Greetings from the Australian forces deployed in the Middle East

This is just a short note to informally thank you and your members for the RSL Care Packages which have been received in the Middle East and are being distributed to the soldiers, sailors, and airwomen deployed on Operation Catalyst.

I have provided you with a couple of images of some of the troops receiving their packages which you may care to use in the next editions of your newspapers so that your members can see how well received the packages were.

As you all know, a package from home – especially at Christmas – is a wonderful thing. The troops over here are very appreciative of the thoughts and support from the RSL and its members.

Thanks again for your support.

Bob Barnes
Lieutenant Colonel
Public Affairs Officer
Australian Defence Force – Middle East
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Welcome to the 2005 RSL year. It will certainly be a busy one with the 50th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing, the 60th Anniversary of the end of Second World War and the 30th Anniversary of the withdrawal of Australians from Vietnam. All of these important anniversaries will receive prominence throughout the year. In addition there will be a major government sponsored celebration in Western Australia to mark the end of the Second World War. In all of these events it is hoped that sub-branches will engage in active participation to honour those who served their country.

Successful operation at sub-branch level is vital to the League if we are to be effective in our purists. As the first few months of the year is election time for sub-branches let us acknowledge all those who have participated in sub-branch administration over the past year and if continuing in 2005 special thanks for your continued contribution. To those members who will be standing down — my thanks for a job well done. It is important we have strong leadership in our sub-branches and in deciding your 2005 team, remember that a committee is only as good as the support it receives from its members.

**Membership**

We have finalised our 2004 membership numbers and I have to report that the final tally showed a LOSS of three (3) over the 2003 numbers. With just over 12,600 members we were about 1,400 short of that set target of 14,000 members, I hope that we will be able to do a little better this year. Still, while other state branches are showing massive negative growth we are — for this year only (I hope) static.

**Membership Renewals**

It is now time to renew your membership. The State Branch will promote this through our usual channels but it is up to each of us to renew our membership and encourage others to do likewise. Membership may be paid at State Headquarters or at ANZAC House.

We also remind members that your chips are no longer available and the new 'membership card' or receipts for fees is your proof of membership.

The National Membership Committee is looking at other means of membership identification and as they progress their deliberations we will keep you informed.

**Affiliates**

New directions are being canvassed for affiliates of sub-branches. A recent presentation to sub-branch executives has presented the membership with the opportunity to have input on this very serious issue. Please take the opportunity to contribute to the debate at your sub-branch and provide the State Branch with your considerations. As this is a membership issue it is appropriate that your ideas are placed before the Constitution Committee. They are seeking your guidance in framing the new rules on this subject.

**State War Memorial**

We have been advised that the King’s Park Memorial will not be completed in time for ANZAC Day. Alternative plans are being prepared and will be discussed with unit and kindred groups as soon as concept plans have been formulated. You can be assured that the Dawn Service will take place in King’s Park, possibly at the Flame of Remembrance, so it will be business as usual.

**Younger Veterans Forum**

Following a successful forum last October, a further seminar will be held to follow up the many issues that were identified at the original meeting. Transition to civilian life, CONSUMER, health studies and various entitlement issues were some areas for concern as well as conditions of service in the ADF. The forthcoming meeting to be held at Port Kennedy RSL will attract some speakers with expertise in these fields and it is hoped that many will be addressed and hopefully set on the path to resolution. In confirmation of the date and time will be advised through sub-branches and newspapers.

**Honours & Awards**

The league offers congratulations to members and community leaders who received Honours during Australia Day Awards. Brian Coulton OAM (Donnybrook), John Kitchen OAM (Boyupboola) and Keith Norman OAM (Highgate & 2/5th — well done). In addition, Army Reserve Dr Clive Cooke OAM (74th Amb) and

Rob Yurchevich AM RFD (RWA) similarly congratulated. Finally, Mr Peggy Paterson AM, former Mayor of Armadale City and Belmont and Past President of Belmont sub-branch is acknowledged for her work in the community and support for the League.

**New Sub-Branch**

Plans are well in hand to establish a new sub-branch at Ballajura. It will be based at Ballajura Community College and be sponsored by The College and the RCOF Group. It is planned to hold a public meeting to set things underway, probably to mid late March. Some members on the uninvited may wish to found members of the new sub-branch. Members in existing sub-branches either as full, or associate, affiliation will also be most welcome.

**ANZAC Club**

We have completely restructured the service and delivery of members to the facilities at ANZAC Club. New Staff, new menus, new service standards and special considerations for sub-branches and Unit and Kindred Organisations. If you just need a function to hold a function in the Club, just call and talk to David, Tamara or Chef Ian to see what it is all offer. We need your business and support to make the club the ‘home’ to members.

**State Secretary’s Pen**

Welcome to 2005 for the Listening Post readership and, in particular the RSL WA Branch membership, we enter into 2005 on a very positive note with the Branch (WA) for the second consecutive year showing a surplus in its accounts for the RSL HQ / Clubs operation.

The surplus is approximately $14,000 (subject to audit) whilst not a large amount, it is very significant to the losses of the past years.

The State War Memorial refurbishment and reconstruction will be a major project for ANZAC Day 2005, this is due to several major issues that arose during the refurbishment. I have recently met with the site manager, architect and the WA War Memorial Architect to have a look at the works, the work to date is commendable, however the new list of requirements for the most significant issues was the amount of water and rubble inside the old shell.

The second major issue was that as a result of building techniques of the 1930’s and the concrete cover for the inner core and war memorial base was very fragile, this has been fully repaired.

The programed refurbishment will return the memorial to pristine condition for many more decades to come.

The ANZAC Day Service will be held in the State War Memorial precinct and will be a service that reflects the solemnity of the service and reflect on our nations service in all wars and peace keepings around the world. We have no mid March event site for our memorial and a wonderful Flame of Remembrance at the State War Memorial, we can conduct a service of remembrance for our service men and women.

The ANZAC Day March in the City of Perth will be a very similar format to that of 2004, the primary change being that the gun firing date is to be located in a permanent position in St Georges Ter.

All details for the March and Service will be in the latest edition of the Listening Post and the West Australian prior to 25 April 2005.

Veteran care in the Armadale / Kelmscott region received re-assurance this week that services provided to DVA card holders will continue when Gallion Private Hospital becomes part of the Armadale Health Services.

The only major difference is that the public hospital will be providing the private service, and there will be some changes in the reporting arrangements. The Acting General Manager Mr Bone said.

All staff at Gallieni had been offered employment at Armadale Health Services, Armadale Kelvin Grove Memorial Hospital.

The State Branch has continued to review the ANZAC Club operations in 2004, and has made some significant improvements. Some of the changes were essential to ensure that the club remains financially viable.

**Anzac Day — Fremantle**

—and I thought those Pendel philate Magase were understating...
Tales of Anne-Ann

Living in Western Australia 1912 to present Anne Anthony's great grandfather, Mr. Jeffreys, was sent out on a convict ship from the United Kingdom, his crime being the theft of a sheep. The ship docked at Fremantle and Mr. Jeffreys was pardoned and given 10 pounds to establish himself. Mr. Jeffreys invested in land in Albany, becoming a successful businessman owning a bakehouse that is now listed as a national trust building. Jeffrey Street Albany is named after this very Mr. Jeffreys.

Anne grew up in a family of ten children spending her early years in the Wheatbelt region on a farm. Anne's school was small, "there were only about ten children in the whole school". The teacher would take the students out on nature walks, educating them on topics such as the birds, as Anne later described. She always got selected to climb up the trees to investigate them.

The train from Perth came through the area twice a week, and much to the excitement of the children, would stop at the school when school finished. The girls would get on and sing as the train left. The train driver would slow the train down so that the children could imagine that they were flying.

At 12, Anne and her family moved to Walpole. Down south, there were a lot of English migrants working under the Group Settlement Scheme. Anne loved to climb the trees down south "so much taller then up north."

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Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards

Doug Arrowsmith DFC, long serving secretary of Nedlands Sub-Branch, was recently nominated for the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award over 25 years of age category - in the City of Nedlands. Although not the recipient of the Award his position as a finalist confirmed the high regard in which he is held in the local community.

Doug Arrowsmith DFC, proudly displays his Nomination Award with Lillian Roberts, Hon. Consul for Nepal and RSL State President Bill Gaynor OAM RDF. Doug has been a member of the RSL since 1947 and is the holder of the League's 50 year Award. In his time as a member of the Nedlands Sub-branch he has worked with distinction in administrative positions to ensure the sub-branch was well placed to exercise its core function, that is the needs of the veteran community. He has always adopted a hands-on approach to League activities and in particular, matters relating to hospital visiting. His community work extends well beyond the Subiaco-Nedlands area and his endeavors to make the community a better place in which to live are valued by all. He is also well known for the work he does for schools and other community organizations. The calls on his time to follow up the interests of ex-servicemen and women, including matters of pensions and entitlements and needs of himself and his family, are very far reaching and of great value to the individuals concerned as well as collectively within the League and the community.

Cathedral Arts are extended to Doug and the members of the Nedlands Sub-branch for their acknowledged excellence and the promotion of a positive public image of the RSL in the local community.

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Good luck participating in our enjoyable Easter festivities.

Jan Burridge

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Donnybrook RSL Identity Honoured

Brian Coulton OAM with Donnybrook RSL "A Team".

Donnybrook RSL member Brian Coulton OAM was awarded the Medal of Australia Day Honour for work with veterans and the Donnybrook community in particular. In association with the sub-branch members he has worked with ex service men and women and the youth of Donnybrook and surrounding districts through the "men in sheds" project has received state wide recognition for its positive impact on the well being of youth groups.

Through occupational and leisure time activities funded by Lotterywest, Department of Veterans' Affairs, the local community participants are learning life skills that will stand them in good stead for their future employment or on voluntary community projects. While the projects are based on woodworking activities the social aspects and self esteem generated through such activities has helped many of the young people of the district to focus their energies in positive directions.

The results of their labours are also providing a badly needed income as many of the items they manufacture are available for sale to the community.
Bunbury

2005 got off to a good start with the best attendance for some time at the AGM.

President Ross Stewart reported on the year’s activities before banding over to life member Norm Eaton to conduct the election of office bearers for the coming year.

All positions were filled with Ross Stewart once again taking the helm! We welcome aboard Jim Ward as secretary who replaces Neville McWilliams who has done a sterling job but now wishes to focus solely on his work as a welfare officer.

Ever reliable treasurer Charles Prepon will continue to control the purse strings whilst our vice presidents will be Trevor Kenny and Ken Parish.

All positions on both the welfare and committee were enthusiastically filled with Colin Sullivan and Vince Murphy joining our ranks.

Membership officer is Alf Mott whilst the bar is going from strength to strength under the management of Bev Wheeler.

The office/reception staff are Ruth Fossey, Gayne Tymbrel, Helen Parry and Ron Golding.

Monthly meetings will now be held on the 3rd Friday commencing at 6.00 p.m. leading into happy hour.

And you will be given an invite to the meeting you are invited to bring your partner along and enjoy the evening.

Ticket sellers are required once again for the Methowrig competition. If you can help out at a shopping centre just once, then it would be greatly appreciated. Please call our office for details on 9721 3277.

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City of Perth

As it normal during the festive season there has been a hall in activity in our group and our first meeting for 2005 was on Friday 8th.

We celebrated our Xmas Luncheon on December 5th and around 70 members attended to partake of the fine Christmas refreshment provided. The raffle prizes were excellent and all in all a grand Xmas-Claus-Clacker and our social committee are to be congratulated for arranging a very enjoyable day.

I am sad to report that Mrs Kathleen R’Ouliffe, devoted wife of our esteemed member Maurice, passed away and our condolences are extended to the family.

Our hard working Secretary Gus Hansson and commiteeman Tom Taylor are now a man and a half. We have the list and have just been informed that our ex-President Mike Hall is in Hollywood for an operation. We wish them all a swift recovery and a much healthier balance of 2005.

We were shocked to learn that our caretaker at Point Peron Campion Park had passed away suddenly on January 6th. Alan Dagleish and his wife Turian had been caretakers for over 3 years following the retirement of our former caretaker.

After viewing the refurbishment of the Kings Park Memorial one would have to appear sceptical but however the hologram of the memorial will be back in all its splendour for ANZAC Day 2005. After feeling the same as we did at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the rapid reconstruction that was so successful there nothing is impossible.

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Paper Sub Branch News

The recipients of the 2004 awards were Jamie Hangould (Stan Gurney VC Award), Shannon Robertson (Fred Bell VC Award) and Louise Gourmel (Captain Reg Saunders Award).

Each year the sub-branch presents three awards to graduating you seven children, from the Milim Pill Poppy School. The award recipients are each presented with framed certificate, in recognition of their achievement and a $100 cheque, to assist with their educational costs.

The Arthur Stanley Gurney VC Award (presented to a male student), the Fred Bell VC Award is presented to a female student and the Captain Reg Saunders Award is presented to an Indigenous Australian student.

The awards are presented to three students who display characteristics similar to those of the service veterans, whose names appear on the awards.

Len Copley

President

Veterans’ Affairs Committee Report

WATMOC, Perth Meeting, November 2004

BYO PROGRAMME

DVA advised that information has been provided to DVA’s National Office on new information regarding similar types of programmes and the critical number of patients required to make the programme viable. A framework for a Respiratory Rehabilitation Programme has been provided to Hollywood Hospital for consideration.

Hollywood Hospital is developing a proposal, about introducing this type of programme into the HPH Respiratory Unit for DVA’s consideration.

Brachytherapy:

Brachytherapy treatment has been secured for two Veterans at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital, clinically suitable dates have been arranged for the treatment and DVA is closely monitoring developments.

DVA Payments to Doctors:

What Special Pay will be implemented in January 2005.

Most Medical Specialists who provide services to entitled Veterans and War Widows will receive a fee increase of 13% and 20% for procedures. This increase is in addition to the payment of 106.94 for the Primary Medical Benefits Schedule (PMS) fee.

Similarly Local Medical Officers (LMO) will be increased in January 2005.

The Veterans Access Payment will rise to $5.50 for MBS Level A assessment and $4.00 for other in-room services. Additionally LMO treatments entitled Veterans and War Widows will receive a fee increase to 115% of the MBS fee.

Repairnation Privates

Patients (RPP) Reports:

The WA treatment population as at June 2004 was 28,485 comprising of 22,208 Gold Card holders and 6,277 White Card holders. The overall population has decreased by less than 1% in the six months to June 2004, however the number of white cardholders has increased marginally from 5,614.

In WA, there was a 1.8% decrease in 2003/04 compared to a national decrease of 2.8%. During this period the male treatment population declined from 20,165 to 19,535 but the female treatment population remained reasonably stable (8,030 to 8,068). This is significant to the national trend and reflects the transfer of Gold Card entitlements from Veterans to War Widows.

The average age of the treatment population in WA is 73 compared to 75 nationally, 64% are aged 75 or over, the national treatment population reside in WA, and comprises of 9.7% of the national male population and 2.1% of the female population.

Medical & Surgical Services:

General surgery accounts for just over half of all surgical procedures followed by ophthalmological (eyes) = 8%, urological (prostate) = 5%, colorectal surgery = 4% and neurosurgical (spine) 4%.

Over the past 12 months the percentage of admissions has remained stable with Hollywood Hospital accounting for 51.5% of all admissions made up 28.4% at Stan Glenny VC Dinner, held in July.

A guest speaker from the National Servicemen’s Association, which members are strongly supporting the re-building of the Kings Park Memorial, has provided us with a splendid display for ANZAC Day 2005. After feeling the same as we did at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the rapid reconstruction that was so successful there, nothing is impossible.

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Poppy Day 2004

The sub-branch would like to give public recognition of the efforts of the Milim Pill Poppy School. The parade and a very fine display of poppies at our 3rd Friday meeting, the 27th of November 2004, was attended by representatives from the sub-branch located at our local community centre.

Graduation Awards

The sub-branch has been active in supporting the local community again presenting three awards to the local Milim Pill Poppy School.

The awards are presented to three students who display characteristics similar to those of the service veterans, whose names appear on the awards.

Len Copley

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"Sub-Branch News"
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President’s Annual Report 2004

This is my sixth Annual Report, and I am pleased to say this was very eventful. We gave a donation to Hocart Lodge early in the year of $597.00 for an overhead projector; which they could use for entertainment of residents and friends as well as instructions to staff.

After a lot of hard work by many people, we had the privilege and pleasure of the State President visiting at Binnung on VE Day, when the weather was friendly to us. There were a lot more people there from various organisations.

Then on Remembrance Day I again had the honour of dedicating a refurbished Memorial at Brunswick. This came about again after hard work by many members and others.

For both occasions we were entertained to refreshments by local people.

Last month Jim Hilt and I attended a ‘thank you’ morning tea (plenty to eat and drink) at Lodge where the tables, we presented to the Lodge the year before, were put to good use.

Since our last AGM two of our members have passed on. They were Kevin Clark and Sam Fry, who were always so kind to people.

I thank all members for their confidence and support to use during this year and I look forward to happy associations in the future.

I wish all members and their families a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

James Hill
President

Returned Sister

The Returned & Serviceswomen’s Sub-branch has had a happy and successful year under the leadership of our President Mrs Joyce Whiting who has helped from a keen band of office bearers and members.

Once again our member Mrs Barbara Clinton who is Chair of the RSL Functions Committee convened a very successful Poppy Day Lunch to raise funds for the new Chapel at Mentor Gardens. Members of the Sub-branch assisted on the Committee and by attending the lunch itself the sub-branch also gained a generous subsidy to those attending and a donation of $200 to funds. Members also sold raffle tickets which helped this year.

Last year the members of the Forces whose help was much appreciated.

Our vice president and treasurer were awarded Life Membership of the Branch. Our Christmas luncheon 2 members were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for all they have done. We have been in touch with those who are still well and those who have died.

We have a Joint Venture Grant which enables members to have payable outings. We made a $50 donation to the Cadet Award and presented a book to Naval Cadet. Our Magazine ‘Light Hearts’ keeps us all in touch.

Wagin

Wagin Woolorama Honours our Anzacs

The organisers of this year’s Wagin Woolorama plan to honour our Veterans through a series of displays and activities culminating in a Veteran’s Luncheon on Sunday, 13th March.

Now in its 32nd year, Wagin Woolorama is regarded as Western Australia’s premier rural agricultural show and regularly attracts 30,000 visitors each year.

This year’s show however, on Friday 11th & Saturday 12th March will be a rather special event to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the ANZAC Legion on the beaches of Gallipoli.

Individuals and organisation from around the south west of Western Australia will participate in bringing back to life and honouring military traditions particularly to those of our younger generation.

Historical Setting

The setting for all of the displays will be the Wagin Historical Village with its twenty-two restored and replica buildings that bring alive the early social history of the south west. The Village is located right in the Wagin Sports / Show Ground, the venue for Woolorama.

Home yards that replicate those used in the early 1900s will be staffed by the descendants of the families who originally lived there. There will also be a display of World War Two military vehicles from the Military Section of the Veteran Car Gallery.

The RAFF and Aviation Heritage Museum at Bulls Creek will also participate with photographs, toy planes and models of military aircraft.

The Men’s Health Peer Education Unit supported by the RSL and the Department of Veteran’s Affairs will offer information on medals and pensions and will be selling copies of Jack Sue’s superb book on ‘Force Operations’ Blood on Bomen’.

Items from the Film Collection, organised as one of the national private collections of military memorabilia in Western Australia, will be on display together with photographs of the war band and literature for their departure for Gallipoli.

Borneo Exhibition

The Village Hall at the Wagin Historical Village will house the Borneo Exhibition and the Sandakan Death March.

To quote Ryan Rowland, Borneo Exhibition Co-ordinator, the exhibition highlights the stories of capture, incarceration and endurance of those who served both World Wars, the Malayan emergency, Korea, Cambodia and the overseas commitment made by our peacekeeping forces around the world.

The gates will be open at 10.00 hours for ‘coffee’ and a chat and to view the military exhibition and the various displays. At 10.30 hrs the army band will entertain with a one hour concert during which there will be a short commemoration ceremony. A feature will be the music and songs so loved by those who served during World War Two.

A BBQ lunch will be served at 12.30 hrs and a cash bar will operate.

There will be a nominal donation of $5.00 to offset costs. For catering purposes veteran’s and their families are asked to indicate numbers by contacting the Secretary of the Wagin RSL Ian Menzies on home phone 9861 2039; telephone or send a facsimile to the Wagin Woolorama Trade & Consumer Fair office on 98612244 or via email woolorama.trade@westnet.com.au.

This three day commemoration of our military heritage is proudly supported by the Wagin RSL, the Department of Veteran’s Affairs and the Woolorama Committee of the Wagin Agricultural Society Inc.

Ian Menzies

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Rank: Sapper
Discharge Date: 11th September 1919

Peter Casserly, the son of a railway maintenance worker, was born at Gingen, Western Australia. He was one of six children, comprising of six brothers and five sisters. When Peter was seven years old, his family moved to Geraldton in Western Australia, where he attended schools. He later worked as a carpenter’s apprentice and a joiner for a short time before joining the army in 1917.

Peter completed training and was posted to the 3rd Light Horse Regiment before being sent to France. In February 1919, he was involved in an accident which resulted in him being invalided to England. After recovering, he was discharged from the army in September 1919.

Peter married and had two children. He later worked in the railway industry and had a successful career in railway construction. He retired from the railway industry in 1969 and died in 1989.

Peter was a quiet and unassuming man who never sought the limelight. However, his war service was marked by bravery and dedication. He was awarded the Military Medal for his actions in the field.

Peter Casserly was a man of few words, but his actions during the war spoke volumes. He was a true patriot and a hero to his country. His legacy lives on in the memories of those who knew him and in the service of his country.

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State Membership and Youth Committee Report

AFFILIATE MEMBERS
Problems that have arisen, related to affiliate members within the various sub-branches, are being addressed. This important area of membership is at last getting the attention it should have received many years ago. Changes are occurring due to the hard work of the membership committee.

Max Reynolds has worked on the affiliate category for three years. Bill Gaynor took Max's draft paper, outlining problems and suggested solutions, to The National Conference, in November 2004.

The Membership Committee was given a briefing by the State President, upon his return from the conference, on 9th of December 2004.

A special meeting, to which all sub-branch executive officers were invited, was convened on the 24th January 2005, to address the new structure of the League and affiliate membership. A very positive outcome was achieved.

The State Headquarters has been given the power, from National Executive, to change the structure of how affiliates are admitted into sub-branches and the fees that are payable for their membership.

RSL Headquarters now has a broad outline of the concerns and some possible solutions were raised at that meeting, held on the 24th January.

Sub-branch executive officers will now report back to their respective sub-branches, to ascertain the opinions of sub-branches for further. A special meeting will be held at headquarters, in the near future, so that feedback from the membership can be obtained and decisions made, based upon that information.

CADET OF THE YEAR

The 'Cadet of the Year', will be an exciting event this year, as the 'National Cadet of the Year' will be organised and co-ordinated by Western Australia.

Western Australia conducted the first cadet of the year programme, called the "Spirit of ANZAC". This state was also responsible for the 'Cadet of the Year' programme becoming a national event.

As in the past, sub-branches will be asked once more to show their generous support for this worldwide project. The support of our sub-branches will ensure that we continue to lead the other states in our cadet programme.

We need your continued and ongoing support through out the year. Small amounts of money donated from sub-branches will give us the opportunity to reward and encourage cadets, who participate in the programme, which is held at ANZAC House each year.

MEMBERSHIP AND WELFARE TRAILER
The Membership and Welfare trailer continues to be very successful. The trailer is being used, on average once per month, however, this does not represent the true figures, as requests are still being made for the trailer in the same dates, by different sub-branches.

To avoid the disappointment incurred by not obtaining the trailer on the required dates, sub-branches need to look at their calendar of events and book well ahead of the scheduled activity.

Seven bookings for use of the trailer have already been made for this year and unfortunately it has again been requested for the same dates, by two different sub-branches.

As the importance of this trailer, for membership promotions and much needed welfare work, is recognised by sub-branches it is being requested by more sub-branches. Increased bookings indicate the success of this initiative, which was instigated by the Membership and Welfare Committee.

Donations from sub-branches assisted us in purchasing and fitting out the trailer. As with any capital investment, it incurs costs related to repairs and maintenance. Donations to assist with these ongoing costs are very much appreciated and can be made through head office.

Gordon Norton
Chairman of the Membership Committee

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Patient Feedback

Our patients' well-being is the only outcome the hospital seeks, however Hollywood is flattered to continually receive enough flowers and thank you cards to stock a gift shop.

Don Fairs is just one patient who felt a need to express his appreciation after finding himself in dire need of medical treatment. In 2004, he received expert care from Hollywood professionals on three separate occasions - once in the hospital car park.

Mr. Fairs was leaving Hollywood in August - about seven months after attending the hospital for treatment of his heart condition - when he collapsed.

I was returning to my car after visiting a friend when my heart apparently fibrillated and stopped,' Mr Fairs said.

From that point, he was subject to the complete Hollywood service. Radiologist Dr Aarran Karr was first on the scene and put Mr Fairs on his side, cleared his throat and rested his bleeding head on his satchel.

Clinical nurse manager Nicky Vennelle began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and Dr Nick Dimon administered cardiac resuscitation.

Forty minutes after collapsing, Mr Fairs had been treated by two doctors and a nurse - and he hadn't even left the car park.

After he was stabilised, he was taken into radiology for a CAT-scan then to intensive care, passing through several sets of expert hands until he was fit for release days later.

It was almost a month to the day when Mr Fairs was re-admitted to remove a kidney. His heart again fibrillated and was again jump started by hospital staff.

You would understand if Mr Fairs was a bit tired of Hollywood!

However, the truth is he looks back on his experience with a heart full of appreciation and love.

I am certain that more than once my survival has been continued because of the direct assistance of the staff at Hollywood,' Mr Fairs said.

Hollywood has a wonderful medical team. I'm at a loss to acknowledge and thank the wonderful staff for the superb application of their medical training to my successful heart again beating.

'We all work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our patients and we do everything to ensure we have beds available,' she said.

You can rest assured the bed management team at Hollywood is working around the clock to ensure beds are always available, to ensure patients can be treated without delay, without prioritising any patient over another.

It's a great job - challenging at times, but extremely rewarding,' Jan said.

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Gastro Nurses Best in WA

In welcoming the staff and doctors of Rockingham Family Hospital to Ramsay Health Care, Managing Director Pat Grier said the company aimed to enhance the features that had made Rockingham a very successful hospital in the Perth region.

Rockingham Family Hospital has an excellent reputation in providing quality services in medical, surgical and maternity services and we look forward to continuing and expanding on the services available,' Mr Grier said.

We want the staff and doctors at Rockingham to feel confident that they are becoming part of a successful private hospital operating group with a strong culture and set of values.

Purchasing the Rockingham Family Hospital is a strategic decision for Ramsay Health Care as this hospital will complement the services already available at Hollywood Private Hospital and enable us to share some experience and resources.

Mr Grier said Ramsay Health Care would offer continued employment of all employees at Rockingham Family Hospital.

Rockingham Family Hospital's director of nursing Ruth Del Borelo will continue to manage the hospital.

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Leading the Fight Against Bowel Cancer

The disease claims more lives annually than road accidents, yet there are few bowel cancer awareness campaigns compared with the many road safety promotions.

This lack of awareness needs to change according to Hollywood Private Hospital consultant gastroenterologist Dr Matt Zimmerman.

'Someone in Australia dies of bowel cancer every two hours but, as a community, we ignore it,' he said.

Dr Zimmerman said the disease was a killer but was preventable if people took practical steps to ensure early detection of pre-cancerous abnormalities.

The earliest abnormality is a wart-like bump on the inside of the colon called a polyp,' he said.

'A polyp is a foreign tumour that rarely causes any symptoms, and can grow silently until it turns into a cancer. By the time a cancer has caused symptoms it can be incurable in up to 50 per cent of cases.

'If a polyp is removed before they turn cancerous the chance of developing bowel cancer is reduced by up to 90 per cent,' he said.

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Screening techniques range from a simple test to avoid a potentially fatal disease.

'Colonoscopy has the advantage of enabling the removal of polyps as a one-step procedure,' Dr Zimmerman said.

'Hollywood has excellent facilities and staff for colonoscopy, and is particularly good at the detection and treatment of polyps.' If you see your GP for a referral, you can make an appointment for a colonoscopy at Hollywood's gastroenterology unit on telephone: 08 9346 6494.

Early warnings of bowel cancer include:

- Any unexpected change in bowel habits like increased or decreased regularity, diarrhoea, constipation or changes in the shape or size of the bowel motions.
- Bleeding from the rectum.

If you have one or more of these symptoms, it's recommended that you see your GP.
Unveiling of Aboriginal Servicemen’s Plaque

Veteran’s Memorial Park, at Port Kennedy, was the venue for the dedication of a plaque to commemorate the contribution of Aboriginal men and women who served in all conflicts.

Present at the service were Mr Bob Brown, the local Liberal Party Member, Mr Paul Hansen representing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Ex-Servicemen’s Association, ex-service Aboriginal personnel and their families, members of the Nyoongah community, other ex-service personnel, Glenda Hume, daughter of the late Captain Reg Sanders, local ex-service police officers, members of the Totally and Partially Disabled Veterans of WA (Mandurah), TPI Association President Derek Phillips and Len Copley representing Mr Bill Gaynor, the State President of the RSL.

It was also there to pay homage to our indigenous ex service personnel.

Mr Ben West introduced himself and her role as facilitator of the service.

The introduction was followed by a traditional welcome by Mort Tanzen, playing the didgeridoo.

Dr Dennis Humphreys, then addressed the group and gave recognition of the contribution Aboriginal people have made during Australia’s periods of conflict. He also commented on the work of indigenous people, particularly John Schraa, in service. He commented that Aboriginal servicemen and women’s graves are marked, recognising the contribution and sacrifices that they have made. Graves that are currently, “but mounds of sand.”

The unveiling of the plaque, by Mr Ted Headland, Western Australia’s oldest surviving Aboriginal veteran, assisted by Bob Brown the Liberal Member for Peel, took place at mid morning on Australia Day, January the 26th.

Invited dignitaries and community members then laid wreaths at the base of the memorial.

Next, Mort Hansen performed a traditional Aboriginal ‘Smoking’ ceremony, to ward off evil spirits and welcome new (friendly) ones.

Salvation Army Major Darryl Robinson then lead the assembled crowd in the recital of ‘The Lord’s Prayer’.

The Last Post was played and 2 minutes silence observed in remembrance of those who paid the supreme sacrifice. Reveille was then sounded. The ‘Ode’ was recited by Betty West and then the assembled group sang the National Anthems.

At the conclusion of the dedication service, Kelvin Wormald shot a dummy round from the cannon, situated at the venue, as a salute to all Aboriginal ex-service personnel.

Following the service, many of those present at the venue accepted an invitation to partake of lunch and light refreshments at the Totally and Partially Disabled Veterans of WA (Inc) Clubrooms, in Baldwins.

Grave Recognition For Past Aboriginal Soldiers

Many of our readers may have viewed the Lotto’s television advertisement featuring 21st century assistance in helping to ensure the identification and restoration of the graves of Aboriginal ex service personnel, in order to preserve our history and assist the ‘healing’ process of our Aboriginal people.

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How planning ahead can help you ease the pain of a family’s loss.

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Unveiling of Aboriginal Servicemen’s Plaque continued

Glenola Hume, the daughter of the late Captain Reginald Walter Saunders, attended the plaque dedication service held at Veteran’s Memorial Park situated in Port Kennedy, on Australia Day. The plaque commemorates the contribution of Aboriginal men and women who served in all conflicts. Also attending the service were his grandchild and two great grandchildren.

John Schaars can be contacted through the research officer at DVA, in Perth.

Reg Saunders was born on 7 August 1920, a member of the Gundjirnunna tribe, in the small town of Purim, situated in the Western Victoria Region. In 1939, at the outbreak of the Second World War, Reg enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Forces.

Reg Saunders began his military career serving in World War Two and Korea. He was selected for training as an officer and graduated as a Lieutenant from an Officer Cadet Training Unit. Reg was later promoted to the rank of Captain and served in the Middle East with the 6th Division.

‘Company of the Third Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, when on active duty in Korea, was awarded a United States Presidential Citation for their role in the Battle of Kapyong.’

Ted Headland and Bob Brown.
Kampung Pensilangan or Kampung Shangai. A large number of visitorts make a trip from Sipadan to visit the village of Batu Punggul, site of the Tintal Caves. If you are interested in gaining some insights into the life of aborigines, you may wish to visit the Agricultural Research Station in Tenom. The Orchard Centre offers you a sight of the local vegetable that will mesmerize you. You will see rows of fruit trees lining the Gropy Murray. There are two Murut villages that are worth visiting. Situated 30km south of Tenom, they are Kampung Mamai and Kampung Kapuranpan.

Kota Belud is situated 53km northeast of Kota Kinabalu. There is a Sunday tango (Sunday Market) in Jalali Hassahib. You'll De able to witness some local handicrafts being sold in this market. Here, you'll be able to see Bajau, Rungus and Kadazan. Homemade handicrafts that are sold at the stalls, ranging from the countryside to sell their products. In December, there is an annual tango (maker) where you will also be able to witness several performances.

Kudat Peninsula is a place where you can sit back and relax on clean white beaches. Among the beaches are the Bako Bako Beach and the Kelambu Beach. You can also find Rungus longhouses at Kamping Tinangku, Kamping Muttungong and Kamping Momopli

**NATURE’S PARADISE**

**Beach**

If you are interested in coral reefs and marine life, you should visit Sipah. The islands of Sipah are famous for their diverse and interesting and spectacular coral reefs and marine life. If you are looking for a spot on a beach where you can sunbath and relax, then you should visit the area south of Sipah in Kota Kinabalu. The Tanjung An Beach is famous for its white sand and turquoise sea. Sipadan is also one of the places where you can see rows of old and new two-storied houses. Sipindan Island is also described as "a natural piece of art" and it is located at the southern part of the island.

If you are a diver, then you would definitely be interested in the underwater caves, such as the Turtle Caves, White tip Avenue and the Baruanada Point. All of these caves are filled with the iron with splendid corals and exotic plants. Most dive operators have their own diving stations on the island.

Sipah also offers many interesting places and apart from Sipindan Island, Layang-Layang Atoll is another perfect dive site. It is 7nm wide and 1.2nm long. If you are an experienced diver, this is an exceptional place for you. The Layang-Layang Atoll averages about 55 metres height and has an airfield and a three-star hotel.

For those interested in marine life, then you certainly should pay a visit here. You can witness the undersea denizens such as hammerhead sharks, manta rays, moray eels and hawksbill turtles. The island is also a haven for thousands of migratory birds.

Palau Tiga Park There are three islands in this park, namely, Pulau Tiga, Pulau Bulat and Pulau Gaya Island. It's 40km north of Sipindan Island and is part of the Sipindan Islands. It was registered as a Marine Park in 1977 so that the green turtles and hawksbill turtles can be protected.

**Attractions** - The turtles that come ashore to lay their eggs are collected by the Park staff and taken to the hatchery. The Park has a hatchery, which is open to the public. The turtles lay their eggs in the hatchery. The eggs are collected and incubated. After about 60 days, the hatching will be done. The hatchlings will dig their way to the surface, normally at night, when the sand is cooler. After that, they are released into the sea.

**Facilities** - If you wish to stay one or two nights so you can witness the nesting of the turtles, Palau Selanjan offers you accommodation.

**Getting there** - You can always get a boat from the Sandakan Harbour to your preferred spot off the Sipindan Island. It takes about 45 minutes to 3 hours to get where you wish, depending on your destination and the speed of the boat.

**Tunku Abdul Rahman Park**

The place - An area covers 4,922 hectares, there are five islands located between 30m and 60km off Kota Kinabalu that are designated as the Tunku Abdul Rahman Park. The objective is to protect the coral reefs, marine life and the natural flora and fauna. The Park is situated near the Mount Kinabalu. In 1979, the other three islands became a part of the park.

**Attractions** - There are various species of plants here including Kersang, Senjaya and Bungabulam. You will also see white sand dunes, orchids, giant pitting plants and pig Bunug Tambug (Megaqudo) is one of the most interesting species of birds here and it looks like a chicken with large feet but mews like a cat!

Snorkelling, diving and swimming is a must around these beautiful islands. The best coral reefs can be found between Pulau Sapi, Pulau Gaya and Pulau Daud. There are many marine species here, such as butterfly fish, barracuda, clown fish and others.

Bujolong Bay, a popular dive site, is also known as "Polaka Bay" and is situated at the north of Pulau Gaya. Large table corals, coral and staghorn corals dominate a dive site near Pulau Sapi called Clemen Reef. Mef Itf, is also another popular dive site, which consists of a submerged reef detached from the mainland and located at the eastern side. On the reef, there are many patches of anemones and coral fish, foremost the Paqui Cowfish is found here.

**Facilities** - In Pulau Muanun, you provide with chairasts, restaurants, tennis and squash courts, swimming pool and souvenir centres. There is also a rest house made available for you in Pulau Mamaiu, however, there is no accommodation in Pulau Sulug and Pulau Sap. It is permitted to camp overnight with prior permission from the Park Wardens.

**Best time to visit** - You should visit the island during December to May. But there's no harm in visiting at any time of the year. The reason is because it rains the heaviest from June to December during the southern monsoon; from January to May are the driest months at the coastal region of western Sipah.

**Getting there** - Board a boat that runs daily from the Kota Kinabalu jetty to the park.

**National Parks**

**Crocker Range National Park** is an area of more than 139,919 hectares of densely forested topography. It is located in the craggy Crocker Range dividing the western coastal plains from the park. The Rafflesia can be found there as well as other flora and fauna.

**Kinabalu Park**

The place - Mount Kinabalu is 4,095 metres high, which forms the focal point of Kinabalu Park. Stretching an area of about 7,557 hectares, it is the highest peak in Malaya and the largest highland birdwatching area in the world. The park is home to many exotic plants and birdwatchers, and adventurous people is the Kinabalu Park. It was registered as a National Park in 1954 because of its marvellous collections of flora and fauna.

**Attractions** - Trekking is an ultimate experience as well as the main attraction at the Park Headquarters. There are several trails and roads that lead to the summit of the Mount Kinabalu. It takes at least 2 days, 1 night to reach the top. If you are a birdwatcher, this is a haven for you because there are more than 300 species of birds and insects.

There are, however, about 5,000 to 6,000 species of vascular plants alone, about 1,000 species of orchids, 30 species of wild ginger, 20 species of ferns and 2 species of Rafflesia. The Rafflesia is the world's largest flower.

Daw Soria Moss (the world's largest moss), Low's Rhododendron (which span 30cm in width). Nepericho pitcher plant (which traps and digests insects), the Kinabalu Friendly Warbler and the Kinabalu Mountain Warbler can be found here. You will also have a chance to see rare plants like orchids, pteridophyta plants and unique pitcher plants in Kinabalu at the Mount Hulu Garden.
AGROTURISM ATTRACTIONS

Sabah Agricultural Park is about 15km from Kota Kinabalu. Located in Tropen, this park provides you educational and recreational facilities and it's an ideal place for the whole family to relax and to enjoy themselves. There are also a variety of activities and attractions like the specially-designed gardens at the Native Orchid Centre, Ornamental Garden, Hoya Garden, Tenom Orchid Centre, Evolution and Adaption Garden and others. You can fish and go-boating in a man-made lake too! If you are thinking of staying overnight, there are dorms and campsites available here.

Orchid De Villa is located at Kampung Kawanuk, about 45 minutes drive from Kota Kinabalu. An exotic myriad of orchids is displayed in two sections - Commercial Orchids, Hybrids from Thailand & West Malaysia and Borneo Orchids. The Orchid Centre also incorporates a fishing pond within the vicinity, a cactus garden, an interesting collection of indoor plants, an antique house, a cantina as well as accommodation and swimming pool for those who would like to spend more time to admire the blooms.

GETTING THERE

You can fly directly between Kota Kinabalu and regional capitals like Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Medan, Tokyo, Seoul, and Hong Kong with Malaysia Airlines. Domestic flights by Malaysia Airlines also link Kota Kinabalu to Labuan, Lahad Datu and Sandakan.

TOUR-CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT ESPLENADE

Fancy a new tourist hotspot that is located right in the heart of Kota Kinabalu and from the crystal clear blue seawaters of the Marine Park? This is exactly what the Tour-Cultural Entertainment Espenade will offer.

An idle seafront property will be transformed into the next tourist attraction, with an exhibition hall, entertainment theatre, club and a host of upmarket and local style eateries. The Tour-Cultural Entertainment Espenade will serve as the ultimate one-stop tourism and cultural activity centre.

This new attraction is designed to serve as an avenue for locals and tourist to interact and exchange ideas. The esplanade is fully supported by the venues and facilities, which host the various events planned.

Among the attractions are:

- Exhibition Centre
- The exhibition centre which has been built to promote and showcase local and traditional skills and crafts and trade shows.

- Entertainment/Amusement Theatre Club
- This serves as an ideal outlet to display Sabahans' talents. The club is a venue for live bands offering traditional, local as well as world chart-busting hits, cultural, classical and contemporary dance troupes, ballroom dancers, etc.

- Traditional, local and Seafood Restaurants
- For the less adventurous with food, these familiar restaurants offer familiar styles of food to the western tourists. Local diners can enjoy their own indomitable ambience.

- Floating Restaurant with Timber Deck
- A main attraction of the Esplanade Restaurant, is the novelty of dining while being surrounded by the crystal clear waters of the ocean.

- You can enjoy a romantic dinner for two, or take your entire family for a hearty meal. Patrons can also try their luck at fishing along the terraced areas of the restaurant for a very reasonable fee.

Among the anchor tenants, there is the Beach Club, a trendy and upbeat entertainment outlet, the Port View seafood Village, a Chinese seafood restaurant, Edo Ichii, a popular bar, the fast-food chain, Coffee Bean, a Brazilian restaurant, a Shanghai restaurant, a fusion food outlet and a number of souvenir shops. Oil palm trees for the benefit of foreign tourists grace the surrounding areas of the esplanade.

As of December 2003, your trip to Sabah will not be complete without a visit to the Tour-Cultural Entertainment Esplanade. A definite place to add into your list of places to visit.

THE BEACH CLUB

As the sunsets upon this bustling city, the Beach Club comes to life. Welcoming the extremely early happy hours crowd, businessmen, bankers, lawyers, travellers, people from all walks of life drop by the city's newest and hottest watering hole.

The ambience of The Beach Club is relaxing and laidback, excellent for winding down after a hard day's work. The decor of the club is casual yet distinctive, reflecting the impeccable taste of its interior decorator, who is also the Managing Director of the club.

As you step into this enchanting world, you pause and gaze around in awe at the size of the place. The Beach Club is the largest Dance Club in East Malaysia. With the capacity to hold around 1,000 people at anytime.

To service the customers there is a fully equipped bar. The Island Bar, situated in the middle of the club, is the largest Island bar in Sabah. The Beach Club boasts a full range of beverages from cocktails and liquor.
Australia Day Medallion Presentation

The presentation of Australia Day Medallions, to acknowledge the work of community organisations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the community and the League, was held at ANZAC House on Monday the 24th of January.

Mr Bill Gaynor, the State President of the League, welcomed distinguished guests including the Japanese Consulate General Mr Hisayuki Arinobol, Sir Charles and Lady Court, nominated award recipients and League members.

In his welcoming address Mr Gaynor acknowledged the importance of Australia Day, which unites all Australians to express their pride in our country. He said that it is a day on which many of our “newest” Australians are granted citizenship and begin their new life as part of our society.

Mr Gaynor expressed his belief that Australia Day, like other days of celebration, including birthdays and anniversaries, are a time for celebration of achievements, reflection of what needs to be done and contemplation of the legacy we leave.

As a nation, whilst celebrating our achievement we should also, according to the State President, give thanks for our good fortune that we live in a democratic, prosperous country that is safe, secure and comparatively trouble free.

Mr Gaynor said that he considered the sense of shared humanity and generous spirit of both our government and individuals within our community, was reflected by our duty to assist our Asian neighbours and countrymen, during the recent tsunami and the South Australia fires. He reminded us of the challenge of the many hundreds of youths in the organisation, who have performed the pre-ANZAC Day night Vigil over the last 75 years.

The transformation of our society, since the 1950’s, into the strong multicultural base now evident, reflects, according to Mr Gaynor, the unique profile of our population. A diverse population with such different outlooks and expectations, that the challenge is for a thread to appear that will serve as a unification medium.

It is the ANZAC spirit, forged on the battlefields when our country’s history was relatively new, which, in Mr Gaynor view, emerge as in traditional values that will show the way to build a bright future for this great country of ours.

At the conclusion of the address Mr Gaynor related that, that if we are to build a strong nation, we also need to look to the family and its influence on family members. The role of the family and the lessons learned through the family environment will, he believes, assist in the character development, the setting of challenges and the achievement of goals for individuals.

Mr Gaynor then invited the guests to witness the presentation of awards, acknowledging the work of community organisations and individuals, who have made outstanding contributions to both our League and the Australian People.

Mr Gaynor and Shane Seers, the State Secretary, then presented the awards to the following nominees.

- **Damien Dixon**
  - President and Veteran’s Advocate of the Donnybrook RSL Sub-Branch was awarded an Australia Day Medal and certificate in recognition of his tireless efforts to benefit ex-service men and women. The award was presented on behalf of the State President.

- **Gary Sutherland**
  - President’s Certificate of Appreciation from the National RSL, for his efforts at the State Executive level. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the League.

- **Len Copley**
  - President’s Certificate of Appreciation from the National RSL, for his efforts at the State Executive level. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the League.

- **Barbara Clinton**
  - Day Medallion and certificate, was awarded by the National RSL, for her efforts at the State Executive level. She was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service to the League.

- **Rover Scouts**
  - Rover Scouts receiving certificates for night vigil at the State Memorial from the State President.

- **Barbara Clinton**
  - Day Medallion and certificate, was awarded by the National RSL, for her efforts at the State Executive level. She was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service to the League.

- **Chelsea Pensioners**
  - Chelsea Pensioners, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National RSL, for their efforts at the State Executive level. They were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service to the League.

- **Gaynor and Seers**
  - Gaynor and Seers received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National RSL, for their efforts at the State Executive level. They were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service to the League.

- **Men in Sheds**
  - Men in Sheds receiving certificates, for their work in the community, were recognised for their contributions to the League.

- **Women’s Auxiliary**
  - Women’s Auxiliary receiving certificates, for their work in the community, were recognised for their contributions to the League.

- **Australian Rotary League**
  - Australian Rotary League receiving certificates, for their work in the community, were recognised for their contributions to the League.

- **State President**
  - State President’s Certificate of Appreciation, presented to Mr Gaynor, for his service to the League.

- **Malcolm Court**
  - Malcolm Court was awarded the State President’s Certificate of Appreciation, for his service to the League.

The Returned & Services League of Australia provides annually for a Christmas Luncheon for the Chelsea Pensioners of the United Kingdom, in 2004 the WA Branch was responsible for the co-ordination of the luncheon.

Through the very generous support of the Agent General to Western Australia, Mr Robert Fisher, AM, the Luncheon was once again a resounding success as can be seen in these photos.

Christmas Luncheon – Chelsea Pensioners
Korea the Forgotten War
Ron Thiele
Korea the Forgotten War is quite different from most books written on the war. This is to be expected, as the author, Ron Thiele, has spent many years as a soldier and diplomat in Korea, and his book is based on his own experiences.

Operational Orders
Pat Beale has written an evocative account of how soldiers in the Australian army prepared for war. He describes the logistics, dates and allied nations that supervised the army. The book is well written and contains many excerpts from soldiers' letters.

A Question of Duty
Pat Beale describes the Australian doctrine of waging war in Southeast Asia. The book is quite readable and contains many interesting anecdotes about the soldiers' individual experiences, emotions, and opinions during their allocated time in Korea.

A large number of the books that I have read, relating to war history and experiences, do not make good general purpose text books for our schools. Korea the Forgotten War is one book that I can highly recommend for inclusion in any school library. The book, containing 155 pages, includes 6 pages of photographs, is not heavy reading and therefore quite enjoyable reading experience. It is written in a format that provides the reader with a clear chronological order of the dates and times of the battles that occurred in Korea.

Pat Beale relates how, at the time of the Korean War, just how unprepared the United Nations was for war, despite the fact that only a few short years had elapsed since the conclusion of World War Two. Prior to 1945 the Japanese controlled Korea. At the cessation of hostilities, the victorious Allied nations supervised the new Korean nation. Allied nations supervised to supervise North Korea. Military historians consider that the Korean War occurred as a consequence of Russian expansion and as a reaction to Korea directly after World War Two. The book documents within the book makes it quite obvious that Russia was the instigator of the Korean War, that Soviet influence was so strong that it induced the United States and China to enter the war. The book also discusses how much North Korea could have been considered a puppet state of China, and even bolster that the United Nations Security Council Meeting, where they could have veto action taken by the United Nations.

ISBN 0- 666-41038-8 Soft cover $25.00, priced at $25, including post and packaging. Book can be purchased directly from the publisher.

Mr R Thiele
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Remembrance Day Service in Hellfire Pass 2004

The Defence Reserves Association took a group of 46 people to observe Remembrance Day in Hellfire Pass, Thailand.

In World War II remembrance activities above John Parkes (8th Division Sign), Bill Haskell (2/3 Machine Gun Battalion) and Don Lee (2/4 Machine Gun Battalion). There were about 100 people, including staff from the Australian Embassy, at the service. Don Lee gave a graphic address of the conditions experienced by his group, known as 'TF Force.'

Symbol of the RSL Badge

The wattle is symbolic of Australia. The beak, rose, the thistle and the shamrock are symbolic and represent the link with Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland respectively.

The badge is a symbol of a readiness at all times to render service to Queen and Country, and to former comrades, and is worn in honour so that those who have rendered service in Her Majesty's armed forces.

Wheatbelt Vietnam Veterans.

The Wheatbelt Vietnam Veterans organisation has taken on the task of raising $3,000 towards building a Reflection Pond Memorial.

The Shire of Merredin have set aside land available for the project in Forrester Park, adjacent to the Shire offices. We are seeking donations to help with the project directly from the community. Most of the Merredin RSL members are Vietnam Veterans and have been raising money from raffles and donations for charity work.

Hoping you can assist.

Aub Tompkin
Project Coordinator
Wheatbelt Vietnam Veterans
PO Box 402
MERRIDEN WA 6415
Ph: 08 9041 1560

Saint George's Cathedral

Please note the two corrections to the Cathedral Services for 2005.

Sunday 22nd May at 1700hrs – Evensong for Palestine Police
Saturday 18th June at 1100hrs – Special Service for Guards Assoc
**Donations Received in 2004**

The R.S.L. (WA) Retirement and Aged Care Association would like to thank all those RSL sub-branches, individuals, and companies that we received very generous donations from in 2004. These donations have made an improvement in the lives of the residents at the Menora and Brookvale Springs Hostels for which staff and residents are very grateful. We encourage others to get involved to make a difference to the welfare of our veterans. Please make cheques payable to ‘R.S.L. (WA) Retirement & Aged Care Association Inc’ and specify the donation as a ‘general donation’.

The following donations were received in 2004:

- RSL Auxiliary Boyup Brook – $1000
- RSL Mt Lawley-Ingoldwood – $40
- RSL Narroga – 51
- Bassendean Fire Brigade – $50
- CWA of Wandering – $1000
- RSL Women’s Auxiliary – $600
- Bassendean St John Ambulance – $5
- RSL Mt Barker – $147
- Doric Pty Ltd – $100
- RSL Wanneroo-Inglewood – $2500
- RSL Applecross – $2500
- RSL South Fremantle – $2500
- RSL Brook – $2500
- RSL Vic Park & Vincent Veterans – $2500
- RSL Rivervale – $2500
- RSL Highgate – $5000
- RSL Mt Lawley-Ingoldwood – $40
- RSL Osborne Park – $2500
- RSL Yanchep-Two Rocks – $1250
- RSL Quinns Rocks – $1250
- RSL South Perth – $1000
- Government Bus Line – $200
- RSL Highgate – $150
- RSL Service Committee – $500

Donations received in January 2005 were very worthy of noting:

- RSL Returned Servicemen – $2500
- RSL Rockingham – $1500

**Would you like to Volunteer?**

Of course! We always come in ways other than monetary ones and at the moment we are actively seeking volunteers for the Menora Hostel. We need you for:

- **Reading to residents**
- **Bus trips for Monday mornings**
- **Clothing alterations** – for mostly simple clothing alterations to residents’ clothes, e.g. hemming trousers, sewing on buttons.
- **Manicures** – Twice weekly manicuring resident’s nails (please note you need to complete a free course with the WA Health Department).
- **Bringing in a dog weekly or fortnightly, preferably a lap dog, one that is quiet, good and likes lots of attention!**

Craft materials are also always welcome – anything from balls of wool to buttons. If you would like to help please contact the R.S.L. (WA) Retirement and Aged Care Association on 9370 0200. We would like to express our gratitude to our current volunteers for their input and care given to our residents.

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**WA RSL Bowls**

**Sorrento Trio Win Triples**

The 2004 RSL Champion Triples, sponsored by the Scarborough sub-branch and played at Doubleview, attracted a good field of 24 bowlers.

Ivan Marshall, Roy Backwell and Ian Cognygham, Sorrento, were the winners with three wins – 22 shots up, runners up were an Osborne Park team of John Cooper, Jim Griffiths and Ray Fordham with three wins and 12 shots.

Third place went to our president Tony Stelling and his team of Ray Stapleton and Ian Black, Scarborough two wins, a draw and 21 shots up.

Round winners were Ray Bourne’s team of Les Webb and KFC (Kevin Fehly Champion) to the unlimited.

Second round went to our Dudley Docking, with Max O’Doughlin and Alan Little.

Round three winners were two new iniciates to the bowls section, Eamon Wiermansen and Bob Anderson, Yarrawonga, and Ian Crossman from Beaconsfield.

**FOOTNOTE:** Congratulations to DEANNE COOPER, wife of John, and a regular RSL mixed bows supporter on her selection for the interstate Round Robin.

**DIGGERS’ DAY**

A brilliant turnout of twenty eight teams at the running memorial bowling club for this event was the highlight of the December programme.

Actually, it was only 27, one team, unamed, turned up two players short, but manning president Robert Uppl concepcted four volunteers, two for the am game and two for the pm game so the problem was solved. The gesture was greatly appreciated, especially by the bloke who was two bowlers short.

The winning team was Max Pleser, Skip, Barry Martin, Echo Wiermansen, a new recruit to RSL bowls, and Ian Crossman. Runners up were an Osborne Park team of Archie Owens, Skip, J. Boyle, Dennis Irving, and Arthur Dolfvin was the lead.

Third place went to A. Goodin, Skip, R. Murrner, Max Kinnaird and K. Peters, D. Andrews, A. Tucker, K. Jones and K. Norton won the first round, four of the stalwarts of RSL bowls, Bill Brown, Skip, Ralph King, Ted Synnes, Gunther Dick and Ray Campbell won the second round by 22 points. A hot team.

Next years winners were Terry Byrne-King, Skip, Max Litrat, Dennis Wall and R. Walker.

To top off the generous sponsorship by the manning club and the Department of Veteran Affairs, the world famed maiming ladies produced another great diggers’ day lunch.

On behalf of the WA RSL bowls, thank you, folks, for another great day.

The tall end of the first part of the bowling season was a pretty busy time for the bowls section. Master Builders, police versus the state squad, Diggers’ Day, Dudley Park men’s bus trip and the championship triples.

The Master Builders versus the RSL was in doubt right up to the kick off and it was thanks to the North Beach greenskeeper that we played at all. The weather was so bad he held off marking the greens all the last minute.

The greens were fairly heavy, as expected, but in true bowls tradition the jack went down and the game began just as the sun came out.

That didn’t help the builders very much as they succumbed to the RSL by 69 shots, Tom Kinnaird was the boss skip for the RSL, with Cyril Spinks, Des Murray and John Roddy supporting... 38 to 5 were the score.

The annual practice game between the State team and the Wallonop was played at Osborne Park. This game is the last hit out for the RSL bowlers before the nationals and no result was recorded.

Representatives from Hollywood Private Hospital were there to present and photograph the new shirt. Don’t know who the model was as I wasn’t present the pictures. I didn’t see Elle MacPherson anywhere around the Park, though I did see some XXXXX.

Watch the Listening Post!

**Max Pleser**

WA RSL Bowls

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**Members and sub-branches are advised that the State Executive has called an Extraordinary General Meeting of the OUt to consider amendments to The Constitution and Rules of the State Branch to facilitate the implementation of a new service model**

The meeting will be held at ANZAC House, Perth at 9.30am on **FRIDAY 1ST APRIL, 2005**

Formal notice of the meeting together with the Agenda will be issued to sub-branches by 21st February, 2005

The proposals to be placed before the meeting will include:

- Three Terms of office for State Executive
- Postal Ballot for positions
- A revised Executive Portfolio system with election to specific positions

**W.E. Gaynor OAM RFD**
**STATE PRESIDENT**

27 January, 2005
Looking for Participants

On November 22nd 1956 the Opening Ceremony of the Melbourne Olympic Games began when the Massed Bands of the Royal Australian Navy marched on to the Melbourne Cricket Ground. They were followed by the Massed Bands of the Australian Army with the Central Band of the Royal Australian Air Force situated on a stage near the perimeter fence where they were to accompany the Massed Choirs.

It will be 50 years since that spectacular day, and a committee of former Bandmasters has been formed to organise a Golden Jubilee Reunion to be held in Melbourne between 24-26 November 2006.

Of more than 400 Bandmasters who took part, organisations have located only 50 people. If you, or someone you know, was a member of any of these bands, the committee would like to hear from you.

The proposed weekend will include a full day Reunion, a committee to accompany the Choirs, the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force march on the 22nd November.

Letters to the Editor

"Comment by delegate offenders"

Dear Sir,

An article in the December 2004 The Listening Post, Headed "Comment by delegate offenders" reminded me of the time I was a delegate at Congress some years ago. I spoke on the same subject as Mrs Leslie Oller, and received the same type of response from one of the delegates, that is to say, it was pointed out to me by one of the delegates and those who support them that this attitude is not representative of the RSL.

If we want to keep members in the RSL and increase numbers, let it be known that the RSL fought the same war and did not surrender when they were on the ropes. I know - I was there.

It is in the best interest of this world that it be the suggestion made by that British Labor, that any dealing with the RSL and the Government is not acceptable. The Prime Minister should tell these delegates and those who support them that this attitude is not representative of the RSL.

Reg Rad

Executive Teams Support New Governance Proposals

Presidents and Secretaries attending a sub-branch briefing in January overwhelmingly supported new governance proposals explained to them by State President Bill Gaynor OAM RFD. Approval was granted to call an Extraordinary General Meeting on 1st April 2005 to formalise the proposed constitutional amendments to the membership for confirmation.

Essentially, amendments will allow for a three year term of office for all State Executive positions including those elected to represent country regions. Branches will be by postal ballot across sub-branches using the existing proportional vote allocation system. Country representatives will be elected by a vote per country sub-branch.

It is believed that by non-attendance of thehus position the member will bring leadership, credibility and functional expertise to the various operations of the RSL State Branch.

Should the implementation proceed according to plan we hope to have the new system operational at the beginning of July. Full details of the governance package will be released to sub-branches late in February, 2005.

RSL Remembrance Day Lunch Report

11 November 2005

12:15 p.m.

Work is already under way for another successful Remembrance Day Lunch. The venue Novotel Langley Prestige at 3199/325 Coolum St North was already decided as suitable, being central to the City with easy access from the suburbs, and adequate parking.

Fortunately the cost of the function remains the same $40.00 a head, making it within the reach of all.

In some cases sub-branches consider it such an important occasion for those unable to attend commemorative services they subsidise part of the ticket cost members.

Others make up tables of ten, which include active, reserve and families anyway, a single ticket or a table for ten will ensure you enjoy the occasion.

The 2004 function was extremely well attended and successful and gave opportunity to remember and catch up with friends of a bygone era. In celebration of the occasion the ex-missus all profits from one of the suburban branches' commodement chapel at the RSL Retirement and aged care reform service and families who supported the 2004 function will be pleased to know that a donation of $500 was forwarded on their behalf.

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The State Executive and the Editorial Board have embarked on a project to enhance the image of The Listening Post newspaper. We have come a long way in just four years but now believe it is time to add to the content selections features to make it a newspaper that you will want to read.

New editorial material, feature topics such as food, art, travel, short & sharp articles, news items, cartoons, and even a crossword will start to appear over coming issues. It will be increased in size to 32 pages with colourful layout and design. Circulation has increased to 15,000 copies and distribution will be to all members and ADF installations. It will be delivered by post direct to your home every second month.

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