High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
Hung in the sunlight silence hovering there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
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Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

By RCAF Flight Lieutenant John Gillespie Magee, Jr.
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As you would be aware, the WA State Branch conducted the 83rd Annual State Congress over the period 11-13 June 1999 inclusive. The Congress was very successful with several of the motions creating some quite lively debate. Those passed at the State Congress have been forwarded either to the Ministry of Fair Trading, National HQ for National Congress in September or are being actioned as necessary by State HQ. In due course you will be advised of the outcomes.

The ANZAC Club has had dramatic fluctuations over the past 10 years with losses recorded in the past five years and a small but modest profit in 1998. Again in 1999 the club is struggling to return a profit, which can be attributed to one main reason: that we are not getting the support from our members. The ANZAC Club is dependent on the membership to survive and we need your patronage. I ask members and associations to provide feedback on how best to encourage patronage and would appreciate any suggestions that you might have - in writing please. The club recently reduced prices of meals to an average of $6.50, which has proven to be quite successful. Plans are being developed to improve the overall décor, which has begun with the new carpet. We need the support of members and associations to improve the overall viability of the ANZAC Club.

I also remind members that the Poppy Day appeal is approaching soon and will be the last collection this century. Let’s see if we can raise an all-time high for the Sub-Branches and the Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Relief Trust Fund.

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STATE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

ADDRESS TO 1999 STATE CONGRESS

The last 12 months have been a period of overall achievement for the League, as well as a time for deliberation and stabilisation and for me personally one of the busiest periods of my life.

Membership

Bearing in mind the average age factor of the more senior sector of our veteran community, I believe the State Branch did well to peak at 12,300 - the highest number of financial members, technically speaking, for seven years. The indications are that the more successful Sub-Branches are those which have regular activities such as monthly luncheons (often with guest speakers), mixed social activities, facilities for members to enjoy and an active involvement in members’ welfare and local community affairs. However, affiliate membership, introduced last year for members’ families and para-military groups such as the police, requires some appreciable fine-tuning and a combined overall effort by all concerned to get it really moving. I believe that this type of membership, where selected members of the community can become involved with RSL affairs, has tremendous potential for success. To the 16 Sub-Branches who increased their membership numbers last year, by 10% or more, well done! And a special accolade to Margaret River Sub-Branch whose membership grew from 29 to 68 members - an increase of more than 134%, well done. On behalf of the league I commend Chairman Allan Hutcheson JP and his membership committee members for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Finance

Considering the necessity early in 1998 to absorb a number of unforeseen and therefore un-budgeted capital expenditure items from the 1997 year, a reasonable overall result was achieved for 1998. One interesting highlight is the ANZAC Club which suffered a $25,000 loss in 1997 and smaller loss in previous years. Careful management has resulted in the ANZAC Club operating on a profit basis. Much of the credit for this goes to ANZAC Club Manager Paul McGranaghan whom I commend on behalf of the RSL.

Over $9,000 was raised by Members of the WA branch for the Papua New Guinea appeal a few months ago.

The sale of ANZAC biscuits from all main commercial outlets was recently established by the League Australia-wide. The WA Branch stands to receive 4% royalties from all sales within Western Australia. I urge Sub-Branches where possible to arrange to stock these biscuits for resale to their members at the going commercial rate.

ANZAC Day lapel tokens were sold recently by the RSL in WA for the first time. We look forward to the opportunity to do this again next year as a valuable source of League income, which should not be missed.

Final audited accounts for 1998 were circulated to all Sub-Branches to enable study of the financial position of the State Branch prior to Congress.

The Listening Post

Everyone would agree that we have an excellent journal in The Listening Post, which forms an important link between the membership and the management of the State Branch. On behalf of the League, I commend Mr Chris Brooks, the editor, together with the members of The Listening Post Committee for their ongoing dedication and hard work. Despite all the good work, however, the journal has had to be heavily subsidised and ways must be found to reduce the costs of subsidisation as soon as possible.

State War Memorial

For many years the WA Branch has paid for the ongoing maintenance costs of the State War Memorial, being

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reimbursed at the end of each year for half those costs by the State Government. I am delighted to announce that, following RSL representations, Premier Richard Court has confirmed that, in future, all maintenance costs of the State War Memorial will now be reimbursed by the State Government on behalf of the people of Western Australia. This will enable the League to spend more money on welfare for our ageing veterans. On behalf of the WA Branch I am most grateful for the Court Government’s offer.

War Veterans’ Home

The highlight at Mt. Lawley War Veterans’ Home in 1998 was the opening in September of the 52-bed Howes Centre for aged care by the Honorable Wilson Tuckey MP. Funding for the $3,000,000 building was provided jointly by Federal Department of Health and Family Services, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, the Lotteries Commission and, most importantly, the War Veterans’ Home Fund, which raised money over many years from the home’s annual raffles. As the War Veterans’ Home raffle of 1998 raised the record amount of $125,000 in ticket sales, I am most grateful on behalf of the League to the chairman of that committee, Mr Jim Hall AM, and his dedicated committee members for their successful efforts.

Women’s Auxiliaries of WA

The State Branch of the League has for many years been strongly supported by the Women’s Auxiliaries both at State and Sub-Branch levels. This support consists of voluntary help over a wide range of projects as well as periodical financial assistance. This year financial assistance was directed to the War Veterans’ Home, the State War Memorial, the Papua New Guinea Appeal and more recently to the disaster areas of Moora and Exmouth in the wake of floods and cyclone Vance. On behalf of the WA Branch I extend my appreciation to Mrs Margaret Fisher, State President of the Women’s Auxiliary, and all members for their wonderful help.

Welfare

The area of Veterans’ Affairs in the form of welfare for our members continues to remain the main focus of the League. Last year we particularly welcomed the government’s announcement of the Gold Card for most (though not yet all) of our World War II veterans since this had been an RSL priority item for some years. Likewise the government’s announcement mid last year that the Veterans’ Review Board was to remain an independent body, which would therefore allow our appeal process to remain unchanged, was equally welcomed. On behalf of the League I am grateful to Deputy Commissioner Jim Dalton and DVA, not only for their on-going support for our WA veterans but also for their initiatives in commemoration ceremonies in the WA community particularly in the days leading up to Remembrance and ANZAC Days.

On the welfare side I commend our Welfare Officer Patricia Rowland OAM JP, Chairman Doug Rasmussen and members of the RSL Veterans’ Affairs Committee, Advocacy and War Pensions Officer Margot Harness and the volunteers of the Services Assistance program. I congratulate volunteer Pension Officers Kevin Kirkup, Ross O’Connor, Merv Wilson and Greg Young. In particular, I commend Mr Ross O’Connor of the State Executive for initially coordinating welfare assistance on the ground in Moora and Exmouth in the wake of the floods and cyclone Vance. To date nearly $10,000 from the National RSL Disaster Fund has been distributed to assist cyclone victims in Exmouth for which we are most grateful. The dedication of the ANZAC House Welfare Team and the Welfare officers within RSL Sub-Branches is greatly appreciated not only by the League but the community at large and all ex-service members and their families who have received assistance.

Aged Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen’s Trust Fund

The nett proceeds of annual Poppy Day and Remembrance Day collections received at League headquarters are paid into the Aged Sailors’, Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Trust Fund which is administered by government appointed trustees: currently Messrs Robin Morrison, Brian Cooper OAM and Chairman Ken Birks. We are...
deeply appreciative of the work that these trustees do in rendering on-going financial assistance to needy ex-service personnel and their families.

Pre-ANZAC Day Church Service
An initiative introduced this year was a combined, pre-ANZAC Day Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service held at St George's Cathedral on 24 April. While the numbers attending were down compared to expectations, we believe this initiative should be retained for next year.

ANZAC Day
The overall cost to the WA Branch for conducting the annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Esplanade March runs between $11,000 and $12,000. This year, however, most of the costs will be defrayed by nearly 75 generous donations from our unit and kindred associations as well as a number of corporate sponsorships received. On behalf of the League I commend the State Secretary, Mr Shane Seers OAM, for his initiative in this area.

Large numbers of young people were evident in one of the best crowds ever seen at this year's Dawn Service at Kings Park where the brief address by the Lieutenant Governor and Administrator of WA, the Honorable David Malcolm AC, was well received. Big crowds also attended the city march and commemorations in most WA cities and towns. ANZAC Day addresses (on request) were delivered at Dumbleyung by Major General Ken Taylor AO (Rtd) and at Kalgoorlie by Alan Hutcheson JP: both were enthusiastically received by huge crowds. On behalf of the League, I thank these speakers and the various organisers of all aspects of the ANZAC Day commemoration. In particular, I commend Mr Jock Geldart, former State Secretary, who performed the duties of ANZAC Day Director this year.

A special committee, chaired by Mr Don Meredith of Highgate Sub-Branch, has been constituted to consider ANZAC Day activities in the year 2001, the centenary of our federation, with a special focus on Albany where we believe the first ANZAC Day service was held in Australia. The committee will work closely with the State's 2001 WA Centenary of Federation Committee, chaired by Ron Birmingham QC.

National Congress 2000
At last year's National Congress, which was a well-organised event held at ANZAC House, Sydney, I was accompanied by Senior Vice President Len Turner and State Secretary Shane Seers. Of the 21 motions Western Australia had on the agenda, 15 were carried, five were lost and one withdrawn.

Major General Peter Phillips was re-elected National President unopposed and NSW State President 'Rusty' Priest was elected Deputy National President, also unopposed.

Subject to Congress ratification it is proposed that next year's National RSL Congress will be held in Western Australia in late August. This year, State Congress will be considering a new concept of League government and regionalisation in WA. If accepted, a governing state council will meet on a quarterly basis with equitable country representation as well as metropolitan. In any event, the practical implementation of this initiative is unlikely before the year 2001.

Cadets WA
The RSL is doing as much as it can to encourage our membership to get right behind the WA Youth Training Scheme, although a number of Sub-Branches have been actively involved with cadets for many years. On behalf of the League I commend Minister Mike Board and the Ministry for Youth Affairs for their initiative with Cadets WA, as well as chairman Oliver Lovelle and the RSL Youth Leadership Link Committee for their dedication and hard work in this area. During the year my visits outside the metropolitan area included those to Geraldton, Three Springs, Merredin, Gnowangerup, Narrogin, Kojonup, Kalgoorlie, Esperance and Albany. On all occasions I was impressed with the dedication of RSL Sub-Branches and the involvement of its members in various community activities and youth affairs. I believe we should try to increase our efforts here on to ensure that the story and spirit of ANZAC are passed on and embraced by our youth.

On behalf of the WA branch I commend all our committees for their on-going dedication and hard work.

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during the year. Regrettably time precludes me from covering the detail that I should have liked.

Conclusion

In conclusion I must say that apart from a small number of loyal and hardworking paid staff, the RSL performs its various functions at all levels with volunteers - some of whom put in up to 30-40 hours each week. I believe we should all remind ourselves of this fact from time to time because without their dedication I doubt that the League, as we know it, would exist at all. I acknowledge with gratitude on behalf of the League our Senior Vice President Mr Len Turner MBE OBE OAM JP who, after many years service, has decided not to stand for re-election. We thank you Len for your excellent contribution over the years. I thank all Sub-Branches and all members of the State Executive for their hard work, loyalty and support; the three trustees: Trevor Lloyd, Bob Mercer AM and Ron Stone AM for their timely and on-going advice during the year; the State Warden Cdr Vic Ferry DFC, Deputy State Warden Ron Stone and the Sub Wardens from Highgate Sub-Branch for their devotion and dedication; I thank all co-opted members of the various committees, including our special Vietnam and Gulf War Veteran Volunteers who help with internal administration; coordinator Judy Almond and the staff at ANZAC House; the War Veterans' Home, State Secretary Shane Seers and last but by no means least my wife Stephanie for her loyal support and on-going encouragement. It’s been quite a tough year and in some ways a rewarding one, and with the continued support of everyone working together with good will I feel sure we can look forward to an even more rewarding year to come.

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“The League - Facing the New Millennium”

State President, Distinguished Guests, Delegates and Friends of the League, Ladies and Gentlemen. Thank you for inviting me to be with you for this important event in your Branch’s year. Today I want to outline the challenges and opportunities as I see them for the League as it faces the 21st century.

The League’s History - A Great Australian Institution

The RSL is a great Australian institution that has endured for 83 years. No other is better known than the RSL. That Australia can boast the finest veterans’ benefits system in the world says much for the RSL’s advocacy with governments throughout its history. The RSL can rightfully claim credit for the fact that Australia can say that its war dead are well remembered (and I count my own father among them).

It would be foolish, however, not to see ourselves for what we are - ‘warts and all’. The history of the League is replete with examples of lost opportunities. Notable is the failure of successive generations of RSL members to embrace the next and this has caused much tension. In recent discussions with Sir Roden Cutler VC, he told me what a hard time he was given by the World War I generation of members when he became the NSW RSL State Secretary in May 1942. I experienced rebuff when I came home from the Malaya Emergency in 1959, as did many of our Vietnam Veterans. That same gap still exists between some of veteran members and those serving in the Defence Force today.

Where does the League stand in 1999?

Today the RSL is still strong, with 220,000 ordinary members, a growing number of affiliate members (7,000), and our loyal women’s auxiliaries, which continue in strength. We have 1,400 Sub-Branches throughout Australia and overseas. We are associated with several hundred registered clubs; we are involved with a number of war veterans’ homes providing nursing home accommodation for some 4,000 veterans’ Our bricks and mortar assets are valued at several billion dollars. We remain the strongest voluntary association in Australia, far surpassing any political party or union and are respected as a pre-eminent lobby group with governments. Our views are sought out by our embassies and by foreign missions here, by parliamentary inquiries and government commissions, by the media and by ex-service men and women here and abroad.

The League is a member of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League and I was pleased to represent the League at the triennial meeting of BCEL in Barbados last month. We enjoy a very close relationship with the Returned Services Association of New Zealand. We also keep in contact with the Royal British legion, the American Legion, the US Veterans of Foreign Wars and the South African and Canadian Legions. We work closely with other ex-service organisations and sponsor a national forum, the RSL Kindred Organisations Committee, which meets twice annually. We are represented on a number of government consultative forums, especially those sponsored by DVA and Defence. We organise or assist with most of the commemorative activities in Australia.

The Federal Government and Opposition respect our views. In the past year, the Prime Minister has called at our headquarters and it has been used for a host of activities involving Ministers, visiting dignitaries and sister organisations. We have won some recent solid gains from government, notably the Gold Card for most (though not yet all) World War II veterans, and we have managed to keep the veteran community quarantined from any loss of benefits. We have also been much involved in the provision of a number of new memorials to our war dead, here and abroad.

We are, of course, continuing to press a number of veterans’ policy issues, through our National Congress priority list and other representations, which we make to government from time to time. I take this opportunity to thank the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, the Repatriation Commissioners, the Office of Australian War Graves and the Australian War Memorial for their care and support for veterans.

We can count with pride a number of new initiatives in our Branches, Sub-Branches and clubs. As one example, I note that the RSL has been able to secure a number of
Victoria Crosses for posterity, to be held in the Australian War Memorial. The League is much involved with our youngsters through youth clubs and school cadets. I am delighted at the support that the WA Government is giving to the cadet movement. I commend the Community Link program started in Queensland and our successful involvement in the National History Challenge. Through these efforts we are doing our best to pass on to the next generations the values of sacrifice and service that are so important if Australia is to remain “the lucky country.”

The RSL’s community programs and services are improving and extending. A good example is the new Queensland RSL Community Service. Seniors’ day clubs and fitness programs are doing well and many Sub-Branches operate outreach programs and hospital visitations. At a national level, we are maintaining a number of scholarship programs here and abroad, including Greece, Crete, South Korea, PNG, Fiji and, this year for the first time, South Vietnam.

The Captain Reg Saunders Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are studying in the field of drugs and alcohol abuse is attracting record numbers of quality applicants. I only wish that we could find the money to fund more of these scholarships. Perhaps you may be able to suggest how we could get another $3,000 per year!

The RSL has greatly assisted in fundraising for the National Service Nurses and Korean War Memorials, which will be opened in the next 12 months. And the most pleasing achievement of all was the $400,000 that we raised in partnership with Care Australia in 1998, in a national appeal for drought relief in PNG.

Challenges of the Next Decade

It would be easy to be complacent and rest on our well-earned laurels. The fact is, however, that we face enormous challenges in the decade ahead. I wish to talk about them under three broad headings:

- Maintaining a safe and secure Australia
- Caring for our aged veterans
- League membership

So that we are well placed to meet these challenges, I am determined to see that, at the national level, our “house is in order”. To that end, we are about to embark on a number of new initiatives. First, there will be a complete revision of our National Articles of Association over the next 18 months. Every member of the League will have the opportunity to contribute to that process, should he or she desire. At the end of the process, I hope we will be able to boast that the RSL is truly the most democratic association in Australia.

Also, the National Executive is examining its corporate governance. I hope that we will be able to boast of a complete transparency in our financial statements and a full accounting to members of the $600,000 that it costs to run the National Office each year and of the $1.5 million looked after by our National Trustees. Further, I hope to have the future funding of the National Office given greater assurance and become less reliant on capitations through the establishment of an RSL Foundation and new fundraising ventures. But first, let me turn to the challenges of national security.

A Safe and Secure Australia

We continue to live in a time and region of great strategic uncertainty. The economic crises in Asia has added to that unease. Our neighbour, Indonesia, is troubled by insurrection. PNG continues to suffer. The Australian Defence Force, now involved in peacekeeping in Bougainville, may well be drawn into peace enforcement, in East Timor. In this climate, sadly, Australia’s Defence spending, as a proportion of GDP, is at its lowest since 1939. Greatly increased spending will be necessary within a few years if we are to maintain any measure of technological superiority and even, in some cases, parity with our neighbours. I have grave doubts that the Federal Government will have the resolve to meet these expenditures unless we all speak out and urge it.

We need to continue to speak up for the conditions under which our servicemen and women, regular and reserve, serve in the ADF. I believe we have an effective and credible voice in this regard, as we have demonstrated recently in regard to Defence housing, military compensation, pay fixing arrangements and others. I am pleased that the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, who is also the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, has agreed to my suggestion that Defence establish a formal mechanism for consultation with the RSL and other organisations on conditions of service for our serving men and women.

But it is on the home front that the League is most sorely needed. I am sure that all of you, like me, are saddened, even disgusted, by the decline over the last 30-40 years in the values which we used to hold so dear. Crime in Australia is at record levels for this century. We have never had so many broken families. Our birth rate is at an all time low. Illegal drug use is now at epidemic proportions with over 600 deaths from overdose last year - more than we lost in 10 years of fighting in South Vietnam. Pornography is a national disgrace... is it any wonder that we read a new story of child abuse almost daily. The homosexual and feminist lobbies continue to promote their “me first”, anti-family message.

It is a sorry picture; calls to maintain family values are all too readily rubbish by the trendy left liberals and media sycophants who put individual freedoms ahead of responsibility and good order, self indulgence ahead of...
selflessness and scorn any appeal for a more disciplined society.

Security for our great nation must start with the protection of our families and the proper nurturing and education of our children. If we fail our children we are left with nothing to offer but “band aids” - more prisons, heroin trials and drug injecting rooms, refugees without love for our homeless youth, importing immigrant labour, multiculturalism and the like. Who is better placed than the RSL with its great reach into the community to help turn the tide? Whose voice should be listened to ahead of those who have served their country in battle? How can each one of us help turn the tide?

In November, we will be asked to vote as to whether Australia should become a Republic. The League is committed through its Articles of Association to maintain the monarchy and the Westminster system of government. Our Immediate Past President, Major General “Digger” James, will be representing the League on the Committee set up by the Federal Government to prepare the No case and supervise the spending of $7.5 million on advertising for it. Most branches will be actively supporting the No case.

This referendum will cost us taxpayers $100 million. For many it will be a “yawn” but we must appreciate that it could involve substantial change in our Federal Government. Many will ask why we need to change a system that has worked well for 100 years. Many will be concerned that change will not stop with a figurehead president. Will the republican clique turn next to changing our flag? Will we move next to a directly elected president? In my view, such a development would be utterly incompatible with the Westminster system.

I acknowledge that there will be a diversity of views, even among RSL members. I can only ask that you cast your vote after careful consideration and in good conscience. I now turn to the greatest challenge we face - aged care.

Aged Care - The League’s Greatest Challenge

In the next six years the number of frail aged veterans will double. The present figure of around 16,000 in residential care will exceed 30,000. Residential facilities operated by ex-service organisations at present meet only about one quarter of the need and most of those facilities will not meet the new accreditation standards that will come into effect in January 2001. I put it to the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs 12 months ago, that it would be unacceptable to have any veteran or dependant left without proper care. He responded promptly by establishing and funding the National Ex-Service Round Table on Aged Care (NERTAC).

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NERTAC, which I chair, has completed a comprehensive review with the assistance of some expert consultants. In March, I submitted the report on this review to the Minister. We titled the report, The Last Debt. In it, we have asked the Government to establish NERTAC and similar State committees on a continuing basis to monitor the situation. We have demanded continuation of the capital grants scheme for residential care and of the operational grants scheme for community based care. And we are seeking greater care for carers.

Over the next 10 years, aged care will be the League’s greatest ever challenge. We must meet this last great debt to our World War II veterans. Especially, we must reach out to the socially isolated, sick and lonely veterans - our team mates - regardless of whether they are members of the League or not. Meeting this task, ladies and gentlemen, will require that we maintain a strong membership base.

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Membership - Can We Remain a Strong Voice in the Community

If the League was simply a fraternal organisation, we could perhaps accept the inevitable decline in membership numbers which demography is set to dictate. But the League, as we know, is more than an old boys’ club; it is a respected voice for stability and security in this country, for much maligned family values and a watchdog against the excesses of government and the bureaucracy, the media and against political correctness and chicanery. We must do our best to remain a strong voice in our community.

We have set ourselves a goal of at least 200,000 ordinary members in the year 2000. We are on track for that and we now need to look further ahead. That is why the National Executive has endorsed a new recruiting plan, RSL Beyond 2000, which is to be launched this year at our National Congress. We know that there is a very large pool of potential members to draw on. This year, for example, we have attracted many former national servicemen. We need to attract more of them and more former reservists. We need to attract more serving members and, to this end, I have won from the Service Chiefs their renewed support for our RSL-ADF Link program.

I know that you will be discussing recruiting in depth during this conference. I urge you to keep in mind the three recruiting themes that have stood us well in the past. The three “Cs” are:-

- COMMUNITY - the RSL must be an active part of its local community and recruit from that community. We must reach out and not withdraw in on ourselves.
- COMMUNICATIONS - WE ALL KNOW THAT FACE TO FACE RECRUITING WORKS BEST. Good communications and quality newsletters also will do much to enhance retention.
- COMMITMENT - apathy is our enemy. Above all we need committed members, team people, to be our leaders - not self-serving individuals.

If our appeal to younger potential members is to be successful, we must ensure that our organisation is relevant. This is why I attach so much importance to the review of our Articles of Association. The new constitution that we plan to put to the national Congress in the year 2000 must be relevant to future generations of RSL members yet serve to maintain the spirit and tradition of this great organisation.

Above all, we need good and capable men and women as leaders who are prepared to look to the future as well as meeting our commitments to our older members.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have used this address to set out the great challenges that we in the League must meet. I urge each and every one of you to help make the RSL a strong voice in the community in the new millennium.
Thank you for again inviting me to address this meeting; I am particularly honoured to be here to officially open your 83rd State Congress. State President Ken Bladen will highlight the achievements of the RSL over the past year, one of which has seen membership in WA increase by almost 1,000 despite nearly 400 members passing away, a very pleasing situation and I congratulate Ken for the leadership he has shown in this regard.

One of the key roles of the RSL is to continually remind the Australian community of its members for whom it works and accepts responsibility to provide assistance.

The images of war and the effect on its participants are remote to many Australians. When history classes focus on Australia's major conflicts, it is mostly a discussion on the causes and effects involving perhaps real estate, oil rights or politics. But they leave out the most important part - people. The people who fight the battles, what about them and who are they? They of course are those who were there and remember:

- remember being at times so fatigued, frightened and disoriented that they wondered how they could take another step or live through another day;
- remember leaving a young bride or family for two, three or four years, giving up an education and job to take on the discipline and hardship of military life just because your country asked;
- remember risking in many cases their lives to ensure genuine and lasting freedom;
- remember those who were hurt physically or mentally as a result of service;
- and, finally, they who were there remember
- the widows and children of their mates who didn't return.

The mates who were hurt and the widows and children of the mates who were killed are the people the RSL works for, and we owe it to all of them to work closely with government and in particular the Department of Veterans' Affairs to achieve the support our veterans deserve.

Remember by the Year 2000, almost two-thirds of our veterans and widows will be over 75 and are likely to have complex care needs. It is therefore even more important than ever to provide appropriate help and representation for those who need it.

The RSL continues to provide a strong voice to ensure that best possible health care to our aging veteran community, but it should never become complacent in a situation where there are so many competing demands for the taxpayers' dollar.

Let me now briefly mention some other issues. With Defence spending at around the 1935 level of 1.8% of GDP, the RSL should continue to lead public debate on defence issues. The recent events in Asia and Europe highlight the fact that we live in a potentially unstable and largely unpredictable environment, where large-scale conflict can occur at very short notice. (eg, the Gulf War and Kosovo).

On our doorstep, the Asian economic crises has brought great economic turbulence to the region and reversed at least for the immediate future the results of decades of economic growth and prosperity for large numbers of people.

Although there is at present no immediate direct threat to Australia, we could be affected by the unfolding situation on Timor and Aceh; on the Korean Peninsula; the South Asia missile tests, the current state of India-Pakistan relations and events in the South China Sea. In the longer term the massive movements of refugees across national borders, the control and distribution of fresh water, the reversal of post-war structured nations back to their old tribal/ethnic boundaries and jealousies and the revolution in military technology may well impact on Australia.

One of the great lessons of history is that when domestic economies are going well, aggressive nationalism is kept below the surface. But when economies falter and, as unemployment and interest rates rise, social discontent can reach crises point. In these circumstances, national leaders can sometimes seek foreign scapegoats to bolster their own weakened position. And we should not forget that nationalism remains a powerful driving force throughout Asia.
As we enter the new millennium, the ASEAN countries in particular (including Australia) will be more directly exposed to the strategic uncertainties and pressures from the changing balance of power in Northeast Asia and especially from the rise of China and later India as potential global powers.

On the Australian mainland the increasing number of landings of illegal immigrants on our coast has highlighted some gaps in our surveillance capability and emphasises how vulnerable we might be to undetected entry by small specialist groups, such as terrorist or SAS type forces who could conceivably be targeted against our vital economic assets in the north west region of Australia.

The collective wisdom of the RSL can provide valuable input to the government and keep the public interested and aware of the importance of public debate on such matters. But, in articulating its views, the RSL must speak with knowledge, wisdom and balance if it is to be credible to the public and governments, and must therefore select its spokespersons and policy developers wisely.

May I suggest two areas of contemporary importance that the RSL might like to consider?

Firstly, maritime and coastal surveillance. How do we best link the long range capabilities of Jindalee with P3C maritime patrol aircraft, submarines, the fleet, patrol boats, customs, immigration, AFP and other agencies, so as to provide instant advice to those who need it - PM, CDF, Commander Australian Theatre, regional force surveillance units, tactical reconnaissance units of the army, immigration, customs and AFP. What sort of command and control and analysis systems are needed and what should be the priority areas of search? Will Jindalee be a safe system in future high technology or even low level conflict: should we look at more mobile, balloon-mounted radar systems of surveillance operated perhaps by cavalry or RFSU? How vulnerable will our fixed air bases be to precision guided munitions? The list is large and the answers complex.

The second area I want to discuss briefly relates to the role of the army reserve. Current defence budgets have forced the ADF to try to improve readiness and the combat capability of the reserve because of the small size of our regular army. This is a laudable objective if feasible, but you might like to consider the following:

Historically the traditional availability of reserve soldiers for training (less specialists such as doctors) has been of the order of 36 days per year. In broad terms this means that reserve units never really get beyond section/squad level in capability. In essence, what we retain by having a reserve is a structure and an expansion/mobilisation capability, but requiring at least 12-18 months to become combat effective at unit or higher level. Further, any commitment of a regular brigade (a modest force) overseas for longer than 12 months would require (as per Vietnam) some form of partial conscription to rotate and sustain that force, unless other arrangements can be brought into play.

I would like to outline some thoughts on what other arrangements might be considered, based fundamentally around a three-tier army.

The first tier would be the ready force. That could be a fully manned 1st division of nine battalions, but as a minimum at least six (fully manned and equipped).

To flesh out that force if need be, to provide first line reinforcements and a likely first rotational relief, I would suggest an emergency reserve force of about 12,000 trained personnel. These would comprise the 2,500 men per year who leave the army on completion of their three or six year engagements. They would sign on when first recruited into the regular army for emergency reserve service of three days per year for a five year period and for which they would be paid around $5,000 per year tax free; a bill of some $60 million annually for which we would receive in manpower the equivalent of a second trained division. Small beer in a $12billion defence budget.

The three-day commitment per year would be to check fitness, equipment and general readiness.

The third component would be the army reserve fulfilling its traditional, practical and logical role, as the expansion or mobilisation force, for which I believe two divisions to be adequate. That force would be equipped and geared to being ready at around 18 months notice; a feasible objective on a 36-day annual commitment.

So there are two thoughts for your consideration.

May I now congratulate the Sub-Branches for their involvement with the Cadets WA Program. You can do and do do, much to strongly support the Youth Cadet Groups - Army, Navy, Air Force, SES, Police Rangers, St John and Environmental Cadets - now rapidly expanding in this state (5,000 in three years) and already proving a great success. A cadet costs around $500 per year to support, a national servicemen about $40,000 and to lock a youngster up. around $75,000.

The cadet movement has 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, the Police, St John, SES and organisations such as CALM, AGWEST etc. I would hope that the Cadets WA movement will become a national movement in two or three years’ time. We could have every 10-16 year old in Australia participating in a cadet type organisation for the princely sum of 50c per day per taxpayer; a small price for such a potentially positive outcome.
Finally, I seek your support of the newly established Leadership College of WA, designed to provide civil qualification leadership training of a sophisticated kind to young people who have already shown some leadership ability. The Leadership College to be based at Heathcote will run courses of 10 to 21 days and include modular segments. It will have a regional capability and is designed to complement, not subsume, the existing leader training activities run by society, cadets etc.

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, or joining a sub-committee or a working party. It is your association and it will be only 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 and keep up the good work.

As I leave you to your deliberations, let me acknowledge the tireless efforts of your executive led by your President over the past year in attending to the concerns of the members. Well done.

It is now my very great pleasure to formally open the 83rd State Congress.

MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL JEFFERY, AC MC GOVERNOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Gordon Ward Opens

The new Jim Gordon Ward at Hollywood Private Hospital is set to open on September 4 and is of a similar standard to the new Bullwinkel Wing. Gordon Ward has eight single rooms and 11 double rooms, en suite facilities in every room, televisions and telephones. The ward is where the old Ward 6 was located.

The ward is named after Western Australian VC recipient Jim Gordon, whose widow, Myrtle, and son, Lindsay, visited Hollywood to view the new ward recently.

Mr Gordon received his medal for an act of bravery on July 10, 1941, near Jezzine, Syria. He successfully charged machine gun fire and killed four machine gunners with a bayonet. His action demoralised the enemy in the sector and the company advanced and took the position. They were fighting the Vichy French.

All of Hollywood’s wards are named after Western Australian recipients of the Victoria Cross and George Cross.

Meanwhile, SKG radiology is moving to the front of the hospital, facing Monash Avenue, to allow easier access for patients. A well respected Nuclear Medicine specialist is also relocating to Hollywood.

Alcohol Treatment Gets Vet On Track

The Hollywood Clinic’s alcohol programme has helped ex-army man Ed Baker control his drinking and, as a consequence, get back together with his wife.

Mr Baker, who spent 12 years in the army and served in Cambodia on a peace keeping mission, said the course gave him different ways of reducing or stopping his drinking - and wasn’t just based on drinking. He said he would recommend the programme to others - though it was up to each individual to decide what was best for them.

“I was blanketing out everything and was sick and tired of being this way - now after the programme - I can look at things differently,” Mr Baker said. “Instead of just reacting and reaching for a can, I do something else and delay it.”

The Clinic’s Alcohol Treatment Programme was launched earlier this year and has just completed its seventh programme. According to programme co-ordinator Linda Welsh, “Individual case reviews suggest we have an enormous success on our hands.”

“For example, about 75 per cent of our first group have just reached six months of total sobriety,” she said. “For those electing to control drink there have also been some remarkable success stories.”
Born in Krakow, Poland, Bish was only 17 when he was mobilised into the Polish Army in August 1939 to face the German invaders. Initially, he served with an observer unit attached to an anti-aircraft artillery regiment but, in November 1939 he was sworn in as a member of the Polish underground, having managed to elude capture. Bish then served mainly in intelligence units where his excellent command of the German language was of particular value. Holding the rank of Captain, he was arrested in 1944 by the Germans and sent to a prison camp in Germany, being freed by the Allies the following year.

For his services to Poland, Bish was awarded a number of decorations, the highest being the Gold Cross of Merit (equivalent to the MBE). Others were the Polish Army Medal and three bars, Home Army Cross, Partisans’ Cross, 1939 Campaign Cross and the Polish ex-Servicemen’s Association Cross, this being equivalent to the RSL’s Meritorious Service Medal.

Bish arrived in Australia in 1949 and for a time lived at the displaced persons’ refugee camp at Northam. On a number of occasions during his life, Bish expressed his gratitude about the wonderful reception he had received at Northam Camp from other ex-servicemen present and said he could never forget it. It was a most welcoming experience for which he was ever grateful.

On the academic side Bish was no ordinary man. Not only did he matriculate in Poland just before the war, but years later went on to complete a Bachelor of Economics degree at UWA in 1973. He was fluent in four languages: Polish, German, Russian and English. He later became a Member of the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors, finishing up in 1987 as Chief Economist at the Metropolitan Water Board as a permanent public servant just prior to his retirement.

Bish was a member of the RSL for 50 years, joining in 1949 and becoming a Life Member in 1982. He served on the State Executive for 25 years which is a distinction in itself. For much of this time he chaired the Constitution Committee, where he introduced and then maintained the Register of State Executive Decisions. I greatly appreciated the assistance Bish gave me last year with the Constitution following my election as State President. There was little he didn’t know about it and nothing was too much trouble. Bish was also very active on the ANZAC Club Board. A stalwart member of the Highgate Sub-Branch, he served as a Sub Warden at the State War Memorial for over 30 years and was a member of the Kings Park Honour Avenue Committee for 27 years, being Chairman for some seven years. In 1996 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to the Returned and Services League WA Branch.

Bish was also a distinguished member of the Thirty Niners’ Association, being Vice President for 19 years and President for one year. He was awarded Life Membership of that Association in 1998. He was an active member of the Polish Ex-Servicemen’s Association (WA Sub-Branch) where from 1983 he was a committee member and was Vice Chairman from 1985 until his untimely death.

Bish served on the Convocation Council of the University of WA and was a committee member between 1976 and 1981. He was a strong supporter of the Red Cross and for many years donated blood on a regular basis. Bish was also a member of the Royal Australian Artillery Association, in addition to being a Foundation Member of the Friends of Kings Park and a past Vice President.

Mr Mike Hall, the longest currently serving member of the RSL State Executive, recently recalled that when Bish joined that august body some 25 years ago his fellow executive members looked at him in absolute amazement. Here was this tall, distinguished person, complete with full beard and moustache.

After proffering his name which was too hard for others to pronounce, let alone remember, he asked everyone to please call him ‘Bish’. On receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia he was heard to remark “I am glad the citation read ‘for service to veterans’”. On numerous other occasions he was heard to say “I am proud to be called Australian”.

Bish was a great achiever and a great contributor who was never afraid to work long hours when it became necessary but for all this remained a humble man. His outgoing personality made him many friends and he could...
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be described as a ‘people person’, being much loved by us all. The RSL, the committees on which Bish served and the associations to which he belonged were his life. We were his extended family. We who are left, being poorer for his passing, now close our ranks to fill the gap and carry on the proud RSL tradition of unselfish service to our fellows and particularly those in need.

To his beloved daughters, Anna and Tanya, and their loved ones we offer our sincere, heartfelt sympathy. Farewell Bish! We salute you and honour your memory.

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An initial number of cards has been sent to Sub-Branches. If you require additional ones please contact State Branch front office. If members know of any other businesses that can offer the membership discounts, please advise the State Secretary, Shane Seers.

ANZAC Biscuits

The RSL, in conjunction with a Melbourne based company “UNIBIC”, has released the original ANZAC biscuit; on all sales through commercial outlets, each State receives a percentage. These biscuits are of the highest quality and produced from an original ANZAC biscuit recipe.

Sub-Branches may like to consider selling these as a fund-raiser. There is great potential for profits to be made, at the same time indirectly assisting the RSL at State and National levels. Let’s all “Get Behind This One”. If interested please Contact State Secretary, Shane Seers.
State Congress 1999

Awards, Trophies & Presentations

Meritorious Service 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 to be 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 of 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 one West Australian, Mr Kenneth Broadhurst of Highgate Sub-Branch, will receive the award.

Mr Broadhurst joined the RSL's Highgate Sub-Branch in 1953. Throughout his service to the League he has held the following honorary appointments:

1953-1967 Executive Committee Highgate Sub-Branch
1966-1967 President Highgate Sub-Branch
1971-1998 Trustee - State Branch
1973-Current: Honorary Architect, State Branch

He was responsible for the management of the maintenance and improvements of the State War Memorial and for providing technical advice on the building of the RSL War Veterans' Homes at Mt Lawley, Meadow Springs and Geraldton and the State Branch Headquarters.

Mr Broadhurst has also been a very active member of the community, displaying leadership and dedication to the RSL, as well as the community at large for over 46 years. He is a most worthy recipient of the Award of the Meritorious Medal.

Sub-Branch Trophies - Presented by the Governor of Western Australia

The Newdegate Cup - Awarded to the most efficient Metropolitan Sub-Branch for 1998: Rivervale-Carlisle

The Colonel Collett Cup - Awarded to the most efficient Country Sub-Branch for 1998: Geraldton City

The Geraldton Shield - Awarded to the most Meritorious Sub-Branch with less than 100 members in 1998: Donnybrook

The Mary Connell Trophy - Awarded to the Sub-Branch that sold the most Poppies in proportion to membership in 1998: Beaumaris Beach

The Merv Williams Trophy - Awarded to the Sub-Branch raising the largest amount in aid of the War Veterans' Home in proportion to membership in 1998: Narrogin

National President's Presentations

Mr Len Turner MBE OAM JP (Meritorious Medal Holder): in recognition of many years of dedication, loyalty and outstanding service to the WA Branch of the RSL.

Mr Len Keynes AM: in recognition of many years of dedication, loyalty and outstanding service to the WA Branch of the RSL.

Mr Ken Murphy: in recognition of many years of dedication, loyalty and outstanding service to the WA Branch of the RSL.

State President's Presentations

Mr Trevor Lloyd JP: in recognition of many years of dedication, loyalty and outstanding service to the WA Branch of the RSL.

Mrs Patricia Rowland OAM JP: in recognition of many years of dedicated service in the care and welfare of ex-servicemen and women and their families in the WA Branch.

Mrs Margot Harness: in recognition of outstanding service as RSL Advocacy and War Pensions Officer in the WA Branch.

Services Assistance Program

In recognition of their dedication and support of ex-servicemen and women with pensions, employment and re-settlement assistance.

Mr Ron Hatch: in recognition of dedication and outstanding service as Country Regional Vice President of the Eastern Goldfields Region of the WA Branch.

Mrs Ann Keynes: in recognition of many years of dedication, loyalty and service to the State Executive of the WA Branch of the RSL.
An outline history of the Armed Forces in WA during World War II- (Part 2)

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

Part 2 of a 3 part series on the impact of the war on the lives of Western Australians. The first part was on the activities of the Air Forces and appeared in the June issue of The Listening Post

PART 2 – THE ARMIES

This section covers the Australian Military Forces (Army), namely the militia and the Australian Imperial Force (AIF), plus the Volunteer Defence Corps (VDC), as well as a small United States Army presence.

Upon outbreak of war in September 1939, members of the militia were progressively called up for periods of 16 days to guard ‘Vulnerable Points’ against attack or sabotage.

October 1939 was a busy month. Western Command was established. A Garrison Battalion was quickly formed in WA from World War I veterans to take over guard duties. Recruiting began for the all-volunteer Second AIF for overseas service.

Compulsory training for home service in the militia was introduced in 1940 involving all unmarried men and widowers without children and aged 18 to 35. In May the Returned Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen’s Imperial League of Australia (RSS&AILA) obtained Government approval to form a reserve force of ex-servicemen for home guard purposes – the VDC. It was to be voluntary, part-time and unpaid with the Army providing arms and, later, clothing. After being taken over by the Army in May 1941, the VDC (as local forces) was to play an important role in the defence of WA for the rest of the war.

With the Japanese attacks on Malaya and Pearl Harbour on 7/8 December 1941, the community complacency about the war being remote from WA was jolted. People only now started to take air raid precautions and evacuation plans seriously.

In January 1942 the WA coastline was divided into seven defence sectors: mainly fixed defences and garrisons and, in the north, the VDC. Most troops (around 10,000) were concentrated in the south-west from Geraldton to Albany. The coast from Kalbarri to the Northern Territory (NT) border was covered by only 241 men! The Perth/Fremantle area was strongly defended with fixed coastal defences at Swanbourne, Fremantle, Rottnest Island and, later, Cockburn Sound. Albany also had fixed defences. Further inland, field units were held as mobile reserves. Western Command had developed contingency plans to counter enemy landings or even paratroop drops between Geraldton and Bunbury.

In April the Allies formed the Southwest Pacific Area, with General Douglas MacArthur as Supreme Commander. Because of the arrival in the eastern states of American troops as well as AIF troops returning from the Middle East, three Australian divisions (two infantry, one armoured) were sent to WA over the next seven months, giving a total of 50-60,000 men. There was considerable support by the Australian Women’s Army Service, as well as the development of a support infrastructure.

Also in April, Western Command HQ became HQ 3 Australian Corps with Lt Gen Gordon Bennett as its Commander. The US Army set up Base Section 6 in Perth and sent an anti-aircraft unit to Rottnest. The area between Kalbarri and Perth was reinforced and a coastwatching network set up. In the Kimberley, long range patrols were carried out and arrangements were made to carry out guerilla warfare in the event of an enemy landing there. From August 1942 until October 1943, the East Kimberley was patrolled by a special NT-based commando unit, the North Australian Observer Unit, with the help of local Aborigines.

Bennett’s experience fighting the Japanese in Malaya led him to assume that enemy landings would be in the north, possibly at one or more of the ports of Wyndham, Derby, Broome or Port Hedland. From there the enemy would develop land and air bases in order to capture Carnarvon and then Geraldton. From the latter they would launch air and ground attacks on Perth-Fremantle and eventually capture the southwest with its useful industries, food production resources and energy supplies (Collie coal). With the defeat of the Japanese at the Battle of the Coral Sea, their approach to eastern Australia was denied, however, WA was considered to have actually become more vulnerable to amphibious attacks from Java. Unknown to the Allies, the Japanese had decided in March 1942, after much debate at high levels in Tokyo, to postpone any plans to invade Australia.

Throughout the remainder of 1942, the troops in WA patrolled, coastwatched and trained, but no enemy came into sight, although there were suggestions of small landing parties in the Jurien Bay area. By January 1943, due to the defeat of the Japanese in New Guinea and at the Battle of Midway, the threat to the southern and western parts of Australia was considerably reduced, although there was still the possibility of minor raids by submarine-borne commandos. So a gradual reduction of troops in WA by disbandment or transfer began. By October only one
infantry division was left in WA, apart from troops operating fixed defences and various support facilities, as well as the VDC which was on call at short notice.

During 1943–44, the Army provided anti-aircraft defences and other support to major Allied operational naval or air bases in the northern half of WA. These included Exmouth Gulf (POTSHOT or Learmonth), Corunna Downs, Noonkanbah and Truscott.

By the middle of 1944, 3 Australian Corps HQ had been renamed HQ Western Area, the remaining infantry division disbanded, and Lt Gen Bennett had resigned. Enemy threats were thought to be remote. However, the Japanese Army in Timor mounted two surface expeditions to the Kimberley during the year, one of which was captured at Cape Leveque, the other making an undetected landing at the Moran River. The run down of troops in WA continued with only one garrison battalion being left by December 1944. It manned the fixed defences at Rottnest and Fremantle with the VDC being responsible for Geraldton and the north-west ports. This situation continued throughout 1945 to the end of the war in August.

About the author: Lindsay Peet is a professional historian and heritage consultant specialising in defence sites and is undertaking a higher degree at the Research Institute for Cultural Heritage at Curtin University of Technology. This slightly amended article with added illustrations is part of a publication he researched and wrote as part of the Australia Remembers 1945–1995, and issued in August 1995 with the assistance of Mr Richard Evans, the then Federal Member for Cowan. The final part covering the activities of the Navies will be published in our next edition of The Listening Post.

Tour group visits recently excavated World War I tank

On the 81st anniversary of the Battle of Cambrai, 20th November 1998, a 28 ton World War I Mark IV British tank was excavated at Flesquieres near Cambrai, France, Worldwide Military & Cultural Tours had the opportunity to visit this tank in May this year during a battlefield tour of Gallipoli and the Western Front.

Philippe Gorczynski of Flesquieres explained to the tour group that the excavation was the culmination of seven years' research, using the tank commander’s reports, trench maps, aerial photographs, infrared and satellite photographs and the testimony of older residents of the region. The tank was identified as D51, Deborah of D Battalion, 12th Company, 12th Section, one of 378 Mark IV British tanks committed to the Battle of Cambrai on 20 November, 1917. It was during this battle that D51, commanded by Second Lieutenant F.G. Heap MC, received five direct hits from a German field gun and was destroyed on Flesquieres Ridge. Four of the crew were killed and the remaining three were brought to safety by the commander who was awarded the Military Cross for his action. As a result of the damage, D51 was assessed as not repairable and was not recovered from the battlefield. What happened to D51 after the battle is not known. Philippe Gorczynski concludes that on cessation of hostilities the land around Flesquieres was returned to its pre-war farming condition and during the cleanup D51 was probably pushed into a deep shell crater or trench where it lay buried for 80 years.

The tour group spent a total of 18 days exploring the battlefields of Gallipoli and the Western Front, starting with an historical and cultural look at Istanbul followed by three full days on the Gallipoli Peninsula, including attendance at the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day at ANZAC Cove and the Australian ceremony at Lone Pine. Two days in Paris were followed by eight days exploring the battlefields from the Somme and Ancre in France to Ypres in Belgium before travelling to London.

WMC Tours have many interesting tours for the year 2000 - check out their advert on page 21 of this issue.

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Dear Member

While every individual member of the League will exercise his/her democratic right at the November Referendum, in the final analysis the RSL will support the will of the Australian people - whatever they decide.

Let us recall that each one of us, in becoming a League member, agreed to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the RSL and its By-Laws. For the forth-coming Referendum please bear in mind Memorandum of Association 4, reproduced below:

"4. The objects for which the League is established are: -

(a) (i) to promote loyalty to the Sovereign and to the Institution of the Crown; and
(ii) to promote the Westminster system of Government and to uphold the Constitution of the Nation."

Please think very carefully before you exercise your vote. Despite the denials of the Republicans, our beloved Australian Flag will be changed too, should the Yes vote prevail; of that I am certain because of the existence of Austflag Ltd. In my view it is a matter for regret that the Referendum and its possible result may end up to be more divisive to this nation than was ever imagined. Good luck and God Bless.

KEN BLADEN

The State President and Executive of the Returned and Services League (WA Branch)

have pleasure in inviting you and your friends to the

Remembrance Day Luncheon

Farewell to His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia
Major General Michael Jeffery AC MC and Mrs Jeffery

At the Novotel Langley Perth Hotel, 221 Adelaide Terrace, Perth at 12.15 pm, Thursday, 11 November 1999
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I wish to apply for _____ tickets at $40.00 each to the RSL Remembrance Day Lunch to be held on Remembrance Day, Thursday, 11 November 1999 at the Novotel Langley Perth Hotel.

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People will debate when the new millennium will arrive until it is over and done with. However, one point is certain. It will arrive and we need to ask ourselves what this means for members of the RSL. Is anything going to change just because we are living in the 21st century? Should we be doing things differently? Will we be forced to do things differently? Of course we will be doing things differently, but not just because of a new millennium - we continually are doing things differently.

We only have to think back to the world of the 1950s. Very few families had a car, few had a telephone and fewer had the opportunity to travel overseas. Television was just arriving in some areas and we listened to our favorite program or the news on the wireless. In many small country towns we depended on kerosene lamps for lighting and wood stoves for cooking. There were more schools around the country areas then due to the lack of school buses. Indeed, the introduction of the buses saw many of these small community schools close.

Looking back, life seemed very simple. When we consider the massive changes that have taken place between 1950 and 1999, we have to wonder how we coped with that level of change.

Stop and think of the things we now take for granted: mobile, cordless and rapid-dial telephones, colour television with remote controls, automatic washing machines, microwave ovens, video machines, easy teller, telephone and computer banking, motor cars that are almost computer chip controlled with automatic door locking and immobilisers. We enjoy package tourist trips to places where many of us went to fight. Just visit your travel agent—when your details go into the computer, out comes your itinerary. Anyone who has returned to places where they saw active engagements has said to me, "Nothing has changed just because we are here." It has changed for us, and just as surely we must consider this option.

We are seeing the introduction of many computer-driven services: banking, bill paying, bookings, learning, shopping and more. Generally it would seem that these services could be of enormous benefit. If we used computer or telephone banking, there would be no need to go to the bank every time we needed cash, therefore reducing our exposure to the muggers and thieves who beat up the elderly and rob them to feed a drug habit. Unfortunately, we seem more scared at the prospect of using these modern services, because we don’t understand them, than we are of leaving the bank with a pocketful of money and risking a mugging.

There are currently well-funded programs available to teach the elderly how to use computers. Major shopping chains will go "online" for your orders that can be home delivered.

RSL in the future. Just think of the present total cost to Sub-Branches, individual members and the State Branch when it comes to presidents and secretaries' meetings, a membership seminar or even Congress. Collectively it amounts to tens of thousands of dollars worth of travel, accommodation and meals. The same business could well be conducted using these modern methods for a few thousand dollars. In time the cost surely will come down and just as surely we must consider this option.

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delivered, payment being made via the "Net". No cash is carried and the risk is greatly reduced. There is no doubt that this will become the norm in the coming years for almost every service we desire. The Office of Seniors' Interests offers computer-learning programs.

Currently, many grandparents communicate with their grandchildren via the net. This is a less expensive method than telephone calls and a much more personalised, satisfying and immediate alternative to posting a letter. We do not have to understand how a computer works to use one, just how to drive it for what we want it to do. We are, like it or not, becoming a very technology driven, computer-literate society. The important point is not to be left behind as computers continue to dominate society.

From the RSL perspective we need to factor in the ways in which we can benefit most from this rapid escalation of high technology. We managed very well with the introduction of the electric typewriter and self-dial telephones. Now we again have to accept change.

At the last State Congress a proposal was put to allow for the implementation of a regional restructure. This proposal in itself demanded massive change for the WA Branch. The model was underpinned by the belief that we could hold meetings, both state and regional, using the Telecentre or Westnet facilities, therefore streamlining the governance and management of the League on a more direct and representative path. Alas, this was not to be due to the nature of the changes, but we need to continually examine ways to achieve this. We can use modern technology to link region to region or to Perth or other states.

We now need to debate how best to use what is available, how changing technology can help us and how best to maximise the benefits that flow-on to us.

I look forward to the future, not just my own, but that of the League. Let us make sure we make the most of it.

ALLAN HUTCHESON
Senior Vice President

The Rising Sun

In 1885, Major (later Major-General) Joseph Maria Gordon, the first Commander at Fort Glanville, designed a trophy to symbolize the military skill of defence. It consisted of a series of bayonets radiating out in a semi-circle from a crown.

Commander (Later Vice-Admiral) William Rooke Cresswell, commandant of the naval forces of South Australia and Commanding Officer of her Majesty's Colonial Ship Protector, then undertook to have a trophy made.

Major-General Sir Edward Hutton, the newly appointed first Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Forces, used this trophy as his inspiration when he requested a General Service Badge to be worn by the Australian soldiers in South Africa. And so it was that in 1902 the first Rising Sun badges were won with pride by the troopers of the 1st Battalion Australian Commonwealth Horse, which was raised after Federation.

Proudly worn in two world wars, the Rising Sun - officially known as the General Service badge of the Australian Imperial Forces - became one of the best recognised and honoured insignia of the allied armies. An integral part of the Digger tradition, its distinctive shape worn on the upturned brim of a slouch hat, is readily identified with the spirit of ANZAC.

Courtesy Army Public Affairs
The spirit of

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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, September 24.

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Legacy Militaria Auction

Our next Militaria Auction will be held at Legacy House, 64 Mill Point Road, South Perth, on Sunday October 24, 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 15, 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 believed 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 23: 10.00AM – 4.00PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24: 9.00AM – 10.00AM

For further information, contact Terry Healy, Fundraising Manager, on 9367 5799.
After Serving in England, soldiers of the 2/1st, 2/2nd and 2/3rd Forestry Companies sailed from Liverpool on 22 September 1943 and landed at Boston in the USA on the 29th. On Friday 1 October, led by Colonel Cole and with fixed bayonets, they ‘marched along Broadway in pouring rain to an oration delivered by Mayor La Guardia’. This is said to have been the only occasion since Independence when armed foreign troops had marched through an American city, an unconstitutional act. The New Zealanders marched too, but did not carry arms. There was, of course, the traditional ticker-tape welcome.

The units then crossed the United States by train and sailed from San Francisco on 15 October, arriving in Auckland on 30 October. There the Australians took ‘unofficial’ shore leave, marching off the ship in an orderly parade ground manner without the presence of any officers or non-commissioned officers in order to attend functions arranged by their New Zealand comrades of the previous three years. Next morning they were all charged for being AWOL (absent without leave) and given three days CB (confined to barracks) on board ship - just enough time to get them to Brisbane.

Although not of the Forestry Companies, this photo shows that Royal Australian Engineers are able to march in step! (Editor)

**Vietnam Veterans’ Day Ceremony**

A reunion of 120 members of 85 Transport Platoon RAASC swelled the ranks of several hundred veterans from all services who attended the ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Pavilion in Kings park on 15 August.

His Excellency the Governor Major-General Michael Jeffery AC MC, a company commander during the 8th Battalion’s tour in Vietnam, gave the address and briefly outlined the post World War II political events that lead to Australia’s involvement in South Vietnam during the longest war in modern history.

The roles played by each of the services during the conflict were recounted with particular mention of the contribution made by members of the Australian Army Training Team, the most highly decorated unit in the Australian Army’s history. The governor also praised the efforts of the volunteer doctors and nurses who, with the dedication of the RAAF helicopter ‘Dust Off’ crews, ensured that casualties were treated quickly, thus saving many lives.

In closing his last Vietnam Veterans’ Day address as Governor, Major-General Jeffery urged Vietnam veterans to support both the Vietnam Veterans’ Association and the RSL to ensure a strong, effective voice for their members.

During the ceremony 15 students from the Penrhis College Middle School Chorale provided a poignant moment when they read the 62 names on the Roll of Honour. The presence of Naval and Army cadets, the pipes and drums of the Army band and the Bugler, Corporal Dave Scott, was appreciated by all.

EDITOR

Proudly holding our Australian flag, Len Hall
**Australian Service Nurses’ National Memorial**

I am writing to confirm that the Australian Service Nurses’ National Memorial Management Committee has agreed that VADs and AAMWS who worked alongside service nurses throughout Australia’s wars and conflicts should be recognised on the Australian Service Nurses national memorial.

In order to determine the best way to do this, the Committee held consultations with the designers and the National Capital authority and it has been agreed that a quotation which specifically mentions VADs and AAMWS should be included with the other quotations selected for the wall which will depict images and events throughout service nursing history. The words to be used are “War casualties called for new skills... VADs, AAMWS and orderlies assisted in their nursing care”.

I am pleased that this matter has been resolved and I am sure that both the RSL and the VAD/AAMWS groups on whose behalf you have made representations will be happy with the result.

ELIZABETH C PERCIVAL FRCNA FCN (NSW)
Chairperson
Australian Service Nurses Memorial Management Committee

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**Proposed RAAF Vietnam Veterans’ Association**

A group of RAAF Vietnam Veterans’ have initiated the formation of an association. Membership will be open to all RAAF and ex-RAAF personnel who served in Vietnam or involved in Vietnam operations no matter in what capacity. The first formal meeting will be held in the Meg Olive Room, Airforce Association, Bull Creek at 7.30pm on Friday 12 November. For further information contact acting secretary Peter Robinson, 2 Calbourne Way, Kingsley 6026, or on fax/phone 9409 7299.

**RAAF Vietnam Veterans at VV Day.**

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**Coming and Going**

by Vic Jeffery, OAM, Navy Public Affairs (WA)

HMAS Stirling, the home of the Australian Submarine Squadron, has enjoyed a boost in home-ported submarine numbers with the arrival of HMAS Otama (SSG-62) and the commissioning of the third Collins-class submarine, HMAS Wailer (SSG-75). The arrival of these two boats takes the number of submarines in service to four, joining the Collins-class HMAS Collins (SSG-73) and HMAS Farncomb (SSG-74) at Fleet Base West.

HMAS Otama, the last of the venerable Oberon-class submarines in RAN service, was based at HMAS Platypus in Sydney until the establishment was closed. She arrived at HMAS Stirling in wet and blustery conditions on Friday, June 11.

HMAS Wailer was commissioned on Saturday 10 July in a ceremony at HMAS Stirling and sailed three days later for a five-month deployment. First stop was Darwin where she participated in Exercise Kakadu with her sister HMAS Farncomb. From there it was on to South East Asia for her first Asian deployment. The Wailer honours the late Captain H.M.L. (Hec) Wailer, DSO and Bar, and three mentions in Despatches. Having survived the battle of the Java Sea, Captain Wailer was lost with his ship while in command of the cruiser HMAS Perth in a gallant action against a large Java-bound Japanese invasion fleet in the Sunda Strait. This occurred on the night of 28 February/1 March 1942 with Perth in company with the US Navy cruiser USS Houston. The action became known as the Battle of the Sunda Strait.

"Hard Over Hec," as Captain Wailer was known, had previously distinguished himself in the Mediterranean, including during the battle of Matapari whilst in command of HMAS Stuart which was leading the RAN’s “Scrap Iron flotilla”. The Wailer has been based in Western Australia since her arrival on 21 May and sailed on her first deployment from the same waters where Captain Wailer and HMAS Perth had sailed 57 years before for the last time. HMAS Wailer made a memorable sight as she headed out into a winter swell proudly flying the Australian White Ensign.

**Undersea, Underhanded?**

In the late 19th century, the forerunners of the modern submarine were being designed and in due course the British Admiralty was approached to build a vessel.

The Lords of the Admiralty were outraged, describing the thought of waging war under the surface of the sea as being “underhand, unfair and damned un-British”.

It was not until a number of foreign countries, especially the French, started to equip their navies with these vessels, that the Royal Navy decided it would be at a disadvantage if it neglected to operate such vessels.

The first five boats were ordered in 1901 and by 1909, 58 units were either under construction or operational.

*Courtesy: The Aiming Post, The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society WA*
Together in five wars
by Noel Tanswell

American Independence Day, July 4 this year, as in
years past, was celebrated in many countries apart from
the United States. One of the least-known locations where
celebrations took place was a tiny village in France, called
Le Hamel, scene of intense fighting 81 years ago involving
Australian, American, British and German troops during
World War I.

The fighting marked the beginning of a military
association involving Aussie diggers and American
doughboys that has withstood five major conflicts: World
War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War. A
book just published in Australia by John Laffin, well-
known military historian and the author of over 60 war
books, mentions the digger and doughboy association and
their fighting together at Le Hamel, now generally referred
to as just Hamel.

Laffin writes in his book, The Battle of Hamel - the
Australians' Finest Victory, that the idea to use American
troops to add to the infantry strength at Hamel appears
to have been that of General Rawlinson, Commander of
the British Fourth Army on the Western Front despite
strong opposition by General Pershing, commanding the
American Expeditionary Force (AEF). General Pershing
had wanted his American army to have its own
independent front. “Why not”, General Rawlinson asked,
“give the Americans who were training with the
Australians, the experience of taking part in a model set-
piece attack?”

Everybody had been impressed with the physique,
enthusiasm and intelligence of the Americans and felt they
should perform well. The matter was referred to General
Monash, the Australian commander, who asked for 2,000
men, organised into eight companies. General Pershing
disliked the proposition that his units should form a ready
reserve to reinforce weakened British and French
formations. Nevertheless, on 17 June, he appointed two of
his 10 divisions to the British Expeditionary Force for
training, while they held emergency positions behind British
Third and Fourth armies. Meanwhile, General Rawlinson
had obtained permission to use some American troops in
the Hamel attack, but he did not approach the American
General Pershing, perhaps already fearing negative reaction.

Instead, General Rawlinson took his request to Major-
General G. Bell GCC 33rd Division, and Major-General
G.W. Read, commanding the US 11 Corps. They too did
not consult their chief, but they detailed two companies
from each of the 131st and 132nd regiments.

On 2 July General Pershing learned about the forth-
coming battle. He did not approve and told General
Rawlinson who passed on his objection to the British
Commander-in-Chief, General Haig, who ordered that the
Americans be withdrawn. On 3 July, all but four
companies were marched out. At 4 pm that day, General
Rawlinson informed the Australian General, General
Monash, that the final four American companies were also
to be taken out.

General Monash, angry and exasperated, retorted that
it was already too late to make this move. He gave General
Rawlinson an ultimatum: if the Americans did not
participate, he would abandon the attack. Moreover, he
wanted a firm decision by 6.30 pm when the troops would
begin their final approach to the startline, ready for
imminent battle. General Rawlinson was shocked and
pleaded with General Monash. If the attack did not take
place, he told General Monash, then the CinC, General
Haig, might relieve him, Rawlinson, of his command.

General Monash was unmoved. This display of moral
courage by General Monash, writes John Laffin, was
Monash at his strongest. It was defiance of his army
commander and his commander in-chief.

Embarrassed, and in near panic about incurring General
Haig's displeasure, General Rawlinson ordered that the
operation go ahead as planned, including the American
troops, unless contrary orders were received from General
Haig by the set time. They did not arrive at 6.30 pm and,
At 6.58 pm General Haig’s approval for the four American companies to take part in the battle came through. However, only two companies from each of the 131st and 132nd regiments eventually took part.

The defenders of Hamel inflicted nearly 1400 Australian casualties and about 100 on the Americans.

General Monash, the Australian General who led at Hamel, was highly regarded by senior British and American officers. Field Marshal Montgomery of El Alamein, a Brigadier in World War I, said in 1968 that in his opinion General Monash was the best General on the Western Front in World War I. General Monash, he said, possessed real creative originality, and the war might have been over sooner with fewer casualties had General Haig been relieved of his command and General Monash appointed to command the British Army in his place.

General Monash once commented: ‘A perfected modern battle plan is like nothing so much as a score for an orchestral composition where the various arms and units are the instruments and the tasks they perform are the respective musical phrases.”

NB: At the end of the battle of Hamel, the British Commander-in-Chief, General (then a field marshal) Haig awarded 14 decorations to the officers and men of the US 131 and 132 infantry. They were four Military Crosses, four Distinguished Conduct Medals and six Military Medals.

**76 Sqn Back Over Darwin**

*by Steve Ridgway*

Back in 1942, Kittyhawks of 76 Sqn were vital to the defence of the Top End. Fifty-seven years later the Black Panther Squadron is back, training the ‘top guns’ of the next century.

Eleven Macchi jets arrived on 6 June after an eight-and-a-half-hour transit flight from their base at Williamtown, NSW. Squadron CO, WgCdr Simon Ford, first came to 76 Sqn 30 years ago. In a career that has come full circle, he is now responsible for training the next generation of fighter pilots.

76 Sqn was formed at Archerfield, Brisbane, in March 1942. Singapore had fallen six weeks before and Darwin was already under air attack. After only four months training the Squadron was thrown into the front-line, first at Milne Bay, PNG - guarding the flank of Port Moresby - then on to Darwin.

After three years of combat, it was the first Australian Squadron to land in Japan after the surrender. Since then, the front-line Squadron has been equipped with the top technology of the time, from Mustangs to Meteors and Vampires, Sabres and Mirages. Reformed in 1989 as a training squadron, 76 Sqn is now a combat classroom for fast jet pilots who, if successful, will move on to F/A-18s and F-111s.

Starting next year the 700kph Macchis will be replaced with the higher-performance BAe Hawks. In the best fighting traditions of the Squadron, the top gun trainees can’t wait.

*Courtesy: Air Force News*
Grog

I refer to Terry Gill’s article in the “Did You Know” section in the last issue of The Listening Post. The term “grog” does not relate to Admiral Lord Grogram, but to Admiral Lord Vernon. In foul weather Lord Vernon wore a Grogram cloak, which is a kind of taffeta coated in gum. He was known as “Old Grog” throughout the Royal Navy. He did indeed order that the rum ration be diluted. Wowser!

During my time in the Royal Navy (1959-1968) grog was usually referred to as “Bubbly” - I know not why. Sippers was given for hospitality to a mess-deck visitor; or for a small favour received. A birthday gave you a sippers from each messmate (on HMS Ark Royal there could be 50+ men in the mess!). There was also a “Gulpers” for a bigger favour and half a tot for a major favour. A full tot was given very rarely, maybe if one took over a full duty watch. On the rare occasions I gave a “Pongo” (soldier) or a “Waffoo” (Airman) a sippers, they always took a “gulpers”; no finesse these landlubbers.

EDDIE SHAW (EX MAT ELOT)

DEMS

The recent account of AB ‘Guts’ Hammond’s exploits, whilst being a DEMS gunner on board DEMS MV Ondina in 1942, has led me to take issue with your correspondent on a minor point.

DEMS gunners served on “Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships”, not as your correspondent claimed “Defensively Arm ed Merchant Ships”. A small point I know, but as a member of a past elite group which never received much publicity, I would not like to see DEMS sink into obscurity under the title of DAMS!

NEIL McK. STEWART
Salter Point

Jordan Service Medal

Last year I heard about the Jordan Service Medal from the Royal British Legion, London.

The medal was enthusiastically endorsed by HM King Hussien I, in appreciation of the troops who served in the Hoshemite Kingdom between 1947 and 1958.

The medal is a handsome piece, gold plated with a sand coloured ribbon and the colours of the country on the edges.

After a suitable waiting period following the unfortunate death of King Hussien, we have obtained the endorsement of HM King Abdullah II so we can continue to issue the medal in his father’s memory. So the medal has been endorsed by two kings.

Any Jordan veteran who may be interested in the medal please contact me.

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Montevideo Maru

Enclosed is a copy of the last record of the sinking of the Montevideo Maru, on which my father served.

Over many years I have been trying to find out what happened to the remaining men after their capture by Japanese troops at the fall of Rabaul. I have copies of a wartime log book of USS Sturgeon, the submarine which sank the Maru. Recently I received a photo, taken before the war, of the ship itself. I obtained this through a very helpful staff member at the Japanese Consulate General’s Office in Perth.

Berndt Museum of Anthropology

Located on the university’s beautiful riverside campus, the museum contains one of Australia’s finest collections of traditional and contemporary Australian Aboriginal art and artefacts, as well as materials from Melanesia and Southeast Asia. The exhibition “Images of Aboriginal Australia” presents paintings and sculpture from Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory, and from the Kimberley, Desert and Southwest regions of Western Australia.

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Also, I have a copy of a book written by the daughter of one of the 13 nurses captured after the fall of Rabaul. They were taken to Japan with some officers on another prison ship and spent the rest of the war in captivity. As a number of men in Lark Force were West Australians, I thought this feature may be of interest to some members or their families.

Additionally I have numerous facts about Rabaul which could be of interest.

GA HILL, 2 SHEARWATER WAY, GOSNELLS 6110
Ed. Note: The article referred to was too long for inclusion.

Air Navigation Graduates Receive New Full Wing Brevet

The Air Force News, February, 1999, tells a sad story to the veterans of aircrew and to the majority of serving members of aircrew.

“All navigators, airborne electronics officers and fighter controller officers graduating after 17 December 1998 will receive the new Full Wing Brevet.” The Pilots are to retain the traditional RAAF letters in the centre. The new Brevet is to have a “stylised Southern Cross” in the centre - no letters.

Director General Career Management (Air Force) Air Cdr Philip Byrne stated: “It is time for a change. I hope it meets with your approval because I was one of those who designed it”.

The article mentions a survey of all non-Pilot aircrew being in favour of changing the current Brevet. There is no mention of a survey of the current Pilots. The survey states that the ‘half wing’ is not popular with ‘prospective recruits’. How is it possible that ‘prospective recruits’ with no experience of service life, or traditions, could be knowledgeable enough to make such an important decision? NCO aircrew are reported to have indicated a desire to retain their traditional Brevets at present.

From the initial issue, all aircrew are extremely proud of their individual ‘Wings’ or Wing’: be it Pilot, Observer, Navigator, Wireless Air-Gunner, Signaller, Flight Engineer, Load Master or other. They have been part of a tradition that must be kept. Discussions with past, and serving, aircrew indicate that the majority is not in favour of the Full Wing Brevet for other than RAAF Pilots. There are grounds here for confusion. Unless in an almost face-to-face situation, there is no way of discriminating between Pilot and navigator or other Full Wing Brevet wearer. Even then, other Service personnel and the public would not be able to identify the classification of the wearer without the relevant letter or letters in the centre.

There is an old saying “If it is working-don’t fix it”. What is happening to: Their Service-Our heritage?

PETER HUMMERSTON RFD

Harry Holder Library - ANZAC House

We are receiving requests from members for either information from, or access to, the material being held in the Harry Holder Library, particularly in response to book reviews in The Listening Post.

Approval has been given for access to the library and I now advise that members may contact ANZAC House staff during office hours with any queries. That person’s name, telephone number and relevant details will be noted and passed to me. I will then endeavor to supply the information or arrange access to the library by appointment.

The library itself will be open between 9 am and 1 pm, each Thursday, in the City of Perth Room.

Please note: The Harry Holder Library is a reference facility and books cannot be removed. Please don’t hesitate to utilise the valuable material in your collection.

Mrs M KELLY, Librarian

Funeral Services

I’m getting a bit cranky in my old age, I know, but what I find really annoying is when the person officiating at a funeral service gets mixed up and starts talking about (and I quote) “The Two stroke Thirteenth Field Ambulance Regiment”, or “He served on the Australian battleship HMS Swan” or “His service was with the Twenty Fourth EMGEE Bun” or “He rose to the rank of Petty Officer in the RAAF”.

We know that what is really meant is The Second Thirteenth Field Ambulance, HMAS Swan, Second Fourth Machine Gun Battalion and a Pilot Officer in the RAAF. Many young celebrants and clergymen have no service background, which is when this type of mistake is made.

I suppose that no harm is really done to the late departed whose service we are attending, but it really would be good to get it right. Don’t you agree?

If someone dies suddenly or unexpectedly, the family or friends often are not sure what to do or where to turn for advice. Funeral Directors can help in finding a clergyman or, if the deceased person was not religious,
they can have a Civil Celebrant officiate. May I suggest that you prepare your funeral service in advance. I know some people will think that this is a little morbid but I have yet to meet someone who is going to live forever.

If you plan to have a religious service at the graveside or in a crematorium chapel, you may be constrained by the rites laid down by the Church to which the officiating member of the clergy belongs. You can, of course, and should have a eulogy delivered by a family member or friend. It would be a help to them if you were to provide the details in advance so they have something to work from.

With a civil service, you have a lot more scope. I see these services as an opportunity to clarify what you want said and in the correct sequence and terminology. You can choose the music for the service or have a favourite poem read. While people may have requested a non-religious service, they often like to include the Lord’s Prayer or the 23rd Psalm, or even both.

There are many places where details can be obtained relevant to ex-services personnel. Unit histories are available in the Battye Library and local libraries and the Internet is a rich source of information, including information from the Australian War Memorial.

KEVIN GRAHAM, JP

**Free Admission to Movies**

At the July meeting of the City of Perth Sub-Branch a member mentioned that Greater Union Theatres and Hoyts cinemas grant free admission to some Gold Card holders and one adult partner.

Greater Union make this concession to holders of TPI Gold Cards at all sessions except on Tuesdays, after 5 pm on Saturdays and “no free tickets” films as advertised. Their theatres are at the Megaplex Innaloo, Joondalup, Morley and Whitford City. Although admission is free, they would like a one dollar donation, which is optional.

Hoyts Cinemas allow what they term complimentary admissions to TPI and EDA Gold Card holders from Monday to Friday at their Cinecentre, Cinema City, Garden City, Carousel and Southlands. Again, there may be exceptions as advertised “no free tickets” films.

Others may have similar arrangements, but I have not checked on these as there are so many cinemas now operating.

W.L. TATE

**PARKLANDS VILLAS BOORAGOON APPEAL**

A sincere thank you is extended to those residents who supported the ANZAC Day Token Appeal, raising $30.75. A cheque was sent to AZAC House for that amount. JIM KENNEDY

**Kings Park - full of surprises**

Kings Park is a place of celebration and commemoration and relaxation. Most people know where the State War Memorial is and that Kings park gives you the best view of Perth, but did you know that at 10 am and 2 pm daily you can join a free guided walk in the Park? How often do we have guests - family or friends - staying and wonder what we can show them in Perth? Everyone goes to enjoy the view, but why not organise to be in the park when a walk is scheduled?

More than 100 volunteer Kings Park guides share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the Park, its people, plants and heritage, 364 days of the year. There are four walks offered and each last from 60-90 minutes.

**Botanic Garden Walks** meander through the Western Australian Botanic Garden where you guide will show you some of our unique flora. Learn about banksias, acacias and our famous marri and karri.

**Heritage Walks** take in the panoramic views of the city while you learn about the State War memorial and other significant memorials and trees along the Fraser Avenue precinct.

**Bush Walks** wander along the Mount Eliza Scarp with fantastic views of the Swan and Canning Rivers. Continue through the peaceful natural Kings park Bushland full of bird life and interesting flora. Bush walks are 2-3 hours.

**Wildflower Trail Walks** are held from July to October each year. Enjoy seeing some of the state’s famous wildflowers growing in a natural setting, and hear the fascinating story of kangaroo paws and wild orchids.

Joining a walk adds something special to your visit to Kings Park. No two walks are the same as you encounter such a variety of flora and wildlife. Simply meet at the karri log on Fraser Avenue at 10 am or 2 pm to meet your guide. If you want to know when a particular walk is scheduled, call the guides on 9480 3634.

There are more than 50 memorials in the Park commemorating the courage and sacrifice of Western Australian pioneers and soldiers in peacetime and in war.

JO KENNEDY

Manager Visitor Services

**Correction**

In the winter edition a letter from a member referred to Bruce Ruxton as current national President of the RSL. Mr Ruxton is Victorian State President. Major General Peter Phillips AO MC (Retd) is current National President. EDITOR
**Northam Camp**

My unit, 2 AAOC Trg Depot, moved in on 29 August 1942 and occupied 00 and some PP lines. I am sure by the end of September a large proportion of the men in camp (including my unit) went on strike for several days because there was no leave to the metropolitan area. Subsequently we were granted leave, once a month, from Friday after lunch to 2359 hrs the following Sunday, a special leave train provided. Details of the strike are not recorded in our War Diary. Can anyone please confirm this? There is documented proof of an earlier strike at Moora starting 22 June 1942, also over leave, and involving 11 Inf Bn and 34 Anti-Tank Battery. The 220 participants were eventually fined two pounds each. A leave camp was established at Point Walter shortly afterwards.

And does anyone recall Bush Fire Picquets at Northam? I am shown in unit ROs as Sgt in charge of 20 men in April 1943. I have no recollection of this duty or training or equipment for it. Strangely, this was a once-only duty for 2 AAOC Training Depot.

D.J. MCMILLAN, 138 Broome St, Cottesloe 6011

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**Aerodrome Defence**

The RAAF Airfield Defence Association is seeking former airmen who served in Airfield Defence operations throughout Australia, the South West Pacific and Korea, or trained as Ground Gunners with 7 NSTU, from 1939 to 1955. Researchers are anxious to contact drill instructors, guards, aerodrome defence instructors and defence officers of the period to record their personal experiences.

If you have a story to tell, are able to assist with our research, or simply wish to know more about our Association and today’s Airfield Defence Wing, please consider joining the growing number of former airmen and widows with similar experience and contact: ALAN GILTRAP
27 Carfax Place, Two Rocks 6037 Ph: (08) 9561 1680

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**Korean War**

OPERATION NEXT OF KIN, launched by the Forbes Sub-Branch seeks to contact next of kin or relatives of the 339 Australian service personnel Killed in Action during the Korean War of 1950-1953. The purpose of this is to keep them informed of arrangements being made for the Dedication of the Australian National Korean War Memorial in Canberra scheduled for April 2000 and hopefully have them attend the Dedication Ceremony and possible associated activities.

Interested persons should write to Operation Next of Kin, c/o RSL, PO Box 150, Forbes NSW 2871, giving known details of the Deceased Member (Name, Rank, Number, Unit etc) plus their relationship, contact name and address, or phone 02 6853 4133 after business hours.

HOWARD ANDREWS (Co-ordinator)

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**2/4th Machine Gun Battalion**

Can anyone assist with the collection of portrait photographs of the men of the Western Australian 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion who were captured at the fall of Singapore and subsequently made Prisoners of War for three and a half years.

Also required are group photographs taken at Northam Army Camp by Eric Sampey studios and any diaries or maps that may have survived. This material is required for a book which is being prepared for release prior to the end of the year 2001. Anyone who may be able to help is asked to contact:

MURRAY EWEN
20 Williams Road, Melville 6156. Telephone: 9364 8843

**Air Gunners**

In memory of the 18,000 Air Gunners killed in World War II, many of them Australians, the Air Gunners’ Museum at Elvington, Yorkshire, is compiling a computer database to leave a permanent record of that very special breed - those entitled to wear the AG’s half-wing, whether AG, WAG or TAG, and living or dead.

There is no charge for the listing, which already has about 20,000 names. In wartime, Elvington was known as the base for 77 Squadron, reputed to have suffered the heaviest losses of any RAF squadron; it now boasts a magnificent collection of hangars which house a multitude of aircraft and memorabilia, including the last remaining complete Halifax Bomber and the wonderful Air Gunners’ Museum.

For appropriate forms contact Ken Trevallion, 17 Bulls Road, Cronulla, NSW, 2230 or (02) 9544 1713. Ken also has forms for the (RAF) Air Gunners Association and 148 Squadron Association.

HOWARD ANDREWS

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**Rocky Creek War Memorial Park Committee**

As Convenor of memorial plaques for the above committee, I wish to invite all Associations of Units who were stationed in the Atherton Tablelands area from 1942 to 1946 to consider placing a commemorative plaque in the park, which is on the original site of the 2/2nd Australian General Hospital. The site was chosen as appropriate because of its ‘historical, spiritual and cultural value’ to the thousands of troops who were patients due to training injuries or illness, and to the sick and wounded.
from the New Guinea and Pacific islands campaigns and to those who did not return.

For further information regarding the procedure for ordering of plaques, please contact:-
L.E. (MICK) HENDERSO
10 Lannoy St, Mareeba QLD 4880 Ph: (07) 4092 1985

Gold Card Campaign 1999

On 8 March 1999, a Steering Committee was formed to initiate a movement to lobby the Federal Government to extend the eligibility rules for the entitlement to the Gold Card. At a committee meeting held at the RAAF Association Memorial Clubrooms, 78 Finniss Street, North Adelaide - which was attended by approximately 200 people - the following motion was carried unanimously:

"The eligibility rules for the Gold Card be extended to include all personnel who enlisted and served in World War II".

Service personnel from World War II are now all over 72 years of age and believe their service should be recognised, given that they enlisted to serve overseas or wherever posted in the best interest of Australia at war.

The Steering Committee has produced a draft letter which can be sent to Federal MHRTs and Senators of the Upper House. For the campaign to gather further momentum, all persons are requested to register their interest by writing to:-

The Secretary, Gold Card Campaign 1999
RAAF Association (SA Division)
78 Finniss Street, North Adelaide SA 5006

Please provide your brief service details together with a stamped self-addressed business size envelope for the return of a copy of the draft letter for you to use or adapt to send to the relevant politicians. We encourage your support to further this campaign in the interests of all ex-service personnel of World War II.

Korean War 50th Anniversary
Celebrations in 2000

As part of celebrations planned for 2000 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, the Korean Air Force wishes to invite a small group of Australian military pilots who served in the war to Korea as their guests. The Korean Air Force will make the final choice so that the group chosen represents all ranks. As there were many pilots involved it may be possible for a second group to travel to Korea in 2001.

Interested pilots should contact Col Sam Gon Kim, Defence Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Korea
113 Empire Circuit, Yarralumla ACT 2600
Telephone: (02) 6270 4117
Fax: (02) 6273 4839

81 Fighter Wing Association

Would any Ex-Airman who was a member of any of the undermentioned Units or their Ancillary Units between the formation of 81 Fighter Wing on 12 April 1944 at Ballarat in Victoria and its disbandment on 28 April 1952 at Iwakuni in Japan, and who would like to become a member of our association please contact me. Life membership is $10.00, payable once only.

81 Fighter Wing member units were: 76/77/82 Squadrons; 457 Squadron – 12 Spitfires for Labuan landing; 481 Maint. Squadron; 381 Base Squadron; 111 MFCU (Ancillary Units were 106.165/305/322 Radar Stations; 112 MFCU; 47/61 OBUs; 3/5/14/22 RSUs; 20/24MCSs; 25/29 ASPs; 10 RC; 7 TMO Detachment; 5 ACS; Service Police Units; 9 LASU; 1 ASU.

When the Wing was first operational (at Townsville) 84 and 86 Squadrons, also 114 MFCU, were under the control of 81 Wing Headquarters for approximately 6-7 weeks before moving to Horn Island and Merauke respectively, for operational reasons. However, any ex-members of these three units still qualify for membership of 81 (F) Wing Association should they so desire.

A.W. BOORN JP
Honorary Secretary 81 Fighter Wing Association
1 Northcott Street, North Ryde NSW 2113
Telephone: (02) 9878 1622.
Boer War 100th Anniversary

The following edited transcripts are from the book VELDT TO VIETNAM (Haleians at War) by WJ Edgar.

The South African (Boer) War broke out on 11 October 1899. Australia was still a group of separate colonies but, in a wave of imperialistic fervour, each offered to send a force to South Africa to support England in her conflict with the Boers of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

The underlying cause of the war was the presence in the Transvaal of the largest gold-mining complex in the world beyond direct British control, at a time when the world's monetary systems, pre-eminently the British, were increasingly dependent on gold. The crisis was caused by the refusal of the South African (Boer) Republic under Paul Kruger to grant voting rights to the Uitlander (non-Dutch and, in this case, primarily English) population of the mining area of Witwatersrand.

The war began badly for the British. Their armed forces were weak and they suffered early defeats. More forces were hurried to South Africa, to relieve the besieged towns of Ladysmith, Mafeking and Kimberley and they began to beat the Boer forces in the field. But the war was far from over as the Boers continued to harass British army bases and their lines of communication. Western Australia sent nine contingents to South Africa between 1899 and 1902.

The West Australians received their baptism of fire near Slingersfontein on 9 February 1900. Twenty of them under Captain Moor (including No 104, Haleian John Bird) were ordered to hold an isolated hill against a superior force of Boers. "From six in the morning until seven in the evening the gallant little band defied an enemy who vastly outnumbered them." It was a day marked by individual gallantry and, though men went down, none faltered.

Late in the day, when Moor had one man dead and several wounded, the Boers got particularly close and called to the Australians to surrender. The answer was a smart display of bayonets over the rocks, where our men had taken cover, and some quite unprintable language of defiance. So the fight raged on.

General Clements was so impressed by the courage and fortitude of Moor's little party that next day he caused them to be paraded and formally congratulated them on their fine day's work. "The position so magnificently defended has been called West Australian Hill."

Subsequently the Western Australians participated in operations in Transvaal, Orange Free State and Cape Colony, including actions at Johannesburg, Pretoria, Diamond Hill, Wittebergen, Vet River, Zand River, Waterval Onder and Colesberg.

On 15 May 1999 there was a severe fight at Grobelaar Recht, near Carolina (the Transvaal) where the Western Australians took two positions from the enemy with fixed bayonets. Haleian, Lieutenant Anthony Forrest was killed along with two others when his force was ambushed by Boers. From the details about him in our (the Hale School) enrolment register, he would not have yet turned 17 years of age. How did he get past the recruiting officers in Perth? The minimum age was 21.

It was during this series of engagements that Lieutenant Frederick Bell (not a Haleian) became Western Australia's first Victoria Cross winner when he rescued a companion under heavy fire; Albert Maley and Reg Clifton of the 6th were both mentioned in the Commander-in-Chief's despatches; Alfred Bessell-Brown, for his outstanding services in South Africa, was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

The 100th anniversary of Australia's involvement in the Boer War, which began on 11 October 1899 with a declaration of war by the Boers against the British, is to be commemorated under the Their Service - Our Heritage program. It also marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the Nursing Service with our armed forces.

Commemoration details

The commemoration in WA will take place on 12 October 1999, concurrently with the national commemoration in Canberra, and is planned to include the following:

1030 hrs: Re-dedication of the Boer War Memorial in Kings Park, (hopefully restored by then);
1230 hrs: Parade through Perth City comprising: a troop of mounted Light Horse, 10th Light Horse, Cadets, Nursing Service Representatives, Ex-Service Groups, Descendants, Bands etc.
1345 hrs: Reception by the City of Perth.

It is noteworthy that the first Australian to be killed in declared warfare was during the Boer War. Similarly, it produced the first VC to be awarded to an Australian and included further five VCs and a remarkable number of other gallantry awards. In 1899 we were still six separate Colonies, yet volunteers from each rallied immediately, as was done in all other parts of the empire, to assist "the mother country." The innate Australian spirit of loyalty and unselfish service, which later in 1915 was called the ANZAC Spirit, was abundantly in existence in 1899-1902.

Our WA commemorative activities will conclude on Sunday 7 November with a commemorative service in St George's Cathedral at 5.00 pm and again all are welcome. It is expected our Governor and the Lord Mayor of Perth will take part in this commemoration and we look forward to the strong support of the ex-Service community to honour our forbears of the Boer War.

SAM DALLYWATER, Chairman, AVADS
Minister Launches Medals Booklet

A new booklet launched in Canberra recently will provide readers with an easy-to-read and understand guide to Australia’s Campaign and Operational medals.

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Mr Bruce Scott, launched the booklet Campaign and Operational Medals of the Australian Defence Force at the Australian War memorial. It contains colour illustrations, descriptions and the eligibility criteria for Campaign and Operational Medals. Apart from the colour pictures of medals, the book provides plain language outlines of eligibility criteria for each of the awards.

“An important part of Australia’s history has been written on the many battlefields and in the many countries in which Australian Defence force personnel have served” Mr Scott said.

Operational medals Awarded to the Australian Defence force, which was written by the Defence Staff Officer - Medals, Mr Ron Horton, is being distributed to Australian Defence Force units and headquarters, MPs and Senators, the RSL and Sub-Branches and other veterans’ organisations.

It may be purchased from the Australian War memorial bookshop - and AusInfo (formerly the government bookshop) for $14.95.

Summary of Conditions for Commonly Awarded Medals: Australian Army

1939/45 Star: awarded for six months (180 days) service in any of the following operation areas:

a. Western Europe and Italy, between 3 September 1939 and 8 May 1945. Entry into operational service in the qualifying area during the last six months of the qualifying period also qualified for the award, provided the member was still in the area on 8 May 1945.


c. The Pacific Theatre of Operations between 8 December 1941 and 2 September 1945.

d. Entry into operational service in the qualifying area during the last six months of the qualifying period also qualifies for the award; provided the member was still in the area on 2 September 1945.

e. The Northern Territory of Australia, North of Katherine, between 19 February 1942 and 12 November 1948.

The 1939/45 Star is also awarded for entry into operational service (i.e. 1 days’ service) in certain specified short campaigns, such as Syria (8 June - 11 July 1941); Greece/Crete (19 March - 31 May 1941) and the period of the Japanese invasion of Malaya (8 December 1941 - 15 February 1942).

Africa Star. Awarded for entry into operational service in North Africa, west of the Suez Canal, between 10 June 1940 and 12 May 1943 inclusive, or for entry into service in Syria during the Syrian Campaign (8 June - 11 July 1941).

Pacific Star. Awarded for entry into operational service in the Pacific Theatre of Operations between 8 December 1941 and 2 September 1945. The Pacific Star is now also awarded to those who were on hospital Ship Centaur when it was sunk in 1948.

Defence Medal. Awarded for six months (180 days) service in a non-operational area subject to enemy air attack of closely threatened which in Australia consists of the Northern Territory, north of Katherine and the Torres Strait Islands, between 8 September 1939 and 2 September 1945. Overseas service in the Middle East, east of the Suez Canal, or in Malaya prior to the Japanese invasion on 8 December 1941, is also service qualifying towards the award of the Defence medal.

War medal 1939/45. Awarded for 28 days full-time duty in the Australian Army between 3 September 1939 and 2 September 1945.

Australia Service Medal 1939/45. Awarded for 30 days full-time, or 90 days part-time service in the Australian Defence Forces between 3 September 1939 and 2 September 1945. Full-time service counts double towards the part-time qualification.

Note that the qualifying periods for all World War II service medals finish on 2 September 1945, unless otherwise specified as finishing on an earlier date.
ANZAC Club Competition Winner: Neil Stewart

After receiving many entries, Club Manager Paul McGranaghan has selected Mr Neil Stewart of Salter Point as the winner. Thank you to all entrants and congratulations - his entry is printed below. And bon appetit Neil

A Merry Christmas - and Many Happy Returns

In December 1944 when as Able Seaman N. McK. Stewart SGA3 (Seaman Gunner Anti-aircraft, 3rd Class), I reported for duty aboard DEMS (Defensively Equipped Merchant Ship) MV Astoria, I found that my arrival coincided with that of another important member of the ship's crew - a new chief cook named Arthur.

Arthur claimed he'd had previous experience as a shearer's cook. I, on the other hand, fresh out of Guninery School at Flinders Naval Depot, at least had proof of my qualifications in the right sleeve of my uniform.

The Astoria, a Danish merchant ship of some 4400 tons under charter to the Australian government, carried 6 light AA weapons and a dual purpose 4 inch gun mounted on the stern. These were served by seven gunners, all ABs. With no rank structure to worry about, we all messed together in our own quarters.

With only six gunners needed daily to keep watch every seven day's the odd man out was made the gunners' mess man, or Peggy. It was Peggy's job to bring food from the galley half an hour before each watch began, and again at the end of each watch for those who'd just completed their watch. Washing up and tidying up the quarters in between times rounded off Peggy's duties.

On Christmas Day 1944, I was the Peggy. The ship, laden with 8000 tons of bulk grain, was off Wilson's Promontory bound for Peru, a destination we hoped to reach in five weeks.

The day started as usual. I got breakfast from the galley at 0725 hours to enable the forenoon watch to eat before going on duty at 0800 am. When I arrived, Arthur proudly informed me that the whole ship would get a full Christmas dinner. Not only would he be serving roast turkey, but plum pudding and mince pies as well. Startling though this news was, I was filled with misgivings. I'd already experienced Arthur's cooking, and nothing he'd produced so far gave me any reason to believe him capable of producing such an ambitious menu. He even had problems in boiling an egg.

At about 10 am I visited the Chief Steward to get the day's ration of milk and butter. Normally a morose little man, he was surprisingly agreeable, and I soon realised he was happily drunk on schnapps. All smiles, he doled out the day's rations - adding at the last, two bottles of beer and a bottle of gin - a "present from der Captain."

If I hadn't needed to go back for something, that would have been the end of it. However, on returning 10 minutes later, the Chief Steward once again presented me with his "present from der Captain." You've guessed it. Two more bottles of beer and a bottle of gin!

Naturally I spread the word to my mates. Each in turn were anxious to try their luck. They were so successful, that when we eventually sat down to dinner, we'd amassed a total of 18 bottles of beer and nine bottles of gin. All "presents from der Captain."

When Arthur served his Christmas dinner, our worst fears were realised. The turkey was burnt beyond recognition. Totally inedible, we consigned it via the porthole to a watery grave. The plum pudding, christened with lumpy yellow custard, had all the texture and charm of a cannon ball. It followed the turkey. And as for the mince pies? Rock hard they were and, of course, followed the pudding to the depths below.

Fortunately, my mother had given me a 12-pound tin of honey before we left Port Adelaide - a fitting partner for the excellent daily bread we consumed, compliments of Erik, Arthur's Danish assistant.

So that year, our Christmas dinner consisted of bread, butter and honey, supplemented by the "Presents for der Captain."

As we passed into the Tasman Sea, we encountered a violent storm, similar to that experienced in last year's Sydney to Hobart Yacht race. The seas were such that no submarine of the day could have successfully attacked us.

Which was just as well, for the gunners that night on anti-submarine watch all suffered some visual impairment - a result no doubt of those "presents from der Captain."

So it's easy to understand why Christmas 1944 has been the most memorable one in all my 75 years (so far).

Neil Mck Stewart

Noted Australian war artist Will Dyson wrote in his 1918 publication Australians at War: A Winter Record "I sometimes think it is the primitive emotions of grief and disillusionment and ferocious despair induced by the cooking of the cooks that make some of our battalions so awe inspiring in the attack."

Heading East?

If members intend visiting interstate Sub-Branches, it is advisable to obtain a membership card from your Sub-Branch or ANZAC House before leaving. Difficulties have occurred in the past when members could not gain admittance to interstate Sub-Branches/Clubs because they were unable to prove membership. EDITOR
REUNIONS

Truscott Base Tribute Committee Inc.

I enclose an item provided to me by F/Lt Keith Hutton who served with 58 Operational Base Unit at Drysdale (Kalumburu Mission) and later with 18 Sqn as operations officer. It might be useful for your Humour in Uniform section, though I doubt it will come up to the standard set by “It started with a Flag”.

We hope to stage a further reunion at Truscott on 20 May 2000, subject to permission by the owners and enough veterans prepared to attend. If we are unable to go to Truscott we will hold a reunion here in Kununurra, with perhaps a day visit or a Truscott flyover. Interested veterans, relatives, particularly the younger ones, and anyone with an interest in the Truscott Air Base will be made welcome. It is imperative, however, for intending visitors to contact us, as below, as soon as possible so we can plan properly.

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467-463 Lancaster Squadrons Assoc.

The 467-463 RAAF Lancaster Squadrons Association, WA Branch, will hold its 12th biennial reunion in Perth from 20-24 September. More than 200 members are expected from the United Kingdom, South Africa, New Zealand and all Australian States and Territories. The principal event will be the service of Commemoration to be held on Tuesday 21 September at 14.20 at the RAFAA complex, Bull Creek, conducted by Chaplain (Air commodore RAAF, Ret) the Reverend Erskine Sweetman BA ThL. A wreath will be laid under the Spitfire Memorial to honour the 940 airmen killed in action. Among those who were shot down, 214 became prisoners of war and a further 161 evaded capture and returned to Britain.

The Squadrons served with great distinction in the air war over Europe during World War II as part of 5 group, RAAF Bomber Command. In total they flew 6358 operational sorties (41,904 hours - 12,251,600 km).

467 Squadron was formed at Scampton, Lincolnshire on 7 November 1942 under Wing Commander CL Gomm DSO, DFC, and almost immediately moved to Bottesford, Leicestershire. In November 1943 the Squadron moved to Waddington, Lincolnshire. After VE Day 8th May 1945 the Squadron joined Tiger Force, moving to RAF Metheringham. It was disbanded in November 1945.

463 Squadron was formed from 'C' flight 467 Sqdn at RAF Waddington on 25 November 1943 under Wing Commander Rollo Kingsford Smith, DSO, DFC. In July 1945 the Squadron was transferred to RAF Skellingthorpe and was disbanded in September 1945.

The five day reunion will include a welcoming cocktail party, a visit to the Wildflower Festival at Kings Park and a visit to the RAAFA Aviation Heritage Museum at Bull Creek, where the prime exhibit is Lancaster heavy bomber NX622. It has been painted in the livery of JO D 463 Sqdn, and represents the aircraft flown by both squadrons. Historic Fremantle will be visited, returning via the Swan River, and a wildflower excursion will be made to Dwellingup in the jarrah forest. The reunion will conclude with a banquet at a city venue.

JOHN MCKENZIE
186 Weaponess Road, Wembley Downs 6019
Telephone: 9341 1358

118 Aust. General (Military) Hospital NORTHAM (1941-1946)

If you served with 118 AGH during 1942-1945, please join us at our annual re-union in King’s Park on Monday, 8 November 1999. Contact: Sue, telephone (08) 9328 5952 for further information.

Air Dispatchers Reunion Year 2000

The Air Dispatch Association of Australia (ADAA) will hold the First International Air Dispatch Reunion in Sydney from 22 to 27 April 2000 at the Penrith Panthers Leagues Club, where heavily discounted bed and breakfast accommodation has been arranged.

Hosted by ex-members of Australian Army air dispatch units the reunion will be attended by Australian veterans of World War II “Biscuit Bomber” Companies, (Myola, Kokoda, New Guinea) and air dispatchers from Britain (Malaya, Borneo and Arnhem service), New Zealand and the US (South Vietnam), Malaysia (Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation) and Canada (South Vietnam). 176 AD Sqn (ARA) will provide a Banner Party for the ADAA Banner and the RAASC/RACT Association has arranged for the Corps banner, the “Princess Alice Banner,” and the RACT Pipes and Drums to be paraded with the AD Association on ANZAC Day 2000 through Sydney streets.

An outstanding itinerary has been arranged for four of the six days and includes: Welcome In, Sydney Harbour cruise, golf days, AD Dinner, visit 176 AD Sqn for Static Displays and BBQ at RAAF Base, Richmond, ANZAC Day Dawn Service and March and Sydney Olympic Village and Sport Venues, Ladies’ clothing factory tour and other tours. Contact: Bob Hutton on (02) 4572 5085 or Nev Varley on (02) 4261 7930 for full details and postage of itinerary and booking form.

GRAHAM HAY
The Old Diggers Club

Members meet each Wednesday 12 pm at the Canning/Vic Park RSL Branch, 162 Wharf St, Cannington to have a few drinks, a meal and spin a few yarns - mainly about the Korean War. They are a happy go lucky lot and don't stand any whinging, grandstanding or big noting. If anyone fits the bill please come along and join us.

RAR Badge

C Coy 2 RAR (2nd Tour Vietnam) is holding a reunion at Port Pirie, SA from Wednesday 8 – Sunday 12 November 2000. If anyone in WA is interested in attending this event, please contact Peter Heeney on 9341 8263 or write to 64 Duke Street, Scarborough, 6019.

B BURLING

HMAS Bataan Veterans Association

Host ship Association to the first combined reunion of the famous RAN Tribal Class Destroyers: HMAS Arunta, Warramunga and Bataan

Would you kindly promote the reunion of the ship’s companies of these three famous Australian ships. As this is the first reunion in 53 years it is reasonable to assume that the age group expected to gather will have a wealth of experience to share and perhaps some unwritten history may emerge as well.

September is spring at its best on Queensland’s Sunshine Coast and a host of activities will be available at group prices for all to enjoy during the recollection of events with and of past shipmates. A touching remembrance ceremony and march will conclude the reunion from our own Memorial Park overlooking the calm of the Noosa River.

KEN BRIDGES, Co-ordinator

104 Signals Squadron

Former members of 104 Sig Sqn are invited to register their interest in attending a reunion organised by Margaret Goodchap, on the Gold Coast on the Tuesday evening before ANZAC Day for a drink and renewal of old friendships.

It is proposed that on ANZAC Day 104 Signals Squadron march as a unit in the ANZAC Day parade on the Gold Coast. After the march a get-together for all members would continue into the evening.

Please indicate if you are interested by contacting Margaret on: Telephone (07) 55 29 8112 or email: goodchap@yahoo.com

RAADC Reunion 22-28 April 2000

A national reunion of all ex and serving members of the Royal Australian Army Dental Corps (ARA, Militia, CMF, Reserve etc.) is planned for Brisbane during ANZAC and Easter week 2000. The reunion will include personnel from other Corps who were attached or served with RAADC Units.

We are seeking names and addresses of all known ex-Royal Australian Army Dental Corps members to enable us to contact them regarding the activity.

For further details please contact: MJ Slattery, RAADC Association (Qld) (Inc) PO Box 301, Bribie Island QLD 4507 Telephone: (07) 3408 0417, Fax: (07) 32 08 1557

VJ Day Ceremony

Sunday 15th August this year marked the 54th anniversary of the end of World War II. The Japanese surrender in 1945 brought to a close six long years of war, which saw, for the first time, Australia being attacked and threatened with invasion.

At a ceremony at the State War Memorial arranged by the Council of Australian Veterans and Defence Service Associations in WA, veterans, serving Defence Personnel and dignitaries gathered to remember those who served.

Representing the Prime Minister, Federal Member of Parliament Wilson Tuckey spoke of how all Australians – and particularly Western Australians – had their lives affected by the war, and how at war’s end the servicemen and women returned to civilian life and set about contributing to the society we now enjoy with pride.

Pictured at the ceremony, far left: John Ick from HMAS Hobart, and above: Les Gordon and Dick Abreo.
Emergency Phone Numbers

It is recommended that members store emergency numbers on their home telephone so that a call can be made by one touch of a button. In Perth the Police number is 9222 1111. Country members should contact their nearest Police station to ascertain the correct number or contact the community Policing section on (08) 9356 0555 who also will forward details on how to store numbers in your phone if required. The 000 number is an emergency only number.

ROSS O’CONNOR
Community Policing Section, Cannington

Ryder-Cheshire Homes

Group Captain Lord Cheshire of Woodhall VC OM DSO DFC was a legendary World War II bomber pilot. After the war, he heard that a man he knew was dying of cancer: he took him into his home and nursed him until his death, other patients soon followed. With his wife, Baroness Sue Ryder of Warsaw CMG OBE who served with Special Operation Executive during the war and was involved in helping millions of sick, destitute and homeless people in Europe, Leonard Cheshire formed the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation and Ryder-Cheshire Homes.

Perth’s Ryder-Cheshire Home provides low-cost, home-like accommodation for country people who are receiving treatment but do not require hospitalisation or nursing care. A carer may also stay with the person having treatment or to support an in-patient. The Home, Barbara Seabrook House, is at 6 Selby Street, Shenton Park inside the entrance to Royal Perth Rehabilitation Hospital, seven kilometres from the city.

City of Perth Sub-Branch

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Ideally situated with a beach frontage to Cockburn Sound.
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You will require your own van.
Please contact the caretaker on (08) 9527 8551 for reservations

Country members can receive more information by telephoning (08) 9388 3467.

EDITOR

The Bush Wireless

Pension Up-date Corner

by Margot Harness
As promised in the last issue, I will address a problem, which is all too common in WA among veterans. “What’s that?” I hear you cry.

I refer to the widespread incidence of SKIN CANCERS. Far more is known about this health problem these days and younger generations have had to become very aware of the dangers, as the hole-in-the-ozone-layer in the southern hemisphere is a geographic reality.

One of the difficulties in getting this accepted as a war-caused (or defence-caused) condition is its prevalence among people in the wider community. (West Australians and Queenslanders have the highest rate of skin cancers among “white skinned” people in the world). Consequently the SoPs reflect this, and thus the DVA looks not only at your period of war (or defence) service - but the rest of your civilian life (both early childhood/youth before service; plus your post-war history and circumstances).

There are two SoPs, each of which address the two major types:

1. Malignant Melanoma (a particularly serious cancer). This is not a common manifestation. Fortunately the SoP for this one is straightforward and not difficult to meet, only requiring “at least one episode of serious sunburn” during the period of a veteran’s operation service/eligible service.

2. Far harder is Chronic Solar Skin Damage (which covers Keratoses/ Basal Cell carcinomas and Squamous Cell carcinomas etc). The SoP for this is 11 pages long(!) It investigates your sun-exposure patterns over the whole of your life. A detailed questionnaire elicits from you where you spent your early childhood, the times per day you spent outside - where you spent your weekends and holidays (which, being our-of-doors West Australians were probably at the beach/crabbing etc!). Your service pattern is then established (at sea/jungle/desert etc); next they look at post-war (where you worked/hours per day in the sunlight/type of clothing worn - where you took holidays). A computer
then analyses this information to calculate whether your period of war-service put you 10 times more at risk than the rest of your life put together.

As it's hard to get one's head around this, I will use a couple of examples:

Veteran A:
Born in Dongara, local schools and first job shearer. Joined AIF (6 Div) - went to Middle East - Infantry. Came back to Australia (via Ceylon). After leave, back to New Guinea and Islands (as Sig). Married a Tasmanian - lived there for 20 years - worked as wool-classer. Came back to Perth, got job with SEC as clerk, then middle manager at the Head Office. Has photos of self in the M/E, Ceylon, Palestine and Islands in "Bombay bloomers" or swimming trunks - some without a hat (which show his fair hair and colouring). This veteran first noticed SCCs on face and ears in 1980 (at age 60).

He MIGHT "scrape in" to meet the SoP for chronic Solar Skin Damage. Reasons: as a shearer, he'd have been under cover from sun much of the working day. His six years in the Army exposed him to the sun on many occasions - he has photos to prove he was often "under-clothed". Post-war, 20 years in Tasmania - low rate of average sunshine. Returning to WA, again, employment kept him indoors most of the day on most days. His wartime probably did increase his sun-exposure 10 times over.

Veteran B:
Born in Perth - local schools. Got job as telegraph boy, then with Country Roads Board. Joined AIF 1943, saw service in New Guinea and Borneo. Returned to Perth, back to building roads and learned brick-laying. Became brickie - has own business. Weekends, likes being on his boat and fishing. At age 73, is finding he has a lot of small cancers needing removal on face, head, hands, and forearms.

Will probably never be able to demonstrate that he was greatly more at risk on active service than his pre-war/post-war patterns of exposure. (All of them are characterised by a high degree of sun-exposure).

Veteran C:
Born Victoria 1947. Local schools etc. Joins the Army (Engineers) - does two separate years in Vietnam. Remains in the Army, and has "eligible Defence" service of 14 years (largely spent around Townsville/Enoggera/Casula) before resigning as a WO. Even before his discharge (to settle in Sydney), he has reported into the RAP with small skin cancers on face, forearms and back. At age 49, he has BCCs and SCCs requiring removal.

As he has a total of 16 years the DVA has to take into account (compared with only 33 years of "civilian" life) - he will have a very good chance of establishing that his "ration of risk" was more than 10 to 1.

It is quite complicated, isn't it?! I was intending to touch on the issue of Extreme Disablement Adjustment in this issue - but there is insufficient space, so I will write about this in the next "Bush Wireless". Instead, as our Editor is trying to introduce a bit of light-hearted levity into the magazine, here is my little offering (call it "Margot's Corn Corner")!

Mahatma Gandhi, as most of us know, walked barefoot most of the time which produced an impressive set of callouses on his feet. He also ate very little which made him rather frail, and with his odd diet he suffered from bad breath.

Which made him.... what? A super calloused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis!

**What happens to your Widow when you die?**

by the ACT Defence Widows' Support Group

The Defence Widows' Support Group (DWSG) exists for the support of the Defence widow, particularly the newly widowed. In the ACT, the Group tries to contact the Defence widow soon after the funeral of her partner to see if help is required.

The experience has shown that the same problems seem to surface repeatedly; therefore this article is presented in the hope that some forward planning on your part will relieve the burden and distress on your partner when the inevitable occurs.

**Preparation is needed NOW**

Preparing for the inevitable may seem irrelevant to you now, but some simple arrangements put in place now will save your partner much grief and effort in the future. They include:

**Personal Bank Accounts.** Some banks may freeze joint accounts on the death of a signatory. It would be prudent for both you and your partner to have immediate access to funds in separate individual accounts.

**Current Wills.** Every adult ought to have a current will kept in a safe, secure place, and the location of which is known by you and your partner.

**Funeral Arrangements.** You should each know your partners' choice of funeral arrangements- and have them written down, preferably with you wills. Note that Power of Attorney ceases at death.

**Bank account, Club and Associations memberships etc.** You should keep an up to date list of organisations of which you are a member (including membership number) as well as all regular bills you pay (and their method of payment). This will save your partner much distress and uncertainty, particularly if not in the habit of handling routine household accounts or not familiar with your outside activities.
Veterans' Entitlements. Your widow may be entitled to benefits from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), but in order to apply she will need documentation and proof of your Defence service. Collating this information now will save your partner much stress in the months following your death and greatly assist in any applications made to the DVA.

When the sad time occurs

Below are some of the things that await the newly widowed, based on the experiences of the DWSG in the ACT. These matters may seem irrelevant or trivial to you at this stage, but will be important to your partner when left to deal with your affairs and put new arrangements in place.

The information is neither definitive nor necessarily applicable in all States, but nevertheless gives a practical and useful guide to some of the issues that may confront the new widow. Further details should be sought from your solicitor, your advocate or the relevant Government department to confirm your particular situation:

YOUR DFRB/DFRDB BENEFIT. Upon notification of the death of a recipient of a DFRB/DFRDB benefit, ComSuper stops payment of the benefit and necessary forms have to be submitted to ComSuper. Only after the forms are correctly completed and submitted will a widow receive a lump sum equal to seven pays' worth of her husband's previous benefit. Thereafter the widow will receive five-eighths of the fortnightly benefit he would have received if he had not commuted his benefit when he left the Service. Most of the new benefit will then be nationally CPI indexed. If there are dependant children and/or full time students, additional benefits may be receivable. Documents required to be submitted include copies of the marriage certificate and the death certificate (although a copy of the newspaper notification of death may be accepted until the death certificate is available).

YOUR MSS BENEFIT. Benefits provided in the recently introduced MSS are quite different from those of DFRB and DFRDB (as outlined above) and you should seek further advice.

YOUR BANK ACCOUNTS. See above for what may happen to your joint account, depending on what the particular bank rules may be. Following your death the new widow will need to reopen the joint account in her own name, following whatever the bank's requirements are. Again, having individual accounts in place will greatly assist during this trying time. Some bank loans may be written off if an insurance premium was included in the fee, but you will need to check your individual contacts.

YOUR HOUSE. After a required period of time, houses in joint names can be transferred to the surviving joint owner upon application to the relevant Titles Office.

Documentation required may include copies of the marriage certificate, the death certificate and Will. Westpac may need to be advised regarding any Defence Service Homes Loans entitlements.

YOUR CAR. Generally the car can be transferred to the partner if he/she is the sole beneficiary listed in the Will. (Of course a better option would be to have the family car registered in both names.) The deceased's driving licence may be able to be returned for a refund of the remaining valid period. Copies of the car registration papers and the widow's driving licence may be required. The Insurance Company will also need to be advised of any changes of car ownership.

TAX RETURNS. A final tax return will need to be lodged to the Australian Taxation Office on behalf of the deceased. Other matters to note include possible Capital Gain Tax payable for shares purchased after 1985, stamp duty and other fees.

CLUBS AND OTHER MEMBERSHIPS. All the deceased's memberships will need to be cancelled, and any refund requested. As suggested above, if all of these details are centrally recorded this will save much upset for you partner who will be left responsible for managing all these matters.

LEGACY. The deceased may be eligible for assistance from Legacy; for example if they had served in a War Zone or had other operational service. Contact Legacy for further details.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS ENTITLEMENTS. If the member's death was caused by a Service related injury or the member was already in receipt of a DVA pension, the widow may be entitled to DVA benefits. You should try to be aware of the possible entitlements prior to needing them. Contact the DVA, RDFWA, BSL, Legacy, Vietnam Veterans’ Association of Australia, etc for further details.

PRIVATE HEALTH BENEFITS. You may be entitled to some benefits from your private health insurer. In addition your premium may be reduced, in particular if the family rate changes to single.

COMPENSATION BENEFITS. You may be entitled to some benefits from your private health insurer. In addition, your premium may be reduced, in particular if the family rate changes to single.

COMPENSATION BENEFITS - see above. In addition if there are entitlements to any other compensation payments these need to be submitted as soon as possible. Entitlements for dependant children may also be payable.

YOUR INCOME. If the total income of the widow is less that a certain figure then a pension (full or part) from the Department of Social Security may be payable. DSS may also be able to provide immediate funds prior to the ComSuper pension starting. A number of copies of
marriage certificate, will and death certificate will be needed.

POWER OF ATTORNEY. You can see from the above that there are many things that need to be resolved following the death of a partner. A visit to a qualified solicitor may be required, especially if you already have a family solicitor who is familiar with your personal arrangements (in which case he/she could be responsible for keeping your current Will in a safe place). A solicitor should be approached in order for the surviving partner to revise his/her will and raise a new Power of Attorney (with a responsible adult).

FINALLY... you should keep an exercise book to record all business phone calls, etc made after your partners’ death. In the fog and grief memory can be faulty, and a record of calls and decisions made will always be very useful. Relatives and friends, trying to be helpful, will often make decisions and arrangements on your behalf and trying to remember all these will be difficult. A copy of all correspondence and forms completed, and kept in an accordion file, is an added bonus.

Hollywood Sponsors Design Awards

Hollywood recently hosted the awards ceremony for Australia’s first Universal Design Competition, a major event of the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP). Hollywood was a major sponsor of the awards as part of its contribution to the IYOP.

Seniors’ Minister Rhonda Parker, Senator Chris Ellison, who represented the Federal Minister for the Aged, Office of Seniors’ Interests Executive Director Dianne Moran, Transperth Director Brett Inchley and international judges were among approximately 130 guests at the ceremony.

Mrs Parker said the imaginative entries could make life better for everyone in the community, including those who were not physically able and those who did not have perfect hearing, sight or comprehension.

About half of the 262 entries came from the community with participants ranging from children to seniors, as well as design students and professional designers. Some of the winning entries included an easy pour jug, a clip-on device for reading glasses and a public transport navigator.

Design competition winner Adrienne Zuvela a first year design student, School of Design, Curtin University with Hollywood Private Hospital Executive Director Kevin Cass-Ryall. Adrienne’s design was an adaptation of the Webster Pill Pack with electronic reminder which would be checked each time a prescription was renewed at a pharmacy.

The Editorial Committee welcomes articles for possible inclusion in The Listening Post but please be aware that we reserve the right to edit and abbreviate material to meet the layout requirements of the magazine.
**BOOK REVIEWS**

**The Gestapo Hunters**

464 Squadron RAAF 1942-45
by Mark Lax and Leon Kan-Maguire

464 Squadron RAAF was formed in 1942 and equipped with Lockheed Venturas to carry out daylight bombing operations against Nazi-occupied Europe. In 1943 the Squadron was re-equipped with the De-Haviland Mosquito fighter-bomber. Although an RAAF Unit, the Squadron comprised air and ground crew members from across the empire. Originally with Bomber Command, the Squadron then came under the control of the Second Tactical Airforce and flew many low-level attack operations both day and night, especially in support of the Normandy invasion. The famous raid in February 1944 against the prison at Amiens, at the request of the French Resistance, to bomb the walls and hopefully free as many as possible of the prisoners there who were to be executed by the German security forces.

The Squadron later specialised in precision and very low-level attacks on buildings occupied by the dreaded Nazi Secret Police, the Gestapo. The attacks were of a special nature, as the bombs had to be dropped accurately to avoid casualties among the inhabitants of adjoining buildings.

*The Gestapo Hunters* is the result of many years’ research by the authors and is a fine and accurate tribute to the members of the Squadron. Hardcover copies, with dust-jacket featuring a painting of 464 Squadron Mosquitoes, are available post-free from publisher Banner Books, 122 Walker Street, Maryborough, QLD 4650, or at leading bookshops. Recommended retail price $40.00

**GEOFF TANNER**

**Flying with Lady Luck**

by Dick Sudlow

Flying P.40 Kittyhawks in combat missions with the RAAF during World War II, the author tells how he believes Lady Luck was with him in the cockpit on more than one occasion.

Lady Luck may well have been present at times but, when reading his interesting book and applying the knowledge of what aircraft were like in those times (as opposed to the modern, sophisticated aircraft of today), you cannot help but conclude that the pilots in Dick Sudlow’s era, had more than luck on their side. Not only did they need a high level of adaptability, they also had to have an incredibly high level of sheer skill.

This self-published book is available direct from the author, Dick Sudlow, PO Box 97, Milton, NSW 2538 for $15.00 which include postage.

**GEOFF TANNER**

**Volunteers at ANZAC HOUSE**

The RSL is privileged to have a number of volunteers who make a valuable contribution to the smooth running of our day-to-day business.

We like to acknowledge their generous donation of their time to assist us in this manner and in this issue we introduce you to:

**GEOFF (BLUEY) DUNNE CD**

Geoff is ex 7 RAR Vietnam 1967-68, and provides valuable assistance to our State Secretary.

**GRAHAM BERTOLINI**

Ex-RAN, Gulf War Veteran, a Jack of all Trades and will take on any task – anything, any time, any where!

**Bill Johnstone**

ex-British Army Commissionaire Welfare Volunteer

*The Listening Post - Spring 1999*
Brisbane Carnival

Entries are still needed for the Brisbane Bowling Carnivals; give it some thought. Members who intend to stay on after the Carnival are asked to contact Les Fynmore regarding return booking, otherwise you will be flying home by Qantas on 7 January 2000. The phone number is 9364 1476. Les Fynmore is again the tour leader, Les Webb the delgate and tour manager, Max O'Loughlin the team manager, Jim McCall the flag officer and Fred Birnie the property manager.

Qantas, Australia's own airline and a sponsor of our bowls section, is providing a service very hard to surpass for those bowlers going to Brisbane. So, if you are thinking of heading off into the wide blue yonder, support Qantas. They help to support you!

Jetty's Restaurant is another of our sponsors. If you want a lun cheon at reasonable prices with excellent food, Jetty's is the place to go.

Whether it is for business or sport, sponsorship plays an important role in any organisation. In the WARSL Bowls section, we have several sponsors to help our program through the season. Some of our events are not sponsored however, and we ask you, as members with outside links to the business community, to try to obtain sponsorship for the coming season. Our membership is around the 1000 mark, so the Sponsor's message will be well circulated. Do your best - every little helps.

OOPS!!

This journal's Winter edition contained a couple of howlers for which we apologise.

Firstly the Guard of Honour article: Toodyay resident S.J. Eastwood, ex-3 Platoon, A Company, 17th National Service Training Battalion remembered being on parade in 1954 when her Majesty visited Perth, not 1974 as was printed. He is absolutely correct.

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Bill Truss of Mandurah politely suggested that Brigadier Arnold Potts would never wear his slouch hat backwards, nor wear his decoations on the wrong side of his uniform. He too is absolutely correct; the photograph was reversed.

EDITOR

Final Results

The Morrie Crewe Fours was won by Doug Lind (skip), Les Webb, Kevin Fahey and Brian Louth. Runners-up were Dusty Rhodes, Ancient Archy Reeves, Bill Jackson and Ray Ridley. Gordon Becker, Tuppy Sarre, Tom Creswell and Jim Craib were third. Round winners were Charlie Chapman, Keith Dhu, Noel Laird and Max Plester's teams.

Winners of the Presentation Day Fours were D.F. Docking, D. Reynolds and M. Brennan. D. Irving, C. McNeil, M. Nipperus and M. Dean were second and Doug and Phyl Lind with Joan and Ted O'Grady were third.

Representing the WARSL, Liaison Officer John Brigden presented the trophies to the winners at the prize-giving. This wound up the 1998-1999 season. The new program is being drawn up and for those not at the AGM, please note that all country trips are now single entry.

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Diggers Day

Venue: Cannington Bowling Green.
Date: Friday, 12 November 1999.
Time: Report at 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start.
Teams: Two games of 17 ends. Teams of four, with single entries accepted.
Fee: $48 per team, $12 per head.
Dress: Creams or whites. No coloured shirts to be worn.
Lunch: This will be supplied at Cannington.
Nominations: Closing date is Monday, 8 November 1999. Service and Ex-servicemen only.
Telephone: Cannington Bowling Club, 9458 3408
Osborne Bowling Club, 9458 7604
Pickering Bowling Club, 9399 6890

JOHN BRIGDEN, Liaison Officer

Ray Smith (right), Club Captain at Gingin, with Les Fynmore, President WA Bowls. Gingin is one of many country clubs visited by WA Bowls members.
STATE WAR MEMORIAL

Incoming Warden

The State Branch has pleasure in announcing the appointment of Annette Knight AN JP CITWA as Warden of the State War Memorial for 1999-2000. Mrs Knight (nee Lindsay) was born in Kalgoorlie and educated at Mount Hawthorn State School, Perth Modern School and Murdoch University.

Her long career with the Australian Broadcasting Commission as an announcer and newsreader, proprietorship of her own business and long service as a Councillor and Mayor of the Town of Albany provide a background to a long, impressive curriculum vitae.

Mrs Knight is Deputy Chair of the Western Australian Tourist Commission and has been a Justice of the Peace and a Member of the Order of Australia (1966), a Paul Harris Fellowship and the Governor’s Award for Regional Development - Citizen of the Year Awards 1997.

Married to the Hon Thomas Knight (former MLC), Annette has seven children and is grandmother to 16.

Report to State Congress

by Outgoing Warden,
Hon VJ Ferry, DFC JP

It has been a very great privilege and honour to have been appointed Warden of the State War Memorial for the current year and I hope that my application to the position is worthy of the task entrusted to me. In presenting my report to Congress, I wish to mention several things. Certainly, I will thank a number of people who assisted so willingly and wonderfully, but I also wish to make a few observations and recommendations.

It is my contention that the State War Memorial, situated so prominently on the face of Mt Eliza overlooking the Swan River and the city is a highly appropriate vantage point to remember and honour our fallen.

As our Dawn Service is held on the morning of ANZAC Day, it is designed very largely in remembrance of those who fell on that fateful morning on 25 April 1915 and during the months following the landing at Gallipoli. I believe the State War Memorial in Kings Park is admirably placed to visualise the trauma of that memorable campaign.

Many thousands of people of all ages get up out of their safe and warm beds in the early morning to absorb the poignant atmosphere in silence. Their presence is a tribute from each in their own private way and, to me, it contains an obvious deep feeling of grateful thanks for the host of sacrifices.

I believe the added emphasis of remembrance to our fallen and the acknowledgement of sacrifices via the print media, TV and radio has assisted greatly in keeping the spirit of ANZAC in all its forms clearly before the public. I am sure most of us have either read, viewed or heard some excellent stories, feature articles and personal yarns associated with our fighting services leading up to our national ANZAC Day. Media outlets please take a bow.

I also give much credit to the many schools all over the State that foster and encourage the holding of ANZAC Services. I especially appreciate the opportunities for schoolchildren to learn the meaning of ANZAC Day, and to have an understanding of the human sacrifices in subsequent conflicts. I particularly thank all those ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen who volunteer their time to talk to schoolchildren about their personal wartime experiences. It has been my experience that our young people are very receptive to hearing from people who have been personally involved in armed service activities.

I detect a growing mood of profound understanding of national sacrifice amongst our citizens. This is reflected by the large attendances on national remembrance occasions. The State War Memorial is a focal point of great significance in this mood.

There are two occasions, which I will single out as examples. One was the outstanding Government Schools Ceremony which, as we have come to expect, was delightfully conducted by the young people themselves. It was an outstanding occasion again this year and the young folk are to be heartily congratulated on their contribution. It does your heart good to see so many whole-some young people taking responsibility and setting such a fine example of community awareness. Well done to all of them.

May I also express my gratitude to the administration and teaching staff of the Education Ministry who so expertly made the school ceremony possible.

The other ceremony of outstanding note was the 1999 ANZAC Day Dawn Service on ANZAC morning at the State War Memorial. The weather on this morning was ideal, although a cool breeze accompanied the early hours.
Judging by the spread of people in the vicinity of the War Memorial, it would seem that more people attended than ever before.

I guess having the privilege of being Warden brings with it a degree of responsibility. Nevertheless, without the dedicated assistance of so many people, the year could not run so efficiently and smoothly. I especially record my sincere thanks to the Deputy Warden, Ron Stone, and all the Sub-Wardens who sacrifice so much of their private time to the cause.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the ready help from the Highgate Sub-Branch, Kings Park Board, the staff and rangers of Kings Park and the officers of the Police Department. No less thanks, indeed, to our hardworking State President, Ken Bladen, for his personal and most supportive interest in all matters affecting the Memorial. Thank you Ken. To our State Secretary, Shane Seers, and the staff at ANZAC House: your wholehearted assistance has been tremendous.

A special mention of thanks to Mr Andrew Mill, Chairman of the Branch Rover Council. More than 70 scouts were on duty throughout the night of 24/25 April. They were engaged in a night-long vigil, and the guarding of the memorial was appreciated and effective. The work of the scouts was ably and well supported by a roster of police officers, to which we owe a debt of gratitude. Thank you all for this essential supervision.

For the comfort and satisfaction of the several thousand people who attended the Dawn Service, I must thank Richard Carter for his effective contribution as narrator. It is essential that those good enough to attend in the darkness are suitably informed as to the procedure to be expected, and the significance of the Dawn Service. Apart from contributing to the solemnity of the morning, it also tends to assist with crowd behavior and safety. Well done, Richard.

There are a number of other people whom I wish to thank and if I have overlooked some I apologise. However, I acknowledge Neil Campbell of AAA Productions (for the sound system), the City of Perth, the Main Roads Department, the marshals, the Salvation Army bugler, the drummer, the 7 Field Battery firing party and the St John Ambulance First Aid and Emergency medical assistance.

I should like to record a special note of thanks to His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable David Malcolm AC, for his very fine and moving address at the conclusion of the Wreath-Laying Ceremony. Thank you, sir, for your example and patronage.

Before I finish I want to say something about the proposed Flame of Remembrance. I look forward to the innovation of the establishment of a Flame of Remembrance in the area of contemplation facing the State War Memorial.

May I express my personal thanks to the Premier, the Hon. Richard Court, and his Government for the practical and welcome help given in matters appertaining to the maintenance and well-being of our much revered State War memorial. Until very recently the State government contributed half the cost of normal maintenance of this Memorial, with the League paying the other half. As from this year, the State Government has agreed to meet the cost of all normal maintenance. This relieves the League of expenditure, which can now be used in supporting the welfare needs of its members.

The State War Memorial is part of our State heritage. It cannot be neglected.

Honour Avenues Committee Report

The months that have passed since my last report have been eventful. The principal reason for the existence of the committee (established almost 80 years) is the maintenance of the 1,150 memorial plaques and posts in Kings Park. This work is demanding and continuous, and the Committee, along with the management and staff of Kings Park, ensures that a high standard is always maintained. Kings Park is probably this State’s major tourist attraction and the Honour Avenues are an important feature, not only for tourists but also for the thousands of Western Australians who visit each week.

As a result of negotiations late last year between the Kings Park Board and “Bish” Kwieciniski OAM, the Board made available a sufficient number of trees to allow the manufacture and dedication of memorial plaques for a few families who have had applications outstanding - in most cases for several years. Sadly Bish died in July and was unable to witness the dedications. His tireless contribution to the Committee spanned 27 years, eight as chairman.

Following an approach from Hale School, current Chairman, Ray Hepworth, is now supervising the
manufacture of more than 100 memorial plaques for a proposed Honour Avenue at the school, which will commemorate the sacrifice of Hale School students in conflicts dating back to the Boer War. The dedication date for the first 15 plaques is 11 November.

This year we had great pleasure in presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr Trevor Hunt, who heads the National Australia Bank in this State. The bank staff provided financial support for many decades and, more recently, corporate donations have assisted our committee in the upkeep of plaques. A number of the plaques dedicated in the inaugural ceremony in 1919 were for bank staff who died in World War I and other plaques dedicated after World War II brought the total to 35. Trevor’s brother, CPO Raymond Hunt, died in Vietnam when HMAS Hobart was mistakenly attacked by US aircraft.

Our thanks once again to Bunnings Forest Industries for a donation of treated pineposts. The late Tom Bunning, OAM, and $5,000 for Meadow Springs, a cheque for $9,000 for the three branches for their ongoing financial support.

CHRIS BROOKS, Honorary Secretary

RSL Women’s Auxiliary

President’s Report

The State President Mr Ken Bladen, officially opened our 72nd Annual State Conference on 25 May 1999. On behalf of the Auxiliary, I presented Mr Bladen with a cheque for $9,000 for the three War Veterans’ Homes. $1,000 for Mt Lawley, $3,000 for Geraldton and $5,000 for Meadow Springs. Mandurah, also $3,000 to Mr Shane Seers, State Secretary, for the renovation of the Boer War Memorial. Trophies for the winners of the cup competition were presented as follows:

**Metropolitan Cup** Bellevue 42 Points
**Executive Shield** Belmont 41 Points
**Tray** Armadale 36 Points

**Encouragement Certificates**
Subiaco 32 Points; Eastern Regional 30 Points
Country Cup Geraldton 43 Points
Geraldton Shield Bullsbrook 37 Points
Tray Bunbury 35 Points

**Encouragement Certificates**
Mandurah 30 Points; Murray Districts 29 Points

Mr Bladen presented Certificates of Merit and badges to Mrs Sedgwick of Bruce Rock and Mrs Morttimmer of Cockburn. Also 50-Year Certificates were presented to Mrs Rolfe, Bellevue; Mrs Turner, Mandurah, Mrs Dunstall, Bruce Rock and Mrs Rowe, Mrs Hains and Mrs Cayley, all Wembley-Floreat. There were also ten 50-Year Certificates to be presented at a later date, as the recipients were unable to be at the Conference.

The results of the elections were: State President, Mrs M Fisher; Senior Vice-President, Mrs Norris; Junior Vice-President, Mrs J Spencer; Immediate Past President, Mrs M Taylor; Hon State Secretary, Mrs E Daxon; Hon State Treasurer, Mrs K Clark; Executive Committee, Mrs G Gould, Mrs L Beven, Bellevue; Mrs T Chilcott, Mrs U Makki, Mrs A Spooner, Mrs D Flint, City of Perth; Mrs J Badger, Mrs J Cole, Armadale; Mrs D Hall, Belmont; Mrs P Barrell, Wembley-Floreat.

Ten agenda items were discussed, nine were carried and one was lost. Mr Kevin Cass Ryall gave a very interesting talk on the improvements at Hollywood private Hospital, and all members were most impressed.

Thanks to all who attended. God bless you all

MARGARET FISHER

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**Battle of Crete**

Along with Hal Herriott (ex 2/11th Bn), I had the pleasure of escorting two lovely students, Emily Adams (15) and Kristin Taylor (14½) from the Mt Lawley Senior High School, to Greece and Crete for the 58th anniversary of the Battle of Crete, 1941. They were sponsored by the Ex POW Association, assisted by funds from several sources. A Cretan named Marcos, was very helpful, as were staff members at the Australian Embassy in Athens.

These girls were a credit both to their school and to Western Australia. They performed well in their duties of laying wreaths on behalf of 6th Aust. Div. and 2/11th Bn, assisted by Roy Heron and Hal Herriott, both Ex 2/11th Bn. The students enjoyed themselves and the experience and knowledge they gained will not, I’m sure, be forgotten for a long time; they undoubtedly will pass these experiences on to others at their school

ROY (BLUE) HERON

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*From the left: Roy Heron, Emily Adams, Kristin Taylor and Hal Herriott at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Police Academy at Retimo, Crete.*
The army official voice mail message

Thank you for calling the British Army. I'm sorry, but all of our units are out at the moment, or are otherwise engaged. Please leave a message with your country, name of organisation, the region, the specific crisis, and a number at which we can call you. As soon as we have sorted out the Balkans, Iraq, Northern Ireland, the Millennium Bug, marching up and down bits of tarmac in London and compulsory Equal Opportunities training, we will return your call.

Please speak after the tone, or if you require more options, please listen to the following numbers:

If your crisis is small, and close to the sea, press 1 for the Royal Marines.

If your concern is distant, with a tropical climate and good hotels, and can be solved by 1 or 2 low-risk bombing runs, please press "HASH" for the Royal Air Force. Please note this service is not available after 16.30 hrs or at weekends.

If your enquiry concerns a situation which can be resolved by a bit of grey funnel, bunting, flags and a really good marching band, please write, well in advance, to the First Sea Lord, The Admiralty, Whitehall.

If your inquiry is not urgent, please press 2 for the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps.

If you are in real hot trouble, please press 3, and your call will be routed to Sandline International.

If you are interested in joining the Army and wish to be shouted at, paid little, have premature arthritis, put your wife and family in a condemned hut miles from civilization, and are prepared to work your *** off daily, risking your life in all weathers and terrains, both day and night, whilst watching the Treasury eroding your original terms and conditions of service, then please stay on the line. Your call will shortly be connected to a bitter passed-over recruiting sergeant in a grotty shop down by the railway station.

Have a pleasant day, and thank you for trying to contact the British Army.

An Elephant Tale

Most working days (or toiling days) on the Siam-Burma death railway were similar – back-breaking toil from early morning to night with scarcely a break for rest. We had to carry tons of earth daily to form the flat bed for the railway track. Any change in one's existence would be doubly welcome, but from whence would this come?

On a particular day a bridge-building gang arrived, complete with their work-horse - an elephant. Their job was to span the many small streams on our section of the railway, using green timber hauled from the jungle by the elephant. This gang was strictly isolated from our section of the camp, named Kueie. I was horrified to notice that the elephant had no native mahout; traditionally, an elephant - at birth - is given a mahout, who will remain with the animal until one or the other dies, usually the mahout first. They work together as a team, in complete harmony. The mahout for this elephant was a 'Tommy' soldier and he knew little about giving commands to this enormous animal; hence there was often strife between them resulting in the elephant being beaten with a heavy pole, a most demeaning behavior levied against this child of nature. And so life went on, the elephant being unable to understand why such treatment was meted out to him. Elephants never forget; this is not a cliché but an obvious truth, as we shall see.

One particular day I had the good fortune of completing my task on the railway sooner than anticipated, hence I was back in the camp by 4pm and decided to indulge in the luxury of a swim in the nearby stream where the bridge gang was working. The elephant was hauling tree trunks up the slope to the flat at the top, there to drop them vertically into the river to form support for the deck.

The elephant found it a difficult task, pulling heavy logs up the slippery, muddy slope, and not aided by the Tommy mahout who often resorted to bashing the animal with the heavy pole to urge him forward to dump the tree at the top. The elephant was fitted with a heavy leather breastplate, to which were attached chains on the log. I closely watched this procedure as there were portents of disaster to emerge from this operation. The elephant had hauled the tree trunk to the top, stopped, and the mahout unchained one side; the elephant had his head turned to watch every movement of the mahout. Instead of walking around the front of the elephant to get to the other chain, the mahout decided to move under the elephant's belly.
At that instant the elephant micturated about 10 gallons (45 litres) at high pressure, aimed directly at the mahout who was thoroughly drenched in the process.

Several seconds later the elephant raised his head, as if in triumph, and trumpeted his resounding cry of victory. I must reiterate this story is not a figment of my imagination but true in every respect.

EC YATES

Musang Coffee

During my 30 years in Singapore I moved through Malaya often. On one occasion I visited an old friend who was a rubber planter in Johore. After lunch I complimented him on the quality of the coffee served. Ah, he replied, thereby hangs a tale; would you care to hear it? Indeed I would, and this is what he related.

The musang, about the size of a polecat and who smells just as powerfully, are gregarious creatures and live in family groups, usually in the ceilings of bungalows - if they can locate a suitable one with ease of access. They are noisy devils and leave only at night to feed; all else is conducted within the ceiling. When you have them they are for keeps as it is impossible to get rid of them.

But there is a bonus: we have a mature coffee tree growing in the dusun (kitchen garden) and when musangs emerge to feed they make a bee-line for this tree. They are expert in selecting the best nuts which they consume, not for the nut but for its soft furry outer covering. In no time the nut is excreted after which they contentedly return to the ceiling.

In the morning our cookie habitually collects the excreted nuts, washes them and then they are roasted over the traditional charcoal fire, placed in a small drum to which is attached a handle to facilitate turning it. When the nuts are thoroughly roasted, they are crushed and held in store for future use; thereby we have this coffee available all year round. What better could one have, all hand picked and of the best quality; the musang is a very selective creature and consumes only the best.

I can vouch for the verity of this story: my planter friend has no reason to inform me otherwise.

EC YATES

The Power of One

The 78th of Foot, the Duke of Albany's Own, the Rossshire Buffs, had recently moved up the Peninsula from the Straits Settlement. Acting as an independent company, A Company had arrived at its new operational area. The day promised to be extremely hot and humid - to be expected at that time of the year. The Company Commander, a gallant gentleman who had been decorated for bravery in a previous campaign, and the other officers were attending a conference at Battalion HQ.

The CSM was in charge of setting up the encampment and accordingly had the tented accommodation laid out in the approved fashion. The white bell tents were erected in straight lines at regulated intervals. The officers' tents were at the top of the platoon lines. Mess tents were erected to one side, together with the stores and administration tents. The arms kote was erected and sandbagged.

By early afternoon the Company was settled and the troops were looking forward to some respite, both from the humidity and the physical labour, in the time honoured way. The gallant company commander arrived from the officers' conference and the CSM reported to him on the events of the day. The OC's first comment to the CSM, upon reviewing the days work, was along the lines that the tents were not properly aligned. The CSM was mystified because as far as he was concerned they were, and he said so. The OC then took pains to point out to the CSM that looking from his tent all the other tents were not in line with his tent, and therefore they must be moved and re-erected so that they were in line.

There was some comment among the other Ranks that 'the bloody plate on the Old Man's head had overheated his brains and he couldn't see right!'. The afore-mentioned plate was a result of a head wound suffered in a previous battle (the Normandy landing on D Day).

The 78th is better known as the Seaforth Highlanders, the place of this incident was Segamat in what is now known as Malaysia, and the time was mid-1948.

TERRY GILL
BEAUMARIS BEACH
Their Service - Our Heritage

The close link between the Beaumaris Beach Sub-Branch and the 1st Duncraig Cub and Scout Group was further strengthened on 4 August 1999 when our member Theo Harris attended a presentation of Heritage Badges and Certificates to members of the Scout, Guide and Cub fraternity at the Duncraig Community Centre. Of the 120 Heritage Badges and Certificates presented, 40 were to the Scouts and Venture Scouts, 18 to the Guide Rangers and Leaders, 16 to Guides and 43 to the Cubs of the 1st Duncraig Quokka and Tammar Cub Packs - our very youngest.

Our own Graham Edwards, a Vietnam veteran and the Federal MP for Cowan, presented the Badges. Graham first met the cubs of the Quokka and Tammar packs in a group when he talked about Their Service - Our Heritage initiative and then answered questions, some very personal. He came through with flying colours, as so did the Cubs. A close bond was forged which they won’t forget in a hurry.

Among those honouring these achievers were Jim Dalton of Veterans’ Affairs, Larry Lucas (Branch Commissioner, Scouts), Shirley Graigie, (Guide Association representative to Veterans’ Affairs) and Sue Ward and Elaine White from the Guides Association. Also attending was the Hon. Mike Board, Minister for Youth, Graeme Stickland Chief Commissioner for Scouts (WA), Peter Fry the Wanneroo Commissioner, Trevor Beegun, Group Leader of the 1st Duncraig Scout Group and other Scout and Guide Leaders. Theo Harris, a Malaya and Borneo veteran, represented the RSL. It was a very proud moment indeed.

The function was a great success and a tangible bond between Veterans and the young people of Australia; some of these young people will be our future leaders. The Federal Government’s commemorative program Their Service - Our Heritage, in the lead-up to the centenary of Federation in 2001, has given these young Australians the opportunity to acknowledge the debt that we all owe to our veterans. The Scout and Guide movement has demonstrated how to do it. Well done.

PRO

BELMONT

Note: Earlier this year Belmont celebrated the 70th anniversary of its formation and provided a history of the Sub-Branch. Unfortunately the complete article is too long to include in The Listening Post so an edited version appears below. An unabridged version can be obtained from Belmont Sub-Branch, telephone 9478 2329. Editor

The Belmont Sub-Branch RSL was formed in 1929 and the first President was Mr G Courtland, the father of Grenville Courtland, known to many people in Belmont today. Meetings were held in a room at Corlett’s Bakery and Mr Corlett was then Treasurer of the Sub-Branch.

As numbers increased the meetings shifted to the Road Board Hall on land now occupied by the St John Ambulance Australia. The old Road Board Hall and offices were knocked down some years ago. It is not known when, but the Road Board set aside a block of land near the Sandringham Hotel for RSL use when there were sufficient funds to erect its own building.

In the 1950s the Board decreed that any building erected on the block had to be constructed of brick. Brick being much costlier, and the RSL stretched for funds, Federal MP the Hon. Graham Edwards with Mr Theo Harris and members of the 1st Duncraig Quokka and Tammar Cubs.

Photo courtesy of Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch
negotiations with the Road Board resulted in exchanging the block reserved for the one where the present RAAF building stands. The Sub-Branch bought a former Sergeants' mess building for $170, dismantled it and reassembled it on the new block. The building was officially opened in 1958.

In 1983 the Sub-Branch negotiated a self-supporting loan of $50,000 with the Belmont City Council to be repaid in six-monthly instalments of principal and interest over 10 years. The purpose of the loan was to build the brick extension which exists today. Up until the mid-eighties Belmont RSL provided its own facilities on Council-owned land. In 1985 a petition requesting a grant of $110,000 was presented to the Belmont City Council to enable the completion of the extension and renovation of the clubrooms and to build a fenced-in, three rink bowling green as well as a proper parking area. To the joy of the Sub-Branch the Council agreed to this and it was not long after the Council decision that work started.

Volunteers (Dad's Army) began work on the bowling green in the latter half of 1985. While the green was being constructed an application to the Veterans' Affairs Department was lodged for a grant of $6,000 to purchase an electric mower, three scoreboards, several sets of bowls, three kittys, six mats and a shed to house them. The application was successful and when the grass was ready for mowing the mower was on hand. The green was opened officially in 1987.

Possibly the Sub-Branch's longest continuing member is Harold Haines who joined in 1954. In 1958 he was elected Treasurer, in 1960 was appointed Secretary and was President for two years. In all Harold has been Secretary for 35 years and a member for 51 years straight. During this time he has been awarded a Life membership and Meritorious Medal (the highest award of the RSL) and an OAM for community service.

In 1947, the Women's Auxiliary was formed. This body of hard-working ladies raised many thousands of dollars for the Sub-Branch and still does. Without this group the Belmont RSL would not be where it is today.

PRO

BUNBURY

The Sub-Branch lost a hard-working and loyal member recently with the death of Robbie Denham who, at the age of 44, had fought and finally lost a long and brave battle against illness. He was a social member of the club and put in many hours assisting the Social Committee and Women's Auxiliary during a 15 year period. In recognition of his commitment to the Sub-Branch, Robbie was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation two years ago. President Chris Mills said that it was the tireless work, usually behind the scenes, of dedicated members like Robbie and the members of the Social Committee and Women's Auxiliary that was the strength of the organisation.

ANZAC Day was well supported again with Cadet, Scout, Cub, Brownie and Guide groups joining in the March and Remembrance Service. British Gallipoli Veteran Percy Goring led this year's parade through Bunbury's business district on his "Goffa" electric wheelchair. Percy, who celebrates his 105th birthday in December, enjoys good health and is determined to see the new millennium well and truly in, so that he can make the (almost) unique claim of having lived in three centuries. Good on you Percy!

Guest speaker at this year's service was Capt C.R.S. Allsop, who spent the war years in the Merchant Navy (from Murmansk to Singapore) before settling in Bunbury as Harbour Master in 1963. In his ANZAC Day address, Capt Allsop charged today's society to listen to the wisdom of those who have gone before. The Dawn Service was followed by the traditional Jim Westbrook Memorial "Gunfire" Breakfast and later members, families and friends, enjoyed lunch and a social afternoon.

Whilst continuing to register success in its endeavor to assist veterans with their pension claims and other concerns, the Welfare Committee is said to acknowledge the retirement of well-respected Bunbury personality, Doug Guppy. Doug has been with the welfare team for many years, working enthusiastically for the many veterans needing his experienced help. Alf (Blue) Mort, until recently our Membership Officer and man of many trades and talents, has resigned to pursue other interests. These include continuing, with wife Joy, to trace and record the social and military history of the south-west of the State.

The Social Committee, goes from strength to strength. The trip to Perth for Les Miserables was fully booked and was an outstanding success.

The forest debate was put into some perspective with a trip into the bush to look at the way Simeca sources its timber raw material, and how CALM manages the extraction of the logs and the rehabilitation of the forest following utilization of the resource.

The monthly lunches continue to welcome an average of some 70 to 80 members on the second Friday of each month. Guest speakers this year have included the Regional Manager of Homes West, who gave members an interesting insight into the Department's policy and priorities in housing allocation, and local writer Lyn Gorman who is currently researching WA at War. Lyn received good feedback from members when she requested information towards her research. Guest of honour at another lunch was champion runner and ex-POW John
CANNING DISTRICTS AND VICTORIA PARK

The Sub-Branch is progressing well and we expect that our alterations will commence soon, provided our proposal is accepted by all authorities.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary is doing an excellent job. The Christmas in July function was excellent with good food and great entertainment and company. Some 76 people attended, including members of the Sub-Branch, KSEAVA, Signals Corps, AWAS and WRAAC Associations; members and the Wednesday Diggers' Club. We look forward to the Melbourne Cup afternoon and a Christmas party. A special mention must be made of our volunteers who work behind the bar, provide food, clean and maintain the gardens and lawns and we could not survive without the membership and support of our social and associate members.

On ANZAC Day a World War I medal was found in the city. For details please contact Wendy or Doug on 9458 1548.

COO-EE Cup 1999: At our annual golf competition at Royal Whaleback in July, novelty prizes were played for on all 18 holes. Nine groups, plus adjudicators and spectators participated throughout the day, after which we all enjoyed fellowship at the club. Special thanks to organisers Andy, Mark and Gracie, donors of all the wonderful trophies, bar staff and to the Ladies' Auxiliary for the salads.

The Merrymakers Club meets on Mondays at 10am. Anyone interested in making new friends, swapping ideas, joining in club activities (pool, darts, mini-golf etc.) is asked to contact Jack on 9361 6106.

We also would like to see some new faces at our monthly meetings, held on the 1st Sunday of each month. It's good to see that our Membership Officer (and kitchen aide) Jack Reid is now getting back into the swing of things.

WENDY SCHWAB, PRO

KELMSCOTT-ROLEYSTONE

The Sub-Branch wishes to notify members of the change of meeting times. Starting from 22nd October 1999 meetings will be held at 2pm on the fourth Friday of every month at Ruston Park Hall, Kelmscott. PRO

MANDURAH

The 60th birthday luncheon at the Silver Sands was a great success. A presentation was made to Len Turner for his long service on the State Executive, with a bouquet presented to Mrs Turner.

Our welfare office is being kept busy and is having considerable success with members' pension problems. Many members may have missed an article on page 30 in the last Listening Post re World War I record. For $15 you get a well-presented photocopy of the required dossier.

WYN HOLDING, PRO

NOLLAMARA-NORTH PERTH

The members of the Sub-Branch wish to commend the staff and students of Camboon, Marangaroo, West Morley, Girrawheen and John Septimus Roe Schools for their ANZAC Day services. The solemnity with which the children performed their Remembrance Services and the work of the principals and teachers in promoting the importance of this day is greatly appreciated.

PRO

PORT KENNEDY

We are about to sign the contracts for our own land. It is a good site, is accessible and has great potential. There is plenty of hard work ahead to raise funds for building, etc. but we will make it happen.

Thanks to the DVA-Joint Venture Scheme program, we have taken delivery of our own club computer with accessories. This will make our Secretary's job much easier and the Sub-Branch more efficient.

Boat raffle: as we did last year, we are running another boat raffle, from 18 September to 18 December. It is a 4.5 meter, with canopy, 'walk-through' windscreen, safety gear and a 60hp motor. Tickets are $2.00 each, and we hope to raise enough money to pay a large slice of our land.

This year, we are conducting our Vietnam Veterans' Service at Rockingham. After the service we will join the Naval Association of Australia, City of Rockingham Sub-Section, for a joint function with music, food and great mates. It should be a memorable day.

For club information, please contact me on (08) 9592 1496, our Secretary, Jim Moncrieff on 0418 917 561 or write to PO Box 2104, Rockingham, 6967.

S.A. MONCRIEFF, PR Officer

RIVERVALE-CARLISLE

The cold weather has not stopped the regulars coming to our meetings but we still would like to see bigger attendances. We recently resumed our day time meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. When these commenced, it was to set aside a couple of hours so that
those unable to attend in the evenings could be kept up to date on RSL matters generally, and enjoy the fellowship. Unfortunately, because of illness and even the demise of many, we get only a few members along. So please keep this gathering in mind as we especially want to expand the fellowship. The cold weather has not stopped the attendance at Bingo of our regulars and we occasionally see a few new faces.

We have heard rumours from time to time that our hall is to be demolished by the owners, City of Belmont Council. We have investigated ways of raising monies to improve facilities — kitchen, bar, toilet facilities and office. It is still a sound building and with money spent for these purposes will be an excellent one for many years to come. We have approached the Council and have been advised that Rivervale Community Hall is to be erected in the next couple of years, following the opening of one for Redcliffe. The Council advised that our Sub-Branch will be informed of development and our needs kept in mind. We have requested that we be advised of any relevant meetings which our representative can attend. At least we would than have an appointed observer to report back to us.

At our July meeting member Cr. Alan Richardson presented a handsome plaque on behalf of the Mayor of the City of Belmont, Cr P. Passeri, who also sent his best wishes, and those of Mrs Passeri, for our 50th anniversary. A representative of the DVA attended the meeting to bring us up to date on the Budget and other relevant matters. Of particular interest to the members of the Women’s Auxiliary, was what the wife or partner of every ex-servicemen should know: how to organise details after he dies.

A number of members and their wives attended Parliament House recently as guests of the Hon. Eric Ripper MLA who had anticipated it would be ‘question time’ but the Government suddenly brought on the Budget — ‘most interesting for a ‘bean-counter’ — and the Hon. Kim Wilkie MP arranged for us to visit Stirling Naval Base. We thank both gentlemen.

State Congress is over for another year. We await with interest decisions by National Congress on motions put successfully by our Sub-Branch, as well as others of course.

TOM GRIFFITH
Honorary Secretary. Telephone & Fax: 9361 8738

SCARBOROUGH

Our Sub-Branch continues to go from strength to strength. Members enjoy each other’s company at meetings and afterwards at the happy hour when we share memories of “old days in the service.” Several guest speakers have provided added interest to our meetings. A most interesting talk on continence resources brought home the problems of getting older. We were told not to worry about some of the aspects as it is an ageing problem for both men and ladies.

Mrs Barbara Clinton was well received at our July meeting where she was happy to see so many members. Attendances at other meetings she has been to have not been anywhere near that at ours. Barbara became involved in some lively discussions, but held her own with each question and emerged without any bruises.

Replacing our Welfare Officer is presenting difficulties because of the high ideals that are associated with the position. Our present Replacement Officer has to be relieved due to personal problems so please come forward if you can help.

Our July bus-trip had to be cancelled because of lack of numbers in the cold and wet weather. We look forward to better prospects for the next trip.

Monthly meetings are held at 1400 hrs on the second Monday of every month at the Doubleview Bowling club, Cnr Shearn Crescent and Millcrest Street; you will be made very welcome. Remember, our success depends on you and your support. Secretary Doug Piggott (Tel: 9446 1331) can arrange transport for you if needed.

GORDON HARVEY
Vice-President, Telephone: 9446 1904

LOST TRAILS

D COY 3RAR

I wish to locate three members who served with D COY 3RAR on its first tour of duty of South Vietnam in 1967/68. They came from Western Australia and, hopefully, still live there:

Sgt Tony P. Ling 54506
Pte Max R. John 5715279
Pte Kevin R. Stubbs 5715014

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## 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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**Notes:**
- Members are listed by Sub-Branch.
- The State President and members extend a welcome to new members of the League in WA.
- The names of the members are listed by Sub-Branch.
- The League in WA includes army and navy members.
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- Coverley, Patrick Navy

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- Goff, Malcolm Air Force
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- Baggs, Graham Air Force

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- Evans, Leslie Army
- Harber, Stephen Army
- Harden, Malcolm Army

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- Karas, Stan Army

**Scarborough**
- Harries, Peter Army
- Jarvis, Noel Army
- Allen, Lloyd Air Force

**Toodyay**
- Arthur, Damian Army
- Bee, John Army

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**Wanneroo-Joondalup**
- Gillespie, Andrew Navy
- Bentley, Ronald Army

**Wembley-Floreat**
- Burns, Copeland Army
- Cook, Margaret Army

**Wyndham**
- Olden, Michael Navy

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- Wilson, John Navy
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We welcome you all and trust that you will enjoy the fellowship at your Sub-Branch and benefit from membership of the RSL in Western Australia.

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**RSL CADET OF THE YEAR AWARDS 1999**

(WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

Proudly Sponsored by the Returned and Services League (WA Branch)

The RSL in conjunction with the Association of Unit & Kindred Organisations is calling for NOMINATIONS for the above awards from Cadet Units of:

- Naval Reserve Organisations
- Australian Army Cadets
- Air Training Corps

Up to THREE AWARDS may be made to recognise EXCELLENCE and OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE in 1999.

WINNERS OF AWARDS will be announced on ANZAC Day 2000

AWARDS will include a 3 day tour of Canberra including the Australian War Memorial; cash prize of $250; inscribed Wall Plaque; opportunity to address an official ANZAC Day Function.

Final selection criteria:

- Turnout, Dress and Bearing
- Basic First Aid
- Australian General Knowledge
- The meaning of ANZAC Day to the individual.

Nomination Forms are available from ANZAC House Staff, 28 St George's Tce, Perth or Phone 9325 9799.

Nominations close, Friday 10 December 1999.
UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

The Editor of The Listening Post reminds all Unit Associations that it is the responsibility of each to keep its information to State Headquarters 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 Lofthouse, 81/177 Dampier Ave, Kallaroo 6025; Ph: 9402 0962. Meetings: bi-monthly as arranged.

ALLIED CHINESE SHIPS ASSOCIATION
President: Neville Philip, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount; Ph: 9294 1798. Correspondence to Secretary: Jack Edwards, 1 Cromer Rd, Brentwood 6153; Ph: 9364 8793. Meetings: 1pm last Tues month (AGM June), 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 month (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 WRENS WA BRANCH
President: Audrey Mantle, 30 Mabena Place, Ocean Reef 6027; Ph: 9300 4749. Correspondence to the Secretary: Eunice Thompson JP, 36 Eden Drive, Bullsbrook, 6084; Ph: 9571 2807. Meetings: 10.30am 4th Thurs monthly, ANZAC House.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM (WA BRANCH)
President: Bob Smith, 14 Dundeel Ct, Duncraig; Ph: 9448 5023. Correspondence to Secretary: Barry Long, 6 Hazeline Ct, 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 bi-monthly 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 1338 (w) 9307 8460 (h). Secretary: Terry Crossley, PO Box 962, Morley 6943; Ph: 9271 1955 (w) 0417 916 243 (mob). Correspondence to: PO Box 1724, Wangara 6065.

AUSTRALIAN LEGION OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN
President: Lionel Hutchings Ph 9309 9675. Correspondence to Secretary: Vera Hutchings, 17 St. Johns Crt, Kingsley 6026. Meetings: 2nd Mon monthly, Aranmore Hall, Leederville; Fremantle 1.30pm 2nd Tuesday bi-monthly, Navy Club Fremantle. State Council Meetings 3rd Thurs bi-monthly at 13th Brigade Headquarters, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL AIR SERVICE ASSOC WA BRANCH (INC)
President: Bob Nugent; Ph: 9309 9491. Secretary: Bruce Wallis; Ph: 9384 1933 (w), 9387 6768 (h). Correspondence to The House No 6 Battery Rd, Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne 6010. Meetings: 6pm 3rd Tues monthly, The House (as above); AGM August.

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

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN’S ARMY SERVICE ASSOC WA (INC)
President: Kath Barnes; Correspondence to: Joy Tufnell, 1A Swan Rd, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 3945; Treasurer: Ruth Franklin, 126B Basinghall St, East Vic Park 6101; Ph: 9361 5157. Meetings: 10am 1st Thurs Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. at 10am, Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House, AGM 1st Thurs. Feb.

BCOF ASSOC OF PERTH WA
President: Joy Whiting, 15 Turo Cl., Willetton 6155; Ph: 9457 0368. Correspondence to Secretary: MJ Buckley, 12 Croydon Ave, Yokine 6060; Ph: 9349 6529. 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 in Feb, June, Aug and Oct (AGM Aug). Red Cross House, 110 Goderich St., 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 month (AGM 17 Nov), ANZAC House.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION
(AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)

CATALINA CLUB OF WA
President: David Rubery, 70 Fifth Avenue, Shoalwater 6168; Ph: 9528 4697. Secretary: Harvey Hodgerrick, 66 Caswell Road, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 4222. Correspondence to: PO Box 866, Canning Bridge 6153. Meetings: 10.45am 2nd Thurs in March, June (AGM), September, December at ANZAC House.

DEFENCE RESERVES ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: LCol (Rtd) P Winstanley RFD, 55 Jeanes Rd, Karinyup; Ph: 9341 6883. Secretary: Maj (Rtd), PC Pickersgill RFD, ED, 50A Gratwick Terrace, Murdoch 6150; Ph: 9313 6615. Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Mon, 13 Infantry Brigade Conference Rm, AGM 1st Mon April.

DIGGERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.
President: John Bullen, 13 Clark St, Busselton; Ph: 9726 3065. Secretary: R. McPherson, 5 Hillcrest Ave, Bunbury 6231. Ph: 9711 2978. Correspondence to PO Box 2254, Bunbury 6231.

EX-AUSTRALIAN WOMEN’S LAND ARMY (AWLA)
President: Phyl Potolomey, 84 West Rd, Busselton; Ph: 9279 2279. Correspondence to Secretary: Hilda Grey, 21B Elvira St, Palmyra 6157; Ph: 9339 5391. Meetings: 10am 4th Thurs monthly, ANZAC House.
EX-FORTESS ENGINEERS ASSOC
President: F. Lough; Ph: 9349 7495. Correspondence to Secretary: Reg Kidd, 257 Holmes Rd, Forrestfield 6058; Ph: 9453 2393. Meetings: AGM mid-April; Christmas last Sun Nov.

EX-POW ASSOCIATION, OF WA
President: Arthur Robinson, 19/26 Pinaster St, Menora 6050; Ph: 9271 4733. Correspondence to Secretary: Ruth James, 7b Wenden Pl, Willetton 6155; Ph: 9457 8772. Meetings: 1pm 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: Rena Blackett, 3/9 Aurelian St, Palmyra; Ph: 9339 5030. Meetings: 12.30pm 2nd Mon monthly, ANZAC House; AGM noon 2nd Mon Oct.

FEDERATED TO SAILORS', SOLDIERS' & AIRMEN'S ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: Frank Hamilton, 35 Clement Dr, Karriyup; Ph: 9448 5204. Correspondence to Secretary: Bert Turner, PO Box 2, Inglewood 6052. Meetings: last Mon monthly, except Jan.

FIGHTER SQUADRONS ASSOC OF WA
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GREEK AUSTRALIAN RETURNED SERVICESMEN'S LEAGUE
President: Greg Theodosiadis, 69 Beamish Rd, Breamlea 6153; Ph: 9364 7461. Secretary: Steolios Costandion, 7/86 Railway Pde, Bayswater. Meetings: 1st Sat every month at 3.30pm at Greek Club, Stirling St, Perth. AGM every 2 years.

GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF WA
President: S. Bower. Correspondence to Secretary: Peter Mulrennan, JP, PO Box 370, Taunt Hill 6939; Ph: 9443 8081. Meetings: 7.30pm 1st Mon monthly, 7.30 pm ANZAC House. (AGM September).

HMAS AUSTRALIA VETERANS' CLUB
President: Don Cookesley, 3 Dorking Rd, City Beach; Ph: 9385 7061. Secretary: Harry Townsend, Unit 9, 1-3 Leslie St., Mandurah 6210; Ph: 9586 3828. Meetings: 11am 1st Tues quartery (from March), Naval Association HQ, 71 West Pde, East Perth.

HMAS BATAAN VETERANS’ ASSOC
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President: Bill Kynaston, 29 Tifera Circle, Kallaroo; Ph: 9307 8029. Correspondence to Secretary: Arthur Carter, 93 Tamar St, Palmyra 6157; Ph: 9339 1483. Meetings: AGM Nov. Committee meetings as required. Annual reunion 9 August, other social functions about four times per year. Further information, please contact either of the above.

HMAS HOBART ASSOC (WA DIVISION)
President: Trevor Cangemi, 29 Dirk Hartog Rd, Bull Creek, 6149; Ph: 9332 7721. Secretary: Clyde Goddard, 80 Derby Rd, Shenton Park 6008; Ph: 9381 8705. AGM and Annual Reunion held 2nd Sunday in Feb; social and commemorative functions held about every six months each year. Monthly luncheons held at ANZAC House, last Thurs each month from noon. Further information please contact either of the above.

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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 6026; Ph: 9409 3037. Secretary: A/McMorland, 13/69 Gladstone Ave, Swan View 6056; Ph: 9225 3825. Meetings: AGM 2nd Sat in March. Meetings: 10am 2nd Sat June, Sept and Dec at Canning-Victoria Park Sub-Branch, 162 Wharf St; Cannington.

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS’ ASSOC OF WA (INC)
President: PR Collins, c/o TPI Memorial House, 80-82 Henley St, Como. Correspondence to: Secretary: Rosemary Maddren, Private Bag 12, Bentley Delivery Centre, Bentley 6983; Ph: 9450 6428. Meetings: 1st Wed monthly (except Jan) at 1.30pm. Office hrs: 9-11am Tues, 9am-12pm Wed & Thurs.

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President: Joan Dowson MBE OAM, 3 Bay View Tce, Mosman Park; Ph: 9384 6712. Correspondence to the Secretary, Mrs L. Fealy, 156/10 Morrison St, Como 6152; Ph: 9313 0456. Meetings: as called.

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NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS’ ASSOC (AUSTRALIA) INC
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NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH)
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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, 1 Benwee Rd,
Floreat 6014; Ph: 9387 6960. Meetings: 11am 4th Tues monthly, 71 West Pde, East Perth; AGM: 5.15pm 4th Thurs Jan.

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NETHERLANDS EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN AUST
President: Ernst Bants, 154 Wood St, Inglewood; Ph: 9271 1524. Secretary: Kathyn Moore. Correspondence to PO Box 311, Inglewood 6932. Meetings: 11am 1st Tues, Nollamara/North Perth Sub-Branch, 68 Sylvia St, Nollamara 6061; AGM 1pm within last week in November.

NORMANDY VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
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PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION WA
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President: Ken Barnes, 8 Grenada Place, Safety Bay 6169; Ph: 9591 1784. Secretary: J.H. Bally, 14 Purley St, Bayswater 6053; Ph: 9279 8626. Meetings: 12 noon 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC Club; AGM Feb.

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