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In the early part of the financial year of the League, when the important subject of renewal of membership is a matter of prime interest, the old familiar question is asked: What has the League done or is doing for service men and women and their dependants?

In the area of Veterans’ Affairs only the following items in order of priority will be submitted to the Australian Government:

**Item 1:** That the Defence Service Home Loan be increased from $25,000 to $40,000.

**Item 2:** That War/Disability Pensions not be taken into account as income when assessing entitlement to Service Pension and Fringe Benefits.

**Item 3:** That urgent action be taken to update surgical facilities at Repatriation General Hospitals in Western and South Australia.

**Item 4:** That the Repatriation Funeral Grant be increased to $600 and that the Means Test where applicable be altered so that permissible excess of assets over liabilities be increased from $1000 to $5000, excluding the value of a car registered in the name of the deceased veteran.

**Item 5:** That the amount of allowed income permitted under the income test be increased and indexed before entitlement to Service Pension and Fringe Benefits is affected.

**Item 6:** That Dependents’ war pension allowances be increased and indexed, and that a Bereavement Allowance be granted on the death of a disability pensioner to a widow equal to 12 weeks payment of combined pension paid immediately prior to death, and that the widow of a disability pensioner whose death is not service related be granted an ongoing pension equivalent to 50% of her husband’s war pension in lieu of the current dependents’ pension allowance.

**Item 7:** That Repatriation medical and hospital treatment entitlement be progressively extended to all World War II veterans and that in the first stage the entitlement be granted to veterans receiving not less than 50% disability pension plus Service Pension and who are not otherwise eligible.

**Item 8:** That Service Pension entitlement be granted to Veterans of World War II who have been issued with a Returned from Active Service Badge.

**Item 9:** That when CPI adjustments are declared, such adjustments shall be credited to pension cheques and paid the immediate following pay day, as is available to wage earners.

The above list was compiled from resolutions submitted by the State Branches to the 1981 National Congress and summarised by the National Veterans’ Affairs Committee, finally being approved by the League’s National Executive at its January, 1982 meeting.

While Veterans’ Affairs is an important part of the League’s work, it only covers approximately one third of the League’s activities, which can be gauged by a perusal of the National Constitution under the League’s aims and objects.

In conclusion, I would draw your attention to the Plebiscite Paper included in this issue and the explanation given therein over the signature of the National President. The results of the Plebiscite will have far reaching affect on the future of the League and I urge you to give this matter deep consideration as it is most important that the membership of the League express its view by voting.

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For the guidance of Sub-Branches the following information is given regarding the forthcoming Annual State Congress of this State Branch:

DATES: June 18, 1982 — Official Opening (Government House Ballroom); June 19, 1982 — Working Sessions of Congress; June 20, 1982 — Working Session of Congress.

VENUE — WORKING SESSIONS: Functions Room, Anzac House, 30 St. George’s Terrace, Perth.

MEALS: Each Sub-Branch is responsible for delegates expenses. Morning, Afternoon Tea, Lunch will be served at the Congress Venue.

NOMINATIONS: Rule 25: All nominations for the position of President, Vice-Presidents (2), and Committee Men (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. May 7, 1982, and all Sub-Branches shall receive notification of all nominations received not less than one (1) 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 WA State Branch, and not merely members of their Sub-Branch.

It will be necessary for Sub-Branch Secretaries to act immediately.

LEAGUE TRUSTEES: League Trustees elected in 1981 for 3 years are: Messrs. W.S. Lonnie, CVO, CBE, MC; K. Broadhurst, FRAIA, ARIBA; R.N. Stone, AM, JP.

AGENDA ITEMS: All agenda items for State Congress must be accompanied by preambles for each item, be in writing and closed with the State Secretary on May 7, 1982. (Please submit Agenda Items as soon as possible).

It is 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

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT: One delegate per 75 financial members, or part thereof, and based on membership figures as at December 31, 1981, with a limit of six (6) 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.

CONGRESS LEVY: $10 per delegate. Two (2) or more delegates $20.

ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITIONS: Entries for consideration in the various Trophy Competitions should be submitted to the State Secretary not later than May 7, 1982.

It has been pleasing to receive more entries over the last couple of years and all Sub-Branches with small membership have equal opportunity with larger Sub-Branches as this is taken into account on proportionate basis.

RSL GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST QUEST 1982

The State Executive has again given its blessing to conduct the RSL Girl Of The Golden West Quest in 1982, and all funds raised will be used exclusively for the War Veterans’ Homes.

Sub-Branches are urged to support the Quest by sponsoring candidates from their own areas and to advise the Quest Committee of their candidates as soon as possible.

Six (6) candidates raised a grand total of $27,000 over a period of six (6) months last year, and the target for 1982 is to double the number of candidates and raise $50,000.

Any Information required by the Sub-Branches may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of the Quest, Mrs. K. Garbin, at Anzac House, or at home on 276 2195.

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Royal Australian Air Force Wing Commander D.H. (Des) Gibbs, AFC, JP, has been appointed State Secretary of the R.S.L. (Western Australian Branch).

A Western Australian, Wing Commander Gibbs (45), takes up his new position on March 8, after 23 years service in the Royal Australian Air Force.

At present, Wing Commander Gibbs is the Commanding Officer of the Base Squadron at RAAF Pearce, a position he has held since 1979, as well as being the Aide-de-camp in WA to the Governor-General.

Wing Commander Gibbs grew up in Inglewood and was educated at Christian Brothers College, Perth, where he was Head Prefect and Captain of the College in 1953. In 1958, he joined the RAAF, graduating as a pilot in 1960.

During his 6000 hours flying time he has flown everything from F111's to Tiger Moths, including Canberras, Caribous, Vampires, Dakotas, Macchis, Chipmunks and Winjeels. He rates the F111 as the best aircraft he has ever flown because of its "sophisticated systems and its outstanding performance".

Approximately half of Wing Commander Gibbs' flying time has been as a flying instructor. He spent four years (1964-68) as a member of the RAAF's "Telstar" aerobatic team flying vampires.

His recent appointments have been:
- 1971-73 Commanding Officer, Victorian University Squadron.
- 1973-76 Executive Officer, No. 1 Squadron training on F111's in the US and at RAAF Amberley in Queensland, during which time he participated in two ferry flights to Australia and set up No. 1 F111C Squadron.
- 1976-79 saw him based in Canberra, firstly as a Staff Officer to the Chief of Air Force Development and then to Chief of Air Force Material.
- 1979 - Present posting.

Wing Commander Gibbs has been honoured with the following awards — Air Force Cross, Queen's Commanda-
tion for Valuable Service in the Air, and the National Medal.

A keen golfer, Wing Commander Gibbs is a member of the Mount Lawley Golf Club as well as the United Services Institute; Naval, Military, and the Air Force Club and the Justices' Association of WA.

Wing Commander Gibbs said of his appointment as the new State Secretary (WA Branch) of the RSL, "The prospect of my working in an organisation with such a distinguished past is exciting, and my experience with its members have shown an enthusiasm and dedication that augurs well for the future. I look forward to making many new friends in the League, and take this opportunity to invite all members to take advantage of the excellent facilities at the new Anzac House".

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VETERANS RETURN — AND REMEMBER

Thursday, February 19th 1942, was a day that should always be remembered by Australians, for it was on this day that the first enemy attack on Australian soil was launched in the form of two bombing raids by over 200 bombers and fighters of the Japanese forces. I feel this day should be gazetted a National Day — namely "Darwin Day".

Friday, February 19th 1982, was the fortieth anniversary of these raids and it was also a return visit by 50 anti-aircraft gunners who had served in Darwin during the 1942-43 period. For many it was the first time in 40 years they had seen the City, and all marvelled at what they saw, far different from the ruins of 1942!

Included in the group were Phil Jay — H.M.A.S. Warrego, with ex-R.A.A.F. members George Shave and Harry Geary. Also with us was Alan Foster, a Gunner Don R. who received injuries trying to out-ride a Zero fighter. The Zero won!

At a commemorative service organised by the Darwin Town Council, all leaders in the community were present to pay their respects to those who had died on that day and in the 70 or so raids that followed. The veteran gunners assembled at a given point and to the martial music played by the Eastern Command Naval Band they marched in precision to the Cenotaph, everyone in step as they had done many years before. Vern Donegan, the Group Leader, laid a wreath on behalf of the Veterans, which included many wives who had accompanied their husbands.

Unfortunately, the wreath laying ceremony was marred by heavy rain which followed immediately after the fly past by planes of the R.A.A.F.

Following the service a reception was held in the Darwin R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club where I presented a League plaque on behalf of the W.A. Branch to the Patron of the Sub-Branch, Commodore E. Johnston, who is also Administrator of the Northern Territory. In reply, he thanked the State Branch for this memento and also paid tribute to the veterans by the following words — "Judging by the looks of these chaps, the defence forces could draw recruits from them".

The O.C. of Larrakeyah Barracks, Col. Wilkinson, extended an invitation to the group to visit the barracks in the afternoon to inspect and afterwards for refreshments in the Sergeant's Mess. There we were capably looked after by the R.S.M. Jack Woods DCM and fellow members of the Mess.

We left Perth on the 8th February by Trans-Train and our first stop was Adelaide where we were welcomed by the Senior Vice-President of the South Australian Branch of the R.S.A.L., Harry Baker.

Many places were visited by the veterans who, for reasons unknown, were always referred to as the R.S.L. Reunion Group.

During our stay in Alice Springs we were the guests of that Sub-Branch who have, and I feel I can say without contradiction, the finest collection of military memorabilia in their club museum outside of any War Museum.

Ayers Rock was also visited. We traced as much as possible the journey we had done during our war service in the Darwin area, but many of the familiar landmarks have vanished. Gun sites at Fannie Bay, Quarantine and Berimah were located, but for others we were not so lucky.

At the Adelaide River War Cemetery we paid tribute to those who had died during the raids with a simple service at which a poppy was placed on the memorial by Len De Grussa. I was then invited to recite the Ode, the Service concluding with the playing of the Last Post. This was made possible by the kindness of Jacque Hargraves of the Bushranger Inn at Adelaide River who loaned us her tape and recording, and also invited us to be her guests for refreshments.

The Royal Artillery Association, under President Jack Haydon, entertained us with a barbecue tea and a visit to their museum at East Point. Special exhibits were two 3.7 A/A mobile guns which had arrived only the day before.

Everyone had enjoyed the tour but age had crept up on us and reluctantly we had to admit it was a little tiring, and of course the hot and humid conditions were a little trying.

It would be impossible to mention everyone who had assisted in making this trip the success it was, but in addition to those already mentioned, a big thank you must go to our Group Secretary Len De Grussa, Ken Hoffman State Secretary South Australia Branch, Mike Taylor Secretary Darwin Sub-Branch, Billie Pitcheneder, B.E.M., President of the Australian Legion in Darwin (a letter from her is printed elsewhere), and finally to our former State Secretary Doug Bruce who was responsible for us being able to contact the right people in other states. All travel arrangements were made by Peppermint Grove Travel of Cottesloe.

LADIES' CONGRESS LUNCHEON

A "Get Together" Buffet Luncheon for wives of delegates to RSL State Congress will be held at Anzac House Club on Saturday, 19 June 1982, with guests assembling at 12 noon.

Luncheon $8.00; Refreshments will be on sale at the Club Bar.

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Cockburn Auxiliary Fun and Friendship day was enjoyed by all those who attended. I went to Albany with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hall to attend the Service at the Nurses Memorial Rose Garden, the Sub-Branch and Auxiliary Dinner and the Pilgrimage. Owing to the rain this service was held in the Hall with a good attendance and everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea provided by the Auxiliary.

The Remembrance Day Service at the War Veterans Home was attended by Members of Executive, Mrs. Rolfe placing the Auxiliary Cross, while Mrs. Preedy and Mrs. Sullivan laid the Auxiliary wreath during the service at the State War Memorial. Members of Executive and I were among the guests at the Official Opening of the new Anzac House. We are getting the Auxiliary room as we want it, the Cups have now been brought out of retirement, polished, and are displayed in the wall cabinet together with Badges and Banners received from other Auxiliaries and Organisations. The room is now neat and tidy after storing the Xmas parcel contents.

A Thank You to the Sub-Branches and Auxiliaries who have invited us to their Dinners, Mrs. Rolfe presented Life Membership to Mrs. Hall at Cockburn, Mrs. Mortimer and Mrs. Evans attended Mandurah Dinner, while Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Minson went to Kojonup.

Subiaco Auxiliary had their 60th Anniversary November, a large gathering of their friends helped to celebrate the occasion. I had much pleasure in presenting the Auxiliary with a Certificate of Appreciation from the League. Reading some of the old Minutes and documents brought many a smile and a quiet thought for the past remembered. Mrs. Cottrill was a delight to listen to as she related her stories of the “Old Days” of the Auxiliary. I attented the Girl of the Golden West Quest dinner for the crowning of the winners. The result of this Quest was very satisfactory and I would like to thank the Auxiliaries who supported it. Millen Auxiliary held their Xmas Tea for residents of the War Veterans Home on November 2nd, it was a dress up occasion with a definite country air.

George and I attended the War Veterans Home Xmas Party and we both went to the Bassendean-Guildford Sub-Branch Social afternoon. I was very happy to present a very special gift to Mrs. Sullivan with a Certificate of Service.

I was guest at the Leagues Xmas At Home and we attended the Returned ExServicewomen’s Sub-Branch for their Xmas functions and I enjoyed the evening given to Mr. Bruce on his retirement. George and I attended the War Veterans Home Xmas Party and we both went to the Bassendean-Guildford Sub-Branch Social afternoon. I was very happy to present a very special gift to Mrs. Sullivan with a Certificate of Service.

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That seems to be all for this time, kindest regards to all.

Joy F
State Presid

Newly appointed Regional Country Vice President for the Great Southern Area, Mr. George R. Meyers, of Kojonup. George has been a member of the Kojonup Sub-Branch since arriving in W.A. from South Australia, and has been a stalwart member within the Community. He has previously held the position of Sub-Branch President and is currently Hon. Secretary. He is also Secretary of the Anglican Church and President of the Tennis Club.

Outright winners and holders — Sam Crook Memorial Bowls Four Shield 1982. Skipper, J. Beveridge, 3rd W. S. Ly, 2nd F. Naider, 1st H. D. D. M. Crook, Mr. Tom Per at Presentation of Trophies at 28 February, 1982.

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WA RSL BOWLS NEWS

by Doug Piggott

Forty nine members travelled to Melbourne for the annual bowls carnival — all had a good time and spoke well of the East Malvern Bowling Club (Host Club) and Auburn Heights.

Four bus loads of bowlers and their ladies were taken to Ocean Grove for a reception. Then they played another section of Jack Hamilton VC Fours and the Dr. Syd Kratz Fours and returned to Melbourne. The overall results of the competitions were disappointing, but special mention must be made of PETER MENAGLIO and RAY HAMILTON, who each won three games.

The outright winner for both the Jack Hamilton VC and Dr. Syd Kratz Fours was Victoria, and a Victorian team made it a “hat trick” by winning the National Fours.

Next year the carnival will be held at Adelaide and already arrangements are in hand for accommodation, travel, etc.

If you like overseas travel, you may be interested to know that we are trying to organise a visit to South Africa to play bowls against “The Moths”. “The Moths” are the equivalent to the RSL in Australia. Hopefully, I will be able to give you more information in the June Listening Post.

In the wake of the January floods, the Sam Crook’s Memorial Fours were played at Kojonup. Albany Highway was impassable for the teams from the Albany region. One green was impossible to play on and only 16 teams took part, however the Sam Crooks Memorial Fours was concluded with the Wagin team of J. Beveridge, W. Scally, F. Naier, and H. Dare overall winners, from Dumbleyung, V. McIntyre, L. Roberts, H. Aldridge, W. Bairstow. The morning round was won by R. McLeod, E. McIntyre, H. Oldfield, R. Hamilton, and afternoon round J. Palmer, B. Otter, T. Scalon, I. Campbell.

The closing date for news items for the June Listening Post, will be the end of April, so please send your local bowls news items to me at 242 St. Brigid’s Tce., Doubleview, 6018, tel. 446 1331.

The R.S.L.W.A. bowls contingent to visit Melbourne, January 1982: At the Shrine of Remembrance following a wreath laying.

SAM CROOK MEMORIAL R.S.L. FOURS CARNIVAL

The 1982 Bowls day was a great success, especially when one considers that just 4 — 5 days previous Kojo was flooded. Some 250mm of rain in 48 hours. Greenkeeper Mr. Tom Illitch did a great recovery job.

Several teams cancelled due to impassable and/or direction roads, and thus 16 teams lined up for the day, just in one rink.

The highlight of the presentation ceremony at the conclusion of play was the presence of Mrs. Kath Crook, wife of the late Sam Crook. She graciously offered to send all the trophies. Mrs. Crook is the President of the Junop Ladies Auxiliary.

The winners for the four sections were:

Outright Winners and Holders of Sam Crook Memorial Bowls Shield
J. Beveridge — Skip.
W. Scally — 3rd.
F. Naier — 2nd.
H. Dare — 1st.

Runners-Up
V. McIntyre — Skip.
L. Roberts — 3rd.
H. Aldridge — 2nd.
W. Bairstow — 1st.

Morning Round
R. McLeod — Skip.
T. McIntyre — 3rd.
H. Oldfield — 2nd.
R. Hamilton — 1st.

Afternoon Round
J. Palmer — Skip.
R. Otter — 3rd.
T. Scanlon — 2nd.
I. Campbell — 1st.

R.S.L. BOWLS — METROPOLITAN FIXTURES

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Sat 17th & Sun 18th April
Entries Close 7th April

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Sat 1st & Sun 2nd May
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PRIORITIES FOR 1982

Major plans for the expansion of the R.S.L. were discussed over the weekend in Canberra by the National Executive of the League — along with the selection of priorities of action for the coming year.

The major item was the acceptance of the form of a plebiscite of the estimated 300,000 membership to determine the acceptance for full membership of any ex-servicemen or women who have served for a period of six months at any time, anywhere.

This will probably be the biggest non-government ballot ever held in Australia and could lead to a major expansion of the League.

The League also formulated it's priority list of repatriation matters for submission to Government, with nine items covering the whole range of pensions and entitlement.

The first item is for an increase of the Defence Service Home Loan to a realistic $35,000 and the list includes a call for repatriation and free medical and hospital treatment to be progressively extended to all World War II veterans.

Increases in the amount of allowed income before fringe benefit entitlements are affected and increase in the funeral grant as well as items dealing with pension allowance and entitlement matters, are also included.

The League also decided on an expanded programme of overseas aid, with the priority area being South East Asia with projects designed to improve levels of understanding throughout the region.

The Executive adopted the findings of its newly formed Defence Conditions of Service Committee in its entirety, including the concept of a universal driving licence for service personnel and the acceptance of Service Pension anomalies and rates as a matter for representation at the highest level.

The Executive endorsed the reports of the R.S.L. Defence Committee which in turn is making major submissions to both the Utz and Katter Committees and finalised the agreement on a major national travel organisation within the League.

Returned Ex-Servicewomen’s Sub-Branch

The President, Mrs. Cecile Hinton, BEM, reported that 1981 had proved to be a busy year for the Sub-Branch. The Sub-Branch tried to uphold the ideals of the R.S.L. and help in the R.S.L. Appeals and, resulting from a fund-raising afternoon tea at the Freemantle Sailing Club and the Luncheon held at the Sheraton-Perth Hotel in the presence of His Excellency The Governor, Sir Richard Trowbridge and Lady Trowbridge, cheques totalling $1180 ($590 each) were donated to the State War Memorial Restoration Appeal and to the fund for the furnishing of the New Anzac House. At the opening of the New Anzac House, the President had presented to the State President, Mr. Turner, a gift from the Sub-Branch of a clock inscribed to the memory of Miss Mary Mearns MBE, the Foundation President of the Sub-Branch, who was also the first woman appointed to State Executive. The clock is hung in the Board Room. Mrs. Hinton thanked the Architect, Mr. Broadhurst, for his cooperation in choosing the clock.

The Sub-Branch donated $70 to the Girl of the Golden West Appeal, the money being raised at Brigg and Buys. A stall at Belmont Forum raised approximately $200 and, as 1981 was the Year of the Disabled, the money was used to help a disabled ex-service woman and a handicapped Legacy Ward. Members continue to provide and serve suppers to the monthly War Blinded Association Meetings. Other appeals were also supported and the Sub-Branch had been represented at Congress and other R.S.L. and Service Functions throughout the year, such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

The Sub-Branch paper “Light Diet” keeps members in touch. The Sub-Branch had a happy and successful Christmas Party — their first at the new Anzac House. “Fundraisers” raised $324 thanks to the magnificent effort of Terry Korbosky with the support of the members.

The President thanked the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Fealy and Mrs. Joan Dowson MBE (who is also the Liaison Officer on the State Executive) the Secretary, Mrs. Frances Sinclair, Treasurer, Mrs. R. Donaldson, Social Committee led by Mrs. Sylvia Phelps, “Light Diet” officers Mrs. Terry Korbosky and Joan Hancock, Auditors, Miss Joan Hancock and Mrs. Beryl Sunley, and all those who helped with the Sub-Branch activities during the year.

In conclusion, the President hoped that in 1982, which is the year of the tree, the Sub-Branch will continue to flourish and the R.S.L. will grow and spread further its branches in an umbrella of care for ex-service Veterans and their dependants. (These two functions were convened by Joan Dowson with the help of Tuck Fealy and Joan Willis, Joan Tonkin, Judy Barton, Doreen Sheridan, Frances Sinclair, Betty, Morrison, Peg Payne, Claire Cannon, Ruth Donaldson.)

R.A.A.N.C. 80th Birthday

The anniversary of the founding of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps on July 1, 1902, will be celebrated at a reunion of Service and Ex-Service Sisters on Saturday, 3rd July, 1982 at the Nurses’ Memorial Centre, 34 King’s Park Road from 2.30 to 5.00 p.m.

The function which is an annual event is arranged by the Returned Sisters’ Sub-Branch, R.S.L.

For further details, please contact either Miss E. Harler convenor, Unit 3, 6 Strickland Street, South Perth, 6151 (phone 367 1524) or Miss F. Welch, 70 Matheson Road, Applecross (phone 364 5906).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

As you are aware the inauguration of the memorial at Bullecourt on 24 May 1981, dedicated to Australian Soldiers who fell in the area April/May 1917, has generated a great deal of interest both in France and Australia. In fact the number of letters received by the Souvenir Français resulting from press releases in Australia pertaining to the ceremony has been overwhelming.

The Souvenir Français — Arras region have recently commenced arrangements to have a war museum dedicated to involvement of Australian forces in the area, established within the confines of the Bullecourt Town Hall, and to this end the Director of the Australian War Memorial, Mr. Noel Flanagan discussed the project during his recent visit.

We have since been approached by the Souvenir Français to assist their efforts in making contact with families of R.A.A.F. aircrew shot down in the area during June 1944. Accordingly, any assistance you may be able to provide in locating families of the following aircrew would be greatly appreciated:

LOCATION: Noyelette
RANK, NAME, NUMBER: F. Sgt. Alan Breakepeare
DATE: 22 June 1944
AGE: 412174

LOCATION: Arras
RANK, NAME, NUMBER: Ptt. Off. Alan Charles William Grant
DATE: 24 June 1944
AGE: 420185

Further to the above, we have had a request, also from the Souvenir Français, to assist in locating Flying Officer A.M. Morrison Service No. 411168 or a member of his family if he is no longer alive. Apparently, he was a member of a No514 Squadron (RAF) Lancaster crew which was shot down on 13 June 1944 three or four kilometres from Bullecourt. Of the crew of seven, six were killed and Flg. Off. Morrison escaped and was given assistance by the French Resistance. Further, it is thought that Flg. Off. Morrison, dressed in civilian attire, was amongst the 1500 people who observed the funeral of the other crew members, despite the presence of German forces.

We realise that this is rather a tall order, however we do not wish to dampen the enthusiasm of the Souvenir Français, hence any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

J.L. WILTSHEIRE, Squadron Leader for Defence and Naval Attache.

COCKBURN R.S.L. SUB-BRANCH

The first meeting for 1982 had a good attendance of 19 members, including 2 lady members. Elections of officers were held resulting with the same capable officers as last year.

After most meetings a B.B.Q. Lunch is on for the members and their families, with a variety of entertainment. Indoor bowls, pool-table, — not to forget our Bush Band, "The Hits and Mists" named for the lack of practice.

We had a successful 1981 with a membership of 46, and thanks to our President and Secretary. We must mention the Ladies from The Cockburn Women’s Auxiliary who also gave their time and energy to help our Sub-Branch make it in 1981. We hope this will continue for 1982.

All the best to the R.S.L. Sub-Branches for 1982.

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H.M.A.S. PARKES

We are trying to organise a reunion of ex-serving members of H.M.A.S. Parkes for Anzac Day 1982.

Lt. Comm. N.O. (Paddy) Vidgen, Ex-Skipper will be the Guest Speaker and attending the Anzac Day R.S.L. Commemorative Service and Dinner.

Would all ex-crew members please contact the Secretary, Parkes R.S.L. Sub-Branch, P.O. Box 169, Parkes, N.S.W., 2870 so that full details can be forwarded.

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Concessionary Rail Travel for World War I Veterans and George Cross Holders

On December 31, 1981, the Commonwealth Minister for Transport, Mr. Hunt, issued the following announcement concerning travel on the Australian national rail network. Mr. Hunt has asked that Veterans' Affairs advise the major ex-service organisations of his decision.

"All World War I veterans have been granted unlimited free First Class travel on rail services operated by the Australian National Railways Commission."

"All States have also agreed to extend free travel to holders of the George Cross."

"Announcing this, the Minister for Transport, Mr. Hunt, said existing concessions on ANR for some veterans had been extended to include every World War I serviceman or woman, irrespective of State of residence."

"The concession covers the fare component of any journey, but as previously, ancillary charges for meals and sleeping berths will be met by the veterans themselves."

"Mr. Hunt said that similar concessions were made available by some State Governments to resident veterans for travel within a particular State."

"He said he had written to State Transport Ministers advising them that he intended to raise the matter at the forthcoming meeting of the Australian Transport Advisory Council."

"Mr. Hunt said that all States had also now agreed to extend free rail travel to holders of the George Cross."

"Holders of the George Cross would now be entitled to the same rail concessions which applied to holders of its military equivalent, the Victoria Cross — unlimited free First Class travel on all Australian rail systems."

HEROES ALL

From left: Air/Cdre Sir Hughe Edwards, VC, KCMG, CB, DSO, OBE, DFC, KStJ; J.H. Gordon, VC; Lt/Col C.G.W. Anderson, VC, MC; R.R. Rattey, VC; E. Kenna, VC; K. Payne, VC; L/Cdr L.V. Goldsworthy, GC, DSC, GM.

SCARBOROUGH NOTES

BY Jim Hugill

Our attendances at the monthly meetings which are held every second Monday of the month, at the Dumbleyong Bowling Club, are increasing and becoming more interesting as different matters are debated.

A vote of thanks was made to Mr. Stan Trestrial for looking after the Memorial board for two years after we sold the hall. The treasurer Syd Lewis has been in hospital getting a new skin, a treasury complaint.

The new list of officers for 1982 is:

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"... most of the 16th Battalion's front wave was able to pass through the wire, but at this point a machine gun opened fire, mortally wounding the Company Commander and his Sergeant Major and annihilating the Lewis Gun team; a Lance Corporal T.L. Axford at once rushed to the front, threw his bombs among the machine gun crew and jumped into the trench killing ten (10) enemy soldiers and capturing six (6). He then threw the machine gun on to the parapet and called to the platoon to come on which it did. For this action Mr. Axford received the Victoria Cross..." (from a summarised report of the A.I.F. In France by C.E.W. Bean.)

It was 64 years ago, and 'Jack' Axford was only 24.

Now at 88 he is to be honoured by the Perth City Council in the naming of a small reserve at the corner of Scarborough Beach Road, and Hobart Street.

The Council has accepted a recommendation from his neighbour Mr. A.M. Wilson, to name the reserve Axford Reserve.

Oddly, it had formerly borne the name Sadller Reserve after another Great War VC winner, Cliff Sadller. Recently, however, Sublaco Council named a second reserve after Mr. Sadller, so Perth has been given, and has accepted the chance to pay its small tribute to Mr. Axford.

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE STATE'S SOLE SURVIVING GREAT WAR VC WINNER, MR. T.L. 'JACK' AXFORD. AT HIS SIDE IS HIS WIFE, MAUD, AND WITH THEM CLOSE FRIEND AND NEIGHBOUR, MR. ARTHUR WILSON.

Jack was happy to learn of Council's decision to name Axford Reserve in his honour.

But he wasn't so pleased with his doctor's recent advice — to turn down an invitation to a special ceremony honouring VC winners at the National War Memorial in Canberra this month.

WAR MEDALS

War medals may be worn only by the persons upon whom they were conferred, and in no case does the right to wear war medals, or their ribands, devolve upon a widow, parent, son, or relative when the recipient is dead.

Similarly, in cases where a posthumous award is made and the medal is handed to the deceased's next-of-kin, such decoration or medal may not be worn.

Modifications of the above rule are permitted in connection with Armistice and Anzac Day ceremonics, when relatives who desire to avail themselves on those days only of the distinction of wearing the decorations and medals of deceased relatives may do so ON THE RIGHT BREAST.

War medals (with certain exceptions) are worn on the left breast of the coat or waistcoat, or in a corresponding place on the dress, as the case may be. They will be worn in a horizontal line, suspended from a single bar, of which no part is to be seen, or stitched to the garment. When worn on the coat, the coat should be buttoned up.

The ribbon should not exceed one inch in length, unless the number of clasps require it to be longer. The uppermost clasp should be one inch below the top of the ribbon. When two or more medals and decorations are worn, they will be so arranged that the lower edges (or lowest point of a Star) are in line.

War medals are worn to show the Sovereign's head. The first earned clasp should be worn nearest the medal.

War Medals awarded during World War II will be worn in the following order:

1. 1939-45 Star or 1914-15 Star.
2. British War Medal.
4. Victory Medal.
5. India General Service Medal (For operations in Afghanistan, 1919.)

An Oak Leaf (in Bronze) will be worn on the ribbon of the Victory Medal, to denote that the wearer has been Mentioned in Despatches during World War I. It will be affixed to the centre of the ribbon at an angle of 60 degrees from the inner edge of the ribbon, stem to the right. Additional emblems will not be worn in respect of a second or subsequent Mention in Despatches.

War Medals awarded during World War I will be worn in the following order:

1. 1914 Star or 1914-15 Star.
2. British War Medal.
4. Victory Medal.
5. India General Service Medal.
6. Burma Star
7. Italy Star
8. France and Germany Star
9. Defence Medal
10. War Medal 1939-45
11. Australia Service Medal

Clasps or Emblems Worn (if awarded) in the following order:

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2. Air Crew Europe or France and Germany
3. Atlantic or France and Germany
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

As a Hospital Visitor with several members of the 11th and 2/11th Association, I see and talk to many ex-servicemen and women in hospitals.

Of course, our main object is to meet our association members and assist them if we can. Why I am writing is to ask you if you can mention us and perhaps put this note in the Listening Post.

Many of our Battalion's members are not Association members, but get the Listening Post through the RSL. We would like to let them know that we visit several hospitals and also if they contact the 2/11 Association Secretary we would only be too pleased to visit them wherever they are.

Here is another telephone number to contact: 349 5771.

Sincerely,

Arthur Robinson

2/1 — 2/2 PIONEER BATTALIONS ASSN.

A country reunion will be held at Wagga Wagga on September 17, 18 and 19, 1982.

This year is the 40th anniversary of the reforming of the 2/2 Pioneer Battalion and the date chosen is the departure date of the unit marching out of the Kapooka camp.

The outline of events will be:

Friday, September 17, 4.00 p.m.: Civic Reception by the Mayor of Wagga. 6.00 p.m.: Mini-reunion at Wagga R.S.L. Club.

Saturday, September 18, 5.15 p.m.: Wreath-laying Ceremony at Wagga Soldiers' Memorial. Ladies cordially invited to attend. 6.00 p.m.: Pre-dinner drinks at Wagga R.S.L. before 7.00 p.m. Reunion Dinner with ladies.

Sunday, September 19, 9.30 a.m.: Depart by coach to 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Kapooka, for tour of camp. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch on the old campsite.

For further particulars contact Association Secretary Max Herron, 5 Enoggera Rd., Beverly Hills, 1759 5491, or Social Secretary Bob Dixon, 26 Holdsworth Street, Merrylands, 637 4619.

GALA OCCASION FOR CITY OF SUBIACO SUB-BRANCH

Wednesday evening, 25 November 1981, was a memorable occasion for the Sub-Branch when, following the usual monthly meeting, it played host for the annual Xmas social.

However, this was a very special occasion for our Ladies' Auxiliary who were celebrating their 60th Birthday, which makes them the oldest auxiliary in both this State and in Australia.

Visitors included Len Turner, State President, and Mrs. Turner; Doug Bruce, State Secretary, and Mrs. Bruce; Joy Ford, State President, RSL Ladies' Auxiliary; several other members of the State Executive plus Richard Diggins, Mayor of the City of Subiaco, and Mrs. Diggins.

During the evening Mrs. Ford presented a Certificate commemorating 60 years of service by the Auxiliary to Joy Preedy, President of the Subiaco Auxiliary who suitably responded.

Then, to the complete surprise of both recipients, Mr. Turner then presented a Certificate of Life Membership to Len Preedy, President of Subiaco Sub-Branch, followed by the presentation of a Certificate of Service to Harold Bickley, Vice President of the Sub-Branch.

Both gentlemen then responded when they had recovered from their surprise for the awards had been a well kept secret by their fellow members.

After musical items and a little dancing, a delicious supper was served by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary followed by Xmas greetings to all present.

The Sub-Branch would also like to thank Kitchener Park Bowling Club for the use of their hall and facilities for meetings over a period of many years.

Milton Hogg,
Honorary Secretary.

Dear Mike,

Having gone through the “Listening Post” from cover to cover, and reading and reliving “days of old”, remembering the wonderful times I had at Anzac House when I was with the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood R.S.L., I would like you to accept the enclosed donation to help in some small way with the “Building Fund of the New Anzac House”. In doing so, I feel I would still be a part of that wonderful happy band of chaps that it was my pleasure to work with, and help, 35 to 40 years ago.

Also, if it would be possible, do you think I may become an “Associate Member of Anzac House (R.S.L.)”? Maybe asking you folk who have met me to vouch for me. I am an Associate Member of our R.S.L. here. If this is granted, please advise cost of “Subs” and I’ll forward immediately.

It was truly great meeting all of you.

Billie Pitcheneder, President — Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women.

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Australien War Memorial

OFFICIAL HISTORY OF AUSTRALIAN INVOLVEMENT IN MALAYAN EMERGENCY AND VIETNAM

Government approval has been given for the appointment of an official historian and the Memorial will soon advertise for a senior historian to undertake the work. The project is the most ambitious Australian officially sponsored history since the completion of the war of 1939-45 history. It is envisaged that five volumes will constitute the series which will deal in detail with all major operations undertaken by Australians and will also cover strategy, diplomacy, and, of course, the homefront. The series will make a substantial scholarly contribution to the study of recent Australian history. The official historian and his staff will have access to government and military records and will be able to tell the full story of these recent events. The official historian will assemble a team of researchers and will also commission other authors to write individual volumes. It is hoped that the official historian will be appointed early in 1982.

GUIDES TO COLLECTIONS

The Memorial has recently announced a new series of publications — Guides to the Collections — which will prove a great help to scholars and the general public. It is anticipated that a general guide will be published describing the holdings of each of the major collections and that particular guides will describe especially important holdings within collections.

The first of the series — a general guide to the library collections — will be published in February 1982. Written by the Chief Librarian Mr. Michael Piggott, the guide surveys the great scope of the library collection including books and serials, photographs, film and sound records. The second guide will be a complete inventory of the library's richest individual collection — the papers of Dr. C.E.W. Bean, the official historian of the war of 1914-1918. This guide, which will open the Bean papers to a great many readers for the first time, will be published in April 1982.

VC GRAVES AT MEMORIAL

During his tour of inspection of the Memorial the Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts, Mr. David Connolly, suggested to the Director, Mr. Noel Flanagan that a section of the Memorial's grounds should be reserved as a burial ground for Australian heroes. In some cases, he said, the graves of these people were not maintained as they should be. A commemorative plot at the Memorial would overcome this problem and also give visitors to the Memorial the opportunity to honour some of Australia's bravest men. Australians do not have a tradition of commemoration, Mr. Connolly suggested, instead they are inclined to knock down 'the tall-poppies'. Mr. Flanagan undertook to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Memorial's Council.

CRIMEAN WAR LETTERS

79 letters from a 17-year-old artillery lieutenant in the Crimean war (1854-1856) have been presented to the Memorial by the writer's grand-daughter who lives at Port Macquarie, New South Wales.

The letters were written every three or four days by Lieutenant Frederick Hill of the Royal Horse Artillery to his mother and father in England. The letters begin with one written on board HMS Perseverance en route to the Crimea in June 1855 and continue from the 'Camp before Sebastopol', the 'Heights of Balaklava', the 'Siege Train Camp' and finally 'Sebastopol' itself.

The letters are in excellent condition and are perfectly legible except in a few cases where Hill wrote vertically over parts of letters on which he had already written.

Hill survived the campaign and remained in the army reaching the rank of Colonel. He died, aged 69, in London in 1907. His three sons visited visited an uncle in the Kimberley region of Western Australia and brought their father's letters with them.

The Memorial already holds the Crimean Medals of two men who later came to Australia, one of whom, Corporal Berkleman of the 17th Lancers, rode in the Charge of the Light Brigade.

DONATION OF HISTORIC UNIFORM

Matron Vivian Bullwinkel (now Mrs. Statham) donated the uniform which she was wearing at Banka Island in February 1942 when 22 of her companions were massacred by the Japanese. The party of women, all Australian nurses, had reached Banka Island from Singapore but were captured by the Japanese, forced into the sea and shot. Matron Bullwinkel was left for dead but managed to struggle ashore and was eventually recaptured by the Japanese. She was sent to a prisoner-of-war camp and returned to Australia at the end of the war. Her nurse's uniform, in excellent condition, shows the holes made by the bullets and the stains caused by her wounds. A portrait of Matron Bullwinkel hangs in the Memorial's Hall of Valour.

INTRODUCTORY GALLERY OPENING

To coincide with the Memorial's 40th anniversary on 11 November the Minister for Home Affairs and Environment, the Honourable Ian Wilson, opened an introductory gallery. As 70% of the Memorial's visitors are under 40 years of age it became clear that they needed a general overview of Australia's involvement in all wars to enable them to
understand the more specific galleries. The introductory gallery includes a large world map made of Tasmanian blackwood marked to show all the places where Australians have served. There are also weapons, relics, photographs and posters which give some of the history of each of the nine wars. The gallery, which incorporates modern design and display techniques, has proved very popular since its opening.

NAVY DISPLAY

The reconstruction of Gallery 1 which became the Introductory Gallery caused the removal of many items relating to the Royal Australian Navy. A new display devoted to the Navy has been designed for Gallery 2 and will open shortly. Two large showcases have been incorporated in the design. One of these will contain general Navy relics and will give visitors information about the Navy’s role in Australia’s war history.

The second showcase will concentrate on the Sydney-Emden clash in the Indian Ocean in November 1914. This was the first significant action undertaken by the Royal Australian Navy and was celebrated throughout the British Empire as the early major victory of the war of 1914-1918.

‘G FOR GEORGE’

One of the Memorial’s most popular exhibits, the Lancaster bomber ‘G for George’, is receiving a great deal of attention. The restoration of the interior is proceeding with the purchase and donation of a great many instruments. Recently, instruments were fitted into the forward cockpit area.

Memorial staff have completed the manuscript of a book about ‘G for George’ which relates its entire service career. The book also contains many original photographs and some memorable photographs of the plane in Aircraft Hall. The book will be released early in 1982.

FORMER PRESIDENT BECOMES TREASURER

A former President of the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League, Mr. Andy McDonald, accepted the position of Treasurer of the Sub-Branch at the annual general meeting.

Mr. McDonald replaces Mrs. Pearl Hodgson who is leaving Geraldton.

Mrs. Pam Burgess did not seek re-election for the same reason, but agreed to handle the secretarial duties for one month to give the Sub-Branch the opportunity to find a successor.

Mr. Graham Till, who was unanimously re-elected President, praised the work of both Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Hodgson.

Other officers include the Senior Vice-President Mr. Fred Heath; Junior Vice-President Mr. Joe Willers; Veterans’ Affairs Officer Mr. Bill Cunningham; Membership Officer, Mr. John Spendlove; Hospital Visitor Mr. Clem Burns; Birdwood House Trustees Mr. Graham Till and Mr. Clem Burns; Auditors Mr. Bill Cunningham and Mr. Peter Brown; and Public Relations Officer Mr. Peter Barden.

The President, Mr. Till, reported on another busy year during which the Sub-Branch received the Collett Cup for the 18th time as the country Sub-Branch with the most meritorious service during the previous year.

It was decided at the annual general meeting to donate $100 to the RSL Flood Appeal to help ex-service personnel in southern parts of W.A. Mr. Bill Cunningham handed a personal donation of $10 and the meeting was told that donations could be sent direct to the RSL in Perth or left at Carter & Company’s shop in Marine Terrace.

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ANZAC CLUB TO CLOSE ON WEEKENDS

The ANZAC Club in the ANZAC House will cease regular Saturday and Sunday trading on 3 April 1982. The State Executive have been forced to take this action due to the poor patronage and resultant trading losses at weekends.

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To meet the demands required of the Reserve, the Government directed an increase of at least 8,000 personnel within a 12-month period. This objective was given priority by the Government and the three Services over many other activities. The last effective strength return of the Army Reserve, as at June, 1981, showed 28,837 with a large number of enlistment applications awaiting processing. It is clear that the expansion campaign has been most successful.

Employers play a very important part in the training of Reserve Forces, and recognising this factor, the Minister for Defence, Mr. Killen, formed a National Committee known as the Committee for Employer Support of Reserve Forces. State Committees followed with Western Australia’s comprising prominent representatives of Commonwealth and State Departments, the ACTU, business, the Services and other community groups.

It is the Committee’s role to encourage all employers to support those members of their staff who are actively engaged in Reserve Forces activities without detriment to that employee. Employers can assist by promulgating throughout their organisations, policies that enable employees to do their annual training without sacrificing their job-security, promotion opportunities or even their holidays.

It is not necessary to pay an employee he, or she, is away on continuous training. However, many employers do. Others pay the difference between military earnings and the civilian salary.

Today’s training is complex because of the equipment used by the three Services. In the “total force” concept uniforms, equipment and weapons are identical with those on issue to the regular forces.

Reservists, depending upon the Service, have an obligation to serve a minimum of 26 days each year, of which two weeks will be spent at a camp or exercise. The balance is served on the basis of one night per week and occasional weekends.

Reserve training improves the individual. He, or she, learns new skills and develops self-reliance, discipline, initiative, a sense of responsibility and a sense of service. Many become fine leaders and good organisers. The skills and character traits acquired or developed through Reserve training can be of benefit to the employer. The employer, in turn, by supporting the Reserve, is making a positive contribution to Australia’s defence. To this end employers are being asked to sign an Employer Policy Statement pledging their support. To date, some 6,000 companies, municipalities, Government departments and small businesses have indicated such support.

Employers can obtain further Information, or pledge support, by writing to the Chairman, Western Australian State Committee for Employer Support or Reserve Forces, Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth, W.A., 6000, or phone 328 5022. On receipt of a signed statement a National Certificate of Appreciation will be forwarded.

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The Chairman of the Amelioration Sub-Committee, Mr. Tom Beard, kept up his good work of visiting hospitalised members and delivering sawn firewood to the needy in the district.

The Sub-Branch again took members' widows to lunch at the Windsor Hotel during December. They were then taken to a member's home for afternoon tea, given a small Christmas hamper and then taken safely home. Thanks are due to the organisers of this outing and to their wives, in particular, for their assistance.

On another occasion, members took a number of pensioners on a barbecue to a pleasant location at Sorrento. As usual on Anzac Day, the Sub-Branch took part in the combined service organised by the South Perth Sub-Branch. Manning was responsible for organising the youth speakers for this event and thanks are due to Richard Farrell and Christopher Shine of Aquinas College, for delivering thought-provoking addresses which were the subject of many favourable comments.

In the afternoon the Sub-Branch took part in the annual challenge match against the Manning Memorial Bowling Club. The Bowling Club won the match and then entertained the Sub-Branch at a high tea followed by a very pleasant social evening.

Because many members were concerned over the implications of the health scheme which was introduced in September, the Sub-Branch undertook a considerable amount of research leading to the publication of an article entitled "The New Health Scheme and You". This was sent to all members.

Other highlights of the year included the following:
- Attendance at the official opening of the New Anzac House.
- An address to the Sub-Branch by Councillor Moorhouse on the proposed Senior Citizens' Centre.
- The Conduct of an essay competition with a prize to the best entry from each of the three primary schools in the district.
- A games night held in July.
- Assistance from the Lotteries Commission in the replacement of the chainsaw.

The Sub-Branch is indebted to the committee members for the willing manner in which they assisted during the year and particular thanks are due to energetic Secretary Ken Taylor for the enthusiastic manner in which he performed his many and varied duties.

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NORTHERN DISTRICTS BRASS BAND — FORM UP NORTH SIDE ST. GEORGE’S TERRACE AT PIER STREET
32nd Battalion
2/32nd Battalion
25th Brigade
2/43rd Battalion
44th Battalion

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VIETNAM VETERANS

SUB-BRANCH

With the Sub-Branch taking on the role of a normal R.S.L. Sub-Branch during 1981, we turned most of our attention to being involved to a greater extent in the day to day running of the R.S.L. in general. However, the chemical defiant issue played a minor role in Sub-Branch affairs.

The appointment of Bob Stewart our Welfare and Publicity Officer to the State Executive, is our first major step forward. Both in showing the League we are prepared to take up the challenge, and to be involved in the future of the League, by helping to shape its destiny for the benefit of its members and the nation. The Sub-Branch takes this opportunity in wishing Bob all the best in his new position and we know he will pursue his objective to the utmost.

At this point in time, it is important to look at ourselves and ask: “What is our objective in this Sub-Branch?” Is the answer to become more involved! I hope it is, as there is a lot more we can accomplish by a team effort. Let’s make 1982 the year we all pull together, by helping run our Sub-Branch at a highly skilled and professional level, envied by all Sub-Banches. I will leave you with this thought when we call for office bearers now and in the future.

We must also take into consideration the tremendous support of our own Women’s Auxiliary. I feel sure most of the fund raising efforts would have fallen far short of all expectancy without them. A very big thank-you from all of us in this Sub-Branch to our magnificent women for their never ending and untiring support over the past twelve months.

WELFARE — Resume for 1981

A relatively successful year considering the inexperence of those members who held the position, and generally a lack of funds for the first part of the year. The ground work for our Welfare section was very well laid by Ron Willey who wrote countless letters to all Government Departments requesting advice and information, so as the Welfare section had a solid foundation and understanding of their workings. Ron unfortunately resigned due to his working straight hours, and also taking on the position of Sub-Branch Secretary. Steve Perazic took up the challenge, and with much hard work and dedication set-up a working relationship with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and more so the Staff at Hollywood Hospital that would be hard to beat. Unfortunately Steve also had to resign and Bob Stewart held the fort for the remainder of the year.

The appointment of Mr. John See as the new Deputy Commissioner. for Veteran Affairs also heralded a few changes. With John’s “open door” policy, we received much needed help, information and co-operation which has made the Welfare Officers job considerably easier.

Major advances this year include the free treatment at Repatriation General Hospitals for any Vietnam Veteran who requires urgent medical treatment, a no-fuss admittance/policy to Repatriation General Hospitals for Vietnam Veterans, the setting up of the counselling service in a shop front situation, along with the counselling from Hollywood and consultation with this Sub-Branch by the Department of Veterans Affairs from the Minister (Sen Tony Messner) to the counselling staff at Hollywood to find out exactly what we require.

Visitations and financial assistance to Veterans has seen a significant increase this year, and this portion of the Welfare Officers task is bound to increase.

The individual participation of the members of the Sub-Branch in crisis counselling and back-up has also increased significantly, and was much appreciated by our Welfare Officers and will hopefully continue in the coming year.

The motion to State Congress from this Sub-Branch concerning medical treatment for Vietnam Veterans was unanimously approved by that Congress and subsequently approved by National Congress.

Poppy Day provided a reasonable profit due to the fact that we purchased 5,000 poppies and paid for them, but only sold approximately half of them. The financial benefit of this will be felt in 1982.

SOCIAL — Resume 1981

A very successful and enjoyable year was the result of the hard working social committee. The major fund raising event of the year was our Cabaret, which was well patronised and succeeded in a profit of approximately $700.

The Car Rally was not as financially successful, but provided the members and friends with a most enjoyable day, and with better weather, would almost certainly have achieved a better profit.

The adults Christmas Party at the Pirates Den was one of those nights that will long be remembered by those who attended.

The childrens Christmas Party was also the result of much hard work by the Social Committee, and in particular the wood working skills of the Social Secretary, Dave Ireland. It was all worthwhile after the success of the day.

Anzac Day was a very successful day due to the hospitality of the Greenhalgh family, who also supplied us with very enjoyable weekends in Mandurah.

PUBLICITY — Resume 1982

Publicity surrounding Vietnam Veterans and the Herculean issue was once again fairly prominent at various times in the media, and we received our fair share. The type of publicity we received this year was much more subdued and much was done to show that Vietnam Veterans are basically the same as the rest of the population, and if there is a problem, then we need the help that is rightfully ours.

The Newsletter appears to be achieving its desired results with more people from the mailing list turning up at meetings, plus the fact that all members are better informed, and the newsletter also acts as a reminder of coming events and functions.

The size of the mailing list may also be a guide to where we are going — 240 in February, 345 in December.

Country Members are also finding the Newsletter helpful in keeping them informed on all matters appertaining to Vietnam Veterans.
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