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End of a 14-year Era

Just before I left for Melbourne to attend the National Congress, I was pleased to report that our membership at that time was slightly up on the figure of last year at the same time. But we still needed 110 to top the 1973 total.

If sub-branches should be holding Capitation Returns, I would ask them to please ensure that these are sent forward.

If individual members' subscriptions are behind, and my message should reach and touch the conscience, I hope they will renew their subscription forthwith, so that we may not look back, but be able to report progress.

At the National Congress which was held in Melbourne from October 28 to November 1, Sir Arthur Lee, KBE, MC, signed off after 14 years as National President.

Those who were present at our State Congress witnessed a presentation to Sir Arthur as a mark of our appreciation for the leadership he has given to the organisation over these many years.

BUSINESSLIKE

His conduct of the League's affairs has been effected in a very businesslike manner, and his aim has always been to serve primarily ex-service men and women, and then to represent our organisation in providing pointers to what the League sees as being in the best interest of Australia.

Sir Arthur Lee has been ably assisted by a dignified, attractive and talented wife who has supported him in all his undertakings on behalf of the League.

The foregoing list ought to be sufficient answer to those who consider that the League has outlived its usefulness: and should be a reminder, that if we are to continue the task to which we put our hands, then we must always remember the League's motto:

"The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance"

IN A NEW FORMAT

This is the first issue of "Listening Post" published in the new format. It represents a "new look" in our quarterly publication.

It is my hope, in keeping with that of the Publicity Committee, that you will find it acceptable, and that the publication will prove to be something to which our members and their families continually look forward to receiving.

It will serve its purpose as it brings to members a better understanding of the League, what it stands for, and what is happening throughout the organisation.

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of my wife and myself and all members of the State Executive, to extend to all, Christmas Greetings and the wish for a happy and a prosperous New Year, 1975.

— Percy Pearson.

WAR-CAUSED OR NOT

Veterans of the Boer and the 1914-18 War are eligible for full medical treatment and services for any disabilities suffered whether or not these are war caused.

This extension of the Repatriation Commission's services was announced late last year but experience has shown that there are many ex-servicemen who are unaware of the steps they must take to be accorded this consideration.

Those who are now receiving, or have claimed a War Disability Pension connected with service in the Boer War, or 1914-18 War, are eligible for this treatment without further action by them.

However, those who are NOT in receipt of pension-treatment for war-caused disabilities, and those whose war disability rights are connected with the 1939-45 War only and yet still served in the 1914-18 War, even if now receiving the Service Pension, should apply to the Repatriation Department asking that necessary action be taken.

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THE LISTENING POST

November, 1974
Like everything and everyone else in this wonderful world, the Returned Services League of Australia has to move with the times, adopt the latest fashions and follow all the modern trends; and that's why we bring you this new-look magazine.

Not that there was a great deal wrong with the old magazine in its time-worn format. It's just that we thought that it had got into a bit of a rut, had a somewhat limited reader appeal and dwelt overmuch on the returned serviceman and his problems.

We want to reach a wider audience by enlarging the scope of our subject matter. Though of necessity — and desirable so — most of our articles will have an RSL motif, there will still be plenty to amuse, instruct and entertain others in the family or friends who are not so concerned with servicemen's affairs.

Humour, we think, is a must. War has its lighter side, and many of our members must have amusing reminiscences locked away in their memories. We welcome contributions from them, both humorous and serious.

The letters or articles submitted by readers do not have to be of professional standard. We now have an editorial staff ready and willing to put them into the required shape, put the dots on the i's and the crosses on the t's and set them up the way the printer wants them.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

Photographs, both old and new, will be a vital part of the new-look magazine, just as they were in the old. They accentuate the appeal to the visual that is an integral part of any publication — as a glance at any of the hundreds and hundreds of glossy magazines on the bookstalls will prove.

There's hardly a magazine around that doesn't depend for its eye appeal on a pretty girl, or two or three or more. We won't say that we're going to issue a challenge to Playboy or to any of the others which depend on their girlie pictures to attract readers.

But we will say that we hope to make the new magazine more attractive pictorially as well as in its reader content.

It is important for you to know that we will, at all times, be guided by the readers' wishes. We're not trying to force anything down your throat against your will.

No, we're trying to show a little enterprise and we hope you will bear with us while we're trying.

Most of all, we hope you will like what we are trying to do and join with us in our efforts to make the RSL magazine of Western Australia the best and brightest of all RSL publications in this wide and sunny continent.

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**RSL BALL**

The RSL Ball has come and gone, but it will be on again next year — FRIDAY, 15th AUGUST.

This date was fixed at the September Executive meeting after a report on this year's function from Appeal Committee Chairman, Pat Fernie.

Mr Fernie said the evening — starting from the weather, favoured us, and of course from there on, everything went exceedingly well. The music for dancing, and the food, were excellent.

The frocking of all the ladies was really something to be seen, I feel they should all be complimented on helping to make the night so colourful.

My thanks go to the few who assisted to get the night under way, helping to make the Ball the success that it was.

The number was cut down to four hundred this year, so as to make the night as comfortable as possible.

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By A. G. W. KEYS, OBE, MC, JP

The second week of November is the time of the year when the entire population of the British Commonwealth of Nations joins together and by the wearing of a simple emblem, a red poppy, salutes the memory of those who have sacrificed their health, their strength and even their lives that we might live as free people in a free country.

The red poppy of Flanders Fields is a symbol of modern times, but legend has it that the poppy goes back to the time of the famous Mongol leader, Genghis Khan, as the flower associated with human sacrifice.

In the 12th and early 13th century, the Mongol Emperor led his warrior hordes on campaigns south to the conquest of India, and west to envelop Russia as far as the shores of the Black Sea.

The policy adopted by the armies of Genghis Khan was simple and effective. They would isolate their enemies, surround and completely annihilate them.

The legend states that on the battlefields that were literally drenched with blood, white poppies grew in vast profusion.

In Flanders fields:

“In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields:

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.”

—JOHN McCRAE.

Where branches of the British Legion and ex-servicemen’s organisations such as the RSL are established, they will be sold and the money utilised through the local organisation itself.

In British Embassies wherever they are established, on ships at sea which fly the British flag, at the remotest outposts of the British Commonwealth of Nations, the poppy will also be worn.

It is one of the few emblems that men in service uniform are permitted to wear on their uniform.

Here in Australia the poppies are now produced by those who have known the meaning of sacrifice, by war widows, by the disabled, by those in repatriation hospitals. The number sold is usually more than a million.

DIFFERENT WAYS

The proceeds from these sales will aid the bereaved and the incapacitated in a thousand different ways. They will assist in providing homes and education and clothes and every other conceivable necessity.

Earl Haig died in 1928, and on the day of his funeral his widow stood beside his grave and dropped a red poppy on to the coffin below, and so another famous tradition was born.

Today, at RSL funerals, this has become the final and most touching part of the ceremony.

And so, whenever you buy a poppy, wear it with pride. It is a practical expression of subsistance to those who need it.

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A KING SPEAKS ...

... And Silence is Born

By JACK LEE

"It is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force, the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month there may be, for the brief space of two minutes, a complete cessation of all our normal activities."

This was part of King George V's Announcements "To All My People" in November, 1919.

"During that time," the message concluded, "except in those rare cases where this may be impracticable, all work, all sound and all locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of our Glorious Dead."

The Two Minutes Silence is now part of the British heritage, but there has always been some controversy on the question of who made the original suggestion.

Out of the welter of conjecture and after considering a great deal of real and imagined "evidence", the following facts can be set down:

- Silence at commemorative services as a tribute to the dead was not a new idea.
- Silence as part of a function or ceremony to celebrate a victory was a new idea.
- An Australian journalist, Edward George Honey, wrote to the London Evening News under the pen-name of Warren Foster suggesting a period of silence during the hours of rejoicing as a tribute to the dead. The letter was published on May 8, 1919.
- Some months later, Lord Milner wrote to the King's private secretary, Lord Stamfordham, asking for His Majesty's consideration of the suggestion, which had been forwarded by Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African member of Parliament.
- Out of this move came the King's approval and the proclamation.
- The King sent a letter to Sir Percy in 1920 saying that he remembered "that the idea of the two minutes' pause on Armistice Day was due to your initiative."
- Honey had no channel of communication with Buckingham Palace, whereas Sir Percy was a personal friend of Lord Milner.
- Sir Percy's right to recognition for bringing the matter to official notice does not detract in any way from Honey's right to recognition as the first to make the suggestion. When Lord Milner wrote to the Private Secretary, his letter was dated October 27, 1919, five months after Honey's letter had been published. Lord Milner said that "the enclosed came to me some weeks ago from an old South African friend of mine, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick."

OTHER CLAIMANTS

Unsubstantiated claims have been made for several other people.

The Silence was said, for instance, to have been thought of first by Canon Dearmer, of Westminster Abbey, Lord Melchet, a First Commissioner of Works, has also been given the credit. The then Archbishop of Canterbury was another contender, but not a serious one.

No, the issue appears to lie between Honey and the South African knigbt, and the fairest and most honest conclusion is that Honey initiated the idea and Sir Percy implemented it.

The germ of Honey's idea may have sprung from a church service held in Cape Town in 1916, after a long list of South African dead had been published in a local newspaper. Mr J. A. Eggar, a prominent citizen, proposed that the service held in honour of the dead should observe a minute's silence as a tribute and that all observing it should pray for a speedy victory while all noise was stilled.

Little publicity was given to the occasion and nothing more was done till May, 1918, when another long casualty list appeared and Sir Percy suggested that a more universal silence should be observed throughout the town and surrounding districts.

LAST POST

The beginning of the silent period was marked by the Last Post and the end heralded by the Reveille.

But Honey's suggestion had already been published and preceded the formal approach to King George V by more than five months.

On Sir Percy's death, reference was made to him as the originator of the suggestion; but representatives of ex-service organisations in Australia and other interested people were keen to see justice done to Honey's memory and an Edward George Honey Memorial Committee was formed in Melbourne. Three years later the memorial was erected.

The memorial was a bronze plaque standing on a natural rock, not far from the Shrine of Remembrance, Victoria's Memorial to the dead of two world wars.

The inscription reads:

In memory of

EDWARD GEORGE HONEY

A Melbourne journalist who, while living in London, first suggested the solemn ceremony of SILENCE now observed in all British countries in remembrance of those who died in war

LEST WE FORGET

"The crusade is over — the falsity is swept away — but, in France, in Flanders and in the deserts of the East stand crosses unnumbered to mark the splendour of their sacrifice. Can we not spare some fragment of these hours of Peace rejoicing for a silent tribute to these mighty dead?"

And with those words from Edward Honey, let us leave him in peace.

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Also, it is anticipated in the near future the Housing Department will be building 30 homes in the Greenwood area, and these will be for sale at cost.

Members are again reminded to consult the Defence Service Homes Office before making any financial commitment to any other organisation.

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AMONG THE MEMBERS

1975 — THE YEAR OF THE DOORKNOCK?

By CHRIS BRIGGS

One of the most satisfactory features of the operation of the RSL in our sunshine State is that the membership figures show an appreciable increase on last year’s total. It proves we are still in a healthy condition.

At the time of writing, the League’s membership was 11,380 — an increase of 182 on the figures at the same time last year.

We cannot afford to relax in our drive for new members. Past experience has taught us that a continuing all-out effort is needed throughout the whole year just to maintain our membership figure at the current level.

The Membership Committee of the RSL recommends that all sub-branches should have at least one Membership Officer, with the larger branches appointing a Membership Sub-Committee.

It would be the responsibility of these officers to report to their branches at the regular monthly meetings on the nature of their activities and the progress they have made.

DOORKNOCK 1975

Some years ago, Doorknock action was taken and membership increased 25 percent in a year.

Why not make 1975 “The Year of the Doorknock”?

Each sub-branch would work systematically through their district, asking at each home if there is an ex-serviceman living there.

It need not all be done at once, but over a period. Maybe even a call on those sub-branch members who never attend meetings or functions, would be appreciated.

GROUP CONFERENCE

Bunbury Sub-Branch members were hosts to the South-West Group Conference held at Bunbury on Saturday, September 14.

Those sub-branches that were not represented seem to have missed the point — that we still have a job to do.

Mr John Sibson, MLA, opened the Conference with an address which underlined the value of our great traditions, such as Anzac Day.

The Mayor of Bunbury welcomed the Delegates at a Civic Reception in the Mayor’s Parlour. Our thanks go to him for the warmth of his welcome, his friendship and his hospitality.

DEFENCE

Mr Percy Pearson, State President, gave an absorbing rundown on the history of the League and what it was doing today.

He emphasised the importance of defence, and deplored the lack of adequate defence planning for this region.

He stated that the escort vessels which it is proposed to purchase from the USA would need modification for use by the RAN.

This would bring their cost up to that of the DDL ships which were to have been built in Australia to our design and more suitable for our needs.

WAR VETERANS’ HOME

Mr Les Phenna, senior vice-president of the RSL, spoke about the War Veterans’ Home, and the new project of the Retirement Village at Mt Lawley.

He said “everyone should come and see for themselves what we have done at Mt Lawley and what their generosity has achieved”.

Thanks go to Mr Bill Gibson, regional director of Commonwealth Housing and Construction, and Mr Bill Donovan, of the Repatriation Department, for giving up their Saturday to come and address us at Bunbury.

This note would not be complete without an expression of gratitude to the Bunbury sub-branch women’s auxiliary, who prepared morning and afternoon tea for us, and also a delicious sit-down lunch.

CRISIS IN AUSTRALIA

We Appeal to Parliament

The stability, the good order, the progress and even the security of Australia are threatened by accelerating inflation and internal disunity.

Mr Pearson said this in a statement issued at a recent meeting of the State Executive of the RSL in Perth.

The situation must be treated as one of the greatest national urgency, he says.

The RSL appeals to National and State Parliaments to give leadership in this time of crisis and urges opposing political factions to join forces in making an appeal to Australia for responsible behaviour; to give the country the type of leadership it so sorely needs; and to set aside opportunities for partisan advantage in the interests of the national good.

TWOFOLD

The League’s concern is twofold. In the first place, those who suffer most are people on pensions, compensation and superannuation, which are all relatively fixed incomes.

Daily they see their standard of living eroded as the cost of living soars higher and higher. Adjustments made to their incomes are inevitably less than the rise in the cost of living over the period.

The second major cause for concern is the effect inflation is having on the stability of the community and thus the security of the nation.

The country is moving towards the position where extreme elements could well seize the opportunity for political advantage.

DRASTIC

With an inflation rate of something like 15 percent, the budget allocation for defence spending of $1266 million has been drastically reduced in real terms.

The RSL appeals to the community to unite, to set aside sectional interests, and to take that action which is necessary to find a way out of the problems confronting the nation.

The RSL urges employers to examine every possible incentive to increase productivity and to adjust profit margins with the aim of keeping costs to the consumer at the lowest possible level.

The RSL recommends to the Trade Unions that strike action be moderated until such time as stability is restored.

The problems facing Australia are grave indeed, but they can be resolved by a united effort and by a determination to demonstrate that we are a people able to justify our great good fortune in being Australians.
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ANZAC ESSAY COMPETITION

You’ll Have To Hurry!

Young men and women between the ages of 18 and 24 who wish to enter the Anzac Day essay competition, for which first prize is a trip to Gallipoli, will have to hurry if they wish to beat the closing date.

The essays are to consist of no less than 1500 words and no more than 2500, and they must be lodged with the RSL State Secretaries in the writers’ home States before December 31, 1974.

And, seeing that this issue of Listening Post will not be in the readers’ hands much before that date, speed is the essence of the contract.

The subject is: “The future commemoration of Anzac Day as an Australian National Day.” The essays will be judged on the subject content, including the concept, originality of ideas, the sentiments expressed and the literary merit of the writing.

TWO PRIZES

The two successful entrants, one of each sex, will receive a prize including a return trip to Gallipoli to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the landing at Anzac Cove.

The programme will include two days in Istanbul, two days in the Anzac Cove area, two days in Athens and two days in Northern and Central Greece.

Full details of the competition are as follows:

1. The name of the essay to be “The Future Commemoration of Anzac Day as an Australian National Day”. The competition to be open to young men and young ladies between the ages of 18 and 24 inclusive.

2. The essay to consist of not less than 1500 and not more than 2500 words.

3. Entries to be lodged with State Secretaries in the writers’ home States on December 31, 1974.

4. Entries to be typed in double space on foolscap, with a left hand margin of one inch. Five copies to be supplied.

JUDGING PANELS

5. State branches to establish judging panels to select the four best, two by a young man and two by a young lady, to be sent to the National Secretary.

6. Essays to be judged on the subject content, including concept, ideas and sentiments expressed, and on the literary merit of the writing.

7. A national judging panel be established consisting of Lady Lee, the president of the Press Gallery in Canberra, Mr Alan Fleming (former National Librarian), the National Treasurer and the National Secretary.

8. The national judging panel to select three young ladies and three young men on a basis of entries, and these six to be brought to Canberra for final selection of the two winners by interview, on the day preceding the February meeting of the National Executive. The two winners to be announced in a Press release by the National Executive.

9. All essays to be the property of the RSL.

10. The prize to include a return trip to Gallipoli to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the landing at Anzac Cove; the trip to include the flight to Athens by Qantas on April 22, and onward movement to Istanbul to join the main party proceeding to Gallipoli; the itinerary to include two days in Istanbul, two days in the Anzac Cove area, two days in Athens, and two days in Northern and Central Greece, returning to Australia on May 2, 1975.

With the recent death of Hugh Leslie, the RSL and ex-servicemen throughout Western Australia have lost a lovable friend who had a passionate devotion for ex-service causes.

If we accept that it is not the length of one’s life span but rather what we do during the years allotted to us, then Hughie emerges as a winner on all counts.

His life record was remarkable by any standards. He was a soldier in two wars — in action in Africa in World War I at the age of 14 and again with the 2/28th Battalion in the critical days of the 1940s.

After being disabled by the loss of a leg in the famous Tobruk campaign, Hughie was invalided home; yet, as soon as he could resume wartime activities, he became a much-sought-after speaker at patriotic rallies in many parts of the State.

Joining the State Executive of the League in the mid 1940s, he devoted himself and used his boundless energy to helping ex-servicemen through their problems of discharge and rehabilitation.

LABOUR OF LOVE

For Hugh, this was a labour of love, providing an outlet for his dogged determination to see that Australia’s obligations to those who had served their country in war richly deserved a fair go on returning to civil life.

His sincerity in this and other fields — as a journalist, as an able and prominent member of both the State and Australian parliament and as a dynamic chairman of many committees associated with ex-service and other organisations — is history.

For these activities alone, Hugh will always be given our respect and affection.

His kindness was legendary to the aged, the sick, and the physically handicapped; indeed, to all who needed a helping hand.

“TOGETHERNESS”

A staunch family man, Hughie’s life was enriched by the understanding and loyalty of his devoted wife Isabel, and the happy “togetherness” of the entire family.

The League and its members are the better for knowing Hugh. His was a life full of purpose, of high principles and a warm determination to serve his fellow-men.

It is difficult to believe that Hughie is no longer with us. We will miss his stocky, cheerful figure which triumphed over physical difficulties; his sense of humour; and above all his whole-hearted sincerity for so many of life’s worthy causes.

Of Hughie, it could be said in paraphrase:

“He passed through this way but once, so any good thing or any kindness which he could show to any human being, he did it then. It was not deferred or neglected. He knew he would not pass this way again.”
Prizewinners in the Miss Crowning Glory, shown in all their glory are (left to right) Mrs Christine Paterson (Special Award of Merit), Mrs Anne Mills (Girl of the Golden West), Mrs Win Bentley (Miss Crowning Glory) and Charity Princess, Miss Lorraine Hall.

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Mrs Win Bentley, of the Perth suburb of Hamersley, was the only city girl to win one of the four major awards in the Miss Crowning Glory Quest of 1974.

But she took out the big one and was named Miss Crowning Glory of 1974 when the Champagne Dinner to celebrate the final presentations was held at the Sheraton Perth Hotel late in September.

The quest was run by a Joint Committee from the RSL and the Torchbearers for Legacy.

The final night was given live television coverage by STW Channel 9. It was a tremendous evening and the organisers sincerely regret that they were unable to accommodate all those who wished to attend.

The four winners were: Miss Crowning Glory — Mrs Win Bentley (Hamersley), self-sponsored; Miss Charity Princess — Miss Lorraine Hall (Albany), sponsored jointly by the RSL and Torchbearers; Girl of the Golden West — Mrs Anne Mills (Port Hedland), also sponsored jointly by the RSL and Torchbearers; and a Special Award of Merit — Mrs Christine Patterson (Mt Newman), sponsored by the RSL and the Mt Newman Football Club.

Three of the winners, therefore, were country girls; and three of them were married.

Legacy and the RSL in Western Australia are most grateful for the continued support of STW Channel 9, The Sunday Times and Radio 6KY, who throughout the Quest have given generously of their time, in promoting the attractions of the prizes.

Without this publicity, it would not have been possible to have achieved the success, which has marked the conclusion of the best Miss Crowning Glory Quest to date.

The prizes were as follows:

**MISS CHARITY PRINCESS**

- A South African Airways return trip for two, by Boeing Stratoc J 707 to London via Johannesburg, with a stop over for up to six months.
- Hotel accommodation
- Spending money
- A wardrobe of clothes from Boans Ltd
- An open order for jewellery from J. R. Wallace & Co., jewelers of Piccadilly Arcade
- A Silhouette (Figure Form International) six-months membership
- A Kindness K 20 Hairsetter by Clairrol

**AWARD OF MERIT**

- An MMA return trip for two by air, with the right to stop off en route to Darwin.
- A Key Personnel full secretarial course
- A Hoover Deluxe automatic washing machine, Model 3236H
- Spending money
- A department and modelling course by Liz Joyce Finishing School and Modelling Agency

**MISS CROWNING GLORY**

- A South African Airways return trip for two, by Boeing Stratoc J 707, calling at Johannesburg, Durban, Capetown, with a stopover, if desired, for up to 12 months.
- By courtesy of Australian Express, as Australian agents, a 50 percent discount will be allowed at the Tollman Group of hotels, Moulin Rouge Hotel, Johannesburg and the Tollman Towers Hotel in Durban, also the Plaza Group, Ritz Plaza Hotel in Cape Town.
- Spending money
- A fashion wardrobe from Boans Ltd, including a fabulous fur coat by Stephen Dattner, valued at $150.00
- A new savings account with the Commonwealth Banking Corp.
- An open order from J. R. Wallace and Co., jewelers of Piccadilly Arcade for jewellery.
- A Silhouette (Figure Form International) six-months membership
- Hairdressing by Mercia Alva Salon
- A Kindness K 20 Hairsetter by Clairrol
- A department course at the Spiers Modelling Agency

**GOLDEN WEST GIRL**

- A return trip 1st class Ansett Golden Boeing Jet Holiday for two to Surfers Paradise
- A Gold Pass, providing complimentary entry for two to the major attractions on the Gold Coast, donated by the Mayor of the City of Gold Coast.
- Accommodation for two, for one week, at the Broadbeach International Hotel, on the Gold Coast
- Spending money
- An open order for jewellery from J. R. Wallace and Co., jewelers of Piccadilly Arcade
- A Kindness K 20 Hairsetter by Clairrol
- A Lazy Siesta Lounge, by Supa Fum

TOTAL: $365.50

**ANYTHING MORE KNOWN?**

Of 18 West Australian winners of the Victoria Cross — a list that includes State Governor Sir Hughie Edwards — only one was awarded in the Boer War.

WA sent a contingent to South Africa that was known as the WA Mounted Infantry and one of the officers, Lieut Frederick William Bell, earned the VC for outstanding heroism at Brakpan, in Transvaal, on May 16, 1901.

The citation said that when retiring through a heavy fire after holding the right flank, Lieut Bell noticed a man dismounted and returned and took him up behind him.

The horse, not being equal to the combined weight of the two men, fell with them. Lieut Bell then remained behind and covered the man’s retirement till he was out of danger.

There are two interesting questions. What happened to Lieut Bell later in his life, and who was the rescued man?

Can any of our readers tell us?
On April 1st, 1975, a memorable event in the history of the ANZACS starts. A 35 day tour of the Middle East and Greece, visiting some of the scenes of both World War I and World War II, recapturing some of those memories of long ago, Anzac Cove, Tripoli, Kalamata too many to mention... are all in this special itinerary prepared for RSL and RSA members and friends. There are some exciting tourist features too. Beirut memorials at Anzac April 1st, 1975, a memorable event will be celebrated by moving wrench laying ceremonies at the British, Lone Pine and Chanak Bair memorials at Anzac Cove, with a special day set aside for private inspection of this historical area. Brochures are available from Wesfarmers Travel office or your State Secretary, so why not send for it now. The price is $1950.00 all inclusive.

MESSAGE FROM SIR WILLIAM HALL, CBE, DSO, ED, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA.

Since the 25th of April, 1915, Gallipoli has been a magic word for all Australians. This was the place where the courage and sacrifice of men gave us the final status of nationhood. It was the place where the name of Anzac gained immortality.

There are a few of us who cherish a deep desire to see this place that has become such an important part of our brief history. Those of us who do have the good fortune to make the trip will be richly rewarded.

The small beach runs quickly into the precipitous hinterland. In all, it is only a few acres of impossible terrain, all here, 30,000 men lived and fought and in many cases died.

Human endurance has had no greater challenge, human forbearance has had no greater victory. This survey is our message that must be passed on to succeeding generations.

This 60th Anniversary is an important event in Australian history. It is most fitting that a large and representative party should visit Anzac Cove and so revitalise the tradition that for so many years has set an example for all those in other times and other places who have been called to serve.

Pack up your old kit-bag and embark on a 35-day odyssey down memory lane. The bullets are not flying this time. So bring mum and your family. Let them share the bittersweet nostalgia and see the places you used to write home about. Cairo, Alexandria, Gallipoli Peninsula... the Australian Canteen in Tel Aviv where Lady Blamey used to serve tea and “sickies”... Tripoli, Kalamata, where 20,000 troops, including 16th and 17th Brigade were evacuated during the nights of 27-29th April, 1941 plus all the campaign areas of World War I and World War II in North Africa, the Middle East, Turkey and Greece.

The pilgrimage will be escorted by officials of the RSL of Australia and experienced tour conductors. And they’ve mapped it out well! A tribute to the blood, sweat and tears that you and your fallen comrades made, balanced with time off for R & R. You’ll enjoy all the highlights and fun of the countries visited... just like the old days. Some of the older veterans may recall the “battle of the Wazzar”. These days the Naret el Wasser is no longer out of bounds! At the Beirut Race Track it’s planned to have a race called the “7 Day Handicap”. And we’ll donate the trophy! There are stopovers in Bangkok and Singapore (duty-free shopping) on the way home.

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WESFARMERS TRAVEL
The formation of a bowls club in the RSL — a dream when we wrote about it in the last issue of our magazine — is now a reality. A constitution has been framed and adopted and we are on our bowling way.

At the inaugural meeting held on August 26, about 25 enthusiasts attended and as a result of their interest, the necessary steps were taken. At first it was intended to name the new body the WA-RSL Bowling Club, but in order to conform with the constitution of the National RSL Bowls Council we had to change the name to the WA-RSL Bowls Section.

As Shakespeare says, a rose by any other name would smell as sweet; and we're going to have a happy and successful future, whether we call ourselves a club or a section.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the section is open to any financial member of the RSL and the annual fee for 1974-75 is only $2, so all RSL bowlers should join up.

Nomination forms may be obtained from any of the office bearers, committee members, or the secretary-treasurer Ern Newton (phone 4972971).

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

At the inaugural meeting, the following office-bearers were elected:

- Patron: Morrie Crewe (Alexandert Park).
- President: Wally Cloutman (Claremont).
- Senior vice-president: Eddie Powell (Wembley).
- Junior vice-president: Roy Stapely (Perth).
- Secretary-treasurer: Ern Newton (Bayswater).
- Asst secretary: Jack Chapman (Gosnells).


At this point we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr Morrie Crewe and Mr Norm Fraser for the work and effort that they have both contributed to the WA RSL Bowls Section over the past six years as president and secretary respectively.

We thank them also for their sterling leadership as national president and national secretary-treasurer respectively during the 1973-74 interstate series held in Perth.

And we must not forget the tolerant and understanding attitude of their wives, to whom we also extend our appreciation.

OBJECTS

One of the objects of the Club will be to arrange matches against other similar social bowling clubs.

We will also be arranging club championships and other social games; but above all our main aim is to foster the fellowship and comradeship that exists in the bowling world and the RSL.

The inaugural opening day of the section was held at the Claremont Bowling Club on Sunday morning, October 13.

After the official opening by Mr P. Pearson, OBE, JP, State President of the RSL, our members enjoyed a game of bowls, followed by a light lunch and get-together.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1974-75 “Sir Arthur Lee” National Fours Championships and the “Jack Hamilton VC” interstate series will be held in Victoria from December 26, 1974 to January 6, 1975.

As members will remember, the 1973-74 championships were held in Perth in the first time, and during the visit to WA a great many friendships were made.

With this in mind we hope to have a large number of competitors going to Victoria to renew the fellowship that was made in Perth.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Section Secretary on 4972971.

The annual “Morrie Crewe” Trophy will be held over the weekend of March 1 and 2, 1975. Please start getting your teams ready; full details will be available later.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Wally Cloutman recently stated that he is extremely pleased with the growth of the Section.

In the first six or seven weeks, 60 members had joined and he is hopeful that by the end of the year we will have passed the 100 mark.

In the next issue of The Listening Post, we will bring more news of the Section and its plans for the future.

In the meantime, if you are a bowler you should be a member of the WA-RSL Bowls Section.

As the festive season is almost with us, the President and members take this opportunity to extend to all members of the RSL, their wives and families the compliments of the Season.

May the New Year bring you and yours good health and good fortune.

After 12 years' good service, Norm Fraser has retired from the position of manager of the Anzac Club. His retirement took effect on October 31.

Starting with his war service, Norm enlisted in the RAAF in May, 1935, and served continuously till October, 1947, as a member of the Technical Branch. He was commissioned as an Engineer Officer in 1942 and during his service in New Guinea in 1942-43 he was awarded the MBE.

He assisted in the management of various hotels when he returned to civilian life and was a licensee. Some of the towns he worked in were Albany, Big Bell, Perth, Fremantle and Leederville.

In the early 60s, he was secretary-manager of the Perth Bowling Club, when it was situated on the Perth Esplanade.

His experience included all phases of hotel work, such as the preparation of percentage returns, licensing returns, control of staff, catering and stock control.

Norm also believes in doing a fair amount of unpaid work, as

the following list of activities shows:

- Member of the Albany Branch RSL; president of that branch for two years; president of the Albany branch of the Spastics Welfare Council; committee-man of the Albany Racing Club; member of the Albany Municipal Council; member of the Cue Read Board; and honorary bar manager of the Albany Bowling Club.

It's an imposing list and one that gives a clue to the nature and character of our former manager.

Obviously interested in the welfare of handicapped children, he is also a keen bowler and is interested in racing.

As manager of the Anzac Club, he has worked hard and long in the service of his fellow ex-servicemen; and we wish him all the best in whatever he decides to do.
The Two Will Be One Again

On April 25, 1915, the combined military forces of Australia and New Zealand — the Australian and NZ Army Corps, or Anzac — made their landing on the inhospitable shores of Gallipoli.

There they suffered eventual defeat but so grim and courageous were their efforts in the face of overwhelming odds that the campaign came to be regarded almost as a victory.

That was because both Australians and New Zealanders, when they arrived at nationhood. Both the Aussies and the Kiwis earned a reputation as fighting men that has been enhanced in every subsequent war or pseudo-war.

The 60th Anniversary Tour to what is regarded as an historic shrine is set with the departure of the Combined Australian and NZ “pilgrims” from Melbourne and Sydney on Wednesday, April 2, 1975.

Perth passengers will fly to Singapore and join the party there.

First of the highlights — and there are many of them on the tour — is the visit to Alamein on Friday, April 4, and the next day the tourists will have a look at the site of old AIF camps at Amryla and Ikingi Maryut.

Cairo and Alexandria are included on the itinerary and a trip to Tobruk can be arranged.

FROGS LEGS

One of the attractions (?) listed is a stop at Zahle for lunch, “where you can have mezze, frogs legs and arak.”

Beirut, Sidon, Damour, Byblos (the oldest inhabited city in the world), Tripoli, Nicosia, Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Acre, the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Jericho, Beersheba, Trouva (known to us as Troy) and on to Canakkale will be the route to be followed before the tourists make an early morning departure by ferry for the Gallipoli peninsula on April 25.

The very special commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the landing will start with a service and wreath laying at the Turkish Memorial, followed by similar ceremonies at the British, Lone Pine and Chanak Bair Memorials.

A picnic lunch will be provided in the Anzac area and the whole party will return later in the day to Canakkale.

April 26 is set aside to allow for private inspections of the Anzac area, with a picnic lunch near Fisherman’s Hut.

Though the period spent in the Anzac area is the focal point of the tour, the sightseeing is far from over and on Sunday, April 27, the tourists return to Istanbul.

NIGHT CLUBS

Palaces, summer residences of the rich, bazaars, night clubs, Greek folk dancing, the Houses of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, Hadrian’s Arch, the Acropolis and many other places will be seen during the following days.

Athens is next on the schedule, followed by visits to Servia, Elasson, Tirnavos, Triakia, Kalambaka, Meteora, Delphi, Elefsis, Levidia (Murder Flat), Thebes, Old Corinth, Nauplia and other Greek towns and villages until, finally, on May 6, the tourists leave Athens on the way back home.

There is an optional extension of the tour for those who wish to visit London. If this option is exercised, the date of return to Australia will be May 23, 13 days after the first lot reach home.

While in London, the tourists will receive accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis and will be given an orientation tour of the city.

There will be a day’s stopover in Singapore on the flight back to Australia.

The whole tour is being organised by MacDonald Hamilton Travel, official agents to the RSL, and will feature air travel by Qantas.

For those from WA, the 39-day Gallipoli tour will cost $1722; the 51-day tour will cost $2019. The cost of the tour is all-inclusive and personal spending-money is the only additional finance needed.

The whole tour will be escorted, both by RSL officials and by experienced tour-conductors. Items of general interest to passengers, such as information on shopping customs, customs regulations and places of interest to visit will be advised prior to departure from Australia.

Further information, together with Registration Forms, can be obtained from MacDonald Hamilton Travel or from the RSL head office in each capital city.

Bookings can be made through MacDonald Hamilton Travel, Industry House, National Circuit, Barton, ACT. 2600. The phone number is 73 2511.

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"A matter of some £25,000 to £30,000 will be involved if a building worthy of our organisation is destined to grace the Terrace," wrote editor Harry Walker in the September, 1932, issue of "Straight to the Point."

"Straight to the Point" was the official organ of the Mundaring and Districts sub-branch of the RSL, then known as the RSSILA.

In a somewhat lyrical editorial on the impending erection of the building that was to be known as Anzac House, Harry wrote: "It is said that the hope of reward sweetens labour. How true this axiom. After the patient years of effort, intermixed with visionary hope and occasional hopeless prospect, we find ourselves proudly in possession of the sight of our dreams, Anzac House." "The permanent headquarters of our League will soon grace the land which once served to house the learned professors and pupils comprising the University of our fair State."

This is a reference to the tin shanty university of WA which occupied the land on the western side of Irwin Street, between St George's Terrace and Murray Street.

GOOD OMEM
"To me," the editorial continued, "the omen is good. Within the massive portals of the outward and visible sign of League solidarity, let the learning continue, a learning calculated to foster within the breasts of habitues and passers-by the comradeship and esprit-de-corps engendered in the trenches, on the desert, in the air and on the sea."

The advisory committee set up to bring the project to fruition had at the time already given consideration to financial, architectural and building problems and were preparing to make a firm recommendation to the State executive on the matter.

The committee had come up with the estimate of between $50,000 and $60,000 (in modern currency).

They based it on the knowledge that the building would be required to provide dining-halls, serveries, a ballroom, a lesser hall, offices, revenue-producing meeting rooms, a boardroom, lounges, billiards, reading and writing rooms and — possibly — a roof garden.

Just what would it cost to erect a new building on the same site, with all the amenities listed, in the present troubled state of the building industry? Your guess is as good as the next chap's.

HIGH-RISE
With the present trend for high-rise buildings along Perth's most distinguished thoroughfare, a new Anzac House — if contemplated — would be between 15 and 20 storeys high, a big proportion of which would have to be devoted to revenue-producing office space.

It would call, as the editor of the Mundaring magazine wrote in 1932, for careful thought and investigation.

As he said, "It will be realised that the committee is faced with a task of great magnitude and responsibility not lightly accepted by its members."

Individually and collectively, the committee is obsessed with but one ideal — the erection of a building, the completeness of which will find ready and universal approbation, and one which will be well fitted to shelter the headquarters of the WA Branch of the RSSIL.

They are words that would be just as true if a similar situation existed today.

Winning Slogan

In a slogan competition held by the Mundaring and Districts sub-branch of the RSL, Mr T.G. Monck-Mason won with "The League serves — serve the League." The competition was held 42 years ago.

Another slogan which earned commendation was submitted by Mr George Simcock.

It was: "Once you served with might and main — join the League and serve again." Both would still be appropriate today.

Everyone knows that the last post is a bugle call signalling the hour for retiring at night and that it is used at military funerals. The dictionary will tell us that much.

A more detailed description of the Last Post is as follows: "Last Post" is the call sounded at 10 pm each evening to inform the soldiers that they should be inside their quarters for the night. It signifies the end of the day's activities and ushers in a period of rest and quietness.

It is therefore appropriate that the call should be used symbolically at military funerals and commemorative services to indicate that the soldier has completed his life's work and has entered into his rest.

Letter from Mr Wood

12th October, 1974

Yesterday morning at 5.45 am, a brief but moving ceremony was conducted on the rear sports deck of the "Fairfax" as she sailed into Iron Bottom Sound near the Island of Guadalcanal.

The ceremony had been arranged by the State Treasurer of the New South Wales Naval Men's Association, Mr Frank Rudd, with the concurrence of the Captain of the "Fairfax" to navigate his ship directly over the spot where the HMAS Canberra lies. The ship was slowed, and the Rev Father Rosen conducted a short religious service. A wreath which had been brought up from Sydney by Mr Rudd, who is one of the survivors of the tragedy, was cast out on the spot where she lies in about one hundred fathoms of water. There are a large number of Ex-servicemen making this trip for sentimental reasons.

This letter received from Mr M. Wood, At Sea, Abroad, TSS "Fairfax". Also a member of the Mount Hawthorn Sub-Branch.

CHANGE OF NAME

The former Department of Housing and the former Department of Works has been amalgamated to form the Australian Department of Housing and Construction and the functions previously carried out by the former (principally activities relating to the Defence Services Homes Scheme and Home Savings Grant Scheme) will be the responsibility of the Housing Division of the new Department.

The Housing Division (formerly Department of Housing) moved to the first floor, Shenton Court, 207 Adelaide Terrace, Perth from September 30.

The existing telephone number (25 6299) and GPO Box No (L885) will be retained.
Help for POW's and other service pensioners

Free medical, hospital, dental, ophthalmological and para-medical treatment and — subject to a small contribution — nursing-home care, will now be made available to any Australian veteran who was a prisoner of war.

The Minister for Repatriation and Compensation, Senator Wheeldon, in announcing this budget proposal, said that the benefits would be made available through the Department of Repatriation and Compensation. In addition, Australian veterans under Repatriation legislation will be eligible through the Department for free treatment of cancer, including nursing-home care subject to a small contribution regardless of the area of service.

At the present time only those who served in a theatre of war are eligible for such free treatment.

The following new Repatriation benefits will be introduced in Autumn, 1975:

SERVICE PENSIONS
- The present means test will be abolished for all service pensioners aged 70 years or more.
- The amount of disability pension disregarded as income for the purpose of the means test will be increased from 25 percent to 50 percent for service pensioners under 70 years of age.
- This provision does not apply to the special means test giving eligibility for "fringe benefits" or supplementary assistance.
- Eligibility for service pensions will be extended to veterans who had theatre-of-war service in the armed forces of other countries of the British Commonwealth in wars or war-like conflicts in which Australian Forces were engaged.
- A condition of eligibility will be at least ten years' residence in Australia.

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In a talk given at the recent South-West Group Conference of the RSL held in Bunbury, Mr F. C. (Bill) Donovan, representing the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation and Compensation, outlined some of the treatment benefits introduced in recent years.

These included:
- Continuation of pension to a child over the age of 16 years who receives full-time education at a school, college or university. (The rate of this benefit could be affected if the student receives a maintenance or living allowance or a salary payable by the Australian Government under any scheme for assistance by the Government in the education or training of children.)
- Recognition of certain women and certain children as "dependants" of veterans in relation to the payment of disability and service pensions.
- Extension of Repatriation benefits to certain members of the Regular Defence Force.

Mr Donovan noted with pleasure the cordial atmosphere existing between the League and the Department of Repatriation, and Compensation and assured Delegates that if members of their branches contacted the Department with questions on Pensions, Treatment and other matters, or if they had any doubts as to what benefits were available to them, they would be given every assistance.

John Sibson, MLA (Bunbury), sent us a nice thank-you letter after an enjoyable day at the opening of the South-West Group conference in Bunbury. He said it was most encouraging to see such a strong representation from the South-West branches.

Mr Sibson also thanked the ladies who prepared a very nice luncheon.

"The Telehelp collection of $44.22 was a mighty gesture and was extremely well received when I arrived at the TV station to present it to the panel on air," he wrote.

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BJB Reports from Geraldton ...

Ron Guy, president of the Geraldton sub-branch of the RSL, will not be re-nominating for the presidency next year. He will have been president for three years when the annual meeting is held in January.

Sub-branch secretary Eddie Carbury, says he also will not seek re-election.

Nominations for officers are being accepted on the RSL noticeboard at Birdwood House.

The Sub-Branch decided to make its meeting on Monday, December 9, a Christmas meeting. Mr Guy said that business would be kept to a minimum and a social evening would follow, with members’ wives and Women’s Auxiliary members in attendance. Sub-branch members were permitted to invite ex-servicemen friends, irrespective of where they served.

RENOVATIONS

Money raised at the evening will go towards the cost of having renovations carried out to Birdwood House.

The sub-branch was told that one member had donated $30.00 towards the renovations and that another member would give $100.00.

Mr Fred Heath volunteered to provide a quantity of liquid refreshments for the Christmas meeting on December 9.

The sub-branch also decided to write to State Headquarters in Perth, expressing concern at a radio report which said the existence of the Red Cross Society was threatened because of lack of money.

Sub-branch member Clem Burns said ex-service personnel appreciated the great work done by the Red Cross Society for the benefit of servicemen as well as for civilians in times of emergency.

PILGRIMAGE

Members made their annual pilgrimage to the War Cemetery at Utakarra on the eastern outskirts of the town on Remembrance Sunday — November 10.

Citizens who wished to make flowers available for this purpose were asked to leave them at Birdwood House that morning.

The flowers were to be placed on the graves of 83 servicemen from various parts of Australia who were either killed or died while serving in the Geraldton area during the World War.

Eight of these servicemen were RAAF personnel killed on the same day when training at the Geraldton Aerodrome, which was one of the main training centres in Australia.

The pilgrimage to the cemetery was to be followed by the annual Diggers’ Dinner for Great War Veterans at Birdwood House.

At the October meeting, sub-branch member, Mr Bill Cunningham, offered to provide a quantity of liquid refreshment for the Dinner.

Remembrance Poppies were distributed at Geraldton on Friday, November 8, to raise money for the Aged Soldiers’ Fund.

STREET CONCERT

The Geraldton Town Band offered to give a street concert the previous day — Thursday, November 7 — to publicise Poppy Day.

The Carnarvon-Gascoyne Theatre Memorial Fund and the Gascoyne-Carnarvon sub-branch of the RSL has made another substantial donation towards the cost of the Regional War Veterans’ Home to be built at Geraldton.

A cheque for $1500 was received at the Geraldton sub-branch, taking the total donations from this source to $6500.

Mr Carbury said he had written a letter of thanks to the Carnarvon sub-branch.

Mr Guy said the War Veterans’ Home project had reached the stage for the calling of tenders. The home is to be built in the Beachlands area, between Francis and Gregory Streets. The first stage will include four single units, plus a double unit for a caretaker couple.

The Morowa-Gutha sub-branch credited to Geraldton sub-branch that a farmer who was retiring was interested in seeking admittance to the home.

There have also been a number of applications from Geraldton, Northampton and Yandandooka.

In addition to winning the prize for humour, the Geraldton Sub-Branch’s float made certain that its message was loud and clear. The Festival’s Miss Crowning Glory is riding on the bonnet.

The end of the day — and the veterans look tired as, still carrying their weapons, they return to base.
Operation Stand-in — great day at Pinjarra

This year the RSL again sponsored the junior naval recruits to a day's outing at Pinjarra. By courtesy of the Commanding Officer, transport was provided.

The boys were met at Leeuwin by a member of the staff at 8.30 am on Father's Day, and after inspection by the Duty Officer they were taken over by Petty Officer Hargreaves.

The boys were met at Pinjarra, by members of the Murray sub-branch, and a bus was provided by them to take the visiting adults from Perth to have a look over the Alcoa Refinery by the kind courtesy of Mr Paul Kimpel.

On arrival at the refinery, Mr Kimpel welcomed the boys and adults and hoped they had enjoyed the inspection.

Mr Kimpel has now left Australia, and has taken up a new executive position in Jamaica.

FAIRBRIDGE

Following the inspection of Alcoa, the boys were taken to the Fairbridge Farm School, where the Murray sub-branch and women's auxiliary had prepared lunch — rolls, salads, fruit, cool drinks. The boys only had to cook their barbecue meats.

After lunch, the boys cleaned up and went down to the football playing field where mostly "Victorians", with the aid of other less important players, played a remarkably one-sided game of Aussie Rules.

The recruits decided that the Petty Officer had to strip off and play to assist the losing side, however things became far worse, and PO Hargreaves retired into the pavilion, finally coming out looking much more refreshed.

After the football, the recruits and visitors were provided with a delicious afternoon tea provided by the women's auxiliary.

One of the recruits, at the conclusion of afternoon tea, thanked the officials of Fairbridge, the members of the Murray sub-branch and the women's auxiliary.

The boys then gave three hearty good cheers before leaving Fairbridge, and returned to Anzac House. The bus driver was very pleasant, and most co-operative throughout the day.

HIGH TEA

On arrival at Anzac House, the caterers had set the tables up, and about 80 boys and their guests from various sub-branches sat down to a delightful high tea.

State President Mr Percy Pearson and Mrs Pearson warmly welcomed the boys and expressed how pleased he was that Australia had such fine types of young men representing their country, and he hoped that they would enjoy their career in the Royal Australian Navy.

One of the senior recruits responded on behalf of the boys, and thanked the League for a most enjoyable day in typical springtime weather. Throughout the day we had wonderful sunshine, and conditions were excellent for such a picnic as had been enjoyed this Father's Day.

To conclude the day, the boys were taken to the Applecross Memorial Hall where the Tivoli Revue Company entertained the lads with comedy, old-time music, acrobatic displays; magic and a fine orchestra.

At the close of the evening's concert, Mr Pearson thanked the Tivoli artists and said farewell to Mr Jack (Skinny) Martin, who had concluded his stage career that evening.

The boys clapped and cheered the performers, and it is hoped that next year we may be able to take the boys back to the Revue Company.

The concert party most generously provided a delightful supper, and the recruits left for Fremantle happy, but ready for their bunks.

Our sincere appreciation goes to all the sub-branches which so kindly provided finance for the day's activities, and to all the voluntary workers and hosts and hostesses.

Finally, may we express appreciation to the Riverton sub-branch who so kindly took 16 boys out for the day, took them into their homes and returned them safely to the concert.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL IN PHUOC PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM

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Defence Service Homes Scheme

Changes in the Defence Service Homes Scheme, indicated by the Treasurer in his recent Budget Speech, are proposals only and will not be brought into force until the necessary legislation is passed.

The proposed changes are:
- Eligibility provisions are to be extended to single or widowed men with qualifying service.

Applications will of course not be accepted till the legislation is passed.

A transfer of loans scheme has been announced whereby under certain circumstances, yet to be determined, an outstanding loan may be transferred from one security to another.

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By V. ROWE

As Mrs Ford, our Hon State Secretary, is away on a "Central Australian Safari", with her husband, I have undertaken to do the Auxiliary Notes for this issue.

A few important items to bring to your notice: CHRISTMAS CHEER — please send your donations to this Fund as soon as possible, we have had to order very early this year, because of various shortages and transport problems. Also with the increasing prices of all our amenities, our Treasurer would like to know how our financial position is, before the end of the year.

HOSPITAL VISITING

Donations to this Fund will also be appreciated as soon as possible, as our work in this field is increasing every year. For example, last year 5216 visits were paid to Ex-service men in 20 hospitals in the metropolitan area by 16 executive members, and the "keeping in touch" is very vital.

The State Executive give all Auxiliary members a sincere "Thank You" for their continued support for all our appeals, and hope you will always come to our aid.

REMEMBER

Please do not forget that our Annual Subscription this year is 70c; with 40c coming to Anzac House for Capitation fees.

Congratulations to the Wanneroo Sub-Branch on the formation of an Auxiliary. We wish them every success for a long and happy Auxiliary life.

Mrs Stewart, who was at our Conference this year, as Hon State Treasurer of NSW, is now their State President, and we offer our congratulations to her and best wishes for a successful year.

Conference was very successful, but it is very disappointing that more Auxiliaries are not represented. At the Official Opening, Miss Jeanes Cullen, Lynch and O. Young were presented with the Certificate of Merit, the League's highest award. These 3 ladies have served the League for 122 years between them, a truly remarkable achievement. Unfortunately Mrs Cullen was not well enough to receive her personally — her son, Ron, and Mr Cullen accepted the honour on her behalf, and she has since passed away, a great loss to our Auxiliaries. A Memorial Book will be presented to the War Veterans' Home Library in her memory.

Victoria Park celebrated their 47th Birthday Party on the 5th September, with a very enjoyable evening. Congratulations to their members for so many years of good work.

On Friday, 6th September, Mrs Rolfe, Mr and Mrs Ryniker and I went to the War Veterans' Home for the Presentation of the Bowling Trophies. This was a very enjoyable evening and our Trophies for the Pairs were:

WINNERS: Mrs Hodgson and Mr Carton.
RUNNERS-UP: Mrs Rose and Mr Smith.

As Mr Carton had passed on since the Championship, a Memorial Book was given to the Library.

Friday, 20th September was the climax of this year's Miss Cowing Glory Quest, with a Dinner-Dance at the Sheraton Hotel. It has been a most successful Quest this year, and I must make mention of the Charity Princess, Miss L. Hall, of Albany, who raised over $8000, a fantastic effort. Congratulations to her and her Committee. All the entrants this year received a Dave Freecorn Memorial Watch, which means that they raised over $500 each. Congratulations to all the girls and their committees who must have worked very hard to achieve this wonderful result.

Our Treasurer has returned from her trip, sparkling with new energy, and about 500 colour slides of the wonderful places she and her husband have visited. Mrs Ford is due back shortly and between them both, the Executive should have some interesting "Travel Talks". I'll be very glad to have them both back on duty, and must say "Thank you" to Joy for helping with Madge's duties and to Maisie for helping with Joy's work.

As these notes have to be prepared in October, and will not be in print until November, I will have to leave some of the Auxiliary activities until the next issue, but would like to close by wishing all Auxiliary members particularly, and all readers, a very bright and peaceful Christmas, and a happy, healthy New Year, with renewed vigor and enthusiasm for our work, which is vitally necessary, for 1975.

VEANIE ROWE.

The Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority has published brochures relating to the new retirement benefits scheme for members of the Defence Force.

A general outline of the DFRB scheme for members entering the Defence Force on or after October 1, 1972, is as follows:

The scheme provides for the transfer of existing contributions as at October 1, 1972, including reference, where appropriate, to the transitional provisions for existing contributors.

Retirement benefits are available for members retiring from the Defence Force on or after the above date.

The benefits outlined for widows, widowers and children apply to the families of members who were contributing to the scheme on October 1, 1972, or who joined the scheme after that date.

MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Defence Force serving on continuous full-time duty for a period of 12 months or more are required to contribute to the scheme.

On becoming a contributor to the scheme, a member who has previously served in the Defence Force on continuous full-time service is entitled to purchase all or part of that period of past service if:

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Other points of interest dealt with include method of payment, retirement pay, invalidity benefits, taxation deductions, etc.

Further information is available from the Office of The Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority, PO Box 4015, Canberra, ACT, 2600; or Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth, WA, 6000.

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President, L. Thomas, 76 Tweedale Rd, Applecross (64 2503). Secretary, H. G. Armstrong, 496 Great Western Highway, Greenmount (94 1431). Committee meets 3rd Wednesday each month at Anzac House. Reunion in Ballroom October 4 (6.30 pm).

MIDDLE EAST VAD ASSOCIATION, WA
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Meets 2nd Sunday March, June, September and November at WACA ground. Secretary, H. O'Doherty (24 1800).

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28TH BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION
Meets Anzac House 2.30 pm second Tuesday. President, P. T. J. Green, 157 Alexander Drive, Dianella (76 5460). Secretary, Harry Kahan, 2/42 Rutland Avenue, Victoria Park (61 6230). Annual reunion Anzac House Tuesday of Show Week 1975 at 2.30 pm.

DUNKIRK (1940) VETERANS ASSOCIATION
(WA BRANCH)
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2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (WA)

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BRITISH EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION
Social meeting third Friday each month in Anzac House basement (8 pm). President, W. Youatt, Woollacott. Secretary, Mary Woollacott, PO Box 130, Claremont.

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