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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We must plan for the years ahead

Of major importance since my last message, has been the National Convention held in Sydney during the Remembrance Day Week 1978. The object of the Convention was to consider “The Future of the League” in the areas of membership; welfare; immigration; security; defence; drugs; the energy crisis and youth and family participation in League activities.

From all accounts the Convention was a major success, and I sincerely hope that this will be the beginning of a far-reaching in-depth study of what the League intends to do in the future, and what course it will set for those who will be its members in the years that lie ahead.

We, as an organisation, have a great responsibility to our members — to those whom we were originally established to serve, and to the Australian community and nation, as a whole.

We must all face the future with a new concern and with a new enthusiasm in order to play our part in the defence of freedom, justice and the spiritual qualities that over the years have made Australia what it is today.

Equally important are the following events which should be clearly marked in your diary for 1979: ANZAC DAY, STATE CONGRESS, NATIONAL CONGRESS, RSL WEEK, culminating in REMEMBRANCE DAY.

Reference is made to these important events elsewhere in this issue. Please familiarise yourselves with all details and enquire, not only your own participation, but that of your family and friends.

My own involvement in the 60th Anniversary of Remembrance Day on November 11 last year in France, was an unforgettable “once-in-a-life-time experience”.

It was in fact, a major diplomatic and commemorative undertaking of notable success and allowed many of our members, who helped make the history of the Great War, to see once more the old battlefields of Gallipoli, Belgium and France, which helped to create Australia’s great military traditions.

It might well be the last time that men from the 1914-18 War will travel as a group to that part of the world. Appropriately it did allow Australia to be represented at Villers Bretonneux on the 60th anniversary of one of our great occasions in history.

1979 is the “YEAR OF THE CHILD” and I believe, like many others, that this will be an ideal time for the League to expand its commitments to the youth of our country. Sub-branches are urged to join together in making a positive contribution to this particular project.

Our work for young people is the most certain means by which we can demonstrate our concern for the problems of future generations and our determination to use our resources to contribute to the well being of all young Australians.

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reasonable political stability and geographical remoteness from disruptive international issues, provide an unparalleled life style and a future of limitless potential.

With the foregoing in mind, it becomes incongruous that Australia has failed to provide itself with reasonable means of protecting its possessions and its future. Instead, we seem to have relied on our good fortune, our remoteness, our allies and diplomacy to provide our security.

All this has been an alternative to a satisfactory military capability. As a nation, we seem unwilling to pay the premium on an increasingly vital insurance policy — a comprehensive and adequate defence system.

The League holds strongly to the view that the first objective of Defence Planning should be the provision of a Force that provides a deterrent that is a clear indication to any would-be aggressor that the price of victory would be very high indeed and most certainly disproportionate to the likely gains. Every Australian must be concerned with the defence of Australia. — LEN PHENNA (State President).

ANZAC DAY — DAWN SERVICE

STATE WAR MEMORIAL

No doubt everyone is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of this great State at some time during the year 1979. The RSL is also arranging celebrations at a later date but the two most important is ANZAC DAY and REMEMBRANCE DAY and a cordial invitation is extended to all Ex-Servicemen and Women to take part in these two Commemoration Services.

Meet your mates and take pride in remembering those who gave their lives so that we may still enjoy the life we are living.

The customary Dawn Ceremony will be conducted at the State War Memorial, King’s Park on Wednesday, April 25, 1979.

DAWN SERVICE PROCEDURE

Assembly Point

On roadway below Floral Clock, 5.40 a.m.

Column

Will move off to State War Memorial, 5.58 a.m.

Buglers & Drummers

Will lead the column, followed by Wreath Bearers

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Laying of Official Wreaths

To be followed by those of Unit & Kindred Associations

"Silence"

Flags will be broken, lowered and

"Gunfire"

then raised to half mast

"Reveille"

Private Wreaths

Will be raised to mast head

Buggers

March off

THE 63rd ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS

For the guidance of Sub-Branches the following information is given regarding the forthcoming Annual State Congress of this State Branch, starting on Friday, May 18, with the official opening by the National President, A.G.W. Keys, OBE, MC, JP, at Government House Ballroom.

Working sessions will be held on the Saturday and Sunday, and the venue will be the Red Cross Hall, Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: 212 Bus: Stand 38: St. George’s Terrace. Stops at front door of Hospital. Bus stops along St George’s Terrace, but the central point is just past Allenade Square and in front of Community Welfare Department Building.

(If Country members advise where they are staying, Headquarters will endeavour to make arrangements to have the them picked up by other Delegates).

MEALS: Each Sub-Branch is responsible for delegates/ expenses. Morning, afternoon tea and lunch will be served at the Congress Venue.

NOMINATIONS: Rule 25: All nominations for the position of President, Vice-presidents (2), and Committee members (9 required), shall be made by a Sub-Branch at a properly constituted meeting, shall be in writing and closed with the State Secretary not less than six weeks before the opening of Congress — i.e. Friday, April 6.

All Sub-branches shall receive notification of all nominations received not less than one month before the opening of Congress. All nominees must be financial members of the State Branch and must signify their willingness to accept office.

All candidates for office in the League, whether paid or honorary, shall, when nominated, declare themselves in full accord with the principles of the League.

Nominations may include any financial member of the W.A. State Branch, and not merely members of their own Sub-branch.

It will be necessary for Sub-branch secretaries to act immediately.

LEAGUE TRUSTEES: Three Trustees will be nominated for election by the State Executive for endorsement by Congress. The term of appointment is three years.

AGENDA ITEMS: All Agenda items for State Congress MUST be accompanied by preamble for each item, be in writing and closed with the State Secretary on Friday, April 6, 1979.
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IT IS MOST IMPORTANT that Sub-branches carefully discuss any proposed Agenda items, to ensure that the subject matter comes within the scope of League activities. Particular interest must be given to Constitutional items, and a clear and specific indication given as to the Rules which are desired to be altered.

The following are suggested as appropriate headings for Agenda items: (a) Immigration, (b) Defence, (c) Repatriation, (d) Listening Post, (e) Defence Service Homes, (f) State War Memorial, (g) Anzac Day, (h) War Veterans’ Home, (i) Remembrance (Poppy) Day, (j) Membership, (k) Anzac House, (l) Anzac Club, (m) Constitution (National and State), (n) Administration.

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT: One delegate per 75 financial members, or part thereof, and based on membership figures.

as at December 31, 1978, with a limit of six delegates per Sub-branch.

An accredited delegate may be appointed from another Sub-branch and this may be extended to allow one delegate to represent more than one Sub-branch. Proxy Delegates may be appointed, but may only act in the absence of Delegates from any sitting of Congress.

The Congress levy is $5.00 for one delegate, for two or more it is $10.00.

ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITIONS: Entries for consideration in the various Trophy Competitions should be submitted to the State Secretary not later than Friday, April 6. Trophies will not be awarded unless sufficient entries are received to ensure a competitive interest.

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VALE

Mrs Jean Elsie Ferguson (nee Robinson),
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On Wednesday, 7th February, members of the Returned Sisters Sub-branch of the RSL, attended a Memorial Service for their late member, Mrs J.E. Ferguson who died on 30th January, this year after a long and disabling illness.

As matron of the Repatriation General Hospital Hollywood, Western Australia from 1947 to 1968, Mrs Ferguson will be well remembered by the hundreds of Service and Ex-service men and women who have passed through the hospital during that time.

A graduate of the Perth Hospital, Jean Robinson, joined the Australian Army Nursing Service Reserve in 1939 and was enlisted for Service in 1940. Her overseas postings included Britain, Egypt and Palestine.

On return to Australia, she married Captain Boyd Ferguson, who shortly afterwards was killed in action in New Guinea. Rejoining her Unit, Mrs Ferguson saw further Service in the New Guinea campaign at Buna, Madang and Aitape. In 1945 Mrs Ferguson returned to the 110th Military Hospital at Hollywood and was subsequently appointed matron when the administration of the Hospital was taken over by the Repatriation Department in 1947.

In addition to her civilian nursing activities, Mrs Ferguson continued her Army service with the C.M.F. and was appointed Principal Matron, Western Command. In 1964 she retired from the Service with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

HONOURS

In 1953 Mrs Ferguson became an Associate of the Royal Red Cross (ARRC) and later was awarded the Efficiency Decoration (ED). In the 1963 Queen’s Birthday Honours’ List she received the MBE for her work at the Repatriation General Hospital, and in 1969 the Red Cross Society awarded her the Florence Nightingale Medal in recognition of her services to nursing.

Prior to her retirement from nursing in 1968, which was precipitated by failing health, Mrs Ferguson took an active part in all nursing activities. She was a staunch supporter of the Returned Sisters’ Sub-branch; RSL, occupying the position of President during difficult years. It was in recognition of this service that in 1978 she was awarded a Certificate of Service of the League. She was also a member of the War Widow’s Guild.

Her interest in Professional Nursing Organizations included the Royal Australian Nursing Federation, the Nurses’ Memorial Centre and the College of Nursing Australia of which she was a Foundation Fellow.

For one who was so active and looked forward to the enjoyment of life, her forced inactivity and total dependence on others demanded a particular kind of courage, which was certainly not lacking, and it was a tribute to this courage as well as her life and work which filled the Church of St Laurence in Dalkeith with her friends and colleagues at her Memorial Service.

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MURRAY AUXILIARY CELEBRATES ITS 54th YEAR

Members of the Murray RSL Auxiliary were planning happily for what they could have called their golden anniversary — their 50th year — when all of a sudden it was discovered that the Auxiliary had been in existence for 54 years.

After all, what did it matter. They had an extra four years to celebrate and they didn’t mind — contrary to the accepted belief about women — telling their real age.

The party went ahead in the Pinjarra RSL Hall and attracted an attendance of 100 members and guests, among whom were State President Len Phenna and his wife, State President of the Women’s Auxiliary Joy Ford, State secretary Mrs Sullivan and State treasurer Mrs Lowe, along with visitors from Mandurah, Waroona and Harvey-Brunswick. All were welcomed by Murray President Margaret Harte.

By special request, Kate Muncie, a foundation member of the Mandurah branch and holder of the Certificate of Merit, recited “grace” in a delightful “north of the border” burr.

After the sumptuous buffet luncheon, Mr Phenna spoke of the continuing need for the RSL, and then paid a special tribute to Vi Symington, of North Dandalup, a former member of the State Auxiliary Executive and also to State Executive Mrs Ryniker, formerly of Coolup, who had journeyed from Perth to be present.

Mr Phenna closed by presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs Harte, who received it on behalf of the Branch.

Mrs Ford presented Mavis Gardiner with Life Membership, and Val Dilley and Lilah Amm each received a Certificate of Service.

Mrs Harte said later that the presentations had been a well-kept secret. Each recipient knew the others were to receive an award but not that she herself would be honoured.
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WRAAC CORPS DAY CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate the 28th anniversary of the formation of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps, members of the WRAAC Association (WA) organised a complete day of activities on Sunday, February 11. These included a Service of Remembrance at the State War Memorial, a pre-luncheon gathering, and to follow, a luncheon and re-union at the Perth Concert Hall Tavern.

Lady Kyle, accompanied by her Secretary, Mrs Mary Brazier, attended the Service, which was conducted by Chaplain Moody MA, of the Australian Regular Army.

This was a brief, but moving service, in memory of the fallen in all wars and deceased members of the WRAAC; in particular, the first Director, Colonel Kathleen Best, RRC, OBE, and Colonel Sybil Howy Irving, MBE, the first Honorary Colonel of the Corps.

Privates Dee Kilfoyle (ARA) and Shelley Bailey (A Re's) laid a wreath of green and gold, and Master Andrew Barrie (Young Australia League) sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

PENSION CORNER

Questions of income and qualifications

BY JIM GIBLETT

A new year is upon us and the big question is what do we have in store for ourselves. In retrospect, we learn from the events of 1978, when a survey showed that the average age of World War 2 veterans was just over 60. Many retired from the work force and more will bow out this year.

The “blue” leaflet we produced showing current war pension rates as well as the story of the Service Pension — what it is and how to get it — is very popular and certainly gives those interested ideas on how to cope with the economic side of retirement. You can have one by sending the Secretary a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

There are some highlights about the Service Pension I emphasise. Male members of the Australian Armed Forces who have reached the age of 60 can receive the Service Pension if they served in a Theatre of War.

The pension rate is determined by a test on income and if the applicant is married a Service Pension, payable at the same amount he gets, is granted to his wife regardless of her age, providing she does not receive a social service pension in her own right.

There is an exception in some cases when the veteran is 70 or over and when his wife is not yet 70.

I have mentioned service in a Theatre of War as one of the qualifications. There is a difference between “Active Service” and “Service in a Theatre of War”. The definition of the latter is that the ex-servicee must have served in a place where he was exposed to the hostile forces of the enemy.

In World War 2, practically all places outside Australia were Theatres of War but only a few places within Australia come within that definition.

At present, a married couple can receive the maximum Service Pension if their joint income is not greater than $69 a fortnight. The rate is now $88.70 a fortnight for each man and his wife.

If income is more than $69, a part pension is payable until the income figure reaches $420 a fortnight. After that, no pension is payable until the age of 70 is reached.

Imagine a husband who is a returned soldier aged 61. He is working, earning a gross amount of $180 a week or $360 a fortnight. They have saved $2,000 which is deposited in a savings bank, earning 3% per cent a year or $2.89 a fortnight interest.

Their joint income is, therefore, $362.89 a fortnight. Does it surprise you to know they can each receive a Service Pension at the rate of $15.23 a fortnight.

The same income test applies to Social Service Pensions, so that the mythical husband I talk about could, if aged 66, receive either a Service Pension or a part age pension in addition to his $360 earnings plus interest from their bank account and so could she receive $15.23 a fortnight.

The Service Pension is also payable before the age of 60, if the ex-servicee is an invalid and can meet the same income test. Personally, I know many returned servicemen who receive an invalid pension because they are not aware how to obtain the Service Pension, but I can show them how to transfer from one to the other if they want to.

Usually the change-over does not mean any difference to the pension rate but there is the added advantage of the Service Pensioner qualifying for free Repatriation Medical and Hospital care of a wider quality in addition to the pensioner health benefit care.

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The Continuing Problems of Defence

The Chinese incursions into Vietnam and the events leading up to it seem to make nonsense of the claim that "there is no likely threat to Australia foreseeable in the next 15 years" and that "should such develop, we will have adequate warning". These events have taken place since Australia's contribution was withdrawn.

Yet this appears to be the premise on which our defence is financed. For some time, retired senior and erudite members of the Services have been warning the general public of the hopeless shortcomings in this vital requirement, per medium of The West Australian paper, "The Australian" and other news media.

However, unless we, the general public, add our lamentations to these emansations, our political representatives will continue to understress an area where few votes are to be won.

Briefly, the main problems seem to be: finance; local production; a Defence Department which is a top-heavy civilian bureaucracy; and manpower.

FINANCE: As a percent of our "gross national product", Australia spends by far the least of any Nation for which we have figures — the USA — 5 percent; Britain — 4.7; France — 4.0; West Germany — 3.3 (4.1% including Berlin); and Australia 2.8%.

Per capita, this amounts to France — $242; West Germany — $233 ($280 including Berlin); Britain — $172; and Australia — $163.

We have been promised an increase from 2.8 percent to 3.8, but since then our defence capability appears to have shrunk still further. Such minimal spending covers the basics such as salaries, maintenance of assets etc., but leaves very little for progress for training and purchases of new equipment.

Thus, even a small increase in expenditure can mean a big increase in these latter requirements.

For example, the replacement of aircraft, not yet finalised, will cost something like $1,200 million and then may well be kept in mothballs for lack of fuel etc. such as is being done with many of our new Tiger tanks, over and above, the requirements of a reserve of new equipment.

LOCAL PRODUCTION: During the World War, we built fighting ships, small crafts — many of which were supplied to the US — tanks, aircrafts, vehicles and masses of other vital equipment. Now, we import German tanks from Britain and Belgium; frigates from the USA; small aircraft from the UK; aircraft from the USA and France; and vehicles from Japan.

A requirement for such contracts must be a percentage of local involvement, but his is only a fleabite to the cost of the main equipments. Have we retrogressed so far since 1945, or are we fully employed on other things?

Also, it is proved that further supplies of such equipment, ammunition to, fit them, and vital spares to keep them fighting, tend to be unavailable during conflict when the need is vital.

DEFENCE BUREAUCRACY: Even when defence consisted of four departments — Defence Department, Navy Department, Army and Airforce, the Public Service filled many positions which were rightly Servicemen's postings, and grabbed every chance of filling more as vacancies occurred.

Now the monolithic Defence Department is a top-heavy bureaucracy. When the top rankers are civilians, to what extent can Chiefs of Staff and other trained and qualified Service Officers influence defence thinking? We are getting back to "HMS Pinafore".

MANPOWER: As a result of defence-bureaucracy, we are failing to attract recruits and in fact are losing many of both our junior and our more senior officers prematurely. The young, ambitious, expensively trained and qualified juniors are finding out quite early that, although pay and conditions may be good, opportunities are not what they should be.

Seniors, who should be guiding the Nation's thinking in their particular fields, are finding frustration and disappointment.

In addition, the "man behind the weapon" is far too rare. The once fruitful area of Senior Cadets is now disowned and forced to run and even finance themselves, the CMF, or Reserve, is reduced in units, and these units are well below strengths. More particularly, Australia has NO means of training its citizens to defend their own country.

There appears to be no other nation which does not practise compulsory training. Vietnam trains all 18-year-olds for a period of 2-3 years, according to the arm or service. Reports indicate that it is solely these people who fought the current Chinese incursions.

Rumania — 16 months; Switzerland — 20 year olds do 17 weeks full-time training, then three weeks annually for eight years and remain on the fighting strength for 28 more years; USSR — 14-15 year olds at school, continue as 18-19 years full-time (army — two years, navy and airforce — three years); West Germany — 15 months in the services or 18 months in civil projects; USA — all males do four years and females may volunteer.

In Australia, though a recent poll indicated that more than 60 percent of the voters favoured a National Service Scheme of from 3-12 months, and though we have a record number of unemployed receiving relief, many of whom would come under the National Service requirements — NO scheme of training its citizens to defend their own freedom is current or mooted.

As concerned citizens, it is the duty of all of us to make our voices heard so that our politicians "get the message", to quote from the final paragraph of the "RSL 1979 Defence Paper".

The RSL is concerned at the absence of a comprehensive plan for the utilization of all Australia's resources in a time of need. The Government must now enunciate National Defence objectives and back them with resources — financial, material and human.

The RSL believes that no longer can the expressionless vacuum of defence indifference be continued without ever-increasing risk to the security of the nation and its people. Continuing dereliction by Government in these matters must cease.

— R.J. NYMAN Chairman, RSL Defence Committee, WA Branch.

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JIM CUMMINGS RACED 770 HORSES

Western Australia lost one of its most colourful racing personalities when James Henry Cummins, of Boyup Brook, better known as “Bendy” or “Lucky Jim,” died recently at the age of 86. He was the only surviving Anzac in the shire.

His first nickname was derived from the fact that he was born in the Victorian town of Bendigo, and the second from the alleged good fortune he had with horses he had bought for a comparative song.

Born in 1892, Jim was 19 when he arrived in Bridgetown in 1912. He had worked his way across Australia as a general hand and part-time circus clown, delighting children on the way with his antics.

After leaving the circus, he worked with the railways and the Public Works Department, and was an original member of the old General Workers’ Union.

An old friend, Harold Armstrong, of Bridgetown, said that Jim was an original member of the 11th Battalion and was one of the first men ashore at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915.

“He was wounded,” Mr Armstrong went on, “but he saw the campaign through to the evacuation when the troops were taken to Egypt. There, he volunteered for the Camel Corps.

“The outfit comprised 100 ration camels, Egyptians to handle them, a beautiful white camel for Bendy to ride and an Egyptian servant to look after him and his camel.”

LAWRENCE-OF-ARABIA

“Bendy spoke Arabic like a native and among other duties supplied rations to Lawrence of Arabia. He served in Libya, Greece, Palestine and Syria.”

Jim was discharged in WA in 1919 after having joined the Air Force as the war ended. He took up soldier settlement land at Mayanup, coming to the district on foot, and became known as one of the most progressive farmers in the South-West.

Keenly interested in racing, he must have held the State and possibly an Australian record with his total of 770 horses. He had many successes as an owner, but without doubt his greatest thrill on a racetrack came when Maddington won the 1946 Perth Cup, with his other runner, Gold Patois, runner-up.

Gold Patois, deservedly, was one of his greatest favourites. He won one Railway Stakes and was second in another and also won the Imperial Stakes. Red Acre won the WA Derby in 1952, and Carol’s Choice won the 1956 Railway Stakes.

Jim’s choice for his “best ever” was Carol Vista, a winner of five races in succession.

What a horse Gold Patois was! On one occasion during the World War, Jim walked the horse behind a sulky all the way from Mayanup to Mt Barker — 150 miles — raced him there and won, and then walked him all the way home.

In addition to being a staunch supporter of the RSL, Jim was a highly respected member of Tattersall’s Club in Perth, where he was a regular visitor, and also worked tirelessly for the RSPCA.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

He was made a Life Member of the Bunbury Race Club in 1965 and of the WA Turf Club in 1972. He was made an honorary life member of the RSPCA. He was one of the founders of the Upper Blackwood Soldiers Memorial Hospital, an honorary adviser to Soldiers Settlement and a former president of the Boyup Brook RSL Sub-branch.

In February, 1978, he received the Service Award of the RSL in Australia “in recognition of 50 years service to RSL ex-servicemen and women and their dependants.”

Life Memberships were also awarded to him from the Boyup Brook Football Club, the Boyup Brook Swimming Club and the Mayanup Horse and Pony Club. He gave his patronage and donated trophies to all the clubs in the district.

Jim also found time to serve as a Shire councillor for many years.

A man of indomitable will and deep loyalties, he travelled to Perth every year in the Anzac Day parade until failing health prevented further participation. The last time he attended, the lone horseman bearing the standard wore Jim’s famous Great War jacket and breeches.

Truly one of the greats of Western Australia, Jim was admired and respected by all.

TWO DIE AT THE AGE OF 86

Two well-known RSL identities died recently in the Boyup Brook district. Both were members of the RSL Sub-branch, both were friends, and both were 86 at the time of their passing.

Though Jim Cummins was better known throughout the State by reason of his interest and achievements in racing, the other veteran, Eadmer Alwyn Campbell took a prominent part in district activities and was a Life Member of the upper Blackwood Agricultural Society.

Wounded in the Great War and discharged from the Army, Mr Campbell and his brother Cecil took up property between Boyup Brook and Dinninup which they farmed till 1950.

During the World War, he was an active member of the Flax Milling Co-operative and served as delegate to Australian conferences in Melbourne on two occasions. He is survived by four sons.

Chapel Project at Prevelly Park

Of interest to all members is news of Geoff Edwards’ personal project to build a small chapel on his own land close to Prevelly Park Caravan Park.

When subdivisional approval is given, his intention is to transfer ownership to the Greek Orthodox Church.

The Greek Consul and Archbishop have kept in close touch with Geoff and his architect during discussions. It is expected that construction, which has commenced, will be completed by April, leaving one month to arrange Dedication and the official opening.

The 2/11 Battalion Association of which Geoff is a member will be conferring with him and the Greek Trustees to arrange a mutually suitable gift of benefit to the fitting-out of the chapel, so please keep the weekend of May 19-20 free. Subject to contingencies, this will be a big day at Prevelly Park.

It represents a man’s lifetime ambition nearing fruition — an ambition sparked off in Geoff’s mind when the Cretan people sheltered him (with numerous other British servicemen) in those grim days of 1941, hoping to be snatched out of the arms of the continually pressing German Forces — his hopes were realised when he was evacuated by submarine some months after the island’s capitulation.

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SHARED EQUITY UNITS — PROPOSED FUNDING

As Federal Government subsidy money does not appear to be available now for aged persons housing, and a large number of people are still interested in small self-contained units with some community care, a new type of funding must be used. Shared equity housing would seem to be the most practical form.

In simple terms, shared equity means that the residents provide all the money for the capital expenditure and maintenance, and the War Veterans’ Home Board provides the later frail aged accommodation.

The resident has say, a 2/3 equity in his unit, and the War Veterans’ Home 1/3 equity. On re-sale of the unit, the original resident (or his estate in the case of death), receives 2/3 of the proceeds and the War Veterans’ Home Board 1/3.

Values would appreciate over the years in line with other private residential values.

SITE: Approximately 7,000m² of vacant land remain in the Pearson Village site with a frontage to Freedman Road and access to Pinaster Street through the present village. It is bounded to the north by Forsyth Gardens, the War Widows’ Guild Aged Persons complex, and to the south, St George’s Hospital.

CONCEPT: Having a legal equity in their own unit, residents would expect more privacy and the opportunity to express their individuality. However, a strong supportive community spirit should be encouraged.

UNITs: Seclusion and personal identity can develop in each separate unit from the entrance, through the various rooms and out into the private garden court. Room sizes are slightly larger than is usual in subsidised aged persons’. homes and in all cases, comply with the minimum required by the by-laws for conventional housing.

Inclusion of an entrance hall removes cross-circulation from the living and working areas of the unit, so making the total space in these rooms available for their prime function.

The entrance hall also increases privacy to the living room and provides a convenient location for the linen cupboard. Usual facilities are provided in the combined bathroom and laundry, with a cupboard for cleaning equipment.

Kitchen planning includes an elevated stove, with an exhaust fan behind, a servery through to the living room and a full height larder cupboard. In the living room there is adequate space for dining and lounge furniture and a view of the private garden can be enjoyed.

A full wall of built-in wardrobes in the bedroom should provide generous storage and there is room for twin beds with easy access for bedmaking. 3ft twin beds, complete with headboards, mattress and two pillows to each are provided or, alternatively, a 4ft 6in double bed with headboard, mattress and four pillows.

A dining table and four chairs, refrigerator and washing machine are included. The kitchen floor will be covered by a sheet vinyl; bedroom, living room and entry with a selected foam backed carpet and WC utility areas with ceramic mosaics.

LAYOUT: An attempt has been made to break down the apparent scale of the development. This has been done by arranging the 28 units around a number of inter-connected paved squares of varying size.

The squares occur at the intersection of pedestrian access paths and will provide opportunities for community interaction.

Variety also occurs in the different entries, some from covered access-ways, some from porches at the ends of buildings, some overlooking open spaces and some intimate pathways. Some units face north and south, others east and west.

External venetian blinds will provide sun-screening to windows facing east and west and overhanging eaves will screen north-facing windows in summer.

PROPOSED FUNDING: As the land etc. covered by the above is vested in the RSL (WA Branch) for the aged persons’ home, it cannot be sub-divided because of subvention by the Commonwealth and State Governments.

Therefore, no legal title can be given to any occupant, neither can the occupant mortgage or encumber the property.

The League enters into an agreement with a person who will provide: (1) $25,000 paid to the League; and (2) that the League will:

(a) provide quiet enjoyment of a unit designed on a plan and detailed.
(b) will retain $8,333.33 for further development in housing for Veterans.
(c) as to the balance of $16,666.67, this will remain the equity of the resident in the allocated unit.
(d) in the event of the resident dying, or for some other reason vacating the unit, then the League will pay to the estate or the resident, an amount equal to two thirds (2/3) of the replacement value of the unit, when either of the foregoing events occur.
(e) ensure that the replacement value will be determined by a valuer who is a member of the Australian Institute of Valuers, appointed by the League.
(f) undertake that the cost of the valuation will be equally shared by the outgoing resident (or his estate) and the League.
(g) undertake that the unit will then be provided to a new resident on the same terms and conditions, with the exception that the amount to be paid by the new resident will be the value as determined in (e) above.
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BELMONT TURNS IT ON

The week-end of January 20 and 21 will long be remembered by members of the Busselton and Belmont Sub-Branches, because this was the time chosen for Busselton to be the guests of Belmont in return for the visit Belmont made to Busselton in 1978.

Led by President John Joyce, 20 members and wives arrived at the RSL Hall in Belmont at approximately 11.30 am. Refreshments were waiting, and a buffet lunch was provided by the ladies of the Auxiliary equal to any one would have at any hotel.

The Belmont Shire lent a bus free of charge to take everyone to the Perth Airport for an extensive tour of that area, professionally guided by Jack Sinclair. Every facet was explained from Customs to boarding an aircraft, to overhauling after a long flight.

Saturday night was Cabaret Night and more than 120 people turned up to enjoy the music of Ted White and meet other members of the Sub-branch and visitors.

I must make mention of one member of the Sub-branch, namely Rowley Edwards, who had every dance including the live and other hot numbers. Nothing strange about this! Maybe not, but when I tell you he is 94 years of age perhaps you will think otherwise.

Next morning, parade was at 0930 hours at the Memorial Hall for a tour of projects carried out by the Belmont Shire. Two buses were provided this time by the President Fred Rae, Treasurer Eddie Burton, Councillors Harold Haines — who is also Secretary of Belmont Sub-branch, and who I suspect of having played a big part in the organising of this event — Gerry Archer and Security and By-Laws Officer Geoff Rowe, in attendance to speak and point out to us how, when and why these projects were instigated.

I must make mention here that the officers of the Shire were the only ones asked to assist, but I am sure if any other Councillors had been given the opportunity to come along they would have willingly done so.

At 0945, we moved off to the first venue, the Children’s Water Play Ground, a unique piece of engineering, with everything from slides, wading pools, fountain showers to a swimming pool, and if it was possible to build a safety water area for kiddies, this is certainly it.

From the young to the old, and Ascot Close, the latest innovation to be built, was next on the agenda. This is a village for the elderly, similar to our Pearson Village in Mt. Lawley.

The pre-school centre was a fascinating place, with everything for the very young who spend the day here while their parents are working. One thing I found amusing was the toilet block where miniature pans and wash basins were in use to teach the youngsters all that they should know on hygiene.

Next were the Belmont Primary School, Little Athletics Stadium, Tennis Club, Baseball Oval at Forster Park, Tomato Lake, the Youth Centre, Senior Citizens Club, the Belmont War Memorial site in one of the most beautiful settings I have ever seen, and finally to the new City Administration building.

We were to have looked through this but as it was still in the hands of the builders this was not possible, but it is a credit to the Shire.

The ratepayers are particularly happy because it didn’t cost them anything, as it was financed by the sale of land and the old Shire buildings.

This tour took more than two hours and as there was to be a barbecue lunch and farewells drinks at Bob Scott’s home at 12.30 we proceeded back to the hall and then to the lunch venue.

This was an outstanding success and with everyone full of the good things of life, last-minute speeches were given by Belmont Sub-branch President Norm Lowe, Busselton President John Joyce, Shire President Fred Rae, and on behalf of the State Executive I expressed best wishes to all.

It is impossible to name everyone personally, but I would like to thank all those who assisted in making this one of the greatest public relations ventures by two sub-branches, and hope that many more sub-branches will endeavour to keep the spirit of the RSL high by embarking on similar outings in the future. — M.C. (MIKE) HALL.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT SANDWICH LUNCHES

The League has arranged a series of six “Sandwich Luncheons” (with Guest Speakers) for members and their friends at the Anzac Club.

TIMES: Fellowship at the Club, at noon; Lunch-sandwiches and tea, 12.45 p.m. (cost $1.30); Guest Speaker, 1.20 - 1.50 pm.

To assist with catering, please advise Mr. Melvin (325 9799) or Mrs. J. Dowson (384 6712). Non-members and friends are welcome.

The programme, dates and guest speakers are as follows:

Tuesday, April 3 — Premier, Sir Charles Court, KCMG, OBE.
Tuesday, May 1 — Professor Henry S. Albiniski. Professor at the Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania, USA (by courtesy of Miss Martha Carbone, American Consul in WA). Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University and at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Canberra, ACT. His Subject will be “US strategic posture in the Indian Ocean and the West Pacific”.
Tuesday, June 5 — M.G. Kailis, Governing Director of the M.G. Kailis Group of Companies. Subject: “The 200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone”.
Tuesday, July 3 — Commodore R.H. Percy, RAN Naval Officer Commanding Western Australia Area.

Tuesday, August 7 — Col J.P.K. Murdoch, OBE (Civil Commissioner Exmouth 1963-1975). Executive Officer Western Australian Marine Services Assn. Executive Officer M.G. Kailis Group of Companies. Subject: “Coastal Surveillance of our North-West”.

Tuesday, September 4 — J. Cruthers, Chairman, TVW Enterprises Ltd. Subject: “Development in Television”.

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News from Busselton

Attendances at the last few meetings have been very good. There is always much business to attend to and it is pleasing to see so many members willing to take part in conducting the affairs of the branch.

The unveiling ceremony of the rose garden plaque at the primary school on November 10 went off very well and it was heartening to see so many members take part in both this function and the Remembrance Day wreath-laying at the memorial on the next day.

Poppy Day was our most successful yet, in regards to the amount of money raised. Many thanks to all those who sold poppies and cards for this worthy cause.

Since then we have had two very successful events — the Barbecue — Christmas Party and the return trip to Belmont, a full account of which is given elsewhere.

AUSTRALIA’S DEFENCE! HAVE WE GOT ANY?

Are YOU interested in the defence of your country? The RSL has organised a series of three meeting to be held at Anzac House, 4 Sherwood Court, Perth at 5.30 pm.

All members of the public who are interested in the defence of Australia are invited to attend.

MONDAY, June 11: Jim F. Harding, State Organizer of the Federated Clerks’ Union.

TUESDAY, June 19: Lt. Colonel R.J. Nyman Chairman, Defence Committee of the RSL.

TUESDAY, June 26: Colonel L.G. Clark, MC, formerly Commander Special Air Services Regiment.

VENUE: Meeting-Room, 1st Floor, Anzac House, 4 Sherwood Court, Perth.

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Thursday, February 1 was a fine and very pleasant day for this fixture. Twenty teams competed, from Busselton, Broomehill, Borden, Albany, Darkan, Wagin, Katanning, Cranbrook and Kojonup.

The shield was won by Busselton, and the runners-up were Kojonup Team. Darkan was third and Borden fourth.

Sam Crook presented the Shield and the other trophies, and thanked all the teams for coming and making the day such a great success. These Bowls Days are a very good way of getting together and refreshing old memories and generally keeping up the image of the RSL as well as having a jolly good day’s fun.

Sam paid tribute to the Kojonup Bowling Club for allowing us the use of the lovely greens and the Club facilities, and again thanked the ladies, the greenkeeper and the staff at the Club for their help and co-operation, and to the Games Committee for the running of the Competition so efficiently.

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Among the guests who will be attending are the Earl and Countess of Litchfield. The organisers expect about 10,000 people to attend.

The Military Vehicles Conservation Society will be providing World War 1 and World War 2 vehicles, some of which will be displaying Australian colours and insignia. Posies of fresh flowers are laid on all the graves at Cannock Chase.

A silver band and an excellent ex-servicemen’s choir will be in attendance.

**BATTLE OF BRITAIN MUSEUM:** Douglas Bader has been appointed Appeals Chairman of this unique museum. The British Government has provided a site next to the RA F Museum at Hendon but it is up to Gr Capt Bader and his Committee to raise the necessary funds. A target of two million pounds sterling has been set.

The centerpiece of the collection will be a aircraft used in the Battle of Britain and will include Spitfires, Hurricanes, Messerschmitt 109s and 110s, Heinkel 111, Junkers 88 and 88, CR42, Walrus, Sunderland, Gladiator, Defiant and a Lysander.

Equipment, uniforms, medals, documents, relics of art and other memorabilia will also be included.

**SECRETARY’S SECRETARY:** In 1923, a girl in her early twenties was appointed steno-typist to the General Secretary of the BCEL; 56 years later, Miss Amy Page is considering when she may retire.

Two years after Amy joined the staff at BCEL Headquarters, she supervised the issue of the first diary. She is now working on the 1980 issue.

Her fantastic memory for names, events, Minutes and correspondence, makes a filing index superfluous, she is a walking filing-cabinet.

A visitor to BCEL HQ arrived just on morning tea time. Amy entered the office and said: “You were here four years ago. You take white with two sugars.”

Her long service with BCEL was recently recognised by Buckingham Palace when she received an invitation to attend the opening of Parliament. Amy, complete with hat, bag, gloves, mink and a dash of 4711, sat in the seat marked “Special Guest of Prince Philip.”

She is still good for a full day’s work, a welcome change from the norm of today.

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The War Cripples and Disabled ex-servicemen of Cividale del Fruli, would like to contact any of the following: R.A.G. Morris QX1940, of Garden Terrace, Newmarket; Sapper J. Cox (Tasmania); H. Emerson of Strathfield NSW; F. Carey QX7887; F.J. Hipworth QX7893; S. Shellback QX7909; D.H. Hapes QX2455; D. Wooland NX18872; Sister M. Antoine CSC. The contact address of the Association is held at National HQ.

**BCEL CONFERENCE:** The Royal Canadian Legion, Ottawa Branch, will host the 1980 BCEL Conference from September 29 to October 4 next year.

The autumn is a most pleasant time to be in Ottawa, so put a ring around the date and start applying for a Leave Pass now.

Guy Stocker will be tying the ribbons on the final arrangements for the Conference when he calls into Ottawa on the last leg of his home-run.

The Grand President will be in attendance.

**GENERAL SECRETARY’S VISIT:** Colonel Guy Stocker, General Secretary since last June, spent a few days at National Headquarters at the end of January on his around-the-world tour, meeting constituent members of the League.

His visit to Bangladesh was most rewarding and he came away feeling satisfied that the assistance provided by BCEL Welfare funds (you and I also helped) are being well spent. Their main project is a nail-making factory where, because the employees are all ex-servicemen, there are no strikes.

At Bangalore, they conduct a successful employment agency. Guy quoted one instance where a construction company required drivers for heavy equipment. They finished up with a most satisfactory package deal consisting of drivers of tippers, cranes, dozers and backhoes plus back-up mechanics as well as an ex-officer as manager and an ex-RSM as foreman, all of whom had been recently discharged from the Services.

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Incidentally, during his visit to Colombo, Guy raised his hat on behalf of the AIF to the Galie Fee Hotel, a building familiar to Australian troops who were en route to the Middle East.

**USUAL MEDALS — UNUSUAL STORY:** In 1911, an expatriate Englishman, living in Australia, wrote to his parents in England, describing a vivid dream that he had had.

In this dream, he was among a crowd of friends, all wearing uniform and in a ship. The ship approached a barren shore. He left the ship with his friends and on arrival at the beach, there was an enormous explosion. All went black and he woke up in Heaven.

The sequel Pte F.H. Statham, 11 Battalion AIF, was killed in action at Anzac Cove on April 25, 1915.

Pte Statham’s three medals, 1914-15 Star; British War Medal and the Victory Medal, were acquired by the General Secretary of the BCEL and were presented by him to RSL National Headquarters as their rightful home.

**CAKE AND OLD ALE AT CHELSEA:** On December 14 last, the Agent-General for NSW in London presented, on behalf of the NSW Branch of the RSL, the traditional Christmas cake to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

After the presentation of the cake, Rear Admiral Robertson, from the Australian High Commission, presented a RSL plaque, suitably engraved to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, to the Hospital on behalf of Sir William-Reeshaugh’s Europe 1978 Group.

Whilst this Group was in London last November, some members attended Church Parade at Chelsea and later had morning tea with the Pensioners.

**“WE DID RETURN” — Former members of 2/30 Battalion,** under the command of Ron Masters, recently re-visited the Gemencheh Bridge, about seven miles west of Gemas, Malaya, where in January, 1942, they successfully ambushed the enemy.

Whilst in the area, Lady Gallegphan, widow of the 1942 C.O.
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was asked to present to the 20 "adopted" widows, their monthly instalments under the RSL Adoption Plan.

Lady Galleghan was later presented with a piece of Malayan cloth of gold Songket and the Leader a Kris. It was a gathering that generated warmth, especially when the children sang "Waltzing Matilda".

The visit has aroused a great deal of spontaneous goodwill at an unofficial level and the memory of January 13 and 14, 1979, will be shared by all who took part in the experience, for a long time to come.

From an Australian point of view, the welcome and hospitality of Essam was, to say the least, overwhelming.

ADMIRAL WARNS AUSTRALIA: In his recent visit to Australia, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, former Chief of US Naval Operations, said that, analysing Australia's position, he believed that we should increase our defence capability.

Australia, he said, would be very unwise to continue to count on the United States for its security. In conditions under which the Soviet strength is so overwhelming, United States will be forced to decide that its allies defend themselves.

They are words of wisdom from the man who, for a number of years, controlled American Naval Operations. In an open letter to President Carter in the United States, he and 185 other United States Generals and Admirals presented the American President and the American people with a similar warning.

The RSL has been saying just this sort of thing for a number of years. The League's warnings have gone unheeded. Let's hope they will have a greater impact coming from a recognised authority on the subject.

One thing is clear. Australia must move soon, to establish greater self reliance in every aspect of its defence capabilities.

ANZAC MEDALLION DESIGN AWARD: Seventy-one entries from 48 persons faced the judging panel at RSL National Headquarters recently. The winning entry should be known before the next issue of the News Digest.

The judges included the Controller of the mint, the Director of Art, National Gallery, the Creative Director from Leo Burnett and the National President.

Ladies' Congress Luncheon

A Luncheon for the wives of delegates to the RSL State Congress, and any other interested ladies, will be held at the War Veterans' Home, 51 Alexander Drive, Mt. Lawley on Saturday, May 19, 1979 at 1.30pm.

Guests are requested to assemble from 1.15 pm in the Library/Lounge (Administration Building).

Luncheon: $5.00. Acceptances and remittances to Mrs M. Bruce, 18 Minabah Street, Wembley Down, WA 6019.

BUSY MONTH FOR EXECUTIVE

Another year lies ahead, and I trust it will be a happy and prosperous one for all of us. Our best wishes to our two newly formed Auxiliaries, Ravensthorne and Wyalkatchem.

November and December were busy months for the Executive, and we enjoyed the packing and delivery of our Christmas-Cheer parcels for the Homes and Hospitals. We were asked to convey the grateful thanks of all recipients to all the Auxiliaries for making possible the little gifts of cheer.

Since my last report, members of the Executive and I have attended quite a number of functions. On Saturday, October 28 I laid a wreath during the Returned Nurses Memorial Service at their memorial Gardens in Albany, before being a guest at the Albany Sub-branch and Auxiliary Dinner. I was amongst the many who attended the Annual Pilgrimage to the Mt Clarence Memorial — a most impressive service.

Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Lowe and I were guests of the Millen Auxiliary at their Annual Party on November 8.

Sully and I attended the Remembrance Day Service at the State War Memorial to lay the Auxiliary wreath, leaving afterwards with Mr and Mrs Bruce to attend the Kojonup Sub-Branch and Auxiliary Dinner. It was nice to see old friends again.

Mrs Rolfe, Senior Vice-President, and other Members of Executive attended the Service at the War Veterans' Home.

On November 28, Mr Ford, Mrs Sullivan and I were guests of the Mandurah Sub-branch and Auxiliary at their Annual Dinner and I had much pleasure in presenting Certificates of Service to two members of the Auxiliary, Mrs Doris and Mrs O'Connell.

Ontario Auxiliary held their Christmas party on December 2. Mr Ford and I and members of Executive were amongst the many enjoying the evening.

Mrs Rolfe attended the FUSW party on December 5 and I attended the Laurel Club Christmas Dinner on December 7.

On December 9, I accompanied League Members to the Darkan Sub-branch Dinner, this was a most enjoyable function and I hope to see an Auxiliary formed there in the near future.

During 1978, I had the pleasure of visiting a number of Country Sub-branches and Auxiliaries, and I thank you all for your friendship and hospitality. Members of Executive have enjoyed the hospitality of other organisations and we wish them all a very happy 1979.

Both Mrs Taylor and Mrs Preedy had a good time while on holiday, each visiting RSL organisations and bringing back to Executive small gifts from each one visited. It is most interesting to hear of the work of Ex-Servicemen's organisations in other parts of the world.

Our Tasmanian trip is just around the corner and Madge and I have been busy finalising the arrangements and we are looking forward to seeing our friends again. We are leaving Mrs Sullivan here to keep the home fires burning while we are away.

When we come back we will be right into organising our Conference. Doesn't time fly, it seems only yesterday that we were organising last Conference. Don't forget to send in all your data for Conference as soon as you can.

"Miss Crowning Glory 1979" is under way and I hope Sub-branches, Auxiliaries will give this every support. Until next time, all the best. — JOY FORD (State President)

NOTE: All enquiries may be directed to: State President Mrs Joy Ford, 7 Read St, East Victoria Pk 6101. Phone 450 338 or to State Secretary Mrs M. Sullivan, 49 3th Ave, Maylands 6051. Phone 271 9724.

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I can't say the rank and file of the members of the Sub-Branch have much to glow about, but the small band who have kept the affairs on an even keel would feel that their efforts and decisions have been in the right direction.
Those of you who keep up with the times will know from the building or hall angle, we have blended in with the Fleet Air Arm Association, and to those of you who believe in transformations then take a drive up sometime when there is a function on, and be really amazed what an amount of young new blood can make the Headquarters into a really acceptable building.
So I'd like to pass on to you that our pleasant Sunday evenings are still being conducted, 7 pm onwards, but probably at the turn of the year the new committee may introduce the odds or events Sunday attendance so as not to become a bore if we play a few games of Bingo. When a decision is reached we will notify you.
Next year should bring us, without any trouble at all; a Membership Pennant. Already we have signed up some new blood and, as Geoff often states, nothing succeeds like success.
I'd like to close off by thanking a chosen few — Hon Sec Harry and his good lady, Kevin, Len, Geoff, David Gwynne Harris, Cheese and Biscuits, the man with a heart nearly as big as his body Leo Bush-Jones and his immediate officers, and not to be forgotten, the "Buffs" crowd with Ivor Chapman.
I think we are in for an exciting year, even if money is tight, some good enjoyable evenings may be had. — BILL SCOTT (President).

NEW SECRETARY
At the beginning of April, 1979 the State Secretary of Torchbearers for Legacy, Ted Martin will retire, and his successor will be Robert George Bentley, of 14 Starrs Road, Quinns Rock. Mr Bentley is married, with two children, and is 37 years of age.
After working for six months with Esso Standard Oil Company in Melbourne, he studied for the Anglican priesthood and served in the Diocese of Melbourne before being transferred to WA in 1970.
Since coming to WA, he has been involved with the activities of the YMCA and Grow groups, and has been parish priest at Thornlie/Kenwick and Wanneroo.
Mr Martin would like to thank the RSL and its members for the co-operation and help he has received over many years, and asks that this courtesy be given to Mr Bentley when he takes over.

51ST BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION
The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Anzac Club (4 Sherwood Court), on Monday, April 30, 1979, at 2 pm.
A good attendance of all members is requested, as there are numerous important matters to bring before the meeting — so please be there — N. MORE (Hon. Secretary).

Bob Cotton dies
It is my sad duty to report the death of Paraburdoo President and Founder, Bob Cotton, who passed away at 3 pm on December 30 at Royal Perth Hospital. He had been ill for the past six months and in and out of hospital, much to the detriment of the Sub-branch, as his presence and driving force was sorely missed.
A memorial service was held at the Paraburdoo Community Centre and it was gratifying to see the majority of members and numerous friends attending. The service was conducted by Steve Warren, our Anglican lay preacher and an eulogy was given by Mr Neil Stewart.
Our Inaugural Dinner was very successful, with 33 members and wives present and spent a most enjoyable evening. The sum of $225.00 was raised for the Building Fund.
The Sub-branch also had two stalls at Paragala Festival, selling chicken and chips, ice cream, soft drinks, hamburgers, sandwiches etc, from which a further $600.00 was raised.

RSL Stalwart's Death
A stalwart of the RSL, James Frederick Buckle, of Betula Street, in the Geraldton suburban area of Rangeley, died in hospital at Geraldton on January 28.
Jim was born in Wales 71 years ago and migrated to WA in 1927 to become a jackaroo at the Nardiah sheep stud at Broomhill.
He was also associated with farming at Carnamah and with tomato growing in the Wonthella area at Geraldton before taking up a war service land settlement farm at Northern Gully which he ran from 1950 to 1962 until selling out and retiring to the metropolitan area.
In the meantime, he served in the Middle East and Greece with the 2/2nd Field Company of the Royal Australian Engineers in the Sixth Division during World War 2, having the comparatively low army number of WX584.
He became a member of the Geraldton Sub-branch of the RSL in 1942 when still overseas and later served as Sub-branch Secretary and a Vice-President for many years
He also served as RSL Northern State Country Vice-President; the State Country Vice-President; a member of the State Executive; a State RSL Trustee; and as Secretary of both the Bellevue Sub-branch and the Bellevue Ex-Servicemen's Club. In addition, he was a member of the Geraldton, Swan and Fremantle Legacy Groups.
He also was a former President of the Geraldton Branch of the Farmers' Union and a northern Zone Council delegate.
His widow, Rita, has given lengthy service to the Women's Auxiliary and has also served on the State Executive. Jim is also survived by a daughter and three sons.
The funeral took place at Geraldton on February 1, with a service at the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Members of the RSL were pallbearers. They threw Remembrance poppies into the grave with other members after "The Ode" had been recited by RSL Life Member Bill Cunningham.
The Sub-Branch Public Relations Officer, Peter Barden said that the outstanding service rendered by Jim Buckle could be summed up in the motto: "Service in Peacetime as in Wartime". — B.J.B.
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RSL BOWLS CARNIVAL

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Sir Charles Court, KCMG., OBE., MLA., Premier of Western Australia was in excellent form when he opened the 12th National RSL Bowls Carnival at the Celtic Club on December 27, 1978.

This was preceded by an impressive ceremony conducted at the State War Memorial, Kings Park.

Bowls were played over the next five days at various venues, including a trip to the Mandurah Bowling Club.

The final day's play was at Osborne Park Bowling Club: where, in a very close and exciting finish, Victoria narrowly won the Jack Hamilton VC Trophy from WA and NSW. About 200 bowlers and officials from all States competed.

WA won the Dr Sydney Kranz Trophy (restricted to the Executives of each State).

The Carnival was resumed on January 2 with the Sir Arthur Lee National Fours.

There were 96 teams from all State competing at eight metropolitan bowling clubs. The finals were played at Wembley, and resulted in a win for a team from WA, skippered by Jack Bockette, who defeated another WA team, skippered by Roy Gray. A team from Tasmania and one from NSW finished equal third.

Presentations were made in front of one of the largest groups of people ever to attend a final of RSL Carnivals. Medals and trophies were presented.

Badges of Office were also given to the incoming National President, Colin Smith, of Tasmania, where the next carnival will be held on the same dates in 1979-1980.

Each visiting State was allocated a host club and liaison officer to make sure all our visitors were well looked after. Visiting ladies were cared for by our own Bowls Section ladies, who treated them to a trip to El Caballo Blan
có.

Visiting officials were received by our State Executive at RSL headquarters, and the Tasmanians were accorded a similar reception by the Subiaco City Mayor and Councillors.

We can be proud of the work carried out by all connected with the WA RSL Bowls Section. They not only did well in the Carnival, but also helped promote our great State in its 150th Anniversary. — LEN PREEDY (President, WA RSL Bowls Section).
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Successful RSL Year

Another highly successful year was reported by President Ernie Gleed when submitting his report to the annual general meeting of the Geraldton Sub-branch on February 12. He said that at State Congress in Perth, he had received the Colonel Collett Cup for the outstanding rural Sub-branch in WA — the 15th year that it had been won by Geraldton. The Sub-branch had also won the Merv Williams trophy for the most money raised for the War Veterans' Home Fund.

Sub-branch officers for the new year include the president, Mr. Gleed; senior vice-president Graham Till; junior vice-president Ernie Wick; Public Relations Officer, Peter Barden; hospital visitor, Clem Burns; and Birdwood House Trust, Mr. Gleed and Mr. Till.

The retiring secretary, Arthur Walker, did not seek re-election because he and his wife are going on a trip to England, and an appointment of a successor was left to the Committee.

Mr. Burns reported having made 195 bedside visits to patients in St. John of God Hospital — and at the annual general meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, held the same night, the president, Mrs. Trythena Ashplant, reported 218 bedside visits to the Regional Hospital.

Mr. Burns successfully moved that Geoff Curedale and Geoff's sister, Mrs. Dot Mildwaters, be thanked for donating a collection of World War 1 badges for inclusion in the Sub-branch Museum which is to be established at Birdwood House. The badges represent the Armed Forces of Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Mrs. Ashplant also reported on another highly successful year during which the Auxiliary won the Country Cup for the 16th time as the outstanding country Auxiliary in the State. Those re-elected to office included the president, Mrs. Ashplant; secretary Mrs. Eadie Rogers; and treasurer, Mrs. Betty Meginiss. Other officers include the senior vice-president, Mrs. Mae Till; junior vice-president, Mrs. Val Wick; and trustees, Mrs. Lottie Schneider, Mrs. Myrtle Freeman and Mrs. Edna McCagh. — B.J.B.

WAY '79 — REFLECTIONS

A century and a half of toil, sweat and tears,
Of love and loss, thru' those founding years.
We recall memories of mothers and fathers passed by,
The earth for their beds, their roof the sky,
From dawn until dark, small time for play.
Yes! These were the toilers who made WA.

Daughters and sons they reared with the corn,
In loyalty and love, those offspring were born,
Then came the time to answer the call,
"Take up your weapons or your country will fall."
From all points of the State, by night and by day,
Those were the "Aussies" who made WA.

We complain of the heat, mosquitoes and flies,
They experienced worse things out of the skies,
Lie back and reflect from your comfortable chair,
Where would we be today? if they hadn't been there,
So pay-homage to them all on our "Anzac Day."
Our pioneers and fighters who made WA.

L. Morton

The undermentioned poem was sent in to us by J. Johnson, Hon. Treasurer of the Quaiadring Sub-branch, who said in his letter to us that he had read in the "Listening Post" some poems that brought back a few sad memories.

"I have one which a mate gave me after Tarakan," he wrote, "and I think it's pretty true and worth printing. We the 2/2 Pioneers lost a few of our mates there."

WAR GRAVES — TARAKAN

Will you walk with me in the heat of day,
Till we come at the crossroads on the way
Of a dusty road on Tarakan,
To a scene in the scheme of the war's mad plan.

There are soldiers there in a little square,
Who will breathe no more of the dust-filled air.
On the trails they died, by the road they rest,
With the foreign soil on each manly chest.

On the crosses which mark the arid mounds
Are the tales of courage which knew no bounds.
"Killed in Action" and "Died of Wounds";
But the wasted lives are the war's worst ruins.

You will see their mates at the gravesides stand
Quietly, slouch hats held in hands,
And you may grieve, as they will too,
For the hopes and dream, which will not come true.

In death these men have but simple needs,
No separate tracts for differing creeds;
For the shoulders which never were cold in life
Are together in death as they were in strife.

You may gaze at the flag which hangs from the mast
To honour the men who were staunch till the last,
And fancy you hear a quiet voice say —
"Australia, my country, will you repay?"

"Will you warm my heart, give daily bread
To the hungry mouths which once were fed
Through the sweat and toil of a fallen man,
Who sleeps by the road in Tarakan?"

So when you return, by the dusty road,
You may bear your share of a sacred load,
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SECRETARY WANTED

Fifty-two members of the Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch attended the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, December 12, 1978.

The League was represented by the Junior Vice-President, R. Bell, who installed the following officers for the 1979 season:

Patron — J. Howson, OBE, JP; President — C. Hall; Vice-President — E. Barber; Treasurer — B. Whittle; Hospital Visitor — T. Foster; Sports Master — E. Bateman; Trustees — W. Robins, C. Briggs; Secretary — F. Marshall; Committee: G. Bailey, G. Barber, G. Ball, E. Bateman, C. Howe, G. Longridge, T. Lee, C. Millar, C. Northe.

Mr Bell congratulated the Sub-Branch for its efforts during the last few years, especially the great increase in membership and the excellent financial position. He commented on how pleasing this was considering the high cost of renovations, such as repainting the hall, both inside and exterior, grass verges removed by voluntary labour and replaced with concrete slabs and much of the electrical wiring replaced.

Past President Northe was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Badge by Mr Bell, who commended him on the splendid work he has done over the past years.

The Sub-Branch held its Annual Dinner on October 28, 1978 and had an attendance of 142 — a very enjoyable and successful evening.

Three social evenings were held during the year at no cost to the members; and a great day at the Clubrooms was held on Melbourne Cup Day, with a barbeque afternoon to close the season on Christmas Eve.

Each Sunday, the Branch meets from 10am to 1pm to enjoy bowls and a general get-together and our ladies had great fun every Tuesday playing carpet bowls, finishing the season with a luncheon at the Plympton Hotel.

Secretary Marshall, who took the position on a temporary basis about three years ago, would now like to retire, and if any member of the Sub-Branch, or any other branch close to Bicton, is interested, inquiries would be appreciated.

The Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch is a great Sub-branch, with a good membership, and a splendid feeling of comradeship exists.

VALE HARRY MELDRUM: A Life Membership Certificate is presented to the Katanning Sub-branch Secretary, Alf Hillman, by the late President, Harry Meldrum. The photograph shows Harry presenting the Certificate, but unfortunately he did not have a chance to see the picture, as he collapsed and died on January 2. The presentation was his last official duty.

The Life Membership Certificate was presented to Alf Hillman after 25 years continuous service in office with the Broomehill Sub-branch, embracing all positions from president to committee member.

After the Broomehill Sub-branch was wound up at the end of 1976, the position of secretary of Katanning became vacant and was taken over.

An unusual aspect of this Ceremony was that in 1958 the Broomehill Sub-branch conferred a Life Membership on Alf's father, John Frederick Hillman, so now the two Certificates hang side by side.

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After reading opinions of various writers in “The West Australian” concerning the future of the old brewery building, I am reminded of a story dating back to April, 1916, during the Great War.

I was in the Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service then under transfer from Alexandria, Egypt to hospital ship duty.

The ship, HMS “Dongola” (P and O) had been a troop transport in peacetime, plying between the United Kingdom and Bombay, carrying military replacements, or family holiday personnel.

During the off season, she layed up in Southampton and after some months became a troopship again. She was ideal for conversion to hospital ship transport because of her large areas below decks which became wards immediately, with only cots being added.

On our arrival, the departing sisters thankfully left for the cooler climate of the Mediterranean.

One afternoon the Chief Trooping Officer, Capt Allin, joined me on the deck, we had no patients so far. He opened the conversation by saying “Well, young lady, where do you come from?”

I replied “Perth, Western Australia”. “Ah”, he said with a reminiscent look in his eye, “I well remember Perth, Western Australia”.

He went on “When I was an apprentice” (I noticed later that all Ship’s Officers, started their best stories with “When I was an apprentice”). Anyway they arrived at Fremantle, by sailing ship I believe, on a hot Sunday morning. No work was in progress and the Captain gave the two apprentices shore leave and 1/6 (15c) spending money.

They donned their best winter uniforms — having no summer ones — and were hardly equipped for the hot summer’s day. No trains were running, being Sunday morning, so they set off to walk to Perth.

They followed the river as nearly as possible and found it hard going in bush and heavy sand. They came to Mount’s Bay Road eventually and to the closed door of the Swan Brewery.

They had a raging thirst by this time and considered their limited finances. They timidly knocked on the Brewery door, hoping someone, a caretaker, probably would hear.

It was opened by a workman, and they boldly asked for a drink of WATER. The man smiled, invited them in, and soon gave them a brimming mug of cold beer — “Ah”, said the Captain, “that was an experience of a lifetime.

“I never visited WA again, in a fairly long career, but I have never forgotten Swan Beer.”

BACKGROUND: The Brewery began brewing beer at a site near what is now Sherwood Court, Perth (at present the temporary headquarters of the RSL) in 1875.

In 1879 or 1880, it moved to its present site on Mount’s Bay Road. As an apprentice, Capt Allin would have been about 14 or 15 at that time, so could be counted among the first customers!

The railway from Fremantle to Guildford was opened on March 1, 1881.

The “Dongola” combined her duties of hospital ship and transport and plied between, Bombay, Basra, at the head of the Persian Gulf and Egypt, during the Great War World War 1.

NOTE: The writer does not wish to have her name printed, but would like it to be said that she is in her 91st year.

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In his previous report, said Kojonup President J. Cartwright, he had foreshadowed the long-awaited connection of our hall to the deep-sewerage scheme; this has now been completed, and is a great asset. It cost $1,800, which we had on hand.

We were pleased to be the host Sub-branch to the Group Conference in April, soon after "Cyclone Alby" had ravaged the Southern part of WA. Though it limited the attendance, it did not spoil the success of the meeting.

During the year we have donated to the following: King's Park Memorial Restoration Fund — $25; Publicity Fund — $25; War Veteran's Home Library — $15; Salvation Army Band — $25.

Our Anzac Day Service was well attended; and more than 30 members marched to the accompaniment of the Salvation Army Band from Katanning. The wreath-laying was in the Hall as usual, but, owing to alterations to the Memorial Hall, we were welcomed at our own RSL Hall, where the service was held. The Right Rev Bishop of Bunbury paid the address to our assembly. We were very pleased to have a detachment from CMF Platoon of the Independent Rifle Coy based in Katanning, the "Ready Men", to join our march. They will always be welcome, and it is very heartening to know that the young men of the District give their time to train for our Country's protection.

Thank you, also to the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies, who join in our Remembrance of Anzac. Once again, may I stress the great contribution that the Katanning Band makes.

Our Family Dance, on the second Friday of each month, is still very well supported and our thanks go to Des Bailey for his efforts in preparing the floor and, above all, arranging the music — this is getting very costly, and he has had a lot of trouble to maintain our schedule.

Our Women's Auxiliary fosters a member and wife to man the door and organise the supper, and they are ably backed by our "regulars" who always help.

Mrs Jean O'Connell, who has for many years arranged the bookings for our Hall, and kept the keys safely and readily available, has moved to "Bethshan". I would like to record our thanks and appreciation for her great help in carrying out this exacting and often onerous job. Mrs Jean Smith now does this for us.

Our project at present under way is erecting a bar in a more central position, now that proper drainage is available. Several well-attended working bees have been held, and our thanks to Molly O'Neil and the ladies for their good work in tending the garden.

To the members of the Auxiliary, our thanks for their loyal support and hard work in the cause.

We will have to give more thought to storage space. The Auxiliary room is getting over-crowded with cupboards and other gear; the tables and trestles more than fill the space in the other room.

In conclusion, may I express my thanks to State Headquarters for their ever-ready help and advice, and to all my fellow members for their great support and encouragement during the year — and to the General Public for their understanding and help when required. — J. CARTWRIGHT (President).

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**MARCH PAST:**

Bands are not to use drummers or start to play until reaching William Street. This will prevent confusion for those already marching past the saluting dais.

**ALL BANDS** are requested to maintain 114 paces to the minute past the dais, until they reach Barrack Street.

This is important as we are anxious that the parade should not be held up at any point along the route.

Thanking you all.

D.H. Bruce
State Secretary

**RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S SUB-BRANCH SPECIAL LUNCHEON**

On Wednesday 28th February ex-servicewomen from all over the State celebrated the 31st Anniversary of the Sub-Branch, with their friends, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency, The Governor. Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle and Lady Kyle and the State President of the Returned Services League, Mr Len Phenna and Mrs Phenna.

The 5 MD band, under Captain Colin Harper, added a memorial touch of glamour and the women from all services assisted with individual and unit pictorial presentations of great interest to the 400 guests at the luncheon. The army recruiting section organised an exhibition in the foyer and, with assistance from Jack Howson as master of ceremonies and Mr John Fitzharden as programme organiser, everyone enjoyed the Sub-Branch contribution to WAY '79.

The Red Cross Service Corps, in period costume, looked most attractive. Mrs Heather McManis, Sub-Branch President, welcomed Sir Wallace and Lady Kyle and Mrs Joan Dowson, convenor of the '79 luncheon thanked Lady Kyle for drawing the raffle at the conclusion of the luncheon. Members of the Sub-Branch who worked very hard to make this a success included:

Mesdames Tuck Fealy, Asst. Convenor Clare Cannon, Crow Metcalfe, Frances Sinclair, Nancy Johnson, Doreen Sheridan, Nancy Grounds, Barbara Clinton, Jess Duncan, Alice Corry, Dorothy Needham, Meg olive, Rita Kneebone, Jpan Tonkin, Connie Smith, Judith Barton, Ruth Donaldson, and Joan Willis. A record 70 Sub-Branch members attended the luncheon travelling from Katanning, Moora, Albany, Pinjarra and a party of 21 came from Dowerin Sub-Branch.

As a result of the function $610 will be forwarded to the restoration of State War Memorial Fund and $600 to Sub-Branch funds.

J. Dowson.

**ANNUAL REUNION DINNER — GERALDTON SUB-BRANCH**

The annual reunion dinner of the Geraldton Sub-Branch will be held on Saturday 2nd June 1979, and will be for both sexes.

It is hoped that many veterans of Vietnam, Layala and Korea will attend.

All enquiries to be directed to Mrs Pat Terry, Phone 099 21 3837.

B.J.B.

**ANZAC DAY CHANGE**

There is to be a change in the route for the main Anzac Day march at Geraldton on April 25.

Instead of assembling in front of the Yacht Club and marching past a saluting dais at the old Post Office, the parade will assemble in Cathedral Avenue near the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross and march past the Civic Centre where the salute will be taken before moving to Birdwood House via Chapman Road.

At its March meeting, the Geraldton Sub-Branch agreed on a trial basis, to take the suggested route which was put forward by the Town Council.

The Town Clerk, Mr Leach, said there was much less median strip to contend with — a small section of Chapman Road — compared to almost the entire length of Marine Terrace; and the saluting dais would be mounted at the Civic Centre which was far more appropriate than the old Post Office which was no longer a public building. People could easily assemble along Cathedral Avenue and in front of the Civic Centre to watch the march-past; parking was convenient and there was more room than in Marine Terrace. A proper dais could be located in front of the existing flagpoles rather than use the existing low dais and temporary flagpoles which left a lot to be desired; and transport of the official party from the saluting dais to Birdwood House would be simplified by using Sanford Street, and Durlacher Street and Anzac Terrace.

However, the old route will be used for the Dawn parade on Anzac Day.

B.J.B.

**WOMAN RSL SECRETARY**

The Geraldton Sub-Branch has its first woman Secretary, Mrs Pat Terry. Mrs Terry accepted appointment at the March meeting when Mr Walker resigned to return to the U.K. for an extended holiday.

Mrs Terry and another Sub-Branch member, Mrs Stella Gleed, wife of the President, were in the same Women's Army Service camp in N.S.W. during WW2.

Mr Laurie Gallop, a Vietnam veteran has been appointed Sub-Branch Treasurer.

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CANBERRA: A $1,000 prize, offered by the Returned Services League of Australia for a medallion design for the Anzac of the Year Awards and the Anzac Peace Prize, has been won by a Brisbane architect, Mr Ian Ferrier.

For Mr Ferrier's winning design, pictured, shows Simpson and his donkey surrounded by a chain, as a symbol of strength and unity.

Announcing the competition's results, the National President of the RSL, Mr Bill Keys, said that the League had received more than 70 entries, and the judging panel had carefully considered the alternative designs and concepts. The judging panel consisted of Mr Keys; the Curator of Australian Art at the Australian National Gallery, Mr Danny Thomas; the Controller of the Mint, Mr John Joslin; and the Creative Director of the advertising agency Leo Bennett, Mr Frank Palmer.

Mr Keys said that the difficulty was to portray the human qualities of endurance, compassion and dedication, in a design which would be readily acceptable by Australians. Although Simpson and his donkey have been the subject of other designs commemorating Anzac, the panel felt that its use again — in a somewhat different concept — was the one which would most adequately portray those human qualities and characteristics displayed by those who will receive the award.

Seven Anzac of the Year Awards and one Anzac Peace Prize will be awarded for the first time this year. Names of the recipients will be announced on Anzac Day.

PICTORIAL DISPLAY

Combined history of the service women of Western Australia will be held in the Army Museum, 'Dilhorn' cnr Bulwer and Lord Streets, Perth from 17th to 23rd May 1979.

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All Enquiries to Mrs Ann Stevenson 272 1446 or Mrs Nancy Carlson, 457 3984
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On the 28th October, 1978, at the invitation of the Albany R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, Miss F. Welch, Miss J. Terry, Miss D. Hawkins, Miss W. Hawkins and Miss V. Brown attended the service for WW1 nurses.

Held in the Memorial Rose Garden, the service was a simple, but moving ceremony. Miss Welch laid a wreath on behalf of the Sisters' Sub-Branch and gave a short address. The prayers were read by Miss Terry.

In the evening the visitors were guests of the Albany Sub-Branch RSL at a dinner given in honour of the 10th Light Horse Regiment.

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If you are interested in assisting, or require any information, please contact Welfare Officer W.B. Melvin at State Headquarters (phone 325 9799).

An additional service has been introduced at Hollywood — a member of the State Executive, Bob Charles, will be available to patients at the hospital between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. every Thursday. He can be located in the Red Cross hall.

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ATTENTION

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For further information.

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