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The National Congress held in early September in Melbourne provided the WA State Branch with the opportunity to present our Congress motions to the national body for endorsement for either further investigation or incorporation into RSL Policy. I am pleased to advise you that all but two of our motions were successful and as such all those passed will be signalled for further action. The two motions that were not supported were defeated because the originators of the motions provided either insufficient or inaccurate information. Obviously, the need to place well-framed motions that have been thoroughly researched is essential if they are to succeed at Congress. Early next year we will issue a ‘help sheet’ to each Sub Branch to assist them in preparing Congress motions for our 2002 State Congress. With this initiative it is hoped the quality of motions and the level of debate will result in a greater understanding of the motion as well as a greater success rate.

The T&PI issue received considerable attention at National Congress. Despite vigorous argument and debate we were not able to obtain a percentage increase in rates to compensate members for the erosion to their pensions through inappropriate indexation over a lengthy period. The best we could achieve was an approach to government for an immediate payment of $60 per fortnight. The State Branch will continue to work with the T&PI Association to redress this inequity. Similarly, we will also work with the SAS Association to assist them in their claims for compensation for injury associated with hazardous training activities.

Other highlights from Congress were the re-election of Maj Gen Peter Phillips AO MC as National President and also the election of Derek Roylance, President ACT Branch, as Deputy President.

The War Veteran’s Home administration reports that developments at Menora and Mandurah are progressing rather slowly due to the number of approvals required from planning and statutory bodies. It is anticipated that work will commence at Menora early in the New Year and hopefully at Mandurah before Christmas. The Menora project will take about 2 – 3 years to fully complete and will include upgrades to the Howes Centre, a care facility of 90 – 100 beds, 60 Independent Living Units (2-3 bedroom units), 24 rental units (2 bedroom) and a community centre. The project is under direction of State Executive member, Barry Standen who is also the Chairman of the War Veteran’s Homes Board. Barry is committed to establishing a Centre of Excellence in Aged Care Homes development within the RSL and we are most supportive of him in his endeavours.

The War Memorial at King’s Park has also been the subject of building assessment. Those of you who are regular visitors to the Memorial would have noticed that extensive water damage is evident in the undercroft and crypt area. The structure is also decaying through ‘concrete cancer’. Preventative action is now an urgent issue and it is possible that if repairs are not feasible, then reconstruction may be the only alternative. Our State Memorial is clearly the most beautiful Memorial in Australia and it must be preserved for future generations. When we have received the architects and consultants’ reports we will distribute the findings and invite comment – and support for the recommended corrective action.

Our support for young people gained the RSL prominence when the 13 Brigade Military Skills Team won the national Military Skills Competition. They were supported by the RSL through the sponsorship of the team by the provision of tracksuits suitably identified with the RSL letters on the back. The team was the envy of other Military Districts in terms of presentation and also achievement. Well done to the RSL and 13 Brigade. I’m sure there will be future support for such activities.

Still on youth activities, the Spirit of ANZAC Tour for 2002 committee will soon be assessing nominations received from Service Cadet Units for our sponsored tour to Canberra over the ANZAC Day period. It is expected that we will be able to announce the winner on 11 November 2001 at the Remembrance Day Luncheon.

The League will also be supporting the 2002 Simpson Prize – a writing competition for year 9 & 10 students. The competition requires the student to research and write an essay on the ANZAC Spirit and its relevance to contemporary Australia. The successful entrant will have the opportunity to attend ANZAC Day ceremonies in Turkey in 2002. Last year we had the opportunity to hear the runner-up, Yvette Tan, speak at the Perth ANzac Day Service and the quality of the presentation indicated the extent of the literacy and public speaking talent in our schools.

The State Executive is currently reviewing a Draft Corporate Plan that will provide a blueprint for our operations for the next five years. It will cover our administrative, operational and financial management proposals for all entities under our control. For the League to be competitive in the business world and relevant in our society it is essential we have a plan with direction and specific and achievable targets. Hopefully, this document will provide just that! When to draft is completed we will circulate it to the membership for comment.

The operations of the ANZAC Club are also under review by the Finance Committee. The need to set new directions for the Club will result in a business plan being prepared to make it more accountable and attractive to members. We would welcome any suggestions that will increase its use and add substance to its profitability. Let me also assure you that the ANZAC Club will remain in its current location for the foreseeable future. We just ask that you continue and increase its patronage to ensure its viability.

The strength of any organisation lies with its membership. A target of 12000 members was set at the beginning of the year and to date we are just 900 short of achieving that target. If every member made a commitment to ‘round up a mate’ we would truly reach that target. Will you accept that challenge?

Finally, my personal thanks to members and Sub-Branches for the support that has been offered, and the invitations extended to my wife, Joan and myself in the first few months of my term as your President. The hospitality that has been offered and the invitations extended have been most welcome and appreciated. I look forward to making contact with as many of you as possible in the coming months.

My best wishes to you all.

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In the Winter Edition of the Listening Post several key issues were raised in relation to the Listening Post Magazine, it highlighted the production and distribution costs and advised that it would be issued on three occasions this year.

The report briefly covered that negotiations were in progress on a proposal to print the magazine at NLL cost to the League, also that the magazine will have published 5,500 copies per month for distribution, noting that we have 11,000 Ordinary Members receiving the magazine currently.

As previously reported, it is envisaged that each member would receive a copy of the Listening Post on each alternate month. The final process on how it will be issued is not yet confirmed; the two most obvious methods are either by alphabetical order or by postcode. Whichsoever is used all members will receive equal distribution over a given period of time.

We are currently preparing for the September issue of the Listening Post; a substantial amount of effort is being placed into the magazine to ensure that the content is relevant and appealing to our members.

**State-Branch - Operations**

There has been considerable discussion in recent times, particularly since the adjournment of State Congress on the operations at State level.

Unfortunately the discussion has centred on how and where the State Branch will perform its functions in the future and has been rather negative. At the 2001 State Congress several presentations were delivered to elected Sub-Branch Delegates detailing the RSL's vision for the future.

The State President provided a detailed briefing on a proposal for the future management of the League. In the presentation it was noted that the Executive Committee and Senior Management were reviewing the administration of the League. There are a number of functions that are performed at the State Branch and the RSL WVH requiring similar support requirements. The presentation advised that these functions would be reviewed as part of the staffing restructure; it was also advised that elements of the League's administration may be relocated to the RSL WVH, Manora. This would only be implemented if and when no loss of service would occur and real savings can be achieved, both in service and cost.

The State President in his report has addressed the ANZAC Club and the issues with its location. The ANZAC Club in ANZAC House is a tradition and service that has been provided for members and their guests for decades and will do so for the foreseeable future. Please remember your elected Executive and appointed Management are duly bound to ensure that the RSL is managed between Congresses; this includes the financial implications of operating ANZAC House and the ANZAC Club.

Currently the League is conducting a detailed review of our procedures and methodology for monitoring the League's finances. The review will encompass a number of key areas to evaluate if specific functions may be combined and outsourced with like organisations.

**National Congress - 2001**

The State President, Mr Bill Gaiinor, Senior Vice President, Mr Doug Rasmussen and myself attended the National Congress of the RSL and a National Executive meeting during the period 2-6 September 2001 inclusive.

After a lengthy and detailed debate, the National Executive confirmed the RSL Veterans' Affairs proposals for 2001-2002. These proposals were previously known as the RSL ‘Priority List’.

It was felt that there was some apprehensions and misconceptions as to the ‘Priority List’ amongst (the grass roots) the membership, particularly how submissions were presented. The National Congress resolved to adopt ‘RSL Veterans’ Affairs Proposals’ to reflect how the League viewed the list; in short the proposals are of equal status to the League when presented to Government and the Opposition for review and resolving.

**Detailed below are the RSL Veterans’ Affairs Proposals**

**(2001-2002)**

- The provision of the Gold Card to the following group of veterans:
  - As a priority, to all Australian veterans on reaching the age of 70 years and who have qualifying service, irrespective of the operational area of such service.
  - All other Australian World War II veterans on reaching the age of 70 years and who do not have qualifying service; and
  - All British and other Allied veterans of World War II on reaching the age of 70 years who have qualifying service and are also recipients of the Service Pension with accompanying fringe benefits and who meet the Australian residential criteria.

- The following provisions be made to Special Rate (TPI) and other pensioners:
  - Centrelink to cease counting disability pension as income;
  - Index the TPI Pension to variations in the CPI or MYEFO whichever is the greater.
  - Benchmark the TPI Pension MYEFO whichever is the greater.
d Acknowledge that some erosion to the TPI pension has occurred over the past years because of inappropriate indexing;

e Grant an increase in the TPI pension of not less than $60.00 per fortnight.

- Continuation of the Residential Care Development Scheme.

- Ease the EDA criteria by reducing the current requirement to have a lifestyle rating of 6 or worse to having a rating of at least 5 from each of the four elements of the Lifestyle rating – Personal Relationships, Mobility, Recreational and Community activities and Domestic Activities.

- Grant automatic entitlement to the War Widow Pension to widows of Intermediate Rate pensioners.

- Increase the funeral allowance to $2,000.

- Give BCOF veterans the opportunity of putting their case for their service to be given qualifying service status to an independent inquiry similar to the Mohr inquiry.

- In the case of veterans who are residents of nursing homes because of their accepted disabilities, relieve them of the need to pay any statutory nursing home charges and these fees to be paid by the Government.

- Recomence indexation of war widows Income Support Supplement (ISS).

It was also pleasing to receive positive feedback from invited ESCs to the National Congress on the manner and outcomes of the National Congress items.

At the direction of the RSL WA Branch State Congress delegates two very specific motions in relation to the TPI were forwarded to the National Congress for resolving, there were also substantially more from Eastern States.

Both the TPI Federation President and the State President of Western Australia have applauded the manner in which this State’s submissions were presented. Over the past twelve to eighteen months there has been some tension in relation to the TPI increase sought. It was particularly note-worthy that significant common ground had been achieved within the Ex-Service Community particularly in Western Australia.

The WA Branch had varied success with the National agenda items, there were two specific motions that could not be substantiated, both at State and Federal level, no information could support the claims. They were relevant to the provision of phone services to WWI Veterans and discounts to WWII and Korea as provided to WWI Veterans.

The WA item referring to a claim for the cost of funerals was lost in preference to lobbying the Government for a payment of $2,000.00. The League has lobbied Government for several years for $1,500.00 without success, the delegates unanimously agreed to $2,000.00 for increases in recent years.

This report is a synopsis of the Congress and Executive outcomes, it should also be noted that all items passed will be forwarded to Government, the RSL Veterans’ Affairs Proposals are the largest issues requiring action.

The National Congress also passed several motions in relation to ‘Illegal Immigrants’. WA presented three items, as previously published, with having been resolved for forwarding to Government.

The National Executive has also written to the current Government and the Opposition requesting advice on their policies in relation to the Veteran Community with the looming election. It is beneficial to the League’s lobbying to have a general overview for future planning and lobbying strategies to be forwarded to Government.

This edition of the Listening Post will also include reports from several key sub-committees of the State Executive; these will appear as standard reports in future editions to ensure appropriate issues are advised to the grass roots of the League.

RSL/WestClub Partnership

Firstly I must apologise for the delay in forwarding the RSL/WestClub card and booklet. There were two valid reasons for the delay, they were:

An excellent response from the membership for the card and booklet; and

The books in particular had to be reprinted; this was due to an increase of two pages of providers and the inclusion of the RSL Logo onto the cover.

You should have now received your card and booklet and be enjoying the benefits of the offers from a wide variety of services and products.

Members who have not joined and may still wish to do so many obtain forms from ANZAC House; information will also be included on the RSL renewal form to be issued in future correspondence.

SHANE SEERS OAM JP
“THE BUSH WIRELESS”

SURVEY:
First of all, I would like to sincerely thank all those who took part in the recent “Satisfaction Survey”. Special thanks to those who volunteered appreciative remarks – I was very touched by your kind words and support. (The data will all accompany the RSL’s next request for ongoing government funding which helps to pay for my position – so your co-operation is going to be put to good use! “Thanks”!)

Increased availability for Primary Level Claims:
Due to various reasons, there has been a marked reduction in the numbers of claims needing to go to the VRB (or beyond). I therefore have more time available than formerly, and wish to advise that I would welcome seeing anyone contemplating submitting a new Claim, or applying for an increase.

SoPs:
As you would be aware, the fundamental basis for any new claim is a “Statement of Principles” (SoP) for each of the various conditions. These are compiled and published by a body called the “Repatriation Medical Authority” (RMA) – and are part of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act. Periodically though, (like most things in life – little stays the same!) the RMA produce “up-graded” versions. Sometimes these “tighten” the rules – but sometimes they “loosen” – which is always a bonus, as this makes a successful claim by a veteran more achievable.
I will always try to promulgate these changes, to “get-the-word-out” – as it is of concern to me that veterans who have had a “knock back” on the earlier version of a SoP, might have succeeded under its successor. (Of course, this also can work in reverse).

Among some of the most recent changes though are these:
Chondromalacia patellae: additional Factor of: running for at least six hours per week for at least found consecutive weeks before the clinical onset – or, where such activity has ceased, onset has occurred within four weeks of cessation (of the running). (NOTE: This is a significant change – and formerly there was a requirement for a specific trauma within the preceding six month period).

Lung cancer: (this is an extensive SoP and I cannot relate all the amendments here – but a very broadening new factor, for Vietnam Veterans is: being on land in Vietnam or at sea in Vietnamese waters, for at least 30 days, at least five years before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the lung). A second factor, concerning inhalation of chemical agents, has also been added – but requires at least one year of exposure to these special risks.

Alzheimer’s Disease: new factor: suffering from a war-related head injury (involving fracture, concussion (15 mins+), amnesia (30+ mins) or cerebral laceration/contusion) at least 10 years before the clinical onset of Alzheimer’s.

Hypertension: new factor: suffering from sleep apnoea at the time of the clinical onset of hypertension.

SPINAL SPONDYLOSIS/ARTHRITIS CLAIMS:
For some time I have been lobbying the RMA to modify, or further define, the SoP necessity for “acute symptoms” at the time of an originating traumatic injury. Up until recently, even in the Federal Court, the veteran often had to demonstrate that the injury was so severe, he couldn’t possibly have kept going (which will cause a wry smile amongst a few ex-Infantry soldiers, I would think!), however, a recent Decision handed down by a Full Court of the Federal Court (i.e.: three judges) in Arnott vs Repatriation Commission, has, in a very welcome step, diluted that necessity to establish such a harsh, extreme level of pain. Instead, the judges ruled that pain can be “acute” (i.e.: sudden onset, involving tenderness, soreness, altering range of movement etc) without “necessarily” having to be severe.

That so much should turn on one, little word! – but, in the past, it has denied some men their claim. I was elated to read that Decision! If you injured your back on active service, or would like to “try again” – give me a ring, so we can look at your case again.

Best regards to all.

MARGOT HARNESS (War Compensation Officer)
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A SPECIAL VISITOR TO THE WARD

Veteran Ned Hanrahan was visiting Hollywood Private Hospital recently for a check up when he noticed the “Jim Gordon Ward” and decided to investigate.

Mr Hanrahan was amazed to discover the ward - named after the Victoria Cross recipient - because Mr Hanrahan and Mr Gordon were friends in the army. In fact, Mr Hanrahan served in the same battalion (2/25th Battalion, B company) as Jim Gordon and was there when his friend was presented with the Victoria Cross at Djezzine in Syria.

DENNIS WINS PERSONAL BATTLE WITH DEPRESSION AND DRINKING

“The best thing you can do is get in here and save your life.”

Dennis Liddelow says he would give this advice to anyone who thinks they might be drinking too much - even if they really don’t think they have a “problem”.

Dennis is an affable, articulate former Vietnam Vet who has battled with depression - and drinking - for most of his life, since returning from Vietnam.

He recently completed the alcohol treatment programme at The Hollywood Clinic, the psychiatric facility within Hollywood Private Hospital, in Nedlands.

Dennis was being treated for depression at the clinic when he was asked if he would consider doing the alcohol treatment programme.

“It was a reality check for me, because my initial response was ‘No! - I don’t have a problem with alcohol; all the other guys drink’.”

“I drunk beer mostly, but I also kept a bottle of bourbon in the freezer.”

Dennis said his drinking was a “downward spiral” which created conflict but also a loathing for himself.

It was with reservations - but an open mind - that he started the alcohol treatment programme at Hollywood.

The course included six men - “hardened old diggers” - including Dennis’s former Unit NCO (non-commissioned officer).

“I learnt about who I was and why I drank - and most importantly ways of overcoming the desire to drink.”

“We grew throughout the course - there was no fear of being ridiculed - and the staff were so professional.”

“Having completed the course there’s a bond there - a camaraderie.”

So has the course worked?

“It’s all about education and understanding - I now know why I drink and I have been given alternative ways to handle anxiety.”

“The programme wasn’t boring, it wasn’t threatening.”

“These were guys who had been warriors, they had drunk and played hard, so it was amazing to see them come through.”

The Hollywood Clinic’s programme uses cognitive behavioural therapy - it is not an abstinence, AA-based model. The course caters for all adults - it is not only for war veterans - and there are women only groups as well.

NEW CONTINENCE SERVICE FOR HOLLYWOOD

It is estimated that nearly one million Australians are affected to some degree by incontinence and half of these people have never sought professional help.
Starting in October 2001, Hollywood Private Hospital will offer a multi-disciplinary service for the investigation and management of urinary incontinence.

The service offers a comprehensive, independent assessment of patient's continence issues and a range of conservative treatment options.

It is the only multi-disciplinary service in Perth to offer:

- A service to both women and men;
- Further on-site investigation including state-of-the-art urodynamic studies where appropriate; and
- Involvement of a urologist, gynaecologist and/or physician in cases where a specialist opinion and/or operative intervention is indicated.

The clinic was established by Dr John Stokes, Hollywood's Liaison GP, who believes it will provide the best service possible for the management of this problem.

The service will be co-ordinated by Dr Annabelle Shannon who has recently returned from 12 years in Geraldton practising as a rural GP with an interest in obstetrics and women's health issues.

Joan Edom (RN), the continence adviser for the service, has extensive experience in urological theatre nursing and radiology and over the past 12 plus years has worked as a urological nurse and continence adviser. Joan qualified as a continence adviser in 1993 and is a member of the ‘Society of Urological Nurses of Western Australia’ and the ‘Continence Society of Australia’.

The urologists, gynaecologists and physicians associated with the service have an interest and expertise in continence management. At the time of opening they include gynaecologist Dr Terry Jenkins, urologists Mr Tom Shannon, Mr John Stanley, Mr Sydney Weinstein, Mr Stan Wisniewski, Mr Craig Waters and Dr Jessica Yin and geriatricians Dr Arthur Criddle, Dr Leon Prindiville and Dr Jane Courtney.

Anyone wanting more information on the service or to refer a patient should ring (08) 6389 0401.

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ALCOHOL TREATMENT COMES TO ROCKINGHAM REGION

An alcohol treatment program specifically tailored to war veterans in the Rockingham, Kwinana and Mandurah region will be run from October 15.

The program, to be run at a local venue, by staff from The Hollywood Clinic, will be fully funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and is open to any eligible war veterans.

Program co-ordinator and Clinical Psychologist Linda Welsh said the program was to help veterans who wanted to cut down or give up alcohol.

“We have decided to run a community-based program in the local area because many veterans find it difficult to get to the city,” Linda said.

“It is a response to feedback from veterans in the community.”

The program will run for 12 days, 10am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday for the first two weeks and Monday and Tuesday for the third week.

“This is a cognitive based program which will help the vets understand why they use alcohol and put measures in place to help them avoid needing to use the alcohol.

“It is not an AA model and allows people to cut down - or give up - depending on their individual goals.”.

A relapse prevention phase will take place after the initial seminars with six sessions over three months.

For more information, or to register for the program, please contact Linda Welsh on 9346 6239.

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HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL
The planning for the redevelopment of the War Veterans’ Homes facility at Menora is gathering speed. A consortium of APP Argenta and Gorton Health Services has been appointed as the Project Managers. We are about to appoint the Master Planning Team who will prepare the design and financial plans which will set the framework for the redevelopment.

The timetable for the project will start to firm up through this process and we anticipate that the master planning phase will be completed and the Development Application with the City of Stirling Council by Christmas. It is expected that demolition of the old buildings will commence early in the New Year, with construction of the new facilities following soon after. The project will take around three years to complete.

When it is finished it will be a first class modern facility embracing the latest design ideas and technology. It will be designed around the following major components:

- A new care facility of 90 to 100 beds allowing the use of all of our 138 licences to provide both high and low care (what used to be called Hostel and Nursing home care);
- A refurbished Howes Centre to include some specialised functions to deal with residents with special needs such as Dementia;
- Approximately 60 stylish 2 and 3 bedroom houses in a nicely landscaped and quiet environment;
- A Community Centre with bistro, meeting rooms and a range of community facilities services for residents of the Menora site and the surrounding community.
- Around 24, 2 bedroom rental apartments;
- Some components, such as the house (or independent living units - ILUs - as they are called these days), will be available as they are completed.

The project will give the War Veterans’ Homes the boost to carry it forward over the next 30 years, so that it can continue to provide the very best for veterans and their families.

New units at MANDURAH

Plans for the construction of 27 new modern 3 bedroom ILUs at the War Veterans’ Homes village in Mandurah have moved very quickly and it is expected that the first of the units will be finished and ready to be occupied just after Christmas. The BGC Group are doing the development and the design. The quality of the units is very impressive. Their location next to the City of Mandurah RSL Sub-branch, with its modern facilities is only a few minutes walk from the centre of Mandurah and close to modern shopping complexes, the City Library, Lawn Bowls and Police Station which will make them a very attractive proposition for purchasers. For further information please contact RSL WVH Meadow Springs, Ms Anita Kennett on 9535 0200.

A visit to the Mandurah site on Wednesday, 26 September 2001 was a welcome sight. There are several trees and native areas retained at the direction of the City of Mandurah Council. Discussions with the developer, BGC on site indicated that the ‘Display Unit’ may be completed by Christmas.

Please note: Interest in the purchase of units at this time is quite strong, with some 18 interested purchasers. If you have an interest register with Ms Anita Kennett to receive details of the development.
6th Battalion Australian Regiment Association
Rallies Members

Past members of the 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, next of kin of deceased members and non infantry attachments are invited to join the Battalion Association. In addition to renewing old friendships it provides members the chance to submit photographs, articles, opinions and updates on previous members to the association newsletter. A five year subscription to the Association newsletter is $45.00.

Write to: Secretary 6 RAR Association, PO Box 225, Red Hill QLD 4059, Email: arthurwill@optushome.com.au or contact President Tex Howarth 07 5529 9931 or Email: hitex@austarnet.com.au.

BOOK DEDICATIONS
TO HONOUR DEPARTED COMRADES

The RSL War Veterans’ Homes WA conducts Book Dedication services for Sub-Branches & Unit & Kindred Associations to honour the memory of departed comrades through the presentation of memorial gifts i.e. books or videos.

Records show that over the past 20 years some 600 – 700 books have been dedicated and presented.

These memorial gifts are distributed within the libraries of the RSL homes in Menora, Mandurah and Geraldton for the benefit of current and future residents.

Memorial services are held twice yearly in May & October at the RSL War Veterans’ Homes Chapel, 16 Freedman Road, Menora.

On Sunday, 14 October 2001 The Rats of Tobruk Association, Australian Women’s Army Service Association WA (Inc) and Upper Swan Sub-Branch will once again assemble to honour the memory of comrades recently departed.

For further information about the Book Dedication Service please contact Project Officer, Kaye Ireland on 9370 0200.

Tracker, Doghandlers and Recon
We have recently formed The Australian Army Trackers and Doghandlers Association and are conducting a reunion on 22-24 March 2002 at Alexandra Headlands, Sunshine Coast, QLD. We will be conducting a Memorial Service and a Dedication of a Plaque to the ‘War Dogs’ from Malaya, Borneo and Somalia on Sunday, 24 March 2002. Any past or present members and the next of kin please contact Bob Bettany, 22 Pickering Place, Caboolture QLD 4510.
Ph: 07 5498 3006 Email: bettany@caboolture.net.au.
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BOOK REVIEW

Royal Australian Air Force
MARINE SECTION

In 1997 I published a book about the:

“Royal Australian Air Force MARINE SECTION, the Forgotten Era of Men & Vessels”, which because it is now out of print, I have placed it on the World Wide Web. In the Summer 1997 Edition of Listening Post you published a Review of my book (Page 46) by Pat Hosking. Perhaps you may care to inform your Members about this offer.

My objective is that School Libraries, Public Libraries, students, individuals, organisation etc may like to view, download to hard disk, make CD copies for friends or make a print copy, WITHOUT ANY FEES TO PAY.

The book was published to acknowledge the very important contribution made by (18+ year old) Australian “Sailors of the RAAF” during the dark days when there was every possibility of Australia being invaded by the powerful Japanese Forces. No other book has been published about the Marine Section, which operated from bases around Australia, New Guinea and as far away as Borneo. A range of boats operated from here in Perth, Fremantle, Exmouth and the Kimberley’s.
On Saturday, 21 July 2001 we were greatly honoured to have as our guest of honour His Excellency Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC Governor of Western Australia, accompanied by his wife Mrs Sanderson. Over 100 members and friends warmly greeted the Governor.

Also in attendance were the State President of the RSL Mr Bill Gaynor and his wife and the Mayor of the City of Belmont Cr Peter Passeri and his wife.

All present enjoyed themselves and the evening went smoothly thanks to our Master of Ceremonies Olga Greig Membership Officer of the Sub-Branch. As usual the bar staff and drink stewards comprised of young people who for many years have volunteered to give up their Saturday night to assist.

The combined Belmont and Rivervale/Carlisle Sub-Branch’s annual ANZAC Commemorative Service was held on Sunday, 22 April with a many members from both Sub-Branche participating. A Dawn Service was held at the Memorial Wall at the Sub-Branch on ANZAC Day. Each year more and more members attend this Service, then enjoy a ‘Gun-Fire’ breakfast before attending the Parade through Perth.

Our Friday night socials have continued to be successful the next one to be held in August. A bus trip is being organised for September. We encourage members to support these functions. Forthcoming events are advertised in ‘The Bugle’ and also on the notice board at the Sub-Branch.

Dot Balcombe
Publicity Officer

Kellerberrin

Kellerberrin Sub-Branch is undertaking a two-fold project.

1 To collect personal photos (in uniform if possible), service numbers and details of all men and women from our area, who gave war service at home or abroad, for any of the conflicts pre Boer War to the present- This information will be recorded and made available in the Shire Library.

2 To have bronze plaques made for the Memorial Hall forecourt to acknowledge those who gave service to their country and their community. Any assistance with this project will be appreciated. Robert Hayes-Thompson, PO DOODLAKINE 6411 Telephone/Fax 9045 8249

Highgate

In a ceremony arranged by the Borneo P.O.W. Friends and Relatives Group and in conjunction with the Highgate RSL Honour Ave Committee, a stirring and emotional service, to a gathering of almost 400 people, was conducted in Marri Tree Walk, Kings Park on the 26th August to honour 1800 Australian and 750 British Prisoners of War who lost their lives in Sandakan or on the infamous Sandakan - Ranau Death Marches which took place in 1945.

In filtered sunshine, an Army Catafalque Party took Post at the four corners of the tree bearing the Remembrance Plaque and the Australian Army Band provided a Bugler and a Brass Ensemble to accompany the gathering and the chorus, who intermingled with the crowd to add voice to the proceedings. Captain Mitch Fialkowski from 16 Bn RWAR conducted the service with the assistance of members from the group. The ceremony included the presentation of other Plaques to Borneo members and were blessed by the Chaplain together with the main Plaque at the conclusion of the service. This Plaque represents the only site in the Metropolitan area recognising all the Australian and British Servicemen who gave their lives, in what is regarded as the greatest single tragedy of the Pacific Theatre of War. Friends and relatives are now able to pay their respects whenever and for whatever reason they may wish, in a place that is convenient and tranquil and representative of the jungle surroundings that was the home in which they were incarcerated for a period of three and one half years, where they were subjected to torture, starvation and disease and without respite from their captors through - out the whole time of their imprisonment. Six escaped to tell the story. There is but one survivor living today. It is only from the accounts that these men that we saw justice finally administered. Let men and women be forever mindful of the inhumanity of war, lest all tragedy and suffering shall have been in vain.

Vic Tyrrell
SUB-BRANCH NEWS

City of Perth

Commencing on 11th September 2001, the City of Perth Sub-Branch will be holding their monthly meetings on the second Tuesday in each month, at the Perth and Tattersall’s Bowling Club situated in Plain Street, Perth. (Opposite the Hyatt Hotel). The meeting will commence at 1100 hours.

D J McClelland
Sub-Branch President

South Mandurah

Norm Smith President of South Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch receives the RSL Charter from State Executive members, Mr Fred Abbott and Mr John Southorn Country Regional Vice President in the Port Bouvard Recreation Club on Monday, 27 August 2001.

The Charter is presented to officially recognise South Mandurah as a Sub-Branch of The Returned & Services League of Australia, having operated successful in accordance with the Articles of Association of the League and the WA Branch Rules and Standing Orders.

The occasion was well attended with visitors from surrounding areas and an apology from Arthur Marshall who was away on business.

After the presentation of the Charter took place all enjoyed a BBQ with salads and drinks.

The Sub-Branch now hopes to attract other people living in the area that have been in any of the services, regardless of active service to join us in helping the youth develop and the aged enjoy life to the fullest.

Bob Russell

Port Hedland

Governor visits RSL Port Hedland Sub Branch on 23 June 2001.

The Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC and Mrs Lorraine Sanderson visited the Pilbara in June and the Port Hedland Sub Branch hosted an informal luncheon for the Governor and about 60 guests.

As an introduction, cadets from the Hedland Army Cadet Unit and Navy Cadet Unit Training Ship Pilbara paraded and gave a smart march past. The Governor presented three Navy Cadets with their Bronze Awards gained under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and later chatted informally with the cadets. Alastair Jessop, President of the RSL, welcomed the Governor and Mrs Sanderson to Anzac House. Also there to meet the Governor and represent the RSL was Life Member and Past President, Frans Spittle.

The luncheon was prepared by the Country Women’s Association. Mrs Sanderson, Patron of the CWA, took the opportunity to chat with Margaret Nix, Joy Haynes and Cath Spittle who are members of the RSL and the CWA.

Invited guests included Lieutenant Commander Tim Watson, Commanding Officer of the visiting RAN Patrol Boat HMAS Dubbo, and Major George Shaw of the Pilbara Regiment.

Visitors were especially impressed with the “best view in Port Hedland” as seen from the RSL’s patio and BBQ area.

The view from the Port Hedland Sub Branch is spectacular. Imagine sitting on a patio with some friends, enjoying the sea breeze, and looking out over the ocean. The tidal range, up to 7 1/2 metres gives a changing scene of high and low water, and there is a beautiful sunset on any day. In addition you can see the channel with its brightly lit markers stretching off to the horizon and ships at anchor ten nautical miles away. Finucane Island looks like a fairyland at night and there are a variety of powerboats and yachts to observe. There is also the added feature of very large iron ore carriers and other ships in full view, escorted by up to four tugboats, entering and leaving the port.

We think our view is arguably the best in WA and we challenge any other Sub Branch to tell us why they think they may overlook a better scene. Visitors are welcome and we are located opposite the Hospital and next to the Yacht Club in Port Hedland. Come and see for yourselves.

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PORT KENNEDY

L to R: Charlie Shier (Port Kennedy A/Treasurer), Bruce Stokes (Port Kennedy President), Shane Seers (State Secretary), Shirley Moncrieff (Port Kennedy A/Secretary), Tom Kenney (Port Kennedy Treasurer)

Port Kennedy and City of Rockingham RSL Sub-Branches jointly hosted the Country Sub-Branches at a recent BBQ and Social Day held at the Club Rooms at City of Rockingham RSL Sub-Branch on 27 May 2001. 130 People attended from approximately 13 Sub-Branches for this a memorable day, enjoyed by all.

Mrs S Moncrieff
PRO

SHENTON PARK

A DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS PROJECT IN ASSOCIATION WITH SHENTON PARK RSL SUB BRANCH FOR ROSALIE PRIMARY SCHOOL 95th ANNIVERSARY 1906 TO 2001.

For many years the members of the Shenton Park RSL Sub-Branch have attended and assisted the students of the Rosalie Primary School in Onslow Road, Shenton Park, for their ANZAC Commemoration and Remembrance Day Services. It was observed that the School did not have a Memorial of any kind, with the approval of the School’s Principal, the Sub-Branch made an approach to the WA office of the DVA Grants Section for a grant. Approval was given by the DVA for a Heritage Memorial Plaque to be obtained for presentation to the School and a cheque for $1100.00, including GST, was subsequently received from the Department. A suitable 600mm x 450mm Heritage Memorial Plaque was designed and was received from the manufacturer early in June. The finished plaque, with appropriate inscriptions, is of excellent quality and it will be mounted in a secure position in the school’s Assembly Area. The unveiling ceremony was conducted on Friday, 8 June 2001 at an assembly of all the school’s students and staff. The plaque was formally presented to the School by Frank Lawson, President of the Shenton Park RSL Sub-Branch on behalf of the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs. The plaque was then unveiled by the School Principal Alan Keane and ex-student (year of 1937) Clyde Coddard who served in HMAS Hobart WW11 and who also acted as MC for the ceremony and gave a short address to the students after the unveiling. Following the Assembly the visitors, RSL members and parents attended a morning tea in the School’s Art room. This concluded a very successful day of Heritage History.

C.F.Lawson
President/Welfare Officer

BOOK REVIEW

OF BANDAGES, SPLINTS AND STRETCHERS

The history of 105 Light Field Ambulance (AIF) 1942 - 45 including a complete nominal roll of its personnel. The book is available from Ron Congdon, 105 Lt Fd Amb Assn, 25 Violet Grove, Shenton Park WA 6008 or from Ron Ruck, 2 Burlington Cres, Wantima Vic 3152. First Edition printed 2000 - Price $38 plus P & H. This is a story of a Western Australian medical unit raised at Northam WA on 25th April 1942 for service with 3 Aust Corps as its field ambulance. It was an extremely versatile, fully mechanised unit with a HQ and four sections, a similar organisation to that of the cavalry field ambulance of WWI. Its 16 motor ambulances provided for the rapid evacuation of casualties through its ADSs and MDS to Casualty Clearing Stations. The history deals with the training and deployment of this unit and touches on the difficulties of equipping it during the dark days of 1942 when the army suddenly expanded to face the very real threat of a Japanese landing on the WA coast. It also traces its widespread deployment from Northampton to as far south as Harvey to provide the essential medical support for all Corps unit and it includes anecdotes and accounts of incidents during its service. In Nov 43 it moved to Jacky Jacky at the tip of Cape York Peninsula to come under command of HQ 4 Inf Div where again the unit was widely dispersed on both sides of the Arafura-Sea, In - Aug 44 HQ and 2 sections moved to Merauke, Dutch New Guinea to relieve 19 Aust Fd Amb and in doing so took over control of a large hospital. Its other 2 sections continued to maintain medical support for the troops at Jacky Jacky and relieving 1 Camp Hosp on Horn Island. In 1945 following the occupation of Morotai Island and the operations in Borneo, its hospital at Merauke became the overnight staging hospital for medical air evacuation flights from 2/5 and 2/9 AGHs en route to 2/14 AGH and other hospitals in the Townsville area. These regular medical air evacuation flights continued until mid Oct 45 peaking up to 3 plane loads per day immediately following the cessation of hostilities. Reviewed by Col. Frank Wallace OBE ED SC. The units original CO and later ADMS 3 Aust Div (Bougainville).

CORRECTION

This is a correction to the story in the last Listening Post by City of Rockingham RSL Sub-Branch. We wish to apologise that the amount of people attending the ANZAC Day March was 10,000 not 1,000.
With the death of Larry Lacey veterans of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (Japan) have lost a pugnacious righter for their welfare entitlements. Born in Tenterfield and spending his early years there and later at Tamworth Larry did what most young Australians did by putting up his age to join the A.I.F. to join his father and elder brother. He did his basic training at Greta, NSW in 1946 and then Signals training at Melbourne. Eventually he joined Army Education services and was posted to Japan as a re-enforcement. On returning to Australia he entered Wagga Wagga Teachers College in 1950 and became a Primary School teacher. He taught in many places in NSW but suffered from ill health and because of this he was retired at 42. He worked in West Irian and was on posting to Canada as a wireless operator when he met and married Val in England. On returning from England he settled in the Maclean/Yamba area and set up the first Northern Rivers B.C.O.F. Association in Grafton. Eventually it became the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers B.C.O.F. Association with Larry being Secretary and President for a number of years. Larry became involved in assisting veterans and their widows to obtain the entitlements they deserved and spent many hours and personal expenditure on their cases to ensure they received their just entitlements. His approaches to Government often led to lengthy and involved correspondence but he persisted to ensure all claims were brought to a successful conclusion. He also produced a book entitled “B.C.O.F. - An Unofficial History” which was a source of much enjoyment to B.C.O.F. veterans and their families. Proceeds went to Fred Hollows Fund and Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation. Unfortunately his work for the welfare of B.C.O.F. veterans took its toll and in October 2000 he was diagnosed with cancer of the lung. As with 90% of those who served in and around Hiroshima and died of cancer Larry attributed his cancer to his time spent in Japan. He will be sadly missed by his family, B.C.O.F. veterans and all who knew him.

Proposed Claim for Compensation for Europe Ex Prisoners of War and their Widows

It is gratifying to know the matter of compensation for Japanese Ex Prisoners of War-and their widows has been finalised.

Due to mixed reactions, some quite strong, it is considered beneficial to establish a collection and co-ordination centre to enable all cases and views to be assembled and thereby enabling a separate case to be presented to The Federal Government on behalf of all known Korean and European Ex Ps. O. W. and their widows.
Volunteer Mentors assisting WA children by being Positive Role Models

The School Volunteer Programme is proving that people in our communities are ‘making a difference’ to the lives of many, many school students throughout Western Australia. The programme currently has over 1400 volunteers being mentors and role models to children in over 145 schools, both primary and secondary across the vast state of WA. These children are identified as having difficulty coping with formal education and are classed as “at risk” of falling behind their peers in achieving the required educational outcomes and meeting acceptable social standards. The volunteer mentors assist their child on a one-to-one basis by encouraging and guiding them to achieve their full potential by increasing their self esteem and by developing improved life skills which ultimately enhances their quality of life.

Many aspects of schooling and social life has changed over the last few decades and some children find themselves without positive role models in their everyday lives. The volunteer mentors fill this gap for these children who may not otherwise receive this very important one-one-one guidance and care on a regular and ongoing basis. The children learn from their volunteer mentors and the mentors also learn from the children about the issues they face in this generation. “Role Models are not always Mentors ... ... but Mentors are ALWAYS Role Models.”

This award winning programme not only assists the children of Western Australia but also promotes the value of seniors and retired people in our community and is providing a very valuable resource by including further community involvement in our schools.

If you would like more information on the programme or can spare an hour per week to assist a child in a school in your area, please contact Jennie or Christine on 92051533.

Veterans’ Affairs Committee

The State Executive has approved the formation of a new Veterans’ Affairs Committee (VAC) under the chairmanship of Mr Greg Young.

Mr Young has taken over from long serving Mr Norm Johnston, who has lessened his duties for personal reasons, however Mr Johnston is still a serving member on the new VAC, whose experience is invaluable in Veterans’ Affairs. Also on the VAC is Senior Vice President - Doug Rasmussen, Ken Whiting, Merv Flanders (Secretary), Ross O’Connor, Des McDaid and Denis Connelly (A/Secretary).

Mr Young said that he was “well pleased with his committee as there is a great wealth of experience in Veterans’ Affairs and Administration of Veterans’ Benefits and benefits for Veterans’ Families and this is where our focus will be”.

There will be articles of VAC activities in future Listening Post Editions. Mr Young can be contacted on at ANZAC House.

D P CONNELLY
A/Secretary VAC

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FOOTBALL GREAT RON BARASSI AND LEGACY BACK ARMY 2001 SUPPORT

Football identity and Legacy supporter, Ron Barassi, is throwing his support behind an initiative to generate a big boost to Legacy funding this year thanks to the commemoration of the Australian Army’s 100th anniversary.

Ron and Legacy Coordinating Council Senior Vice Chairman, Ray Ward, teamed up at the MCG to show off some of the range of Army 1901-2001 commemorative products that are generating funds for Legacy throughout 2001.

The campaign, a joint initiative of Army and the company endorsed to produce the commemorative products, hopes to raise an additional $50,000 for Legacy this year.

Ron Barassi knew first hand how important the work of Legacy is in helping the families of fallen service people. His father died on the battlefield in Tobruk in 1941 leaving behind his wife Eliza and five year old Ron. Legacy stepped in to offer the family support, including taking young Ron to regular Legacy camps.

This year Legacy’s work continues with some 7300 voluntary Legatees helping more than 135,000 widows and 2000 children and disabled dependents across the nation.

With an estimated one-quarter of the Australian population having a family link to serving and former serving soldiers, sale of Army Commemorative products is expected to generate in excess of $50,000 additional funding for Legacy.

Mr Ward says the funding boost received by Legacy will help it continue its important work in caring for the families of fallen service people.

Ray Ward, Legacy Coordinating Council Senior Vice Chairman (left), with Ron Barassi, Football Legend, sporting Army Centenary products at the MCG

"It is only through the kind support ordinary people and generous companies that Legacy is able to continue its work. We do not seek or receive regular Government funding. But this year, as people collect memorabilia for Army’s 100th anniversary, they will also be supporting Legacy."

"This will be a welcome increase to the funds we raise on Legacy Badge Day."

The range of almost 50 Army 1901-2001 commemorative products provides opportunity for all people to remember Army’s achievement in defending the nation in this Australia’s Centenary of Federation.

Ray hopes people wanting to commemorate Army, while supporting Legacy, will call 1800 99 85 72 or visit www.militaryshop.com.au to find out about Army Commemorative products.

Ray Ward, Legacy Coordinating Council Senior Vice Chairman (left), with Ron Barassi, Football Legend, sporting Army Centenary products at the MCG

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By Paul Madigan

The disease has no pity
Why do we disregard the world and torture ourselves with pointless pity

People are so normal
Is it me or the disease
I beg you on my knees
Please Lord, take this Illness and forgive me

Twenty-four hours my mind ticks, like a grandfather clock just waiting for that chime to release me from that mental block

I may be a dry drunk or an alcoholic, this means nothing to me, as long as I'm substance free life is short, play it strong and the ball is in your court

Friends come, friends go Paranoia sets in and finally I think I know! We drink we spend, but be realistic at the end of the day we have no friends.

SOLDIER, HUSBAND, FATHER, MATE
P.K. February 2000

Soldier, Husband, Father, Mate, if one such person you can relate
Then tell me friend it has to be, a Father is the man who's free
A Father fights a Soldier dies, but sometimes society don't realise That freedom's in the palm of the hand of the next generation who'll make a stand

Soldier, Husband, Father, Mate, if one such person you can relate
Then tell me friend it has to be, a Husband is the man who's free
A Husband fights, a Husband dies, but those left behind don't realise The love the pain the sacrifice he gave to his family all his life

Soldier, Husband, Father, Mate, if one such person you can relate
Then tell me Dad it has to be, a true blue mate is always free
A mate will fight, a mate will die, for you my friend for you and I

So when we're challenged by those who hate It's in our blood to retaliate, but old friend we will relate
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A lot of people may have seen a Hollywood film entitled “U571” in which it is claimed an American sank the German U-Boat U571 after capturing the Enigma encoding machine from it. The film was a good one and likely to become a classic even though it is false on all counts.

The Enigma machine, which enabled the allies to break the German codes throughout the war was captured by the British Navy’s HMS Bulldog from U110 in 1941. Long before America entered the war and U571 was sunk by an Australian Sunderland of 461 Squadron on 28th January 1944. In neither action were Americans involved.

U-571 under the Command of Oberleutenant Gustov Lussow was a successful U-boat, having already sunk eight allied ships. In the mistaken belief that allied aircrews would not press home their attacks in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire at close range. Grand Admiral Donitz armed his U-boats with an array of cannon and heavy machine guns and ordered his captains to stay on the surface and fight it out if sighted by allied aircraft. They also had a very good chance of shooting down the attacking aircraft which had to fly at fifty feet in order to drop their depth-charges and which greatly restricted the aircraft’s ability to take evasive action.

It was a typically cold and rough North Atlantic winter’s day several hundred miles west of Ireland when the nose gunner, Joe Simmonds in Sunderland EK577 of 461 Squadron RAAF, reported a surfaced submarine fine off the port bow. Immediately, the flying boat’s depth charges were run out and the aircraft made its first attack.

Due to a malfunction in the release mechanism the first stick of six depth-charges missed by a large margin. The Sunderland climbed away and circled for a further attack. Again the U-boat put up a heavy box-barrage through which the aircraft would have to fly. With consummate coolness, Dick Lucas, the 21 year old skipper of the Sunderland, made a copybook attack from fifty feet dropping his two remaining depth-charges one on either side of the conning tower while the flying boat’s air-gunners swept away the gun crews from the U-boat’s decks.

As the Sunderland climbed away again and circled nothing seemed to happen for several minutes. Suddenly there was an explosion and the U-boat blew up and sank leaving bodies alive and dead floating in the water.

As was the custom among Australian Sunderland crews, after the battle was over an inflatable dingy was dropped to the men in the water, but instead of opening when it hit the water it immediately sank. Shortly afterwards all the German submariners had slipped under the waves. There were no survivors and the Sunderland returned to base at Pembroke Dock in South Wales.

In writing this account of the sinking of U-571, I in no way wish to denigrate the efforts of the American forces in the Battle of the Atlantic. It seems to me however, to be important to set the record straight. Almost all of the Sunderland’s crew have now passed on. I can vouch for the authenticity of this their story. I was the Sunderland’s tail gunner.

There was no American involvement in sinking of U-571.

The Battle of the Atlantic was the most prolonged and complex battle in the history of Naval Warfare. In the words of Winston Churchill, it was the battle upon which all else depended.

It cost 1511 RAF/RAAF aircraft – 5886 aircrew.

New general inquiry number makes calling DVA easier

Earlier this year, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) introduced a single general inquiry telephone number that can be used by all callers within Australia.

Thousands of veterans, war widows and their families are already using this new telephone number to access veteran information and services.

No matter where you are calling from in Australia, just dial the general inquiry number and your call will be connected to the nearest DVA State office.

The general inquiry telephone number is: 133 254.

Callers from regional and rural Australia can also use the telephone Number: 1800 555 254.

To help you recall the new telephone numbers, remember that the three last digits are the Anzac Day date, 25/4.
VAC WELFARE OFFICER’S SEMINAR

On Wednesday, 19 September 2001 the Veterans’ Affairs committee conducted a Welfare Officer’s Seminar at ANZAC House. 58 Welfare Officers attended from throughout the State.

After a two month organising period, the Seminar had speakers from Pension Officers, Financial Planners, Chiropractic Association, Sons & Daughters Project (VVCS) (Youth Suicide Project), Hollywood Private Hospital, update on War Veterans’ Homes – Menora status and finally DVA, MCRS, benefits to eligible Service Personnel.

“It is extremely important that these seminars are conducted at least once a year”, Chair of VAC Mr Greg Young said, “as there is constantly changing circumstances in the field of welfare, DVA and other aspects that affect our veteran community. There is a real need to keep our Sub-Branches, Welfare Officers and general membership informed on current trends in the welfare area”.

Mr Young said he had some very positive feedback on this Seminar. He would be reviewing the programme for the next Seminar, for he indicated that there is room for improvement, on what should be on the agenda with some items revised some deleted and new topics included.

Mr Young said that it is extremely important that participants in these seminars advise us:

1  How the seminar was received.
2  Items to be deleted.
3  Inclusions.
4  What they would like included.

Mr Young said, “It is all well and good for us (VAC) to be thinking that our programme is a good seminar, but if the grass roots membership don’t tell us what they want, then the VAC could be stumbling around in the dark thinking that we are doing a great job”.

“It is envisaged to hold another Welfare Officer’s Seminar next year”, Mr Young said, “we (VAC) will have to review the response from Welfare Officers to see where we go from here”.

Mr Greg Young (Chair VAC) can be contacted at ANZAC House.

D P CONNELLY
A/Secretary VAC
The section calls upon members to consider attending the 35th National RSL Lawn Bowls Carnival in Melbourne 2001-2002. The Jack Hamilton VC Series and Dr Sydney Dranitz Memorial Trophy Series will be conducted 27th to 30th December 2001 at Frankston RSL Bowling Club, to be followed by the Sir Arthur Lee National Tours Championships played at selected venues for 2nd to 6th January 2002. Travel Officer Les Fynmore phone 9364 1476 requests your contact to assist with accommodation and air travel arrangements. To date we have a party of 32 men and 19 ladies. Consider it an opportunity to take a vacation, which you are certain to enjoy with your fellow bowlers.

Our Bowling Season 2000-2001 has concluded after great support from members to all fixtures.

Detail of major event winners:


Ladies Day Fours: played at Lake Monger Bowling Club won by Judy Blosswitch, Clare Strickland, Jean Mills and Betty Snowball from Audrey Glaskin, Phil Summers, Esther Slater and Daphne Quayle.

At the Annual General Meeting held 21st May 2001 at the Section Headquarters Osborne Park Bowling Club the election of Officers for season 2001-2002 confirmed:

President - Les Webb; Deputy President - Tony Snelling; Vice President - Bill Brown; Secretary - Les Fynmore; Treasurer - Dudley Docking.; Committee Members - Max O'Loughlin, Ted Philip, Jim McCall, Eddie Crisp, John Crab, Archie Reeves, Greg Young and Graham Dick; Honorary Auditor - Pat Kirkann; Liaison Officer - John Brigden.

You will note that after many years as our Secretary, Ted Philp has stood aside to become a committee member and our previous President, Les Fynmore is welcomed into the position. The various committees have been formed and your Marsh committee anticipate the new season fixture cards will be out to members very soon.

The Section asks that RSL Members of a Lawn Bowling Club give consideration to joining the RSL Bowling Section and partake in our program of events. Membership Fee is presently set at $20.00 for life. Please contact Secretary for further information.

Good health, good fellowship and good bowling.

GRAHAM DICK
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MISSING MEDALS

Mr Grandfather Stephen Mark SMITH who was Killed in Action (KIA) in Belgium during the First World War was awarded the 1914-18 Memorial Plaque. The present whereabouts of this plaque is unknown, however it is known that my grandmother was in possession of the plaque in the early 1950's in Brisbane.

If anyone knows the present whereabouts of this plaque, it would be appreciated if they would contact Jim Brown, I Billanook Close, Boondall QLD 4034.
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N.C.O.,s giving best tuition
Friendship forge that will last many years
Definitely worth the blood sweat and tears
To march out a better person

It's cold in June, get on the truck
Holdsworthy Range two weeks in muck
The Soldiers learning new skills
Fire missions, late night shoots
Digging in wet socks and boots
Bravo scored the most 'kills'

It's humid in Townsville get off the Train
Lavarack Barracks, tropical rain
Playing footy against the locals
High range exercise weeks, in the scrub
Then off to Canungra weeks without a tub
The Sergeants sure were vocal
"Get under the wire, get across the creek"
The old vickers firing sorts the strong from the weak
Our ranks get through in tens

It stinks in February get off the Plane
Jump on a Caribou, Yank pilots are insane

Their courage never questioned
Pearl handled six guns strapped to his side
'Crazy Mother F...." we take a fearsome ride
The 'Dat' our destination

In a foreign country together face our fears
Vigilance, strength and loyalty
Our traits for the coming year
Real men, no imitations
Ian Rod & John the supreme sacrifice
Along with many others, a tragic loss of life.

It's beautiful at Christmas being home at last
Marry my childhood sweetheart forget about the past
A two year posting, finish in 73
Instructor up at Pucka in Charlie company

It's hot in January get on the bus
Forty new recruit's future Soldiers we trust
Young men with strong ambitions
Ten weeks of drill, weapons on parade
National Service Men, they are not afraid
To give two years for their nation

68 through 73 - Vietnam War responsibility
commitments made to each other
Together forever all frozen in time, remember these
words til the day we die
'Be staunch my friend my brother'
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.

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The Alzheimer’s Association WA is now offering a course called ‘Living with Memory Loss’, for people with Early Stage Dementia and their carers/support people. The program provides education, emotional support and practical assistance in a small group setting. The initial course runs over six consecutive weeks in two-hour sessions and after the course there is an opportunity for further support group meetings.

The course is free. People with early stage dementia can refer themselves or may be referred by someone they know, a health professional etc. A home visit is then carried out to further discuss the program and to determine whether the program would meet their individual needs. Topics covered include: Symptoms, diagnosis and research, Adapting to changes; Practical strategies; Relationships with family and friends; Planning for the future; Staying positive; and,Where to from here?

For further information or brochures, please contact Naomi Boonstra on (08) 9388 2800 or 1800 639 331.

Family Carers’ Course

Alzheimer’s Association WA also provides free training for family members who care for someone with dementia. For more information please contact Irene on (08) 9388 2800 or 1800 639 331.
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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 June 2001 and 30 September

ADAMSON, Lennard R, 231778, MANNING
A’VARD, C, F3518, Wagin, RAN
ANDREWS, Arthur W, W40550, Manjimup, ARMY
ASH, E A, 82804, Northampton, RAAF
BEARD, Ronald G, F3257, Manning, RANR
BENNETTS, W, WX6719, Gosnells, 5th A/A BTY
BOSSE, W, WX11594, Boddington, 2/28th BN
BOYLES, John F, 1270690, Mount Barker, RAF
BURNETT, DR, 23573, City of Perth, RAN
BUXTON, HGW, WX8144, Claremont, 9th DIV SIGS
BROWN, Francis R, WX32037, Central, 52 TPT DL AIF
CALLAGHAN, Clarance H, 213682, Mt Lawley-Inglewood, U/L 5MD PTH
CAMPBELL, HA, F3570, Central, RAN

CAR, Victor P, WX40300, City of Cockburn, 38 SALVAGE CO
COLLINS, EL, WX5928, Bellevue, 9th DIVSAL
COOK, Dorothy M, F1/36, Mandurah,
SCHOOL OF ARMY HEALT
COOPER, C L, F3011, Mandurah, RAN
CRAVEN, James, 2451, Geraldton, RIASC
CRINGLE, Phillip M, 5/3107, Bellevue, 3rd BN RAR (MALAYA)
CROTHERS, Austin T, NX114569, Mandurah, ARMoured REGT
DE BONDE, George T, 5/704481, Albany, ARMY
DE YOUNG, Thomas B, 17434, Shenton Park, 77 SQN
DONALDSON, Peter K, F4519, Koorda, RANR
DOUGLAS, Joseph J, 4147, Bicton-Palmyra, RAAF
DOW, Jim, F2532, Osborne Park, RAN
DOWN, Sydney G, 45468, Central, RAAF
ECCLES, William, LFX800826, Bellevue, RN
EDGAR, Kenneth R, 436977, Mandurah, RAAF
ELTON, Kieth R, F4912, City of Perth, RAN
EWEN, J C, WX9101, Darkan, 2/4th MG BN
FITZGERALD, James M, WX29816, Mandurah, 16th BN
FREEMAN, Eric G, WX18061, Cottesloe, 2/8 AUST CDO SQD
GAULT, Williams J, 37028, Osborne Park, RAN
GILCHRIST, James, F39598, Port Kennedy, RAN
GILL, Arthur, WX19928, Murray, 2/43 AITB
GOLDING, Donald, WX1082, Mandurah, 2/11 INF BN
GORMAN, Cecil C, 81081, Mosman Park, RAAF
HENNES, J, WXJ5483, Bicton-Palmyra, 2/32 BN
NICHOLLS, Keith, WX40316, Dumbleyung, 28AB
O’CALLAGHAN, D J, W22096, East Victoria Park & Vietnam V,16th BT
ORAM, Edwin, T/1438702, Scarborough, RASC
PRATT, Graeme R, 2781405, Murray, 103 FLD BTY
PRINGLE, J, W10342, Bunbury, 20 MP AE
PURCELL, F, 45065, North Beach, RAAF
REYNOIDS, ADA D, W/135163, Geraldton, 487 M4AA BTY RA/RE
ROWAN-ROBINSON, Harold, WX12935, Bridgetown, 2/2 COM SQDN
SEXTON, Doug W, WX387174, Manning, WORKSHOPS
SCOTT, George R, 427555, Busselton, RAAF
SHORT, Alan j, 19026849, Beaumaris Beach, PARA REGT
SLATER, William K, NX20797, Scarborough, 2/5 FIELD REGIMENT
SMITH, Archibald, VX31722, Margaret River, 212 HUAA
SMITH, George F, FX588321, Scarborough, NAVY
SNELLING, Peter R, T/14378695, York, RASC
STRAHAN, E G, 251178, Nedlands, RAAF
STILL, Williams S, WX26093, Shenton Park, 2/13 BN
STEWART, Raymond S, WX7302, Como, 2/28th BN
VICKRIDGE, L F, **F100061, Fremantle City, RAN
WALKER, Alfred R, 406986, Eastern Hills, RAAF
WALSH, Colin J, WX13860, City of Perth, 2/11 INF BN
WEIR, K M, WX500686, Scarborough, RA SGS
WESTON, Maurice H, 315923, Mandurah, 1ST KINGS DRAGOON GU
WHITE, William N, 812280, City of Perth, 1 ANS
WILKINSON, Douglas, WX7990, Albany, 2/28 BN (9 DIV)
WINNING, Ian S, 85579, City of Rockingham
WINSOR, Mervyn G, 81965, Mandurah, RAAF
WOOD, William C, WX33782, City of Rockingham, 69 AUST LIGHT BTY
ZANICH, Eprian C, 29201, Busselton, RAAF

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While we’re asking you to run with us, the RSL is helping less fortunate members to have a walk on them.

RSL member Jim Spencer was down on his luck. Not only was he finding it difficult to get around, but he also didn’t have the money for the walking stick he badly needed to help his mobility.

The RSL came to his rescue, buying him the walking stick, as well as other personal items that most of us simply take for granted. Jim’s now much more independent.

RSL Insurance Management is the RSL’s official insurance provider. Our House & Contents Insurance also helps RSL members get back on their feet, not only by providing insurance cover, but by paying a percentage of every premium back to the RSL to assist in its work helping people like Jim.

So when your House & Contents policy next comes up for renewal, make the move to RSL Insurance Management. You’ll pay no more to protect your home with cover that’s better than most.

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Call 1800 816 312 for a quote.
Members of RSL sub-branches and Unit and Kindred Associations are invited to take a tour of Hollywood Private Hospital to see the latest redevelopments. Groups of 15 or more can be taken on conducted tours followed by free refreshments. If your sub-branch or association would like to take a tour, contact Community Relations on (08) 9346 6664, during office hours to arrange a suitable date.

Alternatively, Hollywood's executive director, Kevin Cass-Ryall, is available to speak at branch or association meetings.

Some of our star attractions include:

⭐ **Hall of Remembrance**, opened on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

⭐ **The Hollywood Clinic**, a 30-bed, inpatient and day patient psychiatric unit.

⭐ **Bullwinkel wing**, comprising 122 inpatient beds (75 per cent of which are single rooms), admissions area and foyer.

⭐ **New Hollywood Specialist Centre**, comprising 39 medical specialist suites.

⭐ **New cardiology facility**, comprising a cardiac catheter laboratory, consulting suites, new 10-bed coronary care unit and acute admissions area.

⭐ **New Day Procedure Unit**, Gastroenterology Department and theatre recovery area.