economy can, in the final analysis, come only from increased productivity.

In simple terms, this means that continuity of production, a high quality of workmanship and an increased per capita output are all essential to our economic well-being, and in turn, to the broad requirement of National Defence.

The League firmly believes it is self-evident that we must do something to deserve our great good fortune.

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WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL

The RSL of WA has been aware for some considerable time of the absolute necessity for urgent action to restore the State War Memorial to something approaching its original conception as a fitting tribute to those who have given their lives.

The problem has not been dealt with in a satisfactory manner because of the lack of the necessary finance. Our hon. architects assess the minimum cost at $30,000.

We now find it necessary to launch a public appeal, as it is well known the Returned Services League are the custodians of this heritage. Our proposal has received the warm and encouraging support of Premier Sir Charles Court.

The State Warden for the War Memorial for 1975-76, F.A. (Mick) Yeates, has agreed to act as the Chairman for the appeal.

We would be most grateful for any contributions, which may be addressed to the WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL, RSL Box C128 G.P.O., Perth, W.A. 6001.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

The Position is Intolerable

By C. Briggs, MBE

Our membership at the end of 1976 was 1,387 down on 1975. This is a disastrous membership situation and one which cannot be sustained in 1977.

Our standing in the community, our voice with the Government both Federal and State, the continuation of our work on behalf of ALL ex-service men and women depends on a rising or at the very least a steady membership.

Another result of this membership loss is a decline of some $12,000 in income to the League. It is a situation which puts a great strain on our, already, almost intolerable financial situation.

The first three months of the year is the time to get out after the renewals. All sub-branches should, by now, have appointed a membership officer. It is his duty to work with the secretary and make sure — by personal contact if possible — that memberships are renewed.

Let us see a rise in the number of Service members. We start the year with about 140 and it appears that with a little effort on the part of us all, we should be able to recruit at the rate of 1,000 per year. Each of us must know someone who has served at some time in the Armed Forces. The rest is up to us.

It has been our custom to send to sub-branches, about the middle of the year, a list of their unfinancial members. You are asked to return the list with comments regarding the reason for non-renewal.

USEFUL PURPOSES

This operation serves two very useful purposes:

- It provides an opportunity to check membership and chase up those who are lagging.
- The returned list gives us an opportunity to check our records with regards to addresses and deaths etc.

Please remember that every unnecessary letter sent to a member or a sub-branch, every “Listening Post” returned as “address unknown” wastes the League’s money — your money. If you have not acted on the 1976 list that we sent you — please do so now.

As chairman of the Membership Committee, I look forward to a year in which — each month — I can report to the State Executive that we are up on the 1976 figures. With your help and co-operation, it can be done.
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SERVICE PENSION

Answers to some good questions

By JOHN NOLAN

Ron Gwynne, a Digger from Tammin who served for five years with the AIF as an infantryman in the Tobruk and Alamein campaigns, later in the Lae and Finschaffen landings in New Guinea, has asked me a few pertinent questions about service pensions.

In his letter, Ron says that he has discussed some of these points with his mates (all ex-"Rats") and points out that they are just as much in the dark as he is.

Here are the answers, Ron. I hope I have been able to make everything clear.

Q. WHAT IS A SERVICE PENSION?
A. Broadly, a service pension is payable, subject to a means test in most cases, to a member who has served in a theatre of war and is either permanently unemployable, aged or is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.
Service pensions were introduced in 1935, when there were large numbers of unemployed returned soldiers who had served in a theatre of war and who, it was stated, were suffering the indefinable effects of service on their general health.
Accordingly, service pension is distinct from war pension which is compensation for specific incapacity or death related to service in the Forces.
As the rates of service pension, age and invalid pension are the same, and each is subject to the same means test, the three benefits are often compared.
In short the service pension is the same as the old age pension paid by the Social Security Department, but ex-service people are eligible five years earlier - a very significant concession.

Q. WHO IS ENTITLED TO A SERVICE PENSION?
A. Subject to a means test in most cases, and also certain provisions in respect of children, the following are eligible:

A MALE VETERAN
* who suffers from pulmonary tuberculosis, or;
* who served in a theatre of war, and has attained the age of 60 years, or is permanently unemployable.

A FEMALE VETERAN
* who suffers from pulmonary tuberculosis, or;
* who served in a theatre of war, and has attained the age of 55 years or is permanently unemployable.

THE WIFE OF A SERVICE PENSIONER
* if she is not receiving a pension or allowance from the Department of Social Security or a service pension as a female veteran.
("Wife" includes "de facto wife" in some circumstances).
A person cannot receive a service pension in addition to an age or invalid pension payable by the Department of Social Security. Arrangements can be made to transfer from one to the other, if desired.

NOTE 1: If you have attained the age of 70, your service pension will be paid free of the means test. However, if you are married and your wife is under 70, your own and her income will be taken into account in assessing the pension she may receive.

NOTE 2: Certain veterans who have theatre-of-war service in the Armed Forces of the British Commonwealth countries in wars or war-like conflicts in which Australian Forces were engaged and who have resided in Australia for ten years may qualify for service pension subject to a means test. However, this category of service pensioner is ineligible for "Fringe Benefits".

Q. WHAT ARE "FRINGE BENEFITS"?
A. "Fringe Benefits" is a term used to describe certain concessions given to eligible pensioners by either the Commonwealth Government or the State Government. The Commonwealth Government's concessions in the main, revolve around medical treatment and hospitalization. Additionally, certain categories of pensioners may qualify for telephone rental concession.

The State Government's concessions vary from State to State in their degree and usually concern travel concessions. In addition, other organisations give very considerable concessions to eligible pensioners e.g. for entry into the trots, football and some theatres.

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Regrettably, Mr. Gwynne is incorrect in his assumption with respect to the amount he and his wife can earn and still remain on the full pension.

I would refer readers to page 23 of the December issue of "Listening Post" and the article headed — "What can I earn?"

Column 3 of the little table is the column relevant to his question. The heading to that column has the words “Maximum amount earnable to retain FULL pension”. We see against “married” that this amount is (currently) $34.50, per week. This is a combined income figure. From that amount it is a bit like a see saw — as you earn (say) $10.00 per week extra, the pension (to each) drops back to $33.75.

It is still a viable proposition because you have increased your income by ten more dollars and lost $2.50 x 2 = $5.00; therefore you are $5.00 per week better off.

The pension vis-a-vis the means test goes on a sliding scale until the combined income of a married couple exceeds $178.00 per week, at which figure the currently payable pension is only 30 cents per week.

The single cut-off is when the income exceeds $106 per week.

Earlier, I explained what fringe benefits are. As shown in Column 4 of the little table the eligibility to this concession ceases when the income reaches $57.70 or $33.00 (single). In reading the table, it is important to digest the three notes appearing under it.

All applications for a Service Pension should be addressed to: The Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, G.P.O. Box F352, Perth, W.A. 6001; and NOT to the Returned Services League.

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**WOMEN’S AUXILIARY**

**THERE’S AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD**

Here we are at the beginning of a new year, heading for a shift of headquarters AND our 50th Annual Conference. It has all the earmarks of an exciting year.

We will be holding our Conference in the Charles Harper Hall, 300 Hay Street East, right next to the Royal Mint.

The official opening will be on Monday, May 2 at 8 pm and will be opened by the State President of the League, Mr L. Phenna, JP, MAIW, and we will be having a social evening on Tuesday, May 3.

We extend a cordial invitation to Auxiliary members and husbands to attend.

The Executive delivered Christmas Cheer parcels to the ex-servicemen and women in 18 hospitals, and our sincere thanks go to all who contributed most generously to our Christmas Cheer Fund.

We had our usual busy period in November and December, with some very interesting and enjoyable parties. On November 27, Joy and I went to Narrogin with Mr and Mrs Phenna, to the sub-branch annual re-union and I presented a very surprised Mrs Mary Turner with a life membership certificate and badge. An enjoyable evening with some good skits by the ladies.

Mrs Rolfe and I attended a Christmas Luncheon at Legacy House on November 30, and on February 8 we were again invited to attend a luncheon in honour of Mr J. Richards, Agent-General for WA in London.

He is a most interesting man to listen to, and a very good representative for our State.

1977 QUEST

The 1977 Miss Crowning Glory Quest was launched in December by Brigadier Jamieson, at Legacy House. Any auxiliary and sub-branch interested in sponsoring an entrant, please contact Mr. E. Martin, Box N1087, GPO, Perth.

Remember that the funds raised are divided between THE WAR VETERANS HOME and LEGACY.

December 17 was the League’s Christmas “Open House” and the catering was done by the Executive, supervised by our very efficient Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Jolley.

Mrs Rolfe, Mr and Mrs Ford, Mrs Lowe and some other Executive members attended a very lovely Christmas tea at the War Veterans’ Home on December 10. A very enjoyable night — as usual!

Torchbearers meetings are attended monthly by Mrs Rolfe and myself, with Glad also on the “Adopt-a-Ward” Committee; and I have the Crowning Glory committee meetings to attend.

The Soldiers Children’s Education Board, on which I represent the Auxiliaries, had a very busy year and was very successful. Many of our students passed exams with honours.

“TEMPORARY”

The Executive are all packed ready to move to our new “temporary” quarters. Joy, Madge and I spent many days sorting, “getting rid of”, and packing, ready to move at any time.

All correspondence should now be addressed to:

Hon. State, Secretary,
RSL Women’s Auxiliary,
Box C128, GPO,
PERTH, WA 6001.

Joy and her husband are on holidays in New Zealand, so I write this in her stead. We hope that they really enjoy their trip and return very well and rested.

Best wishes to all Auxiliary members for 1977, good health to you all, and plenty of strength and encouragement to go forward with the League.

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WAR VETERANS' HOME

To Know That Somebody Cares

By NORMA TURNER

One of the most outstanding projects ever undertaken by the RSL in WA must surely be the RSL War Veterans' Home at Mt Lawley.

This sanctuary for folk entering the autumn of their lives, is a “home” in the true sense of the word, as every effort is made to provide the best facilities available and thus ensure a homely and comfortable atmosphere.

At the present time, Lt Colonel George Woodhouse is the superintendent, and he attends to any problems that may arise and contributes greatly to the smooth running of the Home.

On March 11, 1961, the official opening of the Home was performed by the then Premier, the Hon David Brand (now Sir David), and it was ready to accommodate 60 ex-service men, 24 ex-service women and nursing sisters and 20 war widows.

An impressive administration building was also ready and it consisted of an air-conditioned lounge, modern kitchen and dining hall (recently air-conditioned by organisations who have at heart the welfare of the elderly), games room, occupational therapy rooms: offices, doctor’s surgery.

As the years have passed additions have been a must and in 1963, the Lonnie Wing was opened to house a further 24 war veterans.

The year 1968 saw the 12-bed holding centre established, and it is here that sick residents are cared for by a nursing sister and a nurse. Patients are sent to hospitals elsewhere only when it is absolutely necessary.

MAMMOTH TASK

The board of management in 1961 had a mammoth task to perform, and those that are with us today must be justly proud of the culmination of their efforts.

The chairman at that time was Mr W. Hunt, and he was assisted by board members namely Messrs W. Lonnie, G. Baron Hay, F. Chaney and the now deceased Messrs J. Rolfe, W. Webb and E. Townsend.

Major Owen Howes was appointed superintendent and held the position until he retired in 1973.

A beautiful addition to the grounds is the inter-denominational memorial chapel which was dedicated in October, 1966. Services are held every Sunday and are open to residents in the homes surrounding the War Veterans' Home.

The stained-glass window on the west side adds a charm of its own. Prior to Christmas, 1976, His Excellency the Governor Sir Wallace Kyle and Lady Kyle honoured the Home by attending morning service.

For those who like outdoor activity, the RSL Women's Auxiliary raised money to provide a bowling green and many a happy hour is spent by both men and women.

A club has been formed and at the end of the bowling season many trophies are awarded to the best players, these being donated by interested people and organisations.

LIBRARY

For the avid readers, a well-stocked library is to be found in the main lounge and many “big print” books are available for those with failing eyesight. Kindred organisations donate these books to perpetuate the memory of departed comrades.

The Townshend Recreational Centre is another building with a well-equipped games room, and adjacent is the canteen where residents can purchase sweets, cigarettes etc.

To assist those with a mind to handicrafts, Red Cross provides teachers, who come along to the occupational therapy room and instruct the folk in the mysteries of weaving, basketmaking etc., and many a prize has been brought home from the Royal Show for entries submitted.

To tend and maintain a large home becomes a burden as one grows older, and with this in mind, the League decided to erect ten flats, designed to accommodate veteran couples.

On July 22, 1965, along with the Townshend Recreation Centre, these were officially opened by the then State Governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew.

It soon became apparent that there was a need for more of this type of unit and in July, 1971, another ten flats were opened by the then Premier, John Tonkin.

The occupants of these delightful “Darby and Joan” units enjoy all the amenities and social life provided for all the residents of the Home.

HOWES WING

As the years rolled by, concern grew for the welfare of the frail aged, and members of the State Executive envisaged a centre built on the War Veterans’ Home land to meet the requirements of these elderly folk without having to transfer them prematurely to C class hospitals in other areas.

At the end of 1972, an appeal for $120,000 was launched, inviting interested associations and public-spirited citizens to subscribe to a worthy cause.

The appeal was well received, with residents already domiciled at the Home donating a substantial amount to record their appreciation.

On the 12th anniversary of the Home, March 11, 1973, a capsule containing documents of a historic nature was set in the foundation of the Centre by a former State President of the RSL, Mr W.J. Hunt, MBE.

Howes wing was named after the former superintendent, Major Owen Howes, and was officially opened on March 10, 1974 by Mr P. Pearson, CMG, OBE, JP, who then held the office of State President of the League.

The centre accommodates 40 men and women, who through age or sickness are unable to look after themselves.
entirely.

Well-appointed bedrooms, lounge, TV rooms, dining-hall etc combine to make up this building, which looks more like a motel than a ‘Home’.

An efficient sister and staff keep a watchful eye on their charges and are ever ready to administer their duties in whatever direction they may be desired.

PEARSON VILLAGE

Situated in Pinister Street, behind the main War Veterans’ Home complex, is Pearson Village, consisting of 26 units adaptable for use as single or double accommodation.

Originally, it was intended to erect 53 of these units, but with the Government deferring subsidy payments on Home grants, building had to be curtailed, but it is hoped that it will not be too long before work can commence on the remaining number.

The foundation stone for the Village was laid on July 20, 1973, by Mr Pearson, after whom the Village was named, thus honouring a man for his loyalty and devotion to the League as the State President for ten years.

The official opening was conducted by Mr Len Phenna, Mr Pearson’s successor, on the Sunday of the 1976 State Congress, July 4.

After the settling-in period of the tenants, gardens began to spring up along the rows of units. Lawns, automatic sprinklers, garden lights, carports etc., have been installed by the Board and, all in all, with the continued support of the folk residing there, it will become a truly picturesque community.

HOME MOTTO

The motto of the Home, “Great things done endure,” is surely pictured in the presentation of this Home now established amidst lush green lawns, rose gardens, shrubs and trees under which time may be passed pleasantly, reading or chatting.

To know that someone “cares” must be a great comfort to those war veterans and senior citizens who are in residence. A visit to the Home is well worthwhile and the RSL of WA must be congratulated on a job well done.

The League is extremely grateful for the support given by women’s auxiliaries, unit and kindred associations and sub-branches.

WITH THE ANZACS IN ISRAEL

By Rabbi Dr Shalom Coleman

Beer Sheba today is no more the village of Bible times, and Abraham just wouldn’t recognise it after 4,000 years. It is a thriving metropolis with housing plans for a population growing in the hundreds, and a university to help feed the intellectual needs of the south of the country.

One extraordinary feature of this capital of the Negev is the designs. Some are quite exotic as all architects here are allowed to “let their hair down”.

Only one thing is essential and that is that all buildings are so constructed as to allow minimum sun because of the long hot summer which extends also into autumn, even early winter.

To the Australian party of 28 visiting the area, a visit to the World War I Cemetery was a veritable pilgrimage.

It should be mentioned that the Group visiting Israel with me last January were essentially accompanying me on an educational tour, but it turned out to be one of the most uplifting spiritual experiences, and the memory of it will last for a considerable time.

There were two priests and three nuns in our party, together with a number of prominent personalities representing all branches of professional life.

They included the police, nursing, accounting, education, engineering, and of course the housewife. Every one of them, the youngest, a boy of 13, and the oldest, a lady of 86 yrs, the gamut of the ages, but each of them became well integrated with one another from the inception of the journey.

Each helped the other and we all became a family with open heart and Bible, looking for the sources which were to enrich this memorable holiday.

All this came into sharp relief as we entered the Australian Beer Sheba cemetery, governed and nurtured by the War Graves Commission.

This part of our visit was later strengthened by a visit to the famous Anzac Memorial dedicated to the Anzacs of World War 2, of which so much has already been written.

Prayers by Priest and Rabbi gave the experience the feeling of a pilgrimage.

We had not forgotten the heritage of our forbears of Gallipoli with their inspiring message of sacrifice for freedom in the face of limitless challenge.

Yet as we stood there, we also could not help feeling that we had passed over the same sort of terrain in which the Anzacs of World War I must have discovered, as they slowly moved forward with the British Forces of Allenby and the Allies mounting their campaign against the Turks.
GATEWAY

Beer Sheba is the gateway to a large tract of southern Israel called the Negev, and the Negev in turn is the passageway to the Sinai.

This was the area covered by the Australian and New Zealand Imperial Forces as they cleared the Dardanelles and made the break-through which was to realise a whole new chapter for Middle East thinking, and in particular for the Holy Land.

Our group moved slowly southward into the hills of the Negev, the moon-like crevices and wadis, the clefts of the rocks and the towering mountain-tops.

We passed the newly formed kibbutzim translating Isaiah fulfilling his prophecy that the desert will blossom as the rose.

We looked in at Israel's first Prime Minister's home and study, the never-to-be-forgotten David Ben Gurion, who was a legend in his lifetime.

We also saw the Australian-Jewish National Fund Project Keturah, the title deeds of one of its areas having been vested in the City of Perth.

And so to Eilat; yet not before witnessing the engineering genius of the Solomonic copper miners at Timna, the Biblical Etzion Geber, where they projected the “Hot East Wind” through the Arava desert until it reached more than 800 degrees centigrade.

Little wonder the prophets spoke of the day of the “hot east wind” to those who had broken away from the Covenant.

IMPACT

What must have made the biggest impact, however, on the group, was the Sinai peninsula. Here is an area which has remained unchanged for centuries.

Even the old thoroughfare used by the hundreds of thousands of wandering Israelites remains almost intact, carefully preserved by some 30,000 Jebelliyah Bedouin, some of the friendliest of their race.

One outstanding feature, and this may be said for the whole of the Holy Land, is that wherever there was evidence of the remotest association with some saint of the Bible, in the Old or the New Testaments, there were pioneers who had founded a church or a shrine, and had subsequently developed it.

The Sinai is full of such shrines dedicated to Sallah of the Muslims, as well as areas traditionally identified with the Burning Bush of Moses, where the children of Israel had danced around the Golden Calf, where events of Old Testament scripture had taken place.

This is the Sinai where Moses received the great Revelation which brought civilisation to the world.

Traditionally in the area overlooking Jebel Musa – the Hill of Moses, stands the Monastery of St. Catherine since the sixth century.

It was built by Justinian, and from generation to generation has been housed by monks, first by about 200 families of slaves brought from Anatolia and Alexandria, others suggest Rumania, and the present 12 are their descendants.

LIBRARY

The library was a gift of the Byzantine Emperors, and outside the Vatican is the world's most important for two manuscripts alone, Codex Sinaiticus (now in the British Museum) and Codex Syriacus, the first one of the oldest Greek texts of the Old Testament, and the other, the oldest of the Gospels.

The icons, wax-made, of which there are about 2000, and several dating back to the sixth century, are the most exquisite in the world, depicting the saints and several historical events described in the New Testament essential to the Christian Church.

Looking upward from St Catherine stand the majestic Mountains of Sinai.

The hill which bears the patron saint's name of the monastery is the highest, a lofty 8,700ft. above sea level.

East of the monastery is the hill of Jethro, where Jethro and his seven daughters were said to have lived.

Here, too, there is a shrine, and from it the famous mountains of Catherine and Moses can be seen.

It is at such a vantage point in the land which is both no-man's land, and yet every man's land, that we felt uplifted as we concluded this part of our journey.

It was fitting that before we had reached it we carried with us the memory of the Anzacs and what they had bequeathed to this generation. Indeed, we were with the Anzacs in Israel.
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A SAD BUT HISTORIC OCCASION

By STAN JONES

Saturday, October 2, 1976, was a sad occasion for us all. It was our final night of dancing in Anzac House ballroom, a ballroom with a floor of Western Australian hardwood, wandoo, laid in diamond pattern, secretly nailed and supported on heavy coil springs, finely polished and then burnished by thousands of dancing feet over the years.

It was a floor acclaimed by professional and amateur dancers alike as an excellent example of craftsmanship and easily the best dance floor in WA.

More than 250 old-time dancing enthusiasts attended this final night; a few were in their 50s, a lot in the 60s and 70s, some in the 80s and lovable Roly Edwards, a very active 92 years.

All were determined to enjoy the evening thoroughly knowing that though our weekly dance would continue in another hall next week, it would never be quite the same again.

Socially, the evening was an outstanding success with many visitors, several from the Eastern States among our regular patrons.

One gentleman, a former WA professional dancer now living on Queensland's Gold Coast, remarked that though he had attended many important functions since he decided to move to the Eastern States some years ago, he was amazed at the very high standard of behaviour and dress at a normal weekly dance, particularly the ladies' lovely frocks.

VARIED

From a repertoire of 32 dances, 16 are selected to provide a varied programme each week and with only one 15-minute break as interval, a tight schedule is maintained to complete that programme in the 3½ hours from 8 to 11.30pm.

The dancers themselves do not waste time; as the first note sounds from the band at the start of each dance, 100 couples are on the floor and dancing.

During the many years that our weekly old-time dance has been held in Anzac House ballroom, the combination of a central city address, an excellent dance floor, the best old-time dance band in WA, and strict supervision, “our dance” earned a reputation as one of the best organised and conducted functions of its kind in the State and at the same time established a tradition that was unique in the annals of WA’s dancing history.

Another sad note was the announcement that our Ladies’ Auxiliary would be unable to continue the serving of supper at our dances owing to lack of active members.

We accept this decision with understanding and regret, as the ladies in the supper room have been an essential part of our dance since its inception.

To each and every one of you, our sincere and grateful thanks for your generous assistance in the past; and should any of you wish to visit us on Saturday nights to meet and talk with your many friends in the hall, we will be very pleased to see you.

Though we knew for many months of the pending demolition of Anzac House, and accept the reasons that made this necessary, we old-time dancers are sad and cannot help regretting the loss of our lovely ballroom.

FULL HOUSE

On Saturday, October 9, 1976, a full house of 140 attended our opening night in Monash Club Dance Studio, 10 King Street, Perth. Same management, same dance band, same varied programme, a good floor and a city address. This is most important as many of our regular patrons travel by bus.

To many of us, going to 10 King Street is like returning home after a long absence, as this is where our weekly old-time dance began 38 years ago.

From here, we graduated to YAL Ballroom, corner Murray and Irwin streets, then to Anzac House. We went back to the YAL during building alterations at Anzac House and then returned to Anzac House.

The dance studio at 10 King Street was formerly known as “Monash Club”, when it was leased by the City of Perth Sub-Branch.

It is a very nice hall which will comfortably accommodate 140 people, and allowing a few weeks for readjustment, it should become a very popular venue for our regular-old-time dancing enthusiasts on Saturday nights.

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The Appeal System

Most members know that the Repatriation Act makes provision for ex-servicemen to appeal against the decision of the Repatriation Board or the Repatriation Commission, when either of those bodies make a determination with which he (or she in the case of an ex-servicewoman) disagrees.

The final avenue of appeal is to a tribunal. On one hand, there is a War Pension Entitlement Appeal Tribunal (WPEAT) for those determinations or decisions affecting entitlement, for example, the non-acceptance of a particular disability by the Department as being war-related.

On the other hand, there is the War Pension Assessment Appeal Tribunal (WPAAT). This tribunal is concerned with the assessment for compensation for disabilities which have already been accepted by the department as being war-related.

Rather strangely, it is the assessment side which seems to cause members the most confusion, so the rest of this article is devoted to assessment appeals.

Let us start from the beginning. Having had a disability accepted, the Repatriation Board, on advice from the Department's medical officers, assess the degree of incapacity from a compensatory point of view and arrive at a percentage figure (say 40 percent).

PERCENTAGE

It is important to note that the department or the Board do not assess in dollars and cents. It is always a percentage. It is the Government of the day's responsibility to put a money figure on pensions.

Of course, in fixing these amounts, the Government takes advice from the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Treasury, but the responsibility is always the Government's.

The administrators in the department then, from time to time, pay a pension based on the percentage rate assessed.

In the example above, the 40 percent assessed compensatory or incapacity pension is 40 percent of the 100 percent general rate. Currently, that is $12.58 per week, which is 40 percent of $31.45 per week (the 100 percent general rate).

If you do not believe that a correct assessment has been made in your case, you may put in an application for an increase.

You no doubt are thinking of an increase in dollars but the Department will review the application as a request for a percentage increase.

However, be that as it may, if you are not granted an increase you will be advised by the Department that you may appeal against the Board's decision.

It is now that we get to the WPAAT. This tribunal consists of a legally qualified chairman and two doctors who are specialists in the disabilities which are applicable to you, the appellant.

The tribunal has the power to increase the assessment, continue it at the present rate, or reduce the rate.

REPRESENTATION

Many times, members ask whether the RSL will represent them at the assessment appeal? Except in the most special circumstances, the answer to that question is "No". However, the RSL will assist materially with your preparation for the hearing.

It cannot be stressed too much that it is necessary to prepare yourself if you are going to stand much chance of winning your appeal.

Just think about it for a moment. The Board has made what it considers is a proper assessment; you have asked for an increase, and after investigation that increase has been refused.

Therefore, it is up to you to tell the Tribunal (and convince the members) that you are deserving of an increase and the Department's authorities are in error.

If you believe you can achieve this by "off-the-cuff" answers to the very considerable number of questions you will be asked, you are kidding yourself.

You must be able to speak the truth with conviction and you need to convince the Tribunal that your accepted disabilities were either incorrectly assessed too low in the first place or, your disabilities have deteriorated considerably since the last review.

WAR-RELATED

You must note that the only disabilities with which the tribunal may concern itself are those accepted as war-related.

Despite any sympathy the members will undoubtedly have, it is of no official concern to the tribunal if your health is deteriorating but the deterioration is mainly because of non-accepted disabilities.

The Tribunal's charter forbids it from assessing the degree of incapacity connected with non-accepted disabilities. (In this connection, see page 31 of the September issue of "Listening Post" with respect to eye complaints).

You must school yourself to avoid silly answers which can so easily be challenged and thereby break down your concentration and air of conviction and possibly cause you embarrassment.

For example, in answer to a question asking you how often do you have the pain, too many will answer "all the time, Doctor". Think about it, it would indeed be exceptional if that was literally true.

Or again, "Where does it hurt?" and the answer given is "all over" or "everywhere".

What I am saying is — be specific and tell the doctors the truth. Remember, they are going to medically examine you at the end of the hearing and they are specialists in their profession.

NO "WAFFLE"

Just one more point, school yourself at home in questions and proper, honest and specific answers, making absolutely sure you cut out all the emotion and "waffle".

If you allow yourself to indulge in emotional outbursts at the tribunal, you will achieve little, except the loss of your credibility and concentration and a very good chance of losing your appeal.
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But please, do not leave it until two or three days before the hearing — strange as it may seem to you, preoccupied as you are with your very real problems and sickness, the War Compensation Officer has a large number of people to assist.

If everyone leaves it to the last, no-one is happy as it is then just too difficult to spare the proper amount of time for your preparation, which as I have emphasised, is paramount.

In conclusion, I would like to say that it is my experience that the tribunals generally are very fair and give the appellant every opportunity to put his case forward.

I believe that in the great majority of cases that the Tribunals’ decisions are extremely reasonable, but they can only make a determination on the information and evidence presented to them by you.

Therefore, at the risk of harping, if you do your “homework” and present your side of the situation calmly and concisely, you will have just that much better chance of obtaining a favourable upgrading in assessment which really is the reason you attended in the first place!!

Remember, it is you that they want to question, not your advocate, and it is you who is going to be medically examined, not the advocate.

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

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

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

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

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

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National Bowls Title to W.A.

The National RSL Bowls Carnival, played in South Australia in December, 1976 and January, 1976, resulted in a great win by the Sandgropers, who won the interstate series for the first time.

The Jack Hamilton VC RSL carnival was started ten years ago, the States and ACT competing with 16 players a side. WA has usually finished well down on the list, but this year the trophy came our way.

We always seem to have difficulty in getting sufficient top-class players to attend the other States, and the main reasons are that our State championships are held around the Christmas and New Year period; that many bowlers have their family commitments at this time of the year; and that we face much higher travelling costs due to our distance from the other States.

Other States, with a larger RSL membership, have a greater number of bowlers to select from.

South Australia is to be congratulated on the way the carnival was conducted. Host clubs and liaison officers did an excellent job and WA was particularly fortunate in being associated with the Brighton RSL Bowling Club, Geoff Dixon (liaison officer) and Len Eisegood (goodwill officer).

Each State had an executive rink of four officials and a reserve team of four players. These all competed for the Dr Syd Krantz Shield and in this section WA did not do quite so well but won its share of games.

The National Fours commenced on January 2, 1977 and teams skippered by Jack Weekley and Roy Gray won their sections, getting into the last 16 in a field of 120 teams. They were both defeated in the knockout.

The WA contingent were the proud recipients of the newly-created badge presented annually (for the first time to WA) to 20 players and four officials of the winning State.

During the carnival, the annual meeting of the National RSL Bowls Council took place. Len Preedy was elected executive member and becomes vice-president. Ern Newton was elected delegate.

The big news is that the carnival will be held in WA in two years time, with the Jack Hamilton series starting on December 26, 1978, and the National RSL Fours commencing on January 2, 1979, our 150th anniversary year.

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20 — LISTENING POST — MAY, 1977
Do You Qualify For These Medals?

By DOUG BRYCE

With reference to the article in the December issue of "Listening Post", by Capt Plunkett concerning Dunkirk, Belgium and Somme Medals etc, it is regretted that this is out of date and inaccurate in parts.

Throughout the world, delegates are appointed for States and countries, and only through such delegates may applications be made.

In WA, all medals referred to must be applied for through Alex Gillies, who has the only authority and privilege to carry out investitures, the last one being at Anzac House early in December last year.

Any correspondence sent to the UK or Europe will, in due course, be returned to Mr Gillies.

In case of any misunderstanding, these are not "military" but "commemorative" medals, hence the fee required to receive them.

They are not bought, as some infer, by paying $10 to join the RSL you do not buy the Badge you wear with pride, "all concerned in handling these medals must be volunteers".

The cost of printing, postage etc to cover the 20,000 mile round trip is the reason why the fee is much higher than that which applies in the UK, also why it takes some months for the medals and diplomas to reach Australia.

Medals may be applied for posthumously, if the next-of-kin have the details required. Miniatures are also available, but only after the medal has been received.

For all medals other than the Dunkirk one, a retainer of 50c is charged, to cover expenses — which is quite inadequate.

To send a medal from Perth to the country by registered post is $2.40, plus 30c for the diploma.

Details of medals are: 1940 Dunkirk Veterans' Association (DVA). Details of qualifications are printed on application form.

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Included in the fee is $1.50 as annual sub for membership with FRNVRA.

Palms as mentioned are available only to those who have remained financial, or they may become life members for $16; the Bronze, Silver Palms, and Life Member lapel badge are then awarded, Gold Palm and Bar follow later. Fee for Belgian medals is $9.

EUROPEAN COMBATANT CROSS: Issued by Confederation of Ex-servicemen. Fee is $19; raises problems, is awarded by recommendation — not application. Must be sponsored by affiliate body of the Confederation, and the only association with which we are associated is Belgian Federation.

They lay down that only fully financial members of FRNVRA will be sponsored, which means, of course, that you must have received one of the two Belgian Medals. This precludes many who served in Europe, but we have no other option.

THE AISNE AND CHEMIN DES DAMES MEDAL is not, so far, handled by us, but we are in touch with the headquarters in St Cloud, France and in the near future should have details of fees, qualifications etc. When known, the information will be published.

It appears to cover 1914-18 and a short period in June 1940, and is also the only one where medal and miniature can be applied for together. The estimated fee for both is $18.

It is hoped the above information, as supplied by Mr Gillies, will clarify the position with regard to the medals. Several hundred have been issued already and the recipients are proud to wear them.

For many World War I veterans, time is getting short and therefore it is hoped not too many have written direct for medals as this causes delay.

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22 – LISTENING POST – MAY, 1977
LET'S BUILD UP MEMBERSHIP

On the front cover of the "Listening Post" is depicted the State Memorial Plaque with the words underneath - "LEST WE FORGET".

One is reminded rather of "how many have forgotten" when we see the sad state of our membership numbers today.

As I see it, there is a great need for something to be done, and done quickly, or as sure as the sun goes down in the west, so will the RSL if we do not make a concerted effort to halt the decline in membership.

We should aim at those ex-service men and women who could, for their own benefit, have been members long before this.

My belief is that the League should approach the matter in a similar vein to any company or body that wishes to sell something. The League wants to sell membership but with one vital difference from an ordinary everyday sales situation.

There is benefit and profit for both parties, with the assurance of growing strength as the League increases in numbers.

Points for consideration are as follows:
• approach the media in WA - Press, radio and TV for a promotion to be scheduled at least two weeks before Remembrance Day.
• seek assistance from all political parties to actively support the scheme.

REPATRIATION PENSIONS TO INCREASE

Readers may have read in the press that pensions would increase in May. The information in the press was a little sketchy so the following table may be a bit more informative.

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The increases will be in accordance with movements in the Consumer Price Index for the September and December quarters last year and follow the Government’s undertaking given in August last year to index pensions.

The increases will be effective from the payday of May 5.

• the whole scheme to be handled in a professional way by a competent body well versed in sales promotion, and fund-raising.

The media, I feel sure, would assist wholeheartedly - after all they give great prominence to the activities on Remembrance Day. TV, if the going rate for advertising is not too steep, would be the most advantageous.

On page 49 of the "Listening Post", December, 1976, we see listed 29 ex-servicemen's associations. It would be interesting to ascertain how many members of these kindred associations are NOT members of the RSL.

I think the result of a survey would prove that these could be fruitful recruiting-grounds, for a start.

The various bowling clubs situated throughout the metropolitan area and country could be approached through their secretaries to assist in circularising their members in an endeavour to increase our membership.

I feel sure that apathy is the main reason why the RSL numbers are at an all-time low. The cure for apathy is vigorous and energetic effort.

LET'S DO IT! — John Adkin.

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24 – LISTENING POST – MAY, 1977
WHERE IS JOHN OR KEITH BENJAMIN?

George H. Leggett, of 59 Buckland St, Toowoomba, 4350, is attempting to trace the above-named friend whom he has not seen since 1944 in Brisbane after they had both attended the Engineering School at Ingleburn.

It is believed that Mr. Benjamin joined the RAAF after Army service, served in Canada where he crashed, was repatriated to Australia and treated in Concord Hospital.

It is also believed that in 1950 he lived at 9 Durville Crescent, Griffith, A.C.T.

Any knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. Benjamin should be directed to Ken Schultz, Deputy National Secretary, RSL, Box 303, G.P.O. Canberra City, A.C.T. 2601.

R.S.L. BALL OF THE YEAR

August 12, 1977

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BOOKINGS, JACK WAGLAND (71-5295).
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THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

Satire — by DOUG CARTER

The Rockingham Sub-Branch was forced to re-locate the Hall on Lease Road, Shoalwater Bay.

Naturally, with the Hall it is essential to have a “House of Learning” and the following extract is our way of showing our appreciation to a dedicated member — president Jack Alexander (78 and only looks 60).

Plans were passed by all and sundry and the great debate took place. Should a contractor perform the work or should members have a busy bee?

Money is scarce — then up spake brave Horatius: “I’ll save you money; in my spare time I’ll build your dunny,” said Jack.

Soon the area was cleared — the heap of bricks cleaned and new bricks delivered by courtesy of the local Shire, and the building slowly took shape.

The blazing sun beat down for many a day. Undaunted, Jack mixed mortar and Jack laid those bricks, until today we have an outside edifice any sub-branch would be proud to own.

The stalls, the throne-rooms and the toilet facilities are a pleasure to behold for those who previously went bush, and, at the last meeting, members thought it only fitting that the builder should be officially invited to christen this building so that in the future members can say: “My son, this is truly the house that Jack built and he was a 'shouse’ builder.”

Thanks, Jack.

ATTENTION

DELEGATES

The second annual luncheon for the wives of Delegates to State Congress will be held at the Gateway Inn, Function Rooms, 1st Floor, 10 Irwin Street, Perth, on Saturday, May 21, 1977, at 12.30 p.m.

Guests are asked to assemble from 12 noon. The charge for the luncheon will be $5.50.

Please send acceptances and remittances by May 9 to: Mrs. C. Bruce, 18 Minabah Street, Wembley Downs, W.A. 6019.

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26 – LISTENING POST – MAY. 1977
Senator My question is directed to the Minister.

"...would the Minister take into consideration the service homes which repatriation benefits to ex-servicemen and to consideration by the strong criticism of Mr Keys, the Keefe at the end of service homes and the recent report to the Government suggesting that there..."

Senator DURACK - Senator Bishop has raised 2 quite different matters, one dealing with interest rates on defence service homes which I will deal with quickly. I was asked a question by the honourable senator and I think by Senator Keefe at the end of last year on this subject and I said then, as I say again now, that the Government has no plans to increase interest rates on defence service homes. I have said that on other occasions in the intervening period and I do not see why there should be any continued speculation on the matter. The other question Senator Bishop asked dealt with the future of repatriation hospitals and he used the phrase 'rationalisation of State and repatriation hospitals'. Any use of the expression 'rationalisation of State and repatriation hospitals' implies that there may be a handing over of repatriation hospitals to the States.

I have seen some Press reports in relation to this matter and gather that they arise out of speculation over some report that has been made to the Government. That report was made to the Prime Minister and whether and when the Prime Minister tables it is a matter for him. I do not want to say any more about it. However, the Government has made no plans and I have no proposals or any intention of making any proposals to hand over repatriation hospitals to the States. There are very sensible arrangements in some States between the repatriation hospital and the State hospital system and there is some co-operation between them. In my own State there is a useful arrangement between the Hollywood Hospital and the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Apart from the development of that sort of co-operation there are certainly no plans or any consideration in my mind in respect of handing repatriation hospitals over to the States."
MEMOS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The RSL is always fighting for the interests of ex-service personnel and their families. The following letters from National H.Q. are ample proof of this. These are but a few of hundreds of matters that are dealt with by them.

RE: TV & RADIO LICENCE FEES
Item No. 84 of the National Congress Minutes reads:—
"That the RSL protest against any move towards the re-introduction of TV & Radio Licence fees for ex-service Pensioners." W.A. BRANCH.

This was forwarded to the Minister for Post & Telecommunications, and his reply is attached hereto.

Yours faithfully,
KEN G. SCHULTZ, Deputy National Secretary.

"I refer to your letter of 14 December concerning the resolution carried by the 61st National Congress of your League in relation to the possible re-introduction of television and radio licence fees for ex-service pensioners.

As you have indicated, the Government did not adopt earlier proposals for the re-introduction of such fees, and should this matter again be raised, the position of ex-service pensioners would be fully considered."

(Signed)
ERIC L. ROBINSON,
Minister for Post & Telecommunications
& Minister assisting the Treasurer.

TELEPHONE CONCESSIONS ON MEDICAL GROUNDS
The following resolution, carried at the 61st National Congress:

Item 38: "That when considered necessary on medical grounds by the Department of Repatriation (Veterans Affairs) or a Repatriation LMO by reason of age or disability, Repatriation pensioners be provided with telephone facilities at reduced installation costs and free of rent."

Was forwarded to the Minister whose reply reads as follows:

"As you appreciate, this is a proposal which could not be justified only for Repatriation beneficiaries and is therefore a matter for the Government to decide when financial priorities are being established. I will discuss the matter with my colleague the Minister for Social Security at an appropriate time."

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) PETER DURACK

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIALS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA
The matter of the maintenance of Australian War Memorials in Papua New Guinea was taken up with the Minister for Foreign Affairs in June 1976. We have today received an interim reply, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Yours faithfully,
A.G.W. KEYS,
National Secretary.

"I refer to your letter addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Peacock about the continued maintenance of some 50 war memorials in Papua New Guinea.

The issue of the continued protection and maintenance of war graves and commemoration memorials of former Commonwealth servicemen in Papua New Guinea is currently being examined by the relevant Australian authorities, in consultation with the Government of PNG and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The maintenance of the battle memorials prior to PNG's independence was not included within the responsibilities of the Office of Australian War Graves; the memorials were maintained either by local organisations or, informally, from District Commissioners funds. The question of responsibility for maintenance of these memorials since independence is a complex one and will require careful consideration in the light of, among other things, Papua New Guinea wishes in this respect.

I can assure you that I fully appreciate the concern of the RSL in this matter and shall, for my part, have careful regard to your views. Consideration of this matter is still at an early stage. I have noted your suggestion that the views of the RSL in Papua New Guinea be sought at an appropriate stage of the discussions. I have taken the liberty of sending copies of our exchange of letters to my colleagues, the Minister for Administrative Services, Senator The Hon. R.G. Withers, and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator The Hon. P. Durack.

Signed IAN SINCLAIR, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs."

NATIONAL ANTHEM
The following Item No. 143, carried at the 61st National Congress was forwarded to the Minister for comment:-

"That every endeavour be made to re-introduce 'God Save The Queen' which is our National Anthem, on those occasions when the Australian Broadcasting Commission and the Defence Forces are currently playing 'Advance Australia Fair.'"

NSW BRANCH.

The reply is attached hereto.

Yours faithfully,
KEN G. SCHULTZ,
Deputy National Secretary.

"I have been requested by the Secretary, Department of Defence to thank you for your letter G.3 of 15 December 1976 in connection with the RSL resolution item No. 143 at the 61st National Conference on the subject of the National Anthem.

2. The present policy on the matter of the National Anthem is that instructions were issued to the Services in April 1976 as follows:-
(a) Defence Force military and brass bands are to play ‘God Save The Queen’;

(1) As the National Anthem on all Service occasions and on civil occasions unless the organizers request in lieu of the National Anthem one of the three alternative musical salutes;

(2) Has a Royal Salute for regal and vice-regal personages:

(3) As appropriate, during presentations of, parading or laying up of Queen's Colours, Standards and Guidons and at Queen’s Birthday Parades;

(4) Where in Defence Force messes, with a band in attendance, the Loyal Toast is proposed.

(b) Defence Force bands performing at civilian functions, when requested by the organizers, may play any one of the following as a musical salute:

(1) Advance Australia Fair; or

(2) Waltzing Matilda; or

(3) Song of Australia.

Signed P.H.G. OXLEY COLONEL, Director Protocol & Visits.

ANZAC DAY 1977 – CANNOCK CHASE, UK

The attached letter from the Military Historical Society – West Highlands Branch is circulated for the information of RSL members and inclusion in publications as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

KEN G. SCHULTZ,
Deputy National Secretary.

“I would refer to your letter dated 1 June 1976 regarding Anzac Day 1977. Preparations are now ready for the April 24 1977 at the British War Cemetery Cannock Chase. We have acceptances of up to 2,000 people and over 40 Standards, for the Service which must now be the largest outside Australasia.

The Military Vehicle Conservation Society of Great Britain are attending, and it is rather pleasing to note that all the military vehicles will display Australian and New Zealand colours and tank pennants.

The new President of my Society, is the Countess of Lichfield, who will be present as will Nancy, Lady Bagot, who is an Australian and the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Stafford.

I would greatly appreciate an item in your branch newspaper during February 1977. If in fact any wreaths are required, then perhaps you would be kind enough to contact Mrs Shelia Smith, 41 Compton Road, Compton, Wolverhampton, England, who is the Royal British Legion representative in Staffordshire, and will make any arrangements for wreaths which are required. I would very much like your Branch newspaper to indicate that at least in this corner of England, in a rather beautiful spot, that the dead of the Anzac Forces of 1914-18 are not being forgotten.

Signed JOHN P. MELLOR, Branch Co Ordinator”

WORLD WAR I MARBLE STATUE
FOR AUST. WAR MEMORIAL

The Board of Trustees of Australian War Memorial is anxious to acquire one of the memorials which recorded the contribution and sacrifices of so many Australian communities during the 1914-18 War.

The memorials are in one of two forms. A simple obelisk or

a statue of a digger carved in white marble usually standing on a granite base on which were inscribed the names of those who went to the war, so many never to return.

After 60 years, some of the country centres in which these memorials are erected are now deserted, and as a result, the memorials are suffering neglect and damage. In the larger towns and cities, similar memorials have been built out or have been surrounded by other paraphernalia of development.

The Board of Trustees regard these memorials as part of the national estate, and something that should be safeguarded for posterity. It is anxious to acquire one, particularly the statue of the digger carved in white marble with arms reversed. It seems to have been an Australian phenomenon. The statue would be erected and preserved in the War Memorial grounds.

The Director emphasises that it is appreciated that the memorials reflect the strong emotional and national pride of communities where husbands, sons and daughters were deeply involved in the war, and they may not be willingly surrendered even to the War Memorial. However, the Board does hope to obtain a favourable response from at least one centre.

The Board would of course be responsible for all removal costs and in place of the statue would erect a suitable obelisk commemorating any names that were on the original War Memorial and acknowledging the gift of the community concerned.

MEMBERS

ASK THESE QUESTIONS

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you quite content
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend all meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home to criticise and knock?

* * *

Do you take an active part to help your Branch along
Or are you quite well satisfied
To only just belong?
Do you even take a stand
For things you think are right,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk instead of fight.

* * *

Why not think it over?
You know what’s right or wrong
Be an ACTIVE MEMBER
Don’t merely just “belong” – L.P.
NOTICE TO MEMBERS
AND INTENDING MEMBERS

HEALTH INSURANCE AS FROM 1ST OCTOBER 1976

The health insurance programme has been revised by the Government, and as from 1st October, 1976 you have three alternatives in regard to Medical and Hospital Insurance:

(1) Standard Medibank:
85% of doctors’ schedule fee and standard ward accommodation in a public hospital.

(2) Standard Medibank Plus:
Cover for private treatment in a public or private hospital.

(3) Private Medical & Hospital Insurance:
Available from Goldfields Medical Fund (Inc.) or other registered private funds.

Unless you nominate your choice of health insurance by 1st October, 1976 you will automatically pay a levy of 23% of your taxable income. Single persons will be subject to a maximum of $2.00 per week and family $6.80 per week. This levy will cover you for standard Medibank only.

It is necessary to contribute to both basic medical and basic hospital tables to qualify for exemption from the Medibank levy.

Supplementary Hospital Tables:
An additional $10.00 per day may be obtained if you choose to contribute to table 1. This will entitle you to fund benefit of $50.00 per day, plus government subsidy of $16.00 per day, making a total benefit of $66.00 per day.

By contributing to table 2 you will be entitled to fund benefit of $60.00 per day, plus government subsidy of $16.00 per day, making a total benefit of $76.00 per day.

Medical Gap: (15% of Schedule Fees)
This table enables you to recover the balance between basic medical and the schedule fee for medical services.

Ancillary Benefits:
This table covers you for items which are not covered in any of the basic tables. Included are such items as chiropractor, physiotherapy, dental, spectacles (for dependant children only), trained nurses, artificial limbs and most other items such as psychology. Benefits applicable are as follows:

Physiotherapist and Chiropractor:
$4.00 per visit with a maximum of $80.00 for family contributors and $40.00 for single contributors over any 12 months period. This period to commence from the first day of service.

Dental:
( Including Orthodontist) 80% of claim with a maximum of $100.00 for family contributors and $50.00 for single contributors over any 12 months period. This period to commence from the 1st day of service.

Existing members will receive immediate benefits - new members and members transferring from another fund will serve a 9 months waiting period.

Spectacles:
$20.00 per pair (for dependant children only) with a maximum of two pairs per year.

Trained Nurses:
80% of account with a maximum of $100.00 per year.

Artificial Limbs and other Prosthesis:
For accounts up to $100.00 a benefit of 80% is applicable.

Psychology:
80% of account with a maximum of $100.00 over any 12 months period.

The Goldfields Medical Fund is an agent for Medibank.
GOLDFIELDS MEDICAL FUND (INC.)
HOSPITAL - MEDICAL - SUPPLEMENTARY - GAP AND ANCILLARY TABLES
from 1st October 1976

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**THESE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPT. OF HEALTH**
A rebate of 2 weeks contribution has been allowed from the yearly subscription. One weeks rebate will be allowed on payment of 6 months subscription in advance.

**PLEASE NOTE:**
You must contribute to both basic medical and basic hospital tables to qualify for exemption from the Medibank levy.

There will be NO QUALIFYING PERIOD applicable in respect to persons joining between the 1st October 1976 and 30th November 1976, with the exception of dental benefits when a nine month waiting period will apply to new members joining or transferring to the fund.

For further information please contact The Secretary,
Goldfields Medical Fund (Inc.)
P.O. BOX 63 BOULDER or PHONE KALGOORLIE 213099
EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT

In the opinion of the Executive of the Returned Services League of Australia, W.A. Branch (incorporated) the accompanying balance sheet and statement of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 1976 do give a true and fair view of the financial position of the League and the Group as at 31st December, 1976, and the results for the year ended on that date.

On behalf of the State Executive

L. PRINNA, President
L. J. TURNER, Vice-President
D. H. BRUCE, State Secretary

PERTH, W.A., 13 April, 1977

STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I, Valcris E. Smith, principal accounting officer of The Returned Services League of Australia, W.A. Branch (incorporated), do hereby state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying balance sheet and statement of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 1976, do give a true and fair view of the financial position of the League and the Group as at 31st December, 1976, and the results for the year ended on that date.

DATED AT PERTH THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 1977.

V. E. SMITH, Principal Accounting Officer, The Returned Services League of Australia, W.A. Branch (incorporated).

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the members of The Returned Services League of Australia, W.A. Branch (incorporated). The Auditors have not been provided with a full set of accounts for the years ended 31st December, 1976, and as such, are unable to express an opinion on the accounts.

The non provision for depreciation on buildings is a departure from the Statement of Accounting Standards issued by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

In our opinion depreciation should be charged to the income and expenditure statement so as to absorb the cost or value attributed to buildings over their useful economic lives.

As referred to in note 1 the associated bodies referred to above have not accounted the financial effect of this departure from the accounting standard and it is impracticable for us to estimate this.

E. F. STARR, R. S. GARD, Partners

The audit report on the accounts of The Returned Services League of Australia, W.A. Branch (incorporated) for the year ended 31st December, 1976, and the accompanying notes have been reviewed by the Auditors.

B. F. ELLIOTT, Partner

PERTH, W.A., 13 April, 1977

BALANCE SHEETS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1976

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting policies
   (a) Historical cost convention
      These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting convention of recording the cost of assets as at the date of acquisition.
   (b) Depreciation
      (i) Buildings
         Depreciation has not been charged in accordance with the accounting convention of recording the cost of buildings.
      (ii) Furniture, plant and equipment
         Depreciation has not been charged in accordance with the accounting convention of recording the cost of furniture, plant and equipment.
   (c) Interest
      Interest receivable is only as evident from the accounts.
   (d) Stock on hand
      Stock on hand has been valued at cost.
   (e) Land held in trust
      Land held in trust at 31st December 1976.
   (f) Investments
      Investments are valued at cost receivable from the date of acquisition.
   (g) Consolidation practices
      (i) The Group accounts are prepared on the basis of the accounting convention of recording the cost of associated bodies.
      (ii) The accumulated funds transferred by associated bodies are not transferred to the league.
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   (iv) The associated bodies are accounted for in accordance with the accounting convention of recording the cost of associated bodies.

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      Land held in trust at 31st December 1976.
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Accounts may be Inspected

THE ACCOUNTS IN DETAIL MAY BE VIEWED (by appointment) at the offices of the Returned Services League, W.A. Branch (incorporated) at:
League Headquarters,
4 Sherwood Court, Perth.
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF
THE GROUP AND LEAGUE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 3

Extraordinary Items:
(a) Transfer of Allport House and land to Crown
On 28th June, 1975, the Group completed the transfer of the Allport House building and premises to the West Australian Govern-
ment for the following consideration:
(i) The sum of $35,000 payable immediately.
(ii) 100 years free possession of Allport House until the temporary premises are provided by the State Government.
(b) Based on new premises, to be treated approximately as the sale of the old premises, for a term of 21 years with an option of renewal for a like term on the same terms and conditions as the first lease including an option of renewal, and for a rental of a proportion.

The amount to be written off on disposal of Allport House is arrived at as follows:
Executive valuation 1975 of Allport House $320,000
Less 100 years free possession $180,000

(b) Note off on fixed assets scrapped — Allport Club.
This amount relates to items of plant, fixtures and fittings which, at the transfer of the building and premises to the State, were scrapped, or were subsequently removed, and is deemed to have no further value.

Note 4

Advance to caterers
This amount was advanced to the caterers in 1974 under an agreement dated May, 1974 and whereby the agreement was terminated by either party with one months notice. As such, at the date of the balance sheet, each of the parties is liable for any debt due to the other party, any amount outstanding to the caterer being deducted from the advance and the balance, if any, repayable to the War Veterans Home.

Note 5

Deferred expenditure
This amount relates to architects fees and sewerage works on 15 proposed dwelling units which may be built as soon as Government funds are made available. A subsidy claim for approximately 40% of this expenditure has been lodged with the Department of Social Security.

Group
League
76
175
1975
1974
1974
1975
$6
$6
$6
$6

Reserves
Redevelopment reserves
New project reserve in War Veterans Home
$818,881
$83,164
$187,055
$20,144

The redevelopment reserves have been established in the various bodies to provide against future costs of replacing or redeveloping capital equipment.

Note 7

Trade debtors
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Mortar vehicles

Note 8

Land, buildings, furniture and equipment at
execution value 1 January, 1971:

| Land (refer note 3) | — | 320,000 | 320,000 |
| Furniture and equipment | 45,244 | 45,647 | 5,954 | 5,966 |
| Depreciation allowance | 16,111 | 14,898 | 1,544 | 1,384 |
| 389,332 | 361,495 | 7,465 | 6,700 |

Note 6

Land sales, sales and other property sales at
market value:

| Land | — | 320,000 | 320,000 |
| Furniture and equipment | 45,244 | 45,647 | 5,954 | 5,966 |
| Depreciation allowance | 16,111 | 14,898 | 1,544 | 1,384 |
| 389,332 | 361,495 | 7,465 | 6,700 |

Note 11

Capital commitments
(a) There is a commitment for capital expenditure of $1,150,000 (1975 2,020,000)
(b) The terms and conditions of transfer of Allport House and land and note on the Notes to the League shall pay the costs of removal or other expenses incurred by the League in moving to temporary premises and finally to the new premises. The estimated value of these costs is approximately $3,800.

Note 12

Subscriptions for capital expenditure
At 31 December, 1976, subscriptions for capital expenditure in respect of the tennis club wing, amounting to approximately $1,100,000 have not been finalized. It is anticipated these will be finalized during 1977.

Note 13

Municipal rates
War Veterans Home and Pearson Village
Assessments for the year ended 1976 have been received and a net amount has been calculated of $2,600 on the Pearson Village. However, assessments are awaiting refund. In the event of an appeal, the outcome of which has not been determined.

Note 14

Group
League
1976
1975
1974
1975
$6
$6
$6
$6

Contributions by associated bodies to Group reserves before extraordinary items:

| The Returned Services League consisting of: | 23,072 | 6,230 | 23,072 | 6,230 |
| R.S.L. Shop | 5,693 | 429 |
| R.S.L. | 5,693 | 429 |
| 28,458 | 6,659 | 6,659 |
| 13,302 | 1,068 | 13,302 | 1,068 |
| 5,853 | 429 |
| 24,144 | 26,903 |
| 7,468 | 2,229 |
| 35,757 | 38,462 |
| 8,067 | 97,072 |
| 23,610 | 40,679 |

SURPLUS (deficit)
$108,968 $7,326,000 $11,966

The above results include the following non operating income:

1976
$6

(a) War Veterans Interest received
444

(b) R.S.L. Shop Interest received
800

(c) War Veterans Interest received
14,468

(d) War Veterans Interest received
7,370

(e) War Veterans Interest received
20,300

(f) R.A.D. Shop Interest received
15,000

(g) R.A.D. Shop Interest received
10,000

(h) R.A.D. Shop Interest received
1,750

(i) War Veterans Interest received
1,819

(j) War Veterans Interest received
1,050

(k) R.A.D. Shop Interest received
1,500

(l) R.A.D. Shop Interest received
540

The above results include the following non operating income:

1975
$6

Notes

13.1 Pearson Village

13.2 Land in South Fremantle

13.3 Pearson Village

13.4 War Veterans Home
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LIFE-SAVING TRAINING IN A P.O.W. CAMP

Training for the Royal Life Saving Society’s proficiency awards is carried out in many remote parts of the Commonwealth where facilities are almost non-existent, but it is doubtful whether the difficulties encountered match those which faced two enthusiastic members of the Society who decided to start a life saving training programme in a German POW camp.

Mr W.M. Cole, who lives at 6 Troy Road, Upper Norwood, London, SE19, and the late Mr George Stacey met at Stalag 383 in 1943.

In the camp there was a pool measuring 22 yds by 10 yds, with a depth of 6ft 6in., — the purpose of which was for use in case of fire.

It was found that there were a number of qualified instructors in the camp, and after taking the first-class themselves, Messrs Cole and Stacey became the examiners.

A Life-Guard Club was formed, and a Corps Badge was made from bits of material and cotton scrounged from a number of different sources.

Great enthusiasm was shown in the training, and awards gained were as follows: 222 bronze medallions, 31 1st-class instructors, 17 provisional instructors.

The list of names, which is in the possession of Mr Cole, shows that the candidates came from all parts of the Commonwealth.

Mr Stacey was the State Secretary of the RLSS (WA Branch) and a member of the RSL State Executive in West Australia, as well as being vice-president of the MTT Sub-Branch of the RSL.

On arrival in WA in 1968, he went into the Hyde Park Hotel for a light refreshment and was served by a familiar face which belonged to mine host, the late Ernie Hull, a member of the 2/11 Bn. and a POW in the same camp as George.

A strange coincidence — so many years later and many thousands of miles apart!

The above information was obtained by M.C. (Mike) Hall who is also a member of the Royal Life Saving Society, and of the RSL State Executive.

DON'T LET THEM DIE
Royal Life Saving Society of Australia
WATER SAFETY CAMPAIGN
RULES FOR WATER SAFETY

BREATH OF LIFE
MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION

WHEN TO DO IT: Immediately in all cases where breathing has stopped, become intermittent or very weak as a result of drowning, electric shock, lightning, or suffocation by smoke, gas, dust, burial, strangulation or drug overdose.

1. Quickly clear his mouth and throat of any foreign material. 2. Tilt his head back to give clear access to the lungs. 3. Pinch his nose closed with the fingers; seal mouth with yours and blow. 4. When the chest rises, turn your head away. Take another breath whilst listening for air to come out and watching chest fall. Then blow again.

- Make your first ten breaths fast, then 10-15 per minute. Remember, the volume of air exchanged is VITAL!
- In DROWNING CASES over-inflation of the lungs may cause damage, so BLOW ONLY UNTIL CHEST COMMENCES TO RISE.
- For BABIES and YOUNG CHILDREN, place mouth over mouth and nose and PUFF.

SWIMMING IN 'STILL' WATER

Many people are drowned every year when swimming in 'still' water — harbours, bays, rivers, lakes and dams. There are also many drownings involving young children, often in backyard pools.

Most drownings are the result of carelessness or ignorance. Help to reduce these tragedies by following these simple safety rules and teaching them to your children.

The most important safety rule is to be able to swim. You are never too old or too young to learn to swim.

Every schoolchild has the opportunity to learn to swim at special classes at weekends or during school holidays in the summer months. Many schools conduct free lessons during school hours.

Watch the newspapers in the summer for details of learn-to-swim campaigns.

The public swimming pools and swimming clubs in most suburbs and towns will arrange classes for people of any age to learn to swim at reasonable cost. With proper instruction, children can be taught water confidence and water safety long before they are ready for school. This prepares them for swimming classes and helps them avoid tragic accidents in the water.

Even if you can swim, it is wise to avoid risks by following these rules.
DON'T
• Swim alone.
• Dive or jump into water of unknown depth. The water should be at least two metres deep where you dive.
• Swim at night in open waters.
• Push people under the water or into the water anywhere.
• Swim on ropes over rivers and dams.
• Swim immediately after a meal.
• Swim near boat harbours or moorings.

DO
• Swim only in safe places. In the country, it is wise to check the water before going in, for rocks, weeds and submerged trees — called snags. It is dangerous to swim in lonely places where the depth of water and bottom are unknown.
• The majority of deaths from drownings occur when people swim in quiet and unsupervised places.
• Floods can change a river bed. Even if you swim at one spot regularly, make a check each time before re-entering the water.
• Don't over-estimate your ability to swim long distances.
• The current or wind may change on the projection on the water before going in, for rocks, weeds and submerged trees — called snags. It is dangerous to swim in lonely places where the depth of water and bottom are unknown.

SWIMMING RESCUES
Multiple drownings are frequent because of rescue attempts by non-swimmers or weak swimmers. Only strong swimmers with a knowledge of lifesaving should attempt a rescue by swimming.

It is best to first try to reach a swimmer in trouble with a boat or a rope, towel, belt, fishing rod, piece of wood or even clothing tied together. If you can't reach, try to throw something such as a piece of wood, beach ball, cake tin, rubber mattress, bucket or saucepan which can be held upside down as a float.

An object with only a small amount of buoyancy will keep a person afloat for long periods if he resists his fingers lightly on the floating object and lies flat in the water.

If the victim is close to the bank, you may reach him by lying on the bank and extending your arm. You can hold any projection on the bank firmly and extend your legs to someone in trouble in the water.

If there are other people present, you can form a human chain by linking wrists to reach the victim.

Swim to the victim only as a last resort after you have carefully thought about any alternatives. Don't rush blindly into the water. First send someone for help, even a small child can do this.

If you do enter the water to make a swimming rescue, first remove heavy clothing such as long trousers, boots, shoes, pullovers or overalls which will weigh you down when waterlogged.

It is always much safer to stay with the crowd and swim in supervised places.

CHILDREN AND THE WATER
When supervising groups of children, count and check frequently — and don’t swim yourself. Wherever there is water, no matter how shallow, watch children constantly.

Never force a child into the water. Wait until he or she is ready.

Don't let children play on rubber or plastic floats unless they are carefully supervised.

HOME SWIMMING POOLS
Many families are installing home swimming pools each summer. Anyone who places any kind of pool in the garden at home immediately takes on a responsibility for the safety of his family and the children living nearby.

The first rule of home pool safety is to enclose it properly with a fence at least 1.5 metres high which has no crossbars as footholds for young children to climb. The gate should be self-closing with a high child-proof latch which can be securely locked.

In some States, a fence is required by State law or Council regulations. Make certain you comply with these legal safety standards. Whether the law requires it or not in your area, a fence is still an essential precaution everywhere.

Ladders for above-ground pools should be locked or removed when not needed.

Where possible, pools should be covered so that small children cannot get under the edge.

Pools are much safer if the surrounding surface is non-slip. Keep glassware and electrical appliances away from the pool. Lock up chemicals you use for pool maintenance — they are poisonous.

Don't have a diving board unless the deep end of your pool is at least 2.5 metres deep. Keep a ring lifebuoy and a long pole which will float for emergencies.

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU LEARN MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION
... and teach it to your children. All children should be taught to swim as soon as possible if you have a pool.

If you install a pool, it is sensible to apply a set of rules from the start in the interests of safety.

80 AT REUNION

A successful RSL Re-union Dinner was held at the Memorial Hall Gnowangerup, last Friday evening November 19, with 80 people attending.

The State Executive of Perth was represented in the person of Mr Christopher Briggs, accompanied by his wife who travelled down for the occasion.

Also present were Mr and Mrs J.F. O'Meehan, Shire President, and visitors from the surrounding RSL sub-branches of Jerramungup, Kojonup, Ongerup, Nyabing and Broomfield.

Mr Briggs addressed the meeting on the work of the State Executive of the League, mentioning War Veterans Homes, Legacy and the dedication service on November 7, at Kings Park.

He re-iterated the words of State President, Mr L. Phenna, in regard to the $30,000 appeal for the restoration of the State War Memorial.

Dr Winrow, the local President of the Gnowangerup and Borden Sub-Branch chaired the meeting and announced that he laid a wreath at the Dedication Ceremony, in memory of the soldiers of this district who gave their lives in Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam between 1950-1972.

Special thanks was made to Mr N.S. Stewart, the secretary, and local members for their assistance in organising this annual function, and the wonderful catering services supplied by Mrs Dot Varey and her capable workers.

Service membership is now available to all eligible ex-servicemen and the local branch welcomes you to apply to the secretary for enrolment.

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Try these rules:
- Do not run or push near the pool.
- No long or running dives from the side of the pool.
- Do not throw balls, sticks or other hard objects.
- No ball games beside the pool or rough games and ‘ducking’ in the pool.
- Do not wear hard objects or jewellery in the water.
- Neighbours' children should have their parents' permission before swimming.
- Wait at least one hour after eating before swimming.
- Never swim alone.

HOW TO SURVIVE BY FLOATING
Keep the body in a relaxed position as flat in the water as possible.
Keep the body and limbs submerged. This takes advantage of natural buoyancy, allowing the face only to be lifted clear when a breath is needed.
Signal help by raising one arm when lying on the back in the water. Raising both arms will cause you to sink.
Keep your eyes open. Most people lose confidence when unable to see and this leads to panic. Regular rhythmic breathing helps endurance and will help you to remain calm and float more easily. Even when exhausted or suffering cramp it is possible to stay afloat for long periods.
Use slow and relaxed swimming strokes. Change both body position and stroke to lengthen endurance and avoid muscular fatigue.

WOULD YOU KNOW HOW TO SAVE A LIFE?
Lectures, demonstrations and film showings covering the latest methods of resuscitation can be given to any interested organisation by qualified members of The Royal Life Saving Society - Australia, Victoria Branch. 'After dinner' speakers can also be provided to talk generally on the work of the Society and its member clubs.
Demonstrations of the various methods of rescue and other water work can also be given at suitable swimming locations. Members of these demonstration squads can help with the instruction of your club or group members after such demonstrations.
Would your club, school, organisation, etc, like to have the benefit of hearing one of our experienced speakers at its next meeting? Or are you interested in joining or supporting the work of one of the life saving clubs?
If so, contact the Victoria Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society - Australia, 3rd Floor, V.C.A. Building, 1 Exhibition Street, Melbourne. Telephone 63-5016.

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WHO CAN HELP?
The Charter of the Claremont Sub-Branch is dated September 16, 1917, and on September 16, 1977, the Branch hopes to hold a suitable function to mark the 60th anniversary.
All financial members, and wives, plus invited guests will be eligible to attend, details at a later date.
However the Sub-Branch records are incomplete, some having been destroyed by fire in 1944. A minute-book has been located, in which the first entry reads “Minutes of 17th annual general meeting of the Claremont Sub-Branch RSL.”
The president was Brig. A.M. Martyn, CMG, DSO, which ties in with the date of the Charter.
Many well-known, names, fathers whose sons are now members, are those of Gen. Sir Talbot Hobbs, Col. S.H. Hubbard, later foundation patron of Cottesloe Sub-Branch and hon secretary respectively.
It is interesting to note that on September 30, 1931, when the Sub-Branch was Claremont-Cottesloe, it was decided to form a separate Sub Branch at Cottesloe and halve the funds, which amounted to 15 pounds, 14 shillings and one penny!!
From the memory of those who may have been active in those days, and maybe from other old books tucked away and since forgotten, we may be able to get further information to fill the blanks in our history.
If anyone can help, please contact the hon secretary, Alex Gillies, 20 Princess Rd, Claremont (phone 31-3117) or president George Mell, 14 Betty St, Nedlands (86-5015).
Any information will be greatly appreciated. — Alex Gillies.

DIGGERS DAY AT ALBANY
By Frank Gomm
MIDDLETON TEAM WIN R.S.L. BOWLS
The seventh annual RSL Great Southern tour bowls championship was played at the Albany Bowling Club last Wednesday for the Frank Gomm trophy.
The bowls carnival was run as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations with 18 teams, a total of 72 bowlers, competing.
Among those present were Sam Crook Country vice-president RSL, Great Southern Bowls Committee Representative Bill Cake, president Albany sub-branch RSL Bill Dixon, president Albany Bowling club Eddie Nichols, club match committee and two associates as guests, Mrs J. Ames and Mrs R. Stigall.
Mr Stigall spoke on the RSL bowls and its beginnings in 1970, its interstate tours, the winning of the interstate series in 1976-77 and the future of the game.
A Middleton Beach team skipped by Ray Ridgway were the winners of the Frank Gomm trophy for 1977 with a Dale River team skipped by I. Thompson runners-up.
Third was Broomehill (R. Heron) and fourth Denmark (R. Russell).
The morning round went to Albany (C. Twaddle), the afternoon round to Perth (R. Stigall), highest score to Gosnells (J. Chapman) with Emu Point (J. Clare) wooden spooners.
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Date

Sub-Branch Secretary

**I HEREBY DECLARE that I am NOT A COMMUNIST and I AGREE to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Returned Services League of Australia.**

Signature of Applicant

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R.S.L. NATIONAL NEWS DIGEST

Each year, under its overseas aid programme, the RSL brings to Australia, for post-graduate training, two medical students from the University in Fiji and two from the Papua New Guinea University in Port Moresby. Graduating students from the Sydney University are then financed to work in Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

The programme has enabled highly qualified young people from the three countries to exchange knowledge and develop friendships.

The two young medics from Fiji are in Australia at the present time, and they will attend the National Executive Meeting on March 27.

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Repatriation seems to be the subject of endless inquiries. In recent years, we've had the ill-fated Senate Committee Inquiry, the Coombs Inquiry, the Bland Inquiry, the Campbell Inquiry, the Bailey Inquiry and the Toose Inquiry.

Repatriation hospitals have been a favourite subject for close study by all the various Committees; the most authoritative of all the inquiries was that conducted by Mr Justice Toose.

He strongly recommended that as the Repat. hospitals were essential for present and future needs, they must be retained under the control of the Repatriation Department and Commission.

This conclusion has been reinforced by the most recent of the Inquiries, under the chairmanship of Mr Peter Bailey.

The Government recently strengthened the Repatriation structure by creating the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and expanding its responsibilities to include Defence Service Homes.

It is hoped that they will now take note of the Toose and Bailey recommendations and assist the Repatriation Commission to solve the staff problems of the hospitals and give them the clear go-ahead for future operations.

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Responding to a request by Mr Justice Fox, the RSL has made public its views on the mining and the sale of uranium.

In a paper released to the press recently, the RSL's Defence Adviser, Major General D. Vincent, said that the denial of Australian uranium could slow down, but not change the course of nuclear power use.

He went on to say that for commercial, defence and diplomatic reasons, Australia should mine and sell uranium ores and go one step further – re-cycle the wastes under Australian control.

The paper went on to say that Australia should acquire the equipment to process uranium and be prepared to divert from peaceful purposes should the urgent need arise.

It was clear from the trend of world events, the failure of detente and the continued expansion of Russian influence that Australia should be in a position to have a nuclear option in defence.

Australia's policy on immigration and refugees has recently been in the headlines. The RSL favours a more imaginative approach to the sponsorship of migrants and a greater sympathy in dealing with the vast refugee problem.

It is self-evident, in the League's view, that Australia must retain the racial harmony which has been an important part of our community development.

The problems of racial minorities around the world are all too apparent and must be avoided.

This does not mean however, that we can't exercise more compassion and more imagination in allowing people into this country whether they come as migrants or as refugees.

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The RSL has been seeking repatriation benefits for the Australian police contingent on Cyprus. This small band of police officers have served under dangerous and difficult circumstances, and have been first class ambassadors for Australia.

In the League's view, they should qualify for repatriation benefits. This attitude is supported by Mr Justice Toose in his recommendations to the Commonwealth Government.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Peter Durack, has recently advised this headquarters that the recommendations of the Toose Report are at present being considered, together with the views of the League, and we will shortly be advised of any changes in Government policy.

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The RSL is not happy about future arrangements for the maintenance and preservation of unit and battle memorials erected in Papua New Guinea during the Second World War.

There are some 90 memorials scattered around Papua New Guinea. At the present time, these are being cared for by the local communities and the District Officers, with some small financial help from Australia.

Since Papua New Guinea gained independence, their future has been in some doubt. The Government has indicated that discussions are taking place on this matter and on the future administration and control of Commonwealth War Graves cemeteries in Papua New Guinea.

At present these are under the authority of the Office of Australian War Graves, but their future still has to be finally determined.

In a recent letter, Mr Durack said: "you may be assured that the Commonwealth Government is aware of the importance of all war graves and memorials being cared for by the officers of the Australian War Graves, and no relaxation in the present high maintenance standards is contemplated."
The Admiral Nimitz Centre Appeal: Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz was USN Commander in Chief Pacific, from shortly after “Pearl Harbour” of December, 1941, until the signing of the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay, on September 2, 1945, and he passed away in February, 1966.

The Admiral Nimitz Centre, located at his birth place in Texas, is a memorial to this great naval officer, and also an attempt to exhibit the full spectrum of the history of the Pacific War.

The Australian section of the exhibit is based on the Buna-Gona campaign. While basic operational funding for the Admiral Nimitz Centre is provided by the Texas State Legislature, money for expansion and new exhibits must come from public donation.

The appeal for financial help is drawn to the attention of RSL members, who should forward any donations to the National Headquarters, PO Box 303, Canberra City, ACT, 2601.

It is worthy of note that one prominent Australian who took a leading part as an Artillery Officer in the Buna campaign was the League’s own National President, Sir William Hall.

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It has been reported that the forthcoming referendum will include questions relating to the National Anthem, and that people would be given the option of indicating their preference.

The present Government policy is that “God Save The Queen” shall be played as the National Anthem at all service and civilian occasions, unless the organisers request in lieu of the National Anthem, one of the three alternative musical salutes.

It shall always be played as a Royal Salute during the presentation of the Queen’s Colours and Standards and in Defence Force messes when the Loyal Toast is proposed and a band is present.

The alternative musical salutes that may be played on other than royal and vice-regal occasions are “Advance Australia Fair”, “Waltzing Matilda” or “Song of Australia”.

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The 20th triennial conference of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League will be held in Edinburgh from May 22 to 27.

The BCEL is made up of affiliated organisations from Commonwealth and former Commonwealth countries – some 40 in all, and is presided over by HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh as Grand President.

Its main purpose is to co-ordinate action to relieve distress amongst former commonwealth ex-servicemen and women living in countries around the world.

Each year the RSL contributes approximately $7,000 to assist in this welfare work in various countries.

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HANDICAP
Deafness is a hidden handicap and instead of receiving sympathy and understanding, is considered only to have a nuisance “value”. Very few members of the public, be they employers, officials, workmates or even members of the family realize how serious this sensory loss affects the lives of these people.

It is not the ear-specialist who will ascertain whether his patient can be helped or not. There are various factors which can cause an irreversible deafness.

It may run in the family, can be due to disease (measles, diphtheria), an excessive use of drugs (streptomycin), diseases of the ear (meningitis), is part of the ageing process and can also be brought on by prolonged exposure to excessive noise either in industry or by gunfire or any explosive noise experienced in battle. In the latter case the loss of hearing is usually sudden.

PROBLEM
It may well be that many returned soldiers have found that their hearing has deteriorated owing to war causes. Unfortunately this type of problem, caused by the fault of the mechanism in the inner ear cannot be treated by medical or surgical means at present.

The Australian Association for Better Hearing, with branches all over Australia, welcomes any adult with a hearing problem. It is not that these thus handicapped cannot hear people speaking. They can hear their voices, but cannot quite catch what is being said.

The association holds lip-reading classes and gives lessons in auditory training (hearing re-education). This instruction often appears to result in better hearing — hence the name of our association.

The WA Branch would be happy to provide a guest speaker to interested members of the RSL. Remember, “protect your hearing, it is priceless”.

Please contact the office, either by mail, to 141, Newcastle Street, Perth, or by phone 28.4832 on week-days between 10 am and 2.45 pm. — Ursula Holcz (Mrs.) Publicity Officer.

Netherlands Ex-Servicemen’s Association of Australia

Sub-Branches are advised of the existence of the Netherlands Ex-Servicemen’s Association. This could be an advantage to the Netherlands Ex-Servicemen, who are members of the RSL, with regards to pensions and other entitlements.

Any such ex-servicemen requiring assistance are requested to call the Secretary, Mr A. Van Dyle on phone No 41-2496. The postal address of the Association is Box 115, P.O. WEMBLEY 6014.

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BUSSELTON NOTES

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

By JOHN JOYCE

The annual general meeting of the Busselton sub-branch was held in the local RSL Hall and attracted an attendance of 22 members. Several apologies for non attendance being received.

After opening the meeting in the appropriate manner the president, John Joyce, extended a welcome to several new members and others who, through age or distance, could not attend regularly.

He then referred to the “passing on” of former Secretary Mr John Watson, MM, MBE, and called for a minute’s silence as a mark of respect to a member whose work for the sub-branch will be long remembered.

The secretary-treasurer then presented his audited statements of both the general account and amelioration account and explained that whilst both accounts had decreased during the year the position was not so bad as appeared.

The raffle was an outstanding success and this money was being retained in a special savings account to cover the costs of renovating the Hall.

SUCCESSFUL

In his address, the president pointed out that he and the committee considered that 1976 had been a most successful year in all ways.

Though State membership had decreased by 1,387, Busselton had increased its membership by 14 after allowing for those who had “left us”; and attendance at monthly meetings had increased by at least 80 percent.

These increases he ascribed to the support which he had received from— in his words— “a virile committee, the issue of reasonably regular ‘Newsletters’ and social functions arranged by members and, not in the least, by the readiness of the committee members to talk with and assist members with their problems, and the general trend towards making members feel that their problems were not theirs alone but applied to all RSL members”.

He emphasised that although the last Anzac Day March and Ceremony had probably been the “best ever” there was still room for improvement.

The Dawn Service resulted in a record roll-up and the entertainment after the march, provided by the Busselton Bowling Club, made it a worthwhile day.

WORTHWHILE

Reference was made to the annual distribution of Christmas cards to widows of ex-servicemen and some ex-servicewomen, and letters received from recipients of the parcels showed that the expense was really worthwhile.

Concluding, the president pointed out that whatever he had asked for during the year— assistance at the march, Poppy Day, raffle and working bees at the hall — had not fallen on deaf ears and members of the committee and general members had rallied to the call.

He expressed his thanks to one and all and stated that, from his own point of view, the year had been a most rewarding one.

The report was received with a spontaneous acclamation which augurs well for 1977.

NEWS FROM KOJONUP

The President Reports

The Kojonup Sub-Branch has enjoyed an excellent year in membership gains and public relations in the community.

As in previous years, separate deputations gave talks to our two town schools, promoting essays in both schools for boys and girls in two separate age groups.

Girls took off all the prizes. The winners were Caroline Stretch, Vicki Hawkins, Helen Hill and Rebecca White.

The Sub-Branch was represented by the president at the inaugural 25th Battalion Re-union Dinner at the Commercial Hotel last year.

It was particularly pleasing to the executive and members alike that a number of the original 25 Battalion members stayed on to march with us on Anzac Day when we enjoyed the largest turnout on record of servicemen taking part in our annual memorial march and service.

Our monthly family dance is now in its sixth year. This facet of our organisation helps financially and socially, as it continues to draw families within a radius of 50 miles.

THANKS

During the year, our worthy Secretary, Cliff Stretch, and our senior vice-president, Joshua Cartwright, have done a sterling job in canvassing throughout the district for new members. To them we extend a sincere thank you for their labours. Currently our membership stands at 82 members.

IMAGE

Turning now to Legacy, many of our members have given unlimited time to assisting families in unfortunate circumstances. This is an excellent means of fostering the image of the RSL.

The annual Re-union Dinner last November was a great success. We had a maximum attendance of members, friends and visitors and our distinguished guests included Mr and Mrs Christopher Briggs.

Mr Briggs is a State junior vice-president. Mrs Rowe, State president Ladies RSL Auxiliary and Mrs Chillicot were also there.

During the evening, Mrs Rowe presented Mrs Jess King with a Life Membership badge and a 25-Year Badge to Mrs Kath Crook, thus marking a milestone in our Sub-Branch history.

On January 20, we held our second annual Sam Crook Fours carnival at the Kojonup Bowling Club rinks. Players came from Albany, Gnowangerup, Borden, Broomfield,
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The weather was splendid and the players enjoyed their matches, meals and liquid refreshments. All-in-all, a further “plus” for Kojonup Sub-Branch.

As a sub-branch, we should be particularly pleased with our current financial position. Our investments and cash in the bank will enable us to pay for the sewerage connection and upgrading of the ladies toilets.

In closing, let me thank all members for their support and assistance during my term of office.

G.R. Meyers (President)

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OLD SUB-BRANCHES AMALGAMATE

At the Centenary Hall, Caledonian Ave, Maylands, on Thursday, January 27, meetings of Maylands and Railways sub-branches were independently held and the members present voted unanimously to amalgamate and operate as one sub-branch.

A third meeting for the evening was immediately convened and chaired by Norman Healy, of the State Executive, for the purpose of election of officers for the newly-constituted Sub-Branch.

It was agreed that the new sub-branch would have the title of Maylands-Railways Sub-Branch RSL.

The position of president was contested between J.E. Boyd, formerly president of Railways and G.F. Spencer, formerly president of Maylands. Mr Boyd was successful by a very narrow margin. Mr Spencer was immediately elected senior vice-president.

The job of secretary was entrusted to A.H. (Jim) Lindsay of 33A Central Ave, Maylands (phone 71.3291). He was formerly secretary of Maylands.

The members mixed very freely after the conclusion of business, and the indications are that the move will prove to be a great success.

The earlier meetings of the evening saw the demise of one of the oldest sub-branches in the League. Maylands had a history extending back to the June 16, 1919 when the Sub-Branch was formed; Railways had a history nearly as long, as their sub-branch was formed in 1921.

Meetings of the new Sub-Branch will continue in the Centenary Hall and will be held on every fourth Thursday — which falls on Pension Day.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THE DATE, VENUE AND TIME. — Norm Healy

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GERALDTON NEWS

GERALDTON PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

From B.J.B.

The retiring president of the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the RSL, Stan Moore, was re-elected for his third term at the Annual General Meeting.

The retiring secretary, Graham Till, was elected to the dual position of secretary-treasurer; and others re-elected included repatriation officer Bill Cunningham, hospital visitor Clem Burns and publicity officer B.J. (Peter) Barden.

However, there are two new vice-presidents — Ernie Gleed (senior) and John Troode (junior). Joe Willers will occupy the joint position of assistant-secretary and assistant-treasurer.

In his report, Mr Moore reported on a highly successful year during which the Geraldton Sub-Branch won the Collett Cup for the 13th time as the outstanding country sub-branch.

Mr Moore appealed to all members to make special effort to get younger men to join the League. He deplored the attitude of those who said “Why join the RSL when we can get the benefits?” — because if it was not for the RSL, these benefits would not apply.

NEW MEMBER

A new member, Wally Wilson, was welcomed to the meeting. He served in South-East Asia with the British Army and is a former member of the Coldstream Guards Band in London and was also foundation conductor of the Aldershot Concert Band.

Mr Wilson moved from Northam to join the Geraldton Town Band as a trombonist and also to be an instructor for the juniors. He founded the Avon Junior Band at Northam.

The president also welcomed two visitors Eric Brumby, of Yankalilla Sub-Branch in South Australia, and Alf Nutley, junior vice-president of the Armadale Sub-Branch.

Life Member Bert Lock, who will be 87 in April and has been a member of this organisation for 57 years, again chaired the annual general meetings of both the Sub-Branch and the Women’s Auxiliary, for the election of officers.

QUEEN’S VISIT

Geraldton RSL members were to assemble as a group in Queen’s Park on March 26 during a mass welcome to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Clem Burns successfully moved that the Sub-Branch should notify the Town Council of its intention.

The Mayor, Mr Mildwaters, recently asked organised groups wishing to be included in the assembly, to contact the Council.

He said it was anticipated that the Queen would proceed from one side of Queen’s Park to the other, and in doing so, would stop and speak to representatives of groups or...
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The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are scheduled to arrive at Geraldton by air from Port Moresby at 7pm on March 26 and to leave about an hour later from Fremantle in the Royal Yacht Britannia.

AIR COMMODORE

The Geraldton Sub-Branch has received a delightful Christmas present — it has acquired the membership of its first Air Commodore member.

State Headquarters told the December meeting that Air Commodore David William Hitchins, of the RAAF at Pearce, had joined our Sub-Branch.

Mr Moore said Air Commodore Hitchins was retiring to Geraldton and would be a valuable sub-branch acquisition.

At the same meeting, Bill Quayle successfully moved that a letter of best wishes be sent to former State Governor Sir Charles Gairdner, who had a leg amputated in the Perth Hospital which was named after him. The amputation resulted from an injury in World War I.

The Sub-Branch decided to make a donation of $50 to the State War Memorial Restoration Appeal.

Thanks were expressed for support given to the Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal, which raised more than $278 to help aged ex-servicemen.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

WA secretary of the RSL, Doug Bruce, claims that the Australian ex-serviceman is the most privileged in the world.

He says, in a circular to sub-branches, that the Australian ex-serviceman is catered for by the Australian Government much better than their counterparts in other countries, where in many cases there were no such things as repatriation, housing and other benefits.

Our Sub-Branch has decided to increase its capitation fee to State Headquarters for pensioners whose membership subscriptions are voluntarily met by their sub-branch.

We will pay $7.75 for pensioner members in 1977 — a rise of $1.25 on the capitation fee the Sub-Branch has been paying as a gesture to World War I veterans.

The RSL membership fee is $10, of which the Sub-Branch keeps $2.25.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER

Both the retiring president of the Geraldton Women's Auxiliary, Mrs Trythena Ashplant, and the retiring secretary — her daughter, Mrs Eadie Rogers — have been unanimously re-elected.

Both have held office for some years.

Other officers include senior vice-president Mrs May Till; junior vice-president, Mrs Joy Mountain; and treasurer Mrs Betty Megness.

Mrs Ashplant said donations totalling more than $2,000 had been made — mainly as a result of catering for weddings and parties.

She also outlined the numerous RSL and community activities with which the Auxiliary was associated during the year.

These included attendance at State Congress where the Geraldton Auxiliary received the Country Cup for the best country auxiliary of the year — for the 14th time.

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Members of other units of the 3rd Brigade were then admitted and the name was changed to the 3rd Brigade Association until members of the 2nd Division AIF returned and the WA Returned Soldiers’ Association was formed in July, 1916, with headquarters in Stirling Gardens.

The RSA continued to function and care for returned men with advice and financial assistance until 1918 when the RSSL of A was formed, and the RSA joined the new Federal League.

The RSA thus became the WA Branch of the League. Many of the RSA officers became the first State Executive of the League, with Perth as the first sub-branch.

Other sub-branches were formed in the suburbs by members of the Perth sub-branch residing in the suburbs and in this way the League extended to country districts.

“CITY” TITLE
The title City of Perth Sub-Branch was adopted on the opening of our King Street headquarters by Sir James Mitchell on July 16, 1946.

The sub-branch has always been energetic in fighting the claims of returned men and at one period we employed our own pensions officer, whose success with the Repatriation Tribunals was most outstanding.

Among the many activities of the sub-branch were the formation and sponsoring of the RSL Memorial Band interstate band contests in WA.

The WA Corps of Commissionaires had a staff of 37 uniformed commissionaires.

The RSL Trading Co Ltd was established and was previously known as the Perth Sub-Branch Trading Concern and assisted members by providing cheap army blankets, overcoats and other surplus military stores.

“White City” at the foot of William Street was conducted by the sub-branch for many years and the proceeds were devoted entirely to the Relief Fund; even to assisting the State Executive relief fund in its early days.

The sub-branch also formed the WA Branch of the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen’s Association and are still patrons.

The sub-branch has disbursed nearly $45,000 in relief since its formation, and has always fought for a War Veterans’ Home and more aid to the old digger.

At the AGM on February 8, the retiring president M.C. (Mike) Hall, secretary H.G. (Harry) Holder, and treasurer W.G. (Bill) Hood were re-elected unopposed for a further 12 months.
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The RSL Memorial Hall in Busselton was the scene of one of the best attended and most interesting Group Conference’s held in recent years.

Mr John Joyce and his team from Busselton Sub-Branch did a near perfect job as hosts and organiser of the Conference.

The initiative was taken to include wives in the invitation to the Conference. These ladies joined us at lunch and in the afternoon went for a sight-seeing bus trip in the district.

Mr Barry Blaikie, MLA opened the Conference saying that he had a great respect for the traditions that the RSL stood for and that these were something to hold on to. He went on to ask where we had gone wrong, because in spite of large sums of money spent on education all we seem to get is licence to abuse authority, bad behaviour and sloppy dress. Finally, Mr Blaikie offered his help at any time to a responsible organisation like the RSL.

Delegates came from Sub-Branches at Busselton, Murray, Bunbury, Margaret River, Harvey, Capel, Boyanup, Collie, Augusta and from Headquarters came Mr Len Phenna, State President, Mr Christopher Briggs, State Junior Vice-President, and Mr Doug Bruce, State Secretary.

Our thanks go to Mr Colin Williams, Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation and Mr Bill Gibson, State Manager for the Defence Service Homes Corporation for giving up their Saturday and making themselves available to address the Conference on matters relating to their particular departments and of course to answer questions.

In addition to the above, three members of the State Executive, Messrs Bell Kingsford and Wagland, together with their wives, were able to attend and assist the Conference.

Delegates to the Conference were made welcome to Busselton by the Shire President, Mr Joe Torrent at a reception in the Shire Council Chambers. In replying to Mr Torrent the State President, Mr. Phenna said how the RSL regarded the reception as a privilege and thanked Mr Torrent most warmly for according us this privilege.

At 4pm a Wreath Laying Ceremony took place and a wreath was laid on the Busselton War Memorial, set in a shady green tree-lined square, by the State and Sub-Branch Presidents.

We returned to the hall at 6.30pm for a delicious buffet dinner which in fact was the Sub-Branch Annual Re-Union Dinner and there was a capacity crowd in the hall with Delegates, Sub-Branch members, the Headquarters team and their ladies. During the dinner, the State President was handed cheques towards the State War Memorial Restoration Appeal of $250 from Capel Sub-Branch and $50 from the Ladies of Capel Women’s Kooka Club for the Capel Room at the War Veterans’ Home.

Finally, the grateful thanks of all who attended the Conference go to the ladies of the Ruabon Branch of the CWA who catered for us for lunch, afternoon tea and the delicious dinner. Mr Briggs in proposing a vote of thanks to these ladies said how he liked to feel that, in a country district, the RSL and the CWA were regarded as the two most important organisations. He went on to say how when people were in need in a district that the CWA and the RSL were always the first to show that one of their main aims was to meet the needs of people.

After dinner we all moved, in response to an invitation from the Busselton Bowling Club, over to their Clubhouse for their Saturday night Cabaret.

At this point we could well say that ‘a good time was had by all’.

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An important decision made in NSW was to the effect that symposiums on the future of the RSL be held early in 1977 on the basis of covering two District Council areas with each symposium held and it was envisaged that these gatherings would include, not only interested RSL members, but also Women’s Auxiliary members and representatives of Youth Clubs.

The 61st National Congress, just completed, adopted a report from the National Committee which included the following recommendations:

* Endorse the principle that in considering the future of the RSL there are two fundamental issues –
  (a) The need to widen the scope of service which the RSL can offer as to embrace a wider range of activities within the Australian Community. As a consequence thereof:
  (b) The need to increase membership in various forms. *That all State Branches endeavour that within the next twelve months they embrace Service Membership of the RSL as defined by article 5 (A).

(Note this refers to the National Article not the State Constitution. In this regard see the above article.)

* Acknowledge the need to constantly review the criteria for ordinary membership with a view to widening eligibility as seemed appropriate.

* Consider the acceptance in appropriate form of membership of sons and daughters of both Ordinary and Service Members of the RSL.

* Consider the introduction in the long term of such classes of membership as Associate and/or fraternal affiliates.

* Take immediate and vigorous steps to promote a widened knowledge of RSL activities not only to all our own members (this includes those within each State and also between States), but also to the public of Australia as a whole.

You may or may not, as an individual, agree with these recommendations.

**POSITION IN W.A.**

We in WA have been requested by the 61st National Congress to distribute the relevant questionnaire as widely as possible, with the aim of providing a consolidated response to all members of the League.

This is most urgent and important. The RSL is your organisation, and it has been effective for over 60 years. It is, therefore, up to us and every member to consider the future.

Please complete the attached survey as soon as possible. Delete the words with which you disagree.

1. I agree with the broadening of eligibility for membership of the League to include ex-service personnel who did not necessarily serve in a theatre of war.
2. I am in favour of a greater family participation in League affairs through a form of associate membership.
3. In the event of eligibility for membership of the League being broadened under these terms and by popular vote I support a change in name of the Organisation to Royal Services League (R.S.L.).
4. I believe that the League has a continuing role in the community in such matters as the preservation of the system of Law and Order and moral standards.
5. I am satisfied that the League’s public image and work in the community is acknowledged and understood by the society generally.
6. I support a more active League participation in a system of youth training and leadership.
7. I am in accord with a furtherance of International relationships through the medium of ex-service Organisations throughout the world, e.g. World Assembly of War Veterans.
8. The R.S.L. at present undertakes an extensive International Aid programme financed through membership subscriptions to benefit less fortunate ex-service people of South East Asian countries.
9. I am interested in the publication of a regular National Newsletter to Sub-Branches for the information of members.
10. I hold the view that the League should and not itself in general matters of Defence and Foreign Affairs.

**NOTE:** You are invited to enlarge on your answers should you desire to express a particular point of view.

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