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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S PEN...

With the 85th State Congress behind us it is time to settle into addressing the many challenges that now lie before us. Congress gave approval for State Executive to proceed with planning for a new structure and a streamlined decision making process which would make the RSL more competitive in the corporate world. This will be our immediate priority and reports on this initiative will be regularly circulated through the monthly Sub-Branch Circular. State Executive was also directed to retain all elements of its core function, that being the welfare of veterans and ex-service personnel.

I am delighted to be accorded the honour of leading the League into the new millennium and trust that the faith you have expressed in me will be translated into a clearly focused organisation substantiating its position as the leading Ex-Service Organisation in Australia. Indeed, the foundations set in place on many initiatives by Immediate Past President Ken Bladen will serve well as a starting point for our future progress.

State Congress allowed us to showcase one of our major initiatives for the year — The RSL Cadet of the Year Award. One of the recipients, Matthew East, an Army Cadet from Northam impressed our guests and members with a well-presented account of his group's visit to Gallipoli and France. He was well supported by Simpson Prize winner, Tobias Young who also expressed strong feelings at being accorded a great honour at such a young age.

The RSL intends to continue to be a leader in this worthwhile project that supports our younger generation. We will be looking for sub-branch support to make the future of this venture financially sustainable.

Declining membership is going to present a problem for the League over the next few years. National President, Major General Peter Phillips AO MC alluded to this in his closing address to Congress. Across Australia we lose approximately 12,000 members annually due to death and other factors. This decline can be arrested by marketing and promoting the League at the ‘grass roots’ level — the sub-branch. Membership and recruitment packages have been prepared and several tested, but in the final analysis we rise or fall by the enthusiasm displayed at the sub-branch. In this respect, let’s make a determined effort to ensure the long-term viability of each sub-branch and the League.

Our War Veterans’ Homes at Menora, Geraldton and Mandurah continue to prosper. Through careful and prudent management, and with all staff participating as a team and presenting the highest professional standards, we have again been able to achieve full accreditation at all centres without any adverse observations. Thanks go to all staff for their commitment to excellence in their profession.

The Menora site is a step closer to redevelopment with the appointment of a project manager. Once this process has been confirmed planning and development will be underway. By November we expect phase one, the construction of the Independent Living Units to have begun. The Development Group is clearly focused on its task and the end result will be a centre of excellence in aged care management and a project which will be worthy of our organisation.

Our major means of communication to all our members is the League’s official publication, The Listening Post. In recent times the costs associated with the publication of this magazine have increased to the point that the drain on finances is unacceptable. An interim measure of reducing the number of issues each year to three was implemented to give us time to evaluate the publication process. Fortunately, through the endeavours of our State Secretary we are negotiating a proposal to access a publishing agency that will publish six copies of The Listening Post each year at no cost to the League. It is anticipated that advertising will pay for the production. The magazine will be of excellent quality, on gloss paper and in full colour. We expect to be able to save the League about $40,000 in publication costs in a full year of operation, if successful.

We look forward to the first issue, and to your comments on its quality, content and general presentation in September/October.

The financial reports presented to Congress showed that the League has a severe financial problem. The continued erosion of our reserves is an unacceptable position and must be addressed. While the quick fix is to curb expenditure, it is also necessary for us to look to ways of increasing income. Over the next few months the Finance Committee will be addressing that issue in an attempt to minimise the projected loss for this year. With the redevelopment of the Menora site and the construction of Independent Living Units at Mandurah, it is expected that there will be an income stream that will, in part, offset some of the deficit. In time, we will be looking at a profit, but this could be some years’ away. We ask that you bear with us while we work to turn our financial situation around.
Defence and security of our country is of prime concern to the League. Our active Defence Committee regularly responds to Government initiatives and provides valuable feedback to Ministers and their staff of a range of issues. We need to be pro-active in this area as continued intrusions by asylum seekers and illegal immigrants have the potential to compromise the security of our country. Let us not be complacent, the level of debate on this matter needs to be addressed at all levels of the League.

The League currently enjoys a good working relationship with all ex-service organisations and in the future this will be no different. My door is always open and I hope for regular and productive communication with members and other ex-service groups. If we all work together we can achieve many of the goals we have established. As your President I am committed to represent the League in as many forums as possible to achieve our objects.

I look forward to your full support in these ventures.

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As you have no doubt noticed, this particular edition of The Listening Post has been later in distribution than with previous years. The Listening Post will be issued on three (3) occasions this year rather than the standard four (4) editions. The primary reason for this is the cost associated with the production of the magazine. In the year 2000 it cost the League (WA) $50,000.00 to produce the magazine and a further $24,000.00 in mailing of the magazine.

The League is currently negotiating a proposal on the printing of the magazine at nil cost to the League. Briefly, the magazine will be produced monthly with 5,500 copies. That is a membership of approximately 11,000 currently, will receive six (6) editions annually, that is each alternate month 5,500 members are issued the magazine.

CONGRESS 2001 – 85TH STATE CONGRESS

The RSL WA Branch conducted its 85th State Congress over the period 6 – 8 July 2001 inclusive.

The Congress commenced with the Official Opening held in ANZAC House on Friday, 6th July 2001. This year The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Dr Peter Nattrass, of the City of Perth officially opened the RSL Congress. Over 200 invited guests and Congress delegates attended the Official Opening.

The conduct of the working sessions was very successful with some lively debate on a number of the motions placed before delegates; Congress agenda items are detailed in this edition. The Congress delegates were provided with detailed proposals on the future of the League and in particular the RSL War Veterans’ Homes. The recently elected President, Mr W E (Bill) Gaynor presented a proposal on the future management structure of the League. It primarily focused on ‘Best Practice’ for both the business and voluntary elements of the League. The proposal focused on the business of the League, that is those elements that raise revenue for the operations. These include:

Marketing/Merchandising of League products
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The delegates of Congress noted that the proposal was beneficial to the future of the League and agreed in principle to the further development of the proposal. This year Congress “adjourned, to a date to be advised” however, prior to 31 March 2002 to allow details to be provided to the membership on the management and development.

This Congress three (3) members of the League were presented with the League’s most prestigious award, The Meritorious Medal with Gold Badge. The Meritorious Medal is presented to members who have demonstrated outstanding and meritorious service to the League and the community.

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Mr Wally Holding - Mandurah
Mr Alan T Richardson JP – Rivervale-Carlisle

Medals were presented to the recipients by the National President, Major General P R Phillips AO MC (Retd) at the Official Opening of the 85th State Congress.

SUB-BRANCH TROPHIES

This year has seen one of the most closely contested results in recent years. On three (3) separate trophy awards; sub-branches were separated by one (1) point between first and second. All sub-branches nominating are to be commended for their individual efforts and collectively for their service to veterans and the community. Trophy recipients were:

Returned Ex-Servicewomen’s – Newdegate Cup
Mandurah – Colonel Collett Cup
Manjimup – Geraldton Shield
City of Subiaco – Mary Connell Trophy
Applecross – Merv’ Williams Trophy

In closing I would like to say that the League in WA is about to enter a period of change and growth, both in preparing the League for the next decade and beyond. The League is to enter into a period of unprecedented growth in “our” RSL War Veterans’ Homes with the largest development ever undertaken by the League at the Menora RSL War Veterans Homes and the building of Independent Living Units in Mandurah. The developments will provide state of the art facilities to ensure the RSL can continue to provide the highest quality care for the aged and frail with full accreditation on all sites.

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Bilton / Palmyra R.S.L. Sub-Branch visited Nollamara R.S.L. Sub-Branch on Saturday 24th February led by Mr Kevin Hastie, Junior Vice President and accompanied by 44 members. The usual generosity by both Presidents provided the usual fun day and the excellent catering was provided by Terri Goddard. The dart's competition was fierce with Nollamara winning easily helped by the State Secretary Mr Shane Sees O.A.M - J.P and supported by his lovely wife Vivienne.

The Ladies Country Darts tournament was held over a full weekend, the 10th & 11th March at the Sub-Branch with 22 teams, supported by 154 members from as far away as Bunbury. Great Eastern won both Saturday and Sunday events and the runners up were Northerm Ladies Association.

Summer Darts' Competition finals were also held at the Sub-Branch with our division two team being knocked out in the Preliminary final. Winners were Siciliani Premier Division on both Tuesday and Thursday nights with Superoos being runners up on both nights. Our congratulations to both teams.

The Army Golf Club W.A. who are now utilizing the facilities of our Sub-Branch played Nollamara R.S.L. With Nollamara being the overall winners. Individual winners were Mr Frank Emerson (Nollamara) and runner up Mr Mick McQueen (Army).

On Thursday, 12th April the Sub-Branch was invited to participate in ANZAC ceremonies at: Armadale Senior High School, Principal Mr. F. E. Harby and 490 students; Balga Primary School, Assistant principal Mrs Sue Uneo and 266 students; 15 teachers and 15 non-teaching staff; Hampton Primary School, Assistant principal Mr Paul Neat and 300 students; 28 teaching and non-teaching staff. Sub-Branch President Mr Keith Boxshall, had three entertaining and different speeches to over 1000 children, keeping their attention when explaining the meaning of ANZAC Day.

Ken Hawke and Ross Jones laid two wreaths at each school, along with the school children participating. Bugler, Graham Worth, although suffering from the flu, gave excellent renditions of the last post and Reveille. Special thanks must go to the principals and teachers for the talented choirs and for passing on the meaning of ANZAC Day.

Two more schools will be attended in May when the pupils return from school holidays. Aranmore Catholic Primary School 223 students 15 teachers, service run by Mrs Imelda Gane. Camboon Primary School Principal Mr. Doug Lockwood 471 students 15 teachers and 12 teaching aids.

Congratulations

The President and Committee would like to congratulate Lt(AAC) David Fluellen on his recent appointment as Officer Commanding 51 ACU which is one of the Cadet Units Nollamara proudly sponsors. Well done Dave!!!

Our ANZAC Day march on Sunday 22nd April was once again a huge success. Parade Commander Lt Leslie Collie led the West Australian Navy Band (21 members) the Combined Cadet Drum Corps (15 members), R.S.L. marchers (95 members), Vietnam Veterans Motor Cycle Club (20 members) and special thanks to the President Leading Seaman Graham Bertonini and members of the Gulf War and Peace Keepers Veterans, who marched under their own banner.

Three to four hundred applauding spectators attended with special thanks to minister Bevan of the Churches of Christ who interrupted his morning service to take the congregation of 80 members outside to cheer us on.

The three services were represented by Cadet units - T.S.MARMON (18 members), 51 A.C.U ARMY Girrawheen (24 members), and A.T.C No 2 Flight Wanneroo (32 members).

M.C. Mr Barry Fortheringham presented our special guests - Patron Graeme Armstrong from Galleria Toyota - Keith Boxshall President Nollamara R.S.L. - Mrs Carol Randall President Ladies Auxiliary, Mr John Kobelke, Member for Nollamara, Ms Jann McFarlane M.P. federal member for Sterling, Mr John (Stone) Lewis President WDMC.

M.C. Mr Barry Fortheringham called on the Honorable M.L.A. member for Nollamara Mr John Kobelke to give an address, which was well received and applauded.

Wreaths were laid by: Mr Graeme Armstrong (patron), Mr Keith Boxshall (President), Mrs Carol Randall (Ladies Auxiliary), Mr John Lewis (WDMC.), the Honorable Mr John Kobelke (M.L.A.), Mrs Jann McFarlane M.P., Leading Seaman Cadet Ronan Gilmore Navy Cadet Unit T.S.Marmion - Army Training Officer Lt Marie Furcellen Army Cadet Unit 51 A.C.U Girrawheen - Sergeant Travis Davey Air Training Corps No 2 Flight Wanneroo.

Special thanks must go to the days organiser Mr Graham Worth (bugler & Committee), Mr Ken Hawke for the odes, Flag attendants Gary Robb, Ross Jones and fill in Bob Wise (thanks Bob). The Ladies Auxiliary and stewart Terri for their great efforts in catering, and the WA Navy Band for their 8 piece Dixie Jazz Band and the dulcet tones of their seconded singer Graham Worth.

The Dawn Service on Wednesday 25th was also well attended by not only members of the R.S.L but by the local community as well. The Sub-Branch provided the Gun Barrel breakfast and many members departed to march and attend the service in Perth.

Nollamara Friendship, Day Club

Meets at the above Sub-Branch for light refreshments on Thursday D.V.A. pay day at 10.00 am. Come along and meet new friends and enjoy the camaraderie. For further information contact the D.V.A day Club coordinator Ken Hawke on 9344 1610.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary meets on the 4th Friday of each month. Contact the President Mrs Carol Randall on 9345 2741. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

D.V.A.

Two Sub-Branch members have attended a Mens Peer Health Education Facilitator course with D.V.A. For more information on this subject please contact Ken Hawke on 9344 1610 or Alan Ray on 9342 5828.

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HOLLYWOOD UPDATE

NURSES RETURN FROM QUIET LION TOUR

From left to right: Lorna Zachar (Hollywood Nurse), Ernie Redman, who is one of the original POW’s on the tour and Anita George (Hollywood Nurse) at ANZAC Day memorial services in Thailand.

Hollywood Private Hospital nurses, Lorna Zachar and Anita George recently returned from the “Quiet Lion”, or weary Dunlop Tour of Thailand.

The two nurses spent seven days there and visited places of historical significance. One of them being the infamous Burma-Thailand Railway where many WW11 Prisoners of War (POW) lost their lives building the railway.

They also represented Hollywood at the ANZAC Day Memorial Services at Kanchana Buri.

Lorna and Anita had the opportunity to meet original POWs and had first hand accounts of the WW11 atrocities.

“I gained a better understanding of what WW11 Veterans had gone through and all the atrocities of War,” said Lorna.

“It was an eerie experience at time, but it was a good learning experience also. Going on the trip made me realise how many things we take for granted,” Anita said.

Hollywood sponsors two nurses every year, to go on the Quiet Lion Tour, which honours WW11 Veterans and specifically the ex POWs.

“We think it’s a worth while cause because the nurses gain something from the tour and they come home with a better understanding and appreciation of War Veterans. They talk about their experience with their colleagues, which we believe will result in even better care for our patients,” said Kevin Cass-Ryall, Executive Director of Hollywood Private Hospital.

Lorna and Anita will be giving a presentation to other Hollywood staff members, to share their experience and what they have learnt from their trip.

The Quiet Lion Tour was so named in memory of Sir Edward “Weary Dunlop” who was a POW and camp surgeon on the Burma-Thailand Railway. He was known as the “Quiet Lion” because of his great heart, spirit, and quiet nature.

ANNUAL BOWLS DAY SUCCESS

Hollywood Private Hospital has once again sponsored a highly successful bowls day, at the Hollywood-Subiaco Bowling Club.

The annual event continues to be enthusiastically supported by more than 140 members of the RSL and Veteran community.

Ern and Midge Lawrence once again organised the tournament, together with Hollywood staff.

Participants took full advantage of excellent weather and dined on a feast provided by Hollywood’s catering department.

Randall Harding once again found himself in the winning team, for the second year in succession. His fellow team mates included Beryl Jones, Ron Booth and Peg Jackson, who shared the $200 first prize.

Hollywood’s Medical administrator Dr Margaret Sturdy presented the prizes to the winners. “We are proud to sponsor this event, which we view as a way to thank our loyal supporters – the Veterans.”

Thanks to all those who took part.
Hollywood Private Hospital
Leading the way in surgery

A technique which radically reduces blood loss during surgery and may improve healing time, is now available at Hollywood Private Hospital.

Hollywood was the first hospital in Western Australia to carry out surgery using a new development in specialised argon cutting electrodes, in conjunction with the Argon Beam Coagulator, or “ABC Technology”.

The major benefits to patients include reduced blood loss and shorter operating times which may result in improved healing and a reduction in the risk of infection.

One of Hollywood’s Orthopaedic surgeons, George Sikorski, has been using the new argon electrodes for various procedures. He has found a dramatic reduction of bleeding during surgery and in post-operative period.

“With the new ABC procedure patients will experience some degree of discomfort (as with any procedure) but the healing process should be enhanced, and this should allow patients better outcomes with a quicker recovery,” Mr Sikorski said.

Pioneered and developed in Australia by Device Technologies Australia, the key difference of the new argon technology compared to conventional electrosurgery is that the new argon electrodes allow for more efficient cutting and cauterisation of bleeding tissues.

“Current electrosurgical techniques use high frequency electricity which produces quite extensive local tissue damage. With ABC, the area of tissue damage is contained in the superficial layer of the incision site, and this allows an increased rate of healing,” said Dale Mackay of Device Technologies Australia.

The new ABC technology can be used for almost all surgical specialties including general surgery, gynaecology, plastic surgery, orthopaedic surgery and urology.

MORE WARDS PLANNED

Two new wards have been approved for construction in the latest phase of Hollywood Private Hospital’s re-development. Work is scheduled to be completed by February 2002.

The two new wards will have a capacity of thirty beds each, 95% of which will be single room accommodation.

Hollywood’s Executive Director Kevin Cass-Ryall said “This current expansion and building programme supports Ramsay Health Care’s strategic vision. The intention is to consolidate the existing Ramsay Business and Hollywood is set to feel the benefits from this approach”. Kevin also indicated that the re-development programme would not stop with the new wards.

Also planned are two new operating theatres, a new Intensive Care Unit, the fit out of the second Cardiac Catheter Laboratory and The Hollywood Clinic is also earmarked for further expansion.

The standard of accommodation will be similar to that of the Bullwinkel Wing. The construction of the new wing will allow the hospital to decommission Gosse Ward. This is one of the older style wards. The extra beds will increase the flexibility of bed utilisation and relieve the intense pressure on the beds particularly over the winter months.

BOOK REVIEWS

WING OVER and DIVE
Written by Flying Officer Stan Watt.

This book in presented in diary format. I consider that it would be greatly appreciated by military historians, or those who love to read about raw courage.

The format has enabled Stan Watt to re-create the atmosphere of World War II. He has achieved this by extending upon original diary entries through the provision of anecdotal information, that he has acquired from the original authors, their families, comrades or eye witnesses of events within the book.

He expresses, through the book, the thoughts and feelings of the men who wrote the original passages.

The price of the book is $22.50 including postage. Telephone (08)9367 5799 Fax (08) 9474 2528 Email: terry@perthlegacy.com.au Proceeds from sales of this book are donated to Legacy.

WE WERE THE 46th
The History of the 46th Battalion in The Great War of 1914-18
By Ian Polanski

When Chris Brooks asked me if I would like to read this book and provide a book review, I initially thought I would be reading a clinical account of the 46th Battalion. I quickly changed my mind. The book is anything but clinical and provides an interesting and entertaining account of this wonderful Battalion.
Ian Polanski is a serving member of the Royal Australian Artillery. When he forwarded a copy of his book to us, for review, Ian had just received news that his unit was being sent to East Timor.

Ian has written this book with a lot of passion and talent. He has captured the spirit of the diggers who served in the 46th Battalion AIF, in a way that is uncommon by the majority of people who research military history.

I found the book to be one of those rare books, which once picked up, you find very hard to put down.

Within the book is a full-page photograph which is truly worth a thousand words. It enshrines the true ANZAC Spirit of the diggers who served in this great unit.

The photo depicts members of the 46th just after they had fought at Monument Wood May 1918. Looking at this photo you can see that there were no shortage of characters in the 46th. Members of the unit are all wearing an Australian Army issue uniform, however not one is wearing the uniform correctly. Hats are off, shirts are undone, helmets are worn at all angles on their heads and hands are in pockets.

They certainly were a scruffy looking lot. I can now understand why the British thought they were an undisciplined lot.

You will not be disappointed if you purchase this book. It would make a great Fathers’ Day present.

Copies can be obtained from Ian Polanski at: Military Melbourne
(03) 9510 7965 or,
Polanski@ultra.net.au
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The author has managed to compile a well balanced book on the four stages of Sam Calder’s Life. It is not heavy reading, thus making it a great bed time read.

Copies of this book can be obtained from:
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The Airborne & Special Forces Insignia of Australia & New Zealand

This is a book which provides a full colour look-up reference source to uniform insignia worn by Australia’s and New Zealand’s elite troops of World War II and in the period since. It is a “must have” book for collectors or military insignia buffs. The authors are ex-army Signals and SAS servicemen.

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NOT SO SILENT SAM
Author Bobbie Buchanan

Sam Calder Typhoon Pilot, Pastoralist and Politician.

“Not So Silent Sam” is a biography which, not only relates the life story of Sam Calder but, provides insight into the economic and political development of the Northern Territory.

The book commences with Sam as young flying ace, flying a Typhoon during World War II. Following his active service Sam returns to Australia.

Next we learn of his experiences whilst pioneering aerial mail runs in the Northern Territory. Sam later becomes a cattle station manager who battles to save his stock from dying from gidyea poisoning.

Then follows Sam’s political career, during which he won the Northern Territory representative the right to vote and assisted in winning a fully elected Legislative Assembly. Sam’s influence in his Party had a major impact on the growth of the Northern Territory, as he was able to use his influence to promote investment.

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Sub-Branch News
Rivercile-Carlisle Sub-Branch

Construction of our new sub-branch premises should commence early in May, with completion anticipated by December of this year.

A combined ANZAC Day Commemorative Service was held on 22nd of April, in conjunction with the Belmont Sub-Branch. An excellent attendance response by their members and their families, helped to make this day a memorable occasion.

Members who have been hospitalised recently include, Bob Blake, Graham Bardwell, Tom Griffith and John Harris. We wish them, and all others who are on the sick list, a speedy recovery.

Les Ransome
President

Bunbury Sub-Branch

Participants in this year’s ANZAC Day Parade were humbled to be led by Percy Goring. Percy is one of only three known remaining soldiers, who served at Gallipoli.

Earlier this year, The British Army were able to establish that 103 year old Bunbury resident, Percy Goring, is the last known surviving British soldier from the Gallipoli Campaign.

This year, on the 50th anniversary of Kapyong, Bunbury paid a special tribute to the Korean Veterans of the SouthWest. Many of the veterans attended the Bunbury Lord Mayor’s Pre-ANZAC Day, evening function. On the following morning they led the march through Bunbury, to attend a commemorative service at the War Memorial.

The “Guest of Honour” at this year’s commemoration service was John Cochrane. John went to Korea in September 1950. He served there until October 1951, when after being wounded at the Battle of Maryang San, he was evacuated, via Japan, back to Australia.

John also served two tours of duty in Viet-Nam. His first tour was with the AATTV, between August 1962 and September 1963. His second tour, as CSM ARU Nui-Dat, was from March 1969 to August 1970.

John was discharged in May 1970, after providing 21 years of service.

Militaria and Antique Arms Collectors Fair,
This event is being billed as the largest Militaria Fair ever to be held in Bunbury.
The Bunbury RSL and Arms and Armour Society (Inc) will present a historic Arms and Militaria Fair 2001.
The Venue and Times on which this event is to be held are as follows:
Venue: RSL Hall Spencer Street Bunbury,
Times: Saturday, 10th August 10am to 5pm Sunday, 11th August 9am to 2pm

Gerry Tyrrel, the Amateur Military Historian and Co-ordinator of the Fair, has indicated that the theme for the fair is to be, “100 years since Federation”, therefore the displays will consist of a large collection of militaria, covering this period.

Displays will include swords, bayonets, books, military medals, badges, uniforms, Lee Enfield’s and antique firearms of all types, along with hundreds of military related collectables and memorabilia.

The fair will provide patrons with the opportunity to buy, swap or sell military related objects. Also available will be access to free valuation of military items, owned by family members.

Further information about Militaria and Antique Arms Collectors Fair 2001 is available by telephoning (08) 97263283

Geraldton Sub-Branch

During his ANZAC Day Address, which took place at Birdwood House, the Geraldton City RSL President, Charlie Britt acknowledged that the Year 2001 would be of special significance both to residents of the Midwest and the remainder of Australia.

He declared that the Year 2001, “... Will be the year that Australia, on November 19, at Mount Scott Geraldton, dedicated a new Memorial of Remembrance to HMAS Sydney and her crew of 645 men, who were lost off the Western Australian Coast 60 years ago, after an encounter with enemy sea going forces.”

Pippa Allen and Brendan McDowell, students from Nagle Catholic College, also addressed the huge ANZAC Day gathering.

Pippa said that she believed that, “Australia was a free democratic country because of the sacrifices made by the assembled veterans and the thousands who paid the supreme sacrifice.” She conveyed her opinion that, “The bravery, courage and loyalty of the ANZACS and their successors were a source of inspiration for the youth of today.”

During his address, Brendan, referred to the Nagle College Motto, “for others”. He expressed an opinion that there could be no greater example of this, than to lay your life on the line for others, as veterans had done and as defence forces do on a daily basis.

Brendan said it was fitting that the Australian of the Year was Lt General Peter Cosgrove, Commander of the Forces in East Timor.

Brendan stated that Lt General Cosgrove’s response to a question, related to the Australian troops presence in Timor was a great example of ANZAC Spirit. Lt General Cosgrove had replied that, “There was a big bully in our next door neighbour’s yard and we simply jumped over the fence to lend a hand.”

Peter Barden, PRO
Applecross Sub-Branch

About 200 people attended our ANZAC Commemoration Service held at the Melville City Memorial, on Sunday 22 April. The Salute, at the march past, was taken by LCDR Roye Spencer from HMAS Stirling.

Mr Peter Gow gave an address to those attending the service, during which he related the Achievements of Australians in World War 1 to the development of our national character, in the early part of the last Century.

We were pleased to have and welcomed Mr and Mrs Bob Mercer, who represented the State Branch at the Service.

Max Reynolds provided this story, related to the ANZAC Day Service, held at Melville City Memorial. The article, written by Ian Wray was published by the Melville City Herald, on 28 April.

Last Sunday I had the privilege to attend the ANZAC Day Service held by Melville City Council, outside the city offices.

I say privilege, not only for the service and what it represented, but also for the company that I was in. This included my 86 year old father-in-law, my 81 year old mother-in-law, my wife and my three year old daughter.

The setting was ideal, the respect and simplicity of the service only added to the occasion, and the joy of being part of it, with my daughter, was only increased by her remarks and behaviour.

To my great pleasure and surprise, her understanding of the sense of occasion was enhanced by her willingness to participate.

To cap off a stunning performance, she (much to my delight and my wife’s embarrassment) ended her loud rendition, which just happened to coincide with a moment of very deep silence and reflection, with the words, AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE, OI! OI! OI! that could be clearly heard by all present.

This patriotic outburst was taken by me and, judging by the large number of people that commented on the ‘cheer squad’, after the service, as being an outward sign of her already entrenched pride in our sunburnt country and its traditions, even at this early stage of her life.

Bicton Palmyra Sub-Branch

Once again, the ANZAC Day Dawn Service heralded a wonderful start to what was a memorable day for so many Veterans. Noticeable was the increase in numbers and the presence of many young people.

The gentle words of Father Tim, provided us with solace, for our mates, lost or injured. They also served to remind us that we are honour bound to keep alive the traditions of our ANZAC forefathers.

At the conclusion of the ANZAC Day Service, as in previous years we were treated to a hearty breakfast. The “Breakfast” and other meals provided throughout the day, were prepared by members who gave freely of their time.

We extend a grateful “Thank You” to those who prepared meals and we also convey our gratitude to the equally hard working bar staff.

Sub-Branch Personality

Alan Meyer joined the sub-branch in 1986. He initially served as the Social Secretary before taking over the reins as the sub-branch Secretary, a position that he has held for 10 years.

Alan joined the RAN in 1958, going on to complete 22 years of service for his country, including war service aboard HMAS Derwent.

In 1975, he was awarded the Australian Medal for his services to the RAN.

Alan left the Navy in 1980, having attained the rank of Warrant Officer.

The next issue of the Listening Post will have a brief resume on Life Member, John Sweet.

Upcoming social events, include:

The ladies “Dinning In Night.” Ladies if you wish to attend, please contact Kevin for bookings as early as possible, as this is a very popular event.

There will be a Fathers’ Day BBQ. Those who are interested in attending will need to provide their names, prior to the event.

This year, on Monday 30 April, seven students from Bicton and Palmyra Primary Schools were entertained at the sub-branch. The theme was “The meaning of ANZAC Day”.

It was pleasing to note that, not only were the students extremely attentive, but they displayed obvious prior knowledge of factors related to the content.

We sincerely thank Katie Mair, JP, Her Worship, Mayor of the City of Melville, the Hon Janet Waddell M.L.A. for Alfred Cove and State RSL President, Mr Ken Bladen for both their attendance and their welcome input.

Canning District-Victoria Park Sub-Branch

The Canning District-Victoria Park Sub-Branch has recently experienced the loss of our Immediate Past
President, Mr Bill Day. Bill passed away on February 13.

Bill was a great man and an excellent President who did a lot of extra work. He firmly believed that children should be involved with the traditions of ANZAC and worked at involving them in areas concerning the Veteran Community.

The children loved and respected this gentle giant, who saw active service during World War II.

Bill gave of his time to talk to as many as seven schools, during the weeks leading up to ANZAC Day. He also assisted local high schools students in their school assignments by granting them interviews.

I know there must be a lot of very appreciative children and senior students in the Canning District area.

We also recently lost, Auriel Mc Phail, who was one of our sub-branch’s most popular ladies. Auriel enjoyed life and was a great dancer, even in her twilight years. She would kick up her heels with a great passion during square dancing.

We will miss both Bill and Auriel at the sub-branch.

We have a new committee for 2001, headed by our President Mr Don Cameron.

The Navy have come to the fore this year, in regards to office bearers. Our Senior Vice President is Mr John Speed. The Junior Vice President is Mr Dave Toh and finally, our Membership Officer is Kiwi, Ian Stewart.

ANZAC Day has passed and there was a great turn out at the Dawn Service. Participation in the march at Cannington was the largest ANZAC Day gathering seen for many years.

On this momentous occasion, it was heartening to see so many of the younger generation attending, both as participants and spectators. Well done to all concerned.

We would like to send a message to all the younger generations of ex-service and current serving personnel, asking you to support your local RSL Sub-Branch. We urge you not to let history and traditions fade and die.

Brian Macauley
Secretary

Moora Sub-Branch

Come Back to Moora WA Army Camp

The Moora Sub-Branch of the RSL is planning a commemorative “Back to Moora” Army Camp weekend.

Members and their families who camped around Moora and District during the early 1940’s are invited to attend a weekend of festivities and see memorabilia of this era.

The dates on which the event will take place are the 13th and 14th of October 2001.

The event is planned to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the Australian Army, the International Year of the Volunteer and Moora’s Australian Community of the Year award.

Special Military dignitaries will be in attendance during the weekend.

A highlight of the weekend will be the unveiling of a commemorative “Digger” Statue, to honour many thousands of soldiers who were deployed to Moora and District during the early 40’s, for what was expected to be a Japanese invasion of Australia, via the WA Coastline.

Other activities planned for the weekend include Military Art and Memorabilia displays and various Military Static and Action demonstrations.

Various modes of accommodation can be provided, including the motel, bed and breakfast, caravan parks and local host families.

Further information can be acquired by contacting Mike Prunster on Telephone (08) 96511401 during office hours.

Mike Prunster

Searborough Sub-Branch

This year’s ANZAC Day Wreath Laying Service, held at our memorial, saw the best response we have had from the local residents.

The weather was exactly what we had hoped. It remained fine for our most important day.

All those in attendance were impressed by our service, which was conducted by our President and Mrs Binnie Seeker, ex AWAS who did the readings.

Our organist Mary Keetley and her choir were well worth listening to. They provided great renditions of the hymns.

Many dignitaries of local government – City of Stirling and other community groups attended this very moving occasion.

The management committee has been busy planning bus outings. These low cost bus tours bring our members and their wives closer together and strengthen the bond with each other. All are welcome to attend.

New members are urged to join us at the Doubleview Bowling Club Building, on the second Monday of each month, at 1430 hrs. They are also invited to join us for a “Happy Hour” after the sub-branch business is complete.

Our hard working secretary, Doug Piggott, will advise you on details, regarding the sub-branch and membership. Call Doug on Telephone 94461331.

We believe that although you may feel a stranger when you arrive, you will leave at the end of the day, with many friends.

Gordon Harvey
Telephone 94461904
Shenton Park Sub-Branch

The sub-branch had an attendance of over 100 people at its ANZAC Day Service, which was held at 7a.m., at the Shenton Park Community Centre, on Wednesday 25 April 2001.

Wreaths were laid by the Shenton Park and Subiaco Sub-Branches, Julie Bishop M.P., Hon. Richard Court, the City of Subiaco, Hollywood Private Hospital, Kings Park District Scouts, The Australian Asian Association of Western Australia, PAOB Shenton Park No 106 and RAOB Ladies Auxiliary No 2 and the Reverend Ray Arthur, of Saint Matthews Anglican Church, Shenton Park.

The Bugler Garry Armstrong very ably assisted with the proceedings.

At the morning tea, following the conclusion of the service, the Mayor of the City of Subiaco, Mr Tony Costa, assisted by Councillor Heather Henderson, presented a very handsome plaque to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Shenton Park Buffalo Order.

The presentation was in recognition of their effort in providing morning tea, following the service, over the past 45 years. Throughout the years, they have risen at 4a.m. to prepare the scones and sandwiches. Some of the ladies have retired to Mandurah, but they still travel up each year to provide this most welcome repast. Well done ladies.

During the morning tea, President Frank Lawson presented Immediate Past President Ron Condon with his RSL Life Membership Certificate and Badges. Well earned Ron.

I would particularly like to record my sincere appreciation to Veronika Sryer, in recognition of her invaluable assistance in undertaking all the groundwork necessary to make this very special day a great success.

Clyde Goddard

City of Rockingham Sub-Branch

The sub-branch is operating well under its new committee, with many worthwhile projects in hand for the rest of the year.

The activities committee have held a number of successful outings this quarter, including a trip to the Swan Brewery and the Bell Tower. A Trash and Treasure at the hall helped swell our funds.

Official visits made by the sub-branch, were to Narrogin on the 18th of February, followed by a trip to Jurien Bay on 24th of March, to attend the dedication of their War Memorial.

A combined country sub-branch get-together, with about 12 other sub-branches in attendance is planned for the 27th of May, at our Point Peron Hall. It should be a good day.

School visits, which involved talks about ANZAC Day, have been carried out by members at Cooloonganup, Safety Bay, East Waikiki, Hillman, Singleton schools and Kolbe College.

Our ANZAC Day march and service was bigger and better than ever, attracting in excess of an estimated 1000 veterans and public.

It was very sad that we had problems getting, Army and Air Force representatives to take the salute and lay wreaths. Eventually Major Collin Wardrop accepted this responsibility, for which we were most grateful. Unfortunately, for the first time in memory, we were unable to obtain the services of a RAAF Officer for this duty, to the disappointment of ex-RAAF air and ground crews on parade.

Alan Bentley

Esperance Sub-Branch

A long felt need came to fruition recently, when a party of RSL members traveled to Salmon Gums, for the dedication of their very own War Memorial.

Mrs Nell Pozzi had worked tirelessly for over a year, cajoling, motivating and researching to achieve this goal.

The dedication of the memorial was carried out by the Esperance Sub-branch’s President, Richard Fowler and the Reverend Frank Roe.

Funding towards the memorial was contributed by DVA, Esperance Shire, Esperance sub-branch and the Salmon Gums Community.

Salmon Gums had their own sub-branch many years ago, but the farming downturn and dwindling numbers caused them to amalgamate with the Esperance sub-branch. Their charter hangs proudly on our wall, alongside our own.

Our lovely historic club room, built in 1896, as Esperance’s first school, had never been burgled until 1999. Since then, hoons have smashed doors and windows many times, in order to gain access to a few cans of beer.

Two local businesses have come to our aid. Brian Davies of Davies Engineering has provided us with magnificent decorative gates, for both doors. I defy anyone to get past these, without a tractor.

In the event that anyone does get past the gates; they will get a horrible shock when a piercing scream assails their ears and lights start flashing, as we have another marvelous gift. A “state of the art” security system, with sensors in every room, thanks to Needham Electrical.

The sub-branch has again helped the Lions Quiet Lion Tour, by sponsoring the participation of five youngsters from Esperance. Members also assisted Lions in their fundraising by cooking barbecues.

The Esperance naval cadets, under our Vice President, Lt
George Starcevich, are a very keen and active group. The group has the wholehearted support of the sub-branch.

The cadet group is named TS Kybra. The name commemorates the small coastal trader, which serviced Esperance to Fremantle Ports for many years, before joining the navy as an escort vessel.

This year we will have a beautifully restored Bren gun carrier on display at the memorial on ANZAC Day. This vehicle has been fully restored, to running order, by volunteers at the well known Esperance Municipal Museum. They have kindly consented to deliver it to the memorial park for the duration of the service.

M.J. Andre PRO

Yanchep Two Rocks Sub-Branch

Everyone loves a parade and what better place to hold an ANZAC Day Parade and Service than Yanchep National Park.

Surrounded by eucalyptus and tuart trees, the solemnity of the service of commemoration, conducted by Lt Marty Lees of the Salvation Army, had a special ambience of its own. The sounding of the Last Post and Reveille accompanied by the cockatoos was truly, Australian. A fitting tribute, complete with Fly Past by the RAAF, for remembrance of those who left these shores never to return.

Solemnity was followed by spectacle, as with flags and banners held high, Veterans from the Royal Naval Association “MARMION”, the Royal Air Force Association, preceded by the Yanchep Two Rocks RSL marched off to the strains of military music, played by the Challenge Band, with acknowledgement from the spectators.

The salute was taken by Group Captain (RAF) Phil Renkin retired.

The parade over, fellowship for the Yanchep Two Rocks RSL, together with family and friends, took place in the beer garden adjacent to the Inn.

We extend a special thank you to Anthony Vianova and staff who performed an excellent job in looking after us all.

During the fellowship, a large grocery hamper was raffled. Cr Terry Loftus who kindly drew the winning ticket, which was white M34, held by Shane Carey.

Thank you to everyone who attended the ANZAC Day Parade and service, your support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs J Harris
Secretary

Darling Range Sub-Branch

Phil Quatermaine, the President of the Darling Range RSL, the committee and members who use the club facilities, thank the Lotteries Commission of Western Australia for the money we received in April 2001.

Our RSL Club, situated in Kalumunda, is in its 82nd year. There were times during winter, when it was raining, that the hall was as wet indoors as the environment outside.

The Western Australian Lotteries Commission assisted by providing funding towards a brand new roof.

Phil Quatermaine President
Telephone 94545065 or 0411781677

Mount Hawthorn Sub-Branch

The Mount Hawthorn Sub-Branch, wish to inform members that their meetings take place on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Time 1300hrs
Venue Innaloo Sportsman Club Satin Way Innaloo 6018
President Mr K Murphy
87 Joondana Drive
Joondana 6060
Secretary P Jowett
73 Belvedere Road
Hamersley 6022 Telephone 94472515
Re-unions

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Ping Wo, Poyang, Whang Pu, Yunnan, Changte and Taiping to attend this re-union.
Contacts: Neville Philip, 14 Hamilton Terrace Greenmount W.A. on (08) 92941798 or Mervyn Wildy, 8 Mayfair Drive West Beach S.A. 5024
Tel: (08) 83566131.

Army Apprentices School. A re-union for the 12th intake (1957-59) and their families will be held on the Gold Coast from 14 to 21 September 2001.
Contact Dennis Anspach, Mallaraba Holiday Resort, Bilinga, Q.L.D.
Tel: (07) 5524 0333; Fax (07) 55240331; E-mail mallaraba@bigpond.com
Dennis Anspach.
Manager.

The Corps of Artillery has an annual function to farewell its WO/SNCOs who have taken discharge after 20 years or more service. This year for the first time in the history of Farewells the function will be held in Queensland.
The Function details are as follows.
Happy Hour 2 November 2001
Farewell Function 3 November 2001
ANZAC SGTS Mess Enoggera Oqd.
For any more details on this re-union contact WO2 Gordon Mitchell
Telephonc: (07) 3332 4217 function co-ordinator.

86 Transport Platoon Re-union 2002
A re-union of 86 Transport Platoon Viet-Nam personnel will be held on the Gold Coast Queensland during the period Tuesday 23 April Friday 26 April 2002.
Contact: Alan Henry (07) 3804 0210
Ken Parker (07) 5522 9035
Garry Linda (07) 5478 6886
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Vets Welcomed Back To Townsville for Federation North
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For more visitor information on Federation North events, contact Townsville Enterprise on Telephone 1800 801 902 or the Web Site on www.federationnorth.com
For more information or copy via-email.
Kerry Reeves Federation North
Telephone (07) 3882 1068 or Vicky Yen Centenary of

Federation Queensland Telephone: (07) 3404 3602 or 0417 887 867

WW II Radar Veteran’s Re-union
The Radar Group of the RAAFA, WA Division, will be holding a re-union of radar personnel, in Perth during September 10th to 13th 2001.
The Air Force Association Club in Bulcreek will be the main centre for activities. All former Radar personnel are invited to join with others arriving from all over Australia, for this the 6th re-union.
For further information contact Ray Sewell on, Telephone (08) 9581 2157 or Fax (08) 9581 5205

Locating Artillery Association Re-union, Coffs harbour September 29th to 1st October 2001. Associated Corps are invited, i.e. Medics Mechs, Cooks, etc are all invited.
For further information contact, Dave Auld (02) 6652 3560 or Mobile 0407 523 561, wives and partners also welcome it is a mixed function.

Royal Regiment Australian Artillery Re-union
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A unit history of number 6 Squadron RAAF 1939-45 is being compiled by Wayne Aird and Wayne Zikan, ex-members and relatives of 6 Squadron are invited to send any of the above unit history to 

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Viet Nam Veteran’s Federation Queensland
The above federation are doing research on brain tumours and HF radio frequency.
They need to gather as much information as possible to be able to link all relevant cases to a probable cause, then submit a request for information to the Repatriation Medical Authority. Anyone with information are requested to contact
Doug Henderson
Viet Nam Veteran’s Federation Queensland Branch Inc
P.O. Box 2817
Nerang Business Centre 4211 or e-mail, bestq33@tpg.com.au

Ronald Edwards, is interested in contacting, all ex-members of SWB. Ron was a member of the Boulder RSL in 1955 and was known as Buffalo, he was also a member of the Darwin RSL. Ron used to shoot Buffalo on Mount Bundy Station.
Contact Ron at: ronedwardsr@optusnet.com.au

From Peter Connolly, I’m starting a webpage for all veterans from all over the world. I am trying to build a site dedicated to the memory of all those who served, in any wars. If you are one or know of any veteran, could you please contact me, with details, your name, veterans name, e-mail address/website, life history not just about the conflict.
Information you send will be placed as is on my tribute site with your name on it. My e-mail number is, tahlijah@excite.com.au or pmconnolly@primus.com.au

The Old Wesley Collegian’s Association, has undertaken to publish a book commemorating the lives of the fifty six Old Wesleyans who died in the service of their country in World War II and Viet-Nam.

The Association has a wealth of material from school records, school mates and relatives but believes that many returned service men may have served alongside our war dead and would like to have any recollections and anecdotal stories of their lives whilst in uniform.
If you have any information that you feel can help with this book. Please address your responses to
O.W.C.A, PO Box 221 South Perth WA 6951

REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCHEON 2001

THE Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch (Inc) will be hosting the Millennium Remembrance Day Luncheon at the Langley Hotel on Sunday 11 November 2001. Please note the date of this special event in your diaries.

15,000 New Medal Entitlements for South East Asian Service

Up to 15,000 veteran’s who served in Singapore and Butterworth, Malaysia between 1971 and 1989 are set to be awarded the Australian Service Medal.

The Government’s acceptance of recommendations arising from the review of Service entitlement anomalies in respect of South East Asian Service 1955-75 and a further review of the medal entitlements of those defence personnel who served in Singapore until 1975 and in Butterworth until 1989 the year in which the communist insurgency in Malaya officially ended.

Applications may be made by letter or on the form available on the Department of Defence web site at http://www.defence.gov.au/dpe_site/resources/index.htm and addressed to:
Navy Medals Section
Queanbeyan Annex
Department of Defence
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Telephone: 1800 808 073
Telephone: 1800 065 149

Airforce Medals Section
Queanbeyan Annex
Department of Defence
CANBERRA ACT 2600
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Peter Epps
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60 Simpson Drive, Padbury WA 6025

Hollywood's Private Hospital's Annual Tea Dance is being held on Thursday October 11, 2001 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. The venue of this year's event is yet to be confirmed.
Due to the overwhelming popularity of the dance, we select participants via a draw system.
We ask you to complete the ticket request form below, and return it to us by Tuesday August 1, 2001, for your chance to attend. Entry is free and includes afternoon tea. Tickets will be posted to the successful applicants who will then be advised of the venue. Please note: There is a limit of two tickets per application due to venue size.

Hollywood Private Hospital ~ Afternoon Tea Dance, October 11, 2001

Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
Post Code: ________________________ Tel: ____________________________
No of Tickets (Max 2) __________________________
Post or fax this form to Trish Miller, Community Relations, Hollywood Private Hospital, Monash Avenue, Nedlands 6009 or fax it to 9389 8470 by Wednesday August 1, 2001

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85th STATE CONGRESS MOTIONS

ITEM NO: 1  
RSL WA RULES AND STANDING ORDERS - 2000  
MOTION: THAT RULE 43.20 BE RESCinded IN ITS ENTIRETY. LOST

ITEM NO: 2  
HONORARY STATE TREASURER  
MOTION: THAT STATE CONGRESS ENDORSE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR RICHARD CARTER AS THE HONORARY STATE TREASURER AS PER RULE 43.15 OF THE STATE RULES. CARRIED

ITEM NO: 3  
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP  
MOTION: THAT RULE 26.3.3 REFERENCE “MEMBERS” BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE WORDING: “A MEMBER OF THE STATE OR COMMONWEALTH CADETS” AND THAT THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL BY-LAW ALSO BE AMENDED. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 4  
STATE BRANCH ELECTIONS  
MOTION: THAT THE STATE SECRETARY BE EMPOWERED TO BRING TO THE NOTICE OF DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONGRESS ANY MISDEMEANORS A CANDIDATE FOR THE STATE EXECUTIVE MAY HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF WITHIN THE LEAGUE IN THE PAST. LOST

ITEM NO: 5  
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION 14A.11 RULE 32.10  
MOTION: THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS RESOLVE THAT THE NATIONAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION 14A.11 AND RULE 32.10 BE RECOMMENDED FOR AMENDMENT TO READ: “UPON AN APPEAL PURSUANT TO THIS RULE, TOGETHER WITH THE SUM OF $400.00 BEING LOANED WITH THE STATE BRANCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 32.9.2, AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE STATE BRANCH TO REPRIMAND, SUSPEND OR EXPEL THE MEMBER, THAT THE MEMBER SHALL TEMPORARILY RElinquish ANY POSITION HELD AS AN OFFICEBEARER OF THE STATE BRANCH OR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE UNTIL SUCH APPEAL IS CONCLUDED, DISMISSED OR DISCONTINUED.” CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 6  
CENSURE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE RSL  
MOTION: THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS DECLARE “UNETHICAL” THE ACTIONS OF MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIPS IN ACCEPTING AN INVITATION TO BE AN OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN HIS CAPACITY AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE RSL, AND LAYING A WREATH ON THEIR MEMORIAL. THAT THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT BE SEVERELY CENSURED FOR HIS UNCONSCIONABLE CONDUCT IN BREAKING FAITH WITH THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES WE ARE SWORN TO UPHOLD. LOST

ITEM NO: 7  
RE-APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIPS AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE  

ITEM NO: 8  
DVA ENTITLEMENTS - EAST TIMOR PERSONNEL  
MOTION: THAT ALL TROOPS THAT SERVED OR WHO ARE SERVING IN EAST TIMOR BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FULL REPATRIATION BENEFITS UNDER THE VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENT ACT, AND ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SERVICE PENSION. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 9  
INEQUITABLE TREATMENT OF WAR WIDOWS BETWEEN 1945 AND MARCH 1984  
MOTION: THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS REAFFIRM, THAT THE VETERANS ENTITLEMENTS ACT BE AMENDED TO REINSTATE THE RIGHTS OF ALL SURVIVING WAR WIDOWS WHO LOST THEIR RIGHTS PRIOR TO THE 1986 AMENDMENT - WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 2001. WITHDRAWN

ITEM NO: 10  
REPARATION — AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE  
MOTION: THAT ALL AUSTRALIAN EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO SERVED IN BCGQ BE GRANTED A SERVICE PENSION. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 11  
TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE  
MOTION: THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS LOBBY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS THAT THE GOVERNMENT FOR THIS CONCESSION TO NOW BE GRANTED TO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR TWO AND KOREAN VETERANS. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 12  
WORLD WAR ONE TRAVEL CONCESSION CARD FOR INTERSTATE TRAVEL  
MOTION: THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS LOBBY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES FOR THE TRAVEL CONCESSION CARD FOR INTERSTATE TRAVEL TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO VETERANS REACHING THE AGE OF 70. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 13  
REPARATION MEDICAL BENEFITS  
MOTION: THAT ALL DVA CARD HOLDERS BE ENTITLED TO A FREE INFLUENZA VACCINATION EACH YEAR. CARRIED

ITEM NO: 14  
REPARATION—MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS  
MOTION: THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS LOBBY DVA SO THAT COUNTRY MEMBERS BE PERMITTED TO CHOOSE THEIR DOCTOR/DENTIST SPECIALIST OF CHOICE AND THE NECESSARY COSTS OF TRAVEL TO AND FROM THAT DOCTOR/DENTIST OF HIS/HER CHOICE BE MET IN FULL. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 15  
REPARATION—FUNERAL BENEFITS  
MOTION: THAT ALL FUNERAL EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN THE BASIC COST OF AN ORDINARY FUNERAL. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 16  
FUNERAL BENEFITS FOR SINGLE OR UNATTACHED VETERANS  
MOTION: THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS LOBBY DVA TO HAVE THE FUNERAL BENEFIT FOR SINGLE SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN INCREASED TO A SUM EQUAL TO (AT LEAST 75% OF) THE RATE PAYABLE TO COUPLES. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 17  
GST  
MOTION: THE LEAGUE LOBBY THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT PERSONS ARE INCREASED AND INDEXED TO TRULY REFLECT THE INCREASES IN THE CPI AND AVERAGE WAGE INCREASES. CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 18  
GST ON MEMBERSHIP  
MOTION: IN VIEW OF THE ATO’S PROLONGED PROcrastination ON MAKING WHAT CANNOT BE A VERY COMPLEX DECISION, THE RSL OF WA ADVISE THE ATO THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE VERY STRONG GROUNDS TO SEE FOR LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP, LOSS OF INCOME AND CREATING BITTER DIVISION IN THE SUBBRANCHES AND ALL AROUND FUNCTION INSTABILITY. WITHDRAWN
ITEM NO: 19
CADETS BE PERMITTED TO WEAR FAMILY MEDALS ON ANZAC DAY
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS LOBBY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT ANY CADET IN POSSESSION OF FAMILY MEDALS BE PERMITTED TO WEAR THESE MEDALS Whilst PARTICIPATING IN ANZAC DAY PARADE AND SERVICE, AND THAT CADET ORGANISATIONS AMEND THEIR REGULATIONS TO ENABLE A CADET TO WEAR FAMILY MEDALS ON THE RIGHT BREAST POCKET.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 20
NATIONAL SERVICE COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL
MOTION:
THAT AS PART OF ITS PROCESS OF RECOGNISING THE SERVICE OF THOSE IN THE NATIONS DEFENCE FORCES, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BE URGED TO EXTEND THAT RECOGNITION IN THE FORM OF A DEFENCE SERVICES MEDAL FOR VOLUNTEERS WITHDRAWN

ITEM NO: 21
AUSTRALIAN SERVICEWOMEN'S MEMORIAL CANBERRA
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS LOBBY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO COMPLETE THE SERVICEWOMEN'S NATIONAL MEMORIAL, WITH AN ABOVE GROUND ADDITION, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 22
COMMEMORATION MEDALS WEARING OF
MOTION:
THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BE LOBBIED TO ENACT A LAW THAT PRESCRIBES COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS ARE NOT TO BE MOUNTED WITH SERVICE AND OR CAMPAIGN MEDALS.
THAT THIS CONGRESS SEeks TO ENSURE THAT COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS ARE NOT MOUNTED WITH SERVICE/CAMPAIGN MEDALS AND THAT IF WORN THEY ARE PLACED ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE TO INDICATE THAT THEY ARE COMMEMORATIVE AND NOT SERVICE/CAMPAIGN MEDALS.
LOST

ITEM NO: 23
UNITED NATIONS TREATY
MOTION:
THAT NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENTER INTO ANY UN TREATY OBLIGATION WITHOUT; WIDE PROMULGATION OF THE TREATY OBLIGATION DETAILS; AND IT BEING FULLY DEBATED AND AGREED UPON BY OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 24
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
MOTION:
THAT IMMIGRANTS WHO ENGAGE IN BLATANT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN HOLDING CAMPS, SUCH AS RIOTING, ARSON/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AND ASSAULT, WHILE AWAITING PROCESSING, SHOULD: FORFEIT THEIR ACCESS TO THE JUDICIAL PROCESS HAVE THEIR APPLICATION IMMEDIATELY REVOKED; AND BE DEPORTED.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 25
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
MOTION:
THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRODUCE A PAPER THAT CLEARLY OUTLINES OUR NATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THAT THEY CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON OUR FUTURE DIRECTION IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. SHOULD THERE BE SUFFICIENT PUBLIC DISCUSSION A REFERENDUM BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FEDERAL POLL ASKING ELECTORS TO DECIDE PERTINENT QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 26
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS REQUEST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE, TO STRENUEOUSLY TEST ANY ASSERTIONS THAT WE, AS A NATION, ARE SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR PLAGUE, REAL OR IMPLIED OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 27
ACCESS TO NATIONAL PARKS
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS ACTIVELY LOBBY THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO AMEND AND OR INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO ENABLE ACCESS TO NATIONAL PARKS BY ALL DEFENCE FORCES AND EX DEFENCE PERSONNEL AT THE CONCESSION RATE, CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR HOLDERS OF SENIORS, AGED PENSION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS CARDS.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 28
JUDICIAL SYSTEM
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS LOBBY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM WITH THE AIM OF HAVING IT REFLECT THE OPINIONS OF THE CITIZENS IN THE BROADER COMMUNITY IT SERVES.
CARRIED

ITEM NO: 29
PUBLICATION OF THE LISTENING POST
MOTION:
THAT CONGRESS GIVE DEBATE TO FURTHER EFFORTS TOWARDS MAKING THE LISTENING POST FINANCIALLY SELF SUFFICIENT.
CARRIED

ITEM NO: 30
FREE TELEPHONES
MOTION:
THAT THE RSL LOBBY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE ALL VETERANS AT AGE 85 ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE PHONE AS PROVIDED TO WWI VETERANS.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 31
EXPOSURE OF VETERANS TO POISON GAS IN AUSTRALIA DURING WWII
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS REQUEST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENSURE THAT THE MEDICAL RECORDS OF ALL VETERANS WHO WERE EXPOSED TO, OR HANDLED POISON GASES, WHETHER AT EXPERIMENTAL STATIONS OR STORAGE BASES IN AUSTRALIA, HAVE DVA NOTE THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS TO THIS EFFECT AND THE VETERANS BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

ITEM NO: 32
PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES – DISCOUNT FOR WA VETERANS
MOTION:
THAT THIS CONGRESS REQUEST THE WA GOVERNMENT EXTEND THE DISCOUNTS ON DRIVERS LICENSES, VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, COMPSULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE AND NEW MOTOR VEHICLE STAMP DUTY TO THOSE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO VETERANS IN RECEIPT OF A DISABILITY PENSIOSN OF 70% OR MORE.
CARRIED

ITEM NO: 33
POKER MACHINES
MOTION:
THAT STATE CONGRESS LOBBY THE GOVERNMENT OF WA TO HOLD A REFERENDUM FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF POKER MACHINES IN LICENSED CLUBS ONLY – THE NUMBER OF MACHINES NOT TO BE INCREASED WITHOUT A FURTHER REFERENDUM.
LOST

ITEM NO: 34
DISABLED PENSIONS AND AGED PENSIONS (STANDING POLICY)
MOTION:
THAT THIS CONGRESS MAKE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE APPROACH TO THE GOVERNMENT TO HONOUR THEIR ELECTION PROMISE AND CEASE THE PRACTICE OF DEEMING A DISABILITY PENSION AS INCOME TO ASSESS A VETERANS AGED PENSIOSN.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. I
TIER I HOSPITALS WA
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS RESOLVE TO HAVE TIER I HOSPITAL STATUS IMPLEMENTED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA AS AGREED AT THE 84TH STATE CONGRESS AS A PRIORITY ACTION.
CARRIED
LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2
RSL WA BRANCH RULES AND STANDING ORDERS – RULE 46
STATE EXECUTIVE PARA 46.6 ("THE QUORUM")
MOTION:
"THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS RESOLVE TO AMDEND RULE 46.6 IN THAT:
"THE QUORUM FOR ANY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SHALL BE FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE FILLED ELECTED VOTING POSITIONS OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE."
CARRIED

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3
SERVICE MEDALS
MOTION:
THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL SERVICE 1951-1972 MEDAL, SHOULD BE ISSUED TO ALL PERSONS HAVING SERVED IN THE REGULAR AND RESERVE FORCES AFTER 3RD SEPTEMBER 1945 AFTER COMPLETING INITIAL EMPLOYMENT TRAINING BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1951. MEMBERS AFTER 1975 BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CURRENT AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL UNDER THE SAME CRITERIA.
WITHDRAWN

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 4
ADF RECRUITING - RETAINMENT
MOTION:
THAT THIS CONGRESS, THROUGH THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE LOBBY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE METHOD AND FUNDING OF RECRUITING FOR THE ADF TO ENSURE THAT AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ARE USED TO RECRUIT. RECRUITMENT OF AUSTRALIA'S "YOUNG PEOPLE" WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND ABILITY SHOULD ENSURE A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FORCE AS REQUIRED FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE NATION. WHERE APPROPRIATE ADF MEMBERS SHOULD BE USED FOR CADET INSTRUCTORS.
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 5
THE EROSION OF THE SPECIAL RATE COMPENSATION PAYMENT
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS STRONGLY SUPPORT THE TPI FEDERATION IN THEIR SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS THAT:
"THE SPECIAL RATE (SR) COMPENSATION PAYMENT BE INDEXED IN LINE WITH RISES TO THE MALE TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (MTAWE) OR THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER."
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 6
TPIS WITHOUT QUALIFYING SERVICE
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS STRONGLY SUPPORT THE TPI FEDERATION IN THEIR SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS THAT:
"THE GOVERNMENT AMEND THE "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT" TO EXEMPT ALL DISABILITY PENSIONS PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FROM MEANS TESTING UNDER THE "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT" AND THAT SUCH DISABILITY PENSIONS BE DISREGARDED AS INCOME WHEN ASSESSING ELIGIBILITY FOR INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS AND OTHER ALLOWANCES PAID UNDER THIS ACT BY CENTRELINK.
ALL RECIPIENTS OF THE TPI SPECIAL RATE PENSION, WHO LACK QUALIFYING SERVICE, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DISABILITY SERVICE PENSION PAID THROUGH DVA AND ADMINISTERED ON THE SAME BASIS AS RECIPIENTS OF THE SERVICE PENSION.
THE SPOUSE PARTNER OF A TPI SPECIAL RATE PENSION RECIPIENT WITHOUT QUALIFYING SERVICE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DISABILITY SERVICE PENSION (TO BE TITLED "EQUIVALENT TO THE "SERVICE PENSION" ON THE SAME CONDITIONS AS PRESENTLY APPLY")."
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 7
BENCHMARK THE TPI SPECIAL RATE TO A PERCENTAGE OF MALE TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS
MOTION:
THAT THIS STATE CONGRESS STRONGLY SUPPORT THE TPI FEDERATION IN THEIR SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS THAT:
"THE SPECIAL RATE PAYMENT BE BENCHMARKED TO 75% OF MTAWE AND IMPLEMENTED OVER THREE CONSECUTIVE BUDGETS:
COMMENCING 60% OF THE MTAWE AT THE FIRST BUDGET, RISING TO 75% OF THE MTAWE AT THE SECOND BUDGET, AND REACHING 75% OF THE MTAWE AT THE THIRD BUDGET."
CARRIED (referred to National Congress)

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 8
BENCHMARKING TPI COMPENSATION (CURRENTLY CALLED PENSIONS) PAYMENTS
MOTION:
THAT THIS CONGRESS DIRECTS THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TO VIGOROUSLY LOBBY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE PRIME MINISTER AND BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TO USE THE VALUE OF $809.70 TO BENCHMARK THE TPI SPECIAL RATE IN-LINE WITH THE MINISTERS PUBLIC STATEMENT.
LOST

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 9
GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF STATE BRANCH
MOTION:
THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2001 CONGRESS AGENDA, THIS CONGRESS ADJOURN TO A DATE NO LATER THAN 31 MARCH 2002 TO CONSIDER RESTRUCTURE PROPOSALS AND WHERE APPROPRIATE ALTER THE RULES OF THE STATE BRANCH TO INCORPORATE A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE TO BETTER REFLECT THE LEAGUE'S POSITION AS A CORPORATE ENTITY.
CARRIED

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 10
RSL AND UNIT ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT ONE VOICE FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL IN AUSTRALIA
MOTION:
THAT STATE BRANCH CALL A MEETING WITH ALL MEMBERS OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS AND AS A RESULT SHOW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY THAT WE ARE A UNITED BODY AND ONE VOICE FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL IN AUSTRALIA.
CARRIED
UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

The Editor of The Listening Post reminds all Unit Associations that it is the responsibility of each to keep its information for this section up to date at State Headquarters. Changes to the Office Bearers must be in writing.

AIRCLOCK ASSOC
Chairman: George Oliver; Ph: 9337 7163. Correspondence/Secretary: Basil Lofthouse, 61/177 Dampier Ave, Karrara 6025; Ph 9402 0982. Meetings: bi-monthly as arranged.

ALLIED CHINESE SHIPS ASSOC
Correspondence/President: Neville Philip, 14 Hamilton Tce, Greenmount 6065; Ph: 9294 1798; Secretary: Beatrice Philp. Meetings/Luncheon: 11:30am 2nd Fri bi-monthly (from Feb), ANZAC House.

ALLIED MERCHANT SEAMEN ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
Chairman: Maurice O’Rourke; Ph: 9317 2453. Correspondence/Secretary: Jack Edwards, 1 Cromer Rd, Brentwood 6153; Ph: 9364 8793. Meetings: 1pm last Tue month. ANZAC House. AGM Jun.

ARCTIC CONVOS VETERANS’ ASSOC WA INC
President: Geoff Taylor; Ph: 9399 2314. Correspondence/Secretary: Ted Slinger, 34 Unwin Ave, Wembley Downs 6019; Ph/Fax: 9446 4540; Email: eslinger@smartchat.net.au. Social meetings: 6-9 times/yr.

ASSOC OF WRENS WA BRANCH
President: Audrey Mantle; Ph: 9300 4749. Correspondence/Secretary: Myra Olsson, 2/57 Point Walter Rd, Bicton 6357; Ph: 9319 8382. Meetings 10:30am 4th Thu monthly. ANZAC House.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM (WA BRANCH) INC

AUSTRALIAN EX-SERVICE ATOMIC SURVIVORS’ ASSOC INC
President: Max Kimber OAM; Ph: 9409 7241; Fax: 9409 1786. Correspondence/Secretary: Len Hollingsworth, PO Box 405, Greenwood 6024; Ph: 9349 1714. Meetings: 11am 3rd Mon bi-monthly (from Feb), Belmont RSL Hall, Leake St. AGM Apr. Bus 306 ex Perth bus station.

AUSTRALIAN GULF WAR VETERANS’ AND PEACE KEEPERS’ ASSOC INC.
President: Graeme Bertolini; Ph: 9295 4165. Correspondence/Secretary: David Wallington, 13 Tallerack Way, Forrestfield; Ph: (w) 9334 3639 (h) 9453 9755; Email: abc@goldcell.net.au. AGM: 1st Sat Dec.

AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE ASSOC (WA) INC
Correspondence/President: Neil Chaplin, PO Box 1724, Wangara 6947; Ph: (w) 9302 1338 (h) 9307 8460.

AUSTRALIAN LEGION OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN
President: Lionel Hutchings. Correspondence /Secretary: Vera Hutchings, 17 St Johns Crt, Kingsley 6026; Ph: 9309 9675. Meetings: 2nd Mon monthly, Aranmore Hall, Leederville; 1:30pm 2nd Tue bi-monthly, Navy Club, Fremantle. State Council Meetings 3rd Thu monthly, 13th Bde HQ, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

AUSTRALIAN NAVY IN VIETNAM VETERANS’ WELFARE ASSOC OF WA (INC)
Correspondence/President: China Hammari, PO Box 69, North Fremantle 6159; Ph: 9434 6247, Fax: 9434 6248. Secretary: Ronald Rowe; Ph: 9490 3625. Meetings: 6:30pm 3rd Tues bi-monthly (from Feb), Hickey’s Cinecentre Tavern, cnr Murray & Barrack Sts, Perth.

AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL AIR SERVICE ASSOC WA BRANCH (INC)
President: Edwin (Bart) Mervick; Ph: 9534 4018. Correspondence/Secretary: Reg Davies JP, The House, 6 Battery Rd, Campbell/Barracks, Swanbourne 6010; Ph: 9247 2480. Meetings: 6pm 3rd Wed Tue month. The House(as above); Ph: 9383 0555. AGM Aug.

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS & DEFENCE SERVICES COUNCIL (WA) AVADSC
Chairman: AIRCDRE Sam Dailywater OBE AE (Rtd); Ph/Fax: 9383 3161. Correspondence/Secretary: Brian Cooper OAM JP, PO Box 14, Hillarys 6923; Ph/Fax: 9409 6577. Meetings: 10am 1st Wed bi-monthly (from Feb), 1st Floor AMP Building, 140 St Georges Tce, Perth.

AUSTRALIAN WATER TRANSPORT RAE AIF ASSOC (WA BRANCH)
President: Jack Patterson; Ph: 9342 0142. Correspondence/Secretary: Bill Thomas, 18/19 Bulrush Dve, Bibra Lake 6163; Ph: 9417 8585. Meetings: 11:30am 1st Mon monthly (except Jan) (if holiday, Tue).

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN’S ARMY SERVICE ASSOC WA (INC)
President: Elsie Solly AM; Ph: 9272 3734. Correspondence/Secretary: Joy Tufnell, 1A Swan Rd, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9330 3945. Meetings: 10am 1st Thu bi-monthly (from Feb), Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House. AGM 1st Thu Feb.

BCOF ASSOC OF PERTH
President: Brian Rose; Ph: 9279 4553. Correspondence/Secretary: Mick Buckley, 12 Croydon Ave, Yokine 6060; Ph: 9349 6529. Meetings: 11am 4th Mon (if holiday, Tue) monthly (Feb to Nov), Belmont RSL Hall, Leake St.

BLINDED SOLDIERS OF ST DUNSTANS WA
President: Warwick Walters; Ph: 9535 3602. Correspondence/Secretary: Patricia Dean, 31 Lamont St, Melville 6156; Ph: 9330 5456. Meetings: As necessary, Red Cross House, 100 Gedenich St, East Perth. AGM 1:45pm 2nd Tue Aug.

BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOC INC
President: Dave Clarke; Ph: 9309 1046. Correspondence/Secretary: Jean Harris, 20 Roydon Way, Girrawheen 6064; Ph: 9247 1009. Meetings: 1:30pm 3rd Tue monthly; ANZAC House. AGM 17 Nov.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE REGIMENTAL ASSOC (AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)
Chairman: Robert Gates; Ph: 9446 1569. Correspondence/Secretary: John Sward, 9/71 Epsom Ave, Redcliffe 6104; Ph: 9277 3396. Meetings: Contact Secretary.

BULL CREEK BRANCH RAAFA
Correspondence/President: Ken Stewart, AFME, Bull Creek Dve, Bull Creek 6155; Ph: 9362 2246. Meetings: 2nd Mon monthly, Meg Olive Room, Air Force Memorial Estate.
FLEET AIR ARM ASSOC OF AUSTRALIA WA DIVISION
President: Jack Siriano. Correspondence/Secretary: Peter Welsh, 42 Saddleback Circle, Maid Vale 6057: Ph: 9454 6045. Meetings: 11.30am 2nd Sun bi-monthly (from Feb), 71 West Pde, East Perth.

GUARDS ASSOC OF WA
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HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ASSOC (WA)
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President: Don Cookesley; Ph: 9365 7061. Correspondence/Secretary: Harry Townsend, Unit 9/1-3 Leslie St, Mandurah 6210; Ph: 9586 3628. Meetings: 11am 1st Tue quarterly (from Mar), Naval Association HQ, 71 West Pde, East Perth.

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HMAS CANBERRA-SHROPSHIRE ASSOC (WA DIVISION)

HMAS HOBART ASSOC (WA DIVISION)
President: Trevor Cangemi; Ph: 9332 7721. Correspondence/Secretary: Clyde Goddard, 80 Derby Rd, Shenton Park 6008; Ph: 9381 8705. AGM and Annual Reunion: 2nd Sun Feb; Social and Commemorative functions: every six months annually. Monthly luncheons: 12noon last Thu, ANZAC House.

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LEGACY – FREMANTLE
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President: LTCOL Peter Winstanley RFD (Rtd); Ph: 9341 6883. Correspondence/Secretary: MAJ Mari Fonton, 4 Harbour Crt, Safety Bay 6169; Ph: 9528 6680. Meetings: 1st Mon 1st Mon Apr.

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President: Fred Logue; Ph: 9349 7495. Correspondence/Secretary: Reg Kidd, 257 Holmes Rd, Forrestfield 6088; Ph: 9453 2393; Fax: 9453 2093. Meetings: AGM mid Apr. Christmas last Sun Nov.

EX-POW ASSOC OF WA
President: Arthur Leggett; Ph: 9279 9340. Correspondence/Secretary: Ruth James, 7b Wenden Pl, Willeton 6155; Ph: 9457 8727. Meetings: 1pm 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC Club. AGM 1pm 1st Wed Mar.

EXTREMELY DISABLED WAR VETERANS' ASSOC OF AUSTRALIA
President: John Wade; Ph: 9410 2934. Correspondence/Secretary: Alan Balcombe, PO Box 2339, Malaga 6944; Ph: 9375 2799. Committee Meetings: 10am 4th Wed monthly, ANZAC House. All welcome - new memberships invited.

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NATIONAL SERVICEMEN’S ASSOC OF AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC YORK SUB-BRANCH
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Correspondence/Secretary: John Ross, 1 Benwee Rd, Floreat 6014; Ph: 9387 6960. Meetings: 11am 4th Thu monthly, 71 West Parade, East Perth. AGM: 5:15pm 4th Thu Jan.

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Correspondence/Secretary: Bill Morris, 4/57 Lisle Street, Mount Claremont 6010; Ph: 9384 7253. Meetings: Committee 10:30am 1st Mon bi-monthly. General 10am 3rd Mon Apr & Sep. AGM 10:30am last Mon Jul.

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PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOC WA BRANCH
President: Edward Woodward; Ph: 9293 2487.
Correspondence/Secretary: Tom Park, 2 Derrill Ave, Dianella 6059; Ph: 9349 1661. Meetings: 1pm 1st Tue bi-monthly (from Feb), ANZAC House.

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President: Patrick Ward; Ph: 9490 8954.
Correspondence/Secretary: Mick Lee, 20/115 Epsom Ave, Redcliffe 6104; Ph: 9479 6387; Email: ljevy@ca.com.au. Meetings: 12noon 1st Wed monthly, ANZAC Club.

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Chairman: A Hobbbah; Ph: 9402 4748. Correspondence/Secretary: Barry Walsmey, 171 Gibson Ave, Padbury 6025; Ph: 9304 7017. Meetings: 7:30pm 2nd Tue monthly, Whitford Sea Sports Club, Ocean Reef Boat Harbour. AGM: 7:30pm 2nd Tue Feb.

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SPITFIRE GROUP
Correspondence/Organiser: Eric Carpenter, 21 Keemore Dve, Balg 6061; Ph: 9342 2779. Luncheon meetings: 12noon 4th Thu bi-monthly (from Jan), ANZAC House. All ex-Spitfire Sqn members are welcome.

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President: Peter Douglas; Ph: 9592 6608.
Correspondence/Secretary: Pam Perkins; PO Box 352, Rockingham 6968; Ph/Fax: 9439 3163. Meetings: 10:30am 1st Tue monthly.
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Correspondence/Secretary: Mike Pearson, 19/196 St Kilda Rd, Rivervale 6103; Ph: 9277 3741. Meetings: Quarterly.

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President: Glyn Cody; Ph: 9341 3323. Correspondence/Secretary: Ena McGinn, 9 Castle St, Wembley Downs 6019; Ph: 9446 3742. Meetings: Monthly at members’ homes – contact Secretary for information.

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Correspondence/Secretary: Ronald Rowe, 20 Nethercott St, Huntingdale 6110; Ph: 9490 3625, email: rower@tenet.com.au.
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President: Peter Ramsay BEM. Correspondence/Secretary: Les Crowe, PO Box 488, Mt Hawthorn 6016; Ph/Fax: 9527 7187. Office: 38 Kelgoorlie St, Mt Hawthorn 6016; Ph: 9443 3759. Meetings: Quarterly.

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President: John Lewis. Correspondence/Secretary: Christopher Bruce, PO Box 1442, Wangara 6065, Ph/Fax: 9440 5353. Meetings: 7:30pm 2nd Mon monthly, VVCM Clubhouse, Nollamara. AGM Oct.

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President: Les Webb; Ph: 9447 7950. Correspondence/Secretary: Ted Philp, 8a Henning Cres, Manning 6152; Ph: 9450 4033.
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WAAAF BRANCH AFA (WA DIVISION)
President: Nancy Passmore; Ph: 9311 4436.
Correspondence/Secretary: Kate Quan, 79 Harris House AFME, Bull Creek Dve, Bull Creek 6149; Ph: 9311 4279. Meetings: 10:30am 2nd Mon monthly (except Jan), Memorial House AFME, Bull Creek.

WAR VETERANS’ EXTREMELY DISABLED SOCIETY INC
President: Gordon Dixon; Ph: 9311 4436.
Correspondence/Secretary: Aurelie Bergin, PO Box 130, Hillarys 6923; Ph: 9402 2043. Meetings: 9:45am 1st Tue bi-monthly, Cityplace Community Centre, Perth Railway Station.

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Correspondence/Secretary: Merv Smith, 3/7 Luffington St, Melville 6156; Ph: 9317 1530. Meetings: bi-monthly (from Feb).

2/3rd FIELD REGIMENT ASSOC
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Correspondence/Secretary: Banjo Binstead, 101 Star St, Carlisle 6101; Ph: 9361 8762.

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2/7th AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT (WA) EX-MEMBERS ASSOC
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2/14th AIF BN ASSOC
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2/13th FIELD AMBULANCE ASSOC AIF
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2/28th BATTALION & 24th ANTI-TANK COY ASSOC
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2/32d BATTALION ASSOC WA
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2/43rd BATTALION ASSOC WA DIVISION
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3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNIT ASSOC (RAAF)
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7 ARMY TROOPS COY RAE ASSOC
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LAST POST

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest We Forget.

The deaths of the following RSL members (WA Branch) were recorded at ANZAC House between 1 February and 31 May 2001

ALLEN, Raymond G., C/JX558530, Bellevue, RN
ANDREWS, Frank T., A48561, Applecross, RAN
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BEATON, Ronald M., 9228, Wanneroo-Joondalup, RAAF
BENNETT, D.H., 415065, Central, RAAF
BEST, D.W., VX40616, Nedlands, 2/10 AFC
BLANCHETT, Arthur E., 5/1373, City of Perth, 3 Bn RAR
BLOOMFIELD, Maxwell V., WX35649, Eastern Regional, 14 AWC
BLYTHE, E.J., WX2728, Wembley-Floreat, 2/16 Bn
BOYLE, A.L., WX7728, York, 2/28 Bn
BRAMELD, G.E., WX10071, Scarborough, 2/7 Fld Regt
BROWN, George, 1361312, Manning, 211 Sqn RAF
BRUCE, Donald, WX86, Nollahilma-North Perth, 2/3 Fld Regt
BURKE, Michael W., 2/744650, Wanneroo-Joondalup, 17/18 Bn
BURRIDGE, Francis J., F3875, Osborne Park, RAN
BUTTON, Wayne J., 61541, Busselton, SASR
CABLE, John F., MN12121, Nannup, Merchant Navy
CARTHEW, F.W., WX758, Armadale, 2/11 Bn
COIFFIC, L.E., WX4594, Central, 2/2 Fld Prk
COOPER, John, WX14829, Busselton, 2/33 Bn
CORNWELL, Alfred J., VX63512, Central, Army
CREW, C.A., 20359, East Victoria Park & Vietnam Veterans, RAN
CRIDDLE, Trevor W., 83191, Geraldton City, RAAF
CROTTY, James E., 415123, Bunbury, RAAF
DALE, Thomas W., 4861379, Margaret River, Relle
DAVIES, Trevor, WX37108, Narrogin, 2/7 ADV Wshps AEM
DAY, William J., NX22111, Canning Districts & Victoria Park, 2/3 A/A Regt
DEAN, W.T., WX42452, Manning, 2/7 Bn
DEVANEY, Dorothy M., 99469, Scarborough, WAAAF
DONOHoe, G.F., WX15400, Busselton, 2/28 Bn
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DRUMMOND, M.R., WX17522, Margaret River, 2/41 Cav Sqn
DURBRIDGE, W.M., WX3203, Osborne Park, 2/16 Bn
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FORTE, Bruce, 429688, Albany, RAAF  
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GARDINER, Audrey J., 94520, Returned Ex-Servicewomen, WAAAF  
GIBBS, P.A., WX32157, Manning, 24 AA Bty  
HADFIELD, Herbert J., WX14150, Mount Hawthorn, 2/17 Trans  
HAMPTON, T., WX9405, Applecross, 2/4 MG  
HESFORD, Thomas L., WX14382, Busselton, 2/101 Aust  
HINE, C.T., WX15581, Margaret River, 2/11 Bn  
HOGG, G.B., WX28277, Mandurah, 9 Div Sig  
HOLLIDAY, Robert, WX429, Mosman Park, 2/11 Bn  
HOOTON, D.W., 36787, City of Rockingham, RAN  
HOPKINS, Derek L., 6091286, Cottesloe, 5 Suffolk Regt  
HOUGHTON, Kenneth, A117983, Bellevue, RAAF  
JEFFES, Eric A., 7889086, Darling Range, 1st Royal Gloucester  
JEFFREYS, Ralph S., 80477, Nedlands, RAAF  
JONES, Lionel, 38409, Nedlands, RAAF  
KEARNEY, L.D., WX17452, Busselton, 2/4 MG Bn  
LAZELLE, Roger A., JX369105, Karridale-Augusta, RN  
LENIHAN, Geoffrey W., R48447, Bicton-Palmyra, RAN  
LOFTHOUSE, Jeffery V., 13372, Boddington, HQ W Cmd  
MACKAY, Cyril A., WX53586, Nollamara-North Perth, 10 Aust Line Sec  
MANNING, Gordon J., 38437, Busselton, RAAF  
MAXWELL, I.D., 407947, Scarborough, RAAF  
MCDONALD, Mervyn A., WX30503, Wanneroo-Joondalup, 2/3 AA Bty  
MCGILP, A.M.C., 4297142, Claremont, RAAF  
MCPHAIL (nee RYAN), Auriel K., L/G172, Returned Ex-Servicewomen, AWLA  
MINCHIN, George, WX6830, Bunbury, 2/28 Bn  
MOORE, Roy V., 83850, Mandurah, RAAF  
NAGEL, Henry A., F2962, Scarborough, RAN  
NEWTON, Arthur A., 151680, Canning Districts & Victoria Park, RAAF  
NICHOLL, T.C.A., F5534, Wembley-Floreat, RANR  
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NOCK, John H., 4916465, Karridale-Augusta, S Stafford Shire Regt  
O'GRADY, Richard, 200573, Harvey, RA UK Defence  
OLDFIELD, Fred, 11438, Busselton, 2/44  
PALMER, Fredrick A., 45973, Kalgoorlie, RAAF  
PALMER, Horace J., WX39485, East Victoria Park & Vietnam Veterans, 12 AOVP  
PAYNTER, James, WX5312, Bunbury, 2/28 Bn  
PEARSON, A.C., **H2 00103, Highgate, RAN  
PPEARSON, Albert R., WX31558, Albany, 28 AIF Bn  
PENNINGTON, Edward H., WX36582, Bedford-Morley, 14/32 Bn  
PROUD, A.E., WX17642, Kalgoorlie, AIF 2/8 Com  
REANY, J.E., WX31619, Nedlands, 4 Div Sig  
ROBINSON, A.F., W13362, Fremantle City, 18 AA  
ROSE, Leonard J., 5108690, City of Rockingham, RAN  
ROW, William L., WX19564, Cottesloe, 101 Aust Fld  
ROWLAND, Brian J., FV328, Eastern Regional, RAN  
SALMON, Kevin L., WX40059, Eastern Regional, 105 Lt Fd Amb  
SCRUTTON, T.A., SX27270, Applecross, 63rd Bn  
SECKER, William E., F2578, Scarborough, RAN  
SHAW, Harold R., WX12560, East Victoria Park & Vietnam Veterans, 2/32 Bn  
SINGLETON, Edward G., A415103, Denmark, RAAF  
SMITH, Doreen M., WF45752, Canning Districts & Victoria Park, 55/AASL Bty  
SUMMERFIELD, Harold, WX10496, Mandurah, 2/3 Fd Coy  
TRELOAR, E.A., WX22585, Bicton-Palmyra, 2/43 Bn  
TWADDE, James A., WX9473, Applecross, 2/28 Bn  
VO, Lieu V., 55A700376, Vietnamese Services, Navy HQ  
WARWICK, R., WX20902, Bunbury, 2/9 Aust Regt  
WEBB, Noel D., 17983, City of Perth, RAAF  
WELLS, W.M., WX35683, Maylands-Railways, 2/3 Dental AASC  
WHITEHURST, E.O., 83544, Rivervale-Carlisle, RAAF  
WILLIAMS, Arthur H., 1468001, City of Rockingham, British Army  
WILLIS (nee NELSON), Isla E., WF45796, Returned Ex-Servicewomen, 3 Aust Corps  
WILSON, Basil, WX10280, Mandurah, 2/32 Bn  
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★ The Hollywood Clinic - 30 bed, in patient psychiatric unit.

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★ New Hollywood Specialist Centre, comprising 39 medical specialist suites.

★ New Cardiology Facility, comprising a cardiac catheter laboratory, consulting suites, new 10-beds coronary care unit and acute admissions area.

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