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(Ladies) Mesdames Wagland, Holder, Lowe, Bruce Messrs. Wagland, Holder, Healy, Hall
In ten years we've earned our place in Australia.

Ten years ago we planned a future for Australia's virtually uninhabited north-west frontier.

The ground work was laid; the initial exploration done. What we had was a mountain splitting at the seams with the rusty glint of iron. And newly-erected townships waiting for people who would make the future happen.

Today we look back on ten years thronged with people of many nationalities and from many walks of life. Their enthusiasm and goodwill has turned Hamersley into four thriving communities - Dampier, Karratha, Tom Price and Paraburdoo.

Their ability and hard work have made many millions of dollars for Australia. Most of the export revenues earned by Hamersley have gone to the thousands of people and companies, suppliers and contractors associated with our industry - and to the Government of Western Australia and the Australian economy.

In ten short years the people of Hamersley have achieved a great deal. We still have a long way to go. We're working at it.

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THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Never before, in the long history of our organisation, has membership meant so much to the Returned Services League.

The greatest strength of any organisation lies in its membership and it is up to each of us, as members, to convince potential members of the advantages of joining and, more importantly, stressing the tremendous tasks that are being carried out in the interests of all veterans.

The League protects the rights of all veterans, fights for their just rehabilitation, pensions and housing, and helps those in need as well as their dependants.

The strength of the League lies in its large membership, comprising all sections of the community, and in its national non-party political, non-sectarian outlook. The bigger the membership, the greater is the weight attached to its representations to the Government of the day.

It was largely due to the efforts of the League that governments provided pensions, housing, war service land settlement and the rehabilitation programmes that exist today.

SAFEGUARDING

All returned veterans are enjoying these benefits today, benefits achieved by a great deal of hard work by the League and which the League is zealously safeguarding at the moment.

Many eligible persons, however, have allowed their membership to lapse over the years, while still enjoying the benefits, previously so hard won by the RSL.

These persons must be persuaded to return, by a personal and friendly approach.

The strength of our organisation must be built up if we are to retain that which we have achieved over so many years.

We must remain ever alert, eager and enthusiastic, and above all we must retain a stout faith in our own organisation. Failure to do so will inevitably mean the complete erosion of benefits gained by our membership over so many years.

BUILDING LOTS

A typical example, is the latest move by the Federal Government to sell thousands of building lots throughout Australia, originally purchased in the name of veterans. Much of the land was acquired cheaply during the Great War and some was compulsorily acquired.

The Government proposes to sell this land at a huge profit, at the expense of the veteran.

A more blatant example of the erosion of existing benefits to veterans is difficult to contemplate.

Surely, the economic mismanagement of the Federal Government does not have to be subsidised by the selling off, at a more than handsome profit, land originally intended for veterans, who gave of their service in a time of need, on behalf of their country and in so doing suffered sickness, wounds, the loss of limbs and severe hardship as a result of that service.

We have an obligation to protect present servicemen, many soon to be discharged and who would have normally taken up their option through Defence Services Homes and who now will be disadvantaged because of this proposed Government action.

FARMERS' PLIGHT

And what of the farmer, who after working and struggling for so many years and is now reached retiring age and is in a situation where he can hand over his farm to his son?

The father previously could have had the advantage of procuring a building lot from Defence Services Homes, at a reasonable price and could have settled down in retirement in an area of his own choice.

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No more can he expect such treatment, because our present Federal Government sees fit to forget the services rendered by the veteran and service community of this country.

With a membership of about 270,000 plus their families, the League represents a large proportion of the voting community, and it would be a foolish Government that would continue to erode the benefits of the veteran community in the knowledge that it could well cost them a million and a half votes in any future election.

Let us then take up the challenge; contact your Federal member by phone, telegram and letters, let them know how you feel about their proposed action and make them see that it is not only outrageous, but that it is morally wrong and in the long run, a very stupid move for a Government that desires to continue in office.

Do your part also, by enlisting at least one new member into the League this year. Do that — and you will have played your part in our endeavour to ensure the continuation of our work well into the future.

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**Visit to Taiwan**

**GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM**

By WA State President of the RSL, LEN PHENNA

The following is a condensation of my report after returning from a visit to the Republic of China (Taiwan) to attend the annual conference of the Vocational Assistance Commission for retired Servicemen earlier this year.

After settling in at the Grand Hotel (and grand it was) at Taipei, I attended the official opening, which was conducted by Chairman Chao (Mr T.Y. Chao) and which could only be described as magnificent.

From the moment the 45 foreign guests entered the hall to be escorted to their seats on the raised podium, the 500 delegates from all parts of Taiwan rose as one and applauded till we were all seated.

Chairman Chao addressed the assembly and, with the aid of convenient earpieces, we, the foreign guests, were able to listen to an instant translation from Chinese to English.

Following Chairman Chao, an inspiring address was delivered by Dr Cheng-Kang, honorary chairman of the World Anti-Communist League, a body formed after a conference in Seoul in 1966.

The first WACL conference was held in Taipei in September 1967 and was attended by 64 delegates from national and territorial members, plus 12 from international organisations.

That conference decided that all available forces, irrespective of race, nationality, area, occupation, religion or sex, were to be joined in the struggle to assure freedom.

**MAIN AIMS**

The main aims of the WACL are to:

* develop anti-communist unity into anti-communist co-operation on the Government level and defeat communist aggression and subversion;
* actively provide spiritual and material support to the free peoples' anti-communist struggle and to the freedom campaigns of enslaved nations and peoples;
* establish and strengthen a global anti-communist united battlefront to wipe out communist aggression, safeguard man's freedom and protect world peace.

The WACL now has 97 member units, including 72 national members and 25 from organisational and associate bodies.

The people of Taiwan are convinced that the communist menace confronting the world today is the outcome of international communist aggression in Asia and, consequently, they maintain that Asia is the key to world freedom and peace.

They claim that all of us who make up the Asian people must work in close co-operation with all other anti-communist peoples of the world till international communism is overthrown.

After an address to the convention by American delegate Dr John Wasylik, several of the foreign delegates were invited to speak.

In the afternoon we paid a courtesy call on President O.K. Yen, who sought from the delegates their early impressions of Taiwan and gave full and comprehensive answers to our many questions.

Early the next day we boarded air-conditioned buses and went to Tse-Hu to pay our respects to the late President of the Republic, Chiang Kai-shek, whose remains are being kept, pending the recovery of the mainland, for final burial in Nanking.

**WREATHS LAID**

The laying of wreaths by the various veterans’ groups as we filed past the black marble tomb was a very moving occasion.

Other highlights of the day were a visit to the Chinese chapter of the Asian Peoples’ Anti-communist League; a luncheon hosted by WACL chairman Dr Ku Cheng-kang; a visit to the National Palace Museum, beautifully situated among wooded hills, housing a vast collection of art objects; and a visit to the Veterans’ General Hospital.

This hospital's table of organisation includes 1,467 professional and administrative personnel. Among them are 220 doctors, 24 research fellows and assistants, 353 nurses, 153 nursing attendants, 181 technologists, 126 administrators, 124 artisans and 250 custodians, together with 300 temporary employees — and currently it is understaffed.
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Next morning, we travelled by plane to 'Kaohsiung to visit Kangshan Veterans' Home, occupying an area of 22 hectares, originally wild and weedy and now turned by constant effort and assiduous cultivation into a beautiful resting-place for aged and disabled soldiers. When we were there, the home was caring for 3,000 veterans.

Our next call was on the China Steel Corporation. The steel plant is situated on the border of Kaohsiung Harbour and is a truly tremendous industrial complex.

From the steel mill, we were taken "over the road" to look at the giant shipyard of the China Shipbuilding Corporation. Completed in June, 1976, the yard is now turning out 450,000 ton tankers.

HUGE DRYDOCK

The drydock is the second largest in the world and is of one million tonnes capacity. It is 950 metres long, 92 metres wide and an average of 14 metres deep, and can handle 1.5 million tons of construction and 2.5 million tons of repairs annually.

In the evening we returned to Taipei and attended a magnificent dinner hosted by Mr. H.C. Yen, director of the Retired Servicemen's Engineering Agency.

We started our busy final day with a visit to the Martyrs' Shrine and paid our respects to those servicemen and women who had paid the supreme sacrifice.

Our next stop was the office of the National Investigation Bureau, where we were shown over the complete complex, including the Chinese Information Room, which, we were told, very few other persons are privileged to visit.

During a brief break, some of us seized the opportunity to do some shopping and also to look at the RSEA's marble store in downtown Taipei.

Our next stop was the huge department store, where we were able to appreciate the benefit of a Diners' Club card.

The closing session of the convention was held in the Chiao Kang Hall, where all the foreign delegates who had not yet spoken were given the opportunity to do so.

MISLAID

As the message from the RSL National President had been mislaid somewhere between Australia and Taiwan, I was asked to address the assembly on behalf of the Australian delegation.

Prior to giving my address, Norm Osborne (State president, New Guinea Branch) and I were invested with the VACRS Insignia of Merit and an accompanying citation.

After the closing address from Chairman Chao, we attended a dinner party hosted by him at the Taipei City Hall.

About 500 delegates sat down to a sumptuous dinner, during which we visited each of the 54 tables to toast our friends - thank heavens for small wine glasses!

Then we adjourned to an adjoining auditorium to see and hear a programme of choral singing and Chinese opera, the like of which I have never seen before and all staged by the dependants of VACRS members.

It was a truly remarkable programme and one which could be staged at any venue in Australia and would draw a capacity audience.

It was nearly midnight when we went to bed, but at 10 o'clock the next morning, just as we were about to board our plane, I was presented with a complete photographic record of the week's visit, including all the events of the night before.

ALL NIGHT

The photographer responsible must have been up all night to ensure that each delegate from overseas took away with him this complete record.

A stopover in Hong Kong of several hours provided me with an opportunity to do some belated duty-free shopping before continuing our homeward journey. I finally reached Perth just after 2am the next day.

All in all, it was an extremely memorable trip and one that I shall never forget.

I rate it as possibly the most educational visit I have ever undertaken, and I am extremely grateful to the National Executive for making the trip possible.

I would also like to place on record that at no time during my trip did I experience any difficulty regarding travel or accommodation arrangements made on my behalf, and for this I am indebted to League Leisure and Travel.

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THE LEAGUE NEEDS MORE FINANCIAL MEMBERS
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ABOUT IT?
WHICH WAY GOES AUSTRALIA?

By C.B.

A few years ago, at a lecture given by Professor Leslie Marchant of the University of WA on present trends in China, he had these prophetic words to say “It is not the ‘Blue Ants’ of China that you need to worry about — it is the ‘White Ants’ in Australia.”

We could well spend some time and thought examining the progress of the ‘White Ants’ and some of the reasons for their apparent success.

It is well to note that the habit of the white ant is to work in the dark. It seldom comes to the surface and, unless precautions are taken, the first thing you know is when you put your foot through a floor-board.

Firstly we live in an ideological age, an age of warring ideas, an age of immediate and perfect communications.

Anyone wishing to capture the minds of men, and provided that the money is available, can set about doing so with all the power of modern technology at his command.

IDEOLOGY

The dictionary tells us that the meaning of ideology is the “science of ideas”, and, basically, that is what it is.

However, new meanings are accepted with the new uses of words in our language. Today, an ideology is thought of as an idea in action, an idea that is capable of capturing the minds and hearts of men and to which people are prepared to give everything.

An ideology does not need to be bad or vicious — it can be for good and one that brings benefit to all. Christianity could be an ideology and for some it is.

There are many people the world over who relate the whole of their lives to their faith and all their actions and all their thoughts — in fact their whole being is related to furthering their chosen way.

It is unfortunate that, because of fascism and communism, it has become accepted that an ideology is a bad thing.

Just think what it would be like if all of us in the free world were dedicated to an ideology of caring, sharing and love for our neighbour, where honesty in all things was basic and selfishness and greed were unacceptable in any form.

If we were as dedicated to an idea of this nature as the Communists are to their brand of socialism — then I know which I would want for my country.

FREEDOM

We fought for freedom in two world wars. In the first against the plans for world domination by the Kaiser of Germany and in the second against the domination of the world by the National Socialists of Hitler, the Fascists of Mussolini and the Nationalist-Militarists of Japan.

Thank God we survived — but after 30 years no man can rest peaceful in his bed, and say “it won’t happen again — we are free for all time”.

The danger today is that we may lose our freedom again, and this time to some brand of European Communism.

Who better to fight for the cause of freedom today than those who fought for freedom yesterday?

Freedom is not free and it may take more ‘guts’ to stand up and be counted in today’s particular climate, than it did 30 or more years ago.

We need to stand firmly again against the domination of the LEFT or of the RIGHT.

DEDICATED

Ideology affects our country through dedicated men in some walks of life. Possibly two examples would be sufficient to show how our country is affected by men, dedicated to an ideology.

The Amalgamated Metal Workers’ Union (AMWU), which was formed by the amalgamation of four metal industry unions, is regarded by the Communist Party of Australia (CPA) as its most valuable asset.

Though the membership is only about 160,000, metal tradesmen are busy in every part of industry, and their power to disrupt is tremendous.

Two of AMWU’s most prominent and influential officials are Communists. They are Laurie Carmichael, assistant national secretary and John Halfpenny, national vice-president and Victorian secretary.

Carmichael is chairman of the CPA industrial committee. Halfpenny, trained in Moscow, was chosen by the committee of the CPA for full-time schooling in party institutions in the USSR.

He spent 12 months on these courses. He is also a member of the CPA industrial committee.

This committee initiates policies and tactics in the Australian Trade Union movement and assists joint action by communist-controlled or influenced unions.

These men are not alone. If they were, their influence would be negligible but they are, in fact, supported by a solid body of communists at most levels in industry and usually get the support of the left wing of the ALP supporters.

IDEA DERIVED

AMWU publications deride the idea that workers and management might in any way co-operate. They say “workers must always remain independent of all forms of accommodation with employers”.

They state categorically that “there are no common interests between employers and workers”.

This has caused great unease to thinking Labor men such as Sir John Egerton, who is reported as having said that the AMWU communist-influenced machine “mounting a giant brain-washing operation among its members, designed to prevent any improvement in industrial relations and to produce endless job-destroying confrontation in the pursuit of ideological aims”.

Our country is in the grip of powerful unions, led by dedicated communists such as Pat Clancy, Federal secretary of the Builders Workers’ Industrial Union (BWIU), Norm
Gallagher, Federal secretary of the Builders Labourers’ Federation (BLF), Elliot V. Elliot, communist Federal secretary of the Seamen’s Union of Australia (SUA) who seems to be the spokesman for some associated, small but powerful unions such as the Painters and Dockers’ Union.

Not forgetting, of course, friends Carmichael and Halfpenny of the AMWU.

Added to the influential communists in the trade unions we have a fairly solid group of communist sympathisers now in the political, academic and journalistic leadership of our nation, men who are some of the products of our universities over the past 30 to 40 years.

MINORITY

In order to find the answer, it must be borne in mind that it is only the absolute minority of trade unions that are dominated by communists.

The great majority of the trade union movement are hard working, loyal men and women who want to get on with the job in hand and look after their families.

The communists say that you cannot kill an idea and this is an accepted and proven fact. An idea often flourishes more brightly in the face of antagonism.

An idea can only be defeated by a better idea, and this is what leads us to the answer that there must be an all-out effort to mobilise the strength of the opinion of the moderate and responsible men and women throughout the country.

We need to understand communists and their strategy, their ideology and their methods. We need to know who they are and where they are.

We need to look for “the red under the bed” but never must we be lulled into any sense of security by being just anti-communist.

They don’t play that simple game. We must refuse to be dictated to by any group from left or from right.

EXPLOITED

There is much to put right in our nation. About 20 percent of our population live below the poverty line. Some migrant groups, especially women, are grossly exploited.

The situation of our Aboriginal people needs great wisdom, patience and tolerance, dedicated service and money in order to restore to them their dignity and make it possible for them to move, with us, into the 21st century.

Tasks such as these, together with an outward-looking care for our neighbours to the North, if tackled vigorously, can rob the communists of some of their thunder.

Finally, we have the problem of industrial relations. These, after all, are only human relations. The establishment of human relations in industry must be tackled vigorously by men of goodwill in whatever situation they may find themselves.

We need a new national consciousness of the way our great assets — people and material — can be harnessed for the good of all and a clear understanding that no man can take out of the pool more than he puts in.

Let us make the ‘cake’ before we decide how to divide it. We should set out now, in whatever way possible, to replace the men who are out to destroy the system with men dedicated to improve it.
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Membership Matters

POINTS THAT HAVE TO BE WATCHED

By R.J. NYMAN (Chairman, Membership Committee)

A Successful "presidents and secretaries" meeting was held in July, when Wembley-Floreat was the host sub-branch and they and their ladies auxiliary put on an excellent supper.

A total of 52 members, including State President Len Phenna, junior vice-president Roy Bell, three other members of the State Executive and two staff members, was present. Two films were screened by courtesy of MMA, giving coloured and very entertaining information on the iron-ore industry and the goldfields.

An address on the latest developments regarding pensions was given by Col John Nolan, the League's war compensation officer, and the chairman of the Membership Sub-Committee, Lt. Col. R.J. Nyman, spoke on membership matters.

Some of the points raised were as follows:

1. Three sub-branches, Scarborough, North Beach and Osborne Park co-operated in inserting an advertisement in the North suburban news supplement of The West Australian. Results to date have been good, 37 contacts having been followed up. Action has since been taken by the State Executive to emulate this on a wider scale.

2. The three services have agreed to publicise service membership: 200 circulars have been distributed, 100 to the Army, 50 each to the Navy and Air Force. These have been placed on the various notice-boards and extracts published in routine orders.

3. The duties of a sub-branch membership officer are suggested as follows:
   (a) To keep tabs on unfinancial members and produce lists of these in given areas for their financial members to follow up. Each unfinancial member should be visited by an active member who lives in the immediate area.
   (b) To greet any new members, introduce them to the president and make them feel at home.
   (c) To implement any recommendations concerning membership, such as the advertisement mentioned earlier.
   (d) To keep in mind the winning of a membership pennant for increasing the current membership 15 percent or more over the previous year. Eight membership pennants were presented at our 1977 State Congress.
   (e) It was stressed that the membership officer should be a separate and important appointee and NOT be regarded as just another job for the hard-working secretary.

4. There are four honours members may receive:
   (a) Certificate of Service (see Bylaw 53).
   (b) Sub-Branch Past President's or Past Secretary's Certificate.
   (c) Life Membership (Book of Rules, pages 28-29).
   (d) Fifty-year Membership.

   Action must be originated at sub-branch level. Many members are deserving of these honours, so sub-branches should do something about it.

   (a), (b) and (d) should be granted within a couple of months of the sub-branch making application.

   However, if presentation is desired to coincide with a particular event, please inform State Headquarters of this and make sure enough time is allowed for processing.

   The membership committee meets on the last Thursday of each month, and the State Executive on the first Wednesday.

   Applications must arrive at Anzac House sufficiently early to enable the information to be checked against the records prior to the membership committee meeting.

   After the following State Executive meeting, the certificates require to be completed and framed.

   Life Memberships are considered at the October/November meetings only. By that time, the total permitted number of life memberships that can be granted for the year — at the rate of one per 750 financial members — will be known.

   Should there be more applications than vacancies, the most deserving will be approved, and any balance held over till the following year.

5. LIAISON OFFICERS: All sub-branches, except those which have a member on the State Executive or which come under a country vice-president, have been given the names of their liaison officers.

   These are a personal link with the State Branch, so use them as such. They can help you when they visit you or if you telephone them.

   In the nine months between 1976 and 1977 Annual Congresses, 44 visits were paid by these liaison officers.

6. The latest membership figures are set out below:

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There is still time to do something about this decline, but do it now, "The bird of time has but a little way to fly and lol the bird is on the wing".

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THE STORY OF THE POPPY

By Doug Bruce

On Friday, November 11, you and I and many millions of Australians will pin a red poppy to our lapel.

But why a red poppy? Where did this custom begin? Who started it all?

Ask these questions, even of your own Auxiliary or Sub-Branch members as I did recently, and you will find very few of those who sell and wear red poppies religiously each November have any idea of the story behind this custom.

So here is the story of the Poppy, and I hope after you read it you will pass it on to your Sub-Branch to read and perhaps find a member who will tell the story to the local school-children.

This way we can keep this custom alive...

The Flanders poppy was first described as the Flower of Remembrance by Col John McCrae, in peacetime a well-known Professor of Medicine at the great Canadian University of McGill.

BOER WAR VETERAN

He had served as a gunner in the South African War, and at the outbreak of the Great War wished to join the fighting ranks. However, the powers-that-be decided that his great abilities could be used to more advantage, and so he landed in France as a Medical Officer with the first Canadian contingent.

At the second battle of Ypres in 1915, when in charge of a small first-aid post and during a lull in the battle, he wrote, in pencil, on a page torn from his despatch book, these verses:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead.
Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

The verses were sent anonymously to Punch magazine, and were published under the title “In Flanders Fields”, printing them in a heavy type which they rarely used.

In May, 1918, Col McCrae was brought as a stretcher case to one of the big hospitals on the coast of France. On the third evening he was wheeled to the balcony of his room to look over the sea towards the cliffs of Dover.

The verses were obviously in his mind, for he said to the doctor who was in charge of his case:

“Tell them this, if ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep.”

The same night he died.

CLIFFS OF DOVER

Today he sleeps in a beautiful cemetery on rising ground above Wimereux, from where the cliffs of Dover are easily visible on sunny days.

Each Remembrance Day, the British Legion lays a wreath on his grave; a tribute to a great man whose thoughts were always for others.

An American lady, Miss Moina Michael, read the poem and wrote a reply:

“WE SHALL KEEP THE FAITH”

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders’ fields
Sleep sweet – to rise anew;
We caught the torch you threw,
And holding high we kept
The faith with those who died.

We cherish, too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders’ fields.

And now the torch and poppy red
Wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We’ve learned the lesson that ye taught
In Flanders’ fields.

She was greatly impressed by Col McCrae’s poem, particularly the last verse. Gradually, the wearing of a poppy appeared to her as the way to keep faith; and she decided to wear one always.
During the Great War, Miss Michael worked in America for the YMCA and on Saturday morning, November 9, 1918, a meeting of overseas YMCA War Secretaries was held in the house of which she was the Hostess.

TEN DOLLARS
During the morning, three of the secretaries went to Miss Michael's room to make her a gift of 10 dollars as an appreciation of her efforts to make a "home like hostess house" of their Headquarters.

She was touched by the gift and surprised them by saying, "I shall buy 26 red poppies with this". She then showed them McCrae's poem and her own reply, and told them that she intended to wear a poppy.

After the Conference, the secretaries asked her for 26 separate poppies and she claimed, probably rightly, that this was the first group selling of poppies. Miss Michael died in America in May 1944.

The French secretary, Madame Guerin, perhaps more commercially-minded, conceived the idea of turning the poppies to practical use, and visited various parts of the world to suggest that artificial poppies should be made and sold to help ex-servicemen and their dependants in need.

For the first year, 1921, the supply of poppies needed for England was made in France and profits from their manufacture were devoted by Madame Guerin to help the women and children who were returned to the devastated areas over there.

Earl Haig used to say that the provision of work for disabled ex-Servicemen was as important as raising money. He always took the greatest interest in the British Legion's Poppy Factory.

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DIFFERENT WAYS
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Earl Haig died in 1928, and on the day of his funeral his widow stood beside his grave and dropped a red poppy on to the coffin below, and so another famous tradition was born.

Today, at RSL funerals, this has become the final and most touching part of the ceremony.

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Here we are into the second half of the year, and a busy time is ahead. October will see the purchasing of the contents of our Christmas Cheer parcels, so donations to that fund will be welcome. November is packing time, with delivery in December.

Things have settled down after our Conference, we have received letters of thanks from our Tasmanian friends who seem to have enjoyed their stay in our State.

I am finding my way as president, Mrs Sullivan (affectionately known to us as Sully) is fast learning her duties as State secretary, and we are training Mrs Baker as assistant-secretary.

I was sorry to have missed Bellevue auxiliaries Birthday Luncheon on June 1, but by all accounts, everybody enjoyed themselves. My congratulations to Mrs Gould on receiving her Life Membership.

Mrs Rowe and I attended the annual meeting of Torchbearers for Legacy on June 16.

The reports given at this meeting are most interesting, and one must feel very grateful for these dedicated men who have taken on the tremendous task of caring for the widows and children of their deceased comrades.

40th BIRTHDAY

Mrs Mortimer and I drove to Pinjarra on June 23 to help the Waroona-Hamel Auxiliary celebrate their 40th Birthday. The weather was perfect, though one could see that rain was needed to make the paddocks green again.

It was very pleasing to see several of their foundation members there and I had pleasure in presenting Mrs Jensen with her Life Membership badge and certificate.

On July 6, Mrs Rowe and I attended the League’s State Executive meeting, where Mrs Rowe presented to Mr Phenna the cheque for $3,000 donated by the Auxiliaries at our Conference to the State War Memorial Appeal.

On July 15, members of State executive were guests of the Mandurah Auxiliary at their birthday luncheon.

Once again this was a very happy occasion and it was nice to meet again representatives of the other auxiliaries who had come to help Mandurah celebrate the birthday.

On the way home, Mrs Rowe and I called in to see our Mrs Symington, who had resigned from State Executive after suffering a severe stroke. We were pleased to see her enjoying the sunshine and to see that she hasn’t lost her cheery smile.

Mrs Rolfe has reported at our meetings that the Torchbearers for Legacy “Adopt a Ward” scheme has received considerable support and we thank those auxiliaries who have “adopted” this year.

When planning your donations, don’t forget our Christmas Cheer and Hospital Visiting Funds, War Veterans’ Home and the State War Memorial Appeal.

Just a reminder that agenda items for our next Conference have to be in to the Hon State Secretary early in February.

Cheerio till next time.

Thought for the year

“The shouting and the tumult dies,” and as the dust of battle settles after club elections new committees take stock of their position.

There is work to be done that only teamwork can accomplish. The “big notes” and the “little notes” must pull together for the common weal, and, while a driving force is often necessary to keep the wheels of administration turning in the right direction, no “big chief” is any good without his “Indians”.

To that end, we reprint the following verse, quite old, but none-the-less appropriate for the months ahead:

Sometimes when you’re feeling important,

Sometimes when your ego’s in bloom

Sometimes when you take it for granted

You’re the best qualified in the room;

Sometimes when you feel that your going

Will leave an unfillable hole,

Just follow this simple instruction

And see how it humbles your soul:

• • •

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to your wrist,
Pull it out, and the hole that’s remaining
Is the measure of how you’ll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you’ll find in a minute
That it looks the same as before.

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The moral of this quaint example
Is do just the best that you can;
Be proud of yourself, but remember
There’s no indispensable man.

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SPECIAL RSL NATIONAL CONVENTION

By State Secretary

Sir Colin Hines, Deputy National President, submitted a proposal to the National Executive that, in November 1978, over the period of the 60th anniversary of Remembrance Day, the RSL should hold a Special National Convention.

This would be in the nature of a Super National Congress, in Sydney, to commemorate the event and also to bring together representatives of sub-branches throughout Australia.

He said this would be the opportunity for RSL members to express an opinion on the future of the League and would be a great demonstration of strength and unity within the organisation.

He had suggested Sydney for the venue because the NSW State Branch had offered its services as host to the gathering.

He said the RSL had learned much from hosting the World Assembly of War Veterans and that this would be along similar lines but conducted entirely for RSL members.

**EFFECTIVE**

He felt it would be a splendid way of commemorating the 60th anniversary of Remembrance Day and an equally effective way of publicising League efforts and reaching decisions affecting the future of the RSL.

Questions were asked concerning the cost of hiring suitable halls and conducting other events on the programme.

The National Secretary indicated at the time of the World Assembly there had been a registration fee which covered all these extra costs in which a gathering of this kind would inevitably be involved.

This could be done in a similar way and a charge of about $20 per head might be sufficient to meet the various costs involved.

**RESOLVED:** "That the proposal be carried in principle and that NSW should be requested to proceed with preliminary planning for the gathering."

It is suggested that this would be an excellent opportunity for members and wives to visit NSW and arrange annual holidays to coincide with the gathering.

Costs could be reduced by this State Branch arranging a safari for the return trip.

In order to assist State Executive to make a decision on this, kindly complete the attached coupon and return.

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D.H. Bruce,  
State Secretary,  
Returned Services League, WA Branch,  
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**ADDRESS**

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Any other suggestions as to how to travel to gathering

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**STEPS ALWAYS TAKEN**

At times veterans who have been in the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood, have complained of events which have not been to their liking.

I can assure everyone that when the State Secretary or the Compensations Officer hear these complaints they contact the Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Colin Williams, who always listens most sympathetically and investigates the situation.

Steps are taken to rectify or improve anything that may need this attention.

When a patient is sick in hospital it could be quite likely that he is more susceptible to little irritations than he would be in his home environment, and these irritations can become quite major.

In a hospital as big as Hollywood, there are sure to be some veterans who feel they are not receiving all the attention they warrant, but I know from my experience as a patient (as recently as last July) that everything humanly possible is being done to alleviate any distress or discomfort patients may feel.

**STAFF CONCERN**

I am sure that the hospital staff generally want to know (and at the particular time) of any unhappiness or discomfort. Sometimes these things can be alleviated by having a talk with another patient who is offending by smoking, by using a

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transistor, or causing some other annoyance.

When this fails, there is no doubt that a quiet word with the Sister in charge of the ward will have the desired effect of stopping the noise or irritation.

If not, you should do as your Admission Guide advises, and address your complaint in writing to the Medical Superintendent of the hospital through the Sister in charge of your ward.

When people are sick and those who look after them, such as the ward staff, are very busy there is always the chance of a conflict of personality.

Perhaps, therefore, we should all try to remember that a little cooperation from the patient would go a long way towards helping the hospital staff in the mammoth task of looking after everyone.

Many of my fellow-members will agree with me that some complaints stem from our own intolerance and this, in turn, is generally caused by our sickness.

The hospital is ours as veterans. It does its best for us and the great majority of us are proud of it.

Should we not, therefore, try to understand the difficulties of busy people and, like them, exercise as much tolerance as we can.

I hope that I have not caused any one even the slightest offence, and I assure you that I do not wish in any way to deter any veteran from making a complaint if he feels he has one — particularly as the hospital administration is conscientiously endeavouring to ensure patients are being looked after kindly and efficiently. — Mike Hall.

60TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

On November 11, 1978, it will be 60 years since the end of the Great War and the inauguration of Remembrance Day, an occasion commemorated throughout the British Commonwealth and in many parts of Europe.

To commemorate the event, the RSL is organising a tour to the battlefields of the Middle East and Europe, culminating on November 11, with a ceremony of Remembrance at Villers Bretonneux.

The tour will occupy six weeks in Europe and will include visits to Greece, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France and Britain.

The party, which the League hopes will number 120, will be led by National Trustee, Sir William Refshauge, CBE.

Sir William, a former Director-General of Health for the Commonwealth of Australia, former Director-General of Army Medical Services, and former Secretary-General of the World Medical Association, has had a distinguished career both as a soldier and as a medic.

In the World War, he was awarded an OBE, and was four times "mentioned in despatches".

In 1959, he was elevated to Commander of the Order of the British Empire, and in 1966, was made a Knight Bachelor.

The Party will receive VIP treatment throughout the tour, which will be a "once-in-a-lifetime" event.

Those interested in participating are advised to write to the National Headquarters, Box 303, PO Canberra City ACT 2601, or to the headquarters of League, Leisure and Travel at GPO, Box 5169, Sydney, NSW, 2001.

WA Arts Council

The following letter from the WA Arts Council has been received by RSL State President.

Dear Mr Phenna: As you will know, this Council exists to increase the awareness and appreciation of the Arts in Western Australia.

Under that broad heading can be taken all facets of the performing arts as well as visual arts, crafts and many of the methods by which leisure can be creatively used.

It’s a task which, in a State this size, is frequently difficult of attainment without some material assistance beyond that provided by State and Federal Governments.

We are continually finding that the problems of taking even fairly small groups of performers into even relatively remote parts of the State are made almost insurmountable by the plain factors of distance and the cost of transport.

One of the saddest aspects of this is that it is not individuals or small groups which suffer from a lack of artistic stimulus as a result, but frequently whole communities — and that includes the children.

A very considerable part of our work is concerned with reaching youngsters in their formative years and broadening their horizons to take in aspects of music, the theatre, a wide variety of crafts — all the things which help to produce a more rounded citizen.

SMALL STAFF

With our small staff and the funds available to us we would not be able to carry out the work we are now doing without the deep interest and help of the people of the State themselves.

Small groups of willing people have formed themselves into Arts Groups in many centres and we use them as a skeleton network for communication, for feedback and as the bases of our audiences.

I am writing to you to ask if you can suggest ways in which your organisation may be able to help us. We’re looking for two levels of assistance.

The first is the fairly simple one of communication, the business of channelling information to potential audiences, of reaching as many people in country areas of Western Australia as we can in order to exchange information. We want to tell them what their responses are to the things we send, and in what further ways we can help.

The second level is very much more tangible and it involves active assistance in terms of travel, both by air and by road, accommodation, movement of freight and access to suitable performance and exhibition venues.

Within this second level also comes the very tangible business of sponsorship. It has been widely accepted overseas and on the eastern seaboard that there are both material and community rewards to be gained when business or industry or an institution sponsors a form of artistic endeavour.

It would be of great service to the arts and to the people of WA if such a public-spirited attitude could seize hold in this State.

If you feel there are ways in which your organisation can help this Council’s work I would be very pleased to hear from you at any time — Timothy Mason (Director)

Any suggestions?
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PROCEDURE FOR ENTITLEMENT

By JOHN NOLAN

In the first of these two articles on Repatriation Appeals (page 15 of the March issue of Listening Post), I drew attention to the final avenue of appeal, that is, to either the War Pension Entitlement Appeal Tribunal (EAT) or the Assessment Appeal Tribunal (AAT).

The EAT, as its name suggests, is concerned with allowing or disallowing appeals with respect to having a disability accepted as war-related.

The AAT is concerned with hearing appeals with respect to the degree of compensation or pension payable for already accepted disabilities — that is, disabilities which have previously been allowed as war related.

The first article concentrated on the assessment side, so to complete the picture I propose to write a few thoughts about the procedure for entitlement.

For the EAT, by arrangement with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), I am able to gain access to a detailed summary of the official medical file.

I am required to sign before a Justice of the Peace that I will not divulge the contents and this restriction I respect very much.

The exception is, with the consent of the appellant and the agreement of his or her doctor, I send under registered mail the summary to the doctor with the request that, if he can, he gives a medical opinion as to why such and such a disability is or could be war-related.

This is really important, because it is not too often you can expect a win without the support of a medical view — a view contrary to the official opinion.

We must remember that the ex-serviceman has already had two bites of the cherry — so just on commonsense alone, we know before we start that we have the job in front of us.

DETAILED

Anyway, on receipt of the medical opinion, I then make a detailed examination of the file, trying hard to find inconsistencies or contrary statements, one-sided views or, more importantly, something of value to our case in the file which has been overlooked.

I find this sort of thing often enough to make it a rule that every file must be closely examined.

After all this, I write myself a submission which I give verbally to the Tribunal, as well as submitting the medical opinion — if it is in anyway favourable to the case — and then hope.

One aspect that the veteran tends to forget is the considerable lapse of time that often occurs before he approaches the Department with his claim.

I am not exaggerating when I say that in quite a large number of cases it is in the vicinity of 30 years after the war before the veteran gets around to making his claim.

Put yourself, just for a moment, in the place of the responsible officials at the DVA.

The veteran's records in 1945 or 1946 show he was pretty fit on discharge, yet in 1975 or 1976, the veteran is claiming his bronchitis or his heart problems or his cancer as war-caused.

Without some supporting evidence of what happened in the interim, and with two rejections behind us, do you wonder now why I said earlier: "We have the job in front of us".

This is particularly so if we are unable to get an opposing medical opinion and if we bear in mind that, as people get older, they are prone to a lot of health problems, irrespective of whether they have been to a war or not.

As depressing as this is, regrettably it is a fact of life.

ESSENTIAL

Therefore it is almost essential for a prospective claimant, who has had medical treatment of a private nature in the intervening period, to make every effort to make contact with the doctor(s) or hospital(s) to obtain confirmation of treatment.

Remember it is not the Tribunal's job, nor the Department's for that matter, to seek out the supporting evidence — it is your job.

After all, you are the one making the claim and, for no doubt quite sound reasons at the time, you did not advise or contact the Department, till the disability became quite a problem.

If you are basing your claim or appeal on an injury or illness which you believe happened on service and for one reason or another you did not obtain medical treatment, it is of great assistance if you can support your claim by a statement or better still a Statutory Declaration from someone who saw the incident or in some way knew of it.

What I am saying in effect is that it is a great help to your cause if you can produce corroborating evidence. If it doesn't do anything else, it establishes or enhances your credibility.

The EAT currently comprises three members, the chairman being a legally qualified ex-serviceman.

Contrary to many veterans' belief, the other two members are NOT doctors, they are ex-service laymen and one of these is a member recommended to the Minister from the ex-service organisations.

TRANSFERRED

Sometime next year, probably on July 1, 1978, both tribunals are to be transferred to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

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tribunals.

To quote the Minister: “They will retain the present informality of approach during hearings, and ex-service nominees on the panels will be retained, but they will not have the direct medical practitioner membership recommended in the Toose report. They will, however, have access to a wide range of outside expert medical advice.”

The Minister’s reference to direct medical practitioner membership is referring to the present practice of having two medics on the Assessment Appeal Tribunal. Under the new system the one panel will be responsible for hearing both entitlement and assessment cases.

How this will operate in practice remains to be seen, but I foresee a few practical difficulties on the assessment side. However we will have a better idea on this aspect when the new system gets under way.

It was easy to conclude from newspaper reports at the time that, from the advent of the new system, legal representation would be permitted or required for an entitlement or assessment hearing, but happily this is not the case except in the very rare instance of dispute over a point of law.

In the writer’s view, it would have been a retrograde step to have, of necessity, legal representation.

There is, however, one area where I believe the new system could react against the best interests of the veteran, and that is the new requirement that both the Repatriation Board and the Tribunal must give reasons for decision in cases of assessment.

FLEXIBILITY

I would be much happier to give those authorities the flexibility of discretion of assessment without having to try and translate such an indefinable thing to written words.

Before I conclude, I would like to clear up a very widespread misapprehension as to the availability of access to medical summaries.

For reasons of sound economy and administration, the Department does not prepare medical summaries until such time as a claim is made to the Entitlement Appeal Tribunal.

Therefore, it is not possible for me or any other advocate to obtain access to the medical information prior to that stage of appeal. As you would expect the Department never releases the master file.

The final point I wish to make is that if you are seeking the assistance of the RSL advocate, please do so in plenty of time.

If you have had a claim rejected at the Board level, it is to everyone’s advantage if you discuss the matter with the RSL War Compensation Officer prior to submitting your appeal to the Repatriation Commission.

At this stage, he cannot represent you as such but with his experience he can very often advise you of the best way to go about it.

If that appeal is rejected by the Commission, and you require his services for the Tribunal, he has at least some knowledge of what the case is all about.

Don’t, as some do, approach him to represent you a couple of weeks before the Tribunal is scheduled to hear your appeal.

By this time he has a “full book”, and you suffer the disappointment of having to go it alone. For entitlement cases he needs a minimum of six weeks to do justice to your appeal.

### Changes at Army Records Office

In an attempt to relieve the amount of correspondence from various sub-branches of the RSL concerning requests for discharge particulars and personnel details, the following changes have been made at Army Records Office.

1. A new form titled Certificate of Service (AAF A413) is now in format common to all three Services and is replacement for the Army Discharge Certificate (AAF A16) and the Statement of Service (AAF A214).

2. In future this new form will replace all former types of discharge certificates and statements of certificates of service.

The major change is that it will no longer be necessary for a statutory declaration to be provided to obtain a replacement for a lost discharge etc or certificate.

The new form will be issued on request to a former member, but will NOT be issued after the former member’s death.

Requests MUST indicate why the certificate is required.

3. A statutory declaration is still required for the replacement of lost medals or badges.

4. Sub-branches and members are advised that it is NOT possible for Army Central Records Office to provide information as regards enlistments whilst resident of a given district or suburb.

Information can, however, be given whether a particular member resided in an area on enlistment; that is, according to Central records.

The address for correspondence: Officer in Charge, Central Army Records Office, 366 St Kilda Road, MELBOURNE. 3000. VICTORIA.

### British War Pensions

A very interesting booklet full of information regarding who is entitled to British war pensions and how to go about making application for them has been received by the WA branch of the RSL.

It has been prepared by the British Sub-Branch of the Victorian Branch of the League and comprises 31 pages, including an index which will quickly lead the interested reader to the particular matter on which he requires information.

Regrettably, there is too much to reproduce in “Listening Post”, but we feel sure that a letter addressed to the Pension Officer, British Sub-Branch, RSL, Melbourne would result in a copy being forwarded.

Whilst on the subject of British ex-serviceman and disablements which may be due to war service, some members may be unaware that the Department of Veterans’ Affairs has a section dealing with pension problems of veterans from British Commonwealth countries and also other Allied ex-servicemen.

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Operation Stand-In - Father's Day, September 4, 1977

Great day for Leeuwin Boys

Sunday, September 4, dawned fresh and clear, with a distinct touch of spring in the air as 110 naval cadets from HMAS Leeuwin embussed at 9 am for Pinjarra.

Under the watchful eye of Petty Officer Funnel, the boys embarked on what proved to be a very successful outing.

Bill Latham, president of the Murray Sub-Branch met and welcomed the boys at Pinjarra, after which they were taken on a scenic drive around the district, including a visit to the extensive Alcoa development.

In the meantime, at the RSL Hall, Graham McLure, the sub-branch secretary, and his helpers were busily preparing the barbecues.

When the boys returned at noon there were sufficient helpings of chops, steak and sausages sizzling on the hot plates ready for devouring.

Ample salads, rolls and tit-bits provided by the women's auxiliary augmented the barbecued goodies.

These were washed down by quantities of soft drinks, whilst the helpers and visitors felt in need of something a little stronger.

THANKS

Our thanks to the authorities at Fairbridge for the use of their playing-field where the boys engaged in a game of football during the afternoon.

The game, which was scheduled as Australian Rules, appeared to the writer to be an all-in composite of rugby league, soccer, Australian rules, chase-the-ball and "look out, mate, or you'll cop one!"

Needless to say, excess energy was expended and at 4 pm the heavily-laden table of cakes and sandwiches at the RSL Hall was quickly denuded of its contents. The women's auxiliary provided this excellent repast.

One hesitates to use the term "scavangers", but the speed with which the cream sponges, lamingtons etc, disappeared, merits a mention in the Guinness Book of Records.

Before departing, two cadets proposed votes of thanks to the Murray Sub-Branch and the women's auxiliary for their generosity.

Jack Wagland, representing the State President, expressed the gratitude of the League to all who helped to make the day such a success.

Tribute must be paid to the Murray Sub-Branch for their excellent local organisation.

At the Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch Hall, an evening meal was served at 6 pm. That boys could devour so much food was a revelation.

Not to mention that, they were seen en route clamouring around a mobile ice-cream van at Coogee. Our thanks to Bicton-Palmyra for the use of their hall.

RSL junior vice-president Roy Bell expressed the appreciation of the League and he was supported by PO Funnel and a senior cadet.

TIVOLI CLUB

The Tivoli Club entertained the boys non-stop at the Applecross Hall from 7.30 - 10.45pm. The spontaneous response of the cadets - and visitors - was indicative of their appreciation.

The talent demonstrated by members of the Tivoli Club was of a very high standard.

While the cadets may have retained an indelible impression of the colourful dance sequences by a talented bevy of beautiful young ladies, others will not forget either the sparkling humour provided by several very comic characters or the nostalgic musical items. It was a fascinating blend of old and new, catering for all tastes.

The League is most grateful to the Tivoli Club for staging this memorable performance, and Mr Bell was quickly before the footlights to express the gratitude of the League.

His remarks were supported by the Junior Petty Officer accompanying the cadets.

Our thanks to all sub-branches which contributed towards the expenses incurred and to the Naval Commodore and his staff for their ready co-operation.

We were very pleased to have had the company of Mr Bell plus Jack and Mrs Wagland, together with visitors from other sub-branches during the day.

Operation Stand-In 1977 was an unqualified success. There were many unsolicited expressions of appreciation from the cadets and it is hoped that there will be a repeat performance in 1978.

TOWNSHEND MEMORIAL SHIELD GAMES

By Jack Thompson

This shield was donated by the late Ted Townshend, vice-president of the League in WA. When he passed on his widow, Mrs Thelma Townshend requested us, out of deference to Ted, to call it the Memorial Shield, and this was done.

Though a lot of water has passed under the bridge and quite a few of the original members of various Hills sub-branches, who took part in the games, have joined our founder the thought that Ted had, 24 years ago, was a gem.

We of the Hills sub-branches, with Upper Swan, contend that our games nights in the Hills, as social functions are as important to RSL members as all the competitions advertised for members in the suburbs.

There is no lack of interest, as is evident when the functions are held.

The games competed for are quoits, darts and bowls; and when there is a vacancy in the teams our wives also take part.

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Delegates attending the National Congress of the RSL have supported unanimously the decision to mine and export uranium for peaceful purposes.

Announcing the decision, National President Sir William Hall said that “evidence made public up to the present time overwhelmingly indicated the advantages to be gained both for Australia and for the rest of the world by the development of Australia’s uranium deposits, under the controls proposed by the Federal Government.”

He said that this decision was made in conformity with section 4(i)(v) of the Constitution which provided for RSL support for “the promotion and proper employment of the nation’s natural resources.”

Sir William said that the reasons for the League’s support for uranium development were:

1. an energy vacuum that would confront the world within the next half century, a vacuum which on the basis of present and foreseeable technology could only be filled by nuclear power.

2. the entree that a development policy would give Australia to the group of uranium-producing nations and the opportunity this would provide to take part in decisions on the control of nuclear energy and the disposal of waste.

3. the practical and material advantages that would accrue to Australia through the highly profitable sale of uranium. This would greatly increase employment opportunities, assist in raising living standards especially for under-privileged sections of the community, correct the nation’s balance of payments, greatly improve our negotiating position in trade, and enable a massive increase in Australia’s development and defence programmes.

4. by increasing the national wealth, it would enable Australia to contribute more generously in solving the economic problems of less developed nations.

“‘It is most necessary,’ he said, “that the nation at this time should proceed with a policy that clearly is in Australia’s best interests and one that will allow Australia to contribute in many ways to the world around us.”

“The campaign based on emotion and fear which is being developed by the opponents of nuclear development is to be deplored, preventing it as it does, a rational solution based on commonsense.”

“The reaction of other nations to Australia’s decision on uranium is significant. The United States, Britain and Canada, welcomed the decision, Russia condemned it.

“It seems reasonably clear from this that our allies and our friends support our decision, others condemn it, because they know it will add significantly to the strength, the capacity and the progress of both Australia and the Western Alliance.”
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Strong Protests Needed

By Harry Holder

All sub-branches are asked to make a close study of the Press releases from Senator Durack, dealing with the sustenance allowance, the new provisions for TB and the Defence Service Homes scheme.

The WA Branch of the League has sent a strong protest to the Minister about the Homes proposal, as this proposal virtually means the end of what we all know as the War Service Homes.

The reply by the Government to our protest, as published in The West Australian on August 26, is only partly true, as it states that in some areas it was likely that the market price was now the lower of the two.

This may apply to some poorer country blocks, but it definitely does not apply in the metropolitan area.

Sub-branch will certainly agree that the ex-serviceman is still entitled to the full benefits of the old War Service Homes Act, so the point need not be laboured.

The statement on TB proves that the ex-serviceman is losing benefits for which we have fought so hard. The main point is that under the new provisions the benefit will be frozen on the cash level payable at the time of reassessment, not on the percentage of the General Rate.

If a man is re-assessed downwards today he will remain at the present 100 percent General Rate of $34.05 and when the General Rate rises, to (say) $36.00, he will stay on $34.05 which will then be below the 100 percent rate and, as we see it, he will lose his free of charge total Repatriation health cover.

This is a very serious erosion of benefit.

As we are losing our rights, we would like all sub-branches to write to their local Member of Parliament, both Federal and State, and also to their Senator, and strongly protest at the way we are losing the rights promised to us in time of War and pointing out that these promises have been kept until now.

It will have already been appreciated that it is not only members of the RSL who are affected by these losses in benefits and concessions, it applies to all eligible ex-servicemen.

Bearing this in mind, letters of protest to the Members of Parliament will be that much more effective if the sub-branch has a solid numerical strength.

Therefore, membership committees will have even greater incentive to show non-member veterans that the RSL is doing something about protecting benefits already gained through a consolidated veterans' voice to Canberra.

It is not just a convenient cliche to say "unity is strength". We must show the men in Canberra that we speak for the vast majority of ex-servicemen and women.

Junior Vice President

Country members are sure to have a champion for them in the new Junior Vice-President Roy Bell, who was elected at the State Congress.

Nearly all of his life has been spent in country areas and most of his younger years, prior to World War II, were spent in Narembeen, but he joined the army in Coolgardie, serving with the 2/4th Field Squadron Engineers in New Guinea and Borneo.

After discharge, Roy returned to Narembeen and joined that sub-branch.

Tobacco growing at Northcliffe was another venture till he obtained a War Service Land Settlement property at Mt Barker, and became president of that sub-branch.

He was also Controller of the State Emergency Service for this part of the State.

He now resides in the metropolitan area and is Personnel Officer with the State Immigration Department. A family man with one daughter, Annabeth, who served two years in the RAAF, and three sons — one of whom, Roger, saw service in Vietnam.

Roy has been a member of the State Executive for a number of years and has given sterling service during this period. — M.C. (Mike) Hall
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Three elevations in executive positions were made at the August meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the RSL.

Ernie Gleed was elevated from senior vice-president to president, following the resignation of Stan Moore, who is moving to Perth; John Troode was elevated from junior to senior vice-president; and Ernie Wick was chosen as the new junior vice-president.

Mr Gleed, as president of the sub-branch, also takes over as president of the Regional War Veterans' Home management committee.

His wife, Mrs Stella Gleed, has become the first woman associate member of our sub-branch. Mrs Gleed, who is also a member of the RSL Women's Auxiliary, served with the Australian Women's Army Service Corps during World War II.

An RSL Life Member and former sub-branch president, Bill Cunningham, successfully moved that Mr Moore's resignation as president be received with regret and that he be thanked for his two-and-a-half years' service.

NEW BANNER

On another matter, the sub-branch has decided to provide a new banner for the cadets of St Patrick's College, for use at their passing-out parades.

A gesture by the Geraldton branch of the Pensioners' League, was highly commended by the then president of our sub-branch, Mr Moore, at the July meeting.

He said the Pensioners' League branch had donated $100 towards the cost of obtaining new tables and trestles for Birdwood House, the sub-branch headquarters which is made available free of charge for Pensioners' meetings.

The tables and trestles would be similar to those used by the neighbouring Northampton sub-branch.
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The Criterion is now simple

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs recently announced a change in the conditions relating to the payment of Sustenance Allowance to entitled veterans.

Under the previous arrangement, this allowance was payable only when the veteran was prevented from following his usual occupation through treatment of a war service related disability or because of an authorised investigation of a claim that the veteran had made with respect to incapacity related to war service.

The allowance was payable at different rates depending on whether the treatment or investigation demanded in-patient or out-patient attention.

Now the criterion is simple and straightforward. If an entitled veteran has been authorised to stay away from work by a Repatriation medical authority (irrespective of whether the authority is RGH or his local medical officer) and loses income because of the absence, an allowance known as the "Loss of Earnings Allowance" will be paid at the TPI level, less any disability pension already payable.

LOSS OF EARNINGS

Members should note however that full salary is not reimbursed; the only reimbursement is the Loss of Earnings Allowance.

There is one additional matter that members should be aware of.

That is in the situation where a veteran has used up all his annual sick leave from his place of employment because of service related disabilities and as a consequence then would lose income because of a properly authorised absence from work for non-service related disabilities.

The Loss of Earnings Allowance would be payable to meet this circumstance upon the production of the appropriate evidence that the employer did not in fact pay the veteran during his absence.

At the time of writing, the effective operating data for the new system had not been announced.

40th BIRTHDAY

Waroona-Hamel Women's Auxiliary celebrated their 40th Birthday on June 23 with a luncheon at the Exchange Hotel, Pinjarra.

State President Mrs Joy Ford, patroness Mrs Stockmin and Executive representative Mrs Mortimer joined the 27 members for lunch.

Several foundation members were present - Mesdames Ivey, Moffat, McDonald, Neil and Weller.

Mrs Ford presented Mrs Mae Jensen with Life Membership badge and certificate, in appreciation of the many years service which she has given to the Auxiliary, including several years as branch treasurer.

At the end of the luncheon, a birthday cake made by branch president Mrs Wood, was cut by the foundation members and enjoyed by all.

KEYSON VC

Following the official opening of the 62nd National Congress, National President Sir William Hall will present the Keyson VC and his accompanying medals to Sir Thomas Daly, chairman of the board of trustees of the Australian War Memorial.

The medals were purchased at auction in London for the amount of $12,626.82.

The person principally responsible for the success of the appeal to raise the necessary funds to make the purchase possible, was Victorian vice-president Bruce Ruxton.

Bruce, an experienced and enthusiastic medal collector himself, arranged for the League to participate in the bidding and conducted the negotiations for the final purchase.

Very generous support was also obtained from members of the Jewish community, both in Sydney and in Melbourne.

This will be the 19th Victoria Cross now in the possession of the Memorial and the first won by a Jewish serviceman.

NEW SUB-BRANCH

The Executive is pleased to announce the formation of a new sub-branch at Two Rocks.

It will be known as Yanchep-Two Rocks, and will meet at the Sun City Two Rocks Tavern on the third Tuesday of each month, at 8pm.

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LUNCHEON TO TASMANIANS

On Monday, May 8, Brookton Women's Auxiliary was the host branch to about 55 visitors from Tasmania, together with WA officials Mrs Rowe, Mrs Ford and other members of State Executive.

Also present were members of quite a few metropolitan and country branches, including Quairading, Northam, Beverley, Pingelly, Narrogin and sub-branch members' wives from Boddington and Lake Yearling.

Mrs Marchesi, President of the Brookton Auxiliary opened the day with a welcome to all our visitors and a short report on the activities of Brookton, such as population, sports, business and distance to other districts.

She then introduced the Shire President Mr W. Eva, who extended a very warm welcome.

This was followed by a delightful luncheon, after which members of all branches present gave a short report on the array of money-raising, and activities of the branches.

ME WAY
A few of the ladies from Tasmania joined in this discussion and it showed that we all raise money in about the same way and with the same idea in view, and that is, of course, the comforts of ex-servicemen— and women.

Mrs M. Anderson, State President of Tasmania, during her address presented the Brookton Auxiliary with a charming souvenir tray to commemorate their visit and said how much they had enjoyed their trip to WA.

She thanked everyone for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to them no matter where they had been.

A member of the Sorel Auxiliary (Tasmania) presented Mrs Marchesi with a lovely sugar basin and silver spoon, the basin being made from huon pine.

She hoped the Brookton Auxiliary would have happy memories of the day when it was used at auxiliary meetings.

The afternoon came to an end with the departure of our visitors to Perth in buses.

Blackboy Hill Memorial

BIRTHPLACE OF THE AIF

By J. THOMPSON (Chidlow-Mt Helena Sub-Branch secretary)

It is generally accepted among most ex-servicemen that Blackboy Hill was the birthplace of the original AIF and as such most of us in the Hills sub-branches contend it is as important in history as any of the brick-and-mortar or concrete memorials.

The Legion of Anzacs, I believe, started the Memorial, but the task of developing it to plan got beyond them, so meetings were called and a committee formed to follow the original plan.

These meetings were held in the Bellevue Ex-Servicemen's Club and attended by Mundaring Shire officials, Bellevue, Upper Swan, members and representatives from Chidlow-Mt. Helena Sub-Branch.

The cleaning-up of the site was undertaken by the Mundaring Shire Council, and the Bellevue Sub-Branch made itself responsible for organising various functions and services, with the Dianella Scout Troop assisting where possible.

An Arbor Day tree-planting ceremony was organised in 1976; the school children planted their trees during the week and adults at weekends.

Trees were supplied from the Mundaring Shire nursery for those who subscribed to a tree for a relative or friend who had paid the supreme sacrifice.

The nursery also donated a few trees to fill the holes dug by staff of the Council:

Andy Selkirk, a member of the Forestry Department, supervised the selection and planting of the trees.

The survival rate of the trees is satisfactory indeed, and in no time the site will be a picture.

The services, pre-Anzac Day for the school children in the area, and the Dawn Service, were most impressive.

The Dianella Scout Troop put on an exhibition of sentry vigil, as quiet and as orderly as any company of Diggers could possibly have been.

Would you like a speaker?

The National Headquarters has been advised by the Department of Foreign Affairs that officers of the Department can be made available to speak at sub-branch and club meetings if desired.

Qualified officers can speak on a variety of subjects, including Black Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, ASEAN, Australia's foreign policy, China, disarmament, the Indian Ocean, the law of the sea, and topics dealing with any of the major regions of the world in which Australia is interested.

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INQUIRY INTO LEGAL AID.

The Community Advisory Committee on Legal Aid was established in 1975 by Peter Sharkey, who was then Deputy Director of the Australian Legal Aid Office in this State.

The Committee operated occasionally during 1976 but late in December, 1976, the Committee began meeting on a regular basis to discuss issues generally relating to Legal Aid and to consider the effects of the Legal Aid Commission Act of 1976 which has then been recently introduced.

The Committee is widely based and has included representatives from the Marriage Guidance Council, the Council for Social Services, the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau, The W.A. Council of Churches, the Civil Liberties Association, the Good Neighbour Council, the Citizen’s Advice Bureau, the Australian Pensioner’s League, the University of W.A., Returned Services League, the Country Women’s Association, the Trades and Labour Council, Social Action Lobby, the Women’s Electoral Lobby, the Women’s Centre, the Pensioner’s Action Group and the Association of Social Work students.

CONSULTATIONS

During the course of the work of the Committee, consultations have taken place with the Attorney-General for Australia and the Attorney-General for Western Australia.

A detailed submission has been prepared in relation to community education as to legal rights which may form the basis of an education programme for the future. In addition an education programme has been commenced through contacts made in the Committee.

The Good Neighbour Council interviewed a number of solicitors from the Australian Legal Aid Office on community access radio dealing with various aspects of the law.

The paramount purpose of any consultative committee is to provide feedback to the Legal Aid Commission from consumers of legal aid as to how the service is operating, who is being reached by the service, who is not being reached and other comments that assist in improving the effectiveness of the operation of such a service.

IMPORTANT ROLE

The Committee generally feels that it has an important role in maintaining a link between disadvantaged members of the community and the Australian Legal Aid Office and would propose to continue such a role in consultation with the Legal Aid Commission.

Above all, the object of the Committee is to ensure that legal aid is effective and that it is reaching the people who need legal aid the most.

The Committee would from time to time propose to make submissions as to priorities that should be exercised between persons and classes of persons.

The issue of funding for the Legal Aid Commission has not yet been spelt out, and it may become necessary for the Commission to make choices as to which people or types of cases are to receive legal aid in preference to others.

The Committee proposes to make submissions as to the type of means test that operates and the principles set out in such a means test having regard to the provisions of the Legal Aid Commission Act.

The Committee proposes to investigate the question of training people to properly investigate the means of applicants for legal aid in such a way that the essential dignity is preserved of the applicant client.

CHARGES

The question of whether or not charges should be imposed for any services, either in clinic advice or as duty counsel, may be a subject for submission by the Committee.

The operation of the duty counsel scheme and monitoring that operation should be a matter of concern for the Committee and subsequent representation to the Commission.

The education of lawyers in relation to the effects of law on the disadvantaged, having regard to the recommendations of the Sackville Reports, is a matter that the Committee sees as being very important and wishes to join with the Commission in its exploring.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: The Committee believes that it has an important role in providing possible strategies for assisting in the education of the community in its various parts as to legal rights and the availability of legal aid.

The Committee does not consider that the above points represent a final definition of their role in relation to the Legal Aid Commission but merely puts forward such an outline as a preliminary basis for discussion and to explore contact with the Legal Aid Commission.

MOHAWK FIGHTERS

Gerry Beauchamp, a journalist of 33 Dubhe Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1K 0L4, is seeking information on Australians who might have flown Curtiss Mohawk Fighters in the Burma campaign.

He is seeking this information for the publication of a story he is in the process of writing.

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By JACK WAGLAND

State President Len Phenna was again host at the annual ball of the year on Friday, August 12.

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Everything was right — the music, the floor, the supper, and the patrons.

All those who did not attend missed an excellent night and I would suggest that next year you book your tickets early.

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Sustenance Allowance to be Replaced.

As announced in the Budget speech, a more comprehensive Loss of Earnings Allowance will replace the present Sustenance Allowance in the Repatriation legislation, the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Peter Durack, said recently.

Sustenance Allowance is an allowance for providing temporary assistance to veterans who are unable to engage in any remunerative occupation because of the necessities of treatment for their service-related disabilities, whether or not there is any actual loss of earnings.

Under the new arrangements, as implied by its name, the Loss of Earnings Allowance will be paid only when actual loss of earnings is involved.

NO JUSTIFICATION

Senator Durack said the Government has decided that in today’s social conditions, which include age and invalid pensions, unemployment benefits and paid sick leave, there is no justification for the payment of a separate Sustenance Allowance.

The Government will, however, retain the basic intention of the Allowance by paying the existing Loss of Earnings Allowance to veterans who lose earnings because of treatment for service-related disabilities.

Sustenance Allowance was introduced at a time when paid sick leave was not available to most people and absences from work could cause severe financial hardship.

At one time any earnings received, including sick pay, were taken into account in calculating the Allowance payable, but these requirements were progressively relaxed and finally discontinued in 1963.

BENEFITS

Since then the allowance has been payable even when the veteran is not losing earnings; for example, when he has retired from the workforce or is unemployed or is receiving sick pay or other income including Commonwealth benefits such as age or invalid pension.

The only income at present taken into account is any disability pension which the veteran concerned, or his dependants, may be receiving.

The present Sustenance Allowance is payable at either the 100 percent general rate pension level of $34.05 a week or the special rate (TPI) pension level of $90.15 a week according to the nature and duration of the treatment concerned.

Under the Loss of Earnings Allowance provisions payments will be made only at the TPI level, subject to actual loss and to any disability pension already payable.

Senator Durack said the Government has also decided to safeguard the position of veterans who might use up their normal annual sick leave because of service-related disabilities and then suffer loss of earnings when absent from work for non-service related disabilities.

The Loss of Earnings Allowance would be payable under such circumstances upon the production of appropriate evidence.

70 and over

There always seems to be a little confusion or uncertainty when a married citizen turns 70 years and is therefore eligible for the old age pension free of means test.

Incidentally, the same conditions apply for both social security pensioners and Department of Veterans’ Affairs service pensioners.

The position can be explained more easily by giving two examples.

(a) Where a person is 70 years of age, and the combined income of himself and his wife is such that this would disqualify them from the normal old age (or service) pension, the position is that the eligible person (that is the person over 70 years) receives the full SINGLE rate and the spouse nothing.

(b) Alternatively, for the same married couple, where the combined other income fits within the sliding scale of the means test — that is, something less than $190 per week (as at September, 1977), the over-70 person would receive the full married rate ($39.25 per week) and the spouse would receive an assessment as per their combined income.

For example, if the combined other income was $96 per week, the spouse would receive $23.88 per week. Even though over 70 years, it is important to note that eligibility for “fringe benefits” is still subject to the means test figures of $57.50 (married) and $33.00 per week (single). — John Nolan
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NEW PROVISIONS FOR T.B

The Federal Government has decided that, in future, the Repatriation legislation will not differentiate between pulmonary tuberculosis and other disabilities for Repatriation pension purposes, Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Peter Durack, announced recently.

Special Repatriation provisions for TB were introduced in 1925, 1935 and 1943, in a situation where TB was a serious community health problem with only limited prospects of effective control.

This situation has changed dramatically with the introduction of effective treatment methods based on new drugs and the change should now be reflected in the relevant Repatriation provisions.

Accordingly, the Government has decided that in future the following provisions will apply:

* TB, as with other pensionable disabilities, will have to be service-related to attract a disability pension. However, entitlements to disability pensions already granted for TB will continue in force.

* An entitlement for TB will no longer automatically qualify the veteran concerned for a minimum disability pension of 100 percent of the General Rate, but that disability, like others, will be assessed according to the severity of the incapacity caused by the disease. However, no existing disability pension will be reduced below the cash level of the 100 percent General Rate pension at the time of reassessment.

* TB will not be a special qualification for Service Pension, and in future, therefore, veterans will be required to satisfy the normal conditions of age or permanent unemployment. However, Service Pensions already granted will not be affected.

REASSESSMENT

The decision will necessitate a review and reassessment of all existing disability pensions granted for TB. The review, which will be carried out as soon as possible by the Repatriation Commission, will take full account of other accepted disabilities.

The Government has given special consideration to the position of veterans already receiving disability pensions for TB. It recognises that these people have financial expectations based on a minimum pension level of 100 percent General Rate and may well have financial commitments based on these expectations.

Accordingly the Government will not, as a result of the review, reduce any pensions below the cash level of the 100 percent General Rate pension at the time of the review and reassessment.

In those cases where the review would otherwise have resulted in a reduction of pension below the 100 percent General Rate level, the pension will be “frozen” at the cash level of the 100 percent General Rate at the time of the review until such time as the actual incapacity of the veteran concerned may warrant a higher level of pension.

SERVICE-RELATED

In brief, in future, new disability pensions for TB will be granted only for service-related TB and the level of the pension will depend on the degree of incapacity involved.

No existing disability pensions for TB will be lost but they will be reassessed, and those shown to be over-assessed will, after account is taken of any other accepted disabilities, be frozen at the cash level of the 100 percent General Rate pension at the time of the review.

Existing Service Pensions will continue in force but in future TB will not be a ground for Service Pension.

Veterans will continue to receive free treatment for TB whether service-related or not.

[Under the present provisions a veteran who suffered any incapacity from TB contracted during or since service in wartime or warlike operations automatically qualifies (with certain exceptions) for a disability pension at the minimum level of the 100 percent General Rate pension (at present $34.05 a week) if the TB was service-related or if the veteran had served in a theatre of war.

The pension, which is not taxable or income-tested, cannot be reduced below the 100 percent General Rate pension during the lifetime of the veteran, even if the disease has been effectively treated or even if it has no noticeable effect on the veteran.

The veteran, being at least a 100 percent General Rate pensioner, also automatically qualifies for free-of-charge total Repatriation health cover.]

[Under the present provisions, veterans who suffer from TB either during or since service are also eligible for Service Pensions, subject to income-test conditions, without having to satisfy the usual requirement of theatre of war experience plus either age or permanent unemployment qualifications.]

J.S. KITCHEN
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It is known that Mr Kitchin was badly wounded at El Alamein and was in hospital in Brisbane for more than three years.

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DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES SCHEME

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Peter Durack, elaborating on the reference to the Defence Service Homes Scheme in the Budget Speech, said that in the course of its deliberations, the Government had carefully reviewed all of the major features of the Scheme.

He was now pleased to announce that there was to be no change in the existing concessional interest rates on Defence Service Homes loans — 3.75 percent p.a. on loans up to $12,000 and 7.25 percent on amounts between $12,001 and the maximum of $15,000 — or in the maximum repayment period of 32 years.

The Minister said that, as a result of the review of the Scheme, the following changes would be made:

* Persons who commence full-time service in the Defence Force after today will become eligible for a Defence Service Homes loan upon completing six years continuous full-time service, subject to a commitment to render further service. Under the arrangements that applied until today servicemen and women have become eligible on completion of three years service.
* The Government will progressively withdraw from land development and building activities. Instead of favouring a limited few, it will concentrate on lending, which has been the major form of assistance. Land was now available in greater quantities and from a variety of private and governmental sources, while the housing market offered a wide selection.
* No further applications for residential building lots developed by the Defence Service Homes Corporation will be accepted, but, as far as possible, those who have already lodged an application will be offered a lot.
* The prices of building lots to be offered will be set at current market values, instead of the cost (including capitalised interest and administration charges) to the Corporation of land and development.
* Landholdings which are in excess of requirements or which cannot be developed in the immediate future and are not required for other Commonwealth uses will be offered for sale first to State Governments and their agencies and then to local government authorities. If lands remain unsold, consideration may then be given to sale on the open market.
* An application fee of $75 for a loan for a home and $50 for an additional loan will be introduced when amending legislation is passed.
* A procedure will be developed shortly whereby applicants who qualify for a loan because of war service will receive some measure of preference in the allocation of loans over those whose eligibility is based only on peacetime service.
* For each of the two groups mentioned above, the existing system of priorities in the settlement of loan applications will be extended to allow for the needs of applicants for accommodation, and up to 10 percent of funds available for each category of applicants will be earmarked for loans to applicants with the most urgent needs.

Senator Durack added that the Government’s consideration of details of the scheme had covered a wide range of possible changes including an increase in the maximum loan, but in the present situation it was unable to move in those directions.

He was particularly pleased that the Government had been able to preserve the highly concessional interest rates.

MORE MEMBERS NEEDED

Members of the Returned Sisters’ Sub-Branch are hoping with the change in meeting-time that more of our members will be able to join us. We still need, and would welcome new members.

All Sisters who served in the Services, whether or not they have served overseas, are eligible to join. Please pass this information on to your friends.

Remember, the more members the RSL has, the more powerful is its voice to speak on all matters, especially regarding welfare relating to ex-servicemen and women.

Our total membership is 128 and we have been pleased to welcome five new members, four of whom are Service members.

We are delighted and very proud that our very much esteemed member Miss D. Edis has received from the Coeur de la Somme Association the medal for service in the Somme area during the 1914-1918 War, when Miss Edis was attached to a British hospital.

Anyone having old copies of the Journal of the WA Nurses, 1935-1970, will they be willing to loan or donate to Miss V. Hobbs for completion of records? Please contact her at 13 Gardner St, Como, 6152, or ring 67.2498.

The Christmas Luncheon will again be held at the Hotel Parmelia on Saturday, December 3, 1977 starting at noon. Further information will be given in our November newsletter.

— M. Murdoch (Hon Sec)

“In the Honour List”

Congratulations are in order for those members of the RSL who were recently honoured by Her Majesty The Queen.

John R. Ewing, I.S.O. one of the League’s trustees.

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Narrogin Group Conference

ORGANISED TO THE LAST DETAIL

By ROY BELL

Narrogin RSL Sub-Branch was again to the fore when they hosted a group conference of twelve sub-branches in their district.

Once again, the sub-branch, spearheaded by live-wire president, D. Whitehorn and secretary J. Cranfield made sure that it was organised and planned to the last detail. It culminated in a most worthwhile and satisfying conference.

From the warm welcome upon arrival, and a welcome cup of tea and scones, provided by the ladies, one could feel the atmosphere of a most successful day.

TWO COUNCILS

Narrogin is one of the very few districts that have two governing bodies, a town council and a shire council, and we were extremely proud and privileged to have both councils represented during the day.

W. Shepherd, Narrogin Shire Council president, opened the conference and spoke of the good work the sub-branch was doing in the everyday workings of the town and district.

He and his councillors felt proud that Narrogin had been selected for the group conference and he hoped that the outcome of our deliberations would be worthwhile, not only to the delegates but to the RSL in general.

At lunchtime, Narrogin Mayor Bob Farr held a civic reception to all attending the conference. In his welcoming address, he thanked the local sub-branch for hosting the conference and stated how delighted he and his councillors were to be able to say “welcome” to all the guests.

He also wished all those who were taking part in the conference every success in their deliberations and hoped that the day would bring forth new ideas and inspirations.

GUEST SPEAKERS

During the conference, all aspects of the League’s work was covered by guest speakers, and at the end of each talk, time was given to questions and answers.

It is felt that by using this method, presidents and secretaries are brought up to date as to what the League is accomplishing, and are fully informed when answering questions at sub-branch level.

Appeals from the State President to try and boost membership — and for ideas of how to increase it — brought an interesting suggestion from a Kojonup speaker.

He claims they are using their shire council member’s boundaries, and members within that boundary are canvassing each household explaining the new membership system, with some outstanding results.

Two visiting speakers who were received with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm were Col Williams, AM, ED, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, and John See, State manager, Defence Service Homes Corporation.

It is most gratifying from the League’s point of view to have men of their calibre prepared to forgo their weekends to participate in these meetings.

REWARDING

It is likewise equally rewarding to sub-branch members to be able to meet these gentlemen personally, and to have their questions and problems answered and solved on the spot.

In summing up, it is felt the conference achieved a good deal.

Guest speakers were given a very good hearing, questions were well thought out and to the point, and there was a general feeling that we were all gathered together in unity to uphold the rights and traditions of this great organisation to which ALL ex-servicemen and women should deem it an honour to belong.

During the luncheon break, Cliff Stretch spoke in glowing terms when he proposed a toast to the Women’s Auxiliary, who not only excelled themselves with the meals they provided, but for the outstanding work they do for the League in general.

Three members from State Executive accompanied the State president to the conference, they were Len Turner, senior vice-president, Roy Bell, junior vice-president, and Rolf Nyman.

They were joined at Narrogin by Jack Marchesi, country vice-president, of Brookton.

WHAT IS LOYALTY?

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LOYALTY IS A DUTY because it implies allegiance.

LOYALTY IS A SENTIMENT: It implies affection, love and enthusiasm. These are not fully expressed in shouting or barracking.

LOYALTY TO YOUR ORGANISATION MUST BE LIVED!
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ROBERTS E.J. W17121 129 W/S Armadale.
WILSON E.F. 2835 34 Bty. Dongara.

MAY 1977

ANDERTON C. 81516 RAAF Lace Grace.
BARRETT S. 1584 4th PNRS 11th Bn NE Fremantle.
BARNES L.E. F.V.197 RAN Yокine.
BENNIE J. 3474 51st Bn Bassendean.
BRUCE E.C. 1724 28Bn Wembley Floreat.
BLAKISTON F.C. 17679 RAAF Applecross.
CANNELL L.B. WX21329 13 FD Coy South Perth.
CARLSON A. 31 16th Bn Mt Lawley.
COLLIE F.X.J. WX7297 2/28th Bn Collie.
COLLINS C.A. F/Y308 RANR Bunbury.
COOPER A.R. SV475 RANVR Kojonup.
CURRIE S.A. WX5221 2/4th MG Bn Claremont.
BATE E. WX40168 9DIV Sigs. Esperance.
DAVEY E.M. WX38610 2 Port Coon Cycles Perth.
DUCAT H.V. WX16636 2/32nd Bn Rocky Gully.
EDDISON J. WX22875 Sigs BOF Boulder.
FALLOON E.A. WX9203 2/13 Bn Nedlands.
FARRELL W.F. WX17579 AASC Wembley Floreat.
FORREST A.A. WX7419 2/28 Bn. Cottesloe.
GIRRANDS M.A. 83639 RAAF Osborne Park.
HARMAN H.E. 46100 RAAF Osborne Park.
HARRISON W.E. 3237 10th L.H. Perth.
HOWARD R. WX18635 3rd Corps Sigs Perth.
KING M. WX832 2/11 Bn Fremantle.
LAMING C.W. 709 16th Bn Wembley Floreat.
LEACH R.R.A. 17932 RAAF Maylands.
LINTO P.S. WX3029 101 Reg. RAA Subiaco.
MAYNARD K.F.C. WX2530 2/31st Bn Woodanilling.
McCALL W.J. WX8073 2/4 MG Cockburn.

McQUEEN D.B. WX37591 2/2 IT W/S Mt Hawthorn.
PETER R.M. 11464 13 Aust FD Coy South Perth.
SIMS P.L. 45981 RAAF Harvey.
STATHAM L.S. 1921 4th AIB Graylands Mt Claremont.
STEPHENS H.W. 45078 RAAF Applecross.
STRAW F. WX5872 2/2 FD Pk Perth.
STRICKLAND W.E. WX10020 2/28 Bn Maylands.
SULLIVAN P.J. WX64263 2/1 CCS Belmont.
TAYLOR C.A. W61533 4 Line Sec. Central.
THOMAS W.S. 7539 51st Bn Nollamara Nth Perth.
TOWNSEND R. WX13408 2/28th Bn Central.
WALTON W.C. WX21683 2/6 FD Coy Kalgoorlie.
WISMAN F.E. WX9495 4th Mt Bedford Morley.

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BAGRIE J. WX8829 2/4th MG Bn Bridgetown.
BAILEY J.B. VX70503 273 Lad Mt Barker.
BANKIER I.J. VX14900 2/8th Bn. Central.
BARKER C.E. 38300 RAAF, Mt Lawley.
BLAKEMORE S.J.H. WX15250 2/1 AAFW West Leederville.
BRAY J. 88361 RAAF Quairading.
BERINGER H. WX14860 2/28th Bn. NE Fremantle.
CLANCY J.P. 3766 61st AFA 101 How Bty Bunbury.
CARR G. 7224 11th Bn. Mt Barker.
CUMMING R.M. 113 44th Bn. NE Fremantle.
DAVIES R.P. WX61300 War Graves North Beach.
DE BURGH E.C. 20984 5 Div Sigs Press.
DOCKERY F.E. 3860 51 Bn. Claremont.
FULLER P.D. 29128 RAAF Perth.
HADDEN G.M. 114684 RAAF Meekatharra.
HARTFIELD S.J. 4158 RAN Claremont.
HARVEY F.A. 16376 RAAF Darling Range.
HODGKISS T. RFA Merredin.
HOWSON R.G. WX12312 2/2 Fld Coy Swanbourne.
JACKSON M.V. WX34793 7 ATS Melville.
JARDINE L.T. F2897 RAN Fremantle.
JONES J.T. 5869 27th Bn. Central.
LAGUE W.L. 16445 RAAF Carlisle.
LENNELL J.S. 427695 RAAF Floreat City Beach.
LUCY A.J. WX36700 4 Bn. Mt Hawthorn.
MARKS J.R. WX40619 ASC Applecross.
MATHIES A.V. WX18570 2/32 Bn. Maylands.
MATTHEWS P.C. 28381 1 ARTY West Leederville.
MYERS C.H. WX10421 7 Div AASC Perth.
NELLIGAN F.J. WX9865 2/7th Fd Reg. Perth.
O'LEYAR J.R. 3421 51st Bn NE Fremantle.
PATTEN D.E. WX40203 4 AIB Geraldton.
PEGLER H.W. 45922 RAAF Rockingham.
RAINBIRD A.A. WX5602 2/16th Bn Mt Barker.
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SINGE L.N. 45228 RAAF Wembley Floreat.
SLEE C.E. 3912 10th Bn. Bayswater.
SPOOR J. WX35847 11th Bn. NE Fremantle.
THOMPSON S.G. WX5551 2/11th Bn. Rivervale.
THREADGOLD O. 965 90 Coy North Perth.
TOWNSON W. WX18771 7 Aust Army TPS NE Fremantle.
TRUSLOVE R.C. WX10585 2/106 AGT Kensington.
WILLIAMS R.J. 45052 RAAF NE Fremantle.
WAGNER G.J. WX14597 2/16th Bn. Wyndham.
WRIGHT H.A. 243 14th Topsec Eng Belmont.

JULY 1977
ALLAN J. 7695 16th Bn. Mt Barker.
BAILEY A.J. WX216165 AIT W/S Osborne Park.
BAKER D.G. 8441 6th Field Amb. Geraldton.
BAYNHAM T. WX4397 2/16th Bn. Maylands.
BOYD J.B. WX36811 11th Bn. Coolgardie.
BROWN F.G. 9 19Bn. Vic Park.
BROWN N. 406839 RAAF Nedlands.
CASEY L.E. 81170 RAAF Dalwallinu.
DAVIE A. 628 31st Bn. Claremont.
DAVIES C.J.P. 6064 28 Bn. Belmont.
DENNEY A.J. WX3274 2/16th Bn. NE Fremantle.
DIPROSE J.C. WX26681 2/32 Bn. Perth.
DUNNING M. 6070 28th Bn. Midland.
EDWARDS D.R. WX37042 RAEME Onslow.
FOLLOWS W.T. WX17228 2/32nd Bn. Fremantle.
GOODE W.L. 4035 16th Bn. Mandurah.
GRYLLS D.B. WX15040 63 Bn. Cowaramup.
HALL L.W. 1869 AFA Cannning.
HARRIS J.B. WX13286 2/3 Bn. Mullawwa.
HARRIS W.D. WX6895 2/45 MG Bn. Rockingham.
HART D.G./C/MX58788 Royal Navy Carlisle.
HICKS H.R. WX22605 2/4 AGR Waroona.
HIGGINS H.G. 3937 16Bn. Cottesloe.
HOGG J.T. 4816 51 Bn. Mt Lawley.
HOLT F.B. WX33664 RAASC South Perth.
HOROBIN A.W. 16893 RAAF Darkan.
 JACKSON F.C. WX12799 1st Army Sigs City of Perth.
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 MANN G.W. 3281 RASC Mandurah.
 MAYNARD F.E. WX20222 2/11th Bn. Rivervale Carlisle.

METCALFE C.D. 295991 RAAF Bullsbrook.
MOREY A.J. WX14494 5 VEH PK Mt Hawthorn.
McALLEN W.A. 3413 31st Bn. Perth.
MCKENZIE W. 6826 18th Bn. Rivervale Carlisle.
NEUMAN H.P. WX31044 11th Bn. Cottesloe.
PENNY-A.L. 415548 RAAF Taxation.
PURVIS W.J. 2466 51st Bn. Fremantle City.
READER J. WX38265 7 MECK FOY Mt Hawthorn.
REID R.B. 41505 RAAF Manning.
RILEY H. WX4261 2/16 Bn. NE Fremantle.
ROBERTS J. WX8106 9 Div H.R. Bassendean.
RUDLAND H.D. WX11635 2/7 CAV COM Bayswater.
STADE E.P. WX4820 2/2 Fd Pk Bruce Rock.
SHEFFIELD L.H. WX13102 6th AM Coy Central.
SHIELDS W. 983 11Bn. Harvey.
STIRLING R.A. WX12556 2/33 AGT North Beach.
TATE L. 415594 RAAF Highgate.
TINK A.C. WX12870 2/1 Pioneers. Wyalkatchem.
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WAUHOP A.R. W92687 18th Ord Stores Bicton Palmyra.
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WOOLER C. 5534 8th Bty. South Perth.
YOUNG G. 3204 11th Bn. Maylands.

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BOASE J.H. WX7857 RAAF Armadale.
BOWER A. 2819 2nd Field Eng. Alf Neldans.
BRAYSHAW S. 158291 RAF Rivervale.
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CARLISLE E.D. WX6143 2/72 Aust. Lad Bunbury.
CHAPMAN A.E. 3066 28 Bn. Rockingham Districts.
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GEE W.G. WX17746 124 Gen TPT Subiaco.
GLASSON B.J.J. 415865 RAAF Dwellingup.
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