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See the National President's address on page 7 in which he appeals to all members of the RSL to help villages who lost their homes, all their meagre possessions, schools and other infrastructure to rebuild their lives.
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Having recently been appointed State Secretary of the WA Branch of the RSL, I think it appropriate to introduce myself.

I recently retired from the Army after completing 23 years of service.

My most recent appointment was as Regimental Sergeant Major of Perth Logistic Battalion at Guildford.

My wife Vivienne is employed with the Services Assistance Program (Services Joblink) and we have three children; Rachel 20, Gregory 17 and Peter 14.

My career goal is to provide the WA Branch with the support required to continue to provide service, leadership and direction to its members into the future. I look forward to a long career with the RSL and its members and hope to continue providing you with service and assistance to meet your needs.

SHANE M. SEERS, OAM

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THE MERITORIOUS MEDAL

In 1982, the National Congress of the League approved the award of the Meritorious Medal to persons already holding Life Membership, who have 30 years of continuous membership and 25 years of outstanding service to the community and their fellow man. Twenty medals are issued annually.

The medal is worn on the right breast and displayed whenever service decorations are worn, on official RSL duties and at RSL official functions. A miniature medal and a lapel badge have also been produced. Both insignia are gold-plated silver and are accompanied by a Certificate.

The first awards of the Meritorious Medal were made in September 1983, and this year we are pleased to announce that three West Australians will receive the award.

Mr Neil Davidson OAM
(Mandurah Sub-Branch)

Mr Neil Davison first joined the League in 1946 after serving in the Army during World War II and since that time has served as a Sub-Branch Office-bearer at all levels, including President of South Belmont-Rivervale. He also contributed 12 years on the WA Branch State Executive Committee. Mr Davidson commits time to assisting with welfare and war pension claims as well as advising on other Veterans' Affairs related enquiries.

Mr Jack Thorpe
(Three Springs-Arrino Sub-Branch)

Mr Jack Thorpe joined the League in 1946 after serving in the Army during World War II. Since that time he has occupied many positions within the Three Springs-Arrino Sub Branch, including President. His community commitment is of the highest order and he has been involved in numerous successful projects including arranging for students to tour the Burma Railway and raising funds for building a commemorative archway at the Three Springs-Arrino Hospital. Mr Thorpe has also been a member of Legacy for 37 years, the League representative on the St John Ambulance Committee and controller of Civil Defence and Emergency Services during his long and varied career. His commitment to the League and the Community has been exemplary.

Mr Ronald Leslie Hatch
(Coolgardie Sub-Branch)

Mr Ron Hatch has been a member of the League since 1946 after serving as a Commando throughout World War II. During his time with the League he has filled many positions at Sub-Branch and State Branch level and is currently Senior Vice President at Coolgardie and the Eastern Goldfields Regional Vice President. Mr Hatch is a very community-minded person who, amongst other things, was Secretary of the Yilgara RSL Youth Club for a total of 13 years. He is a most committed member of the League who has given excellent service throughout his long association with the RSL.
STATE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Having been elected as the 1998/9 State President on 14 June 1998 by the State Congress, I am very conscious not only of the great honour given to me but, more importantly, of the responsibility which goes with the position. I pledge that during my term as President, together with the State Executive, I will do all I can to further the interests of the League. There can be no doubt that each member of the State Executive is in a unique position to make an outstanding contribution to League affairs in the WA Branch during the year ahead. I feel confident that the team will take up the challenge and look forward to working with groups at all levels in the various standing and ad hoc committees as well as with the Sub-Branches.

On behalf of the State Executive, I welcome the following newly elected members: Barry Burling, Damien Clarke, Len Copley, Robert Pickard, Les Pratt and Ron Privilege. In addition, I welcome the new State Secretary, Shane Seers OAM, who by now is getting his teeth into League affairs.

While the present and future are my primary concerns regarding League matters, there is one past matter on which I feel compelled to comment: while past mistakes can never be completely undone, it is to the great credit of the League that the recent State Congress resolved that those mistakes should remain behind them. We must now move on as there is a great deal to be done. If we can pull on the same end of the rope all together, with determination and firm resolve to help one another in a spirit of goodwill, there should be little that cannot be achieved. As a body, I believe the League can achieve anything it decides to achieve, within reason, provided that realistic goals are set. However, having said that, the bottom line is that the workers need to work in harmony with one another and always be prepared to put the welfare of the League first.

Membership

Second only in importance to welfare, a steady on-going membership is vital to the future survival of the League. As our World War II veterans gradually fade away from our ranks, unless we find some way to dramatically counter the trend, we could suffer up to a 40% decrease in RSL membership over the next five to ten years. In the worst case, we could lose the Department of Veterans' Affairs or, worse still, lose our political clout. While all veterans expect to enjoy such benefits as receiving proper advice when filling out claims for recognition of war-caused injuries, advice on pensions, or help in advocacy when appropriate, unfortunately many consider that the need to be a financial member of the League is not necessary. The State Executive will try to get the message over to these veterans as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Membership Committee has now been resurrected so that it now has a most important and formidable task ahead. However, every member of the League can also help with getting new members, so kindly assist to spread the word. Please continue to renew your own memberships and try to urge new members to enlist now.

RSL Community Link

Certain Sub-Branches already have some form of an established RSL social link to assist the local community. The satisfaction and sense of achievement that mutual participation brings hardly needs to be reiterated here. At the time of handing in this submission to The Listening Post Committee, I am preparing a draft letter for approval by the State Executive. It is proposed to be sent to each Sub-Branch President. Broadly speaking, the suggestion is that Sub-Branches should consider adopting a cadet unit. On the basis that the Navy League is looking after the needs of the Naval Cadets, the recommendation is that Army Cadets, based only at High Schools throughout the State, or the Air Training Corps, based at ATC depots, should be adopted by the RSL.

RSL WAR VETERANS HOMES WA 1998 RAFFLE

Over $532,000 towards the cost of the Howes Centre residential care facility at Mt Lawley for veterans and war widows was provided from the proceeds of previous raffles.

The raffle is conducted by a committee of volunteers who give generously of their time. The only costs of the raffle are the tickets, permit and prizes.

Your continued support is appreciated.
If Army Cadets or ATC are not located in or near your Sub-Branch area, there are likely to be other cadet units such as St John Ambulance, Special Emergency Service (SES) or Police Rangers which could be similarly adopted.

The first thing to be done is to make contact with the cadet organisation in your area; Anzac House can assist with names and phone numbers if required. The next step would be to arrange mutual discussions between the cadets and representatives from your Sub-Branch; the rest should flow from there. I believe that every support we can provide now, be it moral, instructional or material, is sure to be gratefully appreciated. Individually and collectively, the League has a great deal to offer the young people of today. As State President, I most strongly urge you to seize the opportunity while it’s there. Should your Sub-Branch experience any problems in making the initial contact with cadets, please advise me at Anzac House ASAP; I don’t anticipate serious problems. While exact addresses can be obtained from Anzac House, area locations are:

**Army Cadets**
East Fremantle, Forrestfield, Girrawheen, Kelmscott, Greenwood, Warnbro, Duncraig, Orelia, Nedlands, Mandurah, Albany, Geraldton, Guildford, Quinns Rock, Lynwood, Claremont, Mt Helena, Swanbourne, Narrogin, Busselton, Merredin and Karratha.

**Air Training Corps**
Leederville, Wangara, Fremantle, Albany, Mandurah, Northam, Midland, Cannington, Belmont, Kelmscott and Craigie.

KEN BLADON

**Mr Ken Bladen: an introduction**

Ken Bladen was educated at Guildford Grammar School in Western Australia and in 1954 he graduated from the Army’s Officer Cadet School, Portsea, Victoria, as a Second Lieutenant.

For the next 20 years he served in various regimental, instructional and staff appointments in Australia and overseas, seeing operational service in Malaya and Vietnam. Ken attended the Australian Army Staff College in 1968 and won the Queen’s Medal the following year as Champion Shot of the Australian Army. In 1973/74 as a Lieutenant Colonel, he commanded the 3rd Cadet Brigade in Victoria before transferring to the Army Reserve in WA in 1975.

Ken retired from the Army in 1984 after 30 years’ military service. In civilian life he as a credit consultant and debt collector and sang in the male chorus with the Western Australian Opera Company. Ken and his wife Stephanie have three grown-up daughters.
ADDRESS TO WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
1998 STATE CONGRESS BY MAJOR GENERAL PETER
PHILLIPS AO MC, National President of the RSL

At the outset, let-me say that I count it a great honour to have been elected to the position of National President of the RSL and to follow 'Digger' James. I have always had a great affection for the League, dating back to when my father died on AIF service. As a child, I remember the Sub-Branch mates who helped my widowed mother to paint the first house she bought.

I joined the RSL and Legacy post-Vietnam in Rockhampton but my membership of the RSL was not especially notable - best described as a very ordinary, ordinary member. I have to admit that I knew little of the 'nuts and bolts' of management of the RSL at Sub-Branch and Branch level, but I am learning fast. Regrettably, I have had to spend much time on internal difficulties in several Branches, some bickering and some plain bad management.

I think these matters can be overcome with good leadership at all levels and a commitment to the ideals of the League, rather than self aggrandisement, and by giving real, not lip, service to democratic processes within the League.

It is the future of the League that I want to concentrate on today. What sort of vision do I have for the League? Well, this is what I wrote five years ago as the desirable public image the League should be promoting:

Our RSL is a grass root, caring organisation which serves not only veterans but younger men and women and works in the community with other citizens who value Australia and its heritage.

Our RSL promotes a strong, decent Australia for all Australian families. We want to help build trust in our communities, hope in our young and forge common goals and values for all Australians.

Our RSL is a respected national institution with no political ties and no dogma. Our RSL is prepared to cooperate at all levels of society to build a great Australia for the next century.

I hope that you might share this vision with me. Idealistic, perhaps, yet I hope you agree that it is worthy. It is about a League which is reaching out, which plays a real part in the local community and which is not looking inwards or backwards. It is about a League that is confident in its future and its importance on the national stage.

As a good example, let me mention the appeal which we launched for drought relief in PNG in November last year. It has been an outstanding success having raised nearly $400,000. Most of that has already been delivered, through our partnership with CARE Australia, into the starving villages of the Highlands. We now have finished the Appeal although donations are still coming in. They will help meet the need for rehabilitation in destitute villages which have no seed crop and where villagers are still suffering from malnutrition. I was pleased to go to Goroka and Port Moresby before Easter to deliver a special gift of $20,000 worth of vaccines to help stem the dreadful deaths among children weakened by poor diet. This appeal has put the RSL in front of the public for what it should be - a caring organisation.

Incidentally, while in PNG, I saw the work done by the Office of Australian War Graves and met with our very active Port Moresby Sub-Branch. I also held discussions with the Australian High Commission about what is being done to stem the flow of illegal incursions, drug running and smuggling of drugs and weapons through the Torres Strait, which are growing problems. I was also interested

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PNG APPEAL

After Sub-Branches received enquiries about RSL involvement in the PNG Appeal for flood victims, the State Headquarters will now co-ordinate the appeal for the WA Branch.

Sub-Branches are requested to co-ordinate appeals at local level and send proceeds to State Headquarters for forwarding to Care Australia.

Please make cheques payable to RSL Headquarters for PNG Appeal. If you have any queries, please call the Financial Co-ordinator of the Appeal, Robyn Rayner.

STATE SECRETARY
to explore the difficulties Australia faces in Bougainville, in East Timor and in West Irian.

I would particularly commend to the WA Branch that you might consider aid to East Timor. Anyone who knows the story of the 2/2nd Commandos, The Double Red Diamonds, will know how much we owe the people of Timor for their assistance to us in World War II. Regrettably, they are now in dire need and all but forgotten as they cope with the ravages of drought and a desperate Indonesian economy. Perhaps there is a Sub-Branch or two here which might see such assistance as a worthy goal.

Turning to membership. I would like to think that the initiatives which were commenced some years ago have done much to turn around the rapid decline in our numbers. Today we are doing well with 230,000 paid-up ordinary members and 1,400 Sub-Branches. Regrettably, however, a downturn is evident in membership. While that is not unexpected, when our average age is 70ish, something needs to be done about it.

I am conscious of the fact that we need to do much more to attract younger veterans. In particular, we need to target the 250,000 who have served in the ADF post-Vietnam. That is why I have put so much effort into supporting the Defence Reserves Association and the National Servicemen's Association in their efforts to mark the 50th anniversary of the reformation of CMF with parades in most capital cities on 1 July.

We have set ourselves a goal of 200,000 members in the year 2000. It is achievable and it is important in terms of keeping our position as a strong lobby with government and finding the resources to meet the League's welfare objectives. Western Australia regrettably remains the poorest recruiting ground for the League, following well behind most other States in proportion to population. I know the historical reasons for this but I do look to WA Branch to lift its game.

One of our principal objectives must be to look after the aged veterans who need to go into care. In January we conducted a major review of our aged-care policy and the needs for aged care in the veteran community.

Let me give you some figures to illustrate the enormity of the problem. The number of frail aged veterans needing care in Australia does not peak until the year 2004 and it will double in number in that time! Less than one in three DVA clients in institutional care in this country are in RSL or ESO facilities and most existing are inadequate, needing additional capital funds if they are to achieve accreditation. Clearly, in-home care will become more important.

Carers need to be looked after too. This is a huge challenge for the RSL and it will not be met if we allow our membership to decline. I am pleased that DVA is responding, albeit slowly, to this challenge also.

There is much that Sub-Branches can do to help achieve this objective, but let me mention just one example. Surveys have shown that 42% of veterans believe they can improve their health. DVA's Better Living Plan and programs like 'It's Never Too Late' aim to do something about it. The RSL can play a very important part in fostering the program by establishing an outreach to socially isolated veterans and those in poor health so as to encourage them to join DVA's program. I think this would be a worthwhile effort for every Sub-Branch. I believe that, apart from assisting veterans, this would do much to enhance the RSL's image and help boost our membership.

Turning to the Veterans' Affairs Budget, I take this opportunity to publicly thank the Federal Government for its support of the veteran community and to commend Minister Scott. I commend also the DVA for its achievements, its co-operation and its strong customer focus. Let me now briefly touch on a few important Veterans' Affairs issues which are currently topical:

- Gold Card for all World War II and other Senior Veterans
- Indexation of War Widows’ pensions.
- VRB quarantined from changes to merits review tribunal by Government.
- Vietnam Veterans Mortality and Health Study.
- Review of the RMA.

This is but a small sample of the work currently being undertaken by OVA and I commend them for their work and encourage all of you to support their important role.
My name is Sue Fraser. I'm 63 years old. 5 foot 3 inches tall. My hair is silver-brown. Naturally curly. I'm also 20 kilos too heavy. I live on a rural farm, in New South Wales. I went to an all girls school in Sydney. I only wish I had known years ago what I am about to share with you. To think of the pain - the endless torture - I could have avoided.

Let's go back in time. I'm 30 years old. Arthritis attacks my right foot. Then it spreads to my upper back. The pain in my upper back becomes almost unbearable. I cannot even turn over in bed. Peaceful sleep? Out of the question.

I tried buying a new bed. Still no help. My doctor diagnosed me in 1985 with rheumatoid arthritis in both knees, both hips and my lower back. My pain is brutal. I try many expensive, strong prescription medications in search of relief. Sometimes 15 pills in a single day. But over a long period doctors warn they can produce undesirable side-effects like ulcers, chest pain, internal bleeding and severe stomach disorders. So I stop.

Dressing in the morning requires Herculean strength. I cannot even walk the length of the local shopping centre. Standing in one spot washing the dishes is unbearable. I have 3 flights of stairs in my home. I cannot walk up a single one - all because of the pain!

Anyway, recently I decided to try an all natural herbal remedy called Arthritis-Calm™. I'm extremely sceptical, but because I'm so desperate I figure, "What can I lose?" The conclusion? Within several weeks I begin to notice a real difference. My pain is easing. Blessed relief. I have less throbbing in my joints. Less bloating. Less muscle spasms. Less torment. More agility. More confidence. Do you know what this spells? L-E-S-S-S 0-P-A-I-N!

Now I take a walk. Wash the dishes. Brush my teeth. Get dressed. Open a jar of canned fruit. Apply my make-up. Work in my garden. Best of all ... I stride up all 3 flights of stairs - virtually pain free! So what's the bottom line? Arthritis-Calm™ works for me. I believe in it. 100%. And most importantly ....

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Sincerely,

Sue Fraser

PS, If this desperate 63 year old New South Wales housewife can get safe, gentle arthritis pain relief ......... you can, too.
Looking to the future, I think that, with good leadership and provided we maintain our membership, the League is in a strong position and will remain a respected voice with Government and in the Australian community. But let me first mention that most important task: the commemoration of those who died in war.

The Government’s four-year program, Their Service – Our Heritage, is well structured to help us in the great work of commemoration and I will be doing my best to support it. Let me mention some major commemorations and activities:
- Le Hamel
- National Korean War Memorial
- National Services Nurses’ Memorial
- Australian War Memorial refurbishment, Sculpture Garden, BCOF Memorial and the Women’s Services Memorial
- Sandakan, ‘Parade 98’ held in Wellington in June 1998
- Centenary of the Australian Colony’s participation in the Boer War.
- Honouring of our War Dead in the Olympic Torch relay
- Remembrance Day

On the matter of our National Flag, I am pleased that the amendments to the Flag Act 1953 have at long last been passed. They enshrine in legislation that no changes can be made to our National Flag without a referendum. But we cannot be complacent. I think it would be a worthy task for all Sub-Branches to promote our National Flag, preferably on 3 September, our National Flag Day. The US Legion actively promotes “Old Glory – The Stars and Stripes” in American schools. I suggest the RSL could do the same in this country.

On the Defence front, we have deployed the Government’s low spending on our Defence Force. Yet we recognise that a period of constraint is necessary now to allow for significantly increased spending on new equipment purchases necessary from the turn of the century. Late last year we decided to support the ban on anti-personnel land mines, an I am pleased that our Government signed the Ottawa Convention.

I expect that the National Congress, this year in Sydney, will debate the merits of Government adopting a goods and services tax as part of a tax reform program and the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment which is concerning many of our members.

In terms of the way the League operates, my preference is to bring it closer to the traditional ideals which led to the League’s formation in 1916. I will endeavour to keep us focused on the core business of looking after the interests of veterans and their dependants.

Finally, let me share with you my great personal concern for our nation. In my view, the post-war era has seen the abandonment of much of the great tradition of shared Christian values which underpinned our good Government. As one of our great Governors-General, the late Sir Paul Hasluck, a Western Australian, said in his memoirs: “Many in our society do not hold even to the possibility of absolute rights and wrongs”. “Increasingly,” he said, “people judge what is right by what is legal and what is wrong by what is illegal”. In these sorry circumstances, our Government has a grave responsibility to maintain the traditional moral standards in legislation. Especially when it comes to assaults on the dignity and security of the family, I have no hesitation in saying that the RSL should speak out.

I for one am absolutely appalled for example by the Sexuality Discrimination Bill now before the Federal Parliament, which tries to legislate the unthinkable – condoning deviant and immoral behaviour. We must live by our motto. Ladies and gentlemen, we must be seen at grass root level to be a worthy and pro-active organisation working for our members and for Australia.

Our biggest enemy in my view is apathy. An excuse for apathy today is found in fine words about tolerance. Compassion is too often allowed to over-ride common sense.

Thank you all for having me here today. Most of you know that this conference will be one of the most important ever faced as you address some serious internal difficulties later in the day. I look forward to a constructive and vigorous conference and the opportunity to meet you all.
HONORARY AM TO THE UK

Mrs Mary Cornelius-Reid, of Wiltshire in the UK, has been appointed an Honorary Members (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for services to Australian-British relations.

Mrs Cornelius-Reid is the owner of Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home, and in 1986 she, together with her now late husband, graciously consented to allowing the UK Force Memorial to be installed in their Amesbury Abbey to commemorate the stay in Britain of the 10,000 strong 2nd AIF United Kingdom Force. The Force arrived in Britain in June 1940 and were camped under canvas on Salisbury Plains, with the UK Force Headquarters stationed in Amesbury Abbey under Major General Wynter’s command. The UK Force stayed during the Battle of Britain and set sail for the Middle East in early December 1940.

The Cornelius-Reids arranged the complete layout and installation of the Memorial and have continued to act as custodians, having also added to the Abbey Deeds for the Memorial to remain in the Abbey in perpetuity. The project was started in 1986 and completed in 1993. The Memorial is in the form of a scroll (outlining a short history of the UK Force) surrounded by plaques of the units which served in the Force.

Following are the units of the 10,000 strong 2nd AIF UK Force and individuals who supported the nomination of Mary Cornelius-Reid for her award:

2/3rd field Artillery Regiment RAA (Alan R Low, Nominator)
2nd AIF UK Force Headquarters
18th Brigade Headquarters, 2/9th, 2/10th and 2/12th Battalions
2/1st Anti Tank Regiment RAA
2/1st Engineers
2/1st and 2/2nd Forestry Company
2/1st Machine Gun Battalion
2/10th, 2/31st, 2/32nd and 2/33rd Infantry Battalions
2/3rd Australian General Hospital
6th Division Provost corps
Salvation Army
YMCA
The Hon. B. Bishop MHR
Mr Guy Wynter – Toowoomba (son of Maj-Gen. B. Wynter)
Norman and Joan Passam – England

Editor’s note: The above article was supplied by Mr Alan R Low who served in the UK Force with the 2/3rd Field Artillery Regiment, RAA, and whose name and Regiment appear on one of the plaques on the Memorial. The Office of the Australian War Graves has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the Memorial, and Australian Defence Staff, London, presented a slouch hat with an 18 Brigade patch on the puggaree and an Australian flag to David Cornelius-Reid at the Abbey. The Defence Staff will continue their close liaison with the Cornelius Reids.

Mrs Cornelius-Reid was presented with her AM at Australia House London on 31 July 1998. A party was held in conjunction with the presentation.
The State Governor's Address

His Excellency, Major General Michael Jeffery AC, MC, Governor of Western Australia, delivered the following address when he formally opened the WA Branch 1998 State Congress.

The RSL has grown mightily in stature since it was established on 6 June 1916 by wounded and disabled Servicemen from the Gallipoli campaign, who banded together to improve the ability of Returned Servicemen to influence Commonwealth Government policies and decisions.

This issue which the founding fathers of the League set out to represent to government were, firstly, to fight for benefits, treatment and the welfare of veterans, ex-servicemen and serving members of the Defence Force and, secondly, to preserve the well-being and security of Australia and the Australian way of life. These issues quite properly continue to remain the focus of the League.

The League still has the largest and most representative membership of any service association in Australia and represents men and women of every trade and vocation, of many racial and social back-grounds and of every religious and political persuasion.

Its views and voice, coming from such a wide and diverse base, can reasonably be said to still reflect the feelings and anxieties, the hopes and aspirations of most citizens, whose principal concerns remain their good health and well-being and a secure, prosperous and united Australia.

In the health and well-being sense, I note with pleasure that the RSL War Veterans' Home in Mt Lawley accommodates in its hostel section some 130 Veterans, War Widows or their dependants, as well as providing four respite beds and a six-bed special care centre. Located within this complex are 21 Darby and Joan-type single bedroom rental cottages which are available to married couples only. Pearson Village is just across from the War Veterans' Home and consists of 58 Equity-Sharing units, of which 39 are one bedroom units and 19 are two bedroom. RSL War Veterans' Homes and care facilities are also located at Geraldton and Mandurah.

Clearly the RSL is now also a big business. It therefore requires those in leadership positions to have the management and administrative skills to oversee the successful operation of its enterprises as well as its other core functions of Veteran Welfare and Defence Advice.

I would hope that, in looking at the type of people elected to office, members are never prejudiced against age, race or rank of veteran. But in electing your leaders, members really need to think hard about the skills the RSL requires to propel it ahead into the next millennium.

Throughout my long association with the RSL, I have often felt that some veterans of earlier wars have perhaps considered they had it harder than those in later wars and thus tended to not welcome as warmly as they might, veterans from later conflicts. I have always felt some discomfort with these comparisons.

That type of attitude if it still exists should not be allowed to permeate the RSL. If one has worn the uniform of this country and worn it with honour and pride in peace or war, then that should be the only criteria for a warm welcome into the RSL. It is important too for former officers with proven leadership abilities to play their part at State Branch and Sub-Branch levels.

With the gradual passing away of those who served in World War II, the RSL is now drawing on a much smaller veteran membership base, so might I suggest it is vital to...
do two things: first to attract to the RSL, through a well orchestrated and sustained membership campaign, those Vietnam veterans and others eligible who are yet to be members; second to encourage all present members to play a more active part in the organisation to ensure it remains a powerful articulator of not just his needs and views of veterans, but importantly to make a useful contribution to national defence debate.

The latter is very important because we are now entering a period in Australia’s history where the Pacific Rim and the Indian Ocean Littoral are going to be critical to our future survival. With the emergence of China and possibly India as future super-powers in say 30 or 40 years time, the development of nuclear capabilities by India and Pakistan and the recent internal economic and social disruption in Indonesia, there is cause for some concern.

There are too a number a continuing potential flashpoints in the Asia-Pacific. China-Taiwan, the Korean Peninsula and Sovereignty disputes in the South China Sea are the most frequently mentioned. In addition, there are many disputed border areas, competing territorial claims over land and sea, piracy, internal insurgency conflicts, and historical enmities and suspicions, often arising out of religious or ethnic differences. Further, I think it possible that we will see problems arising from serious food and water shortages, massive movements of refugees across national borders, major health problems and heavy pollution and environmental damage in many a Australia, working in close co-operation with Canberra agencies and overseas institutions, to provide the public, industry, Parliament and the Government with informed opinions and ideas on strategic and security matters, particularly as the pertain to Western Australia and the Indian Ocean littoral.

Secondly, you can do much to strongly support the Youth Cadet groups—Army, Navy, Air Force, SES, Police Rangers, St John and Environmental Cadets — now readily expanding in this State and already proving a great success. A Cadet costs around $450 per year to support, a National Serviceman about $40,000 and to lock up a youngster,
around $60,000. Thirdly, I seek your support for a State Youth Leader Centre to help provide a strong corps of youth leaders within our community.

Both these youth initiatives have the potential to provide lasting benefit for our young people in a whole range of skills and disciplines and to provide a good Recruiting Base for our Defence Force, Police, St John, SES and organisations such as CALM, AGWEST etc. What’s more, if the schemes are successful here, there is no reason why they could not be developed Australia-wide. Please think about ways and means of lending your support.

To conclude, the RSL has always been a wonderful support structure for its Veterans, their families and Servicemen and Women, but it needs your continued dedication both individually and collectively to carry on its good work and take it confidently into the 21st Century. This Congress will see the renomination of office-bearers for half of the State executive Committee, so please think carefully and wisely about who you want and then get right behind your choices on the Executive Committee by offering your support by joining a Sub-Committee or a working party. It is your Association and it will only be as good as the members who run and support it.

The success of the RSL over so many years has been provided by people with strong beliefs and extraordinary commitment. By working together as teams at every level you will maintain the RSL’s position as a powerful voice in the nation’s affairs. The RSL needs leaders with vision and wisdom, who are articulate, of high moral stature and can present convincingly, the views of its members to the public and governments.

The RSL has achieved wonders over the years and its credibility is second to none in the veteran community. Congratulations on a job well done; keep up the good work.

It is now my pleasure to officially open the 82nd State Congress of the Western Australian Branch of the RSL and wish you well in your important deliberations.

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**Top Sub-Branches Recognised**

The Newdegate Cup for the most efficient Metropolitan Sub-Branch in 1997 has been awarded to the Returned Ex-Service-women’s Sub-Branch.

His Excellency, Major General Jeffery AC, MC, Governor of Western Australia presents the Newdegate Cup to Mrs Cecile Hinton BEM.

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The Geraldon Shield for the most Meritorious Sub-Branch with less than 100 members has been awarded to Wongan Hill Sub-Branch.

Mr Brian Donnellan (right) accepts the Shield from His Excellency, Major-General Jeffery.

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**Do you have experience in journalism, public relations or proof-reading? Do you know of any members who have this experience and would be willing to assist us?**

If so, your help is needed on the Committee charged with the production of the *The Listening Post*. Your services would be invaluable at both, or either, of only two meetings held each quarter. The first is to share in the preparation of the copy for publication and the other is to share in the work involved with proof-reading the typed copy.

If you are able to help, please leave your name and contact number at ANZAC House for the attention of the Editor, Barbara Clinton.

Thank you!
The State Branch has pleasure in announcing the appointment of the Hon. Victor Jasper Ferry DFC JP as Warden of the State War Memorial for the 1998-9 year.

Mr Ferry who was born in Albany, WA, on 11 January 1922 is a former bank manager with the National Bank of Australasia Ltd (now the National Australia Bank) in Queensland and WA.

He served for 22 years as Member for South West Province in the Legislative Council of the WA Parliament. During this time he held various positions such as Government Whip, Deputy President and Chairman of Committees.

Mr Ferry was a member of the Honorary Royal Commission which examined the Conservation and Land Management Act and served two terms as President of Torchbearers for Legacy in WA and is now a Life Member of that organisation.

He is the Immediate Past President of the RAAF Association, WA Division and is currently Vice President of the National RAAF Association, as well as Patron of WA Branch of the World Aerospace Education Organisation.

Mr Ferry represented Australia at commemorations held in London in 1995 to mark 50 years since the end of World War II.

After graduating as a pilot in RAAF during World War II, he saw active service in Britain, Europe, the Middle East, Mediterranean, Italy, India and Burma. He was awarded the SFC while serving with the RAF Bomber Command.

When I was asked to accept the position of Warden of the State War Memorial for 1997/8 I was particularly honoured. Although I was too young to go to war in the 1939/45 conflict, I was touched by the war in a way which few Australian understand: I was an Australian refugee.

When Darwin was threatened, we were all gathered together and evacuated on the SS Koolinda to Fremantle. We had left with nothing but a few possessions - basically some food, a tin of peaches and a change of clothes. After we arrived we had to look after ourselves, understandably, as the nation was busy at war. On reflection, the tragedy of the Darwin bombing and its repercussions were turning points in my life and reminded me that nothing in this great country of ours can be taken for granted.

The position of State Warden has given me the opportunity to pay my respects to the men and women who served our nation so well. At each service you cannot help but be moved emotionally. I apologise for being unable to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service due to illness. It was to be the highlight of my term as Warden. I hope I can participate in some way next year. My thanks go to Rear-Admiral Philip G.N. Kennedy AO RAN, who stood in for me.

My most moving experience as Warden has been my involvement with the schoolchildren who have paid tribute at the Memorial. Our young people are the heart and soul of this country. They represent the future. We must recognise that Australia is changing rapidly and soon World War I will only be recorded second-hand. Every year we
see fewer and fewer World War II veterans at the services but we must always remember them - Lest We Forget.

It is time for us to re-focus on our young people and the school system to ensure that the Anzac ideals are carried through to new generations to remember, and also the legacy which forged the great nation of Australia. I do not have all the answers but in the next few years we must address the changes happening in our own community. We must not forget our history.

The Anzac Day Schools Program conducted by the Australian War Memorial foundation and headed by General Sir Phillip Bennett AC KBE DSO is one such initiative which will help keep the tradition alive.

Let’s build on this and build a new strategy based on the present existing population. I will not use the word “multicultural” despite my Greek background - we are all Australians. Our destiny is, like all civilised nations, based on history and we have a history that has been forged from the battlefield to building the factories, farms, school, universities etc. A new strategy, I believe, must be evolved to make sure we do not forget our history and our responsibilities. The Anzac spirit must be kept alive and taught to our children and their children.

The ceremonies which I have attended have been undertaken with great dignity.

Ron Stone has specifically asked me not to mention his name, so I won’t. What I will do is pay tribute to the magnificent work and dignity of the Deputy Warden and Sub-Warden and particularly the Highgate Sub-Branch. Thank you for your fine work, commitment, support and comradeship.

Our honorary architect, Mr Ken Broadhurst, has just retired after 27 years as a Trustee to the State RSL but I am pleased to report that he will continue to work as our Honorary Architect to the State War Memorial. Mr Broadhurst’s report is as follows:

Compared with previous years little maintenance work has been necessary during the past 12 months. Soak wells have been installed on both sides of the paved entrance area at the western end of the Memorial to prevent puddles forming where the Sub-Wardens gather in preparation of Wreath Laying Services. In addition, electrical repairs and replacements both to floodlights and undercroft fluorescent lighting have been carried out, bring the total expenditure for the year to $2,576.28.

Maintenance on repointing stonework joints and on upgrading the waterproof membrane of the 1914-1918 section of the Memorial, some 18 months ago, have reduced the leaching of dampness into the undercroft. However, because of the type of construction and the exposure to the elements, complete elimination of the problem is extremely difficult and costly. Some moisture is therefore still penetrating from above and through the walls which retain the sandfill. This is sufficient to continue deterioration of the marble tablets recording the name of those lost in World War I and the gold-leaf headings above them. The tablets which were restored at some cost in 1980 will require repair or replacement, at considerable expense, within the next two or three years. Prior to such work being carried out support from both the Board of Kings Park and the State Government will be sought.

We must now develop a long-term plan to ensure that this done in the most efficient manner. The State War Memorial is a great Western Australian icon – the Memorial dominates our city and is a reminder to all West Australians. I take this opportunity to officially thank the staff and Board of Kings Park for their co-operation. We appreciate their assistance and understanding.

I have been delighted and immensely proud to serve as your State Warden. As a citizen, born and bred in Western Australia, it was a great honour and I have gained a wonderful insight into the real meaning of the State War Memorial. I also thank all the outstanding people I have met who are prepared to give their time so that we may remember the great sacrifices which have been made to keep our country free.

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A famous church at The Rocks

Sydney's Church of the Garrison was started with a congregational donation of £748 way back in 1839. Its foundation stone was laid the following year, fourth year of Queen Victoria's reign, but the church was never really consecrated.

"I lay this as the foundation and corner stone of a church to be built in this place, to be named the Church of the Holy Trinity ..." The speaker was for first Bishop of Australia, William Grant Broughton, on a blustery Tuesday morning, 23 June, 1840.

And so the spot was declared for what was to be more popularly known as The Garrison Church which still stands at the southern end of Lower Fort Street, cornering Argyle Street facing Argyle Place in one of the most historically colourful of Sydney areas known as The Rocks.

The interesting thing about that foundation stone is that, today, no one seems to know where it is actually located. Church records simply state that Bishop Broughton laid the stone in the 53rd year of the Colony in the fourth year of the reign of Queen Victoria.

The first moves to having a Garrison Church came about on 23 December 1839, when a circular was issued summoning the parishioners of St Philip to a meeting the schoolroom on Church Hill (probably near where the Sydney Observatory now stands).

How planning ahead can help you ease the pain of a family's loss

In the confusion and emotional numbness that follows for their loved ones after a person dies, it is sometimes difficult for the grieving relatives to make decisions about funeral arrangements.

An increasing number of people are using Fixed Price Funeral Plans to take the responsibility for themselves, in advance, and relieve their family from the difficult decisions like:

• Is it what he or she wanted?
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• Did I spend enough, or too much?

Bowra & O'Dea Funeral Directors, wholly owned and operated in Western Australia by the O'Dea family for more than 100 years, is now offering a special service to RSL members interested in Fixed Price Funeral Plans.

They will arrange an obligation-free appointment with a trained consultant to work out arrangements and fee structures. Members can pay off the plan over 12 or 24 months with no credit fees or charges and there are special extras for RSL members:

• Free out of hours transfers
• Free extra limousine, and
• The administration and trust account setting up fees will be waived.

The total saving by going through the RSL is about $600.

For more information, call John Ranger at Bowra & O'Dea on (08) 9384 2226.
A Sydney newspaper of the time made the amusing observation that “the meeting was important not so much from its numbers as from its respectability”. Of one thing we can be sure from the records; the schoolroom was packed!

One of the dignitaries on the acting committee, the Reverend William Cowper, expressed the wish that the church be called the Church of the Holy Trinity and the congregation approved unanimously.

Once the groundwork started, the problem was to find funds for the job. At the Church Hill meeting, £748 was donated with an additional £470 for clergy support.

It was certainly an encouraging start but nowhere near the estimated construction costs. One of the difficulties was that, in those days, the churches were mainly responsible for education and, with several school houses within the area to maintain, funds were slow to arrive at first.

However, an application to the Governor, Sir George Gipps, was granted on 27 April, 1940, with the proviso that the trustees obtain subscriptions from merchants and tradespeople so that a stipend of £200 a year would be guaranteed in addition to the government grant.

Co-operation was excellent in this quarter as Dawes’ and Miller’s Points were then the shipping centres of Australia. The principal wharves of Campbell’s, Walker’s, Lamb’s, Pitman’s, Towns’, Aspinall & Brown’s, Moore’s and Bettington’s created the merchant princes of old Sydney who built lavish homes within the Rocks area (to be as close as possible to their pet interests) and a few of these houses – in excellent condition – can still be seen.

And so basic work began on the new church, although Bishop Broughton was not without quite a few problems. Having appointed a supervisory panel consisting of the Reverend Cowper, Major Barney and Robert Campbell jun., to organise the building, he then stressed the difficulty of appointing a suitable clergymen for such an important church and parish, as it seemed fairly clear that Governor Gipps was not too keen about bring in more clergymen at that time. Governor Gipps, obviously, was a man who, once having made a statement, stuck to it.

Meanwhile, government men had cleared the site of rubbish and the contractor was allowed to use stone from the site as well as that along the Argyle cut, so it can truly be said that the church was quarried out of its immediate surroundings.

The builder was Edward Flood and an accepted price list for materials is interesting to scan. Bricks were £2/15/- a thousand. A laborer worked for 10 hours a day for 5/- a week while a bricklayer, for the same period, received 8/6. Henry Ginn, the architect of the basic structure, estimated that the church would house 250 adults and 50 children and, in his original design, his calculations were not far wrong.

Bishop Broughton decided to appoint the Reverend John Couch Grylls as Rector of the new Parish, and on 7 August, 1843, services began. On 10 September, 1843, the first baptism was performed, while the first marriage took place on October 23 of that same year.

But it was not possible to find a Service Register before 1944. A licence issued to Mr Grylls was to continue until the building was properly consecrated and the Deputy Registrar dated this document 1 June, 1844. Actually, the church was never consecrated!

It was about this time that Bishop Broughton struck his second big problem. When applying to the Colonial Secretary for the Title Deeds of the land on which the church was being built, he discovered that the State had authorised the church be built north and south, whereas it had been built east and west.

This disclosure shattered the tranquility of an entire afternoon and the supervisory committee was summoned hastily. Stern debate could have gone on indefinitely had not one of the quick-thinking members short-circuited the trouble by pointing out that, as the entrance way faced west this would happily mean that the intended east window would catch the full glory of the morning sunlight, thus ensuring that the congregation would be duly impressed.

The observation (though, perhaps, to save a tricky situation at the time) was remarkable for, in fact, not just an east window was erected 16 years later but one of the most impossibly beautiful.

This window, installed by Dr James Mitchell in 1860 on behalf of his wife as a memorial to her parents, has made the Garrison Church famous for its purity of design, skill of craftsmanship and glorious blaze of colour.

The January statement of 1846 showed that £1182 had already been spent on the stonework of the church with an additional £55 on the gallery.

Perhaps the oldest document held in the Garrison Church is a letter, dated 17 March, 1832, advising “Archdeacon Broughton” that the allotment at the north end of Princes was to be intended for a school. Fourteen years later, Bishop Broughton’s list of existing Anglican schools included Holy Trinity. So, a new school house was built next to the church. This building, with walls 2 ft. 6ins. thick is, today, the Parish Hall. One interesting feature – and there are many – about this school is, at its opening, a boy named Edmund Barton, later to become Australia’s first Prime Minister, was one of the pupils.

During the later part of 1853, all was not pleasing for the Reverend Grylls who issued a circular stating a number
of churchmen were disturbed that for several years, no effort had been made to complete the church. Originally, Bishop Broughton, in approving the site, had long dreamed of the “spiritual interest of seamen” and would really have preferred it to have been a Mariners’ Church.

But he was thwarted even in this as already there was a special project going on to erect a Seamen’s Church at Circular Quay.

Mr Grylls was, apparently, a good deal luckier in his wishes coming true for in November 1855 a select committee decided to enlarge the structure.

The designer, Edmund Blacket, was called and his plans approved. Blacket estimated that the entire cost would be £9500 and some of the items on the various lists are worth noting. A second outer wall, of a cold stone color, amounted to £2593 which included the bell turret.

A vestry and chancel came to £800, new pews and interior fittings £555; renovations of the gallery, £218; pulpit and reading desk, by the master carver Francis Darragh, £75.

One can imagine that, to the citizen of those times, all this must have been rather mind-boggling.

Among the many devout parishioners was the Mitchell family, the most prominent of whom was David Scott Mitchell who spent his life gathering valuable books and manuscripts which he handed on to the State as a deed by gift. Sydney’s famous Mitchell Library now houses these treasures.

The year 1878 saw the completion of the Garrison Church, although the tower was never built. Thirty-eight years of alterations, renovations and additions merely extended its mellowness rather than obscure it, retaining the air of being well kept and quietly powerful, thanks largely to Blacket’s clever designing and to those who followed him.

Built to contain comfortably a congregation of 600, it recaptures much of the early days and extends silent account of the manners, customs and identities of those times.

Although officially called the Church of the Holy Trinity, it had, almost from its foundation, been more popularly known as The Garrison Church, simply because the numerous regiments at the nearby Garrison worshipped there.

Once we can envisage the colorful display of the various uniforms dotted throughout the congregation; the black on grey, white on navy blue, red on white with gold trimming...

Here we do not so much speak of “a religion” but of a history – one can, in this time, walk there – and Sydney’s Rocks area is history, despite the fact that the cobblestones have long since been covered, horses’ hooves, ring of sailors’ clogs and dragging convict chains long vanished.

But a fleeting glimpse of an oriel window set in warm red brick sets the thoughts of an interested observer spinning. And so it is with this church: gazing at rugged old Gothic, passing through ancient doors and wondering afresh at the slim columns supporting the sweep of the graceful interior arches.

One is certainly caught by mullioned windows and, arriving early in the day, is entranced by the rose window setting the rosewood pews and panelling to crimson, sparkling the wine-glass pulpit and roomy prayer desk.

But if we are careful in contemplating all this we realise that this, and other buildings of historic beauty, was not the result of sheer skill alone, but fierce concentration and determination in the work involved.

Courage, determination, love, loyalty and integrity – all those qualities built a church and a place in our history.
Soldier's tribute to the Lonely Anzac

Old soldiers, cadets, Australian representatives and dignitaries gathered in Peterborough, England, to mark the sacrifice paid by Commonwealth soldiers in war. The service, at the Broadway Cemetery, was attended by Mayor Yvonne Lowndes, members of the Royal British Legion, sea-cadets, the ATC, the No. 1 Company Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force, Captain Webb from Australia House and expatriate Australian Bill Dalglish of Helpston.

Wreaths were laid, the Last Post sounded and the Reverend Paul Brown led a brief Anzac Day service. This was held at the graveside of Sergeant Thomas Hunter, a former Newcastle man who fought alongside the Anzacs at the battle of the Somme; he was mortally wounded and died in Peterborough on his way home. His memorial is preserved by the Royal British Legion and a plaque at Peterborough Cathedral states "In gratitude to the Lonely Anzac".

Secretary of the Royal British Legion Tony Chaplin said "Many people gathered at the cemetery to mark a very important event and we were pleased with its success".

SUBMITTED BY PHYLLIS HANCOCK (MRS)

MALAYA MERDEKA VETERANS

Members who served in Malaya 1955 to 1963 and wish to join this Association, please phone our Vice President, Bruce Dennis, on (08) 9335 6535. Meetings and reunions are held at the Army Barracks Leeuwin.

Wontok Bugarup

On our way home from PNG, we emplaned at Lae in a C47 Transporter (Biscuit Bomber) bound for Port Moresby.

As we entered the door, we couldn't help notice a plaque on the bare framed fuselage opposite, painted bright red - yellow writing with a white arrow pointing to a two inch rubber box with a lift-up lid on its front. The writing was in Pidgin English - it read "SUPOS BALUS E BUGARAP. YU MUS WORKIM DISPELA OL SAMTING. RAUSIM LIK LIK GUMI. PUTIM PINGA BILONG YU LONG HOL. NA SAIRI OLE KARAMPIN LONG GUMI. E GO DAWN. WORKIM OL DISPELA SAMTING. SAIM TAIM BALUS E BUGARAP, YU MUS RAUSIM FALS TITS BILONG YU".

Translated to English: "Instructions to operate emergency locator. Remove rubber lid. Insert finger. Push the rubber toggle switch down. During emergency remove any false teeth".

We reckoned someone was having a go at the 'fuzzies' or 'Nationals' as they are now called, rightly so. Another sign that caused a bit of mirth, also, was on a track leading off the old F.O.D. Base Road - in Pidgin it said: "Rot in pissing" - translates in English to "No Road" or "No Through Road". It should have read, in Pidgin, "Rot im Pinis" - now this is dependent on how you pronounce Pinis - just as an aside, there is no "f" in Pidgin language.

COURTESY: RAAC, QLD

We've had enough

All members of the Returned and Services League of Australia deplore the upsurge in violence and crime, particularly against the weak and elderly. The citizens of this State have had enough.

Although the police do their best to reduce crime, they are not responsible for preventing it - nor is the community, although its members can do a great deal in the fight against it. It is high time that lawyers, social workers and the courts faced up to the fact that people who commit crimes are responsible for their actions and should be treated accordingly.

At our recent State Congress a resolution was passed that punishment should be made to fit the crime. Premeditated crimes, home invasions and acts of violence against unarmed people should attract corporal punishment - with or without a prison sentence.

K.J. BLADEN, State President, the Returned and Services League of Australia, WA Branch.

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Many thanks to all Members and Sub-Branches who have supported our recent Annual Raffle which is to be drawn on Monday 14 September.

**Buy a Legacy Christmas Pudding and you could win a trip for 2 to Conrad Jupiters Casino**

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Individual puddings can be purchased from Home Building Society and ANZ Bank Branches and Legacy House in South Perth and Fremantle. For orders of whole cartons (12 puddings) with free delivery throughout Western Australia, contact Terry Healy, Fundraising Officer, on (08) 9367 5799 or order by fax on (08) 9474 2528.

**Legacy Militaria Auction**

Our next Militaria Auction will be held at Legacy House, 64 Mill Point Road, South Perth, on Sunday, October 25, commencing at 10.00am. *Items of Militaria 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, October 16, where a receipt will be issued.*

*Items sold at auction will directly benefit Legacy with 20% of the sale price going to Legacy and 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 Militaria 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 that you can turn into cash!!*

**INSPECTION TIMES:**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 24:** 10.00AM - 4.00PM

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 25:** 9.00AM-10.00AM

*For further information contact Terry Healy, Fundraising Officer on (08) 9367 5799*
Farewell to Roger Snell

After 15 years with Ramsay Health Care and five at Hollywood Private Hospital, Executive Director Roger Snell has resigned to take up a position in Ballarat, Victoria.

Roger and his wife Kath are moving “back east” for family reasons, as their two children are living in Melbourne.

Deputy Executive Director and Director of Corporate Services Kevin Cass-Ryall took over as Executive Director in August on an interim basis until a formal appointment is made early in the New Year. Kevin’s dedication and past experience will stand him in good stead for this role.

Kevin has been a Director at Hollywood since December 1994. Prior to joining Hollywood, he was the General Manager of the Armadale Kelmscott Health Service, a position he had held since 1990. Prior to this, Kevin held positions in administration and finance at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

Kevin has been a senior manager within the health industry of Western Australia for more than 15 years. He holds a Bachelor of Business, majoring in Accounting.

Roger said that Hollywood was bigger than any one person and the success of Hollywood was due to the energy and enthusiasm carried as a team, all working in one step and focused on patients.

“The change gives Hollywood the chance to show our clients - including GPs, specialists, our patients and the industry - that Hollywood is unbeatable!” Roger said.

Awards and tributes flood in

Hollywood Private Hospital’s former Executive Director, Roger Snell, and Hollywood have recently been awarded some very high honours from the ex-service community.

At a special ceremony in August, Hollywood’s Executive Director, Kevin Cass-Ryall, received a Certificate of Service from the State Executive of the Returned and Services League for Hollywood’s distinguished service and support to veterans.

Meanwhile, at Roger’s farewell tribute held by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs Roger received a plaque of honour from the Repatriation Commission, for outstanding service to the Veteran community. Only one such plaque has been awarded in Western Australia and this went to Dr Selva-Ratnam, a former medical director and chief executive officer of Hollywood during its time as a repatriation hospital.

The tributes didn’t stop there!

Hollywood and Roger were also recently awarded certificates of appreciation from the Vietnam Veterans’ Association of WA by Association President Mr Robert Cox, and former RSL President Mr Jim Hall also presented Roger with a parting gift on behalf of the 39ers Association.

Many letters of tribute were also sent in from many ex-service associations to Roger on his farewell.
The King Bay

Many of the older members of the 16th Bn The Cameron Highlanders of WA Association, especially the '36ers, will remember the King Bay, one of the ships that was used to ferry members of the Battalion “over the seas”, not to Skye, but to Rottnest.

The Zephyr and Emerald had been commandeered, the former being fitted with a gun on its forward deck, and sent to Oyster Bay; the King Bay and the tug Ivanhoe were pressed into service to transport the 16 Bn Cameron Highlanders to its war station on Rottnest.

In terms of cold hard fact the available material about the King Bay is scant.

Fair Winds to Australia: 200 years of sail on the Australia station by Lew Lund (Reed 1988) under the heading ‘Commissioned Vessels’ states briefly: “1940 HMAS King Bay Auxiliary Schooner (Examinations Vessel) 237 tons, 110 ft long x 27ft 2 in beam, 47 HP auxiliary engine rated at 8 knots, 2-0.303 MG. Built at Fremantle 1938 commissioned 15.7.1940. Returned to owners 13.9.1946. Served as an examination vessel at Fremantle throughout the war”. (Information provided by Sally May, Head of Department of Maritime History, WA Maritime Museum.)

But what of the ‘human face’ of history as related the 16 Bn? As is often the case, chance conversations open a floodgate of memories and some of these are recorded below.

Mr Ronald Sydneys Wilson, ex-Tugmaster and member of the West Coast Angling Club (Inc), residing at 3/2 Kanimbila Road, Bicton, adds the following information. The first skipper of the King Bay was Alf Gifford, who was an ex-tug boat skipper and Master of the Cape Otway (a lighthouse tender). Ron well remembers these facts as he served his own apprenticeship as Gifford’s deck boy on the Cape Otway. He recalls that, post war, Gifford went to Hong Kong, with a crew, to collect a ketch (the Julian Crouch) and bring it back to Fremantle. En route, the ketch disappeared with all hands.

Petty Officer Sidney Marsden (RANVR Ret) of Attadale and a member of the same fishing club, adds to the story. In 1938 he was employed by WAGR and was stationed at Fremantle. One afternoon, as he was knocking off, he remembers hearing that the King Bay was about to be launched. While he could not recall the name of the shipbuilders, he remembers the slipway at East Fremantle. He did what any good lad would do in those days – walked from Fremantle Station to the launching site, arriving in time to “take part” in the launching.

There stood the King Bay, in all its newly constructed glory, at the top of the slipway. The staff wielded their mallets manfully, knocked out the chocks – and nothing happened. The King Bay remained firmly in position. Everybody, including the onlookers and young Sid, was asked to push, which they did. The ship started moving – and stopped! Workmen, armed with water and tallow, liberally anointed the slips, everybody pushed again and away she went – only to come again to a shuddering halt as the bow dug deeply into the sand at the foot of the slips. So what to do next? Sid said the “management” stood around, scratched their heads – and went home.

History must record that the impasse was resolved as the ship was eventually put into service but the solution is not known to Sid Marsden.

He does, however, continue with the tale. Some time later (obviously after ferrying the 16th to Rottnest) the King Bay was required to sail up to the Kimberley (see later notes) and a crew was selected. From whence? Sid advises that the crew was recruited from the Pelican Point Sea Scouts, a fact he remembers as one of “the lads” was a friend of his – John B. Martin (subsequently a surveyor and a Lt Commander in the RANVR).

What else is know about this ship? Information gleaned from various sources was to the effect that the King Bay was lost in northern waters, possibly en-route to Indonesia,
after the end of World War II. It was built by Cossack Lightering Coy (hence presumably its trip to the Kimberly with a Sea Scout crew. One of the major shareholders was a Capt Trivett, and her hold was designed to accommodate standard wool bales (the width and length thereof).

What then of 16th history? According to AWM52 Official Records (War Diary of 16th Aust Inf Bn), war was declared on 3 September 1939 and the Bn was mobilised on the same day. On 5 September 1939 B Coy, together with elements of Support (MMG) Coy and elements of HQ wing, moved to Rottnest Island on the tender King Bay. (No mention is made of the tug Ivanhoe which accompanied her.)

Lt I. Medcalf (now Lt Col I.G. Medcalf Ret), in an article published in the Historical Records of the Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders 1932-1948, (W Blackwood and Sons Ltd 1952), writes (in a chapter specifically referring to the 16th Bn AMF) that on 5 September one half of the Bn went into camp at Rottnest for one month’s continuous training.

From there on members of the 16th Bn The Cameron Highlanders of WA Association take up the tale as recorded in typed memoirs. It would appear that the Bn had horse transport at this stage as the stories reveal that both the diggers, and the horses, were as sick as dogs due to the fact that the King Bay “would roll on a damp lawn”.

Tom Worsley (then a Private but subsequently Major (Ret)) states that on Tuesday 5 September 1939 the 16th went to Rottnest in two boats: a lighter – the King Bay built for use in the NW and the tug Ivanhoe. Fourteen horses, two GS wagons and two limbers were on board together with firewood (for the kitchens), bales of straw for palliasses and bales of hay for the horses.

Frank Sublet (Lt Col Ret) takes up the story saying that Rottnest was the 16th’s favourite camp (and its Battle Station). He records that the Transport Platoon was commanded by one Bert Russell (who apparently was involved with horse-drawn transport in civilian life) and travelled on the King Bay.

A.M.G. Patterson confirms these statements and adds that “the weather was blowing a howling gale” on the 5th and that all – including the horses – were sick other than himself. He found a dry “possy” on the bows and weathered the trip across.

So much then for the Battalion’s association with a WA-built product – the King Bay. There are no photos of the King Bay and readers are requested to advise if they have any items of interest to do with the 16th Battalion history, especially Darwin and New Britain. We need every bit of information that we know is buried in old boxes and drawers.

J. TRELOAR, 6 Bedwell Cres. Booragoon. Ph: 9364 6948

NEW PRESIDENT VISITS HOLLYWOOD

New RSL State president Mr Ken Bladen recently visited Hollywood on an official tour to see the new redevelopment.

The major ward accommodation has now been open for one year - it was officially opened on August 20 1997 by Premier Richard Court and Veterans’ Affairs Minister Bruce Scott.

However, major work continues, with the new Specialist Medical Centre expected to be completed in October this year.

The Coronary Care Unit, cardiologists’ practice office and after hours acute chest pain unit is expected to be completed in November 1998.

Stage Two also includes the new gastroenterology unit and day procedure unit, for completion in March 1998.

Hollywood continues to offer priority access to Veterans and War Widows.

At the financial year end of June 1998, Hollywood’s patient mix was 82 per cent Veterans and War Widows, 16 per cent private and 2 per cent public patients.

RSL State President Mr Ken Bladen and Acting Executive Director Kevin Cass-Ryall in front of the new entrance to Hollywood Private Hospital.
THE WORLD WAR II
HERITAGE SITES OF
THE NORTHERN
KIMBERLEY

By Lindsay J. Peet, Research Officer, Defence Heritage Committee, The National Trust of Australia (WA)

PART 1
INTRODUCTION

In the Kalumburu area of Western Australia, there is a little known historic aviation precinct comprising seven National Trust classified World War II heritage sites. Kalumburu is an Aboriginal community and Mission located in the northernmost part of the Kimberley region, being accessible by a rough road or by air from Kununurra.

In World War II, the Kalumburu area saw much Air Force related activity. During the Pacific war the whole area was “front-line” from February 1942 to August 1945, with some 1700 individual aircraft combat sorties over the Japanese-held Netherlands East Indies (NEI) being flown from or to it. At least five of the sites occur in the Kalumburu area as the result of an established Mission influencing the siting of the first Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) runways there in 1940. Because of their remoteness and difficulty of access, these seven heritage sites have reasonable degrees of integrity, apart from post-war salvage, the ravages of nature and time, and occasionally of man.

My investigations into this area commenced in 1988, subsequently involving personal research in archives and libraries in WA, Canberra, Tokyo, and the USA. I contacted the only surviving wartime Drysdale missionary, the Reverend Father Seraphin Sanz, OSB, MBE, OAM, as well as World War II veterans who served in the area, some of whom accompanied me in the field for “on site” interpretations.

I made four field trips to Kalumburu, always flying in and consequently depending on logistical support from the Kalumburu Mission, members of the Kalumburu Aboriginal community, and Santos Ltd. Methods of exploration in this remote and difficult area included foot, four wheel drive vehicles, small boats, light aircraft, and helicopters. Whilst this was exciting, there were personal risks as there were cliffs to climb, trips in small boats (resulting in hypothermia on one occasion), crossing deep rivers in the darkness, salt water crocodiles, sharks, snakes and other unfriendly wildlife - once I was escorted by an Aborigine armed with a rifle! I stayed in Aboriginal camps, sharing their traditional food, sleeping around camp fires and making many friends with them.

The result was that I visited and positively identified seven World War II heritage places ranging from single aircraft crash sites to airbase complexes, researched their respective histories, and determined the heritage significance of each. Recently, as a National Estate Grants Program project on World War II military aviation sites in WA, I prepared seven draft nominations for the Australian Heritage Commission. This article summarizes each site in rough chronological order using their current names (some of which I had to make up).

Site 1: KALUMBURU AIRFIELD (1940-44)

The Drysdale River Mission was established by New Norcia Benedictine monks in 1908 on the Kimberley coast at Pago, near the bottom of Napier Broome Bay. In 1936-7 the main Mission was moved some 20 km south-west to a much better site at Kalumburu Pool on the King Edward River.
As war clouds gathered in 1938-9, the RAAF planned a network of coastal airfields around Australia for sealane protection and found that there was a major gap in the northern part in the Kimberley. So in October 1939, the Commonwealth selected an airfield site next to the Drysdale Mission (the name Kalumburu was not official until 1951). Using local labour (Missionaries and Aborigines), there were significant cost savings compared with employing an outside contractor, so the Mission was given the contract to build two landing strips. These were constructed by largely by hand using primitive techniques and taking most of 1940 to complete. RAAF coastal patrol Ansons started using it that year. During 1941, radio transmitting and receiving huts and an accommodation hut were erected close to the runways and the first RAAF personnel stationed there.

When the Japanese occupied Timor (only some 550km away) in February 1942, the Drysdale airfield took on a strategic importance as it was the closest airfield on mainland Australia to the important Japanese Naval Airbase 335 at Penfui near Koepang in Dutch Timor. The first RAAF bombing strike against Penfui was flown out of Drysdale that month. During February-March 1942, the Drysdale airfield played a minor part in the Allied air evacuation from Java and a major humanitarian role in the air evacuation of 126 stranded passengers and crew after the Stateship Koolama was bombed by Japanese aircraft some 100km north-east of Kalumburu.

The use of Drysdale airfield as an advanced staging base for Northern Territory (NT) based RAAF bombers continued through 1942, extending the “bomb line” further into the NEI or allowing heavier bomb loads to be carried to closer-in targets. Using RAAF as well as Dutch (NEI) aircraft, this usage increased during 1943 and continued into July 1944. From November 1943, local air defence was provided by Royal Air Force (RAF) and the RAAF Spitfire detachments from the NT. Japanese overflights of Drysdale commenced in March 1942 and continued until January 1944. In September 1943, the Mission was raided by over 40 Japanese aircraft, evidently mistaking it for the RAAF facilities (which were camouflaged); the Mission Superintendent and five Aborigines were killed and Mission buildings were destroyed or severely damaged.

In March 1943, the RAAF stationed a “housekeeping” unit, No. 58 Operational Base Unit (No. 58 OBU) at Drysdale. This saw construction both at the airfield and at a new campsite to the west. At the latter, remains of cookhouses, messes, tent sites and a canteen hut can still be seen. At the airfield, remains of three of the 1941 huts can be seen (two of them were reasonably intact until the early 1990s). In the aircraft “graveyard” there are the remains of several wartime medium bombers which crashed at Drysdale, including a Dutch B-25 Mitchell, Mississippi Dream (still showing faint nose art), and a RAAF Hudson which has had most of its fittings taken for an aircraft restoration project. Until 1981 there were the fuselages of two RAAF Beaufighter long-range fighters which were removed without permission by an eastern states aircraft restoration group. I also discovered the base’s wartime rubbish pit - an archaeological treasure trove!

Drysdale’s role in the war diminished in July 1944 when No. 58 OBU moved to the newly constructed Truscott Airbase 35 km to the north-west. With two of the natural surface wartime runways being kept in use the Kalumburu airfield is the main link with the outside world. This site is easy to visit, requiring a permit from the Kalumburu Aboriginal Corporation.

[to be continued in future issues of The Listening Post]

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The above is the first part of a three-part article on military heritage sites in the Kimberley. They were first published in Trust News (The National Trust of Australia (W.A.))
**Tribute**

Beneath the green and finely textured lawn,
Then thousand men lay anxious for the dawn,
Restless, await the Weary trumpet’s drawl,
those ageless corpses, stirring to the call.
And silken shrouds of death, around them hide,
The senseless slaughter, now with God abide,
~wl
While above recalled the sacrifice in debt.
In tarnished rows of marble up above,
Revived, the memories of those we loved,
In morning’ mist, their souls are on the move,
together now, in silent rendezvous.
The solemn tribute never will be paid,
Embalméd in glory, receive our accolade,
In~rred below the green law, justly crowned,
So walk with care around this hallowed ground.

PETER DENFORD

**FAREWELL**

They say the wheels of God grind slowly, and they grind exceedingly small. As the years pass swiftly day by day, till eventually I answer my last call.
Rich or Poor we all are waiting the tolling of the bell, to pass along for ever – just another old veteran of the RSL.
Today I rest in comfort, in Peace and a measure of Rest.
Away from all life’s worries where had to stand the test.
Of battles fierce and bloody, which made life a living Hell.
Youthful years in uniform, had experiences I cannot tell.
But it’s hard to forget the sorrows, the sadness and remorse,
and the loss of dearly loved ones – but life must take its course.
In bitterness and sadness that’s to awful now to tell. For in 1991, there are few who remember the 1940’s hell.
But there’s Peace and Mental Rest awaiting, after all these weary years.
Of strife and constant turmoil, of grief and better tears.
When we pass along forever, and hear own death Knell.
To Rest in Peace and Quiet in Heaven? or Maybe Hell!
Only the Creator can tell.

FRANK FREE

More poems on page 37 of this issue.
AT THE OPENING
STATE CONGRESS
1998

Mr Percy White, Mrs Margot Harness,
Mr Richard Carter and Mrs Mignon Carter

Mrs Kathy Clark and Mr Robin Clark

Sir Charles Court, Lady Court, Hon. Bruce Scott
and Mr Bruce Ruxton

Mr Ron Stone, Colonel William Musson and Air Commodore
Sam Dallywater

Mrs Joan Dowson, Ms Judy Almond and Mrs Cecile Hinton

Deputy Commissioner DVA, Mr Jim Dalton
and Mrs June Healy

Mrs Lesley Lovelle and Mr Oliver Lovelle

Mrs Norma Turner, Mrs Cec Bruce and Mrs Phenna
Direct purchasing of Hospital Services

INITIATIVE

On 27 March this year the Government announced new funding arrangements for the purchase of veterans’ health care in all State and Territories.

This initiative involves additional funding of $750 million over five years ($150 million per annum) for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to move to direct purchasing of hospital care for entitled veterans in all States and Territories from 1 July 1998.

Therefore if public hospital treatment for entitled veterans continues at the same usage and profile, the new payment arrangements will inject an additional $150 million per annum into the hospital sector. This means that the States will no longer subsidise the cost of veteran treatment and will be able to direct their current subsidy for veterans to the treatment of public patients, thereby effectively increasing the funding available to each State to spend on their community public patients.

This will provide veterans with more flexible access to high quality cost effective hospital care in public and private hospitals. The Department of Veterans’ Affairs’ direct purchasing of hospital care will increase flexibility to negotiate high quality, competitive and cost effective care for veterans.

Veterans and war widows/widowers will continue to be admitted as private patients with their choice of medical practitioner and have their costs fully met by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. This additional funding will ensure that veterans do not have to wait for hospital care.

BACKGROUND

In the early 1990s the Commonwealth entered into agreements with New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania to transfer the Repatriation General Hospitals to State control. The agreements provided for a form of block funding for the first five years, moving after that to full cost purchasing arrangements. The move to direct purchasing of hospital services commences from July 1998.

Funding is also provided for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to move to direct purchasing of hospital services for entitled veterans in those States and Territories that do not have Repatriation General Hospitals transfer agreements.

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs will negotiate directly with each State and Territory in order to take account of the variation in the range and cost of services.

Base funding for Australian War Memorial

INITIATIVE

The Government has decided to permanently increase the funding base of the Australian War Memorial by $2 million per annum. This initiative will fund the maintenance and development of the Memorial building and site and the five ancillary buildings at Campbell and Mitchell in the ACT.

This is designed to reflect the Government’s intention to maintain the Memorial as the pre-eminent institution commemorating Australia’s war dead and preserving our nation’s military history and heritage. It also underlines the Government’s pledge that “The Australian War Memorial ... can be assured of a commitment to further enhance its proud tradition”.

BACKGROUND

The main Memorial building, having been completed in 1941, requires ongoing maintenance and development to be able to service its 900,000 visitors each year and to allow it to continue to provide services to the standard expected of a significant national institution.
This funding will enable further building infrastructure works to bring the Memorial up to modern building code compliance standards and to improve services such as air conditioning, fire services and smoke exhaust.

The funds will also be used to support associated development of the Memorial site, such as redevelopment of the Western Courtyard, and for essential upgrades of building systems, particularly security.

This is in addition to the funding of $7 million announced in the 1996-97 budget for essential building works and upgrading, and $2 million over four years for the Memorial’s program of travelling exhibitions.

Pensions Advocate

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs has provided the RSL WA Branch with a grant of $20,000 to continue to employ Mrs Margot Harness as a Pensions Advocate. The Advocacy service provided by the RSL can be sustained only through the continued support of DVA. The State President presented the Deputy Commissioner with an RSL Plaque, saying the RSL will continue to work closely with the Department in support of our veterans.

State President Ken Bladen accepts the $20,000 cheque from the Commissioner for Veterans’ Affairs, Jim Dalton

End of War List

The following is the text of a letter sent to the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Minister for Defence Industry, Science & Personnel, from the National President:

I am writing on the matter of the Vietnam End of War List which was the subject of extensive debate at our National Executive meeting on 2 March 1998.

The RSL is grateful for your personal efforts and those of the Government to rectify this matter. We are pleased that an offer is being made to 78 persons for awards appropriate to their service and welcome the Prime Minister’s statement of 25 February 1998.

It is already clear that this issue will attract public controversy for some time to come. One problem, which I have discussed with you, is that there are known to be equally deserving recommendations which were not forwarded to higher headquarters during the Vietnam conflict because of self-imposed regulation by units, recognising the quota system. I acknowledge, however, that these cannot now be pursued fairly and equitably.

I acknowledge also the difficulty the Government has faced because Imperial awards could not be made now, so long after the war. This, of course, created the very real difficulty for you of making an equivalent Australian award and has led to criticism from some quarters that non-commissioned awardees would only be given a Commendation and hence no medal.

The RSL National Executive, after careful consideration, took the view that it was unsatisfactory to award only a Commendation for Gallantry to those recommended for a Military Medal. It was also of the view that it was inappropriate to give differing awards to those recommended for the MC and the DFC.

Our National Executive is of the view that those recommended for the MC, DFC or MM should have been treated together (and this would be consistent with current practice for Australian and Imperial awards) and offered the Medal of Gallantry.

Noting that offers for new awards are in hand, it was resolved that I should bring this matter to your attention urgently. This letter confirms my telephone call to your office of 2 March 1998.

P.R. PHILLIPS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Damien Parer
An Australian scriptwriter wishes to interview World War II war correspondents who served in the Pacific theatre or anyone who can provide information on the late Damien Parer.

DAVID STEINHOFF
PO Box 3256, Broome 6725
Telephone: 0891 9193 5084
Fax: 0891 937 551

L/Cpl A.W. Price
Would any relatives of 5421, L/Cpl A.W. Price, late of 28th Battalion 1st AIF, contact the undersigned in regard to sentimental items found in a roadside service station.

Mr K.G. DAVIES
9 Stanley Street, Albany 6330
Telephone: 08 9481 4908

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Did anyone see "Nutriculture" in action?

Melbourne HQ member Geoff Wilson is seeking to interview anyone who saw "Nutriculture" working during the last year of World War II in the Pacific Islands or during the occupation of Japan.

He is writing a book titled Microfarming – growing food in small spaces. One chapter will be on growing food in remote areas and the US Army’s "Nutriculture" project will be strongly featured.

The US Army operated "Nutriculture" gardens to produce fresh vegetables for bases on Pacific islands and in Japan. They used sand-culture hydroponics and the units were often set up next to hospitals.

Geoff visited the US National Archives in Washington DC to obtain a copy of the manual. He also obtained pictures of the "Nutriculture" units before vegetables were grown in them.

He wishes to obtain photos of the units growing the vegetables and to talk with any service person who may have seen the units in operation. The Japanese occupation unit was said to cover about 10 acres.

Apart from producing safe, fresh vegetables for rear-echelon troops and hospitals, the "Nutriculture" units had another big benefit.

Letters still in the US National Archives record the glowing testimony of hospital commanding officers who observed that "Nutriculture" units helped ambulatory patients to better heal their minds and bodies.

"The units gave convalescing patients a new interest in life, and gentle exercise. It was remarkable how many letters there were from US Army medicos say how beneficial this was," Geoff said.

"I believe we should look again at the idea in civilian hospitals. My book will suggest this."

Anyone who can help with testimony or photos should write to: Geoff Wilson, PO Box 2223, Mansfield, Qld 4122, or phone 07 3349 1422.

SECOND AIF SOLDIERS
As a genuine researcher, I write to ask if any readers are able to help me with photos of, or information about, the following 2nd AIF soldiers:

WX5868 Pte P. Mann 2/28 Bn
WX3375 Lt F.B. Allen 2/11 Bn
WX2902 Capt M. Seward 39 Bn
WX16956 Pte R.S. Williams 2/4 MG Bn
WX5909 Pte I.M. Sarginson 2/28 Bn

PAUL DE PIERRES
PO Box 76
Wyalkatchem 6485
Telephone: (08) 9638 1048

2/11 Bn KIA
Recently I requested service photos of eight soldiers of 14 PLC Coy, 2/11 Bn KIA 27 May 1941 and that of a ninth who was stunned but lived to fight another day.

Fortunately a similar request to The West Australian produced a good result allowing me to send photos on to the Retimo, Crete, War Museum Curator.

I now seek photographs of the following 2/11 Battalion servicemen to send to the same museum:

WX786 Cpl T.R. Willoughby of Kalgoorlie
WX6115 Pte F.W.J. Green of North Perth
WX1658 Pte G.R.W. McDermid of East Fremantle
WX2314 Pte W.F. Proud

KEN JOHNSON
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Ardross 6153
Telephone: 9364 1051
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Affiliate Membership will enlarge our membership base and provide the League with a more effective voice on matters relating to veterans.

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The annual Christmas lunch of the Enlisted VA & AAMWS Association will be held on Thursday 10 December 1998 from 11.30am at the Novotel Langley Hotel, 221 Adelaide Terrace, Perth.

Contact: Ena McGinn on (08) 9446 3742 or Glyn Cody on (08) 9341 3323.

2/13th FIELD AMBULANCE EX-MEMBERS’ ASSOCIATION

The annual reunion of the 2/13th Field Ambulance AIF will be held at Anzac House at 2.30pm on Friday 30 October 1998 at which members from the Eastern States, (including doctor Norman Rose and his wife) will be welcomed.

L.A. McCARTHY
2/13 Field Ambulance Assn Telephone: (08) 9444 1927

TRI-SERVICE REUNION

A Tri-Service reunion will be held at Geraldton on Sunday 27 September 1998 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Citizens Military Forces and their successors, the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves.

This reunion is Geraldton’s participation in the celebrations and is form ex-members who served part-time in any of the three services who are present or previous residents of the Geraldton area. Partners are very welcome to attend

DENNIS MOSS
27 Conway Street, Geraldton 6530
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50 YEARS A REGIMENT

On 23 November, 1948 the Royal Australian Regiment was formed when the 65th, 66th and 67th Australian Infantry Battalions were redesignated 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Australian Regiment. On 10 March 1949, it was announced that His Majesty the King had granted his approval to the word Royal being appended to the title of the Australian Regiment.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary, the WA Branch of the Royal Australian Regiment Association has arranged an anniversary dinner in the Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, on Saturday 21 November from 7.00pm. Former members of the Regiment, whether they served in Japan with BCOF, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam or Somalia or in peace time in Australia, are invited to attend.

Contact the Branch Secretary, Kevin Trent on (08) 9367 7794 (h) or send your cheque (tickets $45 each) to the Branch at PO Box 6409, East Perth 6892.

On Sunday 22 November, the Branch will hold a Memorial Service at the State War Memorial in Kings Park. Those attending are asked to muster in Fraser Avenue below the Queen Victoria Memorial at 11.00am.

K.R. TRENT
Hon Secretary
Telephone (08) 9367 7794 (H) (08) 9323 4485 (W)

118 AUST. GENERAL (MILITARY) HOSPITAL

Northam 1941-1948

This year’s reunion will take the form of a coach-trip “Back to Northam” on Monday 26 October. Contact Sue Thomas on (08) 9328 5952.

2/11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The annual reunion of the above Association will be held at 12 noon 30 September 1998 at the Novotel Langley Hotel, 221 Adelaide Terrace, Perth. All members welcome. Please contact: J.C. Watson, Hon Sec/Treasurer.

GOLDEN JUBILEE HMAS ALBATROSS AND THE FLEET AIR ARM

A reunion is to be held at the Australian Naval Aviation Museum, HMAS ALBATROSS Nowra, NSW, to celebrate and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Base, from 28 October to 2 November 1998.

The reunion is being organised by the Fleet Air Arm (FAA) Association of Australia, the Museum and HMAS ALBATROSS and is open to any person who served at ALBATROSS or in the FAA (in any capacity) and their families.

We are attempting to locate as many ex-serving personnel as is possible to ensure that the occasion is a great success. The program covers a wide range of activities and includes a Freedom of Entry march through the City of Shoalhaven and a civic reception, cocktail party, mini-branch reunions, base tours, golf, bowls, Navy day racing, boat tours on Jervis Bay and bus tours in the local area and Sydney. The program is action packed. Please ring or write to the Secretary, Mike Lehan (02) 4421 7463, PO Box A15, Naval PO, Nowra NSW 2540 for more details.
Members attending this carnival are asked to pay the accommodation deposit of $100 per person to Treasurer Dudley Docking by 21 September 1998. Failure to do so means no deposit/no accommodation. If posting your deposit, the address is 44B Colin Street, Scarborough, 6019.

DAY TOURS: Your free days in Adelaide are Thursday 31 December and Friday 1 January and tentative arrangements have been made subject to the required number of bookings. Thursday 31 – Day tour to the Barossa Valley, minimum 40 passengers maximum 48, cost $40.00 each, sole use of coach. Friday 1 – Day tour to Hahndorf and Victor Harbour, minimum 21 passengers cost $38.00 each or minimum 30 passengers $35.00 each. Applications for these tours can be made to Les Fynmore (9364 1476). Further details available on request.

Ladies' Day Tour: Tuesday 29 December a coach trip to the Fleurieu Peninsula has been arranged. The only place known to be visited is Hardy’s Winery at McLaren Vale and then it becomes a mystery tour which may coincide with the Victor Harbour tour. Those wishing to enjoy this day please advise Les Fynmore or Les Webb (9447 7950) by 1 October 1998.


MAX PLESTER
Publicity Officer. Phone: 9305 5219.

RSL Bowls Section presents
Diggers’ Armistice Day

Venue: Armadale Bowling Club
Date: Friday 13 November 1998
Time: Report at 9.30am for a 10.00am start
Teams: Teams of four with single entries accepted
Nominations close on Monday 9 November 1998
Nominations close on Monday 9 November 1998
Telephone: Armadale Bowling Club
9399 2532
C. Pickering
9399 6890
R. Axford
9450 5852

JOHN BRIGDEN, RSL BOWLS

Annual Ex-Servicewomen’s Bowls Day

In fine weather and on beautiful greens, 22 teams played for the perpetual shield, donated by the Ex-WRANS Association, at East Fremantle Bowling Club in March.


Following the game, the players, plus about 20 representatives from Women’s Ex-Service organisations, enjoyed a splendid luncheon.

We invite bowlers who are wives of RSL bowlers, and war widows to join us at East Fremantle at our Bowls Day next year to be held on 26 March 1999.

DOROTHY NEEDHAM
Telephone: 93303411
ANZACs, Empires and Israel’s Restoration 1798-1948
by Kelvin Crombie

Kelvin Crombie lived in Israel for 15 years when he researched the material for this book, which can only be described as an historical journey through the Eastern Mediterranean regions.

The story starts in 1798 with the invasion of the region by Napoleon’s armies which started conflict between European Empires all wanting control of the strategic region between Europe and the vast wealth of the Far East and India. This development also had influence over Britain’s position in India and her Eastern Empire.

The story ends 150 years later in 1948, with the establishment of “Israel”.

In between was the long drawn out restoration of Israel, which involved many countries and the ideology of their peoples, both for and against, and the wars and conflicts that ensued over this issue. No other nation in the world has had to battle such devastating odds and yet survived in spite of it all. The answer to these fact, plus the “prophesies” that are believed, still to come in the “restoration of Israel”, make this an interesting book. It is highly recommended to those who are enthralled by the history and political intrigue of the Eastern Mediterranean region.

Enquiries can be made to the publishers, Vocational Education & Training Publications, PO Box 1305, Osborne Park, 6916, or to the author, Kelvin Crombie, PO Box Babakin 6428.

GEOFF TANNER

Against the Sun
The AIF in Malaya, 1941-42
by Janet Uhr

Janet Uhr researched the history of the 8th Division in Malaya, covering the critical months of December 1941 and January 1942. Her book is the result of this research.

Books previously written about the 8th Division in World War II have concentrated on the bitter fighting and the defeat of the Allied forces on Singapore. Against the Sun concentrates on the events before Singapore was over-run.

The initial Japanese offensive was wide ranging and powerfully executed. With a battle-trained force of approximately 125,000 men, at peak preparedness, against weak defence structures, Japan had a tremendous advantage.

The Australian troops of the 8th Division were responsible for the defence of the State of Johore and Malacca in southern Malaya and the east coast at Endau and Mersing. The rapid Japanese advance caused concern for AIF Headquarters. The rate of advance and the speed at which they attacked made the defence of the areas virtually impossible. After seven weeks of fighting, and some dogged resistance at the Battle of Muar, in holding up a division of Japanese Imperial Guards, the inevitable happened and, by 31 January 1942, all troops had been withdrawn to Singapore.

The history of the 8th Division Malaya Campaign as described in this book acknowledges the stubborn resistance of the men who fought so bravely in impossible conditions, against overwhelming odds. This is a belated recognition of their determination and courage.
This book is recommended to those of the 8th Division and their families and to those who wish to learn the history of Australians at war. It is available from publishers Allen & Unwin, PO Box 8500, 9 Atchison Street, St Leonards, NSW, 2065 or from leading booksellers. RRP: $29.95.

GEOFF TANNER

**Veldt to Vietnam**

by Bill Edgar

Few institutions in this country's history can boast an armed services involvement such as that of Perth's Hale School.

*Veldt to Vietnam* recounts the history of Haleians' involvement in the conflicts since, and including, the Boer War. The publication costs have been donated by an Old Haleian and war veteran who wished to remain nameless.

The book will be of interest to RSL members. It tells more than 100 personal stories from this microcosm of Australian society. It is not just a military history but is as much a social history as well.

LEN OWENS

**POETS' CORNER PART TWO**

**New Year's Day Malaya 1942**

The old year wearily passes on
Bewildered and battle torn
And our memories are those of year that's gone
Our hopes of the year. New born.
Sponsored and midwifed by blazing shells,
Allied to the bombers' roar.
My death and several hells
Of a modern world at war.
And thoughts creep in with a sickening dread,
Of what the results might be
Should the ruthless carnage of conflict spread
To our Homelands o'er the sea.
But we quell the fear with a sense of shame,
As a craven abortive fraud
We proudly recall that we have a name
The I.A.F. Abroad.
We have traditions to carry through
Of honour and guts and pride
Bequested to us by the men we knew,
Who have suffered and fought and died.
Our own incentive is greater still
For the thrust is toward our land
Perhaps we'll enjoy a greater thrill,
We can't make a greater stand.

We count not the odds, it's a risk we'll take
All we ask is our powder dry
And if we go down for Australia's sake,
What a wondrous way to die.

**SIGNALLER**

**Australia's Unknown Soldier**

Far far away from an Australian shore
lay an unknown soldier of the First World War
he gave his life that others might live
the greatest gift any man can give
He left behind those weeping plains
The sunburnt hills the floods the rains
the scorching searing summer sun
the droves of sheep upon the run
Upon a foreign soil he fought
in a world war conflict he as caught
crawling through those fields of mud
barbed wire defences a sea of blood
In a foreign field they buried him
perhaps he was a Jack or Jim
for no one knew what was his name
but his memory was destined for fame
For seventy five years he lay at rest
far from the land that he loved best
his remains will return to Australian shores
So now upon this Remembrance Day
on the 11th of November when a wreath we lay
Australia's unknown soldier will lie
at peace beneath an Australian sky

*Dedicated to Australia's Unknown Soldier*

CAMPBELL SCOTT CROCKETT

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**EX-BRITISH COAL MINERS**

Trueman Solicitors are presently handling compensation claims on behalf of British coal miners living in Australia who have lung or respiratory complications, illnesses or diseases associated with their employment in coal mines between 1949 and 1970.

We are handling claims in conjunction with one of the largest litigation solicitor firms in Britain.

If you think you have a potential claim for compensation then please contact

Trueman Solicitors
16 Carrington Street, Adelaide Ph: (08)8237 0524
Research Participants Needed

I am a PhD student at the University of WA and am conducting research to explore how people live history. My focus is on women whose father and/or mother was imprisoned during World War II. I am specifically interested in interviewing women who have sisters, as sisters often have quite different perspectives on their parents' experiences. My aim is to explore the generational impact of such an experience.

If you and your sister/sisters are interested in participating, please call JILL RUNDLE on 9344 4314.

Villers-Bretonneux

I read with great interest and admiration the Anzac Day address by His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery and, in particular, his mention of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux in France on 17-18 April 1917 at which Lt Sadlier won the Victoria Cross and Sgt Stokes the DCM.

These men are heroes of our nation but our family does wonder why our father (and grandfather) Private Henry Ivor Passmore is never mentioned as he also was involved in that battle at the same time and was awarded the DCM. A copy of citation is enclosed.

When the Prime Minister Bob Hawke went to France to award two scholarships in memory of Lt Sadlier and Sgt Stokes, there was no mention of Private Passmore; perhaps Mr Hawke had not been informed.

I write now in the hope that, in future documents on the events appertaining to that battle, he may be remembered.

ALBERT PASSMORE
Ex-WX32076

End of War List

This letter is a copy of one sent to the Prime Minister, the Hon. John Howard. It has been edited and reproduced here with permission of the originator, Roger Tingley, MC.

Dear Prime Minister,

I refer directly to the portfolio of the Minister for Defence, Science and Personnel, and the matter of the long-procrastinated-over End of War List from the Vietnam era. You would know very well the meaning of the word loyalty. Loyalty means faith, sincerity, a commitment of the soul and, too often, the commitment of pain, blood and young lives, when used in the national context.

Your Government is about to make a most unfortunate, embarrassing and electorally consequential decision; this through a junior Minister who is confirming to over half a million service and ex-service voter families that she has a basically administrative perspective over a quite significantly "human resource management position". Inflexibility, inadequate training and skills in the portfolio are terms being applied across the nation, particularly at this time over this awards fiasco. I would not need to remind you Sir, of the fact that many of us are, and were professionally trained, and practised "human resource managers".

Your Party sent me to Vietnam, your Party awarded me a Military Cross. Some of my friends were awarded Military Medals. We were the same in each other's eyes and we recognised that the shape of our respective medals was different because you and your Party were bound by a particular system and we didn't complain.

It would take just a little moral and decent courage to give that small group of Military Medal nominees the small ration of self-esteem so richly deserved by each of them, particularly after so many double standards of Medal rationing and conflicting and patently untruthful explanations being used as weak defences by Government and Bureaucracy over the last 34 years.

There are some ex-army officers out there who know that they are nominated (after 30 years or more) to receive an award and who are now ashamed and contemplating either publicly refusing and/or speaking out against your offer. How sad that you, who have this opportunity, cannot lend some dignity, grace and natural justice to the closing of a chapter in our country's history.

Yours sincerely
ROGER TINGLEY MC

Gold Card

We have received a number of letters regarding the issue of a Gold Card. It is not given on the basis of citizenship or residence, but on the basis of service in which you served, ie Australian Services. Australia is one of the very few countries that provide any benefit for Allied Veterans.

EDITO

We welcome your letters but regret that we are unable to acknowledge them individually. Write to:

Editor
The Listening Post
RSL, PO Box Y3023
East St Georges Terrace Perth 6832.
Warrant Officer J. Campbell

I was interested in the photo which appeared in the latest edition of The Listening Post on page 18, in reference to a concrete slab found near Batchelor air-strip south of Darwin. I think one of the names on the slab, J. Campbell, is probably that of a friend of mine who was with the RAAF stationed at Darwin.

According to a Department of Defence report, Ex-415227 Warrant Officer John Samuel McClelland Campbell was killed in an aircraft accident near Adelaide river in the Northern territory on 6 August 1944. He spent most of his life in the Kondinin district and was brought up on a farm.

H.M. FOTHERINGHAME

Veterans’ Health Week 1998
Calendar of Events

Veterans’ Health Week runs from 11-18 October and it’s about getting out and “enjoying life”. Veterans, their family, friends and carers are all invited to come and try the activities on this calendar.

If you are interested telephone the organiser of the event or, where appropriate, just turn up on the day.

For more information on these coming events, plus more in the future, contact Gareth Gratton (08) 9366 8365.

The following list contains details of events for Health Week as well as many others, between the end of September and mid November.

SEPTEMBER

Friday, 18
Golf: Long Tan Classic – Marri Park
Phone Trevor on (08) 9418 3182

Sunday 20
Dudley Park Bowling Club – Healthy Lifestyle Bowls Event
Ph: Lorraine (08) 9535 2695

Tuesday 22
Ex-Service Women’s Golf Cup - Rockingham
Ph: Doris (08) 9593 2471

OCTOBER

Tuesday 6
Aquarobics & Morning Tea at the Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre
Ph: Bert (08) 9277 4445 or Belmont Oasis (08) 9277 1612

Wednesday 7
Launch and Tea Dance at the Talk of the Town Ballroom in Malaga. Ticket holders only.
Ph: Gareth at DVA on (08) 9366 8365

Friday 9
Trots – Gloucester Park
Ph: Gareth at DVA on (08) 9366 8365

Monday 12
Mandurah RSL Indoor Bowls
Ph: Bill on (08) 9535 6422

Tuesday 14
Veterans’ Health Week Chapel Service
RAAFA Estate Bull Creek

Wednesday 15
Hollywood Hospital Tea Dance – Sorry fully booked

Friday 16
Mt Lawley-Ingleswood RSL Bus Trip

Saturday 17
Cannington Bowling Club Lawn Bowls Day
Ph: Bob 9458 7604

Monday 19
“Hollywood Roadshow” Health Expo
RAAFA Estate Bull Creek. Bookings are essential.
Ph: Gaye on (08) 9311 4562

Tuesday 20
Botanic Golf – Wanneroo
Ph: Jack (08) 9444 3598

Ten Pin Bowling – Fairlanes – Perth
Ph: Coral (08) 9398 6986

Tuesday 27
“Hollywood Roadshow” Health Expo
RAAFA Estate Merriwa Booking essential.
Ph: Gaye 9400 3638

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1
RSL Bowls Day – Claremont Sub-Branch
Ph: D. Edward (08) 9386 1705

Monday 2
Botanic Golf & Billiard Golf Event
Ph: H. Walmsley (08) 6401 3202

Friday 13
Diggers’ Day Lawn Bowls – Armadale
Ph: Chris (08) 9399 6890 or Reg (08) 9450 5852
Did You Know

The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded to Private H.I. Passmore

On the night of 24/25 April 1918, during a counter-attack by his Battalion on a strong enemy position south of Villers Bretonneux, Private Passmore, who was a Lewis Gunner when his section commander became a casualty, took command of the section and led his men forward under heavy machine gun fire. He attacked a strong enemy post and with Lewis Gun and bombs killed seven and took two prisoners. The remainder of the enemy ran away leaving five machine guns behind.

On continuing the advance, he and two other men (all that remained of his section), found that they had gone far ahead of their company. Turning and falling back, Private Passmore carried a severely wounded man back to safety. The splendid courage and initiative of this man set a splendid example to others.

A. PASSMORE
Ex-WX32076
Gosnells

Telegraph from Kaiser

The following telegram was sent to the President of the USA from the Kaiser in 1914 seeking support to prevent England being involved in the 1914-18 war. If anyone wishes to see the original, please contact me.

A. PASSMORE
Ex-WX32076
Telephone: (08) 9398 2425

THE KAISER’S TELEGRAM
10 August 1914
For the President of the United Stated Personally
Telegraphie des Deutfchen Reichs
Opr Majefdt des Saferes uud Sudigis

1. HRH Prince Harry was received by His Majesty King George V in London who empowered him to transmit to me verbally that England would remain neutral if war broke out on the continent involving Germany and France, Austria and Prussia. This message was telegraphed to me by my brother from London after his conversation with HM the King and repeated verbally on 29 July.

2. My Ambassador in London transmitted a message from Sir G. Grey to Berlin saying that only in case France was likely to be crushed England would interfere.

3. On 30 May my Ambassador in London reported that Sir G. Grey, in course of a ‘private’ conversation, told him that if the conflict remained localised between Prussia – not Lorrian and Austria – England would not move, but if we mixed in the fray she would take quick decisions and grave measures. If I left my ally Austria in the lurch to fight alone, England would not back me.

4. This communication being directly counter to the King’s message to me telegraphed to His Majesty thanking him for ?? message through my brother and begging him to use all his power to keep France and Austria – his allies – from making any warlike preparations calculated to disturb my work of mediation, noting that I was in constant communication with HM the ???. In the evening the King promptly announced that he had ordered his government to use every possible influence with his allies to refrain from taking any provocative military measures, at the same time HM asked I should transmit to Vienna the British proposal that Austria was to take Belgrade and a few other Lorrian towns and a strip of the country as a ‘main-mise’ to make sure that the Lorrian promises on paper should be fulfilled in reality. This proposal was in the same moment telegraphed to me from Vienna for London quite in conjunction with the British proposal; besides I had telegraphed to HM the Czar the same as an idea of mine, before I received the two communications from Vienna and London. As both were of the same opinion ...

(Apologies for some text apparently missing - Editor)

... informed me he understood ????? government would guarantee neutrality of France and wished to know whether Germany would refrain from attack. I telegraphed to HM the King personally that mobilisation being already carried out could not be stopped but if HM could guarantee with this armed forces the neutrality of France I would refrain from attacking her, leave her alone, and employ my ??? elsewhere. HM answered that he thought my offer was based on a misunderstanding, and as far as I can make out Sir G. Grey never took my offer into serious consideration. He never answered it. Instead he declared England had to defend Belgium neutrality which had to be violated by Germany on strategic grounds, news having been received that France was already preparing to enter Belgium and the King of the Belgians having refused any petition for a free passage under guarantees of his country’s freedom.

I am most grateful for the President’s message

WILHAM TR

The 25 Pounder Field Gun

The 25 Pounder Field Gun, pictured here, is now the proud centrepiece of the East Victoria Park and Vietnam Veterans’ new Sub-Branch Hall in Fred Bell Parade (formerly Ramsden Avenue) East Victoria Park.

Used extensively by the Australian Army during World War II, the 25 Pounder Field Gun played a significant role...
at El Alamein in October 1942 when 834 guns fired an estimated one million rounds in 12 days. Australians used the gun in many areas of conflict during World War II, including the Western Desert, Greece, Syria, Malaya, New Guinea, Bougainville, Moratai, Tarakan and again in Malaya 1955-1960.

This 25 Pounder, now at the East Victoria Park and Vietnam Veterans' Sub-Branch, is there through the generosity of the Korean and South East Asia Forces Association. We thank the members of that Association most sincerely for their very generous donation and extend an open invitation to members and their families to have a look at our new venue.

The hall is available for hire at very competitive rates so, if you require a venue for your Association’s meetings, functions or social events, please consider us. With a modern kitchen, bar facilities, large dance-floor, PA system, covered patio and barbecue area, the hall is situated in a pleasant parkland setting with children’s playground equipment. There is ample parking and it is close to public transport.

Phone 9361 8802 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 11am and 1pm. (An answering machine operates at other times.)

GEOFF TANNER
President

RSL WAR VETERANS’ HOMES WA

Independent (Village) Living Units

Members should note that access to independent living units is governed by the Retirement Villages Act 1992. Entry is based on a waiting list process.

For an information sheet and application form, please phone (08) 9370 0200.

RSL WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

At the 71st Annual State Conference held on May 26/27 1998, opened by State President Ken Murphy, I was happy to welcome our special guest, Mrs Margaret Waters, State President Central Council RSL Women’s Auxiliary of South Australia.

The official opening session was enjoyed by all present and, after lunch, wreaths were laid at the State War Memorial Kings Park, before the afternoon session of conference.

Results of the elections, held by Clive Mayo, the Returning Officer, assisted by Judy Almond, Scrutineer, are:

State President, M. Fisher; Senior Vice President, E. Norris; Junior Vice President, J. Spencer; State Secretary, E Daxon; State Treasurer, K. Clark; Past President, M. Taylor.

All agenda items were fully discussed with some interesting results.

Cup Competitions Winners:


Certificates: Rivervale/Carlisle, City of Perth, Mandurah and Bullsbrook. Bellevue Auxiliary also received a Certificate for 50 years of service. Congratulations to all Auxiliaries.

I presented a Life Membership and Badge to D. Roberts at Mandurah’s birthday function and also a Certificate of Service to Mary Taylor at the same function. B. Ransome also received her Certificate of Service at a Rivervale/Carlisle fund-raising function. Thank you to all Auxiliaries for their invitations and congratulations to members who received certificates.

During the State Congress, members of the State Executive helped with morning and afternoon teas and lunches. I know our help is greatly appreciated by the League and Anzac Club.

To all members who are sick, get well soon and God bless.

MARGARET FISHER
Armada

The attendance at the Anzac Day dawn service by youth organisations, schools and family groups was gratifying to see and numbers are increasing each year.

The all-night vigil was performed again by the Armadale Peace Unit and the ceremonial guard during the service was provided by 52 Regional cadet Unit. Participating for the first time was No. 19 Flight Air Training Corps. Unfortunately we still cannot obtain representation from the Naval Cadets.

Piper Matthew Cormack played during the wreath-laying ceremony, the Armadale Concert Band provided music and Heritage FM radio broadcast the service live, assisted by our roving reporter Fred Marshall – well done Fred! The Armadale Kelmscott Apex Club again provided free hot drinks and doughnuts.

RSL members are invited each year by the Armadale City Council to a reception in the Council Chambers after the service, a gesture greatly appreciated by members. The Gun Fire breakfast and buffet lunch prepared by our ladies of the Women’s Auxiliary was excellent.

Another Anzac service was held later in the morning for the residents of J.E. Murray Homes; this is now a regular event. The number of schools requesting members to attend the Anzac Services has increased and their understanding and presentation are to be commended.

Again we had the pleasure of entertaining the veterans from the RSL Homes at Mt Lawley to lunch and fellowship. Organised and catered for by the Women’s Auxiliary three times each year, the days are much enjoyed by all. A very successful Christmas-in-July dinner, also catered for by the Women’s Auxiliary, was well attended.

Plans for the extensions to the clubrooms have been approved and we are ready to start building once we receive the results of our application for a Lotteries Commission grant.

Future social events: 26 September – Supper Dance; 24 October – 79th Birthday, Annual Dinner; 3 November – Melbourne Cup Lunch; 13 December – Children’s Christmas Party; 31 December – New Year’s Eve Dance.

On a sad note, our Senior Vice President, John Wright, passed away on 26 June 1998 after a short illness. Lest We Forget.

BRIAN DAXON
Secretary

Belmont

Our annual dinner in May was again a huge success, attended by 120 people. Our guests were the Acting Mayor of Belmont, Councillor Marion Blair and her husband Bob. The Mayor, Councillor Peter Passeri, tendered apologies as he and his wife Lorraine were overseas. We had a further six councillors and their wives: two of the councillors are Sub-Branch members and Alan Richardson is a Life Member of Rivervale/Carlisle.

During the course of the dinner, Ken Murphy had pleasure in presenting Certificates of Service to Fred Byles and Peter Gordon for their outstanding contributions. Both are members of the Committee.

Next year the Sub-Branch will be celebrating 70 years of its formation. 1999 also marks the 100th anniversary of the Belmont City Council. The Committee is considering the establishment of a Memorial rose garden between the grassed areas outside the bowling green and the side of the club building. We hope this will interest the Council as well.

One of our members, Wally Greig, recently passed away. The husband of our Membership Officer, Olga, he was a former member of the Committee and the inaugural President of our Fishing Club. There was a large attendance at the funeral, including quite a few of his former Army mates. Wally served in the Army for many years and attained the rank of Warrant Officer.

The Sub-Branch is progressing well and Sunday morning meetings attract a good attendance. Our Women’s Auxiliary holds its meetings at the same time. At the June Meeting Stan Crombie from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs spoke about the Federal Budget and how it affects veterans and war widows.

HAROLD HAIMES OAM JP
Secretary

Bicton-Palmyra

Our refurbishment has now been completed. The enhanced decor and comfort of the premises is attracting new members which, of course, is a major aim of the League. Our memorabilia is fast filling the jarrah cabinet and pictures, models and artefacts are being donated/loaned to the Sub-Branch.

We recently received a grant from the Joint Venture Scheme and have purchased much-needed fabric chairs.

Saturday trading 1100-1800 hours was introduced in
April and has proved successful. We are also open Fridays from 1600 to 2200 and Sundays from 1000 to 1530.

Social events this year have included prawn and chicken lunches, a mid-year dance, quiz nights and a trip to the Northam races. Future events include a ladies’ dining-in-night, the annual dinner, a Melbourne Cup luncheon and our Christmas social.

The Sub-Branch celebrates its 50th anniversary next year and we propose holding a special dinner. Members and partners interested in attending this function are asked to contact Stan Webb 9339 1598, Kevin Hastie 9339 6401, Howard Edwards 9339 4602 or John Sweet 9330 0116.

STAN WEBB

Bunbury

At the dawn service 120 ex-servicemen and women, as well as children, marched to the war memorial. This was followed by a barbecue breakfast at Tom Morgan’s. At 10.30am we were on parade again for the Anzac service. Mr. Curly Tremble was in charge of the parade which included a 200-strong contingent from HMAS Darwin, led by 103-year-old Percy Goring.

Guest of honour John Castrilli gave a great speech, his first Anzac Day as Mayor. President Chris Mills spoke about trading hours on Anzac Day, saying that Anzac Day was about remembering and not about whether shops could open.

Thanks go to Tim Thompson and a crew of workers for renovations to the kitchen in time for Anzac Day and ready for our monthly Friday dinners.

Sadly, on Anzac Day, Mr Ford Campbell died. A good mate to many at the RSL and in the Bunbury community, Ford was 1988 Anzac of the year, Life Member of the RSL and a Bunbury Citizen of the Year.

The Sub-Branch dinners were held again at Lord Forrest Hotel when special guests were Ken Murphy, Supt John Watson and Deputy Commissioner DVA, Jim Dalton.

GEOFF COTTON
Publicity Officer

City of Cockburn

We have on display an architect’s drawing and computer photograph images of the proposed new building to be built on to the Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall. It is designed as a modern new club to take the Sub-Branch beyond the year 2000 and will be on prime real estate at the corner of Carrington Street and Rockingham Road.

Members have been requested to submit their ideas and suggestions to enable an amended plan to be drawn.

When this is complete, a financial plan and full building package will be presented to members for their approval. It is anticipated that all planning will be completed by the end of October with construction commencing early next year.

On the social scene, the Springtime Cabaret on 19 September should prove another success and the big social night of the year – the annual dinner dance – is on Saturday 21 November. Tickets will go on sale the first week in October. Make a note of the dates and come and enjoy yourself with your mates while supporting the Sub Branch at the same time.

For aspiring golf hackers, Graham Ripper and Graham Kember have organised a golf session on Wednesday mornings at the Fremantle Public Golf Course. Contact them if you would like to take part.

Congratulations and thanks go to Glenn Scally and Graham Kember who completed the Welfare Officers’ Training Course early this year. Their input to the Sub-Branch has been of great value to members. And congratulations are in order to our President Les Pratt who was elected to the State Executive Committee.

Your Committee aims to ensure that the Sub-Branch continues to grow and that we look after our members but, for us to succeed, we need your full support. On Fridays from 1600 hours we hold a sausage sizzle with a raffle and bingo.

ARTHUR STANTON

Como

On 29 June approximately 100 people met for a luncheon at the All Seasons Freeway Hotel, South Perth to mark the 52nd anniversary of the formation of the Sub-Branch. Celebrating with us was our newly-elected State President and his wife, Ken and Stephanie Bladen.

Ken presented three members with their Fifty Year Service Award Certificates awarded in recognition of continuous service as members of the League; Mr Arthur Stiles, the sole surviving foundation member of Como Sub-Branch, Mr David Watson, our longest serving past
President, and Mr Geoffrey Lewis Cook, a Committee Members for many years. They joined Mr Keith Nordahl, who received this same award on a previous occasion. The men are very valued and loyal members of our Sub-Branch and we are proud of them.

The Como Sub-Branch invites any ex-servicemen or women to join us. We meet every third Monday of the month at the Rotary Club Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth, at 10.00am.

More information can be obtained from Secretary, Trevor Birch, on (08) 9367 5780.

TOM WALDRON
President

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**East Victoria Park and Vietnam Veterans**

At last the hall is finished and the long-awaited parquetry floor is now in place; it looks a million dollars. Well done to all concerned for a great job.

Now we need members to come along and enjoy the pleasant surroundings of your Sub-Branch. It was your money which paid for it. You won’t be required to buy raffle tickets to help out as it has been paid for in full and is a venue we can be justly proud of. Come and have a look and bring the family who can now become Affiliate Members and enjoy the facilities and good company with you.

An open day and fete is to be held on Saturday 17 October in the hall and park. It is a Seniors’ Week joint venture with the Playfield Centre, Victoria Park Council and the Sub-Branch. More details will be published in your Sub-Branch Newsletter *Stand Easy*.

GEOFF TANNER
President

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**Geraldton City**

Members of our Women’s Auxiliary under the leadership of President Gillian Sharp are to be heartily congratulated on winning the prestigious Country Cup for the 28th time. What an amazing achievement - 28 wins out of 41.

The prestigious Colonel Cup, received by Geraldton last year for the 25th time, was presented to Bunbury at State Congress for the eighth time and Wongan Hills received the Geraldton Shield. Our hearty congratulations to both Sub-Branches.

Our Regional Country Vice-President Frank Sharp has been unanimously nominated for League life membership in recognition of outstanding work in numerous capacities following RAAF and RAF service. Frank received congratulatory handshakes at our quarterly meeting.

It was our pleasure to publicise the decision by Geraldton Rotary Club that its next project would be a Memorial to HMAS Sydney which with its crew of 645 was lost in 1941. New Rotary President Richard Larriera submitted the project after being inspired by the 10th Light Horse monument area at Albany. The Club has applied to the Federation Cultural and Heritage Committee for a grant of $220,000 towards the HMAS Sydney project and is assured of our strong support. We hope to have this completed for a ceremony during Federation Centenary Year 2001, to take place on November 19, the day the Sydney was lost after an engagement with German mercurial raiders *Kormoran*.

We were delighted to support a Sea Sunday observance at the Anglican Cathedral held in conjunction with a visit by HMAS Geraldton and her new CO, Lieutenant Commander Phil Orchard. Highlights included the involvement of Sunday-School children with a model of the ship; and a heart-warming sermon based on the book *In Peril on the Sea* by a former Naval Officer from Karratha, the Rev Phillip Knife, and Psalm 46 (“God is our refuge and strength”).

We are hoping there will be strong local representation in a new national Anzac essay competition. A trip to Gallipoli is the prize for eight students, one from each State and Territory who will be flown to attend the Dawn Service and other Anzac Day ceremonies. The Simpson Prize will honour the man-with-the-donkey who risked his life to save wounded Anzacs. We have been very impressed by the quality of talks given by students at our main Anzac Day ceremonies including is year’s joint venture main addresses by Julie Creek and Thomas Kavanagh. The generous work by Lions Club members continues at Birdwood House where the kitchen has been transformed and new and replacement equipment provided on a cost-share basis. Committee member Charlie Britt played a major role in having ground resurfacing work outside the building donated; the outside walls and roof flashings will be done through a generous donation of $20,000 by a “Friend of the RSL”.

PETER BARDEN, PRO

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**Mandurah**

Congratulations to Neil Davidson on being awarded his Meritorious Service Medal. Last year he received the Order of Australia Medal.

Many of our members and widows are grateful to him for his welfare work. He and Brian Rodwell are kept busy every Monday morning.

The President has been in South Hedland with his son...
- where it might be warmer, but certainly is wetter.

Christmas in July at the Silver Sands was a very enjoyable day attended by 130 people who voted to make it an annual event.

WIN HOLDING

**Nollamara – North Perth**

Members and supporters of C Coy, Third Royal Australian Regiment, held their 30th anniversary re-union in Perth in April and their Anzac Day ceremony at the Sub-Branch.

Major Ian Hands gave the citations, Staff Sergeant Ken Dunn read out names of personnel killed in action and wreaths were laid by BRENTON Rosenthal, Alec Heslin and Ken McGowan in remembrance of the Third Battalion R.A.R. Battle of Kapyong, Korea, 24-25 April 1951. The 47 veterans and 23 supporters at the Sub-Branch members and thanked them for their hospitality.

Brightwater (formerly Home of Peace) in Inglewood shared its Anzac Day ceremony with the Sub-Branch in the flag-pole area. Mr N. Jodrell, a member of the Brightwater Board of Management, thanked the members who assisted in the ceremony: Keith Boxshall, Ken Hawke, Graham Worth and Ross Jones.

Committee positions are now held by: Steve Bergles (Secretary), Wendy Dann (Treasurer), Mal Cooper (Committee) and Carlo Lipari (Warden).

The Sub-Branch has been fortunate in securing the services of Shelley Taylor, our new Welfare/Pensions Officer, who will be handling DVA-AAT and advocacy problems. If assistance is needed, please contact Shelley through the Sub-Branch.

Our new Patron, Mr Graeme Armstrong of Galleria Toyota, is represented at the Sub-Branch by Mr John Rankin. The quiz night in May and the jazz afternoon in June were raging successes; many thanks to Don Graham, Graham Worth and their many helpers. Special thanks to Barry Fotheringham and Barrie Walker for their unstinting efforts in fundraising.

**North Beach**

Joe Harris, Sub-Branch Secretary and long-time member of both RSL and North Beach Bowling Clubs, has moved to Geraldton. A tireless worker for ex-servicemen in the northern districts, Joe was involved with veterans’ welfare and local body and community affairs.

Until a new Secretary is appointed, enquiries can be made to 9342 2633.

**Port Kennedy**

These last few months have seen a lot of activity. What with a great “Quiz Night” followed by the “Aussie Fancy Dress Dance”, members have done us proud in their show of fun and frivolity, with a dash of outlandish style.

The prize in our major raffle is a Sea Hunter 5.25 metre Cuddy Cabin Boat and Trailer, equipped with all accessories and fully licensed. Tickets are on sale at $2.00 each and the draw will take place at the Rockingham Spring Festival in November.

Local and State dignitaries have indicated their wish to join us at the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Service at Rockingham.

We have moved our Members Draw to the meetings held in the function room at Port Kennedy Tavern on the last Sunday of every month, starting at 1300 hours. We still hold raffles at the Tavern each Friday night between 1900hrs and 2100hrs so come and join the fun.

Port Kennedy and Rockingham Sub-Branches joined forces at the first of two planned Sausage Sizzles at Warnbro Fair. Even Debbie Hill from DVA was seen serving up sausages and having fun with passing shoppers.

Monies raised from these events will be a joint donation to the Australia-wide Nurses Memorial Fund.

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**Returned Ex-Servicewomen**

It was with pleasure and pride that I accepted the Newdegate Cup for the Most Efficient Metropolitan Sub-Branch from his Excellency the Governor on the opening night of State Congress. This is the 11th time the Sub-Branch has won the Cup since 1953.

The Sub-Branch celebrated its 50th anniversary in May with a church service attended by His Excellency and Mrs Jeffery. The procession into St Andrew's was headed by Mrs Heather McManis OAM carrying the Sub-Branch banner. A lunch at Anzac House followed when Mrs Joan Dowson MBE (our Foundation Vice President) cut the cake. The Returned Ex-Servicewomen’s Sub-Branch was formed by Miss Mary Meares MBE in February 1948. There were 16 members at the first meeting and then others joined. We worked for Veterans and provided a lunch an Anzac Day for men in institutions. We gave barbecues for Korean Veterans and men from HMS Centaur.

Quite early we started providing suppers for the Blinded Soldiers’ meetings and our friendship with them has continued to this day.

In more recent years we have held many fund-raising lunches, convened by Mrs Joan Dowson, at which our members have worked hard to raise funds for RSL projects.
such as the War Memorial maintenance, the War Veterans' Homes and RSL Welfare.

There have been many other projects in which these wonderful ladies were involved.

CECILE HINTON
President

Rivervale – Carlisle

As it is our 50th anniversary next year, we celebrated our 49th with a preliminary run. The evening was a resounding success, with musical entertainment provided by the band (of which the Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary is a member), as well as items from our members Evan Smith.

Everything augurs well for our 50th. The President of the Women’s Auxiliary, Fay Griffith, is writing a history of the Sub-Branch and would like to hear details of any relevant experiences from members, ex-members and their families for possible publication.

Roy Sims has donated cakes and puddings to our functions. His creations are beautifully decorated; the cake for the anniversary dinner was lined with hand-made and painted poppies and carried a congratulatory message. For the Ladies’ Day, he presented the Auxiliary with another cake covered with coloured flowers made from icing.

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EMPLOYMENT

The Services Assistance Program

Four items from our Sub-Branch presented at State Congress were resolved in the affirmative.

Of particular interest will be a follow-up on the illegality of deductions by banks and governments of fees from pensions, and lobbying for a limited number of poker machines to be allowed only in licensed clubs.

We express thanks to Everard Whitehurst for his help with Bingo for so many years. Unfortunately he is now unable to attend due to ill health and will be sadly missed. Meanwhile, John Cox is lending a hand.

We hope Eric Smith will soon be back to his former self again and, in spite of setbacks, Bob Kerr is a regular at meetings.

We have been advised by the local council that there are plans to build a Community Centre at Rivervale and our needs will be considered.

It appears we might have to share accommodation with others. Such a restriction is of great concern to us as it will affect our Restricted Trading Licence.

TOM GRIFFITH
Secretary

Scarborough

Our membership is still climbing with a husband and wife and a father and son among the newcomers. One of these is John Nairn, author of the book Recce Patrol which recounts his service during training and the invasion and action in France and Germany.

President Norm Sanders reported on State Congress. We congratulate new members to the State Executive and look forward to knowing more of their plans and resolutions for the League’s future.

We hope for a better collection this Poppy Day. More collectors are welcome and assistance will be given to our local schools for their 11 November ceremonies. If you can help, please contact Secretary Doug Piggott on 9446 1331.

Our final bus trip this year will be on 1 October, leaving the bowling club at 0930hrs. Again, contact Doug and tell him you will be with us for a day out in the sunshine.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 1400hrs at the bowling club social room followed by our ‘happy hour’.

GORDON HARVEY
Vice President
Telephone: 9446 1904

Thank you to these Sub-Branches for your input to The Listening Post. Other Sub-Branches are invited to submit news of their activities for inclusion here.
## 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.

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- Crossingham D. Army
- Crossingham L. Air Force
- Hewett R. Air Force
- Koest V. Navy
- Maxton W. Air Force
- Nash D. Army
- Nesbitt T. Army
- Randall L. Army
- Reside W. Navy
- Schroder F. Army
- Scbroder F. Army
- Walker R. Air Force
- Young M. Army

### Bicton – Palmyra
- Archer W. Army
- Bridges D. Air Force
- Collins A. Army
- Flockhart P. Army
- Grey R. Army
- O’Reilly L. Army
- Pilling A. Army
- Shadbolt R. MN
- Smith V. Army

### Boddington
- Parsons G, Army

### Boyup Brook
- Thompson R. Air Force

### Broome
- Brown-King G. Army

### Bunbury
- Colgan T. Air Force
- Gibbs E. Air Force
- Gibbs L. Air Force
- Langley N. Army
- McNeill N. Navy
- Silcock Army

### Busselton
- Evans G. Army
- Hesford T. Army
- Nicholson J. Army
- Ware R. Air Force
- Watson B. Army

### Canning Dist – Victoria Park
- Derham R. Navy
- Hillier J. Army
- Richardson B. Army
- Williams W. Army

### Central
- Andrew J. Navy
- Berry C. Army
- Gray R. Air Force
- McNeillage J. Navy
- Trezise H. Army
- Wood H. Army

### City of Cockburn
- Wells J. Army

### City of Perth
- Bach N. Air Force
- Brown G. Army
- Byrne T. Navy
- Chisholm H. Army
- Giroud J. Army
- Hall K. Army
- Halliday J. Army
- Harrison J. Air Force
- Heath M. Army
- Jones J. Army
- Kemp E. Army
- Lilliman D. Navy
- Lister J. Army
- Maynoard J. Navy
- Molloy J. Army
- Mulhall A. Army
- Nelson D. Army
- Olsson W. Army
- Pattenden D. Army
- Pham D. Navy
- Serisier W. Army
- Smith M. Army
- Snell M. Army
- Taylor R. Army
- Taylor W. Army
- Wills G. Army

### City of Rockingham
- Borrett S. Army
- Bracken K. Army
- Corti P. Air Force
- Foster T. Air Force
- Richardson A. Air Force
- Ryan G. Navy
- Wicker P. Navy
- Wood W Army

### City of South Perth
- Crosse R. Navy
- Kennedy D. Army
- Lynn R. Army
- Owens W. Army

### City of Subiaco
- Thornton J. Army

### Claremont
- Brighton E. Army
- Pocklington V. Army

### Cockburn
- Baxter T. Army
- Buca K. Army
- Cox C. Air Force
- Kubale J. Army
- Swenson L. Air Force
- Wood A. Army

### Como
- Faulkner K. Air Force
- Laid J. Air Force

### Cottesloe
- Hutchinson R. Army

### Darling Range
- Goodman R. Army
- McLaughlan B. Army
- Rankin W. Army
- Van Rysinge G Army

### Donnybrook
- McGrath T. Army
- Mitchell C. Army
- Mountford I. Army

### East Vic Park & Vietnam Veterans
- Anderson A. Army
- Brown R. Army
- Warner E. Navy
- Woodcraft T. Army

### Eastern Regional
- Lane C. Navy
- Miles N. Navy

### Geraldton City
- Cullen Army
- Durant J. Army
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UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

Listening Post reminds all Unit Associations that it is the responsibility of each to keep its information to State Head-quarters for this section up-to-date. Changes to the office bearers must be in writing.

AIRCrew Association
President: George Oliver, 2 Ainslie Crt, Kardinya 6163; Ph: 9337 7163. Correspondence to secretary: Basil Loothouse, 81/177 Dampier Ave, Kallaroo 6025; Ph: 9402 0962. Meetings: bimonthly as arranged.

ALLIED CHINESE SHIPS ASSOCIATION
President: Neville Philip, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount; Ph: 9294 1798. Secretary: Mrs B. Philip, address as per President. Meetings: 11.30am 2nd Fri bimonthly (from Feb), ANZAC House.

ALLIED MERCHANT SEAMEN ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: Maurice O’Rourke, 240 Burke Dr, Attadale; Ph: 9317 2453. Correspondence to secretary: Jack Edwards, 1 Cromer Rd, Brentwood 6153; Ph: 9364 8793. Meetings: 1pm last Tues monthly (AGM June), ANZAC House.

ARCTIC CONVOYS VETERANS’ ASSOC WA
President: Alf Prout; Secretary: Jean Prout; Ph: 9561 1164. Correspondence to: 9 Intrepid Crt, Two Rocks 6037. Social meetings 6-8 times/yr. Enquiries phone 9446 4540.

ASSOCIATION OF FIRST INFANTRY BATTALIONS (WA)
President: Ken Alcorn, 22 Rawlinna Heights, Ballajura; Ph: 9249 9365. Correspondence to secretary: John Cunningham, 39 Planet St, Carlisle 6101; Ph: 9361 3483. Meetings: contact secretary.

ASSOCIATION OF WRENS WA BRANCH
President: Mary Teame, 3/63 Corbel St, Shelley; Ph: 9457 9059. Secretary: Mary Wyse, 1/16 Rambutan Pl, South Lake 6164; Ph: 9417 9877. Meetings 10.30am 4th Thurs monthly, ANZAC House.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM (WA BRANCH)
President: Bob Smith, 14 Duntedt Ctr, Duncraig; Ph: 9448 5023. Correspondence to secretary: Barry Long, 6 Hazelvine Ctr, Yanchep 6035; Ph: 9561 1741. Meetings: after ANZAC Day, AGM (mid-June), birthday (end July), others in quarterly newsletters.

AUSTRALIAN EX-SERVICE ATOMIC SURVIVORS’ ASSOC INC.
President: Max Kimber, 1 Romford Pl, Kingsley; Ph: 9409 7241. Correspondence to secretary: Randall Harding, PO Box 405, Greenwood, 6024; Ph: 9448 1609. Meetings: 11am 3rd Mon bimonthly from Feb (April AGM), Belmont RSL Hall, Leake St. – bus 306 ex – Perth bus station.

AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE ASSOC (WA) INC
President: Neil Chaplin; Ph: 9302 1388 (w) 9307 8460 (h). Secretary: Graeme Briggs, Ph: 9417 5914. Correspondence to: PO Box 1724, Wangara 6065.

AUSTRALIAN LEGION OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN
President: Lionel Hutchings; Secretary: Vera Hutchings; Ph: 9309 9675. Correspondence to: 17 St Johns Ct, Kingsley.

AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL AIR SERVICE ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: Laurie Fraser MBE; Ph: 9224 8211 (w). Secretary: Bruce Wallis; Ph: 9384 1933 (w), 9387 6768 (h). Correspondence to The House No 6 Battery Rd, Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne 6010. Meetings: 5pm 4th Wed monthly, The House (as above); AGM Sept.

AUST VETERANS AND DEFENCE SERVICES COUNCIL (WA) AVADSC
Chairman: Air Cdre SW Dallywater (Ret’d); Ph: 9383 3161. Correspondence to: PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025. Meetings: 10am 1st Wed monthly (from Feb), USI Rooms, Irwin Barracks.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN’S ARMY SERVICE ASSOC WA (INC)
President/correspondence to: Alice Corry OAM, 4 Nottingham St, East Vic Park 6101; Ph: 9361 2824. Treasurer: Ruth Franklin, 126B Basinghall St, East Vic Park 6101; Ph: 9361 5157. Meetings: 10am 1st Thurs bimonthly (AGM Feb), ANZAC House.

BCOF ASSOC OF PERTH WA
President: Len Phenna, 6A Western Ave, Yokine; Ph: 9349 5859. Correspondence to secretary: LA Bland, PO Box 639, Balcatta 6914. Ph: 9345 5503. Meetings: 11am 4th Mon (if holiday – Tues) monthly Feb to Nov, Belmont RSL Hall, Leake St.

BLINDED SOLDIERS OF ST DUNSTANS WA
President: WA Walters, Retirement Village, 3rd Ave, Mandurah; Ph: 9535 3602. Correspondence to secretary: Mrs P Dean, 31 Lamond St, Melville 6156; Ph: 9330 5458. Meetings: 1.45pm 2nd Tues bimonthly Feb to Oct (AGM Aug), Red Cross House, East Perth.

BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOC INC.
President: DE Clarke, 11 Merton Pl, Kingsley; Ph: 9309 1046. Correspondence to secretary: Jean Harris, 20 Roydon Wy, Girrawheen 6064; Ph: 9247 1009. Meetings: 1.30pm 3rd Tues monthly (AGM 17 Nov), ANZAC House.

CATALINA CLUB OF WA
President: David Rubery, 70 Fifth Avenue, Shoalwater 6168; Ph: 9528 4697. Secretary: Harvey Hodgekiss, 66 Caswton Road, Attadale 6159; Ph: 9330 4222. Correspondence to: PO Box 866, Cannning Bridge 6153. Meetings: 10.45am 2nd Thurs in March, June (AGM), September, December at ANZAC House.

DEFENCE RESERVES ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: LCol (Ret’d) P Winstanley RFD, 55 Jeanes Rd, Karrinyup; Ph: 9341 6883. Secretary: Maj (Ret’d), PC Pickersgill RFD, ED, 191 Kitchener Rd, Booragoon; Ph: 9330 4015. Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Mon, 13 Infantry Brigade Conference Rm; AGM 1st Mon April.

Diggers Club of Western Australia INC.
President: Miss HK Henderson; Correspondence to: D Evans, 2 Taylor St, Eaton 6232; Ph: 9275 1144.

EX-AUSTRALIAN WOMEN’S LAND ARMY (AWLA)
President: Phyl Ptolomey, 84 West Rd, Bassendean; Ph: 9279 2279. Correspondence to secretary: Hilda Grey, 21B Elvira St, Palmyra 6157; Ph: 9339 5391. Meetings: 10am 4th Thurs monthly, ANZAC House.

EX-FORCES ENGINEERS ASSOC
President: Harold Smith, 58 Napier St, Nedlands; Ph: 9386 3305. Correspondence to secretary: Reg Kidd, 257 Holmes Rd, Forrestfield 6058; Ph: 9453 2393. Meetings: AGM mid-April; Christmas last Sun Nov.

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EX-POW ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: correspondence to: Arthur Robinson, 19/26 Pinaster St, Menora 6050; Ph: 9271 4733. Secretary: Ruth James, 7b Wenden Pl, Willetton; Ph: 9457 8727. Meetings: 11am 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC House; AGM 1pm 1st Wed March.

EX-WRANS ASSOC OF WA
President: Beverley Kain, 3 Voyager Crt, Cooloongup; Ph: 9527 3401. Correspondence to secretary: Joan Aliberti, 1B Imperial Crt, Ocean Reef 6027; Ph: 9300 6119. Meetings: 12.30pm 2nd Mon monthly, ANZAC House; AGM noon 2nd Mon Oct.

FEDERATED TB SAILORS', SOLDIERS' & AIRMEN'S ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: F. Hamilton, 35 Clement Dr, Karrinyup; Ph: 9448 5204. Correspondence to secretary: Grace Storer, 16 Dowell Pl, Bibra Lake; Ph: 9417 9598. Meetings: last Mon monthly, except Jan.

FIGHTER SQUADRONS ASSOC OF WA
President: Mick Michael, 6 Barnabas Pl, Mosman Park 6012; Ph: 9384 4222.

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOC OF AUSTRALIA
President: Eddy Cook, 5 Arcamal St, Sth Lakes. Secretary: Theo Bushe-Jones, 26 Baltic Mews, Waikiki; Ph: 9527 9186. Correspondence: PO Box 8336, Stirling Street, Perth 6849. Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Wed bi-monthly (from Feb), 71 West Pde, East Perth.

GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Peter Mulrennan JP; Ph: 9443 8081. Correspondence to secretary: Andy Britton, PO Box 370, Tuart Hill 6939; Ph: 9409 9468. Meetings: 7.30pm 1st Mon monthly (AGM September), ANZAC House.

HMAS AUSTRALIA VETERANS' CLUB
President: Don Cookesley, 3 Dorking Rd, City Beach; Ph: 9385 7061. Secretary: Harry Townsend, 2A Darnelle Ave, Mt Pleasant; Ph: 9364 2489. Meetings: 11am 1st Tues quarterly (from March), Naval Association HQ, 71 West Pde, East Perth.

HMAS BATAAN VETERANS' ASSOC
President: Peter Burnett, PO Box S016, Sth Lakes. Correspondence to secretary: Colin Hepburn, 39a Fallow Cres, Spearwood 6163; Ph: 9339 4288.

HMAS CANBERRA – SHROPSHIRE ASSOC (WA DIVISION)
President: Keith Nordahl, 66 Todd Ave, Como; Ph: 9367 3102. Correspondence to secretary: Arthur Carter, 93 Tamar St, Palmyra 6157; Ph: 9339 1483. Meetings: as required; AGM 1st wk Nov, Legacy House, Fremantle.

HMAS HOBART ASSOC (WA DIVISION)
President: Graeme Purkiss, 14 Hollis St, Samson; Ph: 9337 8976. Secretary: Clyde Goddard, 80 Derby Rd, Shenton Park 6008; Ph: 9381 8705. Luncheons: from noon last Thurs monthly, ANZAC House; AGM/Reunion 2nd Fri Feb.

HMAS WARRAMUNGA VETERANS' ASSOC
President: Trevor Lloyd, 48 Bell St, Rockingham; Ph: 9527 1817. Secretary: Tom Oakley, 43 Strickland St, Mt Claremont 6010; Ph: 9384 3042.

KOREA & SOUTH EAST ASIA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH INC)
President: KJ Emberson, 48 Fleetwood Cct, Woodvale; Ph: 9409 3037. Secretary: A McMorland, 13/69 Gladstone Ave, Swan View 6056; Ph: 9255 3825. Meetings: 10am 2nd Sat quarterly (from March), Belmont Sub Branch, 22 Leake St, Belmont.

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' ASSOC OF WA (INC)
President: PR Collins. Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Madden, TPI House, Bag Lot No. 2, Post Office Como 6152; Ph: 9450 6428. Meetings: 1.30pm 1st Wed monthly (except Jan); Office hrs: 9-11am Tues, 9am-12pm Wed & Thurs.

MALAYA MERDEKA VETERANS (WA)
President: Ted Bowman. Correspondence to secretary: J Wimbidge, 24 Sherington Rd, Greenwood 6169; Ph: 9247 4038. Meetings: 2pm 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC House.

MIDDLE EAST VAD ASSOC WA
President: Joan Dowson MBE, 3 Bay View Tce, Mosman Park; Ph: 9384 6712. Correspondence to secretary: Mrs L Fealy, 156/10 Morrison St, Como 6152; Ph: 9313 0456. Meetings: as called.

"N" CLASS DESTROYER ASSOC
President: Noel Sinclair, 16/289 Sydney Rd, Gnaragara; Ph: 9405 1598. Correspondence to secretary: Dorothy Higgins, 69 Spigl Wy, Bateman 6150; Ph: 9332 5723. Meetings: Committee - 1st Mon bi-monthly (general - 10am April & Sept) AGM - 10.30am last Mon July.

NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' ASSOC (AUSTRALIA) INC
Chairman: G Chapman, 18 Zelkova Wy, Parkwood; Ph: 9457 0482. Secretary: J Hully, 9a Glover Pl, Huntingdale; Ph: 9398 5983.

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH)
President: Oliver Lovelle, 22 Lynnmouth Rd, Dianella; Ph: 9276 1676. Secretary: Ken Pages-Oliver, 54/47 Forest Ave, East Perth; Ph: 9221 2937. Correspondence to: Secretary PO Box Y3023, East St Georges Tce, Perth 6832.

NAVAL ASSOC OF AUSTRALIA, CITY OF FREMANTLE SUB-SECTION
President/Secretary: Don Needham, 16 Warragoo Cres, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 3411. Meetings: 11.30am last Mon monthly, Navy Club, Fremantle.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, CITY OF PERTH SUB-SECTION
President: Ben Haseldine, 71 Lynton St, Mt Hawthorn; Ph: 9444 3762. Correspondence to secretary: John Ross, 156/10 Morrison St, Como 6152; Ph: 9313 0456. Meetings: as required.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, CITY OF PERTH SUB-SECTION
President: Jack Appleby, 143 McDonald St, Joondanna; Ph: 9444 3598. Secretary Tom Oakley, 43 Strickland St, Mt Claremont; Ph: 9227 8143. Correspondence to: GPO Box 8289, Perth Business Centre, Aberdeen St, East Perth 6001.

NETHERLANDS EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC IN AUST
President: E Baints, 15/54 Wood St, Inglewood. Correspondence to secretary: J Kuijpers, PO Box 311, Inglewood 6932; Ph: 9448 7178. Meetings: 11am 1st Tues, Nollamara/North Perth Sub-Branch, 68 Sylvia St, Nollamara 6061; AGM 1pm last wk Nov.

NORMANDY VETERANS' ASSOC
President: JE Mayers, 15 Finlay Crt, Rivervale; Ph: 9478 2071. Correspondence to secretary: R Bruce, 2/159 Fitzroy Rd, Rivervale 6103; Ph: 9362 3597. Meetings: 11am 1st Tues monthly, ANZAC House.
UNIT ASSOCIATIONS CONT.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOC WA BRANCH
President: Tom Hampton, 61 Gairloch St, Applecross; Ph: 9364 2335. Correspondence to secretary: Maurie Rinaldi, 35 Weaponess Rd, Scarborough 6019; Ph: 9341 6151. Meetings: 1pm 1st Tues Dec, ANZAC House.

PEGASUS (AIRBORNE FORCES) ASSOC OF WA (INC)
President: Ken Barnes, 51 Homestead Rd, Gosnells; Ph: 9337 1315. Correspondence to secretary: John Hately, 14 Purley St, Bayswater 6053; Ph: 9279 8626. Meetings: 12pm 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC Club; AGM Feb.

POLISH EX-SERVICE MENS’S ASSOC SUB-BRANCH NO. 9
President/Secretary: Dr W Gorski; Ph: 9447 5559. Correspondence to 33 Eighth Ave, Maylands 6051.

RAAF ASSOC AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION SQUADRONS BRANCH
President: Ron Lopaten; Ph: 9535 7830. Secretary: Ray Smith; Ph: 9534 3522. Meetings: quarterly at RAAF Assn Clubrooms, 133 Mandurah Tce, Mandurah.

RAAF ASSOC MANDURAH BRANCH
President: John McMahon. Secretary: John Klein , Ph: 9279 2723. Meetings: 12pm 1st Wed monthly, AMP Building, 133 Mandurah Tce, Mandurah.

RAAF 467-463 LANCASTER SQUADRONS ASSOC WA
President: John MacKenzie, 186 Weaponess Rd, Wembley 6019; Ph: 9341 1358. Correspondence to Secretary: Jim Quinn, 9 Redcourt Rd, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 4151 Meetings: 4 times/year, RAAF Association, Bullcreek.

RAEME ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: Donald Klein, Ph: 9279 3080; Secretary Lee Beaumont, Ph: 9528 1672. Correspondence to PO Box 186, Bayswater 6053 or e-mail curt@bigpond.com AGM: March each year. Meetings: last Wed of each month at ANZAC House, 28 St George Tce Perth.

RAEVE CORPS COMMITTEE (WA BRANCH)
Contact Information Officer: Don Horsley, 11 Celestine St, Wanneroo 6065; Ph: 9306 2946.

RAEVE VIETNAM ASSOC
President: Don Horsley; Ph: 9306 2946. Secretary: Garry Whykes; Ph: 9276 1920. Correspondence to: 33 Kanimbila Wy, Morley 6062.

RAEVE OFFICERS’ ASSOC 5MD (WESTERN REGION) INC.
President: Maj Steve Carter; Ph: 9457 1720. Secretary: Capt Perry Beor, 38 Emily St, St James 6102; Ph: 9458 3952.

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOC (WA BRANCH INC)
President: Bill Mahar, 272 Marmion St, Palmyra; Ph: 9339 2187. Correspondence to secretary: Betty Rumble, 13/19 Byron Rd, Kalamunda 6076; Ph: 9293 2723. Meetings: 1pm 2nd Tues monthly, ANZAC Club.

REGULAR DEFENCE FORCES WELFARE ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: Sqn Ldr TF Agnew. Correspondence to secretary: WO1 BF Cooper JP AII&M; PO Box 14, Hillarys 6025; Ph/fax: 9409 6577. Meetings: 12pm 1st Wed monthly, AMP Building DVA, 12th Floor Conference Room.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOC, 1210 BRANCH WA
President: Norman Jarrett; Ph: 9592 7524. Enquiries to secretary: Maurice McFadyen, 161B Gibson Ave, Padbury 6025; Ph: 9401 5839.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION)
12 branches and 10 affiliated groups. Fully licensed Club open to members daily. Enquiries to secretary; Ph: 9311 4444.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOC WA DIVISION INC. – BULLCREEK BRANCH
President: Allan Steward; Ph: 9310 7239. Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Mon monthly, Meg Olive Room, Air Force Memorial Estate.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMOURED CORPS
President: Garnet Buckley JP, 23 Quarkum St, Wanneroo; Ph: 9306 4232. Secretary: Lynne Mitchell, 15 Adisham St, Maddington; Ph: 9452 0228. Correspondence to: PO Box 631, Gosnells 6110. Meetings: 7.30pm 30 Mar, 29 June, 24 Aug, 26 Oct, 19 Jan, 10 Lighthorse Throsell Club, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta; AGM 8pm 23 Feb.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING CORPS ASSOC WA BRANCH
President: Irene England, 18 Connought St, Forrestfield. Correspondence to secretary: Helen Birch, 82 Florence Rd, Nedlands 6009; Ph: 9386 2396. Meetings: quarterly (contact secretary).

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOC (WA)
President/Correspondence to: John Hobbs, 10 Edgar Wy, Mt Pleasant; Ph: 9364 3568. Secretary: Doug Morris, 178 Empire Ave, Wembley Downs. Meetings: 10am 3rd Mon monthly, ANZAC House – open to members and members of affiliated associations.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS ASSOC OF WA
President: Michael Ryan, 4 Milne St, Fremantle. Secretary: Michael Ryan, 3080. Meetings: 2nd Tue bi-monthly from Feb – Oct, 13 Fd Sqn RAE, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY – ALLIED CHINESE SHIPS
President: Neville Philip, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount; Ph: 9294 1798. Secretary: Mrs B Philip, address as above. Meetings/luncheon: 11.30am 2nd Fri bi-monthly (from Feb), ANZAC House.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CLEARSANCE DIVERS ASSOCIATION WA CHAPTER
President: Alex Donald DSC, 7 Woodley Cres, Melville Heights; Ph: 9330 6596. Secretary: POCD Bruce Day, Lot 240 Princeton Dve, Port Bouvard, Mandurah 6210; Ph: 9553 2484 (w), 9534 2753 (h). Correspondence: of- Auscdt Four HMS Stirling, Rockingham 6195. Meeting: ANZAC Day (AGM) 1300hrs, Navy Club, High St, Fremantle.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CORVETTES ASSOC (WA)
President: Bernie Edmondson, 3 Moness Pl, Shelley; Ph: 9457 5620. Correspondence to secretary: Jack Shephard, Unit 45/60 Kalinda Dve, City Beach 6015; Ph: 9385 8400. Meetings: 10.30am 3rd Mon quarterly (from Feb), Naval HQ, East Perth.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOC WA (INC)
President: John Brierty, 221 Erindale Rd, Hamersley; Ph: 9342 5606. Correspondence to secretary: Brian Macauley, 173 Hardey Rd, Belmont 6104; Ph: 9277 1406. Meetings: 7pm 1st Thurs monthly (except Jan), ANZAC House – all Signallers welcomed.
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOC
President: Ray Sargeant, 29 Bouvardia Wy, Greenwood; Ph: 9448 5787. Correspondence to secretary: Philip Bray, 33 Na1pa Wy, Duncraig 6023. Meetings: ANZAC Day, Corps Birthday (July) and Christmas.

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

SUBMARINE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION
President: Alan Jameson, 7 Rodondo Pl, Shelley; Ph: 9457 1715. Correspondence to secretary: Mike Pearson, 19/196 St Kilda Rd, Rivervale 6103; Ph: 9277 3741. Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Wed monthly (except Dec) at Leederville Bowling Club.

SUBMARINE ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH
President: J. Rana, 6 Banksia Pl, Yangebup; Ph: 9417 1811. Secretary: WFI Wells, 56b Planet St, Carlisle 6101; Ph: 9470 6921 or http://www.austsub.asn.au. Meetings: quarterly.

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WA BRANCH INC
President: Kelvin Ferris, 9A Greville Wy, Girrawheen; Ph: 9342 0142. Correspondence to secretary: B Thomas, 18/19 Bulrush Dr, Bibra Lake; Ph: 9417 8585. Meetings: 10.30am 2nd Tues monthly (except Jan); Lunchees: weekdays by booking day prior.

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER TRANSPORT RAE AIF ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
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**MAY 1998**

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168459, Maher, W.J., Bellevue, RAAF
29808, McKenzie, M.J., Cockburn
WX11724, McNally, W.J., Central, 2/14 Fld Amb
WX34345, O’Garr, A., Eastern Region, 17 A.A.O.D.
T/257262, Oldham, J.P., Mandurah, 558 WT Coy
WS3485, Reid, D.C., Shark Bay
436607, Smith, S.J., Claremont, RAAF
5010, Wall, N.A., Mandurah, RAAF
3727260, Whiteside, R.J., Mandurah, 14 Nat/Serv
WX18638, Humphreys, H.J., Mount Hawthorn, Aust Inf Bn
6203458, Burton, D.S., Albany, RACM
5707266, Campbell, S.G., Lancelin/Coastal Dis, 3 Fld Regt
WX5982, Enright, D.N., City of Perth, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
WX46777, Findlay, H.A., City of Perth, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
WX7692, Lindsay, J.N., Wembley-Palmyra, 9 Div Sigs
42024, Reuben, E., City of Perth, 1 Aust Cens Coy
WX120648, Schwenke, E., City of Perth, RAE

**JUNE 1998**

A55920, Ashe, N., Bedford-Morley, RAAF
38231, Belicke, S.R., City of Rockingham, RAAF
83471, Bradshaw, E.L., Bedford-Morley, RAAF
WX15995, Brennan, G.R.V., Harvey, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
QF265041, Bryant, N., Mt Lawley-Inglewood, A/A Grp-HQ
WX18366, Coverley, T.C., Mandurah, 2/8 Comdos
WX2323, Cunningham, I., Pingelly, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
WF1538, Dunman, M.L., Returned Sisters, 2/2 AGH
WX37694, Elliott, R.G., Harvey, 19 Aust Inf Bn
WX29255, Johnston, R., Bunbury, 16 Aust Inf Bn
2211896, Lally, J., City of Rockingham, RAF
415156, Langridge, J.W., Kalgoorlie-Augusta, RAAF
PM4156, Radburn, J.M., Wanneroo-Joondalup
WX1432, Randell, J.W., Central, 2/3 Fld Regt
WX29230, Reid, C.B., City of Subiaco, 12 W/S
WX12756, Richards, W., Bedford-Morley, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
436946, Rosenius, J.A., Esperance, RAAF
2324615, Smith, A., Mandurah, R-Sigs
32944, Smith, K.C., North Beach, RAAF
19256, Spencer, C., Claremont, RAN
38009, Strong, H., Eastern Region, AWAS

WX14148, Worthington, A.E., Wembley-Floreat, 2/17 ASC
WX1942, Campbell, F.J., Bunbury, 2/5 Aust Lt Aid Det
80774, Meyers, F.H., Kalgoorlie, RAAF
84257, Robinson, D.B., City of South Perth, RAAF
WFX37865, Sinclair, F., Rtd Ex-Svc Wome, 130 AGH BCOF
WX785, Patten, G.E., Mosman Park, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
WX14153, Gibb, R.G., Claremont, AACP
WX7775, Lanigan, K.J., Moora, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
Z18027, Larson, J.L., Bunbury, RAN
WB3900, Pinnock, R.W., Karridale-Augusta, MN

**JULY 1998**

53227, Absalom, A.R., Kalgoorlie, RAAC
81242, Andrews, D.G., Belmont, RAAF
NX14412, Ashby, A.L., Mandurah, 2/6 Fld Coy
WX29942, Bell, J.S., City of Perth, 1 Aust A.A. Brdg Coy
WX14638, Benson, P.B., Albany, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
WX981, Bradfield, R.P., Bicton-Palmyra, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
5410943, Bradley, T., Manning
WX29882, Burford, W.G., City of Perth, 16 Aust Inf Bn
42798, Clarke, E.J., Dumbleyung, RAAF
126306, Cordwell, T.J., City of Rockingham, RAAF
292382, Coulter, J.W., City of Perth, RAAF
45958, Floyed, A.W., Narrogin, RAAF
WX23187, Gibson, A.H., Port Hedland, 8 Sigs
WX38496, Godenzie, J.W., Albany, 2 Fld Amb
WX9774, Goodchild, J.H., Bellevue, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
53210, Greig, R.A., Belmont, RAAC
**B3 00075, Hall, L.A., Eastern Regional, MN**
WX12571, Hamilton, S.A., Eastern Regional, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
WX8197, Hewett, N., Waroona-Hamel, 7 Div Sigs
2083722, Holton, J.W., Darling Range, RAVC
WX38493, Hough, J.H., Bellevue, 9 Div HQ
81137, Johnston, F.L., Claremont, RAAF
WX15685, King, A.T., Mandurah, 2/4 LT AA
15198, Kuijpers, J., Nollamara-Nth Perth, VAC NAVY SP
WX22677, Lindsay, J.H., Mount Hawthorn, 28 AIB
NX22071, Lord-Davey, E.A., Shenton Park, AIF RAAC
WR551, Loughton, N., Rtd Ex-Svc Women, WRANS
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