RSL State Branch Reception

On Friday 23 January 2004, the State President and State Executive hosted its Annual Sundowner Reception in ANZAC House.

The reception is an annual event where the State Executive Committee invite a number of invited guests to highlight achievements in the RSL at branch, sub-branch and in particular individuals in the League and organisations that provide commendable support to the League's objectives.

In recent years the branch has held the reception to coincide with our National Day of Celebration, Australia Day where the branch presents Australia Day Medallions to outstanding recipients.

This year’s presentation of five Australia Day Medallions were made to three individuals and two organisations that have contributed significantly to the RSL in maintaining its operations at the highest level.

The Returned and Services League of Australia, WA Branch recipients for the Award of the Australia Day Medallion in 2004 were:

GORDON NORTON
In recognition of commendable services to the Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Inc for the coordination of the RSL, Spirit of ANZAC Tour for the Australian Defence Force Cadets of Western Australia.

MAX REYNOLDS
In recognition of commendable services to the Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Inc in the Membership and Youth Committee and for outstanding service to the Applecross Sub-Branch as Honorary Secretary.

HAROLD HAIMES
In recognition of outstanding service to the Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Inc particularly as the Honorary Secretary of the Belmont Sub-Branch of the RSL.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE
In recognition of their outstanding service to the ex-service community of Western Australia in the provision of voluntary First Aid Services at annual commemorative services, particularly ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day at the State War Memorial and the City of Perth.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS WA DIVISION
In recognition of their commendable service to the ex-service community of Western Australia in the provision of personal services and their commitment to the Commemoration of Australia’s Military History, particularly in the educational environment.

PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS
The President reiterated the significance of the awards and the role the recipients have had in the League, by assisting it to continue to meet its objectives in the provision of the following:

- Personal service to the ex-service community;
- Training and maintenance of information in advocacy by volunteer advocates;
- In the providing of First Aid at our commemorative services;
- Delivering of quality service and support to Youth programmes, particularly the ADF Cadet programme;
- Services to the RSL and wider ex-service community.

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – GRANT
The RSL WA Branch has commenced a major upgrade of the facilities and services provided in both ANZAC House and the ANZAC Club, to assist it to achieve the goals set by the State Executive Committee.

The Branch has been very pleased with the support provided by Hollywood Private Hospital for the donation of a large screen television, Lotteries WA for a grant to replace the air conditioning unit in ANZAC House and DVA for a grant for a furniture replacement programme.

On behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr Russell McLaughlin is presented with the Australia Day Medal.

The Reception also saw two members of last year’s State Executive Committee presented with Certificates of Appreciation, they were:

- Geoff Houn for dedicated service as Junior Vice President of the RSL WA Branch and
- Fred Abbott for dedicated service as Country Representative for the Upper South West Region of WA.

In recognition of commendable services to the community of Australia, the reception was the thanks to the RSL WA Branch (as the RSL Reception) for a furniture upgrade in ANZAC House.

On behalf of the Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Senator Chris Ellison presents the cheque to the RSL WA Branch (as the RSL Reception) for a furniture upgrade in ANZAC House.

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Welcome to 2004 and to what promises to be an exciting year for the ANZAC House community throughout Australia. No doubt, the Clarke Review and the many other reports that have been and are being written will dominate the time of ESO’s but, in the interests of the community and the ANZACS who are doing so much for our country, our voice will be heard and our efforts will continue to be on-going will continue to be needed to see that the voice of the ANZACS has not been silenced. You have all had an enjoyable Christmas/New Year break and are ready, it is hoped, to re-commence to progress the RSL in Western Australia.

Annual General Meetings

This month sub-branches will be conducting their Annual General Meetings. These meetings will be held to elect new committee members who will be formed to lead the sub-branch into the new year. To this end it is important that those who are committed to the work of the sub-branch and are keen to support the activities of the sub-branch for the time and energy you have contributed to the sub-branch has not been in vain. This is a timely and important opportunity for you to elect someone that is ready available from State Headquarters to assist you in the governance of your sub-branch. If you have any concerns or doubts, please contact ANZAC House for clarification of issues.

Membership

January Renewals have reached a all time high. This is no entirely over of our annual membership renewal in this time of change but it has been a tremendous effort and can only strengthen our position when looking forward to the future. We have until January 30th to get our target of 13,000 members. The challenge for 2004 will be to maintain a membership by about 10% and to take it to 14,000. There is no doubt, with the progress of the sub-branch and the community, they just need to be asked. I hope you will support this membership drive and see your sub-branch - and the League grow and prosper. It’s up to you. Sub-branches are reminded that the renewal of membership is not for any promotional activities you are planning but the task at hand at the ANZAC House and those who are committed to the cause of the veterans and the community. An opportunity for major community to be fully equipped and informed. If you are serious about increasing your membership this is a must.

ANZAC Club

A business plan for the ANZAC Club has been written and is available for viewing. It is hoped to have the plan approved by the Board of Directors by mid April. We have received grants from Lotterywest-West and DVA to improve facilities throughout the building and we are committed to meeting the requirements of ESQ groups as a free function for their members. The Club will be available for functions on weekends.

Menora Gardens

(A War Veterans Homes)

Rapid progress is being made on the redevelopment of Menora Gardens on the site of the former Menora Veterans’ Homes. Following the completion of the first phase of the "Living for Life" we have received very positive feedback from members of the veterans and the community. Another opportunity for the key community is on exhibition.

Veterans’ Affairs Report

With debate continuing on the new Anzac Day and pension laws, federal parliament to members of parliament to express our concern on a number of issues. In particular, the intention of government to cease the payment of a disability pension to veterans at age 65; the discounting of disability pensions, including the special rate, when a pensioner has contracted a secondary disability; the need for disability pension pensioners to be re-evaluated under the MTAWE in line with service pensions, and the concept of rehabilitation as expressed in the proposed legislation Schedule 4 of the Bill. The government has revised the legislation to provide some positive support from our members. Any feedback we receive will make appropriate representations to the government.

The RSL will be represented at the final hearings on the proposed legislation scheduled to be held in May. In the meantime, if you may be assured we will be quite active in our role as local members.

Other on-going projects including concessions to veterans, addressing the issues of the RSLs’ priority list and providing facilities and assistance with the VRB are continuing.

Service Cadet Units

The State Branch sponsors the Service Cadets Units for each of the three service cadet units. Each of these units is sponsored by the AMP Society but each unit is self-funded by the sub- branch and would also need to maintain a suitable working relationship with the RSL. The sub-branch would also need to maintain a suitable working relationship with the RSL. This is for the benefit of the cadets and the sub-branch.

Naval Cadets: 75 Cammeray Guards Cadets: Christchurch Grammar School Cadets: 820 Tobruk based at Padbury SHS.

In addition to the cadet movement the sub-branch has welcomed the release of the RSL to the Western Australian Defence Force and the Army for the RSL branch. (RIANM Club)

Honours and Awards

The RSL is delighted to congratulate the following veterans on the following awards. This is only a small proportion of the many awards that are given throughout the year.

Keith Broadhurst (ANZAC House)

Mr Willy Topham OAM (Not available)

Keith Flanagan OAM (Queen’s Birthday 1998)

Rip Heywood OAM (Queen’s Birthday 1997)

Monument Hill Memorial

(See next page)

Monument Hill Memorial - Fremantle

Discussions with the Fremantle City Council, the Sub Branch Alliance, City of Cockburn RSL and Fremantle Legacy on the future development, restoration and use of the Monument Hill Memorial. It is proposed to set up a management structure similar to that which is in place at King’s Park with the expectation that the full range of worker, volunteer, service, including a March and Service can be held in the port city. The sub-branch will be able to give the best position for representation on the support of council and other interested parties.

Our Core Business

The core business of the RSL is the welfare of the ex-servicemen and women, the ex-service community. Through our network of national headquarters, state branches and sub-branches we work with government and their stakeholders to advocate on behalf of veterans their entitlements. Our strength is in our membership and with a cohesive membership much can be achieved. While we would like all our needs the subject of instant satisfaction, sometimes this is not possible. Often achievement can only be realised when continued support of our members and our funding providers enable them to negotiate the desired result. I am confident, with that ongoing membership support, aimed at assisting our new members to strike the best outcomes for veterans, all will benefit.

Awarding the Sub-Branches

Over the past months I have had the opportunity to meet with sub-branch executive members and members and as a result of the findings of the progressive activities that are evident throughout the branch.

President Jack Thorpe OAM has this year the members and community, and the NSWRSL in West Melbourne. The sub-branch on this sub-tropical island in the Pacific Ocean comes under the leadership of the National Board, and we are always visiting RSL members with one with the planning of the Island last November and shared and is a great example of the need to provide them with new ideas and opportunities.

The sub-branch contact is essential and the need for the sub-branch to continue its Eurobele is unbridled.

In Conclusion

We have an exciting year ahead and look forward to working with you all to progress the RSL as the leader in the veterans, ex-service and general wider community.

W. (Bill) Gaynor OAM

RFO

State President

ANZAC HOUSE

I am pleased to report that there has been real progress in the upgrading of facilities at ANZAC House and extending the facilities for our veterans and their guests.

After months of having no air conditioning in ANZAC House on Thursday 5 February 2004 the final adjustments to the new new unit were completed. The project was completed on time and not have been realised with the support given by ‘Lotterywest’, their continued support of the RSL to provide the excellent service community is so greatly appreciated.

The State Branch has also received a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide additional facilities for the public areas in ANZAC House, this has been completed and ANZAC Club. The grant will enable the branch to purchase lighting, more ergonomic furniture for ANZAC House. The furniture upgrade will be under the following facilities for members, their guests, ESOs and others associated with ESQs that currently use the facilities for meetings, social gatherings etc.

As part of the business plan to attract and encourage the use of ANZAC House by members, their guests, ESOs and businesses and organisations we have a plan for an upgrade of the décor by June 2004.

ANZAC DAY 2004

At a recent meeting of the Unit & Kindred Associations there was full support for the changes to the ANZAC Day 2004 march order of activities. The proposed work to be undertaken by both the State Government and the Perth City Council. The work to be undertaken will all be made up and will be completed on ANZAC Day in accordance with the changes to the ANZAC Day activities. The changes are not impractical due to the increase in participants in the march, and the viewing public. Chairman to the march and service are detailed in this Newsletter.

The branch will do all possible to give the widest possible distribution of the changes through all media leading up to ANZAC Day and in particular through our traditional ANZAC Day information sections in the newspaper, radio and television prior to ANZAC Day this year.

STATE AND NATIONAL CONGRESS

As at the last election all sub-branches will have concluded their respective AGMs and re-elected or elected their executive members for 2004, members and officers should now be considering the key issues for presentation to their respective meetings for forward planning to State Branch for their July Conferences and the like. The submissions should be well researched and factual. The information should contain sufficient information to ensure a clear case for endorsement can be presented to the State and National, with detail and facts.

MEMBERSHIP

Members are reminded that renewals for the 2004 members are now due for payment, effective January 1.

Members are respectfully requested to renew their membership payments, with a total 12,000 the RSL WA will have to make a decision that the membership will cease.

We remain an active voice in the veterans and general wider community.

S.M. SEERS OAM JP

State Secretary
The vessel left for Bombay on Nov 8th 1944 and arrived in Fremantle on Nov 26th. It carried a mixed cargo which included B.O.A.C. Sub Aircrew and was berthed at No 8 North Wharf.

On January 17th 1945 the vessel had been loaded and was almost full. January 17th 1945 was an extremely hot day in Fremantle at 107°F (42°C). The temperature on the steel deck plates would have been around 120°F. The winch men and deck hands had placed a hesian bag over the cylinder to deflect the heat from his body.

When a scimitar was due the winch driver left his winch around 3 o'clock, around 3:15 another worker went below on the bag smouldering and threw it overboard. When the sea was rough the water would extinguish the bag. The bag lodged on one of the wharf timbers and burst into flames. Consequently a piece of the bag fell into the water and made contact with a patch of oil that acted as a accelerant. Massive flames set fire to the timber between the wharfs and vessel, mooring ropes were burnt through and the extreme heat set fire to the bunting on the vessel side and eventually reached the bridge of the 'Panamanian'.

Fremantle Harbour was extremely busy at this time, so much so that a ship brightness 'Ling' was tied up next to the 'Panamanian'. Astern was the British submarine depot ships HMS 'Falmouth'. Further astern were many submarines, American, Dutch and British around was a total of all were loaded with torpedoes, ammunition etc. Fremantle at this time was the largest submarine base in the Southern hemisphere.

Around 3:30 there were four fire brigades, an American salvage tender and harbour tug endeavouring to quell the inferno. The fire spread rapidly along the old wharf timbers and engulfed and destroyed one of the fire tenders and great lengths of fire hose.

Several overhead cables were also damaged and were virtually inoperative.

Tugs managed to remove the 'Ling', from adjacent to the 'Panamanian' and the stowed ammunition for the 15 pound gun of the Outen and aircraft guns (9) plus other material were exploding continuously.

By now approximately several hundred yards of the dock was a flaming inferno and rapidly heading for the HMS 'Falmouth', which was virtually a floating bomb.

The 'Falmouth' was towed away from the wharf, and the small fire on board extinguished. The US Navy submarine tenders and the subs that had been moored alongside had been moved out of the berth. The skipper of one of these tenders, fearing an immediate explosion, departed prior to the mooring lines being removed and ripped 2 heavy hollands from the dock.

The US submarine rescue ship 'Chanticleer' cruised up and down the area pumping thousands of gallons of water onto and under the wharf and into the 'Panamanian' and other vessels in the vicinity.

By evening, due to the amount of water having been pumped into her, the 'Panamanian' developed a decided list to port which caused the mooring ropes to give way and the ship drifted towards the Connaught and the British railway bridge. Tugs then pushed her back to the wharf and water had to be further pumped into her starboard tanks to keep her afloat.

Orders followed for all merchant ships and a number of other warships to leave the wharf for the outer harbour as a huge explosion was still liable at any time. The haste to bring things under control continued overnight and all next day and fortunately a huge disaster had been averted.

In 1942 a similar incident occurred in Bombay when an ammunition ship caught fire and exploded. The complete dock area was destroyed and there were 3,500 known deaths due to this disaster.

There had been such an explosion in Fremantle the devastation and loss of life would have been horrendous. As it was the cost of repairs to the wharf was in excess of £210,000 pounds and the cost of repairing the 'Panamanian' lot greater.

The ship was repaired and served for some years after the war. I have never heard what happened to the trio of B.O.A.C. and Bصرon involved or where it was eventually dumped.

J. Edwards

Hm. Secretary

Allied Merchant Seaman's Association

"Sandakan - the Story That Must be Told"

Borneo 1942-1945 exhibition visits historic Midland

The Borneo POW Relatives Group of WA recently presented the Borneo 1942-1945 Exhibition, Sandakan the Story that Must be Told at the historic heritage town of Midland.

This event was proudly sponsored by the Midland Historical Society of Berrinba, Eastern Hills and Eastern Region. The access to the recently renovated town hall was a fitting setting to an important episode in our Australian war history of nearly sixty years ago.

The gallery was opened on Saturday 16th January by State President William Gervy, with Official Guests, Mr Jaye Radisch, MLA, Swan Hills, representatives from the POW Association, 27th Machine Guns, representatives of the sub-branch Committees, Mr Ben Hart, former 2/9 Commando Squadron, Mrs Patricia Rowland OAM JP, RSL, welfare and community, local friends, relatives, and local community interested in this poignant display of these tragic events.

The gallery is a compilation of honour rolls dedicated to all the Australian and British servicemen who perished as a result of their captivity as POWs in Sandakan, on the Death Marches, Ranas and Koching. Stories of incidents relating to the ‘secret radio’, the underground movement and subsequent betrayal of Captain Matthews, Lt Rod Wells and their local indigenous allies who were tortured until their final sacrifice.

There is a vivid collection of Australian War Memorial photos that is enhanced with a 11 metre in depth, life-size mural. Family histories portray the agony of their losses and the fifty years of grievance to the truth of the events that occurred during the period of 1942-1945. Many books and journals of 'new' information is available to those who wish to learn more of this event and also allow closure for many.

Ryan Rowland, The Promotions Officer of the Borneo POW Group, covered ANZAC Tours to Borneo. Anyone interested in any of these matters please call him on 09 9295 2155 or chairperson of the Community Awareness Committee Non Preston on 09 9304 8805.

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RSL standing policy on Veterans' Affairs matters

1. RSL EXPECTATIONS

1.1 Provision of Benefits

The RSL expects that the Australian government will provide compensation, income support (when necessary), medical treatment, and rehabilitation to all members and ex-members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) whose service has been the cause of disablement. In addition, income support should be provided on the basis of age and disabilities of veterans regardless of disablement.

1.2 Quality of Benefits

Bearing in mind the nature of military service, the government should maintain its present policy of ensuring that veterans' benefits are more generous than those granted to civilian employees.

1.3 Recognition of Warlike and Non-warlike Service

The RSL firmly believes that all veterans should receive like benefits for like disabilities, however, it also believes that warlike and non-warlike service should attract additional benefits as follows:

[i] Warlike service should be rewarded by eligibility for the service pension, by the right to have determination of causation of disabilities based on the reasonable hypothesis of disease or proof and the provision of a gold health card on reaching the age of 70 years.

[ii] Non-warlike service should attract the reasonable hypothesis degree of proof.

1.4 Compensation

It is the RSL view that compensation should be a combination of two elements. The first is compensation for the loss of lifestyle created by medical impairment which does not necessarily lead to inability to work. It is sometimes referred to as compensation for pain and suffering. The second is compensation for partial or complete inability to work. In modern compensation schemes the first element is usually paid as a lump sum and the RSL is of the view that recipients should have the option of a lump sum or fortnightly income. The first element of compensation should not incur income tax, no matter how it is paid.

2. Appeals

An appeal system must exist whereby all decisions made under the legislation can be appealed. The RSL holds the strong view that the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) should be retained at least in those cases where warlike and non-warlike services are involved.

In addition, the Tribunal or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) should be supported by Legal Aid.

1.5 Counting Disability Pensions as Income

The RSL argues that income support pensions, paid by DVA or Centrelink, should be means tested. At present only people in receipt of a Service Pension do not have their Disability Pension counted as income when deciding the amount of Service Pension payable. The RSL is strongly of the view that Disability Pension should not be counted as income when assessing Income Support Pension from either DVA or Centrelink.

1.6 Veterans with Special Needs

[i] World War II veterans are now well into old age and have special needs associated with the age. The existing home care programme is most helpful and needs to be maintained. Continuous care programmes for aged veterans would have full RSL support.

[ii] Vietnam veterans have special needs associated with the nature of the Vietnam War. There are a number of existing programmes designed largely to assist Vietnam veterans. These should be maintained and others devised as special needs arise.

2. COPING WITH FAULTS IN THE SYSTEM

2.1 Detecting Faults

In a system as complicated as the present veterans' affairs process, faults and inequities are bound to occur from time to time and it is important that the RSL identifies these as quickly as possible and seeks their correction. With the introduction of the new MRSC legislation, despite all the care that has been taken to achieve an acceptable result, teething problems will appear and these must be detected as early as possible.

2.2 Correcting the Faults

DVA has established a joint ESPO/EVA (Executive and Operational Working Party) whose sole task is to identify faults in the System and recommend corrections. The RSL is strongly recommending that copies of all working party reports be referred to the Department for correction.

"The Bush Wireless" Pension Up-date corner

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Department of Veterans' Affairs provides a wide range of benefits including pensions, allowances and health care.

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DVA Volunteer Certificate

In 1992 RSL decided that the "Bush Wireless" should continue in its present form: the column would appear every second issue and would include items such as "A View from the Bush" and "The Bush Diary." The column has proved very popular and continues to be a valuable source of information for veterans.

by MARGOT HARNESS

RSL Senior Advocate

This is when the McKinnon Decision (which required the RSL-establishing of a "sub-hypothosis") comes into play. The first requirement is to re-examine the original claim and issue of "anxiety," to see whether or not the veteran fits in with the McKinnon criteria. Further examination and assessment is necessary to light that the veteran can, in fact, meet the SoP criteria after all.

I sometimes explain it to people by drawing a small train: one crucial condition might be represented by the "engine," the corner-stone condition, from which the others are linked behind, as goods trucks or carriages. In Veteran 2's case, the "engine" pulling the next is anxiety.

Once the "anxiety engine" is secured, then the other sequelae conditions of "operational stress" (also "anxiety"), PTSD (secondary to hypertension) and scleroderma (arterial heart disease) (also secondary to hypertension) can be coupled up behind.

Best wishes and good health to all.
Medical Officers (Doctors) on the Burma-Thailand Railway WWII

At the fall of Singapore there were about 100 Medical and Dental Officers who became prisoners of war. There were probably a greater number of MOs from the other Allied forces. 61 Medical Officers and 5 Dental Officers were sent to Burma & Thailand. A list of 7 Medical Officers, provided by Dr John Mitchell of Victoria, together with the identity of the force to which they were attached, is listed below.

LIST OF AAMC OFFICERS ON BURMA-THAILAND RAILWAY

A FORCE To Burma May 1942

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Only 7 of the above officers are still alive and they are marked with an asterisk. Short articles have been produced on Captains Claude Anderson, Phil Millard, Peter Hendry and Major Kevin Fagan. Also covered is Capt Stanley Fandall of the Strata Settlements Volunteer Forces. Material is being assembled on Major Bruce Hunt and Allan Hazelden and Captains Colin Jutter, Rowley Richards, Lloyd Cahill and Victor Brand. There is an abundance of information on Lt Col Weary Stanley and a lesser extent on Lt Col Albert Coates and short articles on them will be produced in due course.

However, there appears to be little information on many of the other officers shown above. If anyone has any information on any of these officers, or any medical officers, or other allied medical officers, the writer would appreciate receiving such information. Contact Lt Col Peter Winstanley RFD (Retired) JP, 248/85 Hester Ave, Merriwa WA 6001 or email pwpwinstanley@bigpond.com.
City of Perth March and Service Changes

INTRODUCTION

The ANZAC Day Parade and Service in Perth for 2004 will see changes to the parade, service format and locations from that of previous years and services.

There are two major components to the changes; they are the parade and the ANZAC Day parade and service are to be held on Langley Reserve as opposed to the Esplanade.

These changes to the format of the parade will not change the timings for the commencement of the march, with the Australian Defence Force contingent 'Stepping Off' at 9.20am (30 minutes) and then their designated start point, the Esplanade, to be confirmed, followed by the hospital and schools to complete this association commencing with the No. 248, 07.6498.

These changes are as a direct result of new major road and road works to be undertaken by the City of Perth Council and the State Government, Department of Planning and Infrastructure to improve the infrastructure in the City of Perth and the greater metropolitan area in the provision of public facilities.

As at 15 January 2004 advice received indicated the previously scheduled work for the lakes, (which have on the Council’s plans and performance stage on the ESPLANADE are to be deferred to

Transport for Disabled Veterans on ANZAC Day

Members are advised that if they can no longer march in the parade or have any other amendments for the Western Australian National Flags on ANZAC Day please contact the Disabled Veteran Sub-Branch on 9348 4293 or E-mail rslwahq@iinet.net.au

ANZAC DAY 2004

American, this is traditionally produced during a previous war. There is also some amendment to the parade participants, which will form up 'right of the line', that is, on the Riverside Drive side of the parade route followed by the associations.

The hospital vehicles will form up on the main road behind the hospital in pairs; that is, they will be two abreast on the Southern side closest to Riverside Drive and the Northern side closest to The Terrace. This will aid in ensuring that all participants have clear view of the service activities.

All participants can be assured that the planning and infrastructure that will be in place for the 2004 ANZAC Day March and Service will ensure a successful day for all. Detailed information will be provided as it becomes available.

ANZAC Day

Kings Park and Botanic Gardens

The annual ANZAC Day Service will be conducted in the State War Memorial Precinct. This precinct encompasses the State War Memorial, Obelisk, Court of Contemplation, the Eternal Flame, the Reconciliation and Pool of Reflection.

The conduct of the Dawn Service comprises;

An official wreath layering at the Memorial.

The sounding of the 'Stills' - 6:00 a.m.

Laying of official wreaths.

'Took Post'.

'Silence'.

'Vereille'.

'Atde.

The reciting of the 'Ode' signifies the completion of the protocols of the Dawn Service.

At the conclusion of the Dawn Service an address will be delivered by an invited person.

Restricting Access - Seating

For the comfort and assistance of aged, frail and invalid veterans 100 seats have been provided at the 50% level of the Court of Contemplation. Entry to this area is through this main entrance to the State War Memorial precinct.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Aged/Frail/Disabled Parking

Parked for the aged, frail and disabled will be available in the car park behind Fraser’s Restaurant. Car passes are required for entry to this car park and passes are available from ANZAC House. Please write to:

ANZAC Day Parking
RSL WA Branch
Perth 6000
PERTH WA 6832

Or Fax 7325 7432 or e-mail rslwahq@iinet.net.au

KINGS PARK – DAWN SERVICE

Important Notice - Bus Service

A bus service will operate from the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial in May Drive to the Kings Park War Memorial. The bus service will commence at approximately 4.00 a.m. from the State War Memorial vicinity.

The Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Service is to be held at the Memorial commencing at approximately 7.30 a.m.

February 2004
Menora Gardens – progress report

I am pleased to report that construction at our Menora Gardens Estate is well underway. The first stage being:

- one apartment building of four floors consisting of 28 apartments
- 37 independent living units (ILUs)

The second stage being:

- one apartment building of four floors consisting of 28 units
- 4 independent living units (ILUs)

The independent living units (ILUs) will be ready for handover shortly after completion, in line with the builder’s construction timetable. It is estimated that Stage 1, being 12 units, will be completed by 30th June 2004. The Community Centre is programmed for completion by 31st October 2004.

As at 22nd January, written reservations have been accepted for five of the 28 apartments and 22 of the 37 independent living units. Of the 12 ILUs recently price released, 10 have now been reserved. Stage 2 will be price released in the coming few weeks.

Please be advised that there has been unprecedented demand for occupancy within our Menora Gardens Estate. If you are contemplating residence within the Estate, I would strongly suggest that you move very quickly so as not to miss out.

The ILUs are all very stylish including two or three bedrooms with high quality fittings and finishes to appeal to modern retirees. The designs are mostly two-car parking in secure lock-up garages with electric control doors.

The ‘Highview’ apartment building will offer high quality homes with a high security component. The building will provide a unique opportunity for residents in so much that it is intended that services will be provided on request. These services to the apartments will include personal care, meals, full domestic services and 24 hour nurse call. The development plan has carefully located the ‘Highview’ apartment building on the site to take best advantage of spectacular city and hills views over the parkland areas.

All endeavours have been made to retain generous areas of landscaped open space with barbecue facilities.

The fully functional multipurpose Community Centre has been designed to ensure that all residents have access to first class facilities.

Construction is rapidly advancing with inground storm water drainage, fire, sewerage, electrical and water services almost completed. Pouring of the footings and concrete columns to the basement of ‘Highview’ apartment building has been completed.Lintel stone retaining wall construction to the Independent Living Unit area is now well underway.

This Estate will project the RSL’s commitment to providing residents with outstanding first class facilities and care.

Again, if you are contemplating residing within our Estate now is the time to move. Further information on Menora Gardens can be obtained from Mr. Keith Barrett at Senior’s Own Real Estate on mobile telephone No: 0411 885 824 or telephone (08) 9243 1366.

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So please, definitely use your head, but listen to your heart too and call us for a quote on 1800 816 312.
Hollywood Unveils World-Class Intensive Care Unit

A state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit was unveiled to members of the medical community at Hollywood Private Hospital recently.

The new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) is now closer to the hospital’s Operating Theatres, Radiology and the Coronary Care Unit, improving access for those ICU patients who require urgent investigations or operations.

The new building also provides more patient beds in a custom-made area designed to create a calming effect on both patients and their families.

Director of Hollywood Private Hospital’s ICU, Dr Paul Woods, said the new unit would assist staff to provide an outstanding level of medical care.

“The unit’s design has had significant input by the medical and nursing staff. It has much larger bed areas, exceeding the recommended standards for intensive care. In addition, all beds are equipped with the latest technology to assist in delivering the highest level of care to our patients, it will be a much better environment in which to deliver a high level of care,” Dr Woods said.

“Patient medical outcomes from Hollywood’s ICU are, in general, excellent. However, the outstanding level of care can only improve as a result of these new facilities,” Mr Cass-Ryall said.

Hollywood Private Hospital’s Executive Director, Kevin Cass-Ryall, said the unit was a multi-million dollar investment for the hospital as part of the Rambam Health Care group’s commitment to excellence in patient care.

“The new ICU is large by private hospital standards and compares particularly well with other ICUs in terms of layout and equipment,” Mr Cass-Ryall said. “The increase in beds means the unit will be able to encompass a larger workload and keep selected patients in ICU for longer periods, as may be required.”

ICU patients typically fall into the three distinct categories:

1. Emergencies – usually critically ill patients or suffering major unexpected complications and requiring varying degrees of life-supporting treatment;
2. Urgent – developing complications which will have a significant threat to life if the progression is not halted;
3. Elective – usually planned admissions following certain types of major surgery where there is potential for serious complications or where the patient has significant underlying medical conditions which may adversely affect the outcome.

The event was celebrated at an official opening attended by more than 80 people from the medical industry. Dr Woods and Mr Cass-Ryall declared the unit open and accompanied guests on a tour of the new facilities. Additional improvements include: more windows and natural light, a large work station for the nurses, visitor’s waiting room and new staff offices.

The following is an excerpt from CEOs Unplugged, explaining Mr Cass-Ryall’s philosophy on recruitment at Hollywood:

“Public expectations of health are very high, with the benchmark getting higher all the time, and ours is a very competitive industry.”

“Of our 1,300 employees, 84 per cent are female. Nurses make up almost half our workforce and they too are predominantly female.

“The Queen has repeatedly told us they want flexibility and we’ve accommodated their call.”

“Hollywood is committed to providing the very best medical facilities, care and treatment for our patients. We must attract and retain the best staff to achieve this important goal.”

“I believe the results speak for themselves.”

“Hollywood receives outstanding feedback from our patients, who are delighted with the excellent medical care they receive from our committed and dedicated workforce,” Mr Cass-Ryall said.

The ‘Green’ Travel Challenge

Hollywood Private Hospital has joined the TravelSmart Workplace program to help reduce greenhouse gases and vehicle emissions.

The TravelSmart Workplace programme is a joint initiative between the Department of Environment and Department for Planning and Infrastructure, which aims to promote balanced transport and improve local air quality.

The programme encourages people to consider alternatives such as cycling, walking and taking public transport.

Hollywood’s Environmental Committee Chairperson, Wayne Williams, said the hospital had an ongoing commitment to the environment and TravelSmart was another way of furthering this commitment.

“The TravelSmart programme is a great way for employers to help protect the environment.”

In addition, the programme is also an excellent way for employers to encourage staff to maintain and improve their health and fitness,” Mr Williams said. As part of the implementation phase, Hollywood will be conducting a survey of staff to find out how people are currently travelling to work and their views on other means of transport.

The hospital will also conduct an audit of transport facilities to understand current travel patterns and the options for change. Once the survey information has been collated, the hospital will identify practical actions the hospital can take to support and encourage those members of staff who would like to find an alternative to driving to work.

“I will be speaking to staff to find out what the hospital can do to encourage them to use other transport methods to get to work,” Mr Williams said.

Blood on Borneo Prize Draw

For the past 15 months, the Hollywood Research Foundation has been working on the book Blood on Borneo by veteran author Jack Wong Sue.

During this time a total of 440 copies of the book have been sold – raising about $5500 for the research foundation.

In addition, a special prize draw was held for anyone who bought a copy of the book during the pre-Christmas promotion.

Mr Jack Wong Sue conducted the draw recently and first prize of two autographed historical photos of Mr Jack Wong Sue and four bottles of Tullys Premium South Australian wines went to Mrs Shirley Knight of Nedlands.

Second prize of an association membership to ‘Z’ Special Unit from the book Blood on Borneo went to Mr Jack Wong Sue and four bottles of Tullys Premium South Australian wines went to Mr Russell Kenworthy of Helena Valley.

Third prize winner Mr Bernard Bootle of Nedlands received one autographed historical photo of Mr Jack Wong Sue and four bottles of Tullys Premium South Australian wines.
New weapon in fight against the flu

West Australian seniors will have a powerful new weapon at their disposal in fighting the flu this year following the WA Government's decision to fund a new technology flu vaccine as part of its free vaccination program for people aged over 65.

As of March 15 West Australians being vaccinated as part of this program will be able to access the new vaccine called Fluad through their GP.

The vaccine is unique in Australia because it is the first flu vaccine ever to be used here that contains an adjuvant. An adjuvant is an extra ingredient by way of a protein that hastens or increases the action of the initial ingredient.

This means that Fluad is a more powerful vaccine particularly for people with underlying conditions such as heart disease or diabetes, or who have weaker immune systems. Because of the adjuvant ingredient in Fluad the vaccine is held in the body longer and more likely to cover people with poor immunity for the entire flu season.

The decision to offer an adjuvant vaccine to West Australians for the first time comes amid a backdrop of the Asian avian flu outbreak and follows a particularly severe northern hemisphere flu season.

By investing in Fluad, WA is offering its most vulnerable citizens the best protection available.

The importance of vaccination programmes is well recognised but was reiterated just last week when Australia's Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision wrote its report on government services 2004.

The report found that "influenza vaccination for older people has been demonstrated to reduce hospitalisation and death (National Health Performance Committee unpublished)."

In 2002, 76.9 per cent of people aged 64 years and over were vaccinated against influenza in Australia. Vaccination coverage for the age group was highest in SA (82.6 per cent) and lowest in the NT (64.4 per cent). WA takes excellent advantage of the influenza vaccination program with 79.7 per cent of its citizens in this age group being vaccinated.

All seniors are advised to consult their GP as to whether Fluad is appropriate for their own use.

Silence that lasts longer than a minute

According to the Federal Government Agency, Australian Hearing, hearing is just one of the unseen disabilities war veterans and ex service men and women may be living with everyday, not just on ANZAC day when they gather to commemorate Australia's involvement in world peace and reflect on Australia's part in various conflicts.

Originally established by the Federal Government in 1947 to assist World War II veterans with noise related ear damage, the hearing of Australia's war veterans and eligible service men and women is still important to the work of Australian Hearing.

"Noise is the main cause of preventable hearing loss," said Sharan Westcott, Principal Audiologist for Australian Hearing. "The louder the sound and longer the exposure to it, the greater the irreversible damage to the hearing nerves. It is therefore hardly surprising that for war veterans and our service men and women, many of whom have been exposed to gunfire, explosions and loud engines on Australia's part in various conflicts.

"We've seen an increased number of war veterans and their families presenting to our centres with hearing loss over the last several years, and we are encouraged to see that more and more people are seeking assistance with their hearing loss.

"It is estimated that half of the population over 60 in Australia have some degree of hearing impairment. It is expected that the number of people who require hearing aids will rise as the population ages. A hearing aid can make a large difference in the ability to communicate and enjoy the activities of daily living."

Rats of Tobruk presentation

Members and family of the former Rats of Tobruk Association of WA gathered in ANZAC House to present the RSL WA Branch a pastel drawing of the Rats of Tobruk Memorial in Kango Park.

The drawing was commissioned by the Craigie Senior High School who have had a long association with the Rats of Tobruk.

You might be surprised how effective hearing aids are these days.

Each year, we help over 15,000 veterans improve their hearing and quality of life. You'd be surprised to hear what the latest technology in digital hearing aids can do for you. For a free hearing test, or just for advice, call now on 131 797 or visit www.hearing.com.au

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Marloo Caravan Park
in Carnarvon – catering for seniors and retirees

Marloo Caravan Park is located in Carnarvon approx. 900 kilometres north of Perth on the central coastal area.

The town is renowned for its beautiful warm weather all year round. It is well known for its fruit growing especially bananas and mangos. There is terrific fishing in the area and the scenery is breathtaking.

Marloo Caravan Park caters especially for seniors and retirees, and the new owners, are striving to create a peaceful environment for guests to relax and enjoy their holiday in comfort without the stress of day-to-day living.

The facilities of the park include grassy areas with shady trees, drive through sites for easy access and a sparkling pool. The ablution block is squeaky clean with easy access to all facilities. There is a separate campers' kitchen with fridge, stove and microwave, as well as a secured BBQ area near the pool.

The main recreation room is known as the Bamboo Hut and during the busy season several activities are organised here including darts, bingo and sing-a-long evenings as well as BBQs on a Sunday night. The owners provide salads and guests can come along with their own meat & drinks. It is a good get together for those who like to socialise.

Marloo does not take animals (there is plenty of native wildlife). There are no facilities for children and the park does not encourage families being specifically designed for the more mature generation.

The park does not have a shop, as such, however the neighbouring shopping centre is walking distance. Marloo is located away from the main road to minimise noise and the owners are very security conscious for your peace of mind.

Rates are structured to include substantial discounts for holders of seniors and/or pension cards.

For bookings or further information contact Phyll or Joe at:
Telephone: 0899416439
Fax: 0899416634
admin@marloocaravanpark.com.au
Web: www.marloocaravanpark.com.au

The Remembrance Day Lunch
11 November 2008

Following another very successful Remembrance Day Lunch at the Novotel Langley Perth Hotel, the Functions Committee was able to hand over a cheque for $3200 to the State President of the RSA WA Branch to be put towards the new chapel at the War Veterans' Homes.

The Novotel Langley Perth Hotel did their best to provide great food and a very comfortable venue. The walls of flags once again brought a sense of military presence, and the Presbyterian Ladies' College Band worked hard to give pleasant background music with pipers and a very charming young lady soloist.

There were many guests at the lunch and it was noted that everyone as they left the balcony wore a happy face. Each and everyone involved in making the Remembrance Day Lunch such a success deserves congratulations on a job well done.

Barbara Clisfien, Chairman, Functions Committee

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7 DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE
102 FIELD BATTERY
102 Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery are holding a reunion for Malea, Bernese and Vietnam Veterans who served from 1960 to whenever. The reunion is to be held at the Swansea Newcastle RSL on 6th, 7th and 8th of August 2004. All guests and their partners will be welcomed.

Accommodation will be arranged at very reasonable rates.

There will be plenty of entertainment and excitement for all.

All information and any enquiries should be directed to:

Terry (Narooma) Phillips
53 Rodway Parade
Katoomba NSW 2780
Tel: (02) 4757 9635

NASHO'S MEMORIAL DEDICATION & REUNION YORK
Sunday 4th April 2004

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The Memorial parade will commence at 10.30am in the Lower Picnic area then proceed down Avoca Street led by the Irwin Barracks Brass Band and followed by the vintage army vehicles to the Memorial site in South St. Please note transport vehicles will be available for those who would prefer to ride and still be part of this memorial event.

The dedication and memorial service will be conducted by the York Nasho's Sub-Branch Patron Mr Max Miansen MLA Member for Avon, assisted by Father Carey Fawcett FRSA, Captain Michael Niall Gibson Salvation Army and Peter Crowley National Veterans' Assoc Chaplain.

Following the Dedication Ceremony the parade will march past the saluting dais, being dismissed before attending the Reunion.

The reunion will be conducted in the York Town Hall, where lunch will be provided for meal ticket holders at 1200hrs. During the afternoon brief speeches will be made including light entertainment, whilst people have the chance to mingle, meet friends and fellow Nashos to discuss the great time that were had.

A static display of vintage army vehicles will be situated outside the Town Hall.

Registration forms are available on request by forwarding a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Treasurer
Yorko's York Sub-branch
EMB 402
YORK WA 6302

For further inquiries please contact the Secretary
Ph: 08 9641 4038
Email: nashoysyork@bigpond.com

AUSTRALIA'S OWN WAR
A RAAF PILOT'S WAR IN AUSTRALIA AND THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC THEATRE

By John Utting

John Utting of Cottenden, WA, was studying Engineering at the University of WA in 1941 when he enlisted in the RAAF and trained as a pilot under the Empire Air Training Scheme. The author recalls his war service in Australia, New Guinea and the Dutch East Indies fighting Japanese and Australian aircraft. The threat of the Japanese invasion of Australia is touched on. The A4 booklet has 45 pages with maps and photos.

Cost $20. Contact John Utting, 214 Boreen Park, WA 6011. Tel: 08 9384 5029. Also available at RAAFA Museum, Bullcreek, WA.

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By John Utting

John Utting of Cottenden, WA, was studying Engineering at the University of WA in 1941 when he enlisted in the RAAF and trained as a pilot under the Empire Air Training Scheme. The author recalls his war service in Australia, New Guinea and the Dutch East Indies fighting Japanese and Australian aircraft. The threat of the Japanese invasion of Australia is touched on. The A4 booklet has 45 pages with maps and photos.

Cost $20. Contact John Utting, 214 Boreen Park, WA 6011. Tel: 08 9384 5029. Also available at RAAFA Museum, Bullcreek, WA.

Can you help?

SEARCH FOR MR L.R. COSKERIE

The Victorian Branch has received a request for information on a Mr Leo Robert Coskerie. Mr Coskerie would be in his late 90's. He served with the Army during WWII. His daughter and granddaughter are endeavouring to locate him, or at least discover information about him, as they have not seen him for many years. Would you please publish this in your State News?

Any information should be forwarded to Denise Perry, 5 High Street, Lithgow, NSW, 2790. Telephone (02) 6302 3073

JAMES CAIRNS MORROW

Information regarding the Royal Australian Navy career of James Cairns Morrow (also known as Ginger and Copper for his red hair) who commanded a destroyer squadron and later Captained HMAS Australia between approximately 1953-1955. He was also Commodore at Flinders Naval Depot and also HMAS Leenane. His life in Fremantle.

TS Morrow in Geraldton the Naval Cadet Unit there is keen to produce/hold a book on naval life of Commodore Morrow. Please contact Ms Melanie Collis
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At the Pensioners’ & Widows’ luncheon held on 7 December 2003, the State President Mr Bill Gaynor OAM RFD presented two awards.

The first was a 50 Year Membership Certificate to Frank McManis (Frank) Sekula. Frank was born in France on 28 January 1924. During WW II Frank managed to escape to England, trained in Scotland and joined the 1st Independent Polish Parachute Brigade as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was then involved in covert operations in Holland, Belgium and Germany and was part of the occupation forces with the British Army after the war ended.

Frank was also involved with the Polish Ex-Servicemen’s Association and Polish Veterans’ Affairs.

The second certificate was a 50 Year Membership Certificate awarded to Judy Mathison. Judy has done so much to appropriate that the plaque be awarded.

On Tuesday 23 January 2007, the Albany from where the Manchester Ship Canal was opened to the general public in 1938 and is now run by the Manchester Ship Canal Company, will mark the completion of the tenth year of the Riverton Sub-branch.

On Saturday 12th July 2003 the State Secretary, Mr Shane Mathieson presented the certificate to the sub-branch President Tony Meehan.

The Premier of Western Australia, Dr Geoff Gallop MLA, presented the cup to the sub-branch President Tony Meehan in front of some 240 delegates to the Congress, official guests and observers.

The Club President stated that he was actually speechless for the first time since 1968.

Belmont Sub-Branch MLA presenting the plaque to East Victoria Park & Vietnam Veterans’ President Eric Dowson.

RETURNED-EX-SERVICEWOMEN

The Returned Ex-Servicewomen’s Sub-Branch is a happy, active branch. We had a sudden blow early in April 2003 when our President Mrs Heather McManis OAM passed away after a short illness. Our Senior Vice President took over the running of the sub-branch, and we had a Christmas Party she was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Our member Mrs Barbara Clinton, who is Chairman of the RSL Function Committee, convened a most successful Poppy Day Lunch to raise funds for the new Chapel at Mentora Cemetery. The event was a sell-out. Appreciated by several members of the sub-branch on the committee and the sub-branch also gave a generous financial subsidy to this event.

We gave a $50 donation to the RSL Appeal for the Cadet Award. The cadets were a fine cross-section of our younger generation and we were privileged to see them progress in various activities.

Members sell poppies and supports. Our Welfare Committee keeps in touch with those not so well and funerals are held, who are well patronised.

All women who have served in the Forces are welcome to join us.

Belmont Sub-Branch MLA presenting the plaque to East Victoria Park & Vietnam Veterans’ President Eric Dowson.

East Victoria Park & Vietnam Veterans’ Media release by Premier Dr Geoff Gallop’s office

Last year the Mayor of Gallipoli Mr Chut Bingel visited Western Australia to participate in ANZAC Day Services and visit Albany from where of course the first ANZACs left to take part in the Gallipoli campaign.

When I met him he presented me with a plaque commemorating the visit.

It seemed to me that he was most appropriate that the plaque be placed at the local RSL Club which has done so much to keep the ANZAC flame alive.

BELMONT

WELCOME AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF THE RIVERTON SUB BRANCH.

2003 was a very successful year for the sub-branch with us winning the “Newsgate Cup”.

The award has been recognised by various local and state dignitaries, which is a great reflection on the sub-branch.

The City of Riverton through the Mayor, Dr Rick Lekkas, the Deputy Mayor Mr Tony Meehan and the committee have been very supportive and have given good coverage to the winning of this prestigious award.

I am sure they will proudly keep the trophy for many years to come.

FROM THE DESK OF THE RETIRING PRESIDENT.

This being my last item for the newsletter I would like to review the progress the club has made over the last five years.

There were many changes in the first and second year, some of which were not universally popular and at that time I do not think the direction taken by the first two committees I was fortunate to lead has proven to the best and in fact, I believe to be the best interests of all club members.

The theme of the club is definitely Australian and the advances in information technology, the advent of computerised accounting methods, alongside a computerised operating system, the club excellent financial control which reflects in the financial nature of the operation. Many of you have probably noticed some of the outcomes of the change we have generally happened in the background, but there have been with the new system we are able to tell you that their workload has increased but the output and information available remains of interest.

The purchase of a number of computers in the last year has allowed us to get more computerised. In the machines, whilst not the most modern, have some of the most up-to-date software in the region. To members who many of us have worked on the system and have worked with the new system very closely and to tell you that their workload has increased.

Many efforts were made over the last five years to improve the general club environment. In the first two years a complete revamping of the electrical circuits was required to bring the system up to specification. The purchase of kitchen equipment like the bin-marine, new freezers, a complete modern table service, new table tops and many other things have enabled the club to provide some of the best food services available.

The replacement of the club’s carpet has also added to the general appearance of the premises. The stage lighting and the modern TV in the club are new.

The RSL is very proud of the new entertainment. We have added other advantages for members to enjoy the Riverton sub-branch that I believe is a leader in the A-League in WA.

As I leave the position of President it is my belief that the club is set up to become even further ahead and with the club extension now approved, only bigger and better things are on the horizon.

I wish to thank all of you for your support, both your positive comments and camaraderie throughout my five year term and I wish you all well in the future. Once again to the Committee much success in the future.

Tony Meehan

President

EXTENSION APPROVED

The club received a Christmas present early this year when correspondence from the City of Canning was received granting planning approval for the proposed extensions to the Riverton RSL Club’s premises.

The work carried out by the designing architects, particularly its close working relationship with the President irony Meehan, Geoff Legge of the club’s committee and Gallop’s office of Canning has resulted in many, maybe not so obvious change to the rear of the club.

A new room on the first floor, which will be the new toilet, is to be modernised in the near future.

The loss of two parking bays at the rear which are cramped and lack washrooms, will be increased by two bays at the front in the process of construction and a new toilet, will be built.

Two of the palms at the front will be removed as will any need to make way for the new bays.

This new addition will allow the club to meet its function planning, the hire of the main room to either interested groups, particularly affiliated organisations, and still allow members to park their cars that are to be entertained, and come to and congregate and socialise without difficulty.

The size of the main room will be available in the near future and may be booked.

The contact number is 9354 2197 (or Riverton@optusnet.com.au)

At the committee meeting in December, the committee presented a Proposal that on approval by the club this extension, the current club room be named the Emily Hamilton Function Room, and the new extension be named the Merv Schofield Room. Whilst many members have worked hard for the club, it is believed that these two people provided the greatest service and help to the Riverton RSL over the past ten years and should be honoured in this way.

Work has already commenced on the building of the new room but if it is not finalised in time the extension will be built for it but not with it.

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BUNBURY

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Neville McWilliams, Joe O'Brien, Ken Parish
General Committee:  Pat O'Brien
Doug Gisborne
Gerry Mallist
Rod Shelm
Leon Golding
Les Jones
Trustees: Norm Eaton & All Mainstone

Don’t forget that the RSL office is open from 12noon Monday to Friday and members are most welcome to drop in.

NOLLAMARA

Keith Boxshall, a man who has done more than his fair share of work for the Nollamara Sub-Branch since 1979, has decided not to re-nominate for the 2004 Presidency, after 11 years as President.

Keith joined the sub-branch in 1979 and by 1990 had been Junior Vice President and Senior Vice President. His long reign of 11 years as President was most beneficial, both financially and supportively. He has represented the Pool, Gold and Dart Divisions and with his team, has enlightened the minds of school children at the wreath laying ceremonies with his charm and wit.

Keith will not be leaving the sub-branch, he will be past President and also a warden with Bill Agate. Keith, I have been on many committees with you, your diplomacy has always shown through and your restraint has been admirable.

The sub-branch has several new committee members under the guidance of new President John Brinkworth and the foundations laid will only go on to bigger and better things.

The Mothers’ Dayaffle will be in full swing by the time this is printed and we can always use extra ticket sellers if you have any spare time – there is a roster at the office.

For those on the internet the Bunbury RSL has its own website with a lot of interesting information. This is due to the good work of Ken Parish and our address is: www.gateway.net.au/~bunrsl

General meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 7.45pm sharp. They are short and sweet, so mark it on your calendar to come along.

The sub-branch is going along very well with about 450 paid-up members.

If you have any concerns about any RSL issues then please give the office a call on 9721 3396 – we would be pleased to hear from you.

All Mainstone

Welcome to all for 2004.
We held our 59th Anniversary Dinner on 28th November. When the inaugural meeting was held in 1944 many of us were on active service.

Although we were disappointed that our State President, Mr Bill Gaylor, was unable to be present – I understand he managed to get marooned on Norfolk Island, such misfortune – we were well compensated by the presence of the State Senior Vice President, Mr Doug Rasmussen and his charming wife.

Other guests included:
• Mr & Mrs Russell McLaughlin
  Deputy Commissioner, Veteran Affairs
• Mr & Mrs John Carter
  President Doubleview Bowling Club
• Mr & Mrs Troy Pickard
  representing City of Stirling

It was a very enjoyable evening with good company, tasty refreshments, succinct toasts and responses and some singing and dancing at the conclusion of the more formal session. Thanks to all members, guests and service staff for their contributions.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

R. D. Rasmussen speaking at the Anniversary Dinner.

POFFY DAY

Our appreciation is extended to all centres and participating collectors for their co-operation. Their efforts and response are well rewarded with a tidy sum.

At our December meeting we welcomed new members Jack Goodway and Jodie Barnes.

We thoroughly enjoyed an informative talk about the Menora Gardens Estate by one of its officers, Ms Kaye Ireland, daughter of our Junior Vice President, Keith. On that subject I recommend an excellent article in the last Listening Post.

SCARBOROUGH

Officers and bearers for 2004 were elected with the exception of Senior Vice-President, all positions were filled by current incumbents.

Alan Duncan replaces Bill Richards who resigned because of other commitments. He will continue for the time as Publicity Officer and committee member.

D.O.C.: – What is that?
No it is not an insult to intelligent behaviour but a tradition carried on in our area. It is an acronym for three sub-branches being –
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O - Osborne Park
Y - Yokine

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The Editor of The Listening Post reminds all units associations that it is the responsibility of each to keep its information for this section up-to-date at all times.

UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

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Aerobic & Walking Association (WA Branch): President: Geoff Taylor; Ph: 9206 2314. Correspondence/Secretary: Mr & Mrs Ray Johnston, 64 Union Ave, West Perth 6005; Ph: 9446 6429; Email: ja@awaus.org.au; Meetings: 5-6pm at various venues.

American Contractors Veterans Association WA Inc: President: Paul Kallianos; Ph: 9275 7341; Correspondence/Secretary: Catherine Silvagni, 47 Rokeby Rd, South Perth 6151; Ph: 9430 2231; Email: aca@wau.com.au; Meetings: 11:45am 1st Tue monthly.

Apache Corps Association (WA Branch): President: Major P Hetypey; Ph: 9358 0443; Correspondence/Secretary: Lt Col John Pask, 35 Golf Rd, Joondalup 6027; Ph: 9401 3333; Email: membership@apcwa.org.au; Meetings: 11:30am 3rd Thu monthly.

Army Corps Association (WA Branch): President: Ben Schofield; Ph: 9223 1606; Correspondence/Secretary: Lt Col G T Farquhar, 220 Rokeby Rd, South Perth; Ph: 9337 4005; Email: armyca@wau.com.au; Meetings: 11:30am 1st Thu monthly.

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Austalian Naval Auxiliary Association (WA Branch): President: Ben Mitchell; Ph: 9275 4535; Correspondence/Secretary: Commodore J M V Shirtbrella, 28 Willowglen Rd, Claremont 6010; Ph: 9240 0640; Email: anaa@aanl.com.au; Meetings: 11:30am 1st Thu monthly.

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Australian Army Women's Association (WA Branch): President: Elise Solly; Ph: 9272 2734; Correspondence/Secretary: Joy Tufnell, 14 Swan Rd, Attadale 6156; Ph: 9396 3455; Meetings: 10am 1st Thu in September (then Feb) at NANZ House, AGM 1st Thu Feb.

Australian Armed Forces Scout Association (WA Branch): President: Major R J McCarthy; Ph: 9240 9454; Correspondence/Secretary: Mr & Mrs K McCarthy, 76 Lancelin Rd, Bicton 6217; Ph: 9431 0515; Email: info@afaswa.org.au; Meetings: 11:30am 1st Thu monthly.

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Air Training Corps and Australian Air Force Cadets’ 2003 Reunion

It is felt that in addition to allowing old ATC, AAC and AACF friends to meet on a regular basis, the formation of the association will provide valuable support to those who are no longer able to attend the reunions of cadets as a major force in providing discipline and leadership training for young people of both sexes.

The reunion was held that over 25 per cent of cadets to the armed services came from the ranks of cadets by highlighting their importance for the future security of Australia.

We would like any former cadet or former officer interested in attending our next function or joining the association to contact any of the following:

Al Clarke
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(08) 9311 6470
aclarke@raafaviationmuseum.com.au

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Ross Kaye (08) 9350 5710
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willmott@inet.net.au

THE NOT SO RAW RECRUIT

By W.L. (Bill) Tate

We had a bloke in our recruit parade who had been matched he’d be out of step

On the parade ground or out on the street

When moreover he marched he’d give a hop and a skip to try and correct his gait

But then it was back to out of step again

Though his back and shoulders were straight

Our merrified was fair and not a bad bloke.

As most sergeant majors he’d finally cracked and had

A bit of a twit...

For two or three days in a row

To the recruit he said, “You’re no use to us son.”

You can’t march, nor can you think straight

In fact being big headed strong man

Perhaps he’s a bit of a dill”

“I didn’t join up to march, Sar-Major.

And I know you’ll find out real soon

I can drive trucks and jeeps

I’m the best driver in my platoon”

“Well, this is a transport company, son.

And your driving’s improved, I’ll admit.

So I’ll give you a chance to prove me to me

That you’re just not a bit of a twit.”

The recruit tried hard as he drove trucks large and small

On roads, through thick and thin and through mud

Then he proved to us all he could really drive

And was far from being a dud

He soon earned two stripes and eventually three

To become the sergeant of the drill company

His marching improved so he was always in step

He may be a merrily real soon

“HAPPY NEW YEAR! WHAT A LOVELY DAY!”

Your ears ring out a million bells.

What you have gone.

It’s hard to tell.

You’re never felt so daunted

Happy New Year! What a lovely day!

Your head is thrashing out its grief.

Your liver cries out for relief.

Your kidneys scream in despair.

Happy New Year! What a lovely day!

You feel your eyes lose the blink.

You slept with head pressed in the soil.

Dry marching now.

You don’t half stalk.

Happy New Year! What a lovely day!

You’re never felt your throat was dry.

You swore you’d see the morning sky.

Now all you want is to die.

Happy New Year! What a lovely day!

By Wayne Pastell, 1/1/04
Ho-Chi Minh – the chap we were fighting against

Ho-Chi Minh’s name has the same affect on me as it does to an incredible amount of Viet-Namese people around the world, who were his victims of war. The mere mention of his name brings back horrific memories of the suffering and destruction of those that Hitler, Pat Pot, Mao Tse Tung, Lenin, Stalin, Saddam Hussein, Mussolini and Osam Bin Laden. These dictators have all left their mark, pain and suffering on the rest of the world’s innocent victims of war, who have through no fault of their own been caught up in their insane and bloody wars. The latter have killed millions of innocent people in their quest for power at all costs.

The article Poppy Day and Ho Chi Minh of Peter S. Hopper in The Listening Post, Vol. 26 No 4, has brought back those horridous and painful memories of mine and many others, of an insane and unjustifiable past in South Vietnam, where innocent and truth were the first casualties of the war. This is why I am reminding the Australian people to be cautious and to analyse the propaganda of The Viet-Namese Communist Party.

I was amazed and shocked, and deeply hurt by the SBS Television broadcast, “Tho-So” from Viet-Nam, this caused an angry reaction of more than 200,000 Viet-Namese refugees of the former Republic of South Viet-Nam, which includes the ex-service members of the Republic of South Viet-Nam now residing in Australia, whose numbers are in the thousands. And we are also the victims of the Viet-Cong regime. As Australian citizens we also have the right to protest, as all Australians living in this wonderful democracy called Australia, have, and is why we chose the Head Office of SBS TV in Sydney to protest, on 28th November 2003, with more than 5,000 people turning out for our protest on the showing of “Tho So”.

Basic human rights were denied to us when our government fell to the overwhelming might of a cruel aggressor, the communists of the north. On the 29th of December 2003 about 12,000 protested in Melbourne and another 5,000 people in Adelaide. It is estimated that in excess of 27,000 people, all united against the Australian government to show the truth, and to hear it from the people who suffered from this oppressive and brutal war. More than thousands of e-mails, letters with pictures on them. We telephoned SBS TV and Parliament House, to try and voice our concern about this type of propaganda being aired in Australia.

The media proclaimed it to be an historic event in Australia. We would have to like to have had them stop broadcasting this propaganda programme on the 9th of December 2003.

Communist Viet-Nam always wants to present a good image overseas, however, we feel they failed because of our protestting, in the Australian media against the propaganda of the Viet Nam who are the aggressors, and will is so strong, they have found other ways to spread their propaganda, through the sale of T-shirts, with the red flag and the picture of Ho Chi Minh printed on them and Ho Chi Minh’s portrait etc.

Those that are unaware of the events of the past go to Viet-Nam for a holiday. They return carrying their souvenirs, with all the communist propaganda printed on them. This is a very clever way of getting western society to pay for all communist propaganda.

The Jewish people despise the portrait of Hitler. The victims of the 11th of September in New York are not happy either to see pictures of Osama Bin Laden. Nor are the Australians when they continually see the picture of the perpetrators of the Ball bombings.

It so only stands to reason that the Viet-Namese Australian refugees also detest and despise the icons of Ho Chi Minh with the yellow star, which in our opinion epitomises human rights abuse. We refuse to be beetled by and about the facts of this propaganda campaign. We are the victims of the Viet-Cong Commnists, plea to Australians on holiday in Viet-Nam, to remember those that suffered in Viet-Nam and those ex-service members of the South Viet-Nam military forces, suffering at the hands of a cruel government, that does not treat all Viet-Namese as equals.

When bringing in this propaganda after a holiday, it is possible that you are also opening old wounds and the deep sorrow of the other victims, the many Australian families that lost their loved ones in war in South Viet-Nam. Think of the 507 Australian soldiers who sacrificed their lives to fight for freedom in Viet-Nam.

Minh Ha-Duong, Ex-Army Lieutenant of the Former Republic of South Viet-Nam, (PW) 6 years.

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

The ANZAC Club is continuing to prove a popular venue for both pre-engineering and current serving ADF units.

There are two function rooms providing a choice of function rooms, perfect for corporate functions and with on-site catering and a wide variety of drinks and tea, coffee and after dinner sweets included in both. Cheese and biscuit platters are also available.

Bookings can also be made for morning and afternoon teas, cocktail parties and Sundowners.

Phone Club Manager Vicki on 9235 9079 for any enquires.

The ANZAC Club is also providing chef specials Monday to Friday between 12 and 2pm and 6pm to 9pm each.

Bar facilities are available between 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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. Let Us Forget.

The deaths of the following RSL Members (WA Branch) were recorded at ANZAC Day 29th April, 2004.

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| STEWART, John | 39674, City of Rockingham    |       |                |
| LONG, Patrick | 39719, City of Rockingham    |       |                |
| CRUY, Leo | VX133697, Queens Rock          |       |                |
| CUNNINGTON, N W2608,                  |       |                |
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AIR FORCE

| NAGS         | Rockingham                    |       |                |
| BEECKMAN, C A | 58167, City of Mandurah        |       |                |
| BROWN, Robert | A46662, Armadale              |       |                |

WOMEN'S SERVICES

| NAGS         | Rockingham                    |       |                |
| JOHNSON, John | 56408, City of Perth           |       |                |
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