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MONTHLY LUNCHEON AND AGM

Monday 20 August 2012

Venue: Gallipoli Room
Time: 1130 hrs for 1215 hrs

GUEST SPEAKER: Peter Mack - BDS MDS FDS RCS (Edinburgh)

Dr Peter Mack graduated with a Masters Degree from the University of Newcastle/England. He joined the Royal Air Force and served as a Dental Officer as well as lectured Dentistry in different parts of the world. Dr Mack is an internationally qualified Dentist, a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and specialised in Restorative Dentistry. Dr Mack has been in WA since 1985 and continued teaching at UWA as a Senior Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry.

He established Gladden Dental in 1990 whilst continuing with his research in Restorative Dentistry. Dr Mack continues an interest in research and is an adjunct Associate professor in the department of Forensic Science, UWA. He has had many academic papers published and has written a text book on the Jaw Joint.

president's Report

The dust has settled after a wild time at the OBE and OBNs.

Everyone really enjoyed the lunch – most of all the birthday boys! The next one for them is in ten years time so they now have a new milestone to look forward to.

Thanks to Jim Eayrs and Geoff Simpson for organizing a seamless event and to Roger Buddrige for taking the photos. The photos will be framed and presented to those who had their photograph taken and a copy placed on the web page. It was a nice gesture for Jim to acknowledge those who could not make it, and to read out their biography. They were not forgotten.

State Congress is about to be run again in October and no doubt there will be a lot of input and discussion this time around. We are certainly in need of a few changes and the committee would welcome any suggestions from members so properly formulated submissions can be tabled for the meeting. It is interesting to note that a corporate plan has been developed for presentation at Congress without any consultation with Sub

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

LUNCHEON - 20 August 2012 (Fellowship: 11.30am) **COMMITTEE TO MEET AT 10am - SAME DAY : Prior to Luncheon**



Branches. Things must have changed. In the old days, corporate plans were developed after members had been asked for feedback and input; only then was a plan written.

Also I would like to remind members that the Annual General Meeting will be held on the 15th of October. It would be a good idea to mark it on the calendar now and undertake to come with your list of items for discussion. We still need a Membership Officer and I am really hoping someone is close to putting his/her hand up and not simply prepared to leave all the work to the willing few. More active participation leads to a better Sub-Branch.

This will necessarily be a short summary as I am away in the country with limited time to compile a more detailed report.

Keep well all and I look forward to seeing you at the next Luncheon. It promises to be an interesting talk.

Yours in friendship,
Leon

HOSPITAL VISITORS, NEWS 'n' UP-DATE

We have THREE wonderful members in the Sub-Branch prepared to visit those of us who find ourselves in Perth Metro Hospitals.

Bear in mind though, that due to "Confidentiality" and Privacy requirements, hospitals are not allowed to name any IN-patients, so our visitors have to rely on being told if someone is admitted and would like a visitor.

South of the River: **Bob Elliott** - 9312 2732

North of the River: **Kevin Graham** - 9389 1406

Joondalup: **Bob Arnold** - 9448 2757

So if you know of a member having to go into hospital please give one of the above a ring. A big "Thank You" to these men who carry out this worthy role- and overdue "Thanks" also to **Ken Bladen**, who visited so many of our members over the years.

A "Pun can be Fun" Corner

A thief broke into the local police station and stole all the toilets and urinals, leaving no clues. A spokes person was quoted as saying, "We have absolutely nothing to go on."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DO, DO DO ...

A reminder to all: DO KEEP 4 November FREE!!

This is the day of our REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH at Fraser's Restaurant, Kings Park.

We can organise up to 160 places. Cost may be a bit higher than last year, but will still be very goodvalue - ie: a 3-course sit down meal including wines.



THIRD REQUEST

Over the past two months, we've pleaded for someone to step-up-to-the-crease to assist Alf Till: Treasurer of the Honour Avenue Group (HAG) who install and maintain the commemorative plaques for the Fallen at Kings Park.

Alf - now aged 78, has had a long career in money management and has been Treasurer of the HAG for many years now. He is happy to continue in this role, but with failing health, would greatly appreciate an "apprentice" who can be shown what needs to be done. Alf has set up a user-friendly computerized system to ensure procedures are straightforward.

Duties are NOT onerous. The HAG meets on Tuesday mornings between 0800 and 1100 hours, and the admin volunteers work in an air-conditioned office at Kings Park. "Perks" include free parking and a high level of team work and camaraderie among all the volunteers.

It has always been a Highgate tradition that members "take-a-turn" in Committee roles or spending some time with either the Sub-Wardens or HAG. **Please consider lending a hand if you can!** And if so - ring the Chairman, Norm Manners on 9405 2421.

CALLING ALL YOU COMPUTER BUFFS:

How many of you have checked out the Highgate RSL web site?? If you haven't - why not take a peek? John Cleary has done a marvellous job putting it together. Check out your own photo and brief CV on the "Hall of Honour": http://highgate-rsl.org.au/hall_honour3.php

There is also a direct LINK to the current Newsletter at any time (as well as accessing previous copies). Go to the Highgate RSL Sub-Branch web-site. The Link is: <http://highgate-rsl.org.au/documents/HighgateRSLJuly12.pdf>

NEED A LIFT TO ANZAC HOUSE TO ATTEND MONTHLY HIGHGATE LUNCHEONS?

If so please contact me personally on 9244 8072

Ken Bladen



SUB WARDENS DUTIES

Wreath Laying Services currently scheduled at the State War Memorial Kings Park

Thursday 9 August 2012 : 1000 for 1030 hrs- HMAS Canberra HMAS Shropshire Assn (WA Division)
Friday 10 August 2012 : 1130 for 1200 hrs- Ministers of Defence for Australia and New Zealand

SUB-BRANCH "SNIPPETS"

One of our OBNs: 90 years old **Jack McLaren**, is as proud as Punch of one of his grandsons- and justifiably so! Lee Nicholson, a UWA graduate and until recently one of the top trainers at the Queensland Institute of Sport, has been endorsed by the Australian Olympic Committee to be Sports Scientist of the Swimming Section 2012 on the Australian Olympic Team. Lee has accompanied the team to London, and is excitedly looking forward to the next few weeks. I think we can all bet that Jack will be having some late nights ahead - barracking hard.

Eleanore Wells is now resident in the Alfred Carson Home in Bay Street Claremont and would be pleased to have visitors at any time. Her new telephone number is 6140 2018. Geoff Hourn was amazed to speak to her just days ago and learned that she had just been burgled. Hard to believe that anyone would be low enough to steal from a Nursing Home, isn't it?! Regards from us all at Highgate Eleanore!

DO YOU KNOW ANY VETERAN OR DEPENDENT IN GENUINE NEED OR

EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP?

If so, there are TWO avenues to seeking help:

Either

1. Through the Sub-Branch Amelioration Fund (ring Margot Harness: (08) 9293 1076)

OR

2. Through the WA Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Trust Fund (Ring State Welfare Officer: Rosalind Howat: (08) 9287 3707)

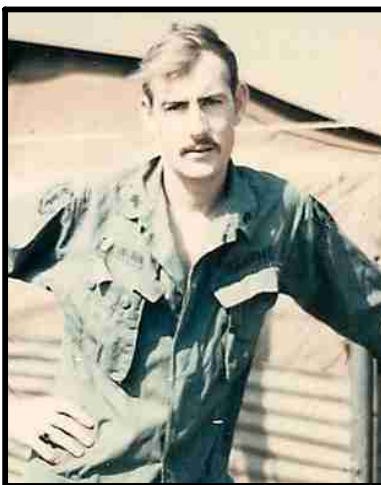
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GUARANTEED

THE OBE AND OBN LUNCHEON - 16th July. As always, Highgate's July Luncheon was devoted to celebrating Sub-Branch members who have, in 2012, achieved the significant milestones of an 80th or 90th birthday. Several men would have loved to attend, but were prevented by illness. Their CVs were read to the assembly, along with those who were able to come along. See Pages 4 - 5 for photo (our thanks to new member: Roger Buddrige) names and CVs. Sadly, there was insufficient space to include an assort-

"The Way We Were" Gallery Our Golden Oldies

John Homer, son of a WWI British Army veteran who served in Mesopotamia, was a carefree salesman with a Grocery Company when he unexpectedly won an unwanted prize in a Lottery. "Eureka"! he became a National Serviceman! Allotted to RAA, he served firstly with 131 Div Loc Battery at Nui Dat before being



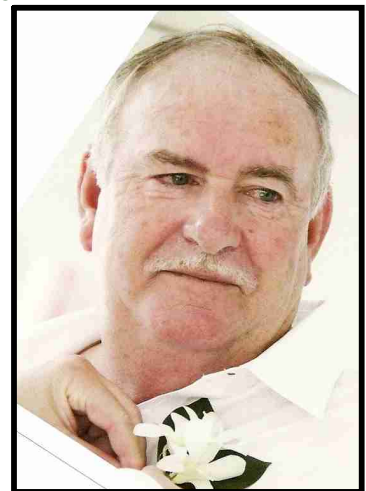
moved to A Battery as a Command Fire Base Sig and then in the Field as Sig to the Forward Observer.

On leaving the Army, he returned to his old job, but as a Country Representative and eventually a warehouse manager for Fowlers and Foodland. He later ran his own successful Deli shops in Belmont and Perth before early retirement.

John volunteers with the Honour Avenue Group at Kings Park, and is a devoted family man.

He is an avid follower of race-horses, and it is a rare Saturday John can't be found at Kalamunda TAB with a Race-Form under his arm.

And if anyone ever wants to know anything about the Eagles football team- John's your man!



LAST POST

Kenneth O'Loughlin

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OBE's and OBNs - also known as: "The BIRTHDAY BOYS"!

L to R (Standing): John Harper-Nelson, John Bush, John Hatley, Mick Michael, Ray Doust, Philip Zeid, Malcolm Weatherhead, Richard Bird **(Seated)** Alan Saville, Jack McLaren

Taking the "Over Bloomin' (!) NINETIES" first, the 'boys' are:

Jack MCLAREN - Turned 90 on 13th April

Wireless Telegraphist. Royal Australian Navy, trained at HMAS Cerberus. In 1942 Commissioned Corvette HMAS Wallaroo which was later sunk. Then joined HMAS Tamworth with the British Eastern Fleet and was in Hong Kong for the surrender. Demobbed at HMAS Leeuwin in 1946.

Brig Doug COLLINS RFD ED - unfortunately too ill to attend. Will turn 90 on 28th August

1939 joined Royal Australian Artillery 18 Field Regiment in Warwick Farm NSW. Then School of Artillery Holsworthy. 1948 CO 3 Field Regiment. 1968/73 Commanded the 2nd Task Force and was ADC Gov-General, 1973-77 Hon Col RAA Western Australia.

Philip ZEID OBE - Will turn 90 on 7th December

Royal Air Force Pilot. Transferred to gliders and served in the Burma Campaign with the Combat Cargo Task Force. After the war worked in Malaysia, Indonesia, West Africa. Plantations Managing Director. After retirement bought and ran a wheat and sheep farm in Beverley

John NEWTON - Will turn 90 on 7th December .

Unfortunately his wife is extremely ill and he could not attend. No further biographical details unfortunately.

John HARPER-NELSON turned 90 on 13th January

Served with the King's Royal Rifle Corps. In the UK, Middle East, Italy. Wounded. 1947- 52 Writer / Director of Crown Film Unit. 1952 rejoined army, Argyll & Southerland Highlanders served UK, Guiana, Berlin, Middle East. Seconded, Somaliland Scouts and King's African Rifles. Retired Major. 1962 migrated to WA. Joined the ABC 1962- 82 Then a Director of Access Press.

Alan SAVILLE turned 90 on 30th January

Royal Australian Air force Pilot. No 3 Operational Squadron Maritime Command in the Atlantic; then Royal Canadian Air Force. No 200 Squadron Coastal Command West African Forces Atlantic, followed by Army Co-Operation flight Hobart and OC No 7 EFTS RAAF West Junction and OC Care and Maintenance unit Tasmania. Service from 1941- 46: RAAF Reserve of Officers 1946 - 59.

Brian WALLEY – turned 90 a fortnight ago on the 2^d July

Sends his best wishes to all, but cannot leave his sick wife to attend today.

Bomber Command pilot with RAF. Shot down over Berlin, sole survivor of the crew of 5. POW for nearly 4 years in a variety of Stalags in Poland and Germany. Editor of "Silk and Barbed Wire"– a book on the lives of 22 POW airmen.



Keith POTTER - turned 90 on 10th of June. Daughter said he had a great birthday party. Now in a nursing home after a number of strokes and could not attend the Luncheon.

Pre war he joined 11th Infantry Battalion 1940 AIF with the 2/28th Infantry Battalion- wounded at Tobruk, hospitalised in Alexandria. Then Syria, El Alamein. Taken prisoner of war at Ruin Ridge in 1942. Wounded, survived the torpedoing of the Nino Bixio while crossing the Med. Then in Italy and Germany.

John HATELY: turned 90 on 16th March. Secretary of our Sub-Branch 1989-1995. Joined the Queen's Westminster Rifles in March 1939. Mobilised to Middle East with the Kings Royal Rifle Corp. 1944 transferred to Parachute Regiment in Palestine, North Africa, Italy and NW Europe. Remained with the Parachute Regt as a regular and Territorial Army to 1965. Migrated to Australia in 1968.

Alan RAPHAEL will turn 90 on 10th October. Too ill to attend today. Served with 64th Australian Dental Unit. Northam Army Camp, Nungarin Ordnance Depot, Karrakatta and Perth Dental Centres.

Robert KIRK: will turn 90 on 13 September. Did not respond to our invitation. No biographical details unfortunately

Mick MICHAEL OAM JP CM will turn 90 on 22nd November.

Was an electrical fitter apprentice before enlisting and had to get his employer's permission to do so. After initial training, posted to Pearce Base 25 Squadron then to 77 Sqn P40 Kithawk Fighter Sqn—the first Australian Sqn based in Darwin to oppose the Japanese. Then posted to 54 RAF (City of London Sqn) Spitfires, one of only four Australians in the squadron. When the war ceased in Europe, posted to 20 Sqn Catalina Flying boats.

Mick was the Lord Mayor of Perth 1982 to 1988; was awarded Freedom of the City of Perth and the City of London.

So on to the "Over BI - - - EIGHTY" lads

Malcolm WEATHERHEAD turned 80 on the 8th April

Served in Korea as a National Serviceman with the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers in 1951, assigned to a platoon and armed with a .303

ACHIEVEMENTS - Surviving several engagements with the enemy in one piece.

INTERESTS Enjoying family life with my wife of 55 years, four offspring and 5 grandchildren.

John BUSH turned 80 on the 28th April

Joined Royal Navy HMS Collingwood 1951, Then HMS Tyne in Malta, HMS Lofoton during Agadar Earth Quake Relief. HMS Meon for Combined OPS in Suez Canal, followed by Greece Operation with SBS 42 Commandos. Then on HMS Termagent - Anti-sub Patrol Suara WT Singapore - Malaya CT crisis Merdeka. HMS Tiger - Aust Empire Games Guardship for Duke of Edinburgh – then the Borneo crisis.

Norman MANNERS turned 80 on April - unable to attend the Luncheon unfortunately due to a specialist's appointment. Royal Australian Armoured Corps. 10th Light Horse Regiment; attached to United States 25th Tropic Lightning Division Hawaii 1965. Subsequent postings with Western Command as SO3 Air Training and Public Relations for both Australian Regular Army and Citizens Military Forces. 16 years total service. Former President of Naval and Air Forces Club of WA.

Interests: - my years as a radio announcer and beer + girls until married, then just beer.

Ray DOUST ED turned 80 on 10th June

Enlisted in 1950 into Army Service Corps at Karrakatta. 1954 transferred to 16th Infantry Battalion in Kalgoorlie. Then in 1956 Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles Rabaul. 1959 Royal Australian Engineers Fremantle. In 1968 CMF Observer Vietnam. 1975-78 OC 5 Movement Control Group RACT. 1979 Retired Major.

In civilian life, worked in the Commonwealth Bank 1948-89 and raised 3 talented kids who have all done very well academically and professionally. Since retirement has travelled extensively.

Richard BIRD will turn 80 on 7th of September

Entered RMC Duntroon 1951 Commissioned into Australian Staff Corps, posted to Royal Australian Armoured Corps 1954. Served in various Regimental and Staff postings till 1986. Retired in rank of Brigadier 1986

Attended: School of Tank Technology, RAC Centre, Bovington Dorset. Defence Services Staff College, India 1965; US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 1969/70; Joint Services Staff College Canberra 1973.

Achievements: Newsagent of Year Western Australia 1994; Graduated B.Business Edith Cowan University 2002 (Age 70).



HOLLYWOOD HOSPITAL An important new Specialist Nurse appointed

Hollywood Private Hospital is the only hospital in the state, and the only private hospital nationally, selected to be part of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia’s (PCFA) Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses pilot program.

Until now, no defined Specialist Nurse in prostate cancer care has existed in Australia. However, with initial funding from the Movemeber Foundation, PCFA has developed this three year program to pilot a number of Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses. Based in 13 hospitals throughout metropolitan and regional Australia, the Specialist Nurses will provide care and support to those affected by prostate cancer.

Nola Cruickshank, Director of Clinical Services, said Hollywood Private Hospital submitted an application to be a host employer of a Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse in July 2011.

“Hollywood Private Hospital is delighted to be selected in Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia’s national pilot program. We are confident that the Specialist Nurse is going to contribute greatly to the delivery of care for our patients with prostate cancer,” said Ms Cruickshank.

The role of the Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse is to provide expert advice and specialised care from immediately after diagnosis to post-treatment support. They will also provide reliable information on dealing with the effects of treatment, help patients and their family to access support groups; and provide education and training to other health care workers to improve prostate cancer care.

Registered Nurse Lisa Ferri has been appointed as Hollywood Private Hospital’s Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse. Her position is funded by the generous support of The Wyllie Fellowship, which was set up to honour the memory of the late Bill Wyllie– and supports research and urological nursing, amongst other things, based in Western Australia.



Specialist Nurse: Lisa Ferri RN

Lisa is looking forward to her new, challenging role. She only recently returned from a meeting in Melbourne as part of the initial training and orientation for the Service.

“I am so thrilled to be part of the Service and I am looking forward to coordinating the care of prostate cancer patients at Hollywood, wherever they are ‘at’ in their cancer journey. As part of my role I will be working closely with the specialists and the rest of the health care team to deliver expert advice and specialist care to achieve the best outcomes for our patients,” said Ms Ferri.

Margaret Sturdy, Director of Medical Services at Hollywood Private Hospital, said that all Hollywood patients diagnosed with prostate cancer will have access to the Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse. “Not only will the service deliver amazing support to our prostate cancer patients, Hollywood’s urology and oncology specialists will benefit from accessing this new, dedicated resource,” said Dr Sturdy.

For more information on Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia’s Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse Service please visit www.prostate.org.au

The continuing support of Hollywood Private Hospital and their generous assistance to RSL Highgate Sub-Branch is warmly and greatly appreciated.

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