Four other West Australians involved in media production, accompanied me. They were "The Albany Advertiser" editorial assistant Rhianna King, "Traveltalk Asia-Pacific" publication staff member Kimberley Koely, "Busuny Mail" newspaper editor Doug Green and Tanya Duthie from "American Express Travel" – Curtin University.

Prior to leaving Perth for Malaysia, we were all invited to a briefing at Tourism Malaysia in William Street Perth. On arrival at Tourism Malaysia we were introduced to Latifah Kamarulzaman, from Tourism Malaysia, who was organising our trip to Kuala Lumpur. At this briefing we were provided with a brief overview of our trip. We met the staff at Perth office: the friendly, but professional atmosphere, at Tourism Malaysia's Perth Office provided some of what was ahead of us when we arrived in Malaysia.

On Friday 29th August our travel contingent met in Malaysia's Golden Room, at Perth International Airport, where we chatted about the adventure that was about to unfold, upon arrival in Kuala Lumpur.

The service afforded to us by the cabin crew of Malaysia Airlines was just short of spectacular, during our flight to Kuala Lumpur. It again provided us with a sample of the hospitality and "old world" courtesy, that we later learned is innate within Malaysian society.

On arrival at Kuala Lumpur National Airport, we were met by guides from the company that would show us around Kuala Lumpur and other areas of Malaysia.

We were then transported to the Mutiaha Hotel, where we were escorted to our rooms on the 25th floor. Senior Management of the Mutiaha provided us with a guided tour of this magnificent establishment that resembled a palace, rather than a hotel.

Next morning, after a fantastic breakfast, we were off to the organised seminars. Guest speakers at the seminars included tourism, industry leaders and government officials.

The Hon. Dato Paduka Abdul Kadir bin Hj Sheik Fadzir, Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism Malaysia, addressed about 500 journalists from around the world, who had gathered in the Mutiaha Hotel.

Following the seminars, we enjoyed a quick look around Kuala Lumpur, prior to attending the Merdeka Eve Celebrations.

Later in the evening we were transported to Dataran Merdeka (Merdeka Square), where we were seated in an area especially set aside for foreign journalists covering the 46th Merdeka Eve Celebrations.

Merdeka Square measures 172 metres by 97.5 metres and has a tiled walkway around the field. At the southern end there is a flagpole that is 102 metres high, the tallest flagpole in the world.

Dataran Merdeka, or Independence Square was once a popular field for cricket and other sports. The popularity of cricket was attributed to Ernest Birch, an avid fan of cricket, who in 1892 became the resident of the area. Rumour had it that the ability to play the game provided those seeking employment in the civil service, a definite edge over other job seekers.

As we were seated, waiting in anticipation of the commencement of the night's festivities, a sense of excitement and expectation was prevalent. The awe-inspiring Sultan Abdul Samad Building in the background added to the electric atmosphere.

The Sultan Abdul Samad Building covers 10,200 square metres and was built by the British between 1914 and 1917. This building housed several government departments during the period of British Colonial Administration.

The sheer beauty of its Moorish-style design, including copper domes, arches and a tall clock tower, totally enthralled me. I was captivated with its old world charm and could not imagine a better place to hold an Independence Day Celebration. As the festivities got underway, the obvious pride and enthralling passion that the Malaysian people displayed became contagious.

Many of the foreign media representatives became carried away with the excitement of the right.

The entertainment was first class. 460 students who played harmonicas in a tribute to the Prime Minister provided a

unusual, but particularly excellent performance. In doing so they earned the right to be listed in the

Malaysian Book of Records as "The Most Number of Harmonica Players Performing At Any One Time".

At midnight the activities ended, as all great celebratory rights should end, with a fantastic fire works display, which lit up the city's skyline.

(A continuation of the report on my trip to Malaysia will be published in future "Listening Post" Publications.)
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STATE SECRETARY’S REPORT

We are now ten months through 2003 and it is pleasing to report that overall for the year, the Branch has had a very productive and importantly successful year in its support to the ex-service community.

Financially the Branch continues to improve and strive for an end of financial year surplus that will show the Branch having a surplus. As members will now be aware the Branch continues to invest in the future as well as maintain our current level. As such, a surplus is a good result for the branch and reinforces the importance of an end of financial year surplus.

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National Congress State Agenda Item Resolutions

NO. 12 HEALTH STUDY
Moved: WA, Seconded: VIC
That the Federal Government be lobbied to conduct a health study on children of Vietnam and Gulf War Veterans to ensure that those present with a higher rate of disease or medical complaint than the general population.

NO. 13 REPARATION ADMINISTRATION
Moved: WA, Seconded: VIC
That the National Congress continue to put to Federal Government (WA) that the RSL membership will not tolerate any erosion to current veterans entitlements as submitted to the Clarke Committee of Review.

NO. 115 VETERANS TRAVEL CARDS
Moved: WA, Seconded: QLD
That in order to eliminate inequities between States, veteran travel cards be standardised so they are uniformly recognised and accepted throughout Australia and have a confederated status that allows them to be used in the automatic transport meters.

NO. 17 REPARATION ADMINISTRATION
Moved: WA, Seconded: VIC
That the RSL lobby the RMA to ensure whenever an SOP is published, all relevant information such as terms of reference, submissions, and reference material be published and unfettered access to this information be granted, and restoration of the submission underpinning the SOP be restored on the COP's and Internet.

NO. 21 AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
Moved: WA, Seconded: VIC
That the Federal Government be lobbied to grant compensation of $25,000 to all Australian prisoners of war of all conflicts, all of which has already been made to the Japanese POWs.

NO. 22 CLARKE REPORT
Moved: WA, Seconded: NSW
That the State and National Executive pursue the matter of the erosion of tomp and SDA veterans entitlements and pensions.
"The Bush Wireless"  
Pension Up-date Corner

I sometimes have to scratch my head to think of what to write about - but not this issue! I’ll say just one word: "HYPERTENSION"

Leaping from the above description irregular patterns of blood pressure readings - which tend to go up and down - essential hypertension is considered to be present. In contrast, isolated or situational hypertension readings indicate a sustained pattern of blood pressure readings. A reading of 140/90 is that where the systolic reading is greater, or equal to 140mmHg, and the diastolic reading is greater to or equal to 90mmHg, (which can result from regular administration of antihypertensive therapy) to reduced pressure have been prescribed and is being used.

Hypertension (the sustained elevated/high blood pressure type) particularly increases the risks of heart attacks and/or "stroke" in many individuals. It has never been "easy" for a veteran to successfully claim the DVA for hypertension - as it is a quite a complex condition, regularly found in the wider community as well. When Standards were first published (shortly after the 1991 Gulf War) on 25th November, 1994, it became even harder to get acceptance that one's kidney disease, obesity, or alcohol dependence/abuse problems (this last necessitated a formal diagnosis from a psychiatrist) was not due to war-related cause. The stresses/traumas and aftermath of war were not considered valid lines of argument.

Quite contrary however, all this changed in 2003. The Standards were simplified, but only for those who have actually served in one of the "war zones" (specifically termed "operational service"). A new SOP has just recently been published (Instrument No. 35 of 2003 for the "reasonable hypothesis" version).

This latest version allows for:
- Factor 5(a) - suffering from a clinically significant anxiety disorder for the six months immediately before the clinical onset of hypertension;
- or Factor 5(j) - suffering from a clinically significant depressive disorder for the six months immediately before the clinical onset of hypertension.

So - for the first time, the effects of prolonged stress and tension are covered by the standards, and pressure have been openly stated and acknowledged as having a strong bearing on the clinical condition; and are being included in the relevant SOP. Any veteran who has had an anxiety disorder accepted (which includes PTSD - classified in the psychiatric literature as among the formal group of "anxiety disorders", will have met Factor 5(a). Any veteran who may suffer "depression" as a result of war events or secondary to longstanding, painful, accepted war-caused physical problems (eg serious, chronic wound in shoulder or back etc.) now has a new opportunity to meet Factor 5(j) and thus establish a link with his hypertension.

A further change (and this change is particularly important for the SOP No. 36 of 2003 - the version applicable to those who have not been highlighted in the second previous discussion) again features among the "causative Factors" - there is no longer a need for a clinical diagnosis (first meet the SOP for Alcohol Dependence Abuse, as it was formerly. Bear in mind though - any change is only on the steal reality, there is little real benefit. The Factor (for "active service") will now be:

- Factor 5(b) - consuming an average of at least 200 grams per week (300 grams for those with only "Defence/eligible service") where alcohol cannot be decreased to less than 200 grams/300 grams per week, at the time of the clinical onset of hypertension;

It’s subtle, isn’t it? The only grounds of expecting or determining sustained daily intake cannot be decreased.

by MARGOT HARNESS  
RSL Senior Advocate

would have to be due to "alcohol dependence" - so it is largely the same as the earlier version; just a small change to point out this latest change.

What-to-do, if you have had PTSD/anxiety or depression accepted in the past?... try again.

If you have previously queried or discussed your hypertension with me - and I have had to discourage - explaining the limited scope of the earlier SOP's - PLEASE TAKE ON BOARD WHAT I AM NOW POINTING OUT. These recent changes give a whole new "window of opportunity", and so many of you a chance to try again. Any woman who has applied for, but been refused, a War Widow's pension - whose late husband's Death Certificate showed Hypertension as a "cause of death" - perhaps in tandem with his war-caused physical problems (eg serious, chronic wound in shoulder or back etc.) - now have a new opportunity to meet Factor 5(j) and thus establish a link with his hypertension.

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Veterans Promoting Healthy Lifestyle for Veterans

- "Mates", Volunteers and Health Educators - a Recipe for Health and Well Being. Veterans are at the forefront of a program which is aiming to raise awareness of men’s health issues by encouraging Veterans in the community to share the responsibility for managing their health and well being.

- Veteran committee members from the Men’s Health Peer Education Program, sponsored by the Federal Government through the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Volunteer Facilitators who are now working to introduce their mates to the benefits of adopting a healthier lifestyle, if you are interested in coming to a meeting or taking part. Get in touch to help yourself or your mates.

Back when we were in the Armed Forces, we stayed healthy because our lives depended on it. That hasn’t changed and staying healthy is probably more important now that we are all that bit older, you’re wealthy if you had any luck.  

President

Returned and Ex-Service Veterans and their families can find out more from the Men’s Health Peer Education Website:  
Or by contacting Facilitators:  
Volunteer Lester Leaman on 08 9359 2969 or Volunteer Phil Quaintaine on 08 9454 3065.

Nick Maher Men’s Health Education Project - Contact: Department of Veterans Affairs  
Phone: 130 254

The RSL Veterans’ Affairs proposals for 2004 Budget

This list of proposals is prepared for consideration by National Veterans Affairs Committee to Government in preparing the 2004 Budget. The proposals are of equal priority.

Request Government action as follows:
- Special Rate
- 1. Continues to cease counting disability pensions as income when means testing the Disability Support Pension;
- 2. Index the TPI pension to variations in the CPI or MTD/AWE whichever is the greater;
- 3. Benchmark the TPI pension to MTD/AWE (whatever the final agreed monetary value of the pension);
- 4. Acknowledge that some erosion to the TPI pension has occurred over the years because of inappropriate indexation and, recently;
- 5. Grant an increase in the TPI pension of not less than $66 per fortnight.

- Increase the funeral allowance to $2,200;
- Support the Clarke Review recommissions for presentation to the Government and BECONF should be declared ‘want of service’ on 2 February 1946 to 30 June 1974;
- Support the Clarke Review recommendations, No 45, that participation by Australian Defence Force personnel in the British atomic tests should be declared ‘non-warlike hazardous’ and that the legislation should be amended to ensure that the declaration can have effect in extend VEA coverage.

- Ensure that entitled veterans receive medical treatment with doctors of their choice in accordance with the objectives of the Repatriation Private Scheme, for those specialists and other health care providers who have been reimbursed to achieve this; and
- Seek legal aid through the ex-veterans Legal Aid Scheme funded by the Attorney General’s Department but implemented by State Legal Aid Commissions for all serving and ex-Armed Forces members appealing to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, regardless of the nature of their service.

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The character and personality of Kevin Fagan exemplify all that is good in the medical profession. Suffering from an aggressive and painful tropical ulcers, the author (Bob Goodwin) said that Kevin was a remarkable person with a great willingness to help others.

"I was the personal recipient of his compassionate care. His surgical skill and dedication to the care of his patients was truly remarkable, and I have always felt that I owed my survival to him. Kevin Fagan had an extraordinary gentleness, that made you feel as though you were his only patient. When nominating him for the award of the Gold Medal of the Australian Medical Association, the nominator said in effect: "In the POW camps,昏迷和昏迷的幸存者们非常活跃，他们每天都有，与可能的伤害，引用必要的治疗和在雨林丛林中，没有什么左不了。在1987年，Major Fagan出现在一个电视纪录片，关于泰国-缅甸铁路。在一次采访中，他讲述了那些晚餐知情的人，他自己是其中一个。他曾是一个医生和一名战士，他的医疗队在丛林中，他一直有机会和有他的工作。

Major Fagan, throughout, at Kanu and Pra Kham, was an outstanding job. I cannot understand, in view of the overall importance of the war to other doctors, why greater recognition was not accorded this wonderful and dedicated surgeon. Pre-war he had been Senior Surgeon at Sydney Royal. In Syne Road Camp Major Fagan took seriously ill. He was held in high esteem by the whole hospital, and when bulletins were issued on his condition. Eventually he recovered.

Stan Arndell said in his book Jim’s One War: "The medical teams were wonderful. Our Fagan operated on my ulcerated feet and on Doug’s too. I am sure that he did not report any operations so far. I am sure that he was the surgeon who performed all the operations on me."

Notes collected by Lt Col Peter Wimstunley RED JP, with assistance from Don Lee.
On 28th August this year Boyup Brook received a special visit from Mr Bill Young, a former Sandakan POW and one of the last three Australian soldiers still alive from the horrors of the notorious camp and the 'death marches' during the WWII in 1945.

Mr Young visited the three local schools to talk with the children about his experiences and the need to always remember those who sacrificed and to pay homage to all those Australian heroes who gave their extreme sacrifice for the freedom we now enjoy. Mr Young, who is now 77 years of age, travelled alone from Sydney to attend the Boree POW Relatives Group of WA “Boree Exhibition - Sandakan the Story that Must Be Told”.

This informative exhibition was a very successful event that was conducted in Perth at the State Library for a period of three weeks. This coincided with their Sandakan Day in Kings Park on the 24th August. Mr Young was honoured by the Group and the State RSL President Mr Bill Castle for his unflinching effort to continue the story of Sandakan.

It was unfortunate that due to his commitments Bill Young could not attend this service. However, Bill sent a message via Ryan Bowland that he found his visit overwhelming and an enormous delight to experience so much hospitality and goodwill by the children and local community. He extended good wishes for the continued development of the Memorial Day and strengthening of the Ted McLaughlin Scholarship Programme through the District High School. The inaugural winner of this award in 2002 and guest speaker at this service, Carmel McLean, spoke highly of her experiences gained by her tour in Sandakan. Her presentation was extremely well attended by approximately 220 people.

Directly following the Memorial Service, this year’s scholarship participants put forward their presentations to a panel of judges. Mr Alex Vaughan was declared this year’s recipient of the award and received a trip paid tour to Sandakan, Borneo in April 2004 (valued at $2,500) which was organized by the Boyup Brook Lovers Association.

A bonus to this year’s special day in Boyup Brook was the inclusion of the Sandakan exhibition that was so well received in Perth. Boyup Brook was the first location in Australia to honour those soldiers who died in Sandakan. It is also acknowledged that through the persistence of one of their pioneers, the late Mr Ted McLaughlin, formerly a local of Boyup Brook, he established the first Memorial Site dedicated to pay homage to all the West Australians who were lost in Sandakan, Kuching, Betamal and Brunei or on the ‘death marches’. In Mary’s Catholic Primary School and Boyup Brook District Primary school children took the opportunity to visit the exhibition to gain a valuable insight into what had been spoken about during Mr Bill Young’s visit.

It is to be commended that they were able to answer and question aspects of what they saw and read. Although the weather turned very bleak, several families and many members of the community visited the exhibition on the opening day, with those in attendance at the Service also taking the opportunity to view the display. It is hoped that this informative exhibition will be presented to other country regions in due course.

Boyp Brook Sandakan Memorial Service and Scholarship

### Australian Defence Force Volunteers – military service undervalued?

Since the end of the Second World War, thousands of ADF full time and part-time volunteer servicemen and servicewomen have never had their service recognized by the award of a service medal. ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?

On 26 April 2003, an ABC News Online press release headed PM relaxes stance, awarding special Medal to ex-military was issued. It went on to say “up to 325,000 Australians who did National Service in the military between 1951 and 1972 will now be eligible for a special medal. The Prime Minister, John Howard, announced the plan today, saying he has overcome his concern the medal might diminish other medals held by those who served in various theatres of war. Mr Howard says discussions he has had over a long period with his colleagues has led him to believe the medal is an appropriate recognition of those who did National Service. Quite a number were sent abroad during the Vietnam war and quite a number of them lost their lives and were wounded”, the Prime Minister said. “There is a very large number involved and they are entitled to a medal. It will rank alongside the other military medals, and it will complement the medals that have been given in the past”.

Further in the release, Allan Callaghan, spokesman for the National Servicemen’s Association of Australia said members will receive the medal "today" on ANZAC Day. “Remember this is for the men and women of the ADF and the RSL and itsvale of their service to Australia’s defence”. While many ex-serving, currently serving and part-time members of the ADF are veterans of the Vietnam war and associated campaign medal/medals and or long service decorations of medals. Many did not or have not had the opportunity to serve overseas and many did not stay in uniform long enough to be awarded a long service award. However all of these members on enlistment swear on a bible that they would faithfully serve their country as a member of the ADF. They too felt that their task must or are making their contribution to Australia’s defence, in exactly the same way as the National Servicemen did.

Unlike National Servicemen, however, their service has not been recognised by the Government through a Medal. Despite lobbying by the RSL and other ex-Service Organizations, and numerous individual appeals and an insult to all who were, are, members of the ADF, in recognising the service by National Servicemen of a special medal and then to say that the subject of a medal for those who volunteered to serve in the ADF has not been considered, is not warranted.

On 1 March 2004 it will be the 100th anniversary of the Defence Force of Australia. Section 30 of the Defence Act 1903 stated “The DEFENCE FORCE shall consist of the NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES of Australia AND THEY SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO BRANCHES CALLED THE NAVAL AND THE MILITARY FORCES AND THE CITIZEN FORCES”. Government stance on the CO-ANNIVERSARY of National Service 1951-1972 Medal is that it is not a service medal but a commemorative medal, noted to have significant chapter in the history of Australia. Along with the many other significant events in Australia’s history. The celebration, what occurred on 1st of March 1904, from both a military history point of view and from all important Defence of Australia in peace and war, point of view, must also be seen as a significant chapter in the history of Australia.

If you have served or are currently serving in the ADF, full time or part-time and have served 2 years (continuous service) you may be able to get the medal together with the ADF Good Conduct badge which is to be issued for those who have been officially recognised. Write to your RSL sub-branch (if an RSL member) and ask your secretary to forward your letter to district RSL, to your local Federal member and peak body to ensure equality that presently exists between ADF volunteers and former National Servicemen. Write also to the Defence Minister, the Opposition Defence Minister and any other ex-service association that you may belong to. If you know of a friend, relative, neighbour, associate who has voluntary ADF service then let him of her know of what is happening and get them to also write. Only by putting pen to paper/watching on the computer/typing off a letter and sending it to those in government know of what has happened and will be when and that many volunteer feels, will something be done.

Only when volunteer service in the ADF is recognized with a medal will all those who volunteered, also, be able to “stand a little taller” on ANZAC Day.
Two decades on—Infantrymen again have their say!

Successfully revitalised in December 2001, after a two-decade absence, the Australian Infantry Magazine is circulated biannually to all Infantry battalions, Brigade and Division Headquarters to provide serving Infantrymen with a forum in which to express ideas that may benefit the professional knowledge and morale of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. Australian Infantry is also available nationally from newsagents to keep former infantrymen abreast of developments in their former profession.

Available each April and October, this month's 72-page full-colour magazine, with a circulation of 10,000 copies, addresses such issues as combat capabilities, training, personnel matters and past warfarer exploits. An Interactive Tactics Decision Game, in which readers submit solutions to battlefield problems, set by School of Infantry Tactics Instructors, and a Forum Section give readers an opportunity of testing tactical skill as well as raising, and commenting on, matters affecting the Infantry's warfighting capability.

Responding to demand by increasing circulation from 2,000 copies in December 2001, to 10,000 copies in October 2003, Australian Infantry's editor, Major Keith Fraser, attributes the magazine's success to the high quality articles submitted by current serving and former (some non-infantry) contributors.

The magazine gives every soldier, officer, an opportunity of putting forward ideas that may benefit the Infantry Corps. The best two articles, in each edition, are rewarded for their efforts with a $500.00 prize sponsored by the Australian Defence Credit Union. The conditions of entry are listed in the October magazine.

Providing Infantrymen with a forum in which to express, and share, ideas is not new as Australian Infantry was first published as a triannual magazine in 1949 but ceased after the 15th edition in 1973. The magazine enjoyed a short revival as a biannual publication during 1980 and 1981 but was discontinued from 1982.

In July 2001 senior Infantrymen attending the annual Corps Conference requested that the Australian Infantry Magazine be revitalised as part of a Corps Communication Strategy and, after a 20-year absence, the magazine recommenced in December 2001, in reaching a new generation of Infantrymen, as well as making it available to the public, circulation was increased to 10,000 for the fifth edition of Australian Infantry in the modern era.

All Infantry battalions, Infantry-related units, training schools and deployed forces receive complimentary copies of the magazine, which is published by the Corporate Services & Infrastructure Office – Singleton (formerly Defence Publishing Services), courtesy of the Head of Corps – Infantry, Brigadier Chris Appleton. Former Infantrymen may obtain copies, nationally, from newsagents or the Royal Australian Infantry Corps Shop located at Singleton (02) 6570 3427. The magazine retails @ $5.95 and order forms are available online at www.defence.gov.au/army/raid or on the Infantry Web Page on the Defence Web.
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Being a part of the truly international gathering of people attending the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Gallipoli is a once in a lifetime experience. The Albatross Travel Group offer the widest and most comprehensive range of special Commemorative Tours which take in the ANZAC Day Dawn Service & Australian Memorial Service at Gallipoli. You can also visit the battlefields of the Western Front. All tours offer a unique and very personal experience to those participants.

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One of the many unique 'extras' of all the tours is the team of Australian War Historians who bring the 'ANZAC Experience' alive by providing commentaries and presentations to provide tour participants with an in-depth knowledge of the battles fought, lost and won. All War Historians have vast experience in escorting tours to Gallipoli.

Major Graham Docksey has visited Turkey and the Gallipoli Peninsula numerous times over recent years. During this time he has visited every memorial and cemetery across the three battlefields. He has personally acted as an expert War Historian on numerous special interest groups to the ANZAC Day commemorations each April.

Dr Richard Reid works as an Historian for the national commemorations division of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This work has brought him several times to Gallipoli and has included work on the new ANZAC Commemorative Site at North Beach. In 1993 the remains of an Unknown Australian Soldier were exhumed at the Somme Battalions of France. Dr Reid was selected as the Australian War Memorial's Executive Officer for the project and escorted the remains back to Australia. Among Dr Reid's publications is a book on Gallipoli published by the ABC in 2002.

Past passengers invariably comment on the in-depth insight provided by the War Historians and how invaluable this is from both a historical and military perspective. Part of this exclusive service offered by the War Historians includes assisting passengers to locate the graves of relatives.

In addition to the team of War Historians all tours are escorted by expert local guides. Albatross also send their own operations staff to guarantee quality is maintained throughout.

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Australian Army nurse reflects on Hollywood Private Hospital

Mrs Anne Leach has an impressive history with Hollywood Private Hospital, starting in World War II and extending through to the present day. Mrs Leach worked at Hollywood as a nurse in the 1940s and maintains a close association with the hospital through the Community Relations Advisory Committee. She is the wife of the deceased Mr Vernon Leach, who served in the Second 16th Battalion in World War II and joined Legacy soon afterwards.

Recently Mrs Leach described her years of service during the war effort and offered her thoughts on how Hollywood has changed over the years:

"I was a nurse with the Australian Army for five years during World War II and during this time I was stationed in the Middle East for two years. On my return to Perth I worked at Hollywood Hospital in the Orthopaedic Unit. It was the 1940s and Hollywood was a government-run military hospital looking after injured servicemen and women," Mrs Leach said.

"As a result of my army nursing and community service work with the Red Cross and other organisations, I was very humbled to receive the Florence Nightingale Medal and the Order of Australia Medal."

In 1994 Hollywood was purchased by Ramsay Health Care to become today's Hollywood Private Hospital.

Mrs Leach said that, throughout this transition, Hollywood maintained its impressive commitment to war veterans.

"I have been a patient at Hollywood while it was both a public and private hospital and there is no comparison," she said.

"Since Ramsay Health acquired Hollywood, the facilities are much better, the meals are much better and the rooms are much better. I also like the wide choice of doctors at Hollywood. Overall, I have the greatest admiration for Hollywood's staff and I don't think I have ever seen a higher level of dedication."

Mrs Leach is one of the many heroes who have given their everything to support Australia and its servicemen and women in times of conflict.

Hollywood takes great pride in continuing to care for Australia's war veterans and for brave army personnel like Mrs Leach.
This study (1998) of Vietnam Veterans who have had a child whose father served in Vietnam identified that the family had been affected by the military service of a family member. The study was conducted by the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service (VVCS) in response to the Vietnam Veterans Mobility Study (1998). This study identified that the suicide rate in children of veterans was three times higher than the general population.

The Kids of Veterans group is a committee of adult children whose fathers are Vietnam veterans. The group was formed in 2002 as part of the Sons and Daughters Project, an initiative of the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service (VVCS) in response to the Vietnam Veterans Mobility Study (1998). The group currently offers education, support and a communication network by organizing information events and social gatherings. They hope that by bringing people together with similar experiences, they will address the issue of isolation that families can experience, and increase the understanding of the impact of war on the whole family unit.

The Kids of Veterans group recently hosted an information evening at the Woodvale Community Centre, which is also the meeting place of the Wanneroo RSL (see above photo). Approximately 30 community members attended, which included veterans and their families. The information evening featured 3 speakers – a Vietnam veteran, a daughter of a veteran, and a wife of a veteran, who all spoke about how the war had affected their individual lives, and also impacted on the family unit.

KIds of Veterans group member Rachel Healy spoke from the perspective of a daughter, while Sam Cross spoke about her experience as a partner of a veteran. She is currently the State President of the Partners of Veterans Association of Australia - WA Branch Inc. Veteran Pete Ramsay addressed the issue of how military service impacts on the individual, and spoke of issues such as needing control over one's life, being emotionally distant and constantly on guard. Pete also spoke about the issue of post traumatic stress disorder, which is common among the veteran community.

A representative from Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service was also present at the information evening.

Kids of Veterans will be holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday 22nd November in Kings Park. For further information please contact the KV group on 9333 8091 or by email at kidsofveterans@hotmail.com

Kids of Veterans group attends
Remembrance Day service

Several members of the Kids of Veterans committee attended the Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Service held at the memorial pavilion in Kings Park on Sunday 17th August. This year's service, to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, featured two of the Kids of Veterans committee members, Natasha Hanney helped distribute poppies to the members. Natasha and Meredith's fathers were also present at the ceremony.

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Beneath the Faded Word...

I sat out in a glaring sun for 30 years or more.
With cobwebs, dust and blackened twine, and deep dust on the floor.
An old and rusted lock kept its secrets from my eyes.
A cabin trunk of leather there since 1945.
I asked my Dad, who owned it and said we kept if for,
He replied, "It's Uncle Basil's that he brought back from the war.
So don't you bloody touch it, or I'll tan your bloody hide."
But that only made me more intrigued to see what was inside.
I wondered at its mysteries and the secrets that were hid,
Beneath the faded word "Tobruk" stencilled on the lid.
Near Warracknabe where only hardy cattlemen still go,
Uncle Basil had a station,
Bulldon Park, near Jearlbuie,
A strong and gentle man, who once rode the Biggara Track,
Just to prove he wasn't hampered, by the shrinkage in his back.
So I stood alone and weighed it up; which would I decide,
Should I leave the memories undisturbed, or take a look inside?
I knew I had to take a look, to see what it contained.
Mementos? Souvenirs from the war — silver, jewels or gold?
The old man went off flossin' on a Sunday with Bob Gray.
So if I was gonna do it — that would have to be the day
I started out determined — I was done by ten past two
With half a broken knucke knife,
I cut the padlock through.
But even as I opened it, the truth was plain and clear,
The old trunk held no gold or jewels, there was no treasure here.
Just a pile of letters tied with string, an old moth eaten flag,
A rusty metal helmet, a mouldy watering bag
A cup made from a jam tin, an emu feathered hat
A newspaper clipping with the title "Desert Rat"
Some photo's of the pyramids— a rusty bayonet
An IOL - Jack Carmody — two quid (a 2-up debt)
I folded out a faded map as the day began to wane
Foreign places like Benghuzzi,
Tobruk and El Alamein
Then I came upon a sketch
And a photo of some young blokes
— so I took a closer look.
It was twenty young recruits,
Their faces tanned and worn.
From places like Colombo,
Aden and Barham.
Farmers, shepherds, stockmen off to fight a noble war.
For the Empire in a foreign land they'd never seen before
And scrawled across the bottom, in writing rough and coarse
Twenty names below the words, the El Alamein — Light Horse.
I turned the photo over, and there upon the back
Were words that sent a chill through me, and made my mouth go slack
A solemn list of twenty — the fate of each of the same
Every one but Uncle Basil had a date beside their name.
Some said 'April '43, some said June '43.
A record from our history, the date that each had died.
I turned back to the photo and looked in every face
And wrote down each one was a month, a year, a place
A grinning, sun-burnished soldier's face, each one with a name
Like November 1943 — the words El Alamein.
I wondered — did they think, as they sailed across the foam
That amongst them only one — Uncle Basil would come home?
Recorded in that little book was 'I remember this day —
A record of their actions and how each had passed away
A mortar shell out on patrol, A sniper in the night.
A landscape took one leg off, he died before first light.
The death of each was brutal, the reality stark —
40 pages written there, I finished just on dark.
I slowly closed that record of the men who'd kept us free
And turned to see my father, standing, watching, silently.
I didn't do his black, as I expected that he would.
He just said, "Come on pack it up, I reckon that we should!"
So with love and care we packed away the treasures from the past,
When I came upon the photographs — it was put aside till last,
And with new respect and love — I recorded there his fate.
Next to Uncle Basil I wrote "April '68."
Yeah, Dad and I we packed it up and put it back again
And wrapped it in a bit of tarp, to keep it from the rain.
We never spoke about it or discussed what I had read
I reckon that was his way, to respect those blokes long dead.
There's a statue of a digger in most every country town,
And a list of names of locals, who fought with great renown,
And now, when I go by, I remember what I read
Sitting on the floor out there, in our old shearing shed
And I think of Uncle Gordon,
Lost somewhere on Ambon.
Uncle Jack on the Kokoda, and in England, Uncle John.
I remember still that photo, with sadness and remorse
That mob of grimacing faces. The El Alamein Boys, Light Horse.
In a cemetery near Beune lies a bloke who made his mark
Basil Thomas, of Echuca, Tobruk and Bawen Park.
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The FLEET AIR ARM association is also invited to participate in that ceremony as is any other NAVY association which has members who served during that period.

Would you be a member of any of the above associations or anybody who served on any of these ships with the Far East Strategic Reserve forces during the period 1955 - 1957? If so and wishing to attend this ceremony, please advise Secretary and request that he/she advise you to let me know how many of your members would be interested in participating in that ceremony.

If you are not a member of any ship's association and wish to attend, please advise to let me know your details, indicating which ships you served and at what time to the Victorian and Tasmanian Division FERS Navy association E-mail address, below.

The division is about to be held on the afternoon of the 2nd of July 2005; further details are not firm at this time and may be some time but is a matter of the interest of level associated with arrangements concerning prior to ceremony activities.

Secretariat: It would be appreciated if you could indicate the level of interest within your association by sending these details to the Victorian and Tasmanian Division E-mail address below.

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The Far East Strategic Reserve (FERS) Navy Association is to hold its 50th Anniversary National Reunion in Melbourne in July 2005.

As part of that reunion we intend to conduct a commemorative ceremony which will include the unveiling of a memorial plaque at the Shrine of Remembrance.

The following ship associations are invited to participate in that ceremony:

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF WA

The WA Section of the Naval Association of Australia is holding a two day "Salute our Naval Heritage" in Fremantle on the 5th and 6th of March 2004.

We are inviting all serving and ex-serving naval personnel and their partners to join us honouring Australia's Naval Heritage and celebrating individual naval service.

A week end of spectacular events is being planned in the Port City including a welcoming cocktail party and a ceremonial "Beat the Retreat.”

The weekend will finish with a Grand Dinner Dance.

For further details please write to the Secretary, Naval Association of Australia (WA Section) PO Box 8289 Perth Business Centre WA 6869 giving name, address (preferably e-mail address) and daytime contact number.

HMAS NIRMABA - RANATE

The January 1961 Apprentice intake is holding a reunion in Perth in November 2003. An invitation is extended to all Moh's and Mech's to attend a Family BBQ/Picnic on Sunday November 9 2003. Venue: Charles Patterson Park Busswool, West end near the Causeway. BYO everything. Time: 3.00p.m onwards. Contacts: John Hendry 9527742 or David (Fred) House 94778860.

email: house@telstra.net

Hope you can help.


The Annual WA, AIO & GUNNERY REUNION will be held at the Rockingham Naval Hardgrounds, Saturday 8th of November 2003, commencing at 1830 hours.

The reunion is open to serving, Senior Sailors and Officers of the AIO and Bosun categories and ex-serving personnel of all ranks.

For further information, please contact COPSM Dirk Elsom on 9351 3331.

NORMAN BOYD SCOTT STEWART

We are acting on behalf of a family in UK who are trying to trace a lost family member whom they know served in the Australian Armed Services in the 1950's.

His name is Cpl NORMAN BOYD SCOTT STUART, Born 3rd Nov 1929 and his last known contact was when he was undergoing military training in the Sydney area in 1956. We attach two photographs of Norman leading a squadron during a march past at a Company Athletics meet (apparently they lost) and request that if anyone ever recognises himself or knows of Norman's current whereabouts, please contact us.

Thank you in anticipation for your kind assistance in this matter.

Regards

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AUSTRALIAN ARMOURERS ASSOCIATION DATABASE

My mission is to p * use a database for the A us. Armou rs As sociation website.

This database is to record the names of all RAAF ARMOURERS who have served in the RAAF since its beginning. To date we have recorded about 2500 names most of whom have served since 1956. The task of gathering information on those who served prior to 1960 is much more difficult. The data base has been tried on a small scale for the history value, the second as a contact medium for those still with us, to find old mates.

This data covers all RAAF Armourers, Officers, Airmen and Airwomen. There were a lot of women who served as armourers during the 20thC, and information about them would be much appreciated. I would like contact from armourers or family or friends of past armourers (gumshes).

The Armourers web site can be visited at www.gumshes.com.au

My Contact info...

Ron Birt, PO Box 5020, Brassall, Qld, 4305.

Phone: [07] 3201 8309 or Email: glennrobertsyahoo.com

WA RSL Bowls section

Bowling season 2003-2004 commenced with the annual gaps versus the Past Presidents Assoc on Friday 19th September at Claremont Bowling Club.

Season Fixtures: Your match committee has distributed fixtures concerning all games. Your continued support is valued.

Note: The fixture card is to be amended to cover 1 error and 1 correction thus:

1. On the front page (at bottom) it should read: nominations for second half program will open from $1.04 (not after ACM)


Venue: Osborne Park Bowling Club. Report 0930 hours Team nominations (pairs accepted) $16.00 per team. ByO Lunches. Contact: Meender Max Flesher 9405 8991 or Fred Birne 9344 2710.

Sponsors: Osborne Park RSL Sub-branch and Osborne Park Bowling Club.

Dugan Day: Friday 5 December 2003. Open to all members and ex-servicemen. Venue: Manning Memorial Bowling Club. Report 0930 hours. Entry Fee $10.00 per player includes lunch and prizes. Contact member Archie Reeves 9345 1981 or Fred Birne 9344 2710.

Once again we ask that members give this event the great support that your committee believe it deserves.


Commentary information that present indication shows about 60 members (45 &15 partners) intend to participate.

If you would like to join us please contact Les on 9364 1476 for details.

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Section Title: Your committee after contact with our preferred suppliers for sponsorship of this event, have decided that a minimum order of 100 tins is required - this translates into a significant one-off cost. Decision to re-order has been set aside pending further enquiries. However, in order that the section can issue a tax to new members (especially those wishing to attend a National carnival) your committee asks all members who have a tin and need the use of tin perhaps you may like to donate / sell back this item for the section’s further use. Your consideration will be appreciated.

Phone / contact Secretary on 9364 1476.

Request for New Members: All members of a lawn bowling club are asked to give consideration to joining the bowls section and partake in our program of events. Membership is presently set at $22.00 for life and $5.00 for partners.

Membership Update: If your address / phone details have changed over the past few years we would appreciate that you inform Secretary on 9344 1476. Thank you.

Thank you.

Resignation: Newly elected committeeman Malcolm Silver has tendered his resignation due to family health reasons. We thank him for his past service and trust that his situation will improve.

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This year was Nannup’s turn to host the other SW Sub-branches in the Southwest Regional ANZAC Remembrance Day.

Apart from an early cold wind, the weather was good to us and the rain held off. At 10:45a.m., the parade, led by the Busselton Shire Brass Band, stepped off and marched to the Nannup War Memorial.

Over 100 Veterans were addressed by our MC Chris Mills and Speaker Vin Murphy. Chris welcomed our guests, the Deputy Commissioner for DVA, Mr Russell Nunn, National President, Shire President, Mrs Barbara Dunston, Nannup, Shire CEO, Mr Shane Cooke, MLA and eight members of the SWR members. The first West Australian National Serviceman killed in Vietnam was from Nannup. Paul Boebah one of our local school teachers sang ‘We are Australians’ and then John Langley ‘I love a Sunburnt Country’. The Ode was delivered by the Bill Bullie, President of the Nannup Sub-Branch.

The Service was also attended by members from Yinnar, Tambellup, Three Waters, Nannup and the first Tulip Festival.

After the march to the RSL Hall a BBQ lunch was available.

About 300 people filled our hall and overflowed onto the lawn where we had the largest crowd people perched like gnomes on chairs, logs and tree stumps. Liquid refreshments flowed to the accompaniment of Barbers’ Quartet and Squealing Pigs.

Thanks must go to our steering committee of six, and all our extra helpers on the day, who worked so hard to make the substitute event the success it was. Thanks also to those Sub-Branches who travelled to Nannup for the day. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as we enjoyed having you. It was Margaret River’s turn next year and we wish them all the success we had on the day.

We had a young man, Matt Coles, with a video camera chasing around all day. He has had experience in TV productions so knew what he was doing. Copies of the documentary he is making will be available either in Video (S$30) or DVD (S$40). If you did not put in your order on the day, contact me and I will pass it on to Matt.

Mrs Annie Butler (Sec/ Treasurer) Nannup Sub-Branch PO Box 256 Nannup, WA 6280 Phone: 9796 9005

I had the pleasure of attending state congress and it was gratifying to observe the amount of work and interest displayed by State Executive members at various committees, staff and sub-branches. Well done.

Additionally we are busy with arrangements for our annual dinner so please register this date in your calendar – Friday 20th November. We can guarantee good fellowship, quality food and refreshments, and bright entertainment for our guests and members.

While you have your calendars out, may I now register this date in your diary – March 2004. We are looking forward to seeing you in London. Our last meeting was held there in 1998.

Congratulations to all staff involved with the Listening Post. The last edition was particularly interesting, carrying a wide diversity of topics, including anything from the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs, the state president’s address at congress, interesting stories and photographs.

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We have submitted an outline plan for the construction of an 8m x 6m extension to the front of the building for use as a museum and office in the future. The building was originally used for many purposes including a village school, library, a sort of writing and reading room, a meeting place and a reading room. The extension will be to be open to the public in that area.

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