WIDER VIEWS SOUGHT

The National Executive, at its February meeting in Canberra, resolved to ask State branches for comment on their membership activities.

In particular it was decided to seek their views on the extension of associate-membership to new categories of ex-service and service personnel.

Mr Pearson was reported to the March meeting of the State Executive by President Mooney.

He said thought was being given at national level to the formation of a committee for revising the 1951 "Call to the people of Australia" with particular regard to subversive elements in the community.

Requests from both the New South Wales and West Australian branches for an approach to the Commonwealth Government for a ban on the Nazi and Fascist parties in Australia had been discussed. It had been considered that such action would require a constitutional change.

A Queensland motion had asked for State governments to strengthen the power of university senate to restrain "the subversive activities of a minority.

It had been decided that universities already had sufficient power in the matter.

A new R.S.L. film, laying emphasis on "deteriorating standards" in the community, had been screened. It was to be offered to television stations and such organisations as the Y.M.C.A. police boys clubs and church fellowships.

Mr Pearson said there had been a report of the proceedings of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League in London late last year, under the chairmanship of Earl Mountbatten.

The R.S.L. capitation fee to the organisation was now $4.500.

MEMBERSHIP

The following points have been made by Membership committee chairman A. T. Richardson in his monthly report to the State Executive:

January - State branch membership at the end of 1971 was 290 more than at the end of 1970.

February - The rate of subscription renewals so far was a little below the corresponding figure for 1971.

The Childlow sub-branch had seemed appreciative of a visit he had made with Mr Sherrington to explain the reason for the subscription-fee rise.

March - Seven sub-branches had been represented at the Bellers group conference in February. Many questions had been answered.

The membership figure of 6,404 on March 1 was nearly 700 fewer than the 1971 figure and indicated a running deterioration in enrolments. Some stimulus to sub-branches from liaison officers should prove useful.

Twenty-three of the 66 metropolitan sub-branches had been represented at the presidents and secretaries meeting at Anzac House on February 24.

April - Membership on April 5 was 8,147, which was 778 lower than last year's comparative figure and 4,205 lower than the 1971 December figure.

A big effort would be required to overcome this renewal by the end of the year.

So far 39 sub-branches had failed to supply capitation returns to headquarters. The returns were due monthly.

The traditional Anzac Day ceremonies were conducted as usual with vigour and dignity and reverence.

Sized schoolchildren were assembled at the State War Memorial for the former, and youth again officiated at the sunset salute at the War Veterans Home.

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MORE MARCH IN ANZAC DAY PARADE

About 30,000 people lined the streets for this year's Anzac Day parade through Perth for the customary service on the Esplanade. There were many children among the onlookers.

LEAGUE FACES BIG QUESTIONS

(Extract from interim report of the National Executive by the president, Sir Arthur Lee.)

There is no matter that is at present more important than the question of the future of the Returned Services League.

There is a body of opinion which considers that the present organisation is based on a foundation of this matter is premature. However, I am certain that if we are to cater for responsibilities that will increase greatly in the years immediately ahead we must now even be looking very closely at guidelines and principles.

I put to you that there are certain matters to which we should all be giving an increasing amount of thought.

Firstly, there is the question of the cohesion of the R.S.L. and the capacity to respond to a co-ordinated and unified way to any particular need, or group of needs, or special need.

Secondly, there is the question of the future of the R.S.L. in respect of the requirements of the issues involved in wider fields of endeavour in community, and the national needs, a trend which we have all encouraged in recent years.

Fourthly, there is the matter of membership and the extent to which it should be re-assessed at regular intervals to meet changing situations.
Mr Pat Irwin, (left), who has been a resident at the War Veterans Home longer than anyone else, stands at attention after laying a wreath on behalf of the veterans at the Sunset Service at the home on Anzac Eve. (centre) The oldest resident, Mr Ralph Charmain who is nearly 97, was present. Young Australia League trumpeter Peter Church sounded The Last Post and Reveille.

**51 aged over 80 at Veterans Home**

In its eleven years of existence 907 ex-service people have taken up residence at the R.S.L. Veterans Home at Mt Lawley. This was reported by the chairman of the home board, Dr Alan King, at the March executive meeting.

Over that period, he said, it had been necessary to find other accommodation for 92 of the veterans because they could no longer be cared for there satisfactorily. With proper facilities most of them could have remained at the home.

Last year 18 residents had been moved to C-class hospitals. Had there been a home for the frail-aged at the home all could have been transferred to this.

**51 OVER 80**

Currently 51 residents were over 80 years of age. This meant that the board's projected 49-bed wing for the frail-aged could be filled at once, with a corresponding number of admissions being made to the Veterans Home.

Dr King said that at last year's State Congress he had spoken in favour of a wing for the frail-aged.

The home's medical officer, Dr R. Wheeler, was recommending a 12-bed wing. The home already had a 12-bed medical wing for intensive-care. The next step to take was the frail-aged wing.

This could pave the way to a C-class hospital for the home in due course.

**Youth takes a lead in veterans’ service**

In accordance with the practice of recent years the Sunset Service at the War Veterans Home on Anzac Eve was again conducted entirely by young people.

Responsible for the ceremonial was Mr Anthony Howes, son of the superintendent.

The service was held at the Fountain of Remembrance. A wreath in memory of soldiers who died in Vietnam was placed at the memorial cross by Mr Lasley Senior High School captain David Morley (17) assisted by head girl Debbie Dryen. Also participating was Guildford Grammar School captain Stuart Bulpock, assisted by senior cadet under-officer Peter May.

The Ode of Remembrance was recited by young Legacy yard Zane McDonald.

Bugler for the occasion was Peter Church, of the Young Australia League band.

**Aid needed for new home at Geraldton**

All R.S.L. sub-branches in the Geraldton region are to be asked to attempt to raise at least $200 towards construction costs of the proposed regional war veterans' home.

This is to function as an annex to the veterans' home at Mt Lawley. This was decided at the first meeting of the organising committee.

It was also resolved to arrange a number of fund-raising activities at Geraldton, including a street appeal on April 22, a fete on June 3 and an exhibition during the Sunseeker Festival.

A car raffle is also being considered, but this would necessitate the support of outside sub-branches.

In addition, Mr J. Ramsay of Northampton agreed to attempt to run a street appeal there.

**Land at Wattle Grove to be sold**

At the April executive meeting approval was given to a proposal by the Veterans' Home Board to dispose of ten acres of land held by the League at Wattle Grove.

The executive was told that the land had been valued at about $40,000. The board proposed applying the proceeds to its project for establishing a wing for the frail-aged.

Gosnells dinner

June 9 is the date for the annual reunion dinner of the Gosnells sub-branch, and the local R.S.L. hall in Mills Road is the venue.

This was decided at the April meeting, at which State Executive member Michael Hall, an liaison officer with the sub-branch, spoke on membership, war-service homes, the Veterans Home and plans for a wing for the frail-aged.
Leagues will resist moves to change flag

The R.S.L. National Executive at its meeting in Canberra on February 6 and 7 resolved to campaign for the retention of the Australian flag in its present form, and to ask for the support and cooperation of all State branches.

The decision followed a discussion of moves in some quarters for the adoption of a new design for the Australian flag omitting the Union Jack.

This was reported by President Pearson at the March meeting of the State Executive.

The national body had been unanimous in opposing any changes, Mr Pearson said. It had also opposed moves for changing the national anthem. Tabled at the State meeting was a copy of a letter from the R.S.L. national secretary (Mr A. G. W. Keyes) to the Prime Minister on the Australian flag issue. This said:

"The R.S.L. is concerned at the nature of the campaign that appears to be building up in certain quarters for a change in the design of the Australian flag.

"From the League's point of view, this design is not symbolic of some subservience to a British imperial past. Rather, the inclusion of the Union Jack reflects the time and history when the flag was adopted."

"The design itself has subsequently become symbolic of a new nation, a symbol that has been accepted not only by Anglo-Scots but by people of many different racial origins.

"The present campaign can perhaps in some respects be compared with the campaigns conducted periodically in communist and other totalitarian regimes where they burn history books in a mistaken idea that, by so doing, they can change history."

"The League registers its strong opposition to any change in the present design of the flag and will be undertaking a campaign, through its State branches and sub-branches, for the flag's retention in its present form."

"I have been directed to draw this decision to your notice and to acquaint you with the feelings of the R.S.L.""

Mr Pearson told the State Executive that after returning from Canberra he had written to the Victoria League, the Royal Commonwealth Society and other organisations setting out the League's stand on the issue.

He had also made a statement to the press. Since then an anonymous telephone call had threatened him with physical violence.

"If I was not careful in what I said, about the Australian flag I was going to have my head knocked in," Mr Pearson said.

The telephone caller had said he was from the Eastern States. When asked for his name he had described himself as a member of a pop-group, repeated the threat and then hung up.

Mr Pearson said this was the first time during his six years as president that he had been threatened with violence although he had been told he was a "nut" on more than one occasion.

At the April meeting of the State Executive Mr Pearson reported having received numerous replies to his letter concerning the flag. Among these was one from the Commercial Travellers' Association.

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New officer in new office

The League has a new administrative posting and a new man to fill it. The posting is War Compensation Officer, and its occupant is Mr F. J. Ellis. MR Ellis was appointed Pensions Officer - in place of Mr McGlade, who retired in February.

The executive accepted a further recommendation that in future the title Pensions Officer should be changed to War Compensation Officer.

The committee chairman, Mr L. Phenna, said the change in title would bring WA into line with the other State branches.

Carrying out the duties of Pensions Officer before the replacement of Mr McGlade was executive member H. G. Holdner. Mr Ellis was an R.A.F. officer, and for over eight years was manager of a Perth business undertaking.

He began duty at Anzac House on April 10.

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Salute for Vietnam

At the Anzac Day march-past at Geraldton this year two young Vietnam veterans shared the salute duties with the Mayor, Mr Askew.

They were there at the invitation of the sub-branch.

The veterans, Messrs Allan Coyle and Laurie Gilpin, are members of Geraldton sub-branch. Mr Coyle was recently elected to the management committee.

With the withdrawal of Australian combat troops from Vietnam now complete the sub-branch is seeking the names and addresses of all Geraldton men with a view to asking the town council to hold a reception for them.

Land returned to Crown

Land in Forrestfield granted to the R.S.L. in 1890 is being returned to the Crown.

This was agreed to by the State Executive at its April meeting at the request of the Lands Department.

The executive was told that the land had been reserved specifically for League purposes but that no sub-branch had been formed in the area or was likely to be formed.

Meaning it was understood that the Kalamunda shire wished to improve Harfield Park on which the land is situated.

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Following negotiations earlier this year with the Director of War Service Homes, 74 residential lots in the metropolitan area were offered for purchase immediately, with others to follow in the months ahead.

This was reported at the March meeting of the Housing committee chairman L. Phenna, who said the current market value was at a discount of about 10 per cent.

He gave the following details of the lots available:

Greenwood Forest: Twenty-three lots ranging in price from $370 to $400 (plus interest).

Hamerley: Ten lots ranging in price from $207 to $369 (plus interest).

Lake Joondalup: Nine lots ranging in price from $345 to $350 (plus interest).

Orelia: Five lots ranging in price from $285 to $290 (plus interest).

Lockridge: Eight lots ranging in price from $285 to $285 (plus interest).

Waralaba Beach: Seventeen lots ranging in price from $1702 to $1919 (plus interest).

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Big dates for 1973

Three big ex-service fixtures for 1973 were mentioned by State President Pearson at the March executive meeting.

They are the R.S.L. inter-branch bowls tournament (Christmas-New Year period), the R.S.L. National Congress (during October) and an all-states rally of ex-prisoners-of-war (September 26-30).

Mr Pearson said a gathering of 600 or more was expected for the ex-p.o.w. rally.

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Women's Auxiliary Notes

Generous donation for victims of cyclone

The response to the Lord Mayor's appeal for support for the Queensland cyclone victims was very pleasing and sincere thanks go to all branches who joined.

Their efforts resulted in $710 being raised for the cause and a useful cheque being handed to the Lord Mayor of Perth, Sir Thomas Wardle.

Sir Thomas later wrote as follows:

"On behalf of the members of the Auxiliary State Executive, and the Mayor of Wagin, who have been so generously helped by the Auxiliary State Executive, I extend our sincerest thanks to you for your generous donation."

The cheque was presented by Mrs J. Brown to Mr R. J. Ryan, Secretary of the Returned Sailors Association of Western Australia, at a meeting of the Auxiliary State Executive.

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at Anzac Day lunch

Death of Miss Elsie Davies

The death of Miss Elsie Davies in February of this year has meant the loss of another stalwart of the Returned Sisters' sub-branch.

Born in Bath in 1888, Miss Davies came to Australia after the completion of her nursing training in England. She joined the A.I.F. in the Great War and served at home and abroad.

A foundation member of the sub-branch, Miss Davies was present at meetings and an active committee member for many years. She was treasurer for three years before she was elected to office.

Her memorial service was held at her St. Stephen's Church, Nedlands, and she was attended by her friends and colleagues of both wars.

REWARD FOR SERVICE

Two members of the Returned Sailors sub-branch have received recognition for 50 continuous years of membership. They are Miss E. Bottle of Albany, and Miss G. Grover of the Clifton Wing, War Veterans Home, Mt Lawley.

On their return from overseas service, both members joined the "West Australian A.I.F. Returned Soldiers Association" which later became the "West Australian A.I.F. Returned Soldiers Association" and has now adopted the title of R.S.L.

One of the first Western Australian recipients of the league's new Service Award was Miss Elizabeth Grover (80), a resident at the War Veterans Home. Qualification for the award is 50 years of continuous membership of the League. The framed certificate Miss Grover is seen holding here had just been presented to her by State President Pearson.
# Returned Services League of Australia, W.A. Branch ( Incorporated)

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1971

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**AUDITORS' REPORT**

To The Members of the Returned Services League of Australia, Western Australian Branch, Incorporated:

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia recommends that provision should be made for depreciation on Buildings. This was found to be impracticable in the 1971-year, however it is understood that the Executive of the League will consider the matter in the 1972-year.

From inquiries made of League staff and executive, it appears that there may be blocks of land in the name of the League (either received by way of donation or held in trust for sub-branches) which are not recorded in the books of the League. Investigation in this area will be carried out in the 1972-year to ascertain:

**TO NOTES FORMING PART OF AND ACCOMPANYING THE BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1971.**

**NOTE A — ACCUMULATED FUNDS:**

- Adjustments to year ended 31 December 1970
  - Sunday Debtors: 15,041.47
  - Badges: 544.25
  - Present Day Expenses: 131.72
  - Furniture Fixtures and Equipment written off: 1,496.99
  - **Net Loss**—Listening Post: 1,796.69
  - Income and Expenditure: 4,288.09
  - Anzac Club: 3,846.21
- Balance 31 December, 1971: 405,666.71

**NOTE B — AMELIORATION ACCOUNT**

Funds as at 1 January 1971:
- Amelioration: 51,857.16
- Disaster Fund: 159.00
- R.C.E.L. Grants: 2,632.99
- To which were added:
  - Balance of Operation New Life Fund: 319.34
  - Donations: 4,312.29
  - Employment Pool Recoupments: 224.00
  - Grant to R.C.E.L.: 2,800.54
  - Interest Received: 3,002.58
  - Lotteries: 3,000.00
- **Balance 31 December, 1971:** 71,034.14

**NOTE C — AMELIORATION ACCOUNT**

Funds as at 1 January 1971:
- Audit Fees: 54.11
- R.C.E.L. — Grants: 2,473.83
- Christmas Cheer: 1,976.56
- Depreciation: 68.43
- Doctors Fees: 154.86
- Food Parcels: 2,866.64
- Food and Domestic Aid: 444.12
- Pensions: 61.45
- General Expenses: 225.65
- Grants — Education and Hardship: 475.85
- Hospital Visiting: 920.88
- Light and Power: 351.05
- Payroll Tax: 305.39
- Postage: 41.53
- Telephone: 675.73
- Salaries and Wages: 15,215.38
- Welfare Visiting: 480.29
- **Balance of Fund:** 34,722.20

**AUDITORS’ ATTENTION**

(a) The number of blocks held in the name of the League.
(b) The value of these blocks and
c(c) Whether they should be brought to account in the League's books.

Subject to the matters mentioned above, in our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet, Notes to the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statements, are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the League’s affairs as at the 31 December, 1971, and of the results of its activities for the twelve months ended on that date.

Perth, 25/5/72
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R.S.L. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE—
year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1971

EXPENSES: $  
INCOME: $  

Administration and Office Expenses  195.90  
Advertising  700.00  
Audit Fees  2,000.00  
Accountancy Fees  271.25  
Bad Debts Written off  461.31  
Budge Expenses  477.20  
General Expenses  379.72  
Life membership expense  87.93  
Meeting expense  23,145.14  
Payroll Tax  657.00  
Telephone  531.00  
Wages  36,768.14  

Net Administration Costs  34,563.65  

Expenses:  
Cleaning  193.32  
Depreciation  518.00  
Insurance  259.35  
Light and Power  929.20  
Repairs and Maintenance  2,132.68  
Rates and taxes  3,040.16  
Security  477.10  

Total Costs  43,513.65  

Less Charges for Administration  2,104.32  
Corps of Commissioners  500.00  
Poppy Day  600.00  
Listening Post  1,000.00  
Rentals  1,000.00  
War Veterans Home  400.00  
W.A. Aged Ex-Servicemen Fund  1,500.00  
Anzac Day Trust Fund  3,560.00  

Total Administration Expenses  3,500.00  

Overhead Expenses  6,745.51  

Loss Charges for Administration  3,900.00  

Net Administration Costs  34,563.65  

Travelling Expense  22,261.05  
State Executive  223.94  
National Executive  558.17  
Motor Car Running  1,055.66  

Total Congress Expense  1,198.19  

Public Relations  3,640.05  
Anzac Day  856.65  
Donations  989.32  
Entertaining  76.54  
Presentations and Tributes  500.00  
Subscriptions  210.17  

Total Public Relations  5,741.16  

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R.S.L. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE—
year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1971

NOTE C — TRUST FUNDS:  
Hills Welfare Committee/Lakeman Trust  1,589.31  
Savings Banks – R. Lakeman  67.73  
Balance 31 December 1971  1,657.04  

Life Membership Fund  3,544.24  
Additional Members  198.29  
Interest  534.00  
Membership Paid  3,744.13  
Balance 31 December 1971  4,268.13  

Sub-branch Investments  10,256.94  
P.M.G. Sub-Branch  541.85  
Watheroo Sub-Branch  200.00  
Insurance  11.99  
Balance 31 December 1971  11,519.98  

Loan Account  200.00  
Millenium Debts Sub-Branch  200.00  
Balance 31 December 1971  200.00  

Net Profit— Accumulated Fund  7,216.41  

STATE MEMORIAL FUND  
Balance 31 December 1971  5,022.90  
Interest  280.36  
Balance 31 December 1971  5,303.26  

NOTE D — LAND AND BUILDINGS  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia recommends for Balance Sheet presentation that the book value of Land and Buildings be disclosed separately and that depreciation be provided on Buildings. In view of these recommendations the question of an independent valuation will be considered by the Executive committee in the 1972 year.

NOTE E — R.S.L. LAND HOLDINGS  
During the 1972 year investigation will be carried out on the question of blocks of land held in the name of the League. This land is not reflected in any way in the Balance Sheet of the League.
THE WAR VETERANS' HOME
BALANCE SHEET as at DECEMBER 31, 1971

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Fixed Assets (see Note A):

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<td><strong>Total Fixed Assets</strong></td>
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Investments at Cost:

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<td>Government Stocks and Bonds (Market Value $26,000)</td>
<td>21,000.00</td>
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<td>Debentures Listed on Prescribed Stock Exchange (Market Value $62,255)</td>
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Current Liabilities:

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<td>The National Bank of Australasia Ltd.</td>
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<td>Trade Credits</td>
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<td>Other Creditors and Accruals</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong></td>
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Provisions and Special Funds:

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<td>Provision for Annual Leave</td>
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<td>Provision for Long Service Leave</td>
<td>2,226.00</td>
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<td>Provision for Building and Chapel Maintenance</td>
<td>5,100.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total Provisions and Special Funds</strong></td>
<td><strong>$14,215.86</strong></td>
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This Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the notes attached.

$883,681.06

ACCUMULATED FUNDS, year ended DECEMBER 31, 1971

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<td>R.S.L. Shop (see Note B)</td>
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<td>Prior year’s Adjustments (see Note B)</td>
<td>8,665.55</td>
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<td>Fixed Asset Adjustment due to revaluation</td>
<td>8,154.49</td>
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<td><strong>Total Accumulated Funds Balance at 31 December, 1971</strong></td>
<td><strong>$767,270.71</strong></td>
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for year ended 31st December, 1971

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<td>Administration</td>
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<td>Gardening</td>
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<td>General Expenses—Administration</td>
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<td>— Holding Centre</td>
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<td>Library</td>
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<td>Long Service Leave</td>
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<td>Postage, Printing and Stationery</td>
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<td>Salaries and Wages—Administration</td>
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<td>— Holding Centre</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>97,723.89</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenditure</strong></td>
<td><strong>97,723.89</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>$0.00</strong></td>
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In the above statement, the figures for provisions and special funds are not included.

Amount available for allocation | **$18,263.80**

Geraldton Building Reserve | 10,000.00
Future Projects Reserve | 4,000.00
Building Extension Reserve | 4,000.00
**Total Reserve Funds** | **$18,000.00**

Balance to Accumulated Funds | **$386.80**

NOTES FORMING PART OF AND ACCOMPANYING THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE A: Valuation as at December 31, 1971

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<td>Fixed Assets — at Cost</td>
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<td>Forestfield Land</td>
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<td>Buildings — Holding Centre</td>
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<td>Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment — Home</td>
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<td>Bowling Green Lights</td>
<td>2,112.91</td>
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<td><strong>Total Fixed Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$748,904.41</strong></td>
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NOTE B: Accumulated Funds

The operating fund of the R.S.L. Shop is used in the Returned Services League even though the shop does distribute a portion of its income to the War Veterans Home. For this reason the balance was transferred to the Accumulated Funds as follows:

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<td>Less: Prior year’s adjustment</td>
<td>4,047.45</td>
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<td>Balance, Accumulated Funds R.S.L. Shop</td>
<td>$74,554.41</td>
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NOTES (continued)

Prior Year’s Adjustments

Adjustment to R.S.L. Shop Account due to Duplicate Distribution of Profits in 1964 | 5,784.80
Disposal of Investments in Prior Years taken up as Income:
- Esanda | 2,000.00
- S.E.C. of Victoria | 200.00
- Town & Country Permanent | 100.00
Building Society shares | 100.00
Administration Charge 1970 | 400.00
Audit Fees 1970 | 110.50
Superannuation 1970 | 55.00
**Total** | **$8,665.55**

Note 1: Donations:
- Guildford War Memorial | 1,960.16
- Anzac Day Trust | 6,400.00
- Chapel Fund | 400.87
- Subsion Sub-Branch | 3,000.00
- R. Smith | 1,713.92
- Other | 2,265.03
**Total** | **$14,789.98**

Note 2: Other Income:
- Tin Hats | 40.35
- Amelities | 970.20
- Insurance | 295.90
- Canteen | 225.86
- Lunches | 45.50
- Poppy Day | 28.00
**Total** | **$1,017.83**

Note 3: Linen and Kitchen Ware
In prior years this expenditure was charged to the Replacement Reserve Account

Note 4: Repairs and Maintenance
All expenditure in respect to repairs and maintenance has been charged to the provision which was created for this purpose.

To the Proprietors of the War Veterans Home

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia recommends that provision should be made for depreciation on Buildings. This was found to be impracticable in the 1971 year; however it is understood the Executive of the War Veterans Home will consider the matter in the 1972 year. Subject to the above - in our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet, Notes to the Balance Sheet, Accumulated Funds Account and Income and Expenditure Account, are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the War Veterans Home’s affairs as at the 31 December, 1971, and of the results of the activities for the twelve months ended on that date.

Yours faithfully,

D.J. Bell & Starkey,
Chartered Accountants.

The Anne House nominee in this year’s Miss Crowning Glory quest is Miss Lea Bafferty (20), pictured above.

Lea was born in Perth and is a law clerk with a Perth firm of solicitors. She attended Perth's Ladies College, South Perth.

She is interested in the welfare of the aged, helps meeting people and is a good conversationalist with a keen sense of humour. She would love to travel.

Lea likes hockey, dressmaking and reading but will be doing less of these things in the next few months.

Look for the following events in support of her candidature: quiz night, social evenings, weekly football raffles and lotteries.

To help [with donations or in kind] please contact Mrs. O. L. Bassett, Finance Officer, Anne House.

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**THE ANZAC CLUB**  
*BALANCE SHEET as at DECEMBER 31, 1971.*

**Accumulated Funds:**  
12,364.92

**Liabilities transferred from R.S.L. 1. 1. 1971:**  
2,984.75

**Loss from 1971 Trading Operations:**  
3,846.21

**Balance as at 31. 12. 1971:**  
12,364.92

**Assets transferred from R. S. L. at 1. 1. 1971:**  
11,762.44

**Fixed Assets at valuation transferred from R. S. L.:**  
2,984.00

**Club's proportion of expenses incurred by R. S. L.:**  
259.35

**Prior year's adjustments:**  
4,926.09

**Total Assets:**  
$15,195.88

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**TRADING ACCOUNT year ended DECEMBER 31, 1971**

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**AUDITORS' REPORT**  
To the Proprietors of the R. S. L. Anzac Club:  
In our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement are properly drawn up as to give a true and fair view of the state of the R. S. L. Club affairs as at the 31 December 1971 and of the results of its activities for the twelve months ended on that date.

Perth, Fall & Starkey
Western Australia.
Chartered Accountants.

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**THE AGED FUND**  
*BALANCE SHEET as at DECEMBER 31, 1971*

**Accumulated Funds:**  
112,405.07

**Current Liabilities:**  
Sundry Creditors 220.00
Loan - R. S. L. -1,500.00

**Investments:**  
Government Stock and Bonds (Market Value $14,230) 48,000.00
Companies Listed on Prescribed Stock Exchange (Market Value $26,500) 34,652.68
Deposits in Building Societies (Market Value $22,500) 22,500.00

**Current Assets:**  
Cast at National Bank of Australasia Ltd. 7,377.30

**Income:**  
Interest from Investments 7,385.14
Anzac Day 1,970.00
Poppy Day Proceeds 9,388.92
Excess of Income over Accumulated Funds 2,358.94

**Total Income:**  
$114,848.00

**Auditors' Report**  
To the Proprietors of the R. S. L. Aged Fund:  
In our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement are properly drawn up as to give a true and fair view of the state of the R. S. L. Aged Fund's affairs as at the 31 December 1971, and of the results of its activities for the twelve months ended on that date.

Perth, Fall & Starkey
Western Australia.
Chartered Accountants.

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**THE R.S.L. shop**  
*BALANCE SHEET as at DECEMBER 31, 1971*

**Accumulated Funds:**  
36,881.02

**Deferred Liabilities:**  
Provision for Long Service Leave 600.00

**Current Liabilities:**  
Trade Creditors 3,112.09
Sundry Creditors 500.00
Provision for Annual Leave 814.00

**Fixed Assets:**  
Furniture & Fixtures at cost of $21,750, 1971, and at December 31, 1971, 1,723.00

**Current Assets:**  
Stock on Hand at cost of $21,197.40 and net realisable value of $21,197.40 33,220.40
Trade Debtors less provision for doubtful debts $31.20 596.37
Trade Debtors owed by associated bodies 54.05
Deposit 6.00
Cash at Bank and on hand 6,907.39

**Balance Accumulated Funds at 31 December, 1971:**  
38,061.02

**PROFIT AND LOSS, year ended DECEMBER 31, 1971**

**Expenses:**  
Advertising 347.85
Accountancy 50.00
Audit Fee 400.00
Bad Debt 31.20
Cartage, Freight and Postage 70.76
Depreciation 147.45
Donations 1.00
Proceeds of War Veterans Home distribution 199.47
General Expenses 350.85
Holiday Pay 814.00
Insurance 276.65
Long Service Leave 600.00
Manager’s Expenses 200.00
Paper and Stamps 97.50
Printing and Stationery 11.80
Rates and Taxes 768.91
Rent 4,923.35
Telephone 162.29
Wages 12,863.12

**Decrease in Accumulated Funds:**  
Balance 38,061.02

**Increase in Accumulated Funds:**  
Balance 38,061.02

**Net Loss for year:**  
2,012.15

**Accumulated Funds, year ended DECEMBER 31, 1971:**  
$36,048.87

**Income:**  
Interest on investments 8,986.09
Interest Income 107.98
Excess of Expenditure over Income to Unapplied Profits 2,012.75

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**TRADING ACCOUNT year ended DECEMBER 31, 1971**

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**Gross Profit Percentage**  
23.4

**Sales**  
$77,428.76
Minister details pension increases

The increased rates on repatriation war and service pensions as announced by Repatriation Minister Holten recently became due for payment on April 27.

Mr Holten said the great majority of the increased pensions and war allowances would be paid on May 11.

In some cases it might not be possible to do this until May 25.

Mr Holten said that because the measures for service pensions had been previously announced, those persons who had had their service pensions cancelled would again become eligible.

Others could become eligible for service pension for the first time.

Anyone who believed he would now become eligible for service pension should contact the branch office of the Repatriation Department in his home state.

SPECIAL RATE

The special-rate T.P.I. pension will be increased by $2 a week to $44.50. This amount is payable to:

- those who are totally incapacitated because of war-related disabilities or tuberculosis;
- those who are blinder;
- those suffering from the more serious double amputations, and those who are temporally totally incapacitated.

21,800 BENEFIT

Approximately 21,800 will receive an increase of $2 a week because of the increase in the special (T.P.I.) rate; but the new weekly payment of $44.50 should not be looked at in isolation.

Additional amounts or allowances designed for specific purposes are also payable; separate payments are made to wives and children, and may receiving the special service pension or its equivalent are also eligible for service pensions payable under repatriation legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO NURSES

by Rats of Tobruk

The Rate of Tobruk tribute to the Nursing Service of the Army during the siege of Tobruk commemorated at the Tobruk Memorial in Kings Park on April 9.

Lady Kendrew was present, and Mrs M. J. James, President of the Returned Sisters' Sub-branch, R.S.L., was installed as Guest Speaker.

In her address, Mrs James outlined the development of the Australian Army Nursing Service from its inception in 1915 to its present form as the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps, an autonomous body within the framework of the R.A.A.M.S., with its own staff and its own badge with its simple motto, "ProHumanitate", and a proud tradition.

Contrasting the role of the nurse in peacetime and military life, she stated that fundamentally they are the same. It was the self-discipline, fostered and developed during nursing training, which enabled nurses to accept and adapt to military conditions. This was demonstrated in Tobruk in the orderly withdrawal of the service personnel and the patients under the care of the Naval Hospital Ship Vita.

MAJOR ROLE

It was stressed that nurses could play a major role in times of conflict and, because of this, the Women's Services have become an integral part of the armed forces in most countries of the world and had earned the respect of friend and foe.

In her address, Sir John Kendrew, President of the Returned Servicemen's Imperial League, paid special tribute to the nurses of the R.S.L. and the Returned Servicemen's Imperial League.
In his Anzac Day address this year—his eighth—the R.S.L. State President, Mr Percy Pearson, said:

It is 57 years ago today, on a Sunday afternoon, that our men of Australia and New Zealand landed on those shores of Gallipoli, there to share the perils of a bitter struggle against the hazards of this terrible war, born of the cowardice and folly of the highest order.

In the midst of this carnage there was born a tremendous bond of comradeship that is the peculiar beauty of all men and women who have shared the common dangers and privations of active service conditions.

It is this kind of companionship, this sense of nation—of the law. country and our liber—presenting so many relics of the turn of the century him at work for peace, having high law and order rather than the band had always ways looked to the parades. and mother in the 18x746,

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Geraldton sub-branch secretary J. Buckle has been seeking support for draft motion to Congress concerning “full citizenship.”

The motion reads: “That as all men and women who join the Armed Forces at the age of 18 years are given adult pay, the Commonwealth and State Governments be asked to legislate for all members of the Armed Forces to be deemed to have “full citizenship” on attaining the age of 18.”

A report to the March R.S.L. meeting showed that in two months Mrs Rita Buckle had made 195 bedside visits to ex-servicemen at the regional hospital as well as 35 to auxiliary members.

Members were thanked for painting the kitchen at Birdwood House. Thanks were also expressed for the gift made by Mr Jim McManus’ mother-in-law, Mrs Mary McManus, from the Melbourne suburb of Newport.

The sub-branch was represented at the funeral of Mr A. Vastone on March 15 by Messrs Buckle and Robinson.

J.B.R.

HOSPITAL VISITS

During 1971 the two hospital visitors for the Geraldton branch made 1,153 bedside visits. Mrs Rita Buckle made visits to Nedlands Hospital and Mr Clem Burns 133 at the St John of God Hospital.

Cigarettes and sweets were given to the ex-service personnel and auxiliary members — as well as gifts of soap and toothpaste — at Christmas time.

Mrs Buckle was accompanied by the auxiliary president, Mrs Ashplant, for the annual presentation of Christmas gifts at the regional hospital.

Both Mrs Buckle and Mr Burns have been appointed hospital visitors — J.B.R.

Meeting most interesting

The Donnybrook group conference in March was most interesting as number of sub-branches represented and 49 delegates attended.

This was reported to a meeting by Miss Parkinson, committee of chairman A. Taylor.

Many matters, including membership, had come under discussion, he said.

SCHOOLS ANZAC EVE SERVICE

On Anzac Eve each year some thousand children from metropolitan school to the State War Memorial to participate in a service which is broadcast to schools throughout the State. Picture above at this year's service is that from — Keatle Junior High School.
FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH) 2nd Floor, Wellington Building 257 William Street, Perth, last Monday. President, C. Chambers Secretary, G. Finlay (211036).

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION - A Committee meeting was held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 9th October, 1971, at the Royal Hotel, Fremantle. President, A. G. Douglas, Box 7158, G.P.O. Perth. Secretary, A. J. Wilson, W. Moncrieff, H. Gurney, 35 Alcock Street, East Perth (6280). Secretary. O. C. C. Carnwath, 28 Oak street, East Fremantle. Each second Monday of each month at Women’s Auxiliary meets same time, same place.

21/9TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION (W.A.) - A Committee was held on Monday, 12th October, 1971, at 7.30 p.m. The President, L. Anderson, 11 Kitchener St., Shenton Park, and Secretary, W. G. Lee, Flat 17, 59 Victoria St., 46 Goderich St., East Perth (62600). Treasurer, J. Paul, 36 Lockheed St., North Perth (246311). Secretary, E. J. (coke Pot) - editor, S. Walker, 6210, Anzac House, 1945 St., Perth (777976). Meetings held on the last Monday at Y.M.C.A. H.Q. Murray St., Perth.


25TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION - Committee meets monthly on the last Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Esplanade. President, Mr. J. White, 572 Flinders St., Yokine (429171).

25TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION - Meetings are held every 4th Friday in January, April, July and October in the main hall on Anzac House. President, Wyd Mangion St., North Perth (710328). Secretary, P. G. Tanner, Flat B, R.V.R. Air Force Home Force Officer, Katamag, Bateman, 6153. Secretary, G. Bannan, 460 Hector St., Yoke (Secretary). Committee held at President's Proj. Sept. 20 at Anzac House.

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

Northampton service

The first content for the Frank Gonn Service Bowl. The Frank Gonn Memorial Trophy was sold to the Albany Bowling Club in February.

Frank Gonn is president of the Albany sub-branch. Teams from Middleton Beach (3), Katanning, Koornang, Denmark, Brooms Head Tavern (2), Albany (2), Cranbrook (2), Albany Golf Club, and Ournup participated.

Sixteen ends were played before lunch. In total, two sets of games of 12 ends were played.

The eventual winners were an Albany team consisting of Rod Agnew (Captain), Alf Wonn (shott), Michael O’Dwyer, and Harry Rodman (Both). Runners-up were the Broomhill team of M. Clayton, J. Thomson, T. Hocking and A. Hillman.

Great day for Army nurses

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Australian Army Nursing Service and for the occasion an afternoon party is being held in the Large Hall of the Nurses’ Memorial Centre, 4 Kings Park Road on Saturday, July 7, (3.60 p.m.). A nominal charge of $1 per person will be made and it is hoped that all who can will attend. For further particulars please contact Miss V. Hobbs, 18 Bannister St. (20 76 759).

Editorial apology

Information for the article published in the February issue of "Listen to the Post" on the ANZAC Day Ceremony was supplied by the RSL Society of Fremantle. It is regretted that this was not stated in the article, my apologies. - Ed.

R.S.L. TRAVEL SERVICE

GROUP TRAVEL TO U.K.

A word on group tour travel by air to the United Kingdom – British Overseas Airways Corporation has just informed us that an all-year-round service has been launched.

This fare is subject to a direct flight from London to the US. It is sold subject to Government approval.

EXCURSION FARE

Also $640.00 now buys a $450.00 excursion return fare subject to a minimum stay of 45 days and allowing a maximum of 10 stops.

No doubt this is good news for all intending travellers to Great Britain. Contingent bookings are things that seem to happen with the minimum of fuss.

R.S.L. BOWLS SECTION

Competition at Albany

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John R. Saunders

"Your Better Value Men’s Wear Stores"

490 Wellington Street

229 Hay Street, Perth

178 Birkley Road, Subiaco

336 Albany Highway

831 Albany Highway

AND AT KALGOORLIE

Perfect weather and an excellent attendance made this year’s dawn service and the parade at Northampton a worthwhile commemoration to fallen service men.

Many who served in Vietnam also attended to remember those of their mates who paid the supreme sacrifice.

The Salvation Army Band led the march, followed by 21 members of the sub-branch, Veterans, girls, guides, brownies and junior boy scouts.

The Northampton Junior High School Choir led the informal church service, with President, Mr. B. Birse, President of the sub-branch "Brus" Fogg.

Eights were broken before including one from the Women’s Auxiliary. Some 800 people attended the ceremony.

Later members were told that the street appeal for "Geraldton’s Regional Veterans’ annexe had raised to date.

A photo of H.M.S. Australia, presented to the sub-branch by Mr Jack Plischke, is now on display in the sub-branch room.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR BOULDER PRESIDENT

A pleasing event took place on March 22 when State Senior Vice-President of Senex was presented with a Boulder President Tom Castleshaw with a Life Membership certificate. Only those in close contact with Tom realise the value of his efforts for the sub-branch.

President Walter Lister maintains that Tom is doing his job to perfection.

The march was followed by the usual luncheon at the Railway Institute.

The funeral of the late Harry Smith was attended by more than 200 people. Harry was for many years a swimming coach and Norm was only one of many of those paying their respects.

Gunners’ dinner

The Gunners Dinner was held by the Royal Australian Artillery Association last year was an unqualified success and in deference to persistent demands by members and supporters it has been decided to make it an annual event.

It is intended to hold this year’s dinner at the Hobbs Artillery Park on Friday, August 4.

Crowning Glory raises $10,074

A final payment in February of $3107.94 from the joint committee that month and was the Miss Crowning Glory quest has brought the League’s share of the proceeds to $10,074.94.

The net proceeds from the quest - in the 1963 Army Nurses’ contest was equally by the League and Legacy.

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