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State President of the
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League of Australia,
W.A. Branch (Inc)
Mr L.J. Turner,
M.B.E., J.P.

Your Excellency, Lady Trowbridge, distinguished guests, members of the armed services, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, viewers and listeners throughout Western Australia.

On this, the sixty-seventh anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, members of the Returned Services League of Australia are attending similar commemorative services in the principal cities of New Zealand — an arrangement that has existed for many years between our two ex-servicemen organisations.

It is pleasing to note that we have on parade with us this day two new units, The first being the Sunderland Squadrons who have a long and distinguished record in the service of their country. The other being the Association of WRENS, WA branch. To both associations, we extend a warm welcome and every good wish for the future.

The Wanneroo District Pipe Band is also attending its first Anzac Day parade and to members of this and all other bands who participate on this most important day, I extend a sincere thank you on behalf of the league.

Dawn this morning saw representatives of both Federal and State Governments, commanders of the armed services, civic leaders, members of the diplomatic and consular services laying wreaths at the State War Memorial, where are enshrined the names of those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

The ranks of those present who actually witnessed and lived through other dawns in far away countries, the scenes of epic events, thin with the passing of time, yet no doubt to many on such an occasion, memories recall incidents almost forgotten, and of former comrades less fortunate who did not return.

Anzac Day is a very special day in the calendar year of all Australians. It has become part of this country’s

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tradition. Australia needs tradition to survive and this we should never fail to remember. National pride, unity, patriotism and heritage are not feelings we should attempt to hide, disguise or perhaps be ashamed of. Let us be more united, take hold of the hard won freedom and democracy we have and enjoy, before it is too late and slips from our grasp.

The aim of the Returned Services League has always been to keep the organisation contemporary in every sense of the word. We recognise that we are facing a constant challenge in this age of the so called "knocker," the age of the demonstrator, the age of the dweller, the age of those who would tear down established structures merely because they are established, of those who would protest for the sake of protesting and dissent because it is fashionable to challenge everything that represents tradition and heritage and old fashioned things like patriotism and loyalty.

We recognise the right to dissent and to protest, but we reject and will firmly oppose the dweller, the protestor, the demonstrator who seeks to impose his will by intimidation and anarchy and to destroy so many valued things that have been built and developed by those willing to make sacrifices for them.

The Returned Services League has never hesitated to speak out on issues affecting its members and their needs, but of recent times it has been acutely aware of the need to speak out on other issues which, while not specifically concerned with the League, affect its very roots as an organisation and reasons for its existence.

These are the issues that divide our nation, setting group against group, union against employer, government against government.

If this was an undeveloped country struggling for survival with few of the advantages we now enjoy it would be easier to understand.

Yet here we have an under-populated country with great resources, the ability to educate, feed and provide for its people, a lifestyle that is the envy of the world.

It does appear that there is no real debate about the issues that confront us. Little or no attempt to find practical solutions by discussion or negotiation and the application of commonsense and a genuine concern for the well being and future of our country. What, in fact, we do witness is simply a stream of irrational abuse directed by one side against the other, inflamed further by the media taking advantage of the situation in its search for sensational impact.

The League has always advocated that greater amounts of budget expenditure be directed to the defence of the nation and it is not too much to suggest that currently the League sees the internal threat as being greater than the external threat, within the sense that you do not have to bring about a change of system to create an internal threat. All that is necessary is to make the existing system unworkable. This can be done by forcing up the cost of, or disrupting production. If you drive away customers because they cannot obtain delivery of goods you create an area of instability and unprofitability for business people, who in turn go out of business. Then is an opportune time to introduce another system.

Some years ago, there came into my possession an article written by an unknown school student, the words and phrasing are appropriate on this occasion and I quote:—

ANZAC “WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”

In our present age, where the identity of the individual is upheld, we need still to ask “Who are we? What is our identity?” For it is easy in our peaceful existence to forget our situation and to take our separate identity as being unalterable. Who are we? We are a community — a group of people free to live in the style that we choose. Our community is at peace — and looks forward to a future of peace, progress and freedom. These hopes — peace, progress and freedom — are part of our nature. Why then do we remember those men who were the ANZACS — men at war?

Who were they? They were citizens from Australia and New Zealand who in time of war — of communal tragedy. They were individuals, but their lives were caught up in war. Their characters and personalities, their lives and individuality were constrained by war.

What then links us to them? Time, Nationality, History, Why do we remember them and not the terrible constraints that they lived under? Why does a child remember a father, a sister recall a brother, a friend recall a comrade, a man think of a fellow man? We appreciate human spirit and human endeavour. With the Anzacs we appreciate and cherish that human spirit created by the men and women serving the community at war. They offered their all, in a time of war; they served away from their homelands to the best of their ability. Their lives as Anzacs are the elements that combine in a human spirit that transcends the dimensions and constraints of war.

We will remember this spirit, for it incorporates the service of those less fortunate than ourselves. Their time, their effort and their lives are not to be dismissed, by a peaceful age or to be forgotten amongst the annals and tragedies of vague memories and history books. In the service of the Anzacs there is a human identity that we cherish in our contemporaries. Let us not be selfish and ignore the enduring humanity of the men and women of Anzacs, and their sons and daughters who followed their example in later conflicts in the preservation of our way of life. . . .

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The Geraldton Sub-branch of the Returned Services League has a new Secretary, Mr Charlie Phillips.

He replaces Mrs Pam Burgess who did not seek re-election at the Annual General Meeting but who continued to handle the secretarial duties until a successor was appointed.

The management Committee’s action in appointing Mr Charlie Phillips Secretary was confirmed at the Sub-branch’s April meeting.

Mr Phillips is actively associated with several community organisations. He’s Chairman of the Geraldton Cemetery Board and Secretary of the Champion Bay Masonic Lodge; and is also prominent in Anglican Church activities and the Theatre-Eight Group.

Letters to the Editor

Sir,

In the Listening Post prior to Easter we were favoured with a notice inserted by you people regarding a reunion of members of the 28th Battalion 13th Inf. Brigade.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for having this done as the notice bore fruit as regards country members. We had members come from Kalgoorlie, Geraldton and many other centres, the reunion was quite a success.

Once again many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,
R. Anderson
of Inglewood

Can You Help?

Sir,

Under the auspices of RAPWI (Rescue of Allied Prisoners of War and Internees), a Dakota aircraft of the 19th Dutch Transport Squadron took off from Java (formerly Netherlands East Indies). They left the airfield of Kemajoran on September 21, 1945, and the aircraft was under the command of Squadron Major Rene Wittert with Lt. Breedbaart as his second pilot.

On board were the first group of ex POW’s consisting of 22 Australian officers to be evacuated to Australia. Also on board were Major Wittert’s wife and his four children who had been interned for four years by the Japanese and whose physical state was such as requiring immediate evacuation.

The aircraft landed in Semarang to drop off 2 RAPWI doctors. After take-off, the plane travelled via Balikapapan (Borneo), Moretai-Blak and landed at Merauke (New Guinea) on September 22, 1945. Leaving Merauke the following day, the aircraft made a stop-over at Cairns to refuel and finally landed at Archerfield at Brisbane. During the flight Major Wittert spoke to most of the officers and witnessed many emotional scenes upon arrival in Brisbane.

Would anyone who took part on this flight please contact me clearly stating his name and address and direct his correspondence to:

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Can You Help?

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Barbara Bradshaw, Jenny Rew (maiden names) ex 3rd Ambulance Car Company 1944, please advise Mrs E. Bastow, Australian Legion Ex-Servicemen and Women, 120 Lawrence Street, Bedford. 6052. Or Telephone 271 8509.

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National President, Sir William Keys, opening the 66th Annual State Congress.

Congress Delegates at Wreath Laying Service in Kings Park.

Retired State War Memorial Warden, Leon Goldworthy, being presented with his Wardens Certificate from State President, Len Turner.

State Secretary G.H. Gibbs with State President L.J. Turner and National President Sir William Keys.
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W.A. Anzac of the Year

Robert (Bob) Blake, of Rivervale, is the State’s Anzac of the Year for 1982.

At the opening of the 66th State Congress of the R.S.L. in the Government House, he was presented with his bronze medallion and lapel badge by the National President Sir William Keys.

Bob has, for many years, raised money and visited homes, hospitals and nursing homes to assist all members of the community who need help. He also assisted in the building of the Happy Days Kindergarten in Rivervale.

Recently, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Belmont Rotary Club.

He served with the 9th Aust. Division in the Middle East and in Australia.

A member of the Rivervale—Carlisle sub-branch, he has served in all official positions, no mean feat in itself. "To be successful, one must have confidence in one’s self and keep persevering," he said.

The League is proud to have such a person as a member.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

"BINGO"

The Returned Services League will be conducting BINGO on the first floor at Anzac House, 28 St. George’s Terrace, Perth. This will commence on Thursday 22nd July, from 7.15 pm to 10.30 pm, and every Thursday. All sub-branches are urged to participate and give their fullest support as it is envisaged that this will be a regular event in the future.

W.A. Anzac of the Year, Bob Blake, receiving his lapel badge from National President, Sir William Keys.
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Following what has now become normal practice, the report given this evening will summarise the league’s activities in this State for the past year.

All matters which affect the welfare of veterans and their dependants continues to be the area of main concern to the League. It is not merely a matter of obtaining an extension of benefits to other sections of the ex-service community, and to correct anomalies, but maintaining values across the board in this period of continuing high inflation. Problems in this area are likely to continue and increase in the immediate future.

The full text of my annual report will be distributed to delegates, sub-branches and other organisations who support the work of the League, many in fund-raising activities which are so important if we are to continue our present level of welfare work.

In the past, individual members and sub-branches have generally supported all appeals. Our women’s auxiliaries in particular who have never yet failed to respond in a very positive way on every occasion.

ANZAC DAY

The 67th commemoration of the landing at Gallipoli was, once again, traditionally observed, with some 5,000 or so persons on parade who marched through the city streets to The Esplanade where the normal solemn service of remembrance was conducted. Following the service, His Excellency, the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Richard Trowbridge, took the salute in the course of the march past.

To all individuals and organisations who worked so hard to ensure the success of the day, a warm and sincere thank you.

ANZAC EVE SCHOOL CHILDREN’S SERVICE

This was conducted at the State War Memorial on the Friday afternoon preceding Anzac Day and, by courtesy of the ABC, was broadcast to schools throughout the State.

Some 3,000 students attended the service and thanks are due to both the Education Department and the ABC who organised and conducted this most impressive service at which His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and the Director of Education gave impressive addresses.

ANZAC EVE SERVICE AT WAR VETERANS’ HOME

This commemoration service held annually continues to be well attended, and the fact that young people play a notable part in the proceedings adds to the interest attached to the occasion.

DAWN SERVICE

In somewhat cold yet otherwise ideal conditions, a large crowd — in excess of 3,500 — were attracted to the 1982 service, family groups and young people being very noticeable. The number of wreaths laid also matching previous years indicated the interest attached to this service.

ANZAC DAY TRUST

Over many years the League has received considerable funds from this source, which is greatly appreciated. The amount received is apportioned each year between general welfare, the War Veterans’ Home and the Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmens’ Relief Trust Fund.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The annual commemoration service was conducted at the State War Memorial, while buglers sounded the “Last Post” and “Reveille” in the central city area.

Sales of poppies, wreaths and donations netted some $18,005 which was distributed equally between the Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmens’ Relief Trust Fund and the collecting sub-branches.

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STATE WAR MEMORIAL

Sincere and grateful thanks to the outgoing warden, Lt. Commander Goldsworth, G.C., D.S.C., G.M. for the manner and close interest shown in the affairs of the State War Memorial. Lt. Commander Goldsworth handed over his duties on November 11 last to Mr D.H. Aitken, I.S.O., B.E., F.I.E. (Aust), F.A.I.M., in the presence of his Excellency the Governor of Western Australia.

Once again, thanks are due to Mr Ron Stone, A.M., J.P., Deputy Warden and all sub-wardens who gave so freely to their time and we are indebted to all these gentlemen for the work done in connection with the War Memorial.

STATE WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION

Only minor work was carried out to the War Memorial during the year under review as compared with the two previous years. Nevertheless, we are extremely grateful to all those who continue to donate towards the fund.

WAR VETERANS’ HOME

A considerable amount of work was carried out at the home during the current year, mainly in upgrading and maintenance.

The Home Superintendent for the past eight years, Lt. Colonel Woodhouse, retired in March, 1982, and was replaced by Mr B. Slater. Thanks are due to Lt. Colonel Woodhouse for the excellent work done on behalf of the League in his capacity as superintendent.

PEARSON VILLAGE

This complex of 58 self-contained units is operating very satisfactorily with the lawns and gardens now well established.

During the year a large room originally designed as a storeroom, but not used to capacity for that purpose, was converted by the board to a functions room for the residents.

GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST QUEST

This was the initial year in which the RSL operated the Quest in its own right.

Thanks to the energy of the committee, and many other willing helpers, the quest proved to be an outstanding success and benefitted the War Veterans’ Homes at Mount Lawley and Geraldton by some $19,000.

The sponsors who supported the Quest are also thanked sincerely, as are sub-branches, the women’s auxiliaries, other organisations and individuals, and last by no means least the girls who entered the Quest as contestants and Jim Hall, the chairman of the committee, for his timeless efforts.

LEAGUE FINANCES

Heavy expenditure was incurred by the League during 1981 due to moving into the new ANZAC House.

Details of the finances of the Western Australian branch of the League have been circulated to sub-branches for their perusal. It should be noted that while the current situation is reasonably sound, due to economic conditions prevailing, the present income of the League account itself will not meet known and anticipated expenditure in the future.

Thanks are due to those sub-branches who supported the Anzac House new furniture and equipment fund as well as other appeals made during the year.

STATE EXECUTIVE

During the congress year successful group conferences were held at Kambalda and Manjimup.

These were attended by the State President, vice presidents, country vice presidents for the area, also representations from the various committees of the State Executive, the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Mr John See, or his deputies, either in the areas of repatriation or defence service homes.

Mrs Joy Ford, the State President of the RSL Women’s Auxiliaries, also attended each conference.

At this time I would, on behalf of the League, thank the officers of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs for their time, energy and very useful information supplied to these group conferences.

PUBLICITY “LISTENING POST”

Under the chairmanship of Mick Hall, the publicity committee have organised the printing of Listening Post over the past year without encountering any serious hold ups in production.

While in the past the journal has been produced at minimum cost to the League, unfortunately during the year the terms have been changed due to the high cost involved in the printing industry, plus increased postage and wrapping charges.

To members of the committee, the Retired State Secretary, Doug Bruce, and the staff at Anzac House, sincere appreciation and thanks for a difficult task well done.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

It was hoped that in 1981 the four new operating theatres and additional supporting surgical bed wards, planned for the Repatriation General Hospital at Hollywood, would have been commenced, but this did not eventuate.

The Repatriation Committee chaired by Harry Noonan has had a number of meetings with interested parties to
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ensure that a full working knowledge of what is required at Hollywood is understood.

With the support of the national executive, requirements at Hollywood were presented to the Prime Minister and Cabinet on March 17 last and was one of the nine listed priority items. It is hoped that funds will be made available in the 1982 Federal Budget to allow the works programme to proceed.

Apart from the new extensions at Hollywood, the RSL priority list for 1982 contained eight other areas which is believed require special consideration in the 1982 Budget. It is anticipated that at least six items in all should receive favourable consideration.

REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

Harry Noonan, the chairman of the Repatriation Committee, and other members have had a particularly difficult year dealing with many complex problems, and the League and the Veteran community generally are deeply indebted to these people for the time and dedication devoted in this area of league work.

WELFARE AND COUNSELLING SERVICE

The level of work handled by this committee has increased considerably over recent years, and, having regard to the age of the veteran community, will continue to do so.

In excess of some 2,000 cases are now handled annually, under 26 different problem headings, and help and assistance is only made possible because of the financial aid given by the WA Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Trust Fund. To the trustees of the fund we are grateful and extend thanks.

ANZAC AWARDS

The names of the winners were announced on March 31. The winner of the Anzac Peace Award for 1981 was Mrs Rich-Shalit of Darling Point, Sydney, for her work in family planning and the women's movement, and of the seven winners of the Anzac of the Year award, one was a West Australian, Mr R.C. Blake, of Rivervale, for his charitable work in a number of organisations.

DEFENCE

The number of items appearing on the various State Congress agendas clearly indicates that the defence of the nation is of prime importance to our members.

Recent events in the South Atlantic clearly demonstrate that a country may find itself in a crisis situation with little or no warning.

The Commonwealth Government, while increasing its defence budget of recent years, had to seriously review its expenditure in March of this year in what was officially termed a re-scheduled programme, but that was in eyes of many a cutback due to increased costs.

Troubled areas of the world, Africa, South America, Poland and the Middle East, greatly concern all thinking people, particularly because of the apparent impotence of United Nations resolutions.

Public attitudes on defence and defence expenditure shape government action. The current world situation demands a more vocal and determined public opinion if we are to develop a more efficient and self-reliant defence force.

GROUP LIFE APA INSURANCE

The benefits from this venture were not apparent in the 1980 accounts, but the net amount of $10,321 appearing in the 1981 figures supports the league decision on this matter. The above figure was after 30 per cent the agreed ratio of sharing, remitted to the national headquarters.

RAFFLE

Once again the result for 1981 was excellent due to firm support from our membership netting the League general account $11,696.

To all those involved under the direction of Mr Jim Hall congratulations and sincere thanks.

ANZAC HOUSE

The new Anzac House was occupied by League headquarters and Anzac Club early in September, 1981 and officially opened by the then premier of Western Australia, Sir Charles Court, on November 14, 1981.

 Probably all of you present by now have visited the new premises and will agree it is a vast improvement on the old building and the temporary headquarters in Sherwood Court.

 Yes, any organisation could utilise more space, but space is a very expensive commodity in the centre of a capital city. Nevertheless, both the League headquarters and Anzac Club are comfortably housed.

 In conclusion, may I extend sincere thanks to all sub-branches, women's auxiliaries, unit and kindred organisations and private individuals who have been so kind and assisted Norma and I over the past year.

 The vice-presidents and their wives I must also thank for their valued support and encouragement throughout the year.

 Also, deserving of thanks is the country vice-president, regional vice-presidents and their wives for their valued support and loyalty.

 To the State Secretary, Mr Doug Bruce, until retirement, and his successor, Mr Des Gibbs, and all members of the Staff at Anzac House, thank you for giving so much of your time and energy on behalf of the League Membership.

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To the National President, Sir William Keys, the national secretary, Mr Peter Young, for their help and guidance. I extend grateful thanks.

Lastly, sincere thanks to my wife for her help, patience and tolerance in every possible way, without which the task would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible.

During any year the League has many notable achievements, but I sincerely believe that in bringing before its 300,000 members, in the form of a plebiscite, a chance to shape the destiny of our organisation well into the future was the highlight of the past Congress year.

In preparing a report of this nature it is almost inevitable that some person or persons will be overlooked, particularly if, as members of the State Executive, they serve on committees or boards not associated with Anzac House. To these members special thanks are extended on behalf of the League and its membership. Included in this list are:

JIM HALL, serving on the Services Canteen Trust, an appointment which was recently taken over from Roy Bell who gave a number of years dedicated service.

ROLFE NYMAN, the Army Museum; T.B. & Chest (F.C.B. Industries - Hostel etc); committee for employers support of the Defence Force Reserve.

HARRY HOLDER, Lemnos Hospital Board of Visitors (as chairman).

HARRY NOONAN, Soldiers’ Children Education Board; Citizens’ Legal Aid Advisory Committee.

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The 1982 State Congress was held in the new Anzac House with 137 sub-branches represented. Many local dignitaries, political, sectarian and civic, honoured us with their presence.

Sir William Keys, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., the National President, opened Congress and in his address spoke of the important lessons for Australia in connection with the Falklands conflict. Deterrence was of utmost importance.

All people, including the smallest countries, should have the right of self-determination, and aggression at all times should not be allowed to have any success whatsoever. We must at all times be prepared to defend all our national interests. The latest techniques in all weapons should be at the defence forces disposal.

IMPORTANT ROLES

In the first working session on the Saturday, Sir William said the R.S.L. had an important role to play in Welfare, Defence and to a certain extent Immigration.

In defence, we would have the same advisers irrespective of who was in government and programmes should be planned up to 15 years ahead. It was important that defence equipment should be made in Australia for Australians and anyone else who wanted to buy.

At the end of the World War, 90 per cent of Australia’s equipment was supplied by Australia. If we did it in 1945 there is no reason at all why we should not do it now.

The credibility of the League has always been accepted by government and it must at all times be seen as a reliable organisation.

Among the guest speakers was Roy Kelly, Deputy Chairman of the Repatriation Commission, who gave the Minister of Veterans Affairs address in the absence of Senator Messner, who was unable to be present, owing to a previous commitment with the South Australian State Branch of the R.S.L. which was also holding its State Congress.

The subscription for 1983 was discussed and passed by Congress. It will now be $12.

DIVISION

For the first time in the memory of many delegates a division was called for to decide Item No 10 in connection with granting of honorary membership to those eligible who have been awarded the George Cross, the Cross of Valour and the Star of Courage. By a small margin of 13 it was carried. This item was submitted by City of Perth.

There were five items on immigration submitted, four were lost and one carried. At times emotions ran high during the debate on these resolutions, but many delegates were high in their praise for the manner in which they were presented.

Rivervale—Carlisle’s motion for all public buildings to fly the Australian flag on Anzac Day was unanimously carried, as was Highgate’s item that R.G.H. Hollywood must be upgraded.

A resolution by the State Executive to stipulate the lowest number of members in sub-branches to enable it to have a delegate at Congress was overwhelmingly defeated.

Other resolutions on the Agenda included National and State Constitution, Repatriation, Defence Services Homes, Defence, Anzac Day, Anzac Club, War Veterans Home, Membership and general items.

RESULT OF ELECTIONS:

State President Len Turner, M.B.E., J.P., was returned unopposed. Senior Vice President Jim Hall, B.E.M. and Junior Vice President Rolfe Nyman J.P., were re-elected to their respective positions. The result of the election for the State Executive Committee in order of voting was as follows: Messrs. M.C. Hall, J.P. N.R. Healy, L.F. Cook, Z.T. Kwiecinski, Mrs D.J. Dowsh M.B.E., Messrs. A.E. McDonald, W.T. Cloutman, J.G. Minson, A.W. Newland. Reserves, in order, are as follows: Messrs. C.P. Fernie, F.G. Verdi and P.M. O’Loghlen.

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Happy Time For Women's Auxiliary

Mrs Joy Ford

We all looked forward to holding our 1982 Conference in the new Anzac House.

All the worries of transporting our bits and pieces are over, now they are handy in our own room. Sulley and I spent quite sometime beforehand, making lists, and always kept our fingers crossed that we had remembered everything. I am sure our Delegates and friends enjoyed the facilities at Anzac House.

The Conference was well attended and Agenda items were fully discussed and voted on. Mr Turner, State President of the Returned Services League, opened our State Conference and thanked Auxiliaries for their support of the RSL, Sponsored Appeals and their continued loyalty to the League.

We were pleased to have as our interstate guest, Mrs Joan Willis, the Vice-President of the RSL Women’s Council of Victoria. Joan spoke to the interested Delegates of her latest project, a book shop, to help psychiatric ex-service patients in their rehabilitation. The shop is controlled by the Women’s Council.

The weather was kind to us, and many lovely floral tributes were laid during the wreath laying ceremony at the State War Memorial.

The Country Cup was won by Mt. Barker, the Geraldton Shield went to the Geraldton Auxiliary, with Katanning third, taking the spoon. Bassendean—Guildford Auxiliary won the Metropolitan Cup, while the Ames Shield went to City of Perth and the Spoon to Cockburn.

The Conference luncheon was most enjoyable and the entertainment, although rather unusual, caused a lot of merriment.

Pennants this year were awarded to the following Auxiliaries: Northam, Beverley, Ravensthorpe, Yilgarn Districts, Boyup Brook, Wembley—Floreat.

I have now started to visit the Metropolitan Auxiliaries, and have had the pleasure of meeting members of the Rockingham and Wanneroo Auxiliaries. Thank you for your welcome and hospitality.

The War Veterans’ Home celebrated its 21st birthday in fitting style. George and I were among the guests who enjoyed the lovely evening. It must be, and I am sure it is, very gratifying to the League to see such a beautiful place replacing the dreadful swamp and old pine plantation that was there 21 years ago. I know the Auxiliaries are proud of it, and their donations to it each year shows their interest in it. The Anzac Eve Service there was conducted by the young people and was a credit to them. I placed the Auxiliary wreath among the many floral tributes.

Members of Executive attended the War Veterans’ Home Anzac Eve service.

Mrs Taylor came with me to the Dawn Service and I attended the Esplanade Service, held in ideal Autumn weather.

The Group Conference at Manjimup was well attended and as guest speaker, it gave me an opportunity to meet Auxiliary members from Boyup Brook and Kojonup and ladies from Busselton and Harvey.

The Galipoli Legion luncheon was held recently and although the numbers were down, probably owing to the bus strike, those attending enjoyed the day.

Mrs Minson and I were at the launching of the 1982 RSL Girl of the Golden West Quest, a guest that I know the Auxiliaries will again support.

The Flood Appeal sponsored by the League was quickly supported and a large amount was soon donated.
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The staff of Anzac House will soon be busy collating our Conference data, ready for printing. Although they will be doing their own League Congress date, they are always so helpful to us and we thank them most sincerely.

I leave you now with kindest regards to all.

Joy Ford
State President

Belmont Sub-Branch

News from the Belmont Sub-Branch is that it had a most successful year during 1981.

A large increase in membership to the figure of 217, nearly 40 members above the previous year. Attendances at meetings average over 30 for the year, which is mainly due to a decision passed at a Branch meeting many years ago that Womens Auxiliary meet on the same night as the men, and has been very successful. It has been a big boost for the membership of the Womens Auxiliary. The ladies meet in another part of the building, and when both meetings are concluded join with the men in a social atmosphere.

Perhaps the main reason for the increase in membership can be attributed to the formation of the Belmont Ex-Services Club who were granted a restricted Club License in April 1981, this has resulted in a number of new members joining the Sub-Branch who have been discharged from the Forces or are still serving, and have been used to having Club and bar facilities in the Services.

The work of establishing the bar and facilities at the Club has been carried out on a voluntary basis, and, a great credit to all concerned. The Club was able to raise a Bank loan for the installation of cool room and the necessary equipment for beer drawing facilities, with the result that an updated bar exists. The Club has its own Officers and Committee and operates a voluntary team of bar workers, who work on a roster basis, so the Club is able to offer its members drinks at reasonable prices. The trading hours are—Friday 5pm to 11pm; Saturdays—11am to 2pm; Sundays—4.30pm to 7.30pm.

Cabaret nights are held on the 4th Saturday of each month. The Club is situated at the Belmont RSL Hall, 22 Leake Street, Belmont.

For all enquiries concerning the Club, please contact the Secretary — Phone 277 3587, or Treasurer — Phone 277 4879. Other successful ventures with the Branch have been another record Poppy Day Appeal, and also the entertaining of Pensioner members and wives, and widows, to Xmas luncheon.

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28th BN Association Bows Out

It is with regret that we announce the winding up of the original 28th BN Association.

The Hon. Secretary, Mick Flanagan, stated that owing to advancing age and low membership it was impossible to carry on. "Most of us have been together since the Great War of 1914—18," he added.

We now wish to notify everyone that Mick Flanagan has advised us that all business decided at the final meeting held at Anzac House on September 8, 1981, has been completed.

Money in Credit was passed on to Legacy Fund of Perth.

All books, papers, etc. have been handed over to WA War Museum.

Copies of receipts for these are also with the War Museum.

CONGRESS PHOTOS

A number of coloured photos were taken during Congress. Proofs of these can be seen at Anzac House. Copies can be ordered through the State Secretary.

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Book Review:

ARMY DOCTOR by Philip Thomas (AXIOM) $4.95

Having read many books on the World War, this book is not like the normal run of the mill type but one that will come across the names of many West Australians, mainly from the medical profession.

The author joined the forces in 1939 with the illustrious number of WX30, and during his service with the 2/11 Battalion, 2/3 Field Ambulance, 2/2 A.G.H. Infantry Battalion and 6th Div. Engineers, served in almost every campaign that Australia was engaged in. There are many humorous episodes as well as the serious, but all set in a vein that appeals.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

The following books are recommended as interesting reading:

Desperate Praise (The Australians in Vietnam) Edited by John J. Coe ($7.95)

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TRANSFERRING A DSH LOAN

Q. Is it possible to "transfer" a Defence Service Homes loan from one property to another to assist, say, with the purchase of a retirement home?

The primary purpose of the Defence Service Homes scheme is to provide housing assistance to former and serving members of the Australian Forces who, because of their service, have been disadvantaged relative to the rest of the community in acquiring a permanent home. The intention is to provide a loan on a single occasion only on the basis that, once an eligible person has been assisted, he or she has been placed on an equal footing with other members of the community and is not entitled to any further assistance under the scheme.

Although exceptions to the policy are seldom made, there may be special circumstances in which the granting of second assistance may be warranted. If this is the case, approval may be given under the provisions of the Defence Service Homes Act for a loan for a second property. In general, such assistance is granted only where the applicant is compelled to move from his first Defence Service home through circumstances beyond his control.

For example:
- It may be medically necessary for a veteran or a member of his family to move from the home.
- A widow may wish to move, following the death of her husband, to a smaller property or to a property located closer to her immediate family.

There must be good reasons, then for a move from the Defence Service home if a second loan is to be approved. Generally speaking, the proposed acquisition of a retirement home is not considered to meet the policy requirements outlined above.

I suggest that if you consider that there are grounds granting a second loan, the matter be discussed with the staff of the Defence Service Homes Corporation. The corporation's Perth office is situated at; 11 William St, Perth. 6000.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR VIETMAN VETERANS

Q. In the newspapers recently there have been items suggesting that Vietnam veterans are entitled to free emergency treatment at Repatriation General Hospitals or, if treatment is obtained at country hospitals, the cost will be refunded by the Department. Does this mean Vietnam veterans no longer require health insurance?

A. Since January, 1981, all Vietnam veterans have been able to obtain urgent hospital treatment at Repatriation General Hospitals at no cost to themselves. My announcement of February 15, 1982, was that Vietnam veterans living in country areas, including Canberra, could obtain this treatment at a local hospital. The Department would meet the cost of any hospitalisation not otherwise covered by repatriation entitlement or membership of a health insurance fund, at the basic hospital charges for shared ward accommodation in a public hospital applicable in each State.

The question of whether to hold health insurance cover is one for personal decision and the Department does not attempt to influence its beneficiaries in this regard. However, you should bear in mind that the treatment available at Departmental expense must be certified as urgent, and routine (that is, non-urgent) medical and hospital care is not covered unless it is associated with service-related disabilities.

WAR GRAVES AND COMMEMORATIONS

Q. As a Sub-Branch Secretary, I am frequently asked for information about Australian War Graves and commemorations. There does appear to be some confusion about eligibility. May I ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs "what is a war grave and who is eligible?"

A. The provision and maintenance of the graves and associated memorials to those Australians who dies whilst on service with the Armed Forces during the two World Wars is the responsibility of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission located in England.

Australia is represented on the Commission with other Commonwealth countries. The Office of Australian War Graves, a division of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, maintains those war graves and memorials in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Ambon (Indonesia), Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands) and Norfolk Island on behalf of the Commission.

While the Commission's responsibility is confined to war deaths during either one or other of the World Wars, it has been the policy of successive Australian Governments since the 1914-18 War to extend equal commemoration to all Australians:

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• whose deaths have not been accepted as being due to service, but who were receiving at the time of death a disability pension at the Special Rate for Total and Permanent Incapacity.

If a veteran is ineligible for official commemoration, the next-of-kin may obtain approval to use the relevant service badge on the grave memorial by writing to the Director of Australian War Graves, enclosing a copy of the deceased veteran's discharge certificate or particulars of his service. The cost of purchase and erection of this badge would, however, be the responsibility of the next-of-kin.

The Office of Australian War Graves will attempt to contact the next-of-kin on the death of any ex-member of the Forces who is eligible for commemoration. Should there be any doubt about eligibility for commemoration, enquiries should be directed to the Director, Office of Australian War Graves, Department of Veterans' Affairs, PO Box 21, Woden, ACT 2606, or to the nearest State Branch Office of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

CANCER TREATMENT BENEFITS

Q. Can I get treatment for cancer through the Department of Veterans' Affairs if it is not an accepted disability?

A. Yes. Veterans who are diagnosed as having malignant cancer are eligible for treatment of that condition whether it is service-related or not. Should you be in this unfortunate position, and you have not already done so, you should lodge a claim for benefits as soon as possible with the Perth Office, 11 William Street, Perth 6000.

The Department provides facilities for treatment of cancer patients at RGH Concord. However, if you have been receiving cancer treatment at a non-Departmental hospital and under a particular doctor, approval may be given for you to continue that course of treatment as a matter of good medical practice. The approval given will relate to a specific doctor and hospital and the Department must be contacted before any treatment not covered by the approval is arranged. Instructions in this regard will be provided when you are advised about your claim, and you should read them carefully.

Cancer treatment benefits under Reg 65A apply to veterans only. Of course, eligible dependants such as war widows are eligible for cancer treatment as part of their general entitlement to treatment of all disabilities.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Q. In your last column you explained the meaning of the term "fringe benefits" and who is eligible. I would like to know the income limits applicable to fringe benefits.

A. The income limits applicable to "fringe benefit" eligibility are statutory amounts contained in section 123AB of the Repatriation Act. They are the same limits applicable to "fringe benefit" eligibility for age and invalid pensioners under the Social Services Act, except that in determining eligibility under the Repatriation legislation, 60 per cent of any income from any disability pension received is disregarded in the assessment.

Under current provisions, eligibility for Pensioner Health Benefits ceases when income equals or exceeds $68 a week for a married couple and $40 a week for a single veteran. These amounts are increased if a pensioner has eligible children.

Australian Service Pensioner veterans, whose income is within the prescribed limits mentioned above, are also entitled under Reg 66 of the Repatriation regulations to free medical treatment at Departmental expense for all conditions, whether accepted as service-related or not.

Pensioners whose income is within the limits prescribed above are also entitled to concessional travel on State Government transport systems, and as such are issued, at the same time as the Pensioner Health Benefit card, with a Transport Concession card. This is not a Commonwealth "fringe benefit" and such cards are simply issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs on behalf of the State rail and transport authorities. The concessions available in each State are endorsed on the cards.

The possession of a Pensioner Health Benefits card may also entitle the holder to various other concessions such as reduced rates, licence fees, etc., but, as these benefits are the responsibility of the appropriate State Government body, local council and private concerns any enquiries relating to their general application and conditions of entitlement should be directed to the authority concerned.

With the extension of Service Pension entitlement to British Commonwealth and Allied veterans and, more recently, to Australian mariners, "fringe benefits" entitlement has also been extended. Should such pensioners satisfy the same income limits as those mentioned above, they qualify for a Pensioner Health Benefit card. However, these veterans are not entitled to free medical treatment at Departmental expense under Reg 66.

Record for Anzac Trust

A record amount of $31,756 will be paid to the Anzac Day Trust Fund as a result of the Services Charity Race meeting held on Monday, April 26.

This is the highest amount paid by the W.A. Turf Club, which brings the total figure paid since 1961 to $285,000. An attendance of 11,500 patronised the meeting which was larger than most ordinary race day crowds.

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It is with regret that the Upper Swan Sub-branch records the death of their President Bill McClure on 5th May 1982.

Bill had only assumed office as President on 25th February 1982 however had held the position as Secretary since 1980.

Bill McClure had served in the British Army since 24th November 1941 and continued to do so until 1969. A total of just over 27 years service.

During World War 2 Bill served with 2 Parachute Battalion and took part, in particular, in two major engagements. One being the Battle for the Primosole Bridge in Sicily and the other being the Arnhem Landing. The Arnhem Landing found Bill and his Commanding Officer captured by German forces and he remained a POW until wars end.

After the war Bill continued to serve, with British forces, in all corners of the world until he left the service in 1969.

As he had never been to Australia, Bill decided to bring his wife, one son and daughter over and immediately fell in love with Western Australia and in particular the Swan Valley.

Bill took an active part in the community and in particular with the All Saints Church of England West Swan of which he was a regular parishioner.

Each and every member who ever had dealings with Bill will remember his dedication to the task at hand, his warm and friendly smile with a touch of humour always to the front.

Bill McClure’s passing is a sad loss to our Sub-branch and we record our condolences to Mrs McClure and family.

D. CRUDEN
Hon. Secretary

NEWS

RSL votes for expansion

CANBERRA: The Returned Services League has voted overwhelmingly to widen its membership.

Details were released yesterday of a national vote which closed on June 30. It is expected to be endorsed by the RSL national congress in September.

A spokesman said the vote meant that the RSL could expand its 300,000 membership by up to 200,000 people.

Members were asked whether any person who served with Allied or Commonwealth forces in both World Wars should be admitted and whether people who had served in the Australian defence force for six months should be admitted.

About 83 per cent of voters agreed to the first proposal and 72 per cent to the second.

The move aims to restore the RSL to its previous strength as a pressure group.

After the World War it had about 500,000 members but its influence has waned as membership has grown older and fallen.

Extract from “The West Australian”

"Reunion Luncheon"

A Combined Ex-Servicewomen’s Reunion Luncheon will be held on Sunday, August 8, 1982, at the South Perth Civic Centre, commencing at noon.

Tickets will be available during July at a cost of $15 each. The ticket secretary for this function is Mrs Moira Ball, telephone: 385 8059. It would be appreciated if tickets be obtained early to avoid disappointment.

Any further enquiries should be made to Mrs Ann Weetman, President, on 272 1446, or Mrs Margaret Gorringle, Secretary, on 457 3527.

Coming Events

August 8 - Combined Ex-Servicewomen Luncheon
Venue: South Perth Civic Centre
Enquiries: 272 1446, 457 3527

Nov. 2 - Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Venue: Anzac Club
Enquiries: 325 9709

Nov. 2 - R.S.L. Cup Walter
Venue: Belmont Park
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Nov. 5 - Poppy Day
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Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Wreath Laying
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New War Veterans Homes Chief

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He was previously employed as Administrator/Property & Arcade Manager for the Wesley Central Mission, Perth, over the past five years. Prior to that he was with the Commercial Bank of Australia for 26 years serving in branches both in W.A. and Victoria.

His service record shows that he spent from 30/4/53 to 5/8/53 in National Service and part-time duties with the C.M.F. from 6/8/53 to 30/4/58, mainly in the Kalgoorlie area. He attained the rank of temporary Corporal.

Involvement on the Board of the C.M.M. Homes (Aged Care), where some 650 residents are located at Rowethorpe Village, Bentley and Hardey Lodge, Mt Lawley, also relief work of their Administrator on 3 occasions, led Bryan to seeking this position with our organisation. Additionally, he holds a seat on the Board of Good Samaritan Industries (Workshops for the Handicapped).

His sporting and leisure activities include Lawn Bowls and walking (at a slow pace!!)

He looks forward to many happy years with our Home at Mt. Lawley.

War Veterans Home Superintendent

Bryan Slater

The Old Meets The New

40 years after the light cruiser HMAS Perth was sunk in Sunda Strait 15 survivors of the action put to sea again.

On March 24, the guided missile destroyer HMAS Perth hosted a sea day for the Western Australian branch of the ex-HMAS Perth Survivors’ Association.

The old shipmates accompanied Perth on a day at sea to see how the modern sailor lives and works. A comprehensive tour of the ship showed the survivors the contemporary equivalents of their stations on the old Perth.

On a sadder note, the ashes of the late John (Barney) Tanner were scattered over the waves. Barney, another old shipmate, was a bridge Oerlikon gunner when Perth was sunk by superior Japanese forces on March 1, 1942.

Perth’s Commanding Officer, Commander Don Chalmers, conducted the service with the Survivors’ Association and members of the ship’s Company present.

HMAS Perth has now left her home port and deployed to the north west Indian Ocean as the Australian independent presence in the area.

HMAS – Perth survivors pictured on board HMAS Perth during their day at sea.

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1982 Girl of the Golden West Quest off to a Good Start

Here are some of the entrants in the Girl of the Golden West Quest to date. Applications are still being invited and, as yet, only one sub-branch, Moora, has nominated a girl of their own. Some other sub-branches have indicated that they will support some of the girls who have been nominated in their districts.

All sub-branches are urged to try and encourage more entrants into the Quest.

The Quest co-ordinator, Les Aris, has been appointed by the League Executive to organize this year’s Quest on a professional basis and will assist all entrants in their fund-raising efforts. We would like all sub-branches to get behind Mr Aris and support him to make this year’s Quest a resounding success. You can contact Mr Aris at League Headquarters on (09) 325 9759 or (09) 367 4760 during the evening hours for any enquiries.

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Bookings for special functions in an exclusive area of either the Club or Administrative Area continue to be accepted at the current charge of $5 for day functions and $10 for evening functions, Monday to Friday. Bookings to be controlled by the Club Manager.

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Anzac Day 1982

Once again the numbers of veterans on parade was up on previous years when nearly 6000 marched through the streets of Perth to The Esplanade for the Annual Service. The onlookers were well down due, I believe, to the long weekend.

It was a lovely fine and warm day, quite unusual for late April, and although a number of veterans felt the heat, it was far more pleasant than the rain and cold.

An innovation this year was the participation by the W.A. Jeep Club who kindly offered to transport Gallipoli veterans, namely the original 10th Light Horse Unit. I noticed all members of the Association, acknowledging the plaudits of the crowd, especially Syd Treasure.

The Service was conducted by the Returned Services League in the presence of His Excellency, The Governor, Sir Richard Trowbridge and Lady Trowbridge and other dignitaries of the State. The State President of the League, Mr L.J. Turner, gave a fine address (featured elsewhere) which was appreciated by all.

For the first time that I can remember, the prayers were read by a lady member of the State Executive. Congratulations to Mrs Joan Dowson for the manner in which she carried out this duty.

Once again the R.A.A.F. played their part in the Fly Past, in which different types of aircraft took part.

The March Past, as in previous years, was a special part of the day and although it is impossible to mention everyone I hope I will be forgiven for this.

Les Le Souef again led the Medical Corp as he has done for many years. Did you see the man of many parts (I don’t mean Bionic) marching with the South East Asia Command. If you don’t know, does the name Ron Ewing ring a bell? I marvelled at the upright stance of Bill Lonnie as he joined his comrades of the 2/43 Battalion; though I did notice he was a little slower this year. Jim Wilson of the 2/11 Bn. was still taking names, and the terrible twins of the A.A.S.C. were again confusing everyone as Ron and Golden Veitch marched together. Even flag-bearer Ern Jolley seemed taller.

What about the many lady veterans (I say this with tongue in cheek). This was the greatest number that have marched, and again Sylvia Perry, Nancy Carlson and Cecile Hinton graced us with their presence.

In conclusion, sincere thanks to all who assisted, especially the new State Secretary of the League, Des Gibbs who only took over in March.

To the Service Chiefs and their respective arms of the forces, the bands, the choir, the media and all the commentators on T.V. and radio, for again making this day the Day of the Year for all veterans.

M.C. (Mike) Hall

Change in Command

Commodore David J. Orr, RAN, the present Director General of Naval Personal Services in Canberra succeeded Commodore Robert H. Percy, CBE, RAN as the Naval Officer Commanding West Australian Area on May 14, 1982.

Born in Perth, Commodore Orr (51), joined the Royal Australian Naval in 1952, and was initially trained in the Naval Aviation Branch as a pilot, being awarded his wings in 1953.

During his naval career Commodore Orr has seen service in HMS Illustrious, HMAS Queenborough, HMAS Melbourne, HMAS Sydney and HMAS Vampire and has commanded HMAS Ships Snipe and Stalwart, shore establishments HMAS Waterhen, as Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces and served at HMAS Albatross as Commander Air. He has also commanded the Fleet Air Arm Squadrons 723 and 817.

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The now retired NOCWA, Commodore Robert H. Percy, CBE, RAN has left the Royal Australian Navy after a distinguished service career spanning 39 years.

Last year saw Commodore Percy made a Companion of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List. The citation stated that "Commodore Percy has directed the development of his command during a period of expansion with drive and enthusiasm."

Commodore Percy held the NOCWA position since January, 1979.

Commodore and Mrs Percy have sold their Canberra residence and will settle in Peppermint Grove.

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Famous Squadron’s Beginning Recalled

A ceremony at Perth Airport on Tuesday, March 16, saw the founding of one of the Royal Australian Air Force’s most famous squadrons No 77 Fighter Interceptor, recalled.

A plaque which is mounted in the passengers’ lounge and commemorates the Squadron’s 20th birthday was temporarily removed and used in the ceremony. This was conducted in a V.I.P. Lounge on the first floor of the passenger terminal at 0900 hours.

This plaque was erected by the WA Division of the Air Force Association and unveiled by the then Governor of WA, Lieut. General Sir Charles Gairdner in November, 1962. As well as commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the squadron’s formation it is also a memorial to the fallen airmen of the squadron and the fact it was formed at Dunreath Airstrip, now Perth Airport on March 16, 1942, with 40 personnel, approximately the same number of Ex and still serving RAAF personnel who have served with No 77-Squadron who were present.

The highlight of the ceremony was the laying of a wreath of remembrance of those fallen airmen in the squadron’s forty year history. This was carried out by the Officer Commanding RAAF Pearce, Air Commodore Norman Ashworth, in conjunction with the State President of the Air Force Association (WA Branch), Mr Les Gordon.

Air Commodore Ashworth paid tribute to No 77 Squadron and thanked them for their past example and sacrifices which set the standards for the young men of today’s RAAF to follow.

No 77 Fighter interceptor squadron was formed on March 16, 1942, and equipped with Kittyhawk fighters.

It saw active service during World War II in Darwin, Milne Bay in New Guinea and at Goodenough Island, Nadzab, Kiriwina, Momote, Noemfoor, Morotai and Labuan as the war proceeded through the South Pacific.

At the end of the war 77 Squadron became part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan and in 1950 became the first Allied Squadron to go into action with the United States in Korea. It later saw action in the Malayan Emergency, and later in confrontation with Indonesia.

During its career the squadron has been equipped with Kittyhawks, Mustangs, Meteors, Vampires, Sabres and now Mirage fighter aircraft. It is currently based at Williamtown RAAF base, NSW.

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Twelve original No. 77 Squadron members who attended the 40th Birthday of the squadron are pictured with the commemorative plaque after the ceremony.

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President: J. Bowra, 7 Highland Road, North Perth. Tel: 444 2585. Secretary: G.K. Baron-Hay, 24 Stanley Street, Nedlands. Tel: 386 1554. Committee meetings held quarterly, First Monday in March, June, September & December at 2pm. Anzac Club, 28 St. George’s Terra Perth.

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Honourable General Secretary: Mary Woollacott, Tranby House, Johnson Road, Maylands, 6051. Tel: 272 2830. Council meets fourth Tuesday each month at Anzac House. Annual Reunion nearest Saturday to November 11, (Remembrance Day). International Ballroom, Belmont. All Correspondence to Secretary.

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Meets 2nd Tuesday, each month, 8pm Lord Street Drill Hall. President: D. Harvey, 150 Lansdowne Street, South Perth, 6151, Tel: 367 4339. Secretary: O.C. Evans, 188 Lewis Road, Forrestfield, 6058. Tel: 453 6203.

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President: Adrian Ball, 158 Nollamara Avenue, Nollamara. 6060. Tel: 349 1446. Secretary: Audry Brown. Meetings fortnightly, Tuesday nights at 8pm. 131 James Street, Guildford, W.A. Dances held every Saturday night. Bingo Thursday nights.

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**GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF WA (INC)**

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State President: Mr T.J. Bastow, 120 Lawrence Street, Bedford. Tel: 271 8509. State Secretary: Mrs E.A. Bastow, 120 Lawrence Street, Bedford. Tel: 271 8509. Details of Sub-branch Meetings, please phone 271 8509.

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President: J.B.C.P.M. Desetine, 61 Milton Street, Yokine. Tel: 444 2167. Secretary: J.D. Van Der Moezel, 31 Jackson Avenue, Karrinyup. Tel: 341 1798. Meets fourth Wednesday each month. Druids Hall, 8pm. All correspondence to Box 87 PO, Wembley. 6014.

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Five Branches and seven groups meet monthly at Air Force Memorial Estate, Benningfield Road, Bullcreek. Air Force Association Club open to members daily. State President: Mr L. Gordon. Further information obtainable from State Secretary: Mr A.V. Alliott. Tel: 332 7205.

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Meets fourth Thursday of each month, 7.30pm, Anzac House, 28 St. George’s Terrace, Perth. President: Mrs Jean Washford, 4/99 Seventh Road, Armadale. Tel: 399 6230. Hon. Secretary: Mrs Dorren O’Grady, 122 Duke Street, Scarborough. Tel: 341 5640.

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Background

Research programmes have shown that Vietnam Veterans’ are prone to experiencing readjustment problems. While many of the problems are similar to those experienced by veterans of other wars, the “Vietnam Experience” has led to a set of unique reactions:

- Depression
- Anxiety and anger
- Sleep disturbances
- Loss of interest in work and other activities
- Alienation and survivor guilt
- Suicidal thoughts and feelings
- Problems with intimate relationships
- Flashbacks to Vietnam
- Fantasies of retaliation
- Fits of sudden rage
- Memory impairment
- Fear of losing loved ones

Such feelings tend to surface several years after leaving the military, often in ways that present real difficulties for us.

Some of us feel intense loneliness, depression, alienation or have turned to alcohol or other things in an attempt to erase the anguish of Vietnam.

A few have had trouble with the law or are chronically unemployed.

Some of us have “gotten it together again” through psychological or other counselling.

Update

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Family

The VVCS has also been set up to assist the wives and children of Vietnam Veterans’ with their social, psychological and urgent medical problems.

Contact

The Vietnam Veterans’ Counselling Service,
Unit 4, Delaine House,
Cnr Canning Highway & Gwnyfred Road,
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Telephone: (09) 367 9400

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Code of Citizenship — Como Sub-Branch Follows Up

As a follow-up to the presentation to schools of the RSL "Code of Citizenship" in 1979, Como Sub-branch, in 1980, inaugurated a "Junior Citizenship Award Scheme."

Based on the criteria embodied in the "Code of Citizenship" the school staff select a boy and a girl to be recipients of an inscribed certificate while their names are recorded for posterity on a beautiful gold lettered, polished jarrah, Honour Board, donated to each school by the Sub-branch.

The RSL "Code of Citizenship" is an integral part of both the presentation certificates and the honour boards, thereby drawing attention to and re-emphasising the importance of good citizenship, at least, on a continuing annual basis.

Commencing with Collier Primary School in 1980 the award scheme was extended in 1981 to embrace Como Primary School and Penrhos College.

The awards for 1981 were:

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Como Sub-branch President, Eric Blakers presents the Penrhos College Honour Board to Acting Principal Mrs Betty Harman.

National Security

The President of the Geraldton Sub-branch of the Returned Services League, Mr Till, told the Anzac Day assembly that the League was deeply concerned at the national security situation which had been allowed to deteriorate over many years.

He said that in an uncertain world, Australia should be given the capacity to cope with any contingency because, after all, what good was social security without national security.

Mr Till urged Australians to emulate what he called the generous aspirations and intense patriotism of the ANZACS and their successors who had died so willingly and so freely for Australia. He said the future of Australia's heritage would then be secure, and the heroes would not have died in vain.

The oldest man on parade at Birdwood House was 92-year-old RSL Life Member, Bert Lock, who has missed only one parade since coming to Geraldton 53 years ago — and that was through illness.

Mr Lock said the 1982 Anzac Day observance was as good as Geraldton had ever had — both with regard to the attendance and the number of wreaths laid; and also as far as the large number of young participants was concerned.

Mr Lock served with the Royal Engineers as a Sergeant Major in France and Belgium. He joined the East Perth Sub-branch of the RSL in 1919 as he came off the ship at Fremantle and he was also a member of the Mount Barker and Narrogin Sub-branches before coming the Geraldton in 1929.
Also on parade at Birdwood House was 83 year old Fred Tester, now of Geraldton but originally of Coolgardie, who served with the 11th Battalion at Gallipoli and also with the 51st Battalion. Mr Tester was only 16 when he sailed from Fremantle with the Seventh Reinforcements for the 11th Battalion.

Mr Tester became a member of the Geraldton Sub-branch of the RSL by paying his subscription on Anzac Day — after having-originally been a member of the Coolgardie Sub-branch.

Participants in the Anzac Day observance also included a couple from Adelaide, ex-Navy man Gordon Wright and wife Hilda, who are on their way around Australia. Gordon and another ex-navalman, RSL Life Member Clem Burns, were quickly engaged in reminiscences about their naval experiences.

There were more than 500 participants in the march to Birdwood House — including more than 50 ex-service personnel. A highlight of the ceremony was the laying of 46 wreaths at the Memorial where a guard-of-honour was provided by the Army Reserve Unit.

The Town Band officiated for the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Reveille," and also supplied entertainment after the ceremony.

B.J.B.

W.A. R.S.L. Bowls News
By Doug Piggott

Arrangements for the South African Tour are now completed, but if intending to travel you will have to nominate now, as a total of 46 tourists from all Australian States are required.

The plane will leave Perth on October 9, 1982, and fly straight to Johannesburg, and to Capetown on October 12. On October 15, you will board a coach for return to Johannesburg. A total of 8 games of bowls will be played and sightseeing tours have been arranged. You will return to Perth on November 6, 1982.

The cost of air fares and accommodation is $2,551. For further information contact Len Preedy, 152 Keightly Road, Shenton Park, 6008 or telephone 381 8294 (Home), 381 1926 (Bus.)

The Annual General Meeting and election of Officers was held on May 12, 1982, and is as follows: — Patron Norm Fraser, Life Member Ernie Newton, President Tom McIntyre, Vice Presidents Tyson Scanlon and Doug Piggott, Secretary John Dalgarno, Treasurer Ron Needham, Committee: Ted Cornwall, Jack Davies, Bill Scally, Ken Marshall, Fred Larter, Roy McLeod, Harry Oldfield, Allan Lowson, Jack Dusting and John Serventy, Club Captain Jack Dusting. Auditor John Serventy.

Since the last issue of the "Listening Post" we have played two social and nine Champion games.

Social Bowls: On February 17; we played against the Master Bakers of Inglewood, and March 3, against the Police at North RSL, the victors on both occasions.

COUNTRY COMPETITIONS:
WAGIN RSL FOURS CARNIVAL, FEBRUARY 23.

Teams from Wagin, Albany, Darkan, Katanning, Pingelly, Kojonup, Dumbleyung, Narrogin, Manning, Osborne Park and Yokine (total 22) enjoyed a most successful day of bowls.


ALBANY RSL CARNIVAL MARCH 23 AND 24

Once again the Albany Bowling Club’s men and ladies excelled themselves, one could not wish for a better organised two days of bowling, and the meals — well, thank you for a job well done. I was told Frank Gomm arranged for the 2 days of sunshine, I don’t know where he gets his "pull" from, but he was certainly got it.

MEN’S PAIRS MARCH 23

The competition was played for the first time, with the W.A. RSL Bowls Section being the sponsor to the tune of $150.00.


FRANK GOMM PERPETUAL FOURS (MEN) MARCH 24


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DOUG PIGGOTT PERPETUAL FOURS (LADIES)  
MARCH 24

Winners: M. Woonings, M. Fitzpatrick, L. Lange, M. Parkin (Albany)
Runners-Up: M. Anning, I. Pascoe, O. Kirkwood, E. Tolland (Mid. Beach)
Third: M. Scott, L. Hoad, T. Faber, B. Wellstead (Albany)
Lucky Last: E. Piggott, S. Critchley, P. Rabbit, A.D. Hall (Composite)

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

CLIFF SADLIER V.C. MEMORIAL FOURS SHILD 4TH APRIL

The format of this game is, players from North of the river versus players from South of the river, and this was the first year we played for the Cliff Sadlier V.C. Shield.

Subiaco RSL Sub-branch donated the shield with the proviso the shield remains at the Kitchener Park Bowling Club, and at the A.G.M. a motion was carried that this competition will be contested on a week day in future.

Winners: North with 205 points to Souths 158 points.

MORRIS CREWE MEMORIAL EOURS, APRIL 17 & 18

Players at Bedford, Mt. Lawley and Bayswater Bowling Clubs with the presentation and dinner at Bayswater Bowling Club.

Winners: P. Sassella, T. Newel, F. Lawford, S. Jackson (Osborne Park)
Runners-Up: G. Critchley, C. Davies, D. Studddee, V. Zani (Bayswater)
Winning Country Team: W. Scally, J. Nalder, F. Nalder, H. Brockway (Wagin)

TOWN & COUNTRY BUILDING SOCIETY PAIRS MAY 1 AND 2

Winners: A. Lowson, J. West (Wembley)
Runners-Up: E. Perry, G. Parkin (Gosnells)

BEVILAQUA & WILLIAMS PTY LTD TRIPLES MAY 15 AND 16

Winners: W. Shulze, K. Fahey, F. Rowbottom (Osborne Park)
Runner-Up: I. Slocum, H. Oldfield, R. Hamilton (Yokine)

BOND RESOURCES MIXED FOURS MAY 23 AND 24

This game was played at Osborne Park Bowling Club with 36 teams competing.

Winners: P. Sassella, E. Leslie, E. Carter, E. Turner (Osborne Park)
Runners-Up: K. Alberthsen, M. Alberthsen, P. Hitchcock, L. McCarthy (Yokine)

After the game we held the "wind up" dinner and presentation for trophies.

Our President, Tom McIntyre, introduced Mr Ric Mitchell, President of the Osborne Park Bowling Club. Ric expressed his delight that the W.A. RSL Bowls Section had chosen his club for the mixed fours and dinner.

Mr Terry Wiseman, the Town & Country Building Societies representative, presented the Pairs winners with their Trophies.

Mr Ted Brunton from Bevilaqua & Williams presented the Triples winners with their Trophies.

Mr Tyson Scanlon for Bond Resources presented the Mixed Fours trophies.

Except for any social games that may be in the offing, this ends another Season of enjoyable bowls.

I would still like to hear from country Sub-branches if you are considering starting a bowls competition; the Bowls Section will give you assistance and support.

My address: 242 St. Brigids Terrace, Doubleview, 6018. Telephone: 446 1331.

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SANDWICH LUNCHEONS

The League has arranged a series of six ‘SANDWICH LUNCHEONS’ with Guest Speakers for Members and their Friends, at Anzac House, 30 St. George’s Terrace, Perth.

12 noon Fellowship at the Club
12.45pm LUNCH — Sandwiches and Tea — Cost $2
1.20 to 1.50pm Guest Speaker

To assist with catering please advise:
Mrs B. Swan 325 9799
Mrs J. Dowson 384 6712

NON-MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WELCOME

Subject:

Tuesday Aug. 3, 82  W.A. Fire Brigade, and Member of State Executive RSL “The Fire Brigade in Western Australia”

Tuesday Sept 7, 82  AIR COMMODORE NORMAN F. ASHWORTH, Air Officer, Western Australia, RAAF. Australia’s Defence: ‘A Personal View’

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### Disaster Relief Appeal — Flood Disaster

In order to have relief on immediate call by the various State Branches, RSL National Headquarters, some years ago, established a Disaster Relief Fund. All State Branches contribute to this and all have the use of its resources, on request, for use in emergencies.

Of recent date are the disasters of Meckering, Port Hedland, Dwellingup and, this year, Nannup. On each occasion a draw on the National Fund was answered immediately. This, in conjunction with a local appeal, in every case resulted in sufficient funds become available to cover reasonably the financial requirements of the ex-servicemen and women affected by the particular disaster. On winding up the specific appeal, the balance, if any, of the fund is returned to the National Headquarters Disaster Fund.

To date, Western Australia has been the beneficiary. For Meckering, we received from the National Fund the sum of $10,000. All, including local contributions, was disbursed, none being returned to Canberra. Port Hedland, $5,000 plus local contributions was utilised, less $3,800 returned to Canberra. Dwellingup, $5,000 plus local contributions was all disbursed. Nannup, $5,000 ex the RSL National Headquarters Disaster Relief Fund plus local contributions of $6,010 totalled $11,010 of this, $3,250 has been disbursed, the balance of $7,760 being subject to return to the RSL National Headquarters Disaster Relief Fund. Thus over a period of time, Western Australia has benefited from this fund by a total of $25,000, to which we have contributed only $11,220.

When the recent floods occurred, the State President, Mr Len Turner, MBE, appointed a Committee to Assess Any Needs. In order to gain first hand knowledge, Mr Turner himself made a strenuous investigating tour of the affected areas, on the weekend February, 13-15th. The only area requiring financial assistance was Nannup.

A subscription list was opened and an appeal made for donations. A detailed list of donors is shown here, and sincere thanks to all who subscribed. It was thankfully received and faithfully applied. A total of $3,250 has been sent to Nannup Sub-branch for disbursement to all the ex-servicemen whose needs have been established. A complete accounting of disbursements will be made (has been made).

The fund is being wound up and the balance returned to the National Headquarters Disaster Relief Fund with the exception of $500 which is being retained temporarily to cover any belated claims which may yet be made.

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"THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS"

Old Soldiers understand about mateship! It's all about toughing it out together when the going is really rugged. It's about standing by your mate through thick and thin. It's helping the bloke that's down on his luck.

A fond memory that has lingered through several wars is that of the Salvo bloke, who seemed to have the uncanny knack of turning up in impossible situations. How many of us have said at just such times, "Thank God for the Salvos!"

Now the Salvos have a problem, and they've asking for our help to solve it. It's the problem of trying to cope with poverty, and helping people affected by it. Too many of our fellow Australians are battling against impossible odds — you can call it a war if you like, and some are losing this fight and going under.

RETURNED EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S SUB-BRANCH, R.S.L.

The Returned Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-Branch has once again embarked upon an active and meaningful year. A stall at Belmont Forum raised $342 and was a great example of the value of togetherness." Veterans' Home Anzac Eve Service and our Dawn Service stalwart Mrs Heather McManis, with Miss Hazel Peers, laid a wreath at the Dawn Service. Members took part in the Anzac Day March and enjoyed a friendly get-together at Anzac House afterwards. We are proud that Mrs Joan Dowson, M.B.E., who is a member of the State Executive and a Vice-President of the Sub-Branch was chosen to read the prayers at the Anzac Day Service. Penhros College invited a member of our Sub-Branch to address their Anzac Day Service, and this was accepted by Mrs Beverley Swan while Mrs Frances Sinclair recited the Ode.

We were delighted to entertain Lady Trowbridge to morning tea at Anzac House on May 14 and 50 members attended this enjoyable function. Our Social Committee with Mrs Sylvia Phelps is to be thanked and congratulated on its efforts.

COCKBURN SUB-- BRANCH R.S.L.

Anzac Day with a good muster of veterans was held once again in the Memorial Hall. The Parade was inspected by the Deputy Mayor of the City of Cockburn followed by a march past and a service conducted very ably by Pastor A.G. Smith. President J. Bavich read the address. Veterans and wives were then invited to join the Deputy Mayor and partake of the hospitality of Cockburn City.

This was followed by a lunch at our own hall. About 120 people attended.

A special thanks must go to patron Ray Lees and his good wife for donations of vegetables and cash to help us out with the catering.

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POLICY ON IMMIGRATION

Recently, the subject of Immigration has received a great deal of attention by the media. Unfortunately, some of these articles have attempted to embroil the League in unfavourable publicity by mischievous, half-truths on what is purported to be the League policy on the subject. Therefore, the League’s Standing Policy on Immigration is shown below for the information of all members.

A: Vigorous and selective Immigration Policy

i. Because of our small population in relation to the size of our country and because of our declining birth rate, there must be a continued vigorous and selective Immigration Policy.

ii. Selection must be based on the migrant’s ability to integrate and on the other benefits to Australia — in skills, experience and personal qualities. It must not be based on racial or cultural backgrounds.

B: Screening of Migrants

i. Stringent screening procedures including health tests must be maintained in selecting intending migrants to eliminate those who have extremist or disruptive tendencies; unlikely to fit into our social structure or who are liable to become an undue financial burden on our society.

ii. Further stringent screening procedures must be maintained for the same purposes at all ports of entry.

C: Family Reunion Programme

The family reunion programme should be implemented with understanding and humanity, subject to appropriate screening procedures, and should be expanded to include approved organisations as sponsors.

D. Migrant Percentage of Population

The numbers of migrants being admitted should be related to the ability to absorb them into our society and to our birth rate. In order to ensure a progressive increase of our population we should aim at a migrant intake of one per cent of our population.

E. Educational Programme

There should be an adequate and attractive educational programme for all migrants who need it. Arrangements should be made so that those migrants, including families, who attend are not prejudiced financially. There must also be an education programme for the older Australians to assist in assimilation and acceptance of new arrivals.

F: Obligations of Sponsors

The Government should ensure that sponsors of migrants carry out in full their responsibilities.

G: Temporary Visa

A change of status from temporary visitor to permanent resident should be approved only in exceptional circumstances.

H: RSL Assistance

The RSL should assist in any way possible the settlement of migrants into the Australian community.

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R.S.L. RAFFLE RESULTS

1ST PRIZE — K.G. TOWNSING, TICKET N° 1169
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