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State Secretary’s Notes

It gives me great pleasure to report that of the 29 Agenda Items forwarded to National Congress from the WA State Congress, 27 were endorsed, one lost and one was deferred to the National Defence Committee – a pretty good effort which reflects the quality of the items put forward by our Sub-Branches.

It is worthy of note that a resolution raised by Wongan Hills Sub-Branch changed National policy.

Another feather in the WA Branch cap, which directly relates to the hard work undertaken by Sub-Branches, is the example we have set to other Branches in not just maintaining our membership base but actually increasing it.

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Early next year we will see a convention in Canberra dealing with the issue: a Republic or a continuation of our present system. Let’s first look at the position of the RSL on this matter. It is contained, in very clear terms in our Constitution – and in standing policy 17.18 (1)(2). This reference, incidentally, is what compelled my inclusion on the NO Republic ticket. As the senior elected official of the WA State Branch my personal view is not important. I am obliged to “support and promote the League’s standing Policy.” It is well to remember that this statement is included on the form you sign when joining the RSL: however, that is a matter for another day.

My intention is to voice my concern over this whole issue not as a State President so much but as an ordinary Australian who cares about our country.

Let’s be quite clear: this debate is not the result of a vast emotional outpouring of the community. Nowhere do we see multitudes gathering and waving placards (this of course can be witnessed every September at the Melbourne Cricket Ground or at top concerts). There appears no pressing groundswell of public opinion demanding a Republic or death! In fact, during the recent pre-election period of delegates from WA, the media and public in general exhibited little enthusiasm. This may have something to do with the delegates, it may be the media or it may simply be that the public refuses to be taken in and become involved with something which will have little impact on what is really important to them and their country.

I have challenged a number of people when speaking about this issue to walk down any street and pose this question to passersby: “What are the five things you are most concerned about?”. I wonder how many would say the Republican issue? I agree that just because it is not of major concern does not mean we should not, as a nation, consider it. However, my question is one of priority. If we are to spend taxpayers’ money shouldn’t there be a priority? Aged Care, Health, Tax Reform, Law and Order, and Defence all cry out for more attention and focus. Yet we have the spectacle forth coming in Canberra of two totally opposed groups trying to come to consensus on an issue few care about and fewer still wish to finance through their tax dollars.

If a change in contribution will guarantee to reverse the employment trend, help the balance of payments and improve age care then I will become a fervent advocate. Those proponents of a Republic who sensibly pose the option know that this would not happen however, when they put forward that what will come from this change will be a sense of identity and increased national pride, how can we take them seriously? If by now we need an alternative method of government to define ourselves then perhaps two world wars, numerous wars on a lesser scale, countless sporting achievements, significant scientific contributions, brilliant artists and leadership in a number of areas out of proportion to our population should then all be ignored and we could have a President to tell us we’re okay!

I am certainly no scholar but recent events have seen me become more familiar with our constitution and this above all things has been brought home to me. Those men who wrote this wonderful document knew that one day our political masters would try to change it under the guise: “I’m from the Government. I’m doing it to help you!”. We must be constantly vigilant: how many examples do we have of politicians wanting to change our constitution to give the people more power!

We must continually examine all facets of our community from which our constitution should not be immune. But we must be very sure that what we change to is for the benefit of our country, our children and their future. I would commend anyone wishing to consider some of the issues associated with a Republic to read Sir Harry Gibbs’ booklet “A Republic the Issue.”

I think that we should have an understanding of all sides if we are required to make a decision. Whatever is finally decided, let’s ensure that we the people decide, not politicians, not the media, and not other countries – however well meaning.

KEN MURPHY
The State Branch has pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr Michael G. Kailis CBE, AM, as Warden of the State War Memorial for the 1997/98 year.

Mr Michael Kailis was born in 1929 of Greek parents. His family eventually moved to Darwin and was evacuated to Perth on the MV Koolinda in 1942.

At 13 years of age, he had to leave school and work to help support his family financially. Encouraged by his cousins to attend university, he gained matriculation in one year of part-time study while working full-time.

After a year at the University of Western Australia, he undertook a course in mine management at Broken Hill before returning to WA to start an outstanding career of community and public achievement in the maritime and fishing industries in Australia and internationally.

Mr Kailis's contribution to the fishing industry is well known. He refined the system of rock lobster processing, pioneered the prawn fishing industry in Exmouth, established international trade in seafood and other Australian products and revitalised the pearl industry in the north-west.

He instituted the unique modular system of shipbuilding in Fremantle in the late 1960s and, as chairman of the WA Marine Services Association, was instrumental in establishing Australia's largest ship-building facility at Henderson in Cockburn Sound.

Mr Kailis was the recipient of Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 1979 and Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1993.

He continues his contribution to Australia by holding positions on numerous companies, institutions, associations and clubs while further developing his business interests.

Limited service as a Sub-Warden a few years gave me a peripheral insight into the management of the State War Memorial and of the preparation required for each of the many ceremonies held there. The enormous privilege of being asked to serve as the State Warden, however, brings another perspective. It brings one into the real world of administration and the support contributed by a variety of organisations and individuals that is required for the presentation of the public ceremonies.

Before commenting on the human element, let me draw your attention to some of the practicalities of preserving the memory of those who served their country and paid the supreme sacrifice.

For example, the maintenance and preservation of the site and edifice, plus the ancillaries such as lighting, masonry, flag-poles etc. Like the properties in which we live, the Memorial requires regular attention. This of course involves cost, which is best illustrated by quoting the Honorary Architect Mr Ken Broadhurst:

"Since Congress 1996, the contract for repairs to the waterproof membrane to the upper deck of the 1914-1918 section of the Memorial has been completed. Several electrical repairs and replacements have been attended to and the repainting of the wrought-iron balustrades, undercroft grilles and railings has been finalised. Included in the painting works were the hand-rails to the steps at the entrance of the 1939-45 section which had been badly scraped by skateboarders who test their airborne skills, I believe, by sliding down them. Apart from that, not too many problems have been due to vandalism this year. The cost of the above maintenance totals $8,461.63."

The Kings Park Board gives its unfailing support and co-operation as do the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the RSL Women's Auxiliary, the League itself and the
Wardens present, involved in its maintenance must take heart that their escort of officers and ratings to accompany their Admiral does make inroads into the private time ceremonies there. Organisations who annually hold their commemoration ceremonies since I took office last November. It contributes are appreciated by so many, as is further evidenced by the numerous service, ex-service and allied organisations who annually hold their commemoration ceremonies there.

Collectively, those mentioned ensure the Memorial and its surrounds continue to provide what must surely be one of the most, if not the most, beautifully sited War Memorials in the world. It forms an integral part of the life of, and is an enduring credit to, our city. Visiting dignitaries, visitors and tourists alike never fail to be favourably impressed and frequently say so. Thus all involved in its maintenance must take heart that their contributions are appreciated by so many, as is further evidenced by the numerous service, ex-service and allied organisations who annually hold their commemoration ceremonies there.

Up to and including this Congress, there have been 14 ceremonies since I took office last November. It was a happy coincidence for me that the first ceremony at which I officiated was the annual Legacy service which, as past president of Legacy, made me doubly proud to be there. Although this figure of 14 indicates an average of two per month, there are at times two in less than a week which does make inroads into the private time given so willingly by the Deputy Warden and those ‘duty’ Sub-Wardens from the Highgate Sub-Branch who officiate at each ceremony.

There are many ceremonies of note. One I will mention was held during the first visit of Italian warships to Fremantle when the Italian Navy paraded a substantial escort of officers and ratings to accompany their Admiral who laid a wreath. Not long in the wake of the Italian Navy came a large fleet from the United States Navy who were well represented and warmly welcomed at a ceremony the day before departure for a tour in the Persian Gulf. It was particularly good to see Sir Charles Court among those present on that occasion.

The two major ceremonies of the year to date have been the Anzac Commemorative Service for Schools held a week before Anzac Day and, of course, the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

The Swanbourne District Education Office and the Education Department of WA arranged and conducted a most excellent service in the presence of His Excellency, Major General Michael Jeffery AC MC, and Mrs Jeffery. All participants deserve congratulations, but I must make special mention of the Hollywood Senior High School Concert Band and the Nedlands Primary School Choir; both were excellent. The two Wards of Legacy who laid wreaths were Amy Holmes and Ben Constantinidis; Ben became a Ward of Legacy after the tragic Black Hawk training accident last year. Special mention must be made of bugler Kelly Thomas of Churchlands Senior High School. Her rendition of the Last Post and Reveille were faultless and earned particular admiration and praise of the Warden, Deputy Warden and all Sub-Wardens present, which is praise indeed. I may add the ceremony was conducted on one of the hottest days of the summer with the temperature well over 40C.

The Dawn Service must go down as one of the most perfect in memory. A full moon without a whisper of breeze, and crystal clear skies with the stars almost close enough to touch, made the assembly of officials and dignitaries before dawn easier and the whole ambience of the occasion was enhanced by these ideal conditions prior to the arrival of His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Jeffery. After the main ceremony, and in accordance with custom, His Excellency and Mrs Jeffery accompanied by other dignitaries moved to the Jewish War Memorial to participate in an equally moving ceremony there.

The estimated number of the general public attending was 8000 plus, another record assembly, and here I must nail my colours to the mast as a whole-hearted supporter.
State War Memorial cont...

of the spoken word at the Dawn Service and other ceremonies. Apart from meeting a good cross-section of the community, I meet disparate generations through my involvement with Legacy and via friends and family. Unsolicited comments from so many people, some quite unknown to me, in the week or so after the Dawn Service followed the same congratulatory pattern, to the effect: “We older ones know all about World War II and in the years soon after the war it was sufficient for us just to be there in silence. Now I am pleased to take my children and grandchildren as Richard Carter’s introductory words allow us all to know what is going on in the dark prior to the silent wreath laying, and enables us all to focus our minds and reflect on the reasons for being there. The speech by His Excellency The Governor after the silence is then such an excellent, informative and patriotic finale.”

To round off, I must thank all members of the Highgate Sub-Branch, be they Sub-Warden or not. The support of the whole Sub-Branch is there, as is the ever-pleasant efficiency of the Anzac House staff. All deserve rich praise from the citizens of our state.

With due deference to the solemn ceremonies at which we officiate, we do enjoy some lighter moments. The most recent was the ceremony held for the Women’s Auxiliary, when the about to retire Madam President farewelled and thanked all with a kiss for each of us. Her emotion and warm greetings were appreciated by all present.

It was a truly great honour to be asked to serve as State Warden and it will continue to be so until I hand over to my successor on Remembrance Day. I have learned a great deal during my term of office and have met a great many dignitaries together with people from all walks of life and many different nationalities. Always it will remain a wonderful experience, and I feel at each ceremony - when standing facing the Memorial with its flags raised and lowered to the referred bugle calls of the Last Post and Reveille - immense pride that we should be there to pay homage and, by so doing, encourage those younger to realise that the liberty and democracy all Australians enjoy came neither cheaply nor without the continuing sacrifice of so many. I promise Congress I will always endeavour to live up to the standards set by my predecessors. At the same time, I express my grateful thanks to the Deputy Warden, Mr Ron Stone, who is such a pleasure to work with. As indicated previously, I have been made privy to much of what goes on behind the scenes; perhaps at the end of my term of office he will let me into the secret of how he arranges for that kookaburra to perform at its best during the Dawn Service.

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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The Hon John Howard MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

I write to you on a matter of importance to the veteran community, namely the extension of eligibility for full medical treatment at public expense to World War II veterans, by issue of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card. This is a benefit which the RSL has been seeking for some years and which has wide support in the veteran community and from the public at large.

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs and his department have been particularly receptive to our arguments in this matter and have consulted widely. The RSL appreciates that the cost of extending Gold Card benefits is significant and likely to cost around $110 million in the first year. However, substantial offsets should be available; I understand the Department of Veterans' Affairs has identified savings in its own budget and across the board in health expenditures which would substantially fund the extension of benefits which we seek.

The provision of this benefit to World War I veterans when they were aged in their seventies was warmly endorsed by the public and provides ample precedent. It was given to all who served in the 1st AIF, whether overseas or at home. Extension of the Gold Card benefit to veterans of the 2nd AIF and post-World War II service would more appropriately be based on age, say 70 years, which would include some veterans of Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam and, in due course, the Gulf War and Somalia.

Extension of benefits to those who served only within Australia during World War II and those who have served post-war in non-warlike situations overseas is also desirable, but it is recognised that the extended benefit to those veterans may have to be limited to those with substantial disabilities recognised as related to their service.

The RSL requests that this matter be given consideration in the lead-up to the next Budget and would appreciate your personal intervention on behalf of veterans. Introduction of this measure would be warmly welcomed as a generous and responsible gesture by your Government to those of our elderly citizens who gave of themselves for our country over 50 years ago.

Yours sincerely,

P.R. PHILLIPS
National President
CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

Item No.
1. (A) Insert a new Rule as follows:
10.12 For punitive action against Life Members refer to National Article 15.

(B) Insert a new Rule as follows:
10A Unattached list of Members.
The State Executive shall keep a "List of Unattached Members" Register, previously known as the Central Sub-Branch. Any Member, upon being admitted to the League, having been transferred from another State Branch or being a Member of one of the Sub-Branches, and not wishing to participate in the activities of a Sub-Branch, may request placement on the List of Unattached Members. Also, any Member on that list may at any time request to transfer to a specific Sub-Branch or to another State Branch.

(C1) Insert a new Rule as follows:
10B Miscellaneous List of Members.
The State Branch shall keep a Register named "The Miscellaneous List of Members".

(C2) 10B.1 The Miscellaneous List of Members who have been transferred to that list compulsorily, permanently or for a prescribed period of time;

(C3) 10B.2 Members may be transferred to the Miscellaneous List of Members only by an explicit decision of the State Executive or by the Appeal Tribunal;

(C4) 10B.3 After the conclusion of the prescribed time, if such was specified, the Member may request a transfer to a particular State Branch or Sub-Branch; if no request is made, the Member's name shall be transferred to the unattached List of Members;

(C5) 10B.4 The State Branch or Sub-Branch named in accordance with provisions of Rule 10B.3 may refuse such request, stating reasons. Appeal against such a refusal may be lodged in accordance with National Article 12C.6;

(C6) 10B.5 During the period of time the Member's name is on the Miscellaneous List of Members he shall not be eligible to hold any office in the League, nor be a Member or Associate Member of any Sub-Branch;

(D1) Insert new Rules as follows:
11.15 To establish an Ethics Committee to adjudicate between aggrieved parties in matters to which the State Rules are applicable;

(D2) 11.9 There shall be an Ethics Committee Panel consisting of 15 Members; when there is a need to empanel an Ethics Committee, at the nearest meeting of the State Executive the State Secretary shall draw by lot five names from the panel, non of whom may be from any Sub-Branch of the aggrieved parties;

(D3) 11.9.1 At the time of calling for nominations for the State Executive, nominations shall be called from Sub-Branches for persons to be included in the Ethics Committee Panel;

(D4) 11.9.2 Each Sub Branch may submit one name only;

(D5) 11.9.3 Members of the State Executive are not eligible for nomination to the Ethics Committee Panel;

(D6) 11.9.4 In the event of there being nominations in excess of 15, an election by preferential vote shall be conducted at the State Congress; the non-elected candidates shall forma reserve panel;

(D7) 11.9.4.1 Casual vacancies shall be filled by the State Executive from the Reserve Panel, in order of preferential votes received;

(D8) 11.9.4.2 In the event of there being less than 15 nominations or there being no reserve panel, the State Executive shall select person(s) to fill the casual vacancy(ies) on the panel;

(D9) 11.9.5 The Panels serves for the period of one year; retiring Members of the Panel are eligible for re-election;

(D10) 11.9.6 Paid employees of the League are not eligible for nomination; or, becoming that during their term of office, must resign from the Panel;

(D11) 11.9.7 Any Member of the Panel may at any time resign his office by notice in writing to the State Secretary;

(D12) 11.9.8 Any Member of the Panel shall be deemed to have vacated office should conditions detailed in Rule 13.9 apply;

(D13) 11.9.9 The Members of the last empanelled Ethics Committee are excluded from the next draw, should such be required;

(D14) 11.9.10 Each empanelled Ethics Committee elects its own Chairman;

(D15) 11.9.11 The Ethics Committee must ascertain all facts relevant to the grievance, from all parties involved;

(D16) 11.9.12 Any member being a party to proceedings before the Ethics Committee shall have the right of a personal audience before the Committee;

(D17) 11.9.13 After completion of deliberations, the Ethics Committee shall inform the parties involved of its decision and subsequent rights of appeal;

(D18) 11.9.14 The Ethics Committee shall inform the State Executive of its decision forthwith after notifying the parties involved.

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Wembley-Floreat)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES

2. In Rule 5.1.1.3, in lines 3 and 4, delete all words after "three quarters" and substitute "of all delegates, present in person or by proxy, at the time of voting".

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Highgate)
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: NEW RULES
3 Insert new Rule as follows:

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

15A.2 The Stated Executive of Western Australian Women's Auxiliary shall be responsible to the State Branch, that is, to the State Congress and, during the time between congresses, to the State Executive;

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

15A.4 The Annual Conference of the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary shall elect in accordance with Rules of the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary its State Executive;

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

15A.6 Neither the Western Australian Women's Auxiliary State Executive nor any of the auxiliaries attached to Sub-Branches may be incorporated under the Act;

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

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Wanneroo-Joondalup)

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: RECESSION OF 1994 RESOLUTION
3A That the Resolution of the 1994 Congress, directing the State Executive to produce a rule formalising the position of the Women's Auxiliary, moved by Bunbury and carried, be rescinded.

WITHDRAWN at SC (Wongan Hills/Returned Ex-Servicewomen)

WINDING UP OF STATE BRANCH:
AMENDMENT TO RULES
4. Rule 17.2 to be re-worded, to read:

17.2 If, on the winding up of the State Branch, any property of the State Branch remaining after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the State Branch and the costs, charges and expenses of that winding up, that property shall be distributed:

17.2.1 To another Association incorporated under the Act, having objects or similar those of the State Branch; or

17.2.2 For charitable purposes, which incorporated Association or Purposes, as the case requires, shall be determined by resolution of the Members when authorising and directing the State Executive under Section 33 (3) of the Act to prepare a distribution plan for the distribution of the surplus property of the State Branch.

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Wongan Hills)
CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES (50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP)

"Where Membership Records at Anzac House appear to be incomplete or inaccurate, a correctly completed Statutory Declaration submitted by the Member, stating that he/she has completed 50 years financial membership, be accepted as valid evidence."

Carried at SC (City of Rockingham/Mandurah)

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE AND NATIONAL RULES
12. That this National Congress approves that any WA Member whose 1995 unfinancial status prevents that Member from receiving any award conditional upon continuous financial membership, and this is the only reason the award cannot be made the Member should have the opportunity to pay the 1995 fee and thus be eligible for the award.

CARRIED at SC (Wongan Hills/City of Rockingham) and NC (as amended).

CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT TO STATE RULES
12A. PART I: That the WA Branch Membership Fees be increased by an amount of $2.00 to a total of $27.00. The Sub-Branch portion will increase to $5.40, in line with previous Congress resolutions.

CARRIED AT SC (State Executive/Highgate)

PART 2: In State Rule 8.1 delete the words from "shall be" to "payable".

The new Rule shall now read:

"The Subscription shall be payable yearly in advance on the 1st January of each year."

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Armadale)

PART 3: Delete State Rule 8.2.

LOST at SC

PART 4: Add new Rules:

8.2 Subscription fees shall increase each two years by an amount equal to the movement in the Perth CPI index over the previous two years. The first such increase shall occur in 2000 with the increase being measured by the Perth CPI movement from September 1997 to September 1999. Subsequent increases shall be measured from the Perth CPI increase from September 1999.

8.3 Each new subscription shall be rounded up to the nearest dollar.

8.4 Sub-Branches shall be allocated 20% of each subscription fee, rounded up to the nearest 10 cents.

WITHDRAWN at SC (State Executive/Highgate)

REPATRIATION: ELIMINATION OF AGE BARRIER
13. That the Australian Government be requested to remove the age discrimination barrier from the Veterans' Entitlement Act and permit veterans to have the same privileges as enjoyed by the Australian Public Service and private industry.

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Wongan Hills) and NC

REPATRIATION: WESTRAIL - COUNTRY PASSENGER SERVICES: RESTRICTED FREE TRAVEL
14. That those veterans, families, and senior citizens who are required to travel with their children during the school holiday periods be permitted to travel without restrictions, using their free or seniors card factors. Thus crating family unison and support.

CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Shenton Park)

REPATRIATION: VETERANS' RIGHTS
15. That the Department of Veterans' Affairs now accept that all Australian and Allied Service Personnel who are Australian citizens who have attained the age of 70 years and who wish to be recognised as veterans have veterans' rights for medical services and admission as veterans to hospitals as the need arises.

LOST at SC (Applecross/Kwinana)

REPATRIATION: EXTREME DISABILITY ADJUSTMENT
16. That Standing Policy under EDA eligibility 2.9 be deleted and be replaced by the following:

"2.9 EDA Eligibility

That the criteria for eligibility of the Extreme Disablement Adjustment be adjusted so that the entitlement be available to veterans who have an impairment rating of 60-65 points with a lifestyle rating of 5-6."

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Highgate) and NC

REPATRIATION: HEARING AIDS
17. That strong representation be made to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to have veterans suffering from hearing loss entitled to free issue of the latest technology in hearing aids.

CARRIED at SC (Rivervale-Carlisle/Highgate)

REPATRIATION: REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR ORTHOPAEDIC CONDITIONS
18. That National Congress press RMA to review and amend the Statement of Principles for Orthopaedic Conditions to ensure that the data base used incorporates appropriate military cases.

CARRIED at SC (City of South Perth/Wongan Hills) and NC as amended.

REPATRIATION: PRIVATE HEALTH COVER - GAP PAYMENTS
19. That the League through National Congress or other avenues, urge the Australian Government to approve that Ex-Service persons who are eligible to be treated as entitled veterans when in hospital, but who also have private medical cover, and wish to enter a hospital where the doctor of their choice will attend them, can claim and be paid from DVA the cost of 'gap' between private cover and the medical/hospital costs incurred.

CARRIED at SC (Returned Sisters/Applecross) and NC (as amended)


**REPATRIATION: PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION**

20. That the Department of Veterans' Affairs be approached to adopt the following policy:
   When a prescriptive mediation that has no satisfactory alternative is specified by a Medical Officer, then such prescribed mediation would automatically qualify for the current concessional charge”.
   CARRIED at SC (North Beach/Mandurah) and NC

**REPATRIATION: POPPY SALES**

26. That the WA Branch be authorised to take any necessary action to obtain at least one week for poppy sales, prior to November 11.
   LOST at Sc (Kwinana/Bedford-Morley)

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28. The West Australian Government be approached and requested that permission be given for us to revert to the original format whereby poppies can be sold on the Friday preceding Remembrance Day.
   WITHDRAWN

**ADMINISTRATION: POPPY DAY**

29. That Unit and Kindred Organisations be permitted to sell poppies on Poppy Day under the same requirements as pertain to the League Sub-Branches.
   CARRIED at SC (Rivervale-Carlisle/Bliciton-Palmyra)

**ADMINISTRATION: LISTENING POST**

30. That the State Executive require the Listening Post Committee to take action, by changing format or frequency of issue etc. if necessary, to bring the publications' costs to break-even point by the end of 1997.
   LOST at SC (Geraldton City/Dongara)

**ADMINISTRATION: RSSILA TO RSL HISTORY**

31. That the National Executive investigate as to whether we can write the history of the League, to cover the years 1937-1968, 1969-1999.
   CARRIED at SC (Applecross/Returned Ex-Servicemenwomen) and NC (as amended)

**ADMINISTRATION: CELEBRATION OF ANZAC DAY AT SCHOOLS**

32. That the League write to the Minister for Education and the Premier and request the Education Department review the current school year and rearrange the term holidays so that Anzac Day, April 25th, falls during the first week of the second term thus ensuring that each school can hold an Anzac Day service at their school, just prior to Anzac Day.
   LOST at SC (City of South Perth/Port Kennedy)

**NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION: RSL INVOLVEMENT – CONTENTIOUS ISSUES**

33. That in the event of a contentious issue arising that could affect the lives and beliefs of RSL Members, a plebiscite of all RSL Members be conducted, and the majority opinion expressed by Members through the plebiscite be adopted as the official stance of the League.
   LOST at SC (City of Rockingham/Bussleton)

**ADMINISTRATION: STATE BRANCH FINANCING – TATTOO**

34. (A) That the State Branch of the League ensure that no RSL finances be permitted to be used in the production and staging of the Tattoo.
   (B) That the State Branch of the League instruct the Board of Directors of the War Veterans' Homes that the finances of the War Veterans' Homes not be used to finance the proposed Tattoo.
   CARRIED at SC (City of Rockingham/Bussleton)

**DEFENCE: CURRENT POLICY**

35. That the League delete the following sections from Standing Policy on the grounds they have been overtaken by events are no longer relevant or applicable:
   Section 13.3 (1) (E) referring to Diego Garcia as facility use has been approved.
Section 13.3 (ii) (F) referring to the military occupation of Kampuchea by Vietnam, as this occupation has ended and popular government restored in Cambodia.

Section 13.2 (iv) referring to South Africa, as a post apartheid regime is now in power.

CARRIED at SC (Osborne Park/City of Perth) and NC

DEFENCE: NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

36. That the RSL Standing Policy Section 13.2 (iii) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following new Section 13.2 (iii):

13.2 (iii) National Development

(A) National development in the Australian context should be based on the following principles:

(1) Encouragement of value added processing to all exploited raw material exports.

(2) The expansion of transport, communications, education, infrastructures to sustain a vigorous industrial base for domestic and export markets.

(3) Encouragement and maintenance of self sufficiency in production of food stuffs and agricultural products.

(4) Incentives to ensure that where possible publicly funded infrastructure particularly in remote areas can serve multiple purposes (e.g. schools with corridors and doors for use as emergency hospitals; strengthened portions of highways for use as emergency airfields).

(B) The above principles should provide the basis for a vigorous national economy with a high degree of technical capability, able to maintain and sustain military forces in peace and war.

(C) Within this overall Policy of National Development, the Defence Forces should take full advantage of cost effective training opportunities, particularly in the areas of minor engineering works, where a community need exists and military capabilities are enhanced.

CARRIED at SC (Applecross/Bunbury) REFERRED TO NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE at NC

DEFENCE: NON-PARTISAN DEFENCE POLICIES

37. That the RSL delete Section 13.2 (iv) (e), dealing with non-partisan defence policies, from its Standing Policy on Defence and Foreign Affairs.

CARRIED at SC (State Executive/Highgate) and NC

DEFENCE: PUBLIC DEBATE

38. That the League strongly urge the Minister for Defence to initiate and sponsor a series of public debates on defence issues as a means of better informing the people of Australia and of bringing home to them the importance of defence and national security for our future well being.

CARRIED at SC (Applecross/Returned Ex-Servicemen) and NC

DEFENCE: WOMEN SERVING IN COMBAT UNITS

39. That Section 13.2 (vii) (g) of Standing Policy relating to women serving in combat units be deleted.

CARRIED at SC (Applecross/Returned Ex-Servicewomen) LOST at NC

DEFENCE: PROGRAMME

40. That the League protest to the Minister for Defence against the routine servicing of equipment of all defence services overseas, requesting that serving be done in this country if possible.

CARRIED at SC (Manjimup/Armadale) and NC (as amended)

DEFENCE: INCREASE OF DEFENCE BUDGET

41. That the Government make a far greater effort to encourage young people to join the services as a career and not as a temporary method of employment. This could be done by improving salary and conditions.

CARRIED at SC as amended (Scarborough/Mandurah) and NC

WELFARE: AMENDMENT TO STANDING POLICY

42. That the RSL adopt as standing policy that the dependent children of TPI pensioners be exempt from HECS, that this is implemented immediately and includes all children currently at university, all children currently repaying HECS and all future students.

CARRIED at SC as amended (Scarborough/Mandurah) and NC (as amended).

WELFARE: INTER-STATE ENTITLEMENTS FOR PENSIONER CONCESSION CARDS

43. That National Congress directs the National President to write to the Prime Minister to ensure that PCCs be issued to entitled veterans and widows under a DVA identification and arrangements be made with all States and Territories to grant benefits as available to their home PCC holders, to such DVA PCC holders.

CARRIED at SC (Darling Range/Highgate) and NC (as amended)

WELFARE: FUNERALS

44. That we should make every endeavour to have funeral benefits increased to $1500 to assist the families of Ex-Service personnel, in their time of need.

CARRIED at SC (Mandurah/Highgate) and NC

WELFARE: COST OF DRAPING AUSTRALIAN FLAG ON A VETERAN’S COFFIN

45. That the State Executive approach the Australian Funeral Directors’ Association on 9365 7555 or PO Box 6209 East Perth 6892 or the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, to remove this charge, which to some widows is a hardship, and for a veteran should be free.

CARRIED at SC (Claremont/Albany)

GENERAL: HMAS SYDNEY – SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH

46. That the Returned and Services League supports the search for the truth on the sinking of HMAS Sydney and that this be adopted as National Standing Policy.

CARRIED at SC (Geraldton/Canning Districts-Victoria Park)

GENERAL: DVA RURAL HEALTH POLICY

48. That the DVA decentralise some of its staff and services to all regional centres on a full time basis to share locations, premises and duties with the Departments of Social Security and Health and Family Services in one stop service centres.
These staff to work closely with Ex-Service organisations to provide information to veterans/widows and to assist them complete the necessary procedures.

CARRIED at SC (Geraldton City/Nollamara-North Perth)

GENERAL: "LIBERTY" NATIONAL AND STATE
49. That the League (National and State) insist that the Federal Treasury release the Foreign Invest Review Board’s figures on corporate investment in Australia. That the percentage of tax levied on profits by foreign industry operating within Australia be released. That the League monitor foreign investment before our liberty is completely eroded.

CARRIED at SC (Darling Range/Murray) and NC

GENERAL: FUNERALS
50. A. That undertakers be advised of the correct procedure for all Australian Ex-Service personnel, whereby only one flag – the National Flag – be draped with the Union Jack over the left shoulder of the deceased. Also they be informed of the correct folding of the flag before the casket is lowered. Arrangements should be uniform also for the placing of poppies on the casket where the service is to be followed by cremation.

B. That the League actively encourage funeral directors to adopt wherever possible the approved RSL funeral service for all veterans.

CARRIED at SC as amended (City of Perth/Kalgoorlie)

FINANCE SERVICES FOR SENIORS: SPECIAL REVERSE MORTGAGES HELP RETIRED HOMEOWNERS

Retirement could be the best time of your life but it can be spoiled by money worries. Although many retired people are asset rich, they find that their savings are dwindling and they need money for a variety of reasons.

Now there is a special reverse mortgage available which is designed to assist retired homeowners who want to keep their home but at the same time, enjoy some of the money tied up in it. Pensioners can borrow a lump sum which they can use for any purpose at all – without the need to pay monthly repayments.

People over the age of 68 who own a home valued at more than $100,000. qualify for a loan of at least $20,000. The loan has no fixed repayment period and doesn’t have to be repaid until the borrower’s home is eventually sold - either when they move or die. The interest rate is 7.3% pa variable. Many people use the money to boost their bank account while others buy a new car or go on an overseas holiday.

Finance Services for Seniors specialise in arranging reverse mortgages and will be pleased to give you more information. They can be contacted on (08) 9309 2345 (Mon-Fri 9-5).

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The Joblink concept began in July 1987, following an idea by a social work student on placement at the Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Service (VVCS). It was seen that Vietnam Veterans were disadvantaged in the employment field. On top of this, any evidence of stress rendered a veteran virtually unemployable or unable to remain in stable employment for long periods. Consequently, his self-esteem and family life also suffered greatly. From this concept, the Vietnam Veterans' Joblink Programme (VVJLP) was incorporated and established as a community-based not-for-profit organisation.

The programme was initially situated in the VVCS premises and the counselling and rehabilitation of veterans were closely linked. Joblink is run by a management committee and the patron is Maurice J. Brockwell, hotelier of Wentworth Plaza Hotel.

In 1988, Joblink successfully tendered to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to undertake the implementation of emergency accommodation and received funding over a two-year period of $55,000 to set up and run Cypress Cottage. This venture has continued to grow and the premises are now in an inner city suburb. Despite the sort of teething problems experienced in all states, Cypress Cottage continues to flourish and fulfil its purpose of providing emergency accommodation for Vietnam and other veterans.

In 1991, the programme was expanded to include Defence Force retirees. The operating name was changed to Vietnam Veterans and Defence Force Joblink Programme (VVDFJLP) to reflect this expansion.

Joblink operates with only one paid employee and with the generous assistance of volunteers. It enjoys an excellent reputation with companies, ex-service organisations, the defence community, service and ex-service personnel and their families.

During 1996, the structure of the organisation was changed. The Services Assistance Program is the management body of the Vietnam Veterans Joblink Programme (Inc), an incorporated registered Public Benevolent Institution.

The management body is responsible for the provision of operations and financial control of services delivered to the service, ex-service and veteran community and their dependants.

The primary services currently delivered are: Services Joblink, a Labour Market Programme including an outplacement counselling for the Defence Service in Western Australia; training in data base operations; joint venture with Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Service on the Younger Veterans' Package, and Cypress Cottage emergency accommodation.

The Vietnam Veterans' Joblink Programme (Inc) is continuing to expand and evolve, driven by the demand of the changing needs of the veteran, ex-service community and Governments. The programme has expanded to include pensions assistance. A number of our volunteers are DVA-approved pension officers and they are seeing approximately 60 people a month.

Statistics on client base:
1. Total ex-service (veterans) in WA.
   Unsubstantiated approximately 60,000 based on the Bulletin Survey figures 1995 of 600,000 veterans in Australia; WA makes up approximately one-tenth of that number. Based on the assumption that one-third of the 60,000 are ineligible, that leaves 40,000 eligible ex-service personnel. With the addition of spouses and children, it would not be unreasonable to assume that the client base for Services Joblink would be in the region of 100,000-plus people.
2. Barriers for veterans and families.
   The circumstances which create barriers for veterans and their families are numerous and often quite
complicated. They range from physical disabilities to severe psychological disorders. The effect this has on family members is a barrier for them and thus a special need is created.

3. Military discharge in WA per annum.
As the military is not enthusiastic about releasing exact figures of the number of members taking discharge, those discharge numbers can be only an approximation based on leaked numbers:

- Navy: 180
- Army: 260
- Air Force: 110

Total approximately 550 in WA alone.

4. Barriers for ex-defence members and their families.
Ex-Defence members, similar to veterans, have problems with the equating of their service skills to civilian requirements. Attitudes developed in military life at times make the ex-service member uncomfortable with institutions such as CES, Social Security and some professional employment agencies.

Frequent displacement as a result of military transfers often has an unsettling effect on families which at times leads them to become isolationist. As a consequence, clients feel comfortable dealing with ex-service people and a rapport develops quickly. Services Joblink understands and knows the various forms of assistance families of ex-service members may be entitled to: pension claims, pensioner dependants, education assistance etc.

EDITOR

HIGHEST HONOUR FOR NARROGIN RSL MEMBER

Doug Whitehorn of Narrogin was officially presented with the RSL's highest honour recently.

RSL State president Ken Murphy pinned the Meritorious Service Medal on Mr Whitehorn's lapel at an afternoon tea attended by members and their wives.

"You older veterans have made the League what it is today and have given us an organisation of which we can be proud," Mr Murphy said.

Mr Whitehorn's award was one of only two conferred in Western Australia this year. After serving in the Royal Australian Navy in corvettes in World War II, Mr Whitehorn joined the RSL in Australia in 1946. He came to Western Australia in 1955 and he and his wife, Val, farmed at Yilliminning until they retired to Narrogin.

Mr Whitehorn was presented with his 50 years' continuous service certificate in 1996 and was made a life member of the League in 1994.

He is currently vice-president of the Narrogin RSL Sub-Branch and served three terms as president, having been on the committee since 1968.

Apart from his RSL membership, Mr Whitehorn is an active member of the Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association.

Mr Whitehorn said he was deeply moved by the award. "I am stunned by the honour," he said. "I never thought in my wildest dreams it would happen to me. And I had to be nominated by members of my own Sub-Branch."

Mr Whitehorn is the second Narrogin ex-serviceman to receive the award, the first being Mr Geoff Beazley.

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TATTOO FURTHER ESTABLISHES THE LEAGUE'S LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR THE YOUTH OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Tattoo Task Force extends its sincere thanks to all those involved in the City of Perth International Tattoo held in Supreme Court Gardens last month. Director, Colonel Edmund (Ted) Dowling (Ret’d), has also extended his appreciation to all those RSL members and veterans who gave their support by attending, many of you travelling long distances to do so.

Among the accolades received by the Task Force is a message from the Governor of Western Australia, Major General Michael Jeffery AC MC, who attended the opening performance. His Excellency applauded the Tattoo, describing it as a ‘wonderful entertaining, informative and professionally-staged’ event and, although obviously not wishing to single out any one performance, he highlighted the emphasis on youth in many items included in the Tattoo programme.

“I would like to particularly applaud the young people involved in the horsemanship, cadet drill, dancing and physical education displays for their brilliant performances,” he said. “I very much enjoyed the central them, based around Sir Gallahad and, of course, the plethora of musical events. Congratulations to you all and I would hope that the International Tattoo will become a feature event in the Festival of Perth every two years or so.”

Other comments from the audience included:

“The pageantry was like turning back the pages of history, the horsemanship was breathtaking.”

“The Italian flag wavers were scintillating.”

“The bands filled the arena with stirring music, the dancers, gymnasts and marching girls showed how much fun exercise can be for people of all ages.”

“... a highlight ... was the tangible rapport between the WA Police and the Royal Horse Artillery, the harmonious relationship between Australia and Britain was epitomized in the splendid efforts of those two highly professional performing groups.”

State President of the RSL (WA Branch), Ken Murphy, has applauded all those involved with the Tattoo – the sponsors, the Task Force, the performers, front and back stage volunteers, the professionals and amateurs who gave of their time and expertise to mount this spectacular event.

“On behalf of the State Executive, Association Presidents, and all members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (WA Branch) and kindred organisation, I congratulate the Task Force and everyone involved in the Tattoo. We also offer our sincere thanks because the veteran community as a whole will benefit enormously from the public acclaim and the opportunity to portray a modern image into the year 2000,” Mr Murphy said.
RSL A WINNER

World War II and Vietnam Veteran, Mr Percy White DCM, accepted on behalf of the RSL a Burswood Casino cheque for $23,350.32 from Burswood Gaming Inspector Kellie-Ann King – this was the nett winnings from the Casino’s two-up ring on Anzac Day.

Burswood International Resort Casino’s Chief Executive Officer, Ed Posey, said the Casino was again delighted to assist the RSL in its welfare work for war veterans.

In nine years, Burswood’s Anzac Day two-up donations to the League have totalled more than $114,000.00.

Note: We apologise that this item was inadvertently left out of the Spring Edition of The Listening Post.

Editor

AWARDS OF THE MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (OAM)

Awards of the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM) were presented by the Governor, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC,MC at Government House on Thursday, 25 September 1997.

Left to Right: Philip Loffman OAM, Group Captain Phillip Herbert Renken, OAM (Ret’d), Michael Cyril Hall OAM, JP, and William Duncan OAM.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES AT NATIONAL CONGRESS

Left to right: Messrs John Hannah (Junior Vice President) Ken Murphy (State President) and Jock Geldart (State Secretary).

For results of resolutions put to State and National Congress, see pages 9-14.

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Christmas Greetings from the Presidents of Perth and Fremantle Legacy, and the Chairman of Torchbearers for Legacy.

The lengthening days and early summer foliage remind us that Christmas is not far away – a time to keep in touch with old friends and family, if only by phone, greeting card, or letter. To each and everyone of you, we should like – on behalf of all Legatees in the city and country, their wives, our Torchbearers and Companions, and our ever helpful Legacy staff at Perth and Fremantle – to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Legacy Military Auction

Our next Military Auction will be held at Legacy House, 64 Mill Point Road, South Perth on Sunday, March 15 1998, commencing at 10.00am. Items of military memorabilia such as badges, swords, uniforms, buttons, medals, hats, war souvenirs, documents or any item you believe may be suitable should be delivered to Legacy House by Friday, March 6, where a receipt will be issued. Items sold at auction will directly benefit Legacy with 20% of the sale price going to Legacy with 80% to the vendor. It is most desirable that a reserve price be placed on each article.

It is believed that this auction will attract many military collectors, so please check your cupboards, drawers and garage for any item you believe suitable and support this project. Who knows – you may have a fortune in that old trunk and be able to turn it into cash!!

INSPECTION TIMES: SATURDAY, MARCH 14 10.00am - 4.00pm
SUNDAY, MARCH 15 9.00am - 10.00am

For further information contact Terry Healy, Fundraising Officer, on (08) 9367 5799.

ALL FORMER LEGACY WARDS
Where Are They Now ??

Companions of Legacy are planning to hold a reunion of all former Wards of Legacy in early April 1998. If you are a former ward or know someone who is, please contact Terry Healy at Legacy House for further information.
ANSETT KEEPS THE ETERNAL FLAME ABLAZE

By Edwin Leane

Ansett Australia was entrusted with an unusual cargo last month – a flickering tongue of fire ignited from the Eternal Flame that burns at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The flame was contained in a miner’s lamp which was firmly attached to a seat aboard a Perth-bound A320, VH-HYG.

The flame was subsequently transferred to another torch which then ignited Western Australia’s own Eternal Flame – a symbol it previously lacked. The lighting ceremony preceded an Anzac Day AFL match between the Fremantle Dockers and St Kilda.

The project was initiated by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Fremantle Dockers, who sought to link the youth of Australia with the spirit of Anzac via the medium of sport.

The Eternal Flame is meant to symbolise eternal life, sacrifice, pride, gratitude and reverence.

The ‘Keeper of the Flame’ was Vic Boreham (pictured above right) of Ansett Retail, Perth, a 24-year company veteran whose family is no stranger to sacrifice. His father died as a result of the wounds he suffered in World War II and Vic himself served in the Vietnam War.

Vic was specially chosen to perform this historic mission by Bill Jauncey, Regional Director, WA & NT.

Ansett Australia will be involved in a similar flame-carrying exercise for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Transporting fire on aircraft requires the special permission of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

COURTESY: ANSETT NEWS

LEVEL ONE PENSION OFFICERS

Recently, two members of the Margaret River Sub-Branch – Terry Reidy (Hon. Secretary) and new member, Bruce English - completed a Training and Information Package (TIP) Course conducted by the Ex-Services Oranisation Group, under the chairmanship of Mr Brian Cooper JP.

This course has resulted in their being accredited “Level One Pension Officers”. As such, they are available to assist and advise the veteran community with pension claims and other entitlements.

Editor’s note: This initiative by the Margaret River Sub-Branch is an excellent one and the Sub-Branch is to be congratulated. Other Sub-Branches could well follow suit.
LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Mr J.M. Geldart
State Secretary
The Returned & Services League of Australia
PO Box Y3023
East St George’s Terrace
Perth WA 6832

Dear Jock,

I write to thank you and the Western Australia RSL for the outstanding Western Australian contribution to the fund-raising campaign for the Australian National Korean War Memorial. It is heartwarming and encouraging to see the way that Sub-branches are responding to our appeal which you passed on to the RSL community. Your personal involvement has obviously been a factor.

You should know that the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, the Hon. Bruce Scott, has received a letter from the Western Australian Premier, the Hon. Richard Court, advising that a grant of $20,000 is to be made as a contribution to the establishment of an Australian National Korean War Memorial. I quote from his letter: “The people of Western Australia are very much aware and appreciative of the valiant efforts of our servicemen involved in the Korean War. We are proud of the strong relationship that we now enjoy with the Republic of Korea and, therefore, the Government of Western Australia is pleased to support this bipartisan project.”

Western Australia is obviously something more than a State of Excitement.

IAN CRAWFORD
Rear-Admiral Rtd
Chairman
Australian National Korean War Memorial Committee

CRETE AND CAROB TREES

Journalist and ex-Pathfinder Lloyd Marshall, of Armadale, has suggested a unique way of raising funds for the RSL and the Better Hearing organisation.

Central to his idea is being able to identify an AIF World War II soldier from Coolgardie. The soldier escaped from Crete to Egypt in a Royal Navy submarine (possibly Thresher or Torbay), re-joined his unit (2/11?) and fought in the New Guinea campaign.

When he returned to Australia he had in his kitbag a carob seed from Crete. (Carob trees are native to the Eastern Mediterranean region and their pods – which have a 50 per cent sugar content – provided food to sustain escaping troops).

Now, perhaps someone somewhere can help find that soldier so that a tree can be named after him.

Many years ago, Lloyd Marshall started to research the carob tree’s suitability for mass propagation after hearing that carob pods were imported into England before World War II for stock feed.

While covering the nickel boom in the 1960s for The Daily News, Lloyd noticed a carob tree on a property in Coolgardie. Investigating, he heard from the owners – John and Frances Tree – the story of the carob seed from Crete from which the soldier had raised seedlings.

He planted one seedling at his home, gave others away and they all thrived. The Trees bought their house from one of the people who were given a seedling. Their tree had been lopped, but had sprouted again and re-cropped for the first time last February. The Trees gathered every pod from the meagre crop and the seeds are now in Lloyd’s hydroponics tank ready to be planted.

A member of the Armadale Sub-Branch, Lloyd has been a beneficiary of Better Hearing for five years. (His deafness used to be called Bomber Command Disease.) In 1943, that voluntary organisation was formed to teach lip-reading and assist with rehabilitating war-deaf ex-servicemen. It is now his ambition to be able to help Better Hearing as well as other servicemen through the RSL.

He believes this could be done by selling – Australia-wide – carob trees descended from a tree in Crete. Historically and sentimentally significant, the seeds (or, in WA, seedlings) would be accompanied by a certificate giving the story about their origin.

If anyone is able to help trace this soldier, would they please contact Lloyd Marshall on 9399 2318.
Hollywood involved in Veterans’ Week

Hollywood has had extensive involvement with Veterans’ Health Week and Seniors Week this year, sponsoring and participating in a myriad of events.

Hollywood provided the catering for the launch of the Veterans’ Week, feeding 400 veterans in the Government House Ballroom.

Meanwhile, on October 31, Hollywood held a “Hollywood Health Road Show” at the Airforce Memorial Estate, attracting more than 200 senior citizens.

The “free morning of health advice” was held in conjunction with the estate, with Hollywood paying for the free lunch and providing the speakers.

Physiotherapist Jane Fraser, Theatre Nurse Sar Watts and Pharmacist Robert James gave the seniors the latest advice on healthy exercise; the correct storage, use and disposal of medicines and caring for eyes.

For Seniors’ Week, Hollywood’s Community Relations Manager Catherine Archer joined radio personalities and other Perth identities for a light-hearted debate on the topic “Should Seniors wear S plates?”

The annual dance was part of Veterans’ Health Week, which is organised by the Department for Veterans’ Affairs in conjunction with ex-service organisations.

The afternoon dance was a huge success and many people have already requested tickets for next year’s dance!

Dr Terry Bayliss, Director of Medical Services at Hollywood, was thrilled with the positive response from all who attended. “The word is spreading. All the tickets for the dance were sold out over three months ago.”

With an average age of 76, The Senior Musicians Band provided the music for the afternoon. The oldest of the group, Mr Vic Arnold, 86, played a mean saxophone.

The afternoon’s entertainment included a presentation dance by, both only 13 years old.

Mike Hall from the RSL was Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon, having been involved with the dance since the start of Veterans’ Health Week.

Anyone wishing to attend next year’s dance should contact Catherine Archer or Jayma Knudson at Hollywood on 9346-6716 next MARCH to assure they get a ticket.

At the tea dance were Edna and George Ramsay with Trudy Hardie and Tony Holland.

Tripping the light fantastic

The Barn Dance, Pride of Erin and the Modern Waltz were just some of the dances on the programme for the Annual Red Cross Tea Dance, proudly sponsored by Hollywood Private Hospital.

On Thursday October 16, 200 Veterans packed into the Red Cross Hall at Hollywood for an afternoon of great music and dancing.

It’s only just begun

Hollywood has been transformed with the opening of the new wing - including reception, admissions and 122-bed patient accommodation.

However, the redevelopment has only just begun. The timetable for the next stage of redevelopment is planned to be as follows:

* Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory – Early 1998
* Day Procedure Unit/Gastroenterology Unit – June 1998
* Hollywood Specialist Centre – September 1998

The centre will comprise 5,500 square metres and will include 38 suites, a pharmacy, coffee shop, doctors’ lounge and treatment room.

* Additional operating theatres – 1999
Yachtsmen Schemes

On June 19 1940, the Navy Board informed District Naval Officers that Admiralty wanted to enrol, in the Dominions, gentlemen with yachting experience for service as officers in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. Enrolment was under two schemes – A and B.

A – This was for Direct Commissions in the RNVR. A limited number between 30 and 40 years of age was required with the following qualifications:

- Knowledge of navigation equivalent to that required for the Board of Trade Yachtsmasters’ (Coastal) Certificate;
- Must be accepted by a Board of Naval Officers or other suitable gentlemen convened in the Dominions, as suitable for commissions in the RNVR;
- Must be physically fit according to the requirements laid down for Executive Branch RNVR.

After selection, successful applicants were appointed Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenants RNVR as from date of leaving the Dominion. Passage expenses were paid together with full pay from date of embarkation out of Imperial funds, rates of pay being Imperial, not Dominion.

The numbers required from Australia and New Zealand were two batches of 25 from each Dominion at monthly intervals.

B – This sought the enrolment of candidates as Ordinary Seamen, aged between 20 and 30 years. Potential candidates were to be enrolled as Ordinary Seamen with a view to promotion to commission rank after a period of service. Candidates were selected as in Scheme A.

Sea experience or a knowledge of yachting was not essential, but certain Dominion standards with a knowledge of mathematics (including elementary trigonometry and mechanics) were required.

Ratings were enrolled and received RN rates of pay from date of sailing from Dominion. On arrival in England, they underwent a course of preliminary training as Ordinary Seamen and were then drafted to sea for a period of three months. After this had been completed, ratings were eligible to appear before Selection Board with a view to receiving further training to fit them for officers. If this course was passed successfully, they were granted Temporary Commissions in the RNVR. However, if they were not ultimately accepted for commissions, they continued as “Hostilities Only” ratings for period of the war.

On September 5, 1940, the Federal Government decided that personnel in the Yachtsmen Scheme were to be enrolled in the RANVR and action was taken to appoint the officers accordingly. Ratings likewise were enrolled as Ordinary Seamen RANVR.

Recruiting was opened for the Anti-submarine section of the Naval Reserves and qualifications for appointment were:

Civilian candidates, serving officers or ratings - age 20 to 27 years, intermediate or equivalent educational qualifications with Leaving or equivalent standard in mathematics and physics, naval physical standard as laid down, personal references from two prominent citizens, Yachtsmaster’s Certificate, or considerable experience in yachts or large motor craft in open waters, was desirable.

Navy Board informed District Naval Officers that further enrolments direct to Commissions in the RANVR Yachtsmen Scheme were not to be made. The enrolment of ratings as Ordinary Seamen RANVR was to continue.

District Naval Officers were advised by Navy Board that Admiralty desired entries in both A and B Schemes and would also accept any gentlemen over 40 years of age with extensive yachting experience and holding a Yachtsmaster’s Certificate. Admiralty would also accept under Scheme A gentlemen under the age of 30 years where Direct Commissions were specially recommended.

Both schemes were suspended in May 1942.

(Main source of recruits for the Yachtsmen Scheme was from yachting clubs. District Naval Officers were instructed to make direct contact with clubs in their respective states and due publicity was given to the scheme to ensure an adequate supply of recruits.)

**Imperial Rates of Pay and Allowances**

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**Pay and allowances, Ratings RNVR**

During course of preliminary training and while drafted to sea, ratings received pay as Ordinary Seamen of 2/- per day.

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| Second child | 4 | 0 |
| Third child | 2 | 0 |
| Fourth & each subsequent child | 3 | 0 |

ALF PEARSON
VJ DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

On Friday, August 15, 1997, the AVADS WA Council, in conjunction with the State Branch of the RSL, organised and conducted the VJ Day Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at the State War Memorial in Kings Park at 1100 hours. Prior to the ceremony, we experienced a brief shower of rain, but this did not dampen the solemnity or serenity of the service, which was attended by representatives from various Consulates, including Japan and China.

The RAAF Base at Pearce provided a flypast, which was impeccable in its timing, and the Navy kindly provided a bugler and drummer. To add colour to the proceedings, we were fortunate to have the resident piper of the Highgate RSL Sub-Branch to pipe the wreath-laying party down the avenue to the Memorial steps. This was quite an impressive and moving sight. The ceremony, conducted in bright sunlight, was followed by a luncheon at The House at the SAS, Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne, which was as usual a great success. We will be arranging the same ceremony again next year.

B.F. COOPER JP AIMM
AVADS WA Council Sec/Treas

HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE GETTING OLDER

• Everything hurts, and what doesn’t hurt, doesn’t work very well.
• You have too much room in your house, but not in the medicine cabinet.
• You are faced with several temptations, and you choose the one that gets you home by 9.00pm.
  • You feel like the day after, but you haven’t been anywhere the night before.
  • Your children look middle-aged.
• You finally reach the top of the ladder and it’s leaning against the wrong wall.
  • You join a health club and don’t go.
• You’re still chasing the opposite sex but you can’t remember why.
  • Your mind makes contracts your body can’t meet.
  • A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.
  • You know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions.
  • You look forward to a dull evening at home.
• You find your Christmas cards are still on your desk in January.
  • Your back goes out more than you do.
  • You just can’t stand people who are intolerant.
• The best part of your day is over when the alarm clock goes off.
  • You stop looking forward to your next birthday.
FACE TO FACE WITH A ZERO AFTER MORE THAN 50 YEARS

As commanding officer of RAAF No. 77 Squadron, Dick Cresswell took part in the last big World War II air battle over Papua on 14 April, 1943.

About 65 Japanese aircraft were involved including Betty bombers, Val dive bombers and Zero fighters. Both 77 and 75 Squadron – 34 Kittyhawks in all – took off from Milne Bay to intercept them.

Dick Cresswell shot down the lead bomber in the enemy formation. Soon afterwards, however, he was forced out of the battle when a single, deflected round from a Zero hit the magneto of his Kittyhawk. He landed safely at Gurney Strip where his squadron was based.

About a dozen Japanese aircraft were destroyed in the raid and a further five or six ‘possibles’ claimed. One Australian pilot was lost.

Now, more than 50 years later, Wing Commander Dick Cresswell DFC RAAF (Rtd), aged 75, of Garran, ACT, has had his first close look at a Japanese Zero in the Treloar Technology Centre of the Australian War Memorial annexe at Mitchell, a northern Canberra suburb.

The Zero was found badly damaged just after World War II at Gasmata on New Britain. It had belonged to an Imperial Japanese navy unit which was based in Rabaul. Australian airforce personnel, including apprentices, at RAAF Wagga Wagga spent some 20,000 hours re-building the Japanese fighter.

The many items on view at the Treloar Technology Centre include two boats used in the Anzac landing at Gallipoli, a World War I British tank, horse-drawn carriages, a German 88mm gun captured at El Alamein, Hitler’s V1 and V2 rockets, and a Japanese midget submarine which took part in the attack in Sydney Harbour in 1942.

COURTESY: VETERANS AFFAIRS
The most significant redevelopment of the Australian War Memorial since its opening in 1941 has begun. Jointly funded by the memorial’s capital appeal and the Commonwealth Government, the gallery Redevelopment Program was launched last month by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Bruce Scott.

“The redevelopment will ensure that the memorial maintains its status and national standing by renewing the vision of its founder, Dr Charles Bean, who in 1918 envisaged the memorial and its war museum, its war gallery and its war library as not only the finest in Australia but the finest the world contains,” the Minister said.

The memorial’s capital appeal raised just under $8 million and will be used for three major components of the redevelopment.

The World War II Gallery will be redeveloped, concentrating on the years 1942-1945. It will be the largest new exhibition undertaken by the memorial in recent years.

An Orientation Gallery will be built to assist visitors to plan their tours of the memorial.

Also, the Bradbury Aircraft Hall will be redeveloped.

The Capital Appeal was supported by all State and Territory governments and from the private sector, with $500,000 donations from Coles Myer and CRA.

The 1996/97 Federal Budget committed $7.05 million over four years for infrastructure work to be undertaken in conjunction with the gallery redevelopment.

Visitor circulation will be improved with easier access between floors and air conditioning will be enhanced.

The memorial will also be modified to comply with new safety requirements.

“Despite the innovations, exhibits and items that have become familiar and cherished over the years will be retained and enhanced so that the powerful personal stories associated with the objects can be told in a more engaging way,” Mr Scott said.

“Foremost in the planning is a need to ensure the memorial remains a vital national institution, telling the story of those men and women who have died in the service of their nation, and commemorating their sacrifice.”

Courtesy: VETAFFAIRS

RSL PRESENTATION

State President Mr Ken Murphy, accompanied by his wife Jeanette, visited Bullsbrook Sub-Branch on 29 June to present Helen Murgatroyd with a Certificate of Service in appreciation of her eight years as Secretary of the Bullsbrook Sub-Branch.

After a delicious luncheon, catered for by the Committee, Mr Murphy told the group of the work and achievements of the RSL.
SURVIVAL OF AN ORGANISATION

To most people the word survival means to stay alive, whether it be through natural disasters, like fire, floods, war or accidents. How do you associate the word survival with a business or organisation?

For the survival of an organisation, it is vital to keep the life-line and heart of the organisation alive and functioning effectively and efficiently.

The life line is the members of the organisation and the heart is the committee of management.

To survive, life must flow through the lifeline to the heart of an organisation. The members are the life-line of the organisation, supplying life to the heart of the operation; the Committee takes this supply and makes the organisation function and survive.

For any organisation – business, sport or social – to survive and succeed, it must have the full support and cooperation of its members:

The Life Line of the Organisation. It must also have a committee whose members can work together, communicate, organise and manage the heart of the organisation in the best interests of its life-line.

There is no place in any organisation for people who cannot work together, play together and get on with ensuring its success and survival. How many times do you see an organisation fail due to clashes of personalities or the unwillingness of one or the other to give in and accept that they may be wrong?

There is no place for people who persist in the volatile action of the ram, who will continue to butt heads until one drops dazed and beaten. Who wins? Certainly not the life-line of the organisation; your members lose, your organisation fails.

It is of the utmost importance that members and the executive remember:
- Communicate
- Co-operate
- Work for the benefit of your organisation
- Be constructive, not destructive
- Be willing to participate
- Think success

A friendly note to our elders – the young bloods of the sixties and seventies are not that young any more. Just as you have done in the past, they too are progressing up the chain of command. You have served your life-line and heart admirably and, despite stormy weather, you must be prepared to add your years of knowledge in support and consider the survival of your organisation. Let it live long after your memories. But be proud that you are part of a never-ending successful organisation.

To add strength to our organisation, one should think of Anzac Day and other memorial day services, where the prayer of remembrance is recited. If you do not remember it, the words are as follows:

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in the time of war.

We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.

Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

Think long and hard at the closing of this prayer – are you doing your organisation justice? If not, why not?

Justice, freedom and peace, wisdom and strength to build a better world.

Join together to make your organisation succeed and survive and be proud of your life and your achievements.

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SANDAKAN STORY PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

In October 1943, around 2390 Allied prisoners were held at Sandakan, North Borneo. Only six survived.

In the 1996 Budget, the Federal Government promised $250,000 to begin the further development of the site of this former POW camp which, with its infamous death marches, is described by the Australian War Memorial as Australia’s worst war atrocity.

There is currently a memorial park developed by the RSL at the Sandakan site, and the Budget funding will allow, among other things, the development of a small museum and visitor information centre to honour the sacrifice and suffering of the Australian and British POWs.

“We want to preserve and present the story of Sandakan and honour the memory of the Allied POWs who suffered and died in the Sandakan/Ranau experience,” said Director of the Australian War Graves (OAWG), Air Vice-Marshall Alan Heggen.

“The development will inform visitors through a and visitors’ centre, restored wartime relics, walking trails and information panels identifying the location of significant elements of the wartime POW camp.”

The project, which includes measures to arrest the decay wartime relics, including the remains of the, a boiler and dynamo, will be managed by OAWG.

Air Vice-Marshall Heggen said the veteran community, especially the Ex-POW Association, will be consulted and invited to provide artefacts and other material for the museum and displays.

The Malaysian State and Local Government authorities will also be involved in planning and developing the memorial park.

In August 1995, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Government, the Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL), the Government of Sabah and the Sandakan Municipal Council was signed, agreeing on arrangements whereby existing facilities will be maintained with funding to be provided by the Commonwealth and the RSL.

“This project will build on those arrangements to enhance and preserve existing facilities and to add a museum and information centre displays to enable visitors to better appreciate the history and commemorative significance of the site,” Air Vice-Marshall Heggen said.

He said that Sandakan Municipal Council has begun negotiations with prospective contractors for the ongoing maintenance of the memorial park and that work on preserving the relics and planning the museum will begin later this year.
Allied Ships: The Poyang

The Poyang was taken over the RAN after escaping from the Japanese. An engineer on the ship said that they fired rifles at the Japanese planes to keep up the morale of the Chinese.

The Poyang was fitted out to be an ammunition carrier for the fleet ASIS Poyang. We joined the Poyang in Sydney Harbour on 4 May 1942. The ship consisted of a Chinese crew, Merchant officers and Engineers. The third mate was a Russian. There were three DEMS, a 4 gun down aft, a Vickers machine gun and, later, an Oerlikon.

There were six ABs, all Western Australians, with an RAN officer in charge. We kept port and sea watches as security and lookouts and also worked ammunition at sea when called upon: one hold of ammunition was for the Americans. We would accompany the American warships when needed.

Not long after we had been drafted to the Poyang from the depot ship Kuttabul, Japanese submarines entered Sydney harbour and sank the Kuttabul with sadly so much loss of life.

We left the Poyang in Milne Bay on 12 October 1943 and were called on to form an ammunition dump with the off-loading of the ammunition from the Poyang. We were inland and close to an army unit where we made many friends. At this time the Poyang went south and later was to be commissioned.

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Can You Help

Australia Remembers:
Channel Nine

Some years ago, under the name of Gwen Bessell, I wrote a book of poetry titled The Road to Kokoda.

Approximately 18 months ago, one of those poems was featured - for about a minute - during an Australia Remembers programme on Channel Nine. The channel sent me a videotape, but unfortunately this has been erased and I am unable to get another.

I write in the hope that someone just may have a copy of this, for which I would gladly pay. It is to give to my son who was born after my husband lost his life in Timor.

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Charleville RSL bounces back, bigger and better than before

When many of us think of the great Australian outback, we like to think of life at a steady pace without dramatic changes or sudden dramas. You can’t get much more outback than Charleville — almost 750 kilometres west of Brisbane, this place could be the classic example of steady Australian outback life. Not so, because this year they’ve been in the thick of it with a great deal of drama. Not the least being record floods and a huge fire that completely destroyed the memorial RSL, including new extensions nearing completion.

The fire that destroyed the Charleville RSL received less media cover than the huge floods, but caused no less hardship to people of the town. After all, for many communities the local RSL is an important social and cultural gathering place for the community as a whole.

At around 6.30pm on a Tuesday night, the local volunteer fire brigade was summoned to the club to be met by the patrons and staff rapidly evacuating the premises as the fire, already raging, spread through the club and on to the extensions still under construction. Despite the best efforts of the Fire Brigade, the club and extensions were reduced to charred rubble. Along with the loss of the buildings was irreplaceable memorabilia.

On the days following the fire, separate teams swung into action. The club’s Secretary/Manager and local Mayor, Graham Andrews, submitted a proposal to the club’s insurer for the establishment of temporary trading facilities in a neighbouring premises.

A claims representative from the RSL’s insurance broker, Lowndes Lambert, travelled from Sydney with the Loss Adjuster to provide assistance to the club in the preparation of a claim to the insurer. Complete reconstruction, after demolition of the burned out buildings, will cost an estimated $1,800,000. At the same time, a team of forensic scientists from Brisbane picked through the debris and were able to establish that the fire started in the ceiling of the old premises.

With the specialised assistance of Lowndes Lambert and the co-operation of the loss adjuster, a substantial payment was settled to ensure the club was not financially disadvantaged by the tragedy.

Graham Andrews is optimistic about reopening the club in time for New Year celebrations in 1988. Perhaps then, the people of Charleville can enjoy their new club and a little less excitement.
THE AWESOME GATE OF INFAMOUS CHANGI GOAL

by Max Thomson

Fortunately, it doesn't show up on any record sheets, but "time" spent recently in Singapore's infamous Changi Prison will remain indelibly etched into the memories of the pilgrimage group that went to Borneo and Singapore as part of the Australia Remembers programme.

The massive, awesome gates of Changi Prison that represented access to freedom from incarceration for our wartime prisoners of war have been somewhat softened a shade these days. With ingenuity, a white reception area has been built across the entrance to Changi as a preliminary point of entry. With the gates themselves and the high towers above them now painted white, access to Changi is ever so much softer than the harshness our POWs knew all those years ago when the Japanese flag fluttered over the entrance.

Today, Changi houses some 1,000 prisoners who have come into conflict with civil authority. Executions project the prison into the news from time to time.

The Australia Remembers pilgrimage group of 38 undoubtedly had not been so carefully lined-up and counted since our days in the services half a century ago. The same applied to the young men and women of the tri-service ceremonial guard and the RAN band who accompanied the veterans.

From coaches, we were ushered into the new, white outer reception area. There was almost trepidation in the group when the massive outer gates were opened and we were led a few metres, watching those same huge gates being locked behind us. Lined up in sixes, we were then counted again and double-checked following which the inner set of gates was opened and the pilgrimage group found itself actually inside the walls of Changi Prison. It was indeed a strange feeling.

Behind vast areas of heavily-wired structures, prisoners were working at their duties as we were led along walkways, then up stairs that resembled the climb up into a lighthouse. They opened at the top into a big area comprising the prison chapel.

Father John Rogers, of Kedron, Queensland, who had been a POW in Changi, Sandakan and Kuching, conducted a commemorative service. Those who had been POWs there were then escorted deep into the heart of the prison and shown cells in which they had been incarcerated. A moving experience for them. Almost to a man, their comments were: "Practically nothing has changed in the cells themselves."

While this group was away, a Changi Prison officer gave an enthralling talk to those left behind about the history of the prison and its present role. Memorabilia, photographs and historic news clippings were on display.

Counted, then re-counted, we were finally ushered back through the inner gates which were closed behind us before the outer gates were opened and, with mixed feelings, the pilgrimage group emerged into the sunshine and tropical greenery of the outer-walled area. We inspected the fascinating POW museum and held a brief service in the replica of the wartime POW chapel, the original of which was moved to Australia some years ago and erected for posterity at the Royal Military College, Duntrooon. We were a sombre group that settled into the coaches, reflecting on how traumatic life must have been for those imprisoned in Changi during World War II.

It was especially significant for me. I had not been a POW but I was in Singapore with the fleet on the day the Japanese surrendered. I spent my 21st birthday there with AIF POWs who were enjoying the elation of finally being able to walk out through those awesome gates of Changi Prison, inside which they had been incarcerated for three and a half years, interspersed with work on the dreaded Burma Railway.

Max Thomson, a Melbourne journalist, was a signalman on the frigate HMAS Hawkesbury which entered Singapore Harbour soon after the formal surrender ceremony on 12 September 1945 ended three and a half years of Japanese occupation.

Courtesy of VETAFFAIRS

The awesome gates of Changi Prison open in 1945 for Australian prisoners of war.
SHOULD ANTI-PERSONNEL LAND MINES BE BANNED?

By Norman Ashworth, Defence Policy Committee

The Defence Policy Committee, on behalf of the RSL State Executive, is preparing background reports on a number of current issues. The aim is to keep all members of the League informed through a balanced perspective and is designed to encourage greater League discussion about the issues involved when confronted with publicity campaigns which tell only part of the story.

On 14 October 1997, the US-based International Campaign to Ban Landmines and its co-ordinator, Jody Williams, were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to rid the world of the scourge of indiscriminately laid anti-personnel land mines. Also prominent in this campaign were the late Princess of Wales and International Red Cross.

Put simply, the campaign has arisen from the devastating effect that indiscriminately laid anti-personnel land mines have had on the lives of many thousands of innocent civilians whose countries have, over recent years, been the subject of bitter civil war. Afghanistan, Cambodia, Angola and Bosnia are among the more prominent examples. In all those countries, anti-personnel land mines, in their hundreds of thousands, have been sown without the required safeguards of mapping and recording, without attempt at subsequent retrieval and without regard to the consequences on the civilian population. Indeed, in some instances, the civilian population has been deliberately targeted. To make matters worse, most of these devices are non-metallic, which makes their clearance a difficult and time-consuming task.

Currently there are two forums in which the ban on anti-personnel land mines is being pursued. The first is the Ottawa process, which is being sponsored by the Canadian Government and which has the active support of many government and non-government organisations, including the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Red Cross. This process is seeking a treaty banning, immediately and completely, the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of anti-personnel land mines. The second process is through the United Nations Conference on Disarmament. The Ottawa process is seeking an immediate ban, without concessions, while the UN Conference on Disarmament is seeking a more realistic ban. Ottawa is seeking a treaty for signature at the end of this year; the UN process has a much longer time-frame.

That the world should seek to bring to an end the indiscriminate use of land mines is unquestionably a pressing and worthy cause. Where the differences of opinion exist is in the most effective way to go about it. The Canadian-backed treaty seeks early action to give effect to a complete ban. Critics make two points against it. The first is to question the likely effectiveness of such a ban, and the second is to complain that such a ban would clearly handicap our own military forces by denying them the use of a legitimate and important military weapon.

Arguments as to the likely effectiveness of the ban revolve around the contention that insurgent groups who lie outside the reach of international law and the moral persuasion of the world community are unlikely to be deterred from using anti-personnel land mines by any international treaty. Such devices are easy and cheap to produce and can just as easily come from a backyard facility in a Third World nation, as from a major arms manufacturer in a leading industrial power. Also, unless all nations sign the treaty, and rigidly enforce it within their own borders, the temptations for the black market sales of such a useful military device are likely to be such as to prompt some at least to ignore the ban, and so negate the impact of the treaty.

On the other hand, to allow “open slasher” for the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of anti-personnel land mines just because a 100 per cent ban is not achievable is no argument for not trying to do something about reducing the incidence of their indiscriminate use. Any reduction in the future use of such abhorrent weapons in circumstances such as those that occurred in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Angola and Bosnia is surely worthwhile.

Arguments on the military value of land mines abound. Those who support the ban can produce numerous examples to show that in today’s world, and in the past, land mines are, or were, more of a liability than an asset. Thus, for example, they quote the experience of the Australian Army in Vietnam where mines sown to kill or deter the Viet Cong were lifted by them and used against the Australian troops. Likewise, examples abound of troops being killed by “friendly” mines.

However, it is an inescapable fact of military affairs that, for every example that can be found as to the failure of some weapon, tactic or process, an equally valid example can be found to prove just the opposite. Indeed, sometimes the same set of circumstances are quoted as “proof” by both sides. The current Australian Army...

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discipline on land mines details their purpose as being to: create delay; supplement other obstacles; deny the enemy the use of ground; channel the enemy into killing ground; provide protection of unit positions; provide flank protection; and lower the enemy’s morale.

Current doctrine also lays down strict controls on the use of land mines. High level authorisation, at least battalion commander level, is required before a minefield may be laid; standard markings are required to be maintained at both the headquarters authorising their use and higher headquarters. The mapping of minefields and their later removal makes good military sense, as well as being a responsible humanitarian act. However, clearance is a dangerous and time-consuming task, even with an accurate map.

Clearly, anti-personnel land mines do have a legitimate military use, mainly as a defensive weapon to protect a perimeter or line of approach. In this role they can be quite effective. Equally, they have their disadvantages. They can kill one’s own troops, they can reduce one’s mobility and they can be stolen or moved by the enemy. And they can kill civilians. Also, there are circumstances where the use of land mines is militarily and morally unwise.

However, those who argue that land mines have no military value in any circumstances do so in ignorance of the lessons of military history. Their arguments and examples are highly selective and just not convincing.

Two related items need to be discussed. The first is the anti-tank land mine (which is not subject to the ban). Clearly, in general, such devices are unlikely to be of particular danger to civilians and, because of their size and cost, are less likely to be spread about indiscriminately. Also, tanks are rarely a factor in insurgency warfare. However, less clear is the anti-vehicle land mine, which can, presumably, be set off by civilians.

The second related device for consideration is the booby-trap. Such devices have been used in hunting and warfare since the beginning of time. They are also a favourite device of the terrorist. At the top end of the scale, booby-traps tend to merge into what are more commonly known as anti-personnel land mines. Indeed, some booby-traps make use of mines as their central element, while the anti-personnel land mine is, after all, a booby-trap. And just as land mines can cause civilian casualties, and can be left active after the conflict, so can booby-traps. While it will be difficult enough to give effect to a ban on anti-personnel land mines, to try to ban booby-traps may well verge on the impossible.

Within the arguments in support of the ban on land mines is often heard reference to the need to avoid having “innocent civilians”, or more often “innocent women and children”, harmed in any way by military activities. This in turn is part of the idea that war can in some way be made more civilised, or more acceptable, by limiting the damage to property and the loss of life to the military forces involved. Here the idea is that it is okay to have soldiers killed in war, but not civilians. This is arrant nonsense. War is a brutal business and one in which it is impossible to make any fine distinction between military and civilian. How, for example, do you distinguish between an innocent and a not-so-innocent civilian, especially in a civil war?

The idea of banning various “unacceptable” weapons of war has a long history. At the time of the Boer War it was the machine gun. Then in 1907, a Hague Convention banned aerial bombing. After World War I, there was a concerted effort to ban unrestricted submarine warfare, that is submarines were to be banned from attacking merchant ships, except under strict conditions of prior challenge so as to enable the crew to take to their lifeboats. Indeed, the United States Navy entered World War II with strict prohibitions against attacking merchant ships. This ban, however, was lifted within six hours of the attack on Pearl Harbour - a classic example of the exigencies of war over-riding humanitarian considerations.

The Australian Government for some time resisted pressures to sign the Ottawa Treaty. It has recently announced, however, that it will do so and will destroy all but a small training stock of mines. This decision shows the force of political pressures overriding military recommendations in what is a very complex issue.

What is clear is that the Ottawa Treaty will put the Australian Army at a disadvantage. Already, severe restrictions have been placed on the issue of and training with land mines. What the government must decide is the balance between the immediate political advantages in signing and the potential long-term disadvantage that the ban will bring for its soldiers.

War is a desperate business, and desperate men (and, at times, women and children) will do desperate things, treaty or no treaty. Nor will a ban on land mines now clear one single mine from the fields of Cambodia, or any other place. If we are to prevent a repeat performance in some other unfortunate part of our troubled world, maybe we in the international community need to make a greater effort to stop such conflicts from developing into all-out civil war. If this requires strong intervention, with force if necessary, then so be it. Better some damage now, including to our own military forces, than the far greater damage that surely come from a full-blown civil war. The problem is not anti-personnel land mines left in the fields after the conflict; the problem is the petty dictators, and would-be dictators, who are willing to risk the lives of their fellow citizens for the sake of their own political ambitions.
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Lost Trails

Owen Desmond Prue

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Name: Owen Desmond Prue
Born: 10 August 1926
Place: Napier, New Zealand
Parents: Joseph and Maud Prue
Service number: 658590

Hugh Kinlock Burns

I am writing in hope that you might be able to help a friend find his long separated brother who emigrated to Australia from Scotland in 1950/51. My friend believes that because his brother served time with the army you may have some record of him:

Hugh Kinloch Burns, born April 4 1926 at Kirkcaldy, Scotland, possibly served in the army in Italy.

His brother believes that he might have joined your organisation. Any information would be much appreciated by his brother:

Robert A. Burns
#304-1405 West 15th Ave
Vancouver, BC, V6H 3R2, Canada

Thank you for any assistance you can give to help these long separated brothers make contact.

Daniel Reiherzer

Caroline Helen Windebank

I was born in July 1945 at “Shardeloes” Hospital, Amersham, Bucks, England. My mother was a nurse, Joyce Caroline Haddie Windebank, who lived at 111 Broadhurst Gardens, West Hampstead London in 1944/45. I was adopted by Frank and Elisabeth Besinger and taken to Canada in 1948. I was always told that my birth father was an Australian Serviceman (Airforce??) stationed in England during World War II. I also understand that my birth father was already married with twin daughters back in Australia.

In 1990, unknown to me, my Australian father contacted Frank Besinger in Montreal and wanted to get in touch with me but my elderly stepfather apparently refused to give him any information. Both adopted parents are now dead.

I believe my Dad will recognise the names Windebank and Besinger. I would be overjoyed to meet him.

Caroline Besinger
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Beaconsfield VIC 3807
The following is an update of the article titled "Veterans denied benefit of interest rate falls", which appeared on page 43 of the Spring 1997 issue of The Listening Post.

**Veterans' Home Loan Rates Cut**

Interest rates on most Defence Service Home loans will drop to around 5.6 per cent, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Bruce Scott, announced at the National Congress of the RSL.

The Government will achieve this through the introduction of a guaranteed minimum subsidy of 1.5 percentage points below the average standard variable home loan rate known as the benchmark rate. Given the current benchmark rate of 7.13% per annum, the interest rate on a Defence Service Home Loan (DSH) will fall to 5.63%.

These new arrangements, effective from 5 January 1998, will secure the integrity of a DSH loan as a genuine compensation measure and provide veterans with a new level of financial security and peace of mind. The announcement followed five consecutive cuts in official interest rates since the Howard/Fischer Government came to office.

The Defence Services Homes Scheme is a compensation measure which provides eligible veterans and their dependants with subsidised home loans and building/contents insurance. More than 52,000 Defence Service Homes borrowers will benefit from these new arrangements.

New DSH arrangements – key points:
- guaranteed minimum subsidy of 1.5%;
- interest rate capped at 6.85%;
- one single interest rate per loan.

**Falling Market Interest Rates – Impact on Defence Service Homes Scheme**

Some questions answered

**Q1. What is the Government’s response to the impact of lowering market interest rates on the comparative value of fixed DSH rates?**

**A1.** The Government has decided to introduce an additional subsidy component for DSH loans while the benchmark rate remains below 8.35%. This additional subsidy component will guarantee a minimum rate of subsidy of 1.5%. The benchmark rate is the rate used to calculate the subsidy gap paid by Commonwealth to the Bank on DSH loans. It is calculated each month by reference to the average of the unregulated standard annual rates of interest for owner-occupied housing loans available from the five largest providers of housing finance in Australia.

**Q2. What do these changes mean for veterans?**

**A2.** These changes mean that:
- all DSH clients will be guaranteed a minimum subsidy of 1.5%;
- no DSH client will pay an interest rate higher than 6.85%;
- no existing DSH client will pay a higher effective interest rate than they are now paying;
- no existing DSH client will pay any new or increased fees;
- DSH clients will be guaranteed a 50% discount on all establishment fees and;
- new DSH clients will receive a 50% discount on their account maintenance fees.

**Q3. What is the effect of the additional 1.5% subsidy component?**

**A3.** The effect is that no DSH borrower will ever pay more than 6.85% per annum interest on their loan. While the benchmark rate remains below 8.35% per annum, the minimum interest subsidy payable by the Commonwealth will be 1.5%. This will maintain a level of discounted interest for DSH borrowers over and above those available to other home loan borrowers. At the current benchmark rate of 7.13% per annum, a loan at 6.85% per annum will reduce to 5.63% per annum.

**Q4. What will be the effect on multi-tiered loans originally set up in the following combinations?**

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**A4.** The 10% and 7.25% pa tiers will be abolished. The rates will be replaced with a single rate of 6.85% for three tiered loans and 4.5% for two tiered loans. The single tiered 3.75% pa loans will remain unaffected. These changes will simplify the interest rate arrangements. Nobody will pay more than they are currently paying.

**Q5. Will an existing DSH borrower be required to sign fresh mortgage documents for these changes to occur?**

**A5.** No. The proposed amendment to the Defence Service Homes Act 1918 will provide for these changes.
Q6. Will these changes mean an alteration of monthly payments?
A6. No. Monthly repayments will remain unchanged. However, borrowers can approach the bank to restructure their repayments if they choose to do so.

Q7. What will be the effect on Additional Advances, some part of which may still be granted at 10% pa?
A7. The maximum rate for all new and existing Additional Advances will be set at 6.85% pa.

Q8. What are the changes in relation to establishment fees?
A8. For borrowers applying for a DSH loan solely, there is no change – ie the existing 50% fees discount remains. Borrowers applying for more finance from Westpac at the same time will be guaranteed a 50% discount on the fees for the supplementary finance. Under existing arrangements, some supplementary loans do not attract a fee and others are subject to a full fee. This change guarantees a 50% discount for all establishment fees.

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Gold Card

Extract from letter received from National President Major-General Peter Phillips:

"I have had several meetings with the Minister and the Department on the issue of extending Gold Card eligibility. DVA is ‘on side’ with the issue of the Gold Card extension from 1 January 1999. The issue was who should be eligible.

DVA has prepared a paper headed Rational Policy for Gold Card Extension. I had to agree that this was an eminently sound basis for extension of the Gold Card.

The problem is costs: with 55,000 new cards proposed at $2000 each, DVA would need $110 million per year. Much of this could be found from renegotiation of the Medicare agreement with the States in the lead-up to the next Budget."

The RSL’s position on this matter is with the Prime Minister. (See the article titled ‘From the National President’.)

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Rural Package Will Benefit Farming Veterans

Many farming veterans will be able to keep the family farm in the family, without jeopardising their service pension eligibility, the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Bruce Scott, has confirmed.

This new integrated rural policy package is titled Agriculture - Advancing Australia.

"There are a range of measures contained in the package that will benefit veterans who are also farmers," Mr Scott said.

Of particular benefit to farming veterans is the three-year moratorium affecting the gifting provisions for the transfer of the family farm to the younger generation.

"The moratorium means that eligible veterans will have a three year ‘window of opportunity’, from 15th September 1997, to transfer the title of their farm and not have the value of the farm counted under the Service Pension assets test.

"The changes will also apply to farming veterans who transferred their farm in the five years before that date.

"Prior to the moratorium coming into effect the transfer of a farm was treated like other gifts under the assets test for Service Pension and its value counted as an asset when calculating how much Service Pension is paid. The moratorium will help veterans who want to retire but also want to ensure that the family farm remains in the family."

Mr Scott explained that the scheme will be open to farming veterans who are of Service Pension age and who have equity (or combined equity if in a farming partnership) of up to $500,000. A veteran must have owned the farm for at least 15 years, or have been actively involved in farming for 20 years. The younger generation must have been actively involved in the farm for the preceding three years.

"These changes offer a great opportunity to farming veterans but, as with all business decisions, veterans who are interested in taking advantage of this moratorium should plan carefully and seek legal advice before taking up the offer. In particular, they should test their eligibility for Service Pension before transferring the title of the farm."

Legislation will soon be introduced to provide for the changes to the gifting provisions. Service Pension payments will not start until the legislation is in place but, where the farm is transferred after 14 September 1997, they will be backdated to the time of transfer. Full details of how the changes affect veterans will be available from offices of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

"Agriculture-Advancing Australia demonstrates the Government’s ongoing commitment to understanding and meeting the needs of veterans in rural and remote Australia," Mr Scott said.

BARBARA CLINTON
Veteran Affairs’ Committee

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Stop Press

The RSL in Perth recently appointed Margot Harness, who was previously our Pensions Officer, and has now returned to Anzac House to help veterans with their pension applications. So, if you are applying for a DVA pension, contact Margot, a qualified DVA Pensions Officer, on 9325 9799 during business hours.

NORM JOHNSTON
Chairman
The League and Aged Care

For many League members the changes arising from the Aged Care Act 1997 affecting hostels and nursing homes have been both distressing and confusing. The Board of the RSL War Veterans' Homes and the League both at State and National levels have been presenting the case of veterans and war widows for over two years through submissions to government, ministers and departments.

The WA Branch of the RSL welcomes the Government's decision to make changes to their aged care agenda. As a benevolent institution providing care to veterans, the aged and the disabled, through the RSL War Veterans' Homes, the RSL has been concerned about the nature and speed of the Government's proposals. The RSL notes with relief that the Government is finally prepared to listen to what many aged care providers have been saying for over 12 months.

The RSL with its traditions of "mateship" and "a fair go" accepts that Australians with a capacity to pay for aged care should be asked to make a contribution. The RSL remains concerned that the lack of consultation and haste with which measures were put in place, often with significant administrative detail lacking, has been needlessly upsetting to the aged and veteran communities.

The RSL is also concerned that the new legislation places too much emphasis on user pay rather than care needs. By diminishing the benevolent sector, the aged care legislation in its current form has the potential to create a two-tiered system with one standard of care for the wealthy and a lower standard for the rest.

By abandoning hostel care, the current regulations disadvantages a major sector of the aged community who need the social and life-skill support provided by hostels. Denying funding subsidies to this sector will not lessen this need, it will only marginalise it. Over 50% of our RSL hostel residents, partly as a result of the dislocations of wartime military service or deprivation as prisoners of war, fall into this category.

The changes announced by the Minister of Health and Family Services on 27 October do not alter the overall situation. For providers and residents alike, the future costs of aged care remain confused. No one can make realistic plans under such circumstances, for 12 months, through its State and National Headquarters and in concert with peak provider bodies, the RSL has been asking the Government to at least listen to our concerns, on behalf of the aged and veteran communities, the RSL has called upon the Government to end the confusion and to set aside implementation until provider and resident issues are addressed and administrative support mechanisms are in place.

The changes in accommodation bond policy announced by the Prime Minister on 5 November serves only to further confuse the situation. It creates additional questions and uncertainty. The League will continue to advocate a fair and equitable aged care policy and recognition of the role of benevolent providers in meeting the real needs of veterans, war widows, the aged and disabled.

In spite of all of the concerns regarding aged care policy, the construction of the new 52-bed Frail Aged Centre at Mt Lawley is continuing to schedule. At the time of writing all brickwork has been completed and roof timbers and roofing is being put in place. Plumbing and electrical work is well advanced. The building fund of the League, which
has been accumulating over the years through donations and raffle proceeds, has been entirely committed to the project. This year the raffle raised just over $80,000. Although somewhat less than in previous years, the raffle returns demonstrate the continued support of the members of the League toward providing quality aged care services. Without the support of the Sub-Branches and individual members for the activities of the Homes in Meadow Springs. Mt Lawley and Geraldton, it would be even more difficult to provide the range of services demanded by government regulations. The Board of the RSL War Veterans’ Homes thank all those who supported the raffle and extend congratulations to the first prize winner of $20,000 – Mr Ian Raymond of Riverton Sub-Branch with ticket number 083163.

The Board and residents also thank the Sub-Branches who continue to entertain residents through luncheons and outings. As many of our residents are pensioners faced with increasing user charges and government fee increases, these outings are major social events. Particular thanks are extended to Nollamara-North Perth, Cockburn, Belmont and Armadale Sub-Branches for recent events for residents. Thanks are also extended to Upper Swan Sub-Branch for its traditional donation of dried and candied fruit for the Home’s Christmas cake. A piano has been donated by the Nursed Memorial Fund; originally donated by the War Nursed the piano is a particularly appropriate gift for the new Frail Aged Centre lounge.

All Homes will be having their traditional Christmas lunch for residents on 25 December. Volunteers to help serve and make the event a festive occasion for residents without family are always welcome.

ROBERT MITCHELL

“The poor bloody infantry”

“All battles and all wars are won in the end by the infantryman”

by Bill Fogarty*

On 15 September 1939, the Australian Prime Minister, Robert Menzies, announced that the Australian Militia would be called up for one month’s continuous training and that a new infantry division of 20,000 men would be created. As a result of this announcement, men from all walks of life began their association with an infantry unit during wartime.

There were many occasions during World War II when the characteristic role of the infantry was called upon: the infantry being the only corps that can take and hold ground no matter what the weather, and be it day or night.

During the first Libyan campaign, by their drive and aggression, the infantry units of the Australian 6th Division soundly defeated Mussolini’s forces in a series of fierce battles, pushing them westward out of Bardia, Tobruk, Derna and Benghazi. In each of these battles it was the “poor bloody infantryman” who – burdened with steel helmet, webbing carrying ammunition, grenades, three

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GORDON WHITE

And so passes another warrior.
He belonged to a time in our history
the like of which we will not see again.
He was a Soldier, he was a Light Horseman, he was a proud Australian.
Until our next parade, be at rest
old friend. Your Job is done.

The President, State Executive and Members of the RSL (WA Branch)

days’ rations of bully beef and biscuits, respirator and a pick or shovel – rose from the startline and, with rifle and fixed bayonet, advanced through the shellfire to cut the wire and assault the Italian positions.

In Greece, it was the troops of the 16th Brigade carrying all their fighting equipment who trudged 60km at night over the Titarion mountain. Through mud and snow the infantrymen pushed on. Despite slipping and falling on ice covered slopes, no equipment was lost. “An epic of endurance, physical and moral,” wrote one battalion diarist. These same Australian infantrymen bore the full thrust of the German tanks down the Tempe Gorge two days later. Here, the infantrymen of the 2/2nd battalion battled it out with superior German forces until the unit was forced to withdraw as best it could under the weight of the German firepower.

It was on Crete that the Australian infantrymen carried out their devastating bayonet charge against the Germans when the soldiers of the 2/7th battalion together with the New Zealand 19th and 28th battalions, charged with fixed bayonets, thus inflicting 300 casualties and driving the Germans back 1,000 metres: a typical infantry action of closing with and killing the enemy.

One skill in which Australian infantry excel is patrolling, which requires the utmost confidence in the individual’s ability to navigate, more quietly and react aggressively against an enemy. The patrolling ability of the Australian
infantry at Tobruk proved decisive in the defence of the besieged port. General Moreshead insisted that no-man’s land should be patrolled in breadth and depth each night, with no exceptions. Each night these patrols fanned out from the defensive perimeter, probed or attacked the enemy, dominating no-man’s land. Each night German and Italian soldiers were fearful of having their positions attacked. Distance was no safeguard as many patrols penetrated the enemy’s lines to a depth of almost 7,000m.

When the war against Japan began, Australian infantrymen found themselves pitted against a fanatical opponent. During intense and close-quarter fighting in January and February 1942. The infantry of the 8th Division punished the enemy with skilful ambushes and dodged defence. But by the time Singapore, Ambon, Timor and Rabaul had fallen, the Australian casualties were horrendous.

The first infantry sent to Papua were the 39th, 49th and 53rd Militia battalions. They were soon to learn that all infantry in Papua would be involved in fighting – not only the Japanese but also the terrain and the elements. Movement on foot through the mountains and swamps became an unimaginable physical strain. On the Kokoda Track, men became too exhausted to sleep and simply sat in the cold rain, leg muscles trembling and shaking from the constant climbing and descents, waiting for dawn when the trek would start again.

The Australian infantry experience in Papua New Guinea was initially one of defending and attacking, though cold, sick hungry and exhausted. Even after Kokoda was retaken and the enemy at Milne Bay defeated, the nightmare of the battle for the Japanese beach heads at Buna, Gona and Sanananda awaited them. The terrain was no longer mountainous but jungle thick with vines, shoulder high razor sharp kunai grass, and fetid disease-ridden swamps. The role of the infantry battalions here was to attack the heavily fortified and skilfully concealed Japanese bunkers. In desperate fighting, with casualties not seen since France in 1917, the infantry – racked by malaria and depleted in numbers – eventually overcame a numerically stronger enemy, dug in, well provisioned and determined to fight to the death.

The campaigns in the Islands saw the introduction of specially trained infantry in the form of Independent, or as they were later re-named, Commando Companies. By the end of 1941, four 300-strong Independent Companies were operational. These men, all highly and specially trained, fought a classic guerilla action in Timor, or harrassed and observed the enemy at Lae and Salamaua. Later, they were to provide essential flanking protection for operations at Wewak, and on Bougainville and Borneo.

When the war ended, the Australian infantryman was fighting in six separate campaigns. By 1945 some of the battalions had in a period of five years fought Italians, Germans, Vichy French including the Foreign Legion, and the Japanese – all the King’s enemies.

The infantry units during World War II faithfully upheld the traditions and fighting spirit of their predecessors in World War I. Today, these traditions are continued by the battalions of The Royal Australian Regiment which have had infantrymen overseas on active service from 1959 to 1971, and at various times since.

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Australia's ex-POWs, conscripted to work on the Burma-Thailand Death Railway, are to be remembered by a new memorial complex. Funded entirely by the Australian Government, construction is presently underway at Hellfire Pass, in the River Kwai region of Thailand. Anzac Day 1998 is currently being planned for the Official Opening.

Some 250 Australian visitors and expatriates, now living in Thailand, attended a first peg-driving ceremony held on Anzac morning this year. Ex-POWs assisted Air Vice Marshal Alan Heggen AO, FRAeS (who has recently retired as Director of the Australian War Graves Office, Canberra) on this special occasion.

Many of the visitors had, in the days preceding, walked part of the trail now running on the disused rail bed, from Hellfire Pass to beyond the former Hintok station site. Queenslander Rod Beattie, the local Project Manager for the Museum, and his wife, have cleared over 11 kms of the track during the past 3 years, by hand. Rod, an engineer by profession, is also Superintendent of the Commonwealth War Cemeteries at Kanchanaburi and Chungkai.

1998 Pilgrimage

Ex-POW Bill Toon, of Victoria, has arranged Anzac Day Pilgrimages to Hellfire Pass each year, since 1987. For 1998, Bill's program will include special features.

- Attendance at both the Dawn Service (hopefully to be followed by the inauguration of the new Museum) and the Memorial Service, at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery.
- Inspection of the displays in the Museum.
- A walk along the former rail route from Hintok to Hellfire.
- Extended time at Wampo Viaduct – an engineering feat.
- Full train ride from Namtok to River Kwai Bridge.
- Accommodation at the brand new Baiyoke Sky, Bangkok (at 94 floors, the world's tallest hotel), and the five star Felix River Kwai Resort.

The Pilgrimage will depart from Perth on both 18 and 20 April. It is inclusive of Thai International air travel, accommodation, breakfasts, 4 lunches and touring. Share twin room prices are from a low $1340 per person. An extension is also available to the War Cemeteries in neighbouring Burma (Myanmar). The program may be obtained by simply contacting World Holidays (licence 31677) – Freecall 1 800 813331 or fax (03) 9614 7027.
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THE LAST POST

The Last Post used to be the call which followed Tattoo, and in 1850 reference was made to a call entitled “Setting the Watch and Post”. In a book called Infantry Bugle Calls and Sounds, Kings Regulations in 1873 formally refer to the Last Post of Tattoo which is the first official mention I can find of it.

The Last Post was first sounded at burials during the Boer War, on Lord Kitchener’s orders.

H MOORE
British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, London.

WA STATE MASTERS’ GAMES

Every second year, mature aged people converge on Albany to compete in the WA State Masters’ Games. These offer competition in 20-plus sports and attract approximately 1,000 competitors.

The fifth Games are scheduled for April 24-27, 1998. As this is the Anzac weekend and the Monday is a public holiday, they offer a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Anzac Day in the place which was the last part of Australia the Anzacs saw, and to compete in Masters’ competition in your chosen sport.

In conjunction with the Albany Tourist Bureau, the Games Association will be offering packaged deals on travel and accommodation in all ranges. Tours of the region for accompanying persons during the Games and for everybody pre-and post Games will also be offered. Some of the most spectacular scenery in Australia is easily accessible from Albany. (Ring freecall 1800 644 088 for information) Sports which will be participating are: Archery, Athletics, Basketball, Chess, Canoeing, Croquet, Cycling, Darts, Eight Ball, Golf, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rifle Shooting, rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Soccer, Swimming, Squash, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon, Water Polo, Water Skiing, Weightlifting (Olympic) and Weightlifting (All-Round).

Plan to be in Albany to celebrate the Anzac Day of a lifetime and further enjoy your stay be participating in the sport or sports of your choice in the Master’s Games. For more information and to receive an Expression of Interest Form, please contact The Secretary, PO Box 553, Albany, WA 6331. The Chairperson of the WA State Masters’ Games 1998 is Mr John Cochrane.

CLIFF WHITTINGSTALL
Hon Secretary
Albany Sub-Branch

ANZAC COVE MEMORIAL

I wish to compliment your association on such a fine publication. I enjoy reading the copies that my father-in-law receives and now wish to subscribe myself, a cheque for $10 is enclosed.

I wonder if any of your members has a copy of the words that are on a memorial at Anzac Cove about the Australians and New Zealanders who fell there. It includes the passage “mothers do not weep as your sons are now our sons - we shall care for them.” or words that are similar. I heard it once over the radio about three years ago on Remembrance Day; it was a very moving piece.

CAMERON CHERRY
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DVA GOLD CARD

I wish to thank you for publishing my letters in the Autumn and Spring issues of The Listening Post and for the explanation of the benefits of the Gold Card in the Winter Issue. I received numerous phone calls and letters from members and their wives who showed great interest and sought further information.

I was somewhat disappointed that the National President’s Address at our 1997 Congress was shortened and his comments on the issue of the Gold Card were deleted. No doubt this was due to a shortage of space.

The Co-ordinator of the Gold Card Campaign, Brian Doube of South Australia, states that letters have been written to all Federal MPs in Australia. Many meetings have been held with DVA Officers and other Ex-Service organisations which have been fruitful and supportive. Paul Filing, the Independent MP for Moore, has shown great interest and enthusiasm for our campaign and is investigating the possibility of a Private Members’ Motion in the coming months to have the Government address the issue.

All members are asked to keep contacting all Federal MPs seeking their support in giving All Australian

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World War II Veterans the DVA Gold Card (Health) as soon as possible in recognition of their service to Australia.

J N ROBERTS
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Note: See article, ‘Letter from the National President’ in this issue. EDITOR

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Through your pages, I would like to give a big thank you to Patricia Rowland JP, Administrator of The WA Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Relief Fund, the committee and administration staff as well as the RSL members for their assistance in my time of need.

Yours appreciatively,
GEOFFREY BRIGHT
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GONA MEMORIAL

We feel sure that your ex-service readers, particularly those who served in the New Guinea campaigns, will be pleased to learn that first class battlefield memorials are now in place at Gona, Buna and Sanananda, the scene of Australia’s greatest single loss of life in World War II.

Your co-operation in running the original appeal letter is appreciated and although the response was not outstanding it played a part in the successful conclusion of the project and the unveiling in September of a satisfactory Memorial in the village of Gona for those who gave their lives there.

Present for the ceremonial unveiling were 12 representatives of the Unit Associations whose members were involved in these battles. Further details are in the following report.

PAUL HOPE
Project Chairman

REPORT TO UNIT ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS

It is my pleasant task to advise that following an unveiling and re-opening ceremony at Gona in Papua New Guinea on Friday 5 September 1997, the project valued at $45,000 was completed. Present at the ceremony were representatives of the Australian Commonwealth Government and the Papua New Guinea local government, Rotary International, the Anglican Church, Gona villagers and 12 representatives of the supporting Unit Associations.

Together with the Buna, Sanananda Memorial Medical Centre, located at Giropa Point approximately five miles away, we now have in place the two best battlefield memorial cairns in PNG outside those at Bomana and Lae war cemeteries. This is as it should be for, sadly, these sites, were the scenes of Australia’s greatest single loss of life in World War II when almost 2,000 of her young men were either killed, wounded or maimed in 1942/43.

We are indebted to Charles Stening of 10th battalion Association whose concept of a precast memorial cairn produced in Adelaide in six pieces and to be erected on site and filled with concrete, has made it possible for memorials of these dimensions to be erected in remote places. We are also indebted to our RAAF for flying the memorials weighing 1½ tonne to airfields nearby.

The sum of $27,625 was raised by the Unit Associations. To those Associations and their members,
the Department of Veterans' Affairs and individual donors, I say thanks for a mighty effort. We are also thankful to the state RSL journals who carried the message of our appeal to most Sub-Bran ches.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to Mr John Phillips of the Rotary Club of Gosford and his volunteer specialist work teams of dedicated Rotarians. The projects would have been impossible without them. Travelling to Gona over the past year, at their own expense they carried out restoration and upgrading work which included adding toilets, showers and a water supply where none existed previously. Replacing spouting, tanks, floor coverings, repainting inside and out and other work was valued at approximately $35,000.

Last but not least I pay tribute to our small committee consisting of Fred Allen, Max Paterson and the Reverend, Roy Wotton – Fred and Roy for their fund-raising efforts and Max for his newsletters keeping the unit Associations in touch and generally promoting our cause. I’m grateful to all three men for lightening my load. To my own 12 Battalion Association I give thanks for their support and especially to the Honorary Treasurer, Max Thow, who acted as Treasurer for the Gona Appeal.

PAUL HOPE
Hon. Project Co-ordinator

GURKHA WELFARE TRUST

First of all, please accept my sincere congratulations on the production of the latest issue of "The Listening Post". I have already phoned and ordered three copies of the Winter issue. A cheque for $5.00 to cover their cost plus postage is enclosed.

I also noticed on page 10 an appeal for donations for ‘The Gurkha Welfare Trust’. The receiving centre is in London, which means that if I donate $200.00, this amount is first reduced by the cost of conversion to Sterling and no doubt further reduced from Sterling to the currency of Nepal.

KEITH CURRIE
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MALTA-AUSTRALIA WAR MEMORIAL TRUST

Earlier this year, the Malta-Australia War Memorial trust was launched in Canberra by Malta’s High Commissioner, H.E. Mr George Busuttil, in co-operation with officials of the Australian War Memorial. General Sir Phillip Bennett AC, KBE, DSO, Chairman of the Australian War Memorial Foundation, and Major General Steve Gower, Director of the Australian War Memorial, took part in the ceremony.

This Trust, the first of its kind, has two main aims. It seeks to assist the War Memorial by enhancing the Maltese contribution to the various galleries of the Memorial, specifically that relating to the Mediterranean theatre of war. As well, it aims at fostering a closer relationship between Australians and the Maltese community in Australia so recognising Malta’s important role in the defence of freedom.

Australians and Maltese fought side by side in various conflicts during this century, including the Gallipoli Campaign. More than 2,000 Maltese volunteered and served alongside Australian forces, particularly in Lemnos and Mudros. Malta became known as ‘The Nurse of the Mediterranean’ when hospitals were set up. Unfortunately some of those succumbed to their injuries and lie buried in three cemeteries which are still religiously being looked after by Maltese volunteers.

During World War II thousands of Australians served in the Merchant Navy escorting the many convoys that tried to keep up a flow of supply against impossible odds. Australian fighter pilots enacted heroic deeds against the combined might of German Luftwaffe and the Italian Regia Aeronautica. Not only did Australian defence forces fight to protect the island, but they also disrupted supplies to Rommel’s forces in North Africa.

The Maltese High Commission presented in Australia around 3,500 commemorative medals on the 50th anniversary of the award to Malta of the George Cross. It is now seeking, through the Malta-Australian War Memorial Trust, to obtain donations of artifacts and suitable memorabilia for possible display in the galleries of Australia’s own War Memorial in Canberra.

I now appeal to those generous persons who wish to contribute suitable memorabilia to contact the High Commission of Malta, 261 La Perouse Street, Red Hill, Canberra, ACT 2603 (Tel: 02 6295 1586, Fax: 02 6239 6084). It is one way of paying homage to those who fought and to ‘keep the spirit alive’.

ALBERT W. AGIUS
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RALPH T. BILSBY

Thank you for putting my request in the “Listening Post”, seeking information about my cousin Ralph Bilsby. Ralph’s brother Harry and his son, also called Ralph, have spoken to me by phone and I had a letter from a lady whose husband and Ralph knew each other in Collie, years ago.

Many thanks once again for all your help.

(MRS) BEVERLEY LINDSAY
131 Ocean Street
Dudley NSW 2290
Riders of Destiny
The 4th Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance
1917-1918
An Autobiography and History
by Patrick M. Hamilton, OBE

This is a new and absorbing Australian military history reference book on the neglected Light Horse Field Ambulances of World War I. Riders of Destiny, based on the author’s daily diaries, is a unique and moving account of the life, work and sacrifices of a Light Horse Field Ambulance throughout the Sinai and Palestine campaign at actions such as Beersheba and Es Salt. The author’s account has been verified with official records so that a faithful and personal history of the 4th Light Horse Field Ambulance is presented. It includes many photos from the author’s collection. In addition, extensive footnotes have been added together with details of all honours and awards, a unit nominal roll and an index.

Riders of Destiny is published by Mostly Unsung Military history Research and Publications in hard cover format with dust jacket and comprises 202 pages. It is available for $35 plus postage of $5 from:

Mostly Unsung
PO Box 20, Gardenvale, VIC 3186
Tel/Fax: 03-9555-5401
EDITOR

U-Boat Far From Home
By David Stevens

In late 1944, with its U-Boats defeated in the Atlantic Ocean, the German Navy sought new areas in which to operate. The waters they chose for testing were far from their normal hunting grounds and included both the Indian and Pacific Oceans. The west and east coasts of Australia provided scope for the German Navy to operate in areas that hitherto had been thought to be of little strategic value to their war effort. There are interesting aspects of the tenuous relationship between the Japanese and Germans in their home porting of German submarines in South East Asia; the main submarine base was at Penang in Malaya.

This book is not only an account of the successes and failures achieved during the patrol, but gives an extraordinary insight into the skill of command as practised by the Captain during long and sometimes tedious, but always arduous patrols. The book is well researched, very easy to read and ensures that the reader is enthralled by many experiences hitherto unknown until the end of the war. It is a book that could be read several times without being found boring and is highly recommended as a lesson in what may have happened to Australia and its war effort had the experiment succeeded.

U-Boat Far From Home is published by Allen & Unwin, PO Box 8500, 9 Atchison St, St. Leonards, NSW 2065 and is available from the publisher or leading book retailers. RRP $24.95, paperback.

About the Author: David Stevens retired from the RAN in 1994. He was then appointed Director of Naval historical Studies within the Department of Defence (Navy).

R D MERCER

The Reluctant Volunteer
Five Years with the Australian Ninth Division
by Peter Jones

Peter Jones was one of the ‘residents’ of Tobruk who helped man the outer circle of defences during the siege. When finally relieved, and after months of hardship, danger and often boredom, he and his comrades were withdrawn. The author describes recreational leave in Palestine and his visits to places of biblical interest as men unwound from their months on the front line.

In 1942, when the rest of the AIF went home to fight the Japanese, the Ninth Division was left behind to support the British El-Alamein Campaign. Fortunately the author carried his camera throughout his wartime experiences and this book reproduces many of his original picture from all theatres.

With victory secured at Alamein, the ninth returned to Australia and from there were sent to the Finschhafen landing in New Guinea. The next battle was for Sattelberg where savage attack and counter-attack took place until the Japanese were finally pushed back.

The final task for the Ninth Division, was the taking of Tarakan near Borneo, where the author’s five years of service ended on that oil-soaked island. This is a very amusing account of one man’s war experiences.

The Reluctant Volunteer is in soft cover format and comprises of more than 200 pages with photographs and maps. RRP is $20, including postage (AUST), and is available from the publishers:

Australian Military History Publications, 13 Veronica Place, Loftus, NSW 2232. Tel/Fax (02) 9521 6515.

CLIVE BAKER
A Nation at War
Australian Politics, Society and Diplomacy
during the Vietnam War 1965-1975
by Peter Edwards

Australia's commitment of troops to the war in Vietnam created bitter divisions in Australian society. Edward tells the story of Australia through this Tumultuous period, tracing the growth of the protest movement against the war and conscription. A Nation at War discusses the decisions of the Menzies, Holt, Gorton and Whitlam Governments, as they responded to these unprecedented protests, while wrestling with diplomatic pressures emanating from powerful allies and strife-torn neighbours.

Peter Edwards has had unrestricted access to official Australian records, including Cabinet papers of both coalition and Labor governments, and highly classified documents from the Departments of Defence and Foreign Affairs. A Nation at War analyses the incidents which shaped the debate and which long remained in public memory – the alleged 'water torture' incident, the episodes involving conscientious objectors like Simon Townsend and William White, and many more.

The book is available from the publisher, Allen & Unwin, PO Box 8500, St Leonards, NSW 2065. Tel: (02) 9901 4088. Fax: (02) 9906 2218. RRP $59.95, hard cover.

About the Author: Peter Edwards was Official Historian at the Australian War Memorial and is now a Professor of History at the University of Sydney and Executive Director of the Australian Centre for American Studies.

EDITOR

Where to? For Valour
by Stan Krasnoff

Keith Payne was the last recipient of the imperial VC and therefore commands a special place in the history of gallantry awards in the Australian Services. His story will appeal to those who have little knowledge of the role of our advisors in Vietnam and those who have an interest in Infantry tactics and the difficulties of working with indigenous persons. Those looking for a rollicking war yarn will be a little disappointed as the flashback style of the author Stan Krasnoff makes it somewhat disjointed.

The story takes us from the carpeted luxury of the Britannia to the jungle canopy of Ben Het (the scene of his actions, which earned him his VC). Krasnoff's, style at times is little flowery and he occasionally 'waxes lyrical'. However we are drawn into the war at that critical time of Vietnahrisation and its ramifications for those whose lives were not a priority. The phrase 'dirty war' is fully brought home and the personal glimpses of the man are at times disturbing. An interesting book worthy of a read.

KEN MURPHY

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Following its formation some 70 years ago, the marine section within the RAAF expanded rapidly during World War II to provide vital support services for over 20 types of aircraft, including Catalinas, Mariners and Sunderlands.

Les Jubbs, an ex RAAF pilot who served in the UK and now lives in Perth, has painstakingly researched the history of this little-known section of our defence forces, from its inception to its disbandment in 1962. This is a most comprehensive book with over 360 photos.

Young Australians were recruited from the RAAF and the civilian population and initially trained at RAAF Rathmines in seamanship and boat handling while Fitters/Marine Engineers were trained in Technical Colleges. Suitable boats were “acquired” and contracts let to build the wide variety of vessels needed.

The men of the Marine Section were responsible for refuelling aircraft, delivery of bombs, depth charges and torpedoes, ferrying of air crews to and from their aircraft, laying flare paths for night operations, accompanying the flying boats as they took off and clearing debris from crash sites.

Isolated bases such as Millingimbi and Melville Bay in the NT and Truscott in the Kimberley area of WA had all their heavy earth-building equipment and supplies ferried ashore by landing barges. Every drum of fuel for four and two engine bombers and fighters had to be ferried ashore before bombing raids could be mounted. Ground staff, their equipment, supplies and food was also brought ashore from cargo ships lying off shore.

Air Sea Rescue, an integral part of the Marine Section’s duties, was carried out from Operational Base Units and as single boats out of isolated locations including Oro Bay in New Guinea and the Trobian Islands.

Regular servicing was also required for ketches and schooners which assisted in the establishment of secret RAAF Radar Units on offshore islands, sometimes close to Japanese bases.

Cargo ships (06 type) were also manned by RAAF Marine Section Crews and used to carry supplies, equipment and ammunition and bombs to Operational Base Units.

Using large, three-engine torpedo recovery boats, young Marine Section crews recovered valuable practice torpedoes dropped from flying aircraft and those fired by submarines from underwater. These crews also played an important role in delivering equipment and supplies to isolated RAAF units.

Marine Section is available direct from the author at 17a Chessington Way, Kingsley 6026 for $17.00 or order by mail for $22.50 postage included anywhere in WA. Telephone: 9309 2241.

PAT HOSKING

THEY CALLED HIM ‘CHOCKO’

By WHJ (Bill) Phillips ED. (Returned and Services League)

The story of Australian Citizen Soldiers
From the Boer War to the Present Day
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W Phillips, 13 Glenn Place, Yagoona, NSW 2199
The author related through his book, *View from a Low Bough*, his viewed experienced and those of a number of his fellow soldier mates, as they viewed life in Vietnam from the *Low Bough*, the low pecking order in Army ranks— the bottom of the tree so to speak. His description of the day to day life of the soldier in and out of the field of conflict is very real and vivid. It tells how the young soldier talks with his mates, how they react, and how they rely on each other.

To those for support who have not known life at the *Low Bough* level or have chose to forge it, they may find the way it is expressed a bit garish. Having experienced life at that level and also at a higher one, I found these sections of the book became tedious.

Barrie Crowley’s criticism of those in command, and also the participation of other Service, where at best, very broad statements and generalisations of how he perceived them to be. However, the book is a very good account of how the soldiers, both “Nasho’s” and “Reg’s”, young and old, performed in the field.

The author gives the impression of having a “devil may care” attitude, but he is obviously a very perceptive and educated person with a gift of remembering a lot of detail from that time; indeed some of his observations were quite remarkable.

To all who served in Vietnam, and those who would like a shock introduction to how it was, I thoroughly recommend this book. But then I did read the preface first.

Available from publishers Allen & Unwin, PO Box 8500, 9 Atchinson Street, St. Leonards, NSW 2065 or from leading booksellers. RRP $24.95

GEOFF TANNER

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**VIDEO REVIEW**

**Farewell to Yesterday**

**World War II**

**Original Movietone News Footage**

**from 1939 to 1945**

Whilst I was too young for World War II, I vividly remember the newsreels shown in the local cinemas during the war, and when I was asked to review this 56-minute black and white video I noted with pleasure that there was some bonus footage on the outbreak of the Korean War.

This video is a compilation of original film footage of what were correspondents and newsmen reported directly from the front lines on the historical event leading up to the outbreak of war, the political and military leaders— Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini, Montgomery, Eisenhower and MacArthur—and the major campaigns and development in Europe, North Africa, Asia and the Pacific. They saw the frightening effects of the war on civilian populations as well as the fighting men and women and they were there at the end when the liberators arrived and the peace documents were signed.

A minor criticism is that there were no English subtitles when the likes of Hitler were stirring up the multitudes. I cannot remember ever knowing just what these monsters were saying. With modern technology I am sure that this could be done.

Be that as it may, this video is well worth watching and I can recommend it as an excellent addition to Sub-Branch libraries. It is available from:-

Grover Smith Associates Pty Ltd, PO Box 345, Narrabeen, NSW 2101. Phone/Fax: (02) 9982 2790. Price: $43.95.

KEN MORRISON

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ALBANY

Anzac Day 1997! Combine the Ship's Company of HMAS Torrens, members of Rotary International (here for the Anzac Conference), exchange students from Turkey, the re-enactment of Simpson and his donkey, great weather and possibly the largest display of public support ever, and it added up to what many say was Albany's best Anzac Day parade.

We hope our 1998 service and parade will be as well patronised, for Albany once again plays host to the State RSL conference and the Masters Games held over Anzac Day long weekend. The Sub-Branch cordially invites all RSL Members to participate.

Following complaints that the area at Mt Clarence was not big enough for the numbers that are attending our Dawn Service, we held talks with the town council and were given permission to hand-clear an area around the Lone Pine, while the Council cleared another section which eventually will be paved. The car park for the disabled has also been extended.

To those tireless workers who participated in the clearing project I extend a hearty thank you for a job well done.

The Vietnam Veterans’ Day service was held at the new South East Asia Memorial at the Forts on Mt Adelaide. About 50 veterans (some of whom came from Perth) were on parade, escorted by members of the Albany Light Horse.

At the September meeting we were graced with the presence of a most delightful young lady, Bronwyn Williams, a member of the Rotary Study Exchange Group that toured Turkey and, in particular, Gallipoli. Bronwyn presented an introduction to Anzac Cove, and slides were shown to complement the description of those long ago battlefields. We were fortunate also to see a video adapted from old 8mm film. Peter Gallop, son of the film maker Syd Gallop made the film available to Bill Smith, Ted Roots and Don Cotton who collaborated in producing the finished product which showed the RSL hall being moved from its original site near the railway station to Middleton Beach Road, prior to its current location. Also on the video was the arrival in port and the unloading of the Light Horse Mounted Memorial which was subsequently reconstructed on Mt Clarence.

Membership is steady and since our meetings have become shorter to allow for more socialising, the evenings have been better attended.

DIGGER CLEAK
President

ARMADALE

In October 1994, a shot from a .303 rifle heralded the beginning of a battle between Armadale RSL and the Darling Range Rifle Club for the RSL Perpetual Shield, held at the Pickering Brook Rifle Range. This Biannual competition using .303 rifles attracts around 50 competitors. Trophies are presented for top shooters and pendants for best lady shooters of both clubs.

The Christmas in July dinner, organised and catered for by the Women’s Auxiliary, was an overwhelming success. Ninety five people enjoyed an excellent meal and the dancing which followed.

On a sad note, we lost our President, Harry Badger, who passed away suddenly. Harry will be sadly missed, particularly for the work he did within the Sub-Branch and his involvement in the local community.

Our 78th birthday dinner was attended by 95 members and friends and our official guests included State President, Mr. K. Murphy and Mrs. J. Murphy.

The children’s Christmas party will be held on Sunday 14 December and the New Year’s Eve Ball on 31 December.

BRIAN DAXON
Secretary

BELMONT

Activities around the club will increase now that the bowling green is in full use and the fishing club is having more outings. Members, and members of other clubs, should come and see what has been achieved by a small number of volunteers (Dad’s Army) and their helpers. A big thank you to all concerned. We also thank our wonderful Women’s Auxiliary for help during the year and look forward to their continued support.

Why is the Belmont Sub-Branch one of the best? A visit to one of our monthly meetings (third Sunday at 10.30am) will make you want to transfer to this Sub-Branch. New members are always welcome.

We enjoyed the speech given by new State President, Ken Murphy, at the last meeting. He came across as a man with vision with the will and energy to execute his ideas.

Again we have lost several of our members: P. Healy, A Jaensch and P. Smoje. We extend our deepest sympathy to their relatives.

A sterling job is being done by President Bill Sharpe, Secretary Harold Haines, Treasurer Brian Carvell, and other stalwarts like Mitch Cadden, Ron Reynolds, Marty Brennan and Bert Dean.
CANNING DISTRICTS AND VICTORIA PARK

Grand Final Day and the car rally were very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to everyone who helped with the barbecue and organisation.

The Old Diggers Club meets at the club (162 Wharf Street, Cannington) each Wednesday to have a few drinks, a meal and spin a few yarns. About 15 to 18 members attend each week, to enjoy the fellowship. Most of them served with the Royal Australian Regiment in Korea.

The Club has a Lotto syndicate, plus raffles to help with the cost of two functions a year for spouses and friends. Why not come along and join us? Don’t forget your club has meals on a Friday night starting at 6:30 pm and holds monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month.

The first prize in our current raffle (at $2.00 a ticket) is a trip for two to Bali plus one week’s accommodation valued at $1,500.00; second prize is one week’s accommodation at Dunsborough Bayshore Resort and third prize is mystery flights for two. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 11 January 1998 by RSL State President, Ken Murphy, at club and results will be published in The West Australian on Wednesday, 14 January 1998.

Merrymakers’ Day Club is enjoying a busy period with day trips, luncheons and visitors. We still have plenty of room for new members to join us in some fun and friendship. For more information please ring Jim on 9451 4696 or come to the hall on Mondays, between 10 am and 2:00 pm.

Functions in 1998 up until ANZAC Day, are:

Sunday, 1 February at Curtin University: the location, format and times will be the same as last year.

Sunday, 8 March: a function at the Canning Districts and Victoria Park RSL in Wharf Street, Cannington, opposite Coker Park.

Anzac Day 1998: the format will be the same as usual for the march in Perth, and the reunion at 109 Signal Squadron.

For further information please contact Brian 9277 1406, John 9342 5606 or Jack 9361 6745.

Kind regards to Mr. Geoffery King from your fellow members and if any family has a member in hospital, please contact Bert Neil on 9277 6016.

Wishing you all a bright and cheerful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

WENDY SCHWAB

COCKBURN

The Sub-Branch has been moving ahead at a steady pace, and our Friday night sausage sizzles are attracting good attendances.

The Sub-Branch hosted a trip to the Toodyay Festival, where everyone had a great time. One of the Festival organisers (Bruce Prior) was a recent transferee from Cockburn Sub-Branch to Toodyay – well done, Bruce!

It took only a few hours to sell the 20 seats on the Waroona/Lake Navarino trip in November. Plans are in hand for further trips when we will have room for 36 people. For a fun, friendly and cheap outing, keep in touch!

Bob White has been busy heading the welfare team. If you have a problem, please telephone him or any member of the Committee.

Members have voiced concern about the Commonwealth Government’s handling of the increased costs to veterans’ medication fees and their pensions. Your committee responded with letters to the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Mr. Bruce Scott, Dr. Carmen Lawrence, Mr. Richard Court and the RSL National President.

We will farewell 1997 on a high note at the New Year’s Eve cabaret: with a beach, summer, calypso and Mardi Gras theme. A three-course meal, including the traditional haggis and piper, will assure members and their guests will see the year out in style.

Your President and committee wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ARTHUR STANTON, PRO

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COOLGARDIE

The quarterly meeting was very successful and a number of issues were discussed. Our special guests were the State President, Mr Ken Murphy, and his wife Jeanette and the area Country Vice-President, Mr Ron Hatch. The President faced a lively question time and, along with Mr Hatch, passed on some valuable first hand information.

Another welcome guest was Mr Alan Hutcheson, from the State Executive, who always manages to give some interesting insights into League happenings. Details of the International Tattoo were of great interest and members fully support this event.

The ladies again put on a delicious supper that was much appreciated. President, Mr Willie Corcoran, warmly thanked the guests for making their respective long journeys to attend the meeting.

MR R L ANDERSON
Secretary

GERALDTON

We lost another veteran of both World Wars, Alexander Payne, who passed away peacefully at the War Veterans’ Hostel on 17 September after celebrating his 97th birthday on 27 July. Alec served in the Royal Navy in World War I, and in Garrison Units at Geraldton, York, Melville and Karrakatta in World War II.

The latest additions to the War Memorabilia display at Birdwood House include a saddle used by a British cavalryman in Egypt and Palestine and a World War II German helmet, both of which were brought back from England by Derek Andrews. Derek has also donated a set of spurs used by a South Australian Light Horse digger in World War I. Creating interest, too, is a Japanese flag, donated by Peter Shannon, which was taken from a Japanese soldier killed at Tarakan Island, Borneo in World War II.

An innovation at the dawn service on Vietnam Veterans’ Day was the presentation of a lament on the bagpipes by newcomer Maureen Cuddy in memory of more than 500 Australians who lost their lives in the war. More than 20,000 Australians were wounded, including Bob Thomas and Vic Otway, who were remembering their lost mates at the Geraldton observance. (They were in hospital beds next to each other with injuries received in the Battle of Hoi My in 1967.)

In recognition of the great support received from the City Band over the years, the Sub-Branch agreed to run a “Funny Money” gaming night to help raise funds for the band’s new quarters at the QE2 Centre.

As our annual pilgrimage to the War Cemetery also includes the placing of poppies on graves in the general cemetery, the activities on Sunday, 9 November, were arranged to begin at 9am instead of 10am, to be followed by the Diggers’ Dinner, which is hosted by the Auxiliary.

Strong support was expected for Poppy Day on 7 November and the Remembrance Day Service on 11 November at 11am.

Our 80th anniversary reunion luncheon will be held on Sunday, 14 December, with pre-bookings at $20 each by 7 December. There will be no casual places available on the day.

PETER BARDEN
PRO

MANDURAH

Our stall at the Mandurah Forum Shopping Centre, where we were assisted by Stan Crombie of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, resulted in some new members; it also helped many ex-service people with advice on pensions and general information.

The annual dinner is to be held on 6 December and the AGM on Thursday, 14 February, 1998.

A lady in Mandurah recently showed us a photo album that was left in her father’s barber shop many years ago; the photos are of Australian troops and groups of people in Japan, evidently in BCOF times.

The only clue to the owners in an address: Cpl J.R. Hardie, WX500374, 2nd 1st Guards’ Regt, Kure, Japan. Anyone who knows him, or his next of kin, please contact Wally Holding on 9535 4593.

We wish everyone all the best for the festive season.

WYN HOLDING
PRO
**MURRAY**

During a busy winter, members provided wood to veterans and widows and the Bedingfeld Park Lodge for the Elderly had its needs supplied free of charge. Again our winter wood raffles provided us with our main income; 10 raffles were run, plus two for Bedingfeld Park fundraising.

The Women’s Auxiliary has purchased a new commercial two-door refrigerator. Congratulations to the ladies for having one of the best hall kitchens in the State.

The Murray Day Club is going strong with almost 100 members. Co-ordinator Megan McLeod assures me new members and helpers are always welcome.

The Sub-Branch was granted a Restricted Liquor Licence several months ago, which should assist to expand our social events.

Congratulations to John Harte and Bill Brooks for receiving their 50-year service awards and to Tom Ellis who received a Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to the Sib-Branch.

Season’s greetings to all!

LES GILES
Secretary

**NOLLAMARA-NORTH PERTH**

An emotional wreath-laying ceremony convened by Mrs Carol Randall was held at the Sub-Branch on Monday 18 August to commemorate Vietnam Veterans’ Day. More than 150 members and supporters were at the ceremony, including strong representation by the Vietnam Veterans’ Motor Cycle Club.

Wreaths were laid by Mr. Bob Marsden on behalf of the Royal Australian Engineers, Mr. Paul Pescud, on behalf of the President of the WA RSL, Mr. Geoff Dunnes, President of the TPI of WA, Mr. John Lewis, President of the Vietnam Veterans’ Motor Cycle Club, Mr. Tito Digiovanni, President of the 8th RAR and Mr. Ken Hawke, Senior Vice President of the Nollamara-North Perth Sub-

Branch. After the wreath-laying, a sensitive poem was read by Mr. Peter (Cactus) Batty.

Congratulations to Mr. Keith Boxshall and the Committee on their membership drive. As at 12 October, the Sub-Branch had 446 members plus 66 social and 27 auxiliary.

The No. 51 Cadet Unit, Girrawheen, continued to be sponsored. Following the Sub-Branch’s donation of 10 compasses, approval has been given for the purchase of a Global Position Satellite system, which will be presented shortly.

DVA Joint Venture funding as been appreciated by the Sub-Branch and the Day Club, enabling the purchase of a video recorder, a microwave oven, a sound system and fans. On the social side, a Country and Western night organised by Don Graham was well-supported. The Dart and Pool Divisions were not successful in winning any trophies this year, but all who participated enjoyed themselves.

ROSCO JONES
PRO

**NORTH BEACH**

The Sub-Branch wishes to record its appreciation of the efforts of Mrs. Pat Rowland, in obtaining a DVA Gold Card for Noel Clark, one of our members. A Merchant Navy veteran, Noel was hesitant about applying but, after some urging from Secretary Joe Harris, he did so and his application went through the various channels to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and Noel received his Gold Card.

Thank you also to Mrs Margot Harness for her efforts on behalf of our members. These people are able to help us and their work is, or should be appreciated by all RSL members.

MAX PLESTER
PRO
Telephone: 9309 5219

**RIVERVALE-CARLISLE**

Small as it is, our enthusiastic band of helpers is preparing itself for another Poppy Day as I write. We can always use more helpers at our allotted stands in the city. It seems a long way away, but I ask members to keep it Poppy Day in mind for next year. If the old legs are not standing up too well, maybe you can help at a suburban shopping centre where you will be provided with a table and chairs. (I say “chairs” hoping you will have a mate with you!)

Our luncheons, on the fourth Sunday in the month are a great success, owing to the wonderful work of the Women’s Auxiliary. The highlight is the July and Christmas dinners and Mrs Jacks and the other musicians
The residents of the War Veterans’ Homes at Mount Lawley and Meadow Springs, Mandurah, have been given video recorders through the generosity of Highgate Sub-Branch (for the Mt Lawley recorder) and members of the Mandurah RSL Social Club (for the Meadow Springs recorder). We now seek support in the form of donations of old or new video tapes for our libraries in both homes for the benefit of our residents.

Further information may be obtained from Jill Van Blommestein on (08) 9370 0200 during office hours.

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or to: The RSL War Veterans’ Home
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We are already planning for the coming year with the continued happiness of our members in mind, and we trust that the new year will bring good health to all. We do, however, need your help.

New members are welcome at any time at our meetings and outings. Meetings are held on the second Monday each month at 2.00pm at the Doubleview Bowling Club.

You may not know us when you arrive – but when you leave, you will have made many new friends. Contact our Secretary, Doug Pigott, on 9446 1331, so that he can look out for you on your arrival.

Remember that members who are sick or who have sickness in their family and are unable to attend meetings or outings, our Welfare Officer and Committee do offer continued help.

The President extends to all best wishes for an enjoyable festive season.

GORDON F. HARVEY

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

State Executive members are busy wrapping gifts for the ex-service men and women in nursing homes, hospitals, Mt Lawley War Veterans' Home and Hollywood Private Hospital. Without the donations from our Auxiliaries it would not be possible to provide these Christmas parcels. We thank you all. I also thank Belmont Women's Auxiliary for the knitted and crocheted blankets they made for Meadow Springs War Veterans' Home. They were very much appreciated.

During my first six months as State President I was invited to attend birthday luncheons at Mandurah and Belmont, fundraising luncheons at Nollamara/North Perth and Bedford-Morley Auxiliaries. These functions are always happy occasions, providing an opportunity to meet all members. Life membership certificates were presented to Mesdames R. Panor and E. Scott (Mandurah) and V. Dean (Belmont). Certificate of Service recipients were Mesdames A. Petty, L. Taylor (Mandurah), J. Fitzgerald and L. Brennan (Belmont). Congratulations to all.

Mrs J. Spencer, Junior Vice President, represented me at the opening of Seniors' Week at Government House and Mrs M. Taylor deputised for me at Armadale Sub-Branch Annual Dinner. Thank you both.

I attended the South East District Council Conference in Queensland during October. Although smaller than our own state conference, it was interesting and I was able to explain the work we do over here.

A happy Christmas to all with your families, good health in 1988 and a speedy recovery to all who are sick. The year 2,000 is only two years away; I wonder what it holds for us all. Margaret Fisher
## New Members

The State President and members of the State Executive extend a welcome to new members of the League in WA. Their names are listed by Sub-Branch.

### Applecross
- Eaves G.A. Army
- Voller N.B. Merchant Navy

### Albany
- Cotton D.S. Army
- Lynch R.H. Army
- Piper J. Air Force
- Robinson J.F. Army
- Roots S.E. Army

### Armadale
- Beech C.V. Army
- Burgon C. Air Force
- Clark L.J. Army
- Goodwin N.J. Air Force
- Keane R.J. Army
- Musca G. Army
- Strohman S.C. Air Force

### Bedford-Morley
- Kambouris A.A. Army
- Mclean I.L. Army

### Belmont
- Clare R.M.T. Army
- Johnson W.K. Army
- Marshall S.M. Air Force
- McFadyen M. Air Force

### Bletch-Palmyra
- Miller L. Air Force
- Mitchell D. Navy

### Boulder
- O’Brien E. Army

### Broome
- Hammond I.M. Army

### Bullsbrook
- Van Heek R.A. Air Force

### Bunbury
- Allen M. Air Force
- Bannett R.J. Army
- Bucknell J.J.S. Air Force
- Coombs K.R. Army
- Craddock K.R. Air Force
- Crombie D.F. Army
- Hayes R.W.G. Air Force

### Busselton
- Coffey D. Air Force
- Lea M. Army
- Mitchell P.C. Army
- Sim M.E. Army
- Usher K.J. Army
- Wilde P. Air Force

### Cannington Dist-Vic Park
- Websdale V.H. Army

### City of Perth
- Alexander R.M. Army
- Baldwin F.W. Army
- Bracegirdle D. Air Force
- Burley K.A. Army
- Chaplin D.H. Army
- Craig L.W. Air Force
- Downward L.F. Army
- Dowson M.C. Army
- Dupont V. Navy
- Evans P.G. Army
- Hicks J.F. Army
- Kessels A.M. Army
- McDowall B.E. Army
- McKendrick R.J. Army
- Morton C.A. Air Force
- Nairn J. Army
- O’Brien M.L. Army
- Powell J.F. Army
- Simmons R. Army
- Smith M. Army
- Steele W.T. Army
- Voak B.J. Navy

### City of South Perth
- Cox L.L. Air Force

### City of Waneroo
- Baker C.J. Army
- Beveridge K.J. Army
- Braganza G.b. Army
- Clayton R.J. Army
- Doyle F. Air Force
- Mills W.S. Army

### Collie-Cardiff
- Howe A. Army
- Wood F.W. Army

### Cockburn
- Pratt A.S. Army

### Como
- Edwards R. Army
- Wood R. Army

### Coolgardie
- McPherson S. Air Force

### Cottesloe
- Gardner G.A. Army

### Darling Range
- Becker J.J. Army
- Bergin K.B. Army

### Dongara
- Pendlebury P.J. Air Force

### East Vic Park
- Copley G. Army
- Halliday H. Merchant Navy
- Hammond W.J. Army
- Hungerford I.S. Army
- Manuel T.H. Army

### Esperance
- Pinch R.C. Navy
- Sharman R.J. Air Force

### Eastern Region
- Voigt W.C. Army
- Whitfield M.S. Navy

### Gascoyne
- Quinn D.F. Navy

### Gosnells
- Wilkinson G.J. Army

### Highgate
- Cox T.W. Air Force
- Hepworth R.E. Army
- Mirfakhrai E. Army
- Salmon P.D.C. Army
- Taylor B. Navy
- Vickridge G.L.W. Navy

### Kalgoorlie
- Nilson K.G. Navy
- Wilcox H. Army

### Kulin
- Maskey G.B. Navy
- Roads R.R. Army

### Kununurra
- Young W.J. Navy

### Kwinana
- Bright G.F. Navy

### Lancelin/Coastal Districts
- Zucchini P.M.

### Mandurah
- Bennett J.J. Army
- Elston C.J. Army
- Galbraith A.N. Navy
- Glasson B.R. Air Force
- Hall D.R. Army
- Keenan M.F. Army
- Lanigan R. Army
- Lawler B.G. Army
- Lidster M.K. Army
- Moffatt J. Army
- Steele P.D. Navy
- Tinker M.L. Army
- Tonks T.H. Army
- Warner L.R. Air Force
- Waters G. Navy
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EX-AUSTRALIAN WOMEN’S LAND ARMY (AWLA)
President: Mrs Phyl Ptolomey, 84 West Rd, Bassendean 6054, Tel: 9279 2279. V/P President: Mrs Pat Culberton, 4 Offord St, Armadale 6112. Tel: 9399 6713. Secretary: Mrs Hilda Grey, 21B Elvira St, Palmyra 6157. Tel: 9339 5391. Treasurer: Mrs Celia Tester, 12 Joslen St. Hilton 6163. Tel 9337 1837. Meetings: Anzac House, 4th Thursday each month from 10am-12 noon.

EX-FORTRESS ENGINEERS ASSOC.
President: Mr Harold Smith, 58 Napier St, Nedlands 6009, Tel: 9386 3305. Secretary: Mr Reg Kidd, 257 Holmes Road, Forrestfield 6058, Tel: 9453 2393. Meetings: mid-year general meeting and Christmas ‘get together’ and barbeque on a date and at a venue to be decided. All enquiries to the Secretary.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOC. OF WA
President: Arthur Robinson, 19/26 Pinaster St, Menora 6050, Tel: 9271 4733. Secretary: Ruth James, 7B Wenden Pl, Willetton 6155, Tel: 9457 8727. Correspondence to Secretary or President. Assoc. meetings 1pm, 1st Wednesday each month at Anzac House.

EX-RANS ASSOC. OF WA
President: Mrs Beverley Kain, 3 Voyager Court, Cooloongup 6168, Tel: 9527 3401. Secretary: Mrs Joan Aibeni, 1B Imperial Ct, Ocean Reef 6027. Tel: 9300 6119. Meetings: second Monday each month at Anzac House Function Room, Perth.

FEDERATED TB SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN’S ASSOC. (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Frank Hamilton, 35 Clement Drive, Karrinyup 6018, Tel: 9448 5204. Secretary: Mrs Grace Storrer, 16 Dowell Place, Bribia Lake, Tel: 9417 9598. Meetings last Monday each month except January. Correspondence to the Secretary.

FIGHTER SQUADRONS ASSOC. OF WA
President: Mr Mick Michael, 6 St Barnabas Pl, Mosman Park, 6012, Tel: 9384 4222(h) 9232 3719(w). All correspondence to President.

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA
President: Hilton Devoreux, 49 Stradbroke Gdns, Merriwa, 6030. Secretary: Thea Bushe-Jones, 26 Baltic Mews, Waikiki 6169, Tel: 9527 9186. Meets second Wednesday Feb, April, June, August, October, December, 71 West Parade, East Perth. Correspondence to Secretary, PO Box 3886, Stirling Street, Perth 6849.

GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Ken Brown MBE. Secretary: Andy Britton, PO Box 370, Tuart Hill 6939. Tel: 9409 9468. Welfare Officer: Arthur Budgen. Meeting: 1st Monday of the month at Anzac House, at 7.30pm (unless otherwise advised).

HM AS AUSTRALIA VETERANS’ CLUB
President: Mr Don Cookeley, 3 Dorking Rd, City Beach 6015, Tel: 9385 7061. Secretary: Mr Harry Townsend, 2A Darnelle Ave, Mt Pleasant 6153, Tel: 9364 2489. Further information please contact either of above. Meetings: 1st Tuesday in March, June, September, December at Naval Association HQ, 71 West Pde, East Perth, at 1100 hrs.

HM AS BATAAN VETERANS’ ASSOC.
President: Mr Dick King, 89 Empire Ave, City Beach 6015, Tel: (08) 9385 9089. Secretary: Mr Colin Hepburn, 39a Fallow Crescent, Spearwood 6163. Treasurer: Mr Bob Truman, 1 Regent Grove, Morley 6062. Tel: (08) 9279 6903. For further information please contact any of the above.

HM AS CANBERRA/HM AS SHROPSHIRE ASSOC.
President: Mr Keith Nordahl, 66 Todd Ave, Como 6152, Tel: 9367 3102. Secretary: Mr Arthur Carter, 93 Tamar St, Palmyra 6157, Tel: 9339 1483. Treasurer: Mr Alf Martin, 12 Lesouef Dr, Kardinya 6163, Tel: 9331 2113. AGM November; Committee Meetings as required. Annual reunion Aug 9, other social functions about four times a year. For further information please contact any of the above.

HM AS HOBBIT ASSOC. (WA DIVISION)
President: Mr Graeme Purkiss, 14 Hollis St, Samson, Tel: 9339 8976. Secretary: Mr Clyde Goddard, 80 Derby Rd, Shenton Park, Tel: 9381 8705. Treasurer: Mr Fred Varris, 12 Matarra Pl, Nollamara, Tel: 9344 7248. AGM and annual reunion held second Friday in February and social and commemorative functions held about six times each year. Monthly luncheons held at Anzac House, last Thursday each month from around noon. Further information please contact any of the above.

HM AS WARRAMUNGA VETERANS’ ASSOC.
President: Mr TK (Trevor) Lloyd, 48 Bell St, Rockingham 6168, Tel: 9527 1817. Secretary: Mr TE (Tom) Oakley, 43 Strickland St, Mt Claremont 6010. Tel: 9384 3042. Treasurer: Mrs A Johnson, 10 Nicholas Avenue, Quinns Rocks 6030, Tel: 9305 1573. Further information please contact any of the above.

KOREA & SOUTH EAST ASIA FORCES ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH)
State President: Mr KJ Emberson. 48 Fleetwood Circuit, Woodvale, Tel: 9409 3037. State Secretary: Mr A McMorrow, 10 Ridgeway Pl, Mahogany Creek, Tel: 9295 3459. State Treasurer: Mr HG Fowlie, 11 Mirador Rd, Morley, Tel: 9275 1259. AGM 2nd Saturday in March. QGM: 2nd Saturday in June, September and December. Meetings held at Belmont Sub Branch, 22 Leake Street, Belmont at 10am sharp.

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS’ ASSOC. OF WA (INC)
(“Wingies and Stumpies”) President: PR Collins. Secretary: Mrs Rosemary L Maddren, 80-82 Henley St Como 6152, Tel: 9450 6428. Postal Address: Bag Lot No 2, Post Office, Como 6152. Meeting 1st Wednesday each month except January, 1.30pm. Office hours: 9-11am Tuesday, 9-12 noon Wednesday, 9-12 noon Thursday.

MALAYA MERDEKA VETERANS (WA)
President: L Phenna, MBE, JP, Tel: 9349 5859. V/President: B Dennis. Secretary: J Wimbridge. Treasurer: R Rupe. Meetings: every first Wednesday each month at Anzac House at 1400hrs in the Board Room.

MIDDLE EAST VAD ASSOC. WA
President: Mrs Joan Dowson, MBE OAM, 3 Bay View Tce, Mosman Park 6012, Tel: 9346 7612. Secretary: Mrs L Mackey (Tuck) Fealy, Unit 156, 10 Morrison St, Como 6152, Tel: 9313 0456. Meetings as called. Annual reunion nearest Saturday to November 23.

“N” CLASS DESTROYER ASSOC.
President: Mr Noel Sinclair, 289 Sydney Rd, Gnangara 6065, Tel: 9405 1598. Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Dorothy Higgins, 69 Spigl Way, Bateman 6150, Tel: 9332 5723. For meeting details contact Secretary on 9332 5723.

NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION (AUSTRALIA) INC
Chairman: Mr G Chapman, 18 Zelkova Way, Parkwood 6147, Tel: 9457 0482. Secretary: Mr J Hully, 9a Glover Place, Huntingdale 6110, Tel: 9398 5983. Treasurer: Mrs S Reid, 6 Kapok Court, Parkwood 6147, Tel: 9354 5323.
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NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Oliver Lovelace, 22 Lymouth Rd, Dianella, Tel: 9276 1676. Vice President: Mr Bill Scott, 10 Glenway Rd, Fremantle, Tel: 9458 1750. Secretary: Mr Ken Pages-Oliver, 54/47 Forest Avenue, East Perth, Tel 9221 2937. Please address all correspondence to the Secretary, PO Box Y3023, East St Georges Tce, Perth 6832.

NAVAL ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA, CITY OF FREMANTLE SUB-SECTION
President/Secretary: Mr AD Needham, 16 Warragoo Cres, Attadale, Tel: 9330 3411. Treasurer: Mr SG Thomas, 91 Coleman Crest, Melville 6156, Tel: 9330 3427. Meetings: 1130 hrs last Monday each month at Navy Club, 64 High St, Fremantle 6160.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, CITY OF PERTH SUB-SECTION
President: Mr Ben Haseldine, 71 Lynton St, Mt Hawthorn 6016, Tel: 9444 3762. Secretary: Mr John Ross, 1 Benwee Rd, Floreat 6014, Tel: 9387 6960. Meets 4th Tuesday of each month commencing at 8.00pm at 71 West Parade, East Perth. All correspondence to the secretary.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (WA SECTION) INC.
President: Mr Jack Appleby, 143 McDonald St, Joondanna 6060, Tel: 9444 3598. Secretary: Mr J Binnekamp, 3 Cambridge Cres, Cooloongup, Tel: 9527 6494. Correspondence to PO Box 8289, Perth Business Centre, Aberdeen Street, Perth 6849.

NETHERLANDS EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA INC.
President: Mr E Baints, 154 Wood St, Inglewood 6052. Secretary: Mr J Kuipers, 18A Dauntless Way, Duncraig 6023, Tel: 9448 7178. Meetings: Tuesday 1100 hrs, Nollamara/ North Perth Sub-Branch RSL, 68 Sylvia Street, Nollamara 6061. Correspondence to Secretary, PO Box 311, Inglewood 6932.

NORMANDY VETERANS' ASSOC.
President: Mr JE Mayers, 15 Finlay Ct, Rivervale, 6103, Tel: 9478 2071. Secretary: Mr R Bruce, 21/59 Fitzroy Rd, Rivervale 6103, Tel: 9362 3597. Meetings to be held on 1st Tuesday each month at Anzac House at 11.00am.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC.
General meeting held at Anzac House at 1.00pm, first Tuesday each month, except January. Secretary: Mr Maurice John Rinaldi (Maurie), 35 Weaponess Rd, Scarborough 6019, Tel: 9341 6151.

PEGASUS (AIRBORNE FORCES) ASSOC. OF WA (INC)
President: Don Newman, Tel: 9246 1738. The Hon Secretary: John Hately, 14 Purley St, Bayswater 6053, Tel: 9279 8626. General meetings held at Riverton RSL first Sunday of every third month, commencing February at 2:00pm. Informal luncheon meetings first Wednesday of every month 12 noon, Anzac Club, Perth. Ladies welcome both meetings.

POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC.
SUB-BRANCH No. 9
President & Hon Secretary: Dr W Gorski, OAM, Tel: 9387 7347. Treasurer: Z Slowinski, Tel: 9298 8426. Correspondence to 33 Eighth Ave, Maylands 6051.

RAAF ASSOC. MANDURAH BRANCH
President: Ron Lopaten, Tel: 9537 7830. Secretary: Trevor Martin, Tel: 9537 7101. Clubrooms: Phone & Fax: 9535 8217, 0900-1200 hrs, Tuesday to Thursday. Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 133 Mandurah Tce, Mandurah (May-Oct at 1330 hrs), (Nov-Apr, 1500 hrs). All correspondence: PO Box 1015, Mandurah 6210.

RAAF 467-463 LANCaster SQUADRONS ASSOC. WA
President: Mr John McKenzie, 186 Weaponess Rd, Wembley Downs, Tel: 9341 1358. Secretary: Mr Angus Belford DSO, 59 Sulman St, Wembley Downs, Tel: 9245 1828. Meetings four times a year at the RAAF Association, Bullcreek.

RAEME CORPS COMMITTEE (WA BRANCH)
Information on the RAEME Corps can be obtained by contacting the Information Officer – Don Horsley, 11 Celestine St Wanneroo 6065, Tel: (08) 9306 2946.

RAEME OFFICERS' ASSOC. SMD (WESTERN REGION) INC.
President: Maj Steve Cartner, Tel: 9457 1720 (h), 354 4993 (w). Secretary/Treasurer: Capt Perry Beor, 38 Emily St, St James 6012, Tel: 9458 3952 (h), 9420 3354 (w). Maj Stephen Sinclair, Tel: 9401 1713 (h), 9491 8151 (w). Maj Neil Stewart, Tel: 9450 1140.

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOC. (WA BRANCH)
President & Secretary: Mr WC (Bill) Mahar, 272 Marmion St, Palmyra 6157, Tel: 9339 2187. Meetings: Committee meets second Tuesday each month at 1pm at the Anzac Club.

REGULAR DEFENCE FORCES WELFARE ASSOC. (WA BRANCH)
President: Sqn Ldr TF Agnew, Secretary: WO1 BF Cooper JP, AIMG, Tel: 9409 6577. Fax: 9409 6577. Treasurer: Sgt RA Hinton. Tel: 9387 2237. All correspondence to the Secretary, PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meets second Wednesday each month at the USA Rooms, Irwin Barracks, Karakatta at 1400 hours. Any member is welcome to observe.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOC. (BRANCH 1210 WA)
President: Mr Norman RT Jarrett, Tel: 9247 1354. Secretary: Mr Maurice McFadyen, 161B Gibson Ave, Padbury 6025, Tel: 9401 5839. Treasurer: Mr John Bridgen, Tel: 9247 1302. Further information/details, contact Secretary.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOC. WA DIVISION INC. BULLCREEK BRANCH
President: Allan Steward, Tel: 9310 7239. Secretary: Tel: 9310 9127. Meetings: held at 1930 hours at the Meg Olive Room, Air Force Memorial Estate, on second Monday of each month.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMOURED CORPS ASSOC.
President: Mr J John Williams, 11 Cornish St, Armadale 6112, Tel: 9399 3452. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr RJ (Ray) McMahon, Unit 6/52 Keymer St, Belmont 6104, Tel: 9478 2598.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING CORPS ASSOC. WA BRANCH
President: Mrs Judy Gibson, 19 Carnegie Way, Padbury 6025, Tel: 9401 7138. Secretary: Mrs Olga Greig, 9 Napier Rd, Morley 6062, Tel: 9276 3493.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOC. (WA)
President: Mr JAT Hobbs, 10 Edgar Way, Mt Pleasant 6153, Tel: 9364 2568. Secretary: Mr Doug Morris, 178 Empire Ave, Wembley Downs 6019. Treasurer: Mr JA Shurman, 40 Carlyle Cres, Duncraig 6025, Tel: 9447 1423. Meet on third Monday each month at 10am, Anzac House downstairs. If public holiday, following day. Meetings are open to all members and members of affiliated Associations.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS ASSOC. OF WA
President: Mr MJ Ryan OAM, Bus Ph: 9481 0205 A/H 9307 2385, Mobile 015 446 666. Secretary: Mr NJ Clark, Bus/Home Listening Post – SUMMER 1997 – Page 59
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY - ALLIED CHINESE SHIPS
President: Mr Neville Philp, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount, Tel: 9294 1798. Secretary: Mrs B Philp, same address as President. Meetings and luncheon at Anzac House, second Friday in February, April, June, August and October at 10.30am, 13 Fd Sqn RAE, Sappers Way, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CLEARANCE DIVERS ASSOCIATION WA CHAPTER
President: Alex Donald, DSC, 7 Woodley Cres, Melville Heights 6156, Tel: 9330 6596. Meetings: Anzac Day (AGM) 1300, Navy Club, High St, Fremantle. Correspondence to the President.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORVETTES ASSOC. (WA) STATE President: B Edmondson, 3 Meness Place, Shelley, 6148, Tel: 9457 5620. State Secretary: J Shephard, Unit 45, Ocean Gardens, 60 Kalinda Dr, City Beach, Tel: 9385 8400. State Treasurer: Mr Corry, 4 Nottingham St, East Victoria Park, Tel: 9361 2824. Meetings: February, May, August, November.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOC. WA (INC)
President: Mr John Brierty, 221 Erindale Rd, Hamersley 6021, Tel: 9342 5600. Vice President: Mr Bert Lane, 6 River Rd, Maddington 6111, Tel: 9493 5252. Secretary: Mr Brian Macauley, 173 Hardey Rd, Belmont 6104, Tel: 9277 1406. Treasurer: Mrs Avis Macauley (as above). Meetings: 1st Thursday each month (except January) at 7.00pm at Anzac House. All Signallers welcomed.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOC. (WA) INC.
President: Mr Ray Sargeant, 29 Bouvardia Way, Greenwood 6024, Tel: 9448 5787. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr Philip Bray, 33 Naipa Way, Duncraig 6023. Meetings: Anzac Day, Corps Birthdays (July) and Christmas.

SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND
President/Secretary: Mr John Martin, 9 Gladstone St, St James 6102. Tel: 9361 3390. Airforce and Associated Units (e.g. Chindits serving in 14th Army Theatre 1939-1945).

SUBMARINE OLD COMRADES' ASSOC. OF WA
President: Commander Pete Shield RN (Ret'd), 19 Fifth Rd, Armadale, 6112. Tel: 9399 4243. Secretary: Mr Paul Pesud, 6 Henry St, Rivervale, Tel: 9440 5353. Meetings: Leederville Bowling Club, 2nd Wednesday each month at 7.30pm (except December).

SUBMARINE ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA
WA BRANCH
Membership: Open to all serving and ex-submariners. President: John Rana, 6 Banksia Pl, Yangebup 6164, Tel: 9417 1811. Vice-President: Lloyd Blake, 69 Buxton St, Mt Hawthorn 6016, Tel: 9444 4912. Secretary: WFI (Bomber) Wells, 56b Planet St, Carlisle 6101, Tel: 9470 6921. Treasurer: Mr Jon Stobie, 4 Aberon Ct, Waikiki 6169, Tel: 9593 5224. Welfare Officer: Mr Rick Gough, 1 Yeo Court, 2 Toovey Ct, Hepburn Heights 6025, Tel: 9307 9215. Meetings are held quarterly Feb (AGM), May, Aug, Nov at varying venues. (Details: Secretary or http://www.austsub.asn.au). All notices should be forwarded to the Secretary.

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LIMITED
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH INC.
TPI Memorial Estate, Bag Lot 2, Post Office, Como 6152.
President: Mr Geoff Dunne. Secretary: Mr Glen Cox. Meetings: 2nd Tuesday each month (except January) commencing at 10.30am. Lunches available weekdays and weekends; bookings one day prior.

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER TRANSPORT ASSOC. WA BRANCH
President: Mr Jack Patterson, 15A Greville Way, Girrawheen, Tel: 9342 0142. Secretary: B Thomas, Victoria Estate, Unit 18-19 Bulrush Dr, Bibra Lake, Tel: 9417 8585. Meetings: First Monday each month (except January) Anzac Club 11.30, when Monday is a public holiday, first Tuesday. All ex-Water Transport welcome.

THE BUTRA SUBMARINE ASSOC. WANNEROO BRANCH
President: Brig N E G Manual (ret'd), 11/10 Houtman St, Rossmoyne 6108, Tel: 9459 1191. Secretary: Mr Colquhoun, 5 Oakland Ave, Cloverdale 6105, Tel: 9277 4814. Meetings: second Wednesday each month at 49 Bank sia St, Joondanna.

THE BUTRA SUBMARINE ASSOC. (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr John Barton, Unit 7/5 Sepia Crt, Rockingham 6168. Tel: 9557 3351. Secretary: Mrs Vivienne Holmes, 11 Doonan Rd, Nedlands, Tel: 9386 1495. Meetings: Third Wednesday each month. Contact either of the above for information.

THE HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ASSOC. (WA)
President: Ed Cole, 1/22 Day Rd, Mandurah, Tel: 9535 5853. Secretary: Max Davey, 8/22 Albert St, Osborne Park, Tel: 9344 2114. Social Meetings: 2nd Monday each month at Anzac House; for further information please contact Secretary.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS ASSOC.
President: Mr Garnet Buckley JP, 23 Quakrum St, Wanneroo, Tel: 9306 4232. Secretary: Mr RJ McMahon, U6/52 Keymer St, Belmont, Tel: 9478 2598.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOC. (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Ken Barrington, Tel: 9446 4227. Secretary: Mr Kevin Trent, 3 Broad St, Kensington 6151, Tel: 9367 7794. Meetings: 2nd Wednesday at 8.00pm in February, April, June (AGM), August, October & December. For venue please call the Secretary on 9367 7794. All correspondence to the Secretary.

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOC. WA BRANCH
President: Mr G Norton, 39 Woodman Point Resort, 132 Cockburn Rd, Munster 6166. Secretary: Mr A Richards, 27 Orion St, Rockingham 6168, Tel: 9592 1474. Treasurer: Mr G Getliffe, 44 Calista Ave, Calista 6167, Tel: 9419 1331. Meetings: The Navy Club, 64 High St, Fremantle, 8.00pm last Tuesday of every month, including public holidays. Correspondence to Secretary.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION FREMANTLE BRANCH
NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH)
President: Mr Jack Appleby, 143 McDonald St, Joondanna 6060, Tel: 9444 3598. Secretary: Mr TE Oakley, 43 Strickland St, Mt Claremont. Correspondence to PO Box 8289, Perth Business Centre, Aberdeen St, Perth 6849.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOC., MARMION BRANCH, NORTHERN SUBURBS
THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS ASSOCIATION
President: Mr Garnet Buckley JP, 23 Quakrum St, Wanneroo, Tel: 9306 4232. A/Secretary: Mr Keith Morrisey, Unit 17-26 Thorson Way, Rockridge, Tel: 9279 1729. Meetings: 4th Monday each month, Irwin Barracks, 10th Light Horse Hqs.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOC., PERTH (WA) INC.
Chairman: Mr R Hunter, 28 Bandol Gardens, Secret Harbour, 6168. Tel: 9527 1612. Secretary: Mr Geoffrey Pace, 106 Lansdowne St, Kensington 6151, Tel: 9367 1945. Meetings:
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3rd Wednesday each month. Winter May to October 10.00am for 10.30. Summer November to April 7.00pm for 7.30 at RSL Hall, 22 Leake St, Belmont. Visitors welcome.

THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (ROCKINGHAM & DISTRICTS) BRANCH
Chairman: Derek Ramsdale, 6 Falcon Crt, Rockingham 6168, Tel: 952779515. Hon Secretary: Dorothy V. Rawe, 62B Frederick St, Shoalwater 6169, Tel: 9592 6148. Hon Treasurer: Ted Haines, Lot 32 Mallee Dr, Amarillo, Karnup 6176, Tel: 9537 1599. Meetings: first Tuesday each month (except January) at TS Anzac, Point Peron Rd, 7.30pm.

THE SERVICES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Including Services Joblink, Cypress Cottage, Pension Assistance, President: Doug Rasmussen, Tel: 9221 7010, Fax: 9221 1117, 28 St. Georges Terrace, Perth 6000.

THE SPITFIRE GROUP
Organiser: Eric Carpenter, Tel: 9342 2779. Luncheon meetings are held in the VC Room, Anzac House, St Georges Terrace, Perth on the 4th Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November commencing at 12:00 hrs. All Ex-Spitfire Squadron Members are welcome.

THIRTYNINERS’ ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA
Meeting dates: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, 4th Wednesday of March, May, July, September and November. All enquiries to the Secretary. State President: Mr JP Hall, AM BEM JP, Unit A/3 Hellam Gr, Booragoon 6154. Tel: 9364 7776. State Secretary: Mrs FE Johnson OAM, 38 Renwick Street, South Perth. Tel: 9367 5949.

UNITED KINGDOM-COMBINED EX-SERVICES FEDERATION
President: Mr G Norton RM, Tel: 9418 8284. Secretary: Mr EH Martyn JP, 9B Wilson Place, Belmont 6104, Tel: 9277 2061. Meetings with Association Delegates arranged four times a year. Annual Dinner and Remembrance Commemoration (11th Nov) Parade in Perth and service Wesley Church. Other functions as arranged by the Committee. Contact either of the above for further information. All correspondence to the above address.

V.A. & A.A.M.W.S. (A)
President: Mrs Glyn Cody, 138A Karrinyup Rd, Karrinyup 6018, Tel: 9341 3323. Secretary: Mrs E Mcgill OAM, 9 Castle St, Wembley Downs 6019, Tel: 9446 3742. Meetings: 3rd Monday each month at members’ homes. Contact Secretary for information.

VIETNAM LOGISTICAL SUPPORT VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (INC.)
President: Vic Boreham, 8 Hollis St, Samson 6163, Tel: 9337 8885(h), 9334 2489(w). Vic President: Mike Beasley, 8 Highcliffe Rise, Currumbine 6028, Tel: 9300 6679. Treasurer: China Hammal, PO Box 69, North Fremantle 6159, Tel: 9019 3743 3238. Secretary: Brian Long, 38 MacArthur Ave, Padbury 6025, Tel: 9402 0241. Meetings: Victoria Cross Room, Anzac House Perth, third Tuesday every second month. Dates can be confirmed with the Secretary.

VIETNAM VETERANS AND DEFENCE FORCE JOBLINK
President: Mr Doug Rasmussen. Administrator: Mr G Purcell, 148 Lord Street, Perth, Tel: 9227 6961 or 9227 6963.

VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH INC.
PO Box 21, Maylands 6051. Office: 219 Railway Pde, Maylands, Tel: 9370 3011. Fax: 9332 4964. President: Mr Rob Cox, Tel: 9332 4964. Secretary: Mr Keith Jones, Tel: 9443 1530. Welfare Officer: Mrs Jim Cox, Tel: 9332 4964. Meetings: Held three monthly, Peninsula Hotel Building – 219 Railway Pde, Maylands.

VIETNAM VETERANS M.C. AUSTRALIA
President: John Lewis. Vice-President: Geoff Coupland. Secretary: Brian Rees. All correspondence to be sent to the Secretary, Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club, PO Box 1442, Wangara 6065, Tel/fax business hours only: 9401 1546.

WA RSL BOWLS SECTION
Management Committee meets third Monday of each month at the Royal Park Bowling Club, Charles St, North Perth at 10.00am. President: Mr Les Fynmore, Tel: 9364 1476. Hon State Secretary: Mr Ted Philp, Tel: 9450 4033. Treasurer: Mr Alf Price, Tel: 9448 7683

WAAAF ASSOCIATION (NOR-WAAAF GROUP)
The NOR-WAAAF Group (Northern Suburbs branch of the WAAAF Association) meets on the last Thursday of each month at 1200 hours, upstairs at Anzac House, with the exception of December and January when the group is in recess. For information ring Lillian Waldie on 9349 1829.

WAAAF BRANCH RAF ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION)
President: Mrs Kathleen Adamson, 27 The Promenade, Mt Pleasant 6153. Tel: 9364 4028. Secretary: Mrs Kathleen Quan, 65 Burnett Ave, Leeming, Tel: 9332 1798. Meets 2nd Monday each month at 10.30am.

WRAAC ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)
President/Secretary: Mrs May Tomich, 2 Ludlards St, Morley 6062, Tel: 9276 8616. Treasurer: Jean Pearce, Tel: 9367 4705. All correspondence to the Secretary, PO Box 6149, East Perth 6892.

WRAAF BRANCH - RAF ASSOCIATION
President: Mrs Laurena Ewen-Chappell, 35 Lakeview Dr, Edgewater 6027. Tel: 9306 2681. Secretary: Mrs Judy Bland, 2 Graphic Ct, Beldon 6027, Tel: 9401 8296. Meetings held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Meg Olive Room at the RAAF Association at Bullcreek.

Z SPECIAL UNIT ASSOCIATION OF WA INC.
President: Capt. LA (Lo) Reid MBE, 40 Halvorson Rd, Morley Tel: 9276 1535. Secretary: Lt Col EW (Ted) Dubberlin ED RL JP, 28A Houston Ave, Dianella 6059, Tel: 9275 1348. Meetings arranged by committee.

Z SPECIAL UNIT INTERNATIONAL (INC).
PO Box 7, Innaloo City 6918. Chairman: Jack Sue. Tel: 9257 1260. Vice Chairman: Ross Davidson, Tel: 9383 7654. Secretary/Treasurer: Lou Pola, Tel: 9446 2784.

1st AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION WA BRANCH
President: Mr Bill Rose, 19 Jukes Way, Glendalough 6016. Tel: 9444 6858. Secretary: Mr Ron Waters, 5 Clyo Way, Kallaroo 6025, Tel: 9307 7079.

2/1-2/2 PIONEERS WA
Chairman: LA Preedy, 152 Keightley Rd, Shenton Park 6008. Tel: 9381 6294. Meetings held at Anzac House on third Friday in March, July and November in Anzac Club.

2/2nd COMMANDO ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
President: Mr R Finkenstein, 317/130 Cresswell Rd, Dianella, Tel: 9276 7160. Secretary: Mr JW Carey, 13 Stoddard Way, Bateman Tel: 9332 7050. Meetings held every 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10am Anzac House.

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2/3 FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION WA
President/Secretary: Mr WST Stacy. Tel: 9337 6227. Treasurer: K (Sandy) Leek, Tel: 9337 1908. Correspondence to: 3 Jull Court, Kardinya. Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, 11am at Anzac House.

2/3 FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
Committee meets when necessary. President: KE Eckermann, 31 Tranquill Rd, Kelmscott 6111, Tel: 9390 6072. Secretary: FJ (Banjo) Binstead, 101 Star St, Carlisle 6101. Tel: 9361 8762.

2/4TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION ASSOCIATION
President: Mr EW Wallin, 3/63 Constance St, Nollamara 6061, Tel: 9349 1409. Secretary: J Kyros, 19 Almondbury Rd, Arross 6153, Tel: 9364 2639. Meetings: third Tuesday each month, Anzac House, 10.00am.

2/7TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT ASSOC.
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2/7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOC.
WA SECTION
President: Keith Fruin, 2/74 McCallum St, Arross 6153, Tel: 9364 7160. Secretary/Treasurer: Vern Sprigg, 8 Moss Vale, Floreat 6014, Tel: 9387 6732. Reunion after Anzac Day March and Service. Any 6 Division veteran without Association is welcome to march with us in the Anzac Day Parade.

2/7TH FIELD AMBULANCE ASSOC.
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2/13TH FIELD AMBULANCE ASSOC.
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2/28TH BATTALION & 24TH ANTI-TANK COY. ASSOC.
President: Mr A Henderson, 45/177 Dampier Ave, Kallaroo 6025, Tel: 9307 3627. Secretary: Mr E Harrod, 13 Hadley St, Safety Bay 6169, Tel: 9527 6833. Committee meets Anzac House 2nd Wednesday of each month. Visitors welcome, AGM second Wednesday in August.

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3 TELECOMMUNICATION UNIT ASSOC. (RAAF)
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7 ARMY TROOPS COY RAE ASSOC.
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7TH BN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT (PIG BN)
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11TH BATTALION AIF 13TH BGDE WWII
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11TH DIVISION SIGNALS ASSOC.
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11TH (1914-1918) & 2/11 AIF BNS ASSOC.
President: Mr IM Walter, 4/18 McLeod Rd, Applecross 6153, Tel: 9364 3270. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr JC Watson, 686 Canning Hwy, Applecross 6153, Tel: 9364 2126. Meetings on third Tuesday each month (except January) 10.00am, Gallipoli Room, Anzac House.

16TH BATTALION, THE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF WA ASSOC.
President: Mr Robert Boyd, Villa 4/208 Burslame Ave, Maddington 6109, Tel: 9493 1175. Secretary: Mr James Richardson, 6 Isaac St, Melville 6156, Tel: 9330 5405. Members advised re meetings by letter as required.

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Committee: Mr Phil Wilkerson, Braemar Lodge, 51 Pt Walter Rd., Bicton Tel: 9319 3009. Mr Clif Tamblyn, Tel: 9384 5008. Mr Harold Nicholson, Tel: 9447 5204. Annual reunion early January, other functions as arranged by Committee.

25 SQUADRON BRANCH
Royal Australian Air Force Association. President: Mr AJ Ferrier. Secretary: Mr RG Podmore, 6 Anglesey Dr, Kardinya 6163, Tel: 9314 1447. Meetings held at 200hrs Meg Olive Room, Airforce Memorial Estate, Bullcreek Dr, Bullcreek on 2nd Tuesday each month.

44TH BATTALION ASSOC.
Committee meets when called. Annual reunion on advice. President: R. Collins, 134 Roseberry St, Bedford, Tel: 9271 4448.

48TH & 2/48TH BATTALION ASSOC.
President: Mr AK (Don) Spencer, 6 Killara Way, Craigie 6025, Tel: 9401 5744. Secretary: Mr Brian Corboy, 11A Ventnor Ave, Mt Pleasant 6153, Tel: 9364 7829. Meetings and luncheon Carlton Hotel, 248 Hay Street East, at 11.30am on third Monday each month.

460 SQUADRON RAAF ASSOC.
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1940 DUNKIRK VETERANS' ASSOC.
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32010 Buckby, C.M., City of Perth, RAN
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022028 Bunyan, A.J., Central, RAAC
S4046 Chappell, B.A., Mandurah, 22 Const Sqn
WX40928 Clarke, K.L., North Beach, 28 Bn
17002 Clarke, L.G., Bunbury, RAAC
4563 Cooper, A.A., City of Wanneroo, RAAC
VZ3236 Costoloe, L.P., Wembley-Floreat, 1 Corp Sig
14980 Cox, H., Nedlands
R110491 Crisp, L.A., Murray, RAN
909172 Dunbabin, W.T., Shark Bay, 1 Air Land Regt. R.A.
80281 Edmeades, R.C., City of Perth, RAAC
WX11315 Gardiner, S.M., Bunbury, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
WX40777, Gourdes, A., Wembley-Floreat, 2/3 AA Regt.
WX9865 Green, W.A., Claremont, 2/4 A/A Regt
WX577 Harper, C.F., Bicton-Palmyra, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
WX10395 Hawkins, R.A., Bellevue, 2/7 Fld Regt
212784 Hunter, W.J., Riverton, DLI/AAAS
436329 John, G., Yokine-Joondanna, RAAC
46633 Kent, W.D., Central, RAAC
WX28 Killey, G.H., Bunbury, 2/3 Rgt
WX9899 Lawn, J.D., City of South Perth, 2/13 Fld Amb
WX11113 Lefroy, Returned Sisters, 2/12 AGH
WX42463 Lombardi, A., City of Rockingham, 7 AT Coy
WX783 Luton, W.R., Kalgoorlie, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
WX12630 Marwick, C.J., Central, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
WX68976 McCormick, S.M., Belmont, 2/7 Fld Amb
NX16719 McCullagh, D.J., Yokine-Joondanna, AAC/S
401390 McKie, A., Yokine-Joondanna, RAAC
427010 Morrison, A.B., Mandurah, RAAC
F3673 Owen, J.M., Bellevue, RAN
F5392 Robinson, H.R.F., Eastern Region, RAN
WX3644 Stephens, K.E., Como, 9 Div
W57687 Sutherland, A.H., Central, 3 Fld Regt
WX16335 Thyne, J.C., Claremont, 2/24 Aust Fd Pk
WX17505 Tidy, E.R., City of Rockingham, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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WX22812 Bannas, B.A., Katanning, 4/4 Bn
415888 Beaumont, F.H., Scarborough, RAAC
217544 Beech, B.E., Bunbury, RAR
A5536 Bothroyd, S.G., City of Perth, RAAC
F2606 Bythewell, W.G., Claremont, RAN
A19075 Collings, W.G., City of Perth, Equip Sect
WX8428 Cribb, C.D., Como, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
25732 Dunn, A.W., Bunbury, RAN
WX12445 Galbraith, A.V., Cottesloe, Army
WX14153 Gibb, R.G., Claremont, AAPC
55368 Grundy, R.P., Kwinana, 6RAR
F3554 Hymus, F.S., Dongara, RAN
WX54901 Jackson, J.A., Central, 2/3 Ind Coy
83841 Jaensch, A.J., Belmont
WX42065 Lathbury, F.F., Scarborough, 31/51 Bn
WX32851 Lawrence, B.J., Nollamara-Nth Perth RAE
85764 MacCauley, R.J., Cockburn, RAAC
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5307 Mercer, E.D., City of Perth, Army
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WX28101 Norish, S.R., City of Rockingham, 43 L Crft Coy
WX3582 Pease, H., Bellevue, 2/3 Fld Rgt
WX17740 Penney, K.R., Scarborough, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
B210001 Rothery, S.M., Busselton, RANR
NX51514 Rutherford, J.A., Highgate, 2/20 Bn
WX11374 Sadler, C.A., Wongan Hills, 2 AIC
WX42433 Scott, J.W.C., Mandurah
WF96377 Scott, M.T., Rtd Ex-Svc Women, 2/1
WX501063, Skehan, C.P., Manning, MLBU
154559 Spells, W. J., Mandurah, H/Q Mait
BM11714, L.W., Eastern Region, Sick Bth-Attnt
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35598 Bamford, A.L., Wembley-Floreat, RAN
WX20243 Bellman, E.J., Mount Hawthorn, 9 ASC
WX83829 Brown, D.E., Bedford-Morley, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
WX23407 Brown, R.E., City of Rockingham, 65 Aust Inf Bn
29388 Burgess, T.H., City of Perth, RAAC
WX40125 Cadwallader, A.W., City of Perth, 101 W/SHS
46392 Carslake, G.D., Morawa-Gutha, RAAC
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38681 Devaney, W.P., Scarborough, RAA
459863 Douche, R.A.D., City of Wanneroo
427640 Fennell, H.A., Highgate, RAAC
WX31517 Forbes, A.J., Gascoyne, 19 Garson Bn
WX25899 Francis, R., Central, 112 T/Tac Regt
WX28172 Gilchrist, F., Rivervale-Carlisle, 25 MG Regt
WX2796 Hansen, C., Moora, 2/3 MD
46246 Hill, A.R., Eastern Region, RAAC
5715417 Høgeb, R.H., Denmark, Small Ships RAE
WX39233 Johnson, L.A., Bicton-Palmyra, 6 Div Sigs
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