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NEWS

The official newsletter of the Highgate (WA) Sub-Branch of the Returned & Services League of Australia

Annual General Meeting and Monthly Luncheon - Monday 18 October 2010

Venue: Gallipoli Room
Time: 1130 hrs for 1215 hrs

No Guest Speaker

**(Other than those on the permanent list, please advise Bob Arnold
by 13 Oct if you are attending this luncheon.)**

MONTHLY REPORT - BY VICE PRESIDENT

‘While the cat is away the mice do play’

Martyn is overseas cruising around so he has left us to our own whiles.

Well, where do we start?

From my own short time as a branch member and new committee member I have been impressed with the amount of effort that is being devoted to running the State War memorial activities and with what has been achieved through the Honour Avenues group. Communication is good and there is also a lively committee network that keeps in touch with members on the sick list.

Also Poppy Day is alive and well.

But does Highgate get the recognition for this work that it deserves? The only way we can achieve this recognition is to raise the profile ourselves within the organisation and we must continue to encourage potential members to join the Sub-Branch to bring in new life and ideas.

I am left with the question. Is there something we are not doing or can be doing better? The State Congress looms and we have had nothing coming from members reflecting any particular concern. Is this because there are none to mention; yes we are very happy, or are we oblivious as to what they are?

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 1 Nov 2010 Monthly Luncheon: 15 Nov 2010

**Committee nominations for 2010/2011**

The AGM will take place at the October Luncheon on 18th October 2010. On that date, the key Committee office-bearer positions of President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be declared VACANT after tenures of one year.

All current incumbents are nominating for a second term, but NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED from Sub-Branch members who may wish to join the Committee.

We especially seek and would appreciate someone to nominate as Junior Vice-President, to "under-study" the Senior Vice-President in the year ahead.

	POSITION	No of NOMINEES	NAME
1.	PRESIDENT	1	Martyn THOMPSON
2.	SVP	1	Leon GRIFFITHS
3.	JVP	1	
4.	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	N/A	Ian MULHOLLAND
5.	SECRETARY	1	Margot HARNESS
	TREASURER	1	Richard ADAMS

OTHER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS ARE:

7	Cadet Liaison	Leon	GRIFFITHS
8	Chair Honours and Awards Sub Committee	Ken	BLADEN
9	Custodian	Vacant	
10	Newsletter Editor	Bob	ARNOLD
11	Website Administration	John	CLEARY
12	Honour Avenue Representative	Norm	MANNERS
13	Hospital Visiting Officer	Ken	BLADEN
14	Pensions Officer	Jim	EAYRS
15	State Branch Representative	Don	BLAIR
16	State War Memorial Representative	Phillip	SKELTON
17	Sergeant at Arms	Dick	JONES
18	Committee Member	Phillip	LOFFMAN
19	Committee Member	Tom	HORTON

For the past 9-10 Luncheons, the former practice of singing "God Save The Queen" at the time of the Loyal Toast before the meal has been discontinued.

Some members would like this custom to be reinstated. Others prefer not to do so - although both categories are happy to continue to sing Australia's National Anthem: "Advance Australia Fair" at the conclusion of

the Luncheon. This issue needs to be settled democratically, and it is proposed to put it to a vote at the October Luncheon.

Any members unable to attend the Luncheon, but who would still like to vote on this, are welcome to submit a brief written note indicating their choice ("Yes, reinstate the Royal Anthem" or "No") and send it to the Secretary.



SUB WARDENS DUTIES

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

Thursday	31 October 2010	1200 hrs for 1230 hrs - Consulate of Greece OCHI Day.
Friday	29 October 2010	1800 hrs for 1830 hrs - RSL State Congress.
Sunday	7 November 2010	1115 hrs for 1130 hrs - Highgate RSL

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Report by Vice President - (continued)

The business end of the year is here with the Annual General meeting being scheduled for the 18 October luncheon. We require nominations for the new committee and we need some business to be tabled for discussion so if any concerns are out there we will be able to cover them. It is imperative that we have a strong committee going into 2011 and, in particular a nomination for Junior Vice President, so that our bases are covered in the event that anyone is away or members cannot attend meetings for the inevitable extenuating circumstance.

On my own part I have initially concentrated on the social side of the sub-branch but there is more to a strong club than having a good time. Should we be more involved in the planning for the 100th anniversary of the landing of Gallipoli or should we invest time and effort into another good cause. We would welcome suggestions.

Highgate has had a successful year and thanks must go to the outgoing committee for all of their hard work and dedication. I can see why Highgate has always been held in such high regard – let us see this continue into the future.

Keep well. Good health to all.

Leon Griffiths
Vice President

Aorta Be Humerus

Leaked from the bowels of the hospital world, a list of Medical Terminology for the Layman. Here, for your enlightenment and conversational one-upmanship, are a few technical definitions:

- Artery** - the study of fine paintings;
- Coma** - punctuation mark;
- Dilate** - to live longer;
- Fester** - quicker;
- Minor operation** - coal digging;
- Morbid** - a higher offer;
- Nitrate** - lower than the day rate;
- Organic** - musical;
- Outpatient** - a person who has fainted;
- Post-operative** - a letter carrier;
- Protein** - in favour of young people;
- Secretion** - hiding anything;
- Serology** - a study of English knighthood;
- Tablet** - a small table;
- Urine** - opposite of you're out.

Also, do you know anyone with the following qualities?

- Abstainer** - A weak person who yields to the temptation of denying himself a pleasure. A total abstainer is one who abstains from everything but abstention, and especially from activities in the affairs of others.
- Ability** - The natural equipment to accomplish some small part of the meaner ambitions distinguishing able men from dead ones. In the last analysis it is commonly found to consist mainly in a high degree of solemnity. Perhaps, however, this impressive quality is rightly appraised; it is no easy task to be solemn.

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

If so please contact me personally on 9244 8072

Ken Bladen

**Consolidated Balance Sheet 12 months ending 30 June 2010**

	Balance 30/06/2010	Balance 30/06/2009	
Accumulated Funds			
General Account	\$3,084.70	\$1,947.06	06-6001 00925571
Amelioration Account	\$5,046.45	\$4,479.54	06-6001 10198547
Honour Avenue Cheque Account Bearing Interest	\$5,135.88	\$2,081.60	06-6001 00910679
Honour Avenue Business Online Saver No 1	\$15,279.83	\$20,325.00	06-6130 10316094
Honour Avenue Business Online Saver No 2	\$21,268.95	\$0.00	06-6161 10393904
Honour Term Deposit	\$19,800.00	\$0.00	06-6130 50152135
	<u>\$69,615.81</u>	<u>\$28,833.20</u>	

Represented by

Current Assets

Commonwealth Bank General A/C	\$8,250.80	\$1,947.06
Commonwealth Bank Amelioration A/C	\$5,046.45	\$4,480.00
Commonwealth Bank Honour Avenue A/C	\$5,135.88	\$2,781.00
Commonwealth Honour Avenue Investment Accounts	\$56,348.78	\$20,325.14
Account Receivable	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	
	<u>\$71,356.91</u>	<u>\$29,533.20</u>

Fixed Assets

Equipment at cost		
Less provision for Depreciation		
	<u>\$71,356.91</u>	<u>\$29,533.20</u>

Less Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities—Sub Wardens	\$700.00	\$700.00
Overseas Fund	\$1,041.10	
Subscriptions/Levies etc, paid in advance	<u>\$1,741.10</u>	

Working Capital	<u>\$69,615.81</u>	<u>\$28,833.20</u>
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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE
OF AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH (INC)**

30 JUNE 2010
Report on the Financial Report

Scope

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report of The Returned & Services League Of Australia WA Branch (Inc) Highgate Sub Branch

comprising the Income Statement, Balance Sheet and accompanying notes for the year ended 30 June 2010. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Association's constitution and the needs of the members. I have conducted an inde-

pendent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Association. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

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Audit Report Continued

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the financial reporting requirements under the Association's constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the

above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for The Returned & Services League Of Australia WA Branch (Inc) Highgate Sub Branch to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to these activities was limited to the amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitations discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of The Returned & Services League Of Australia WA Branch (Inc) Highgate Sub Branch is properly drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of The Returned & Services League Of Australia WA Branch (Inc) Highgate Sub Branch as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2010 in accordance with the accounting policies.

J.T Boot CPA FCIS

Dated this 12 Day of September 2010

POPPY DAY 5 NOVEMBER.

This is to remind you that the annual Poppy Day collection day this year is to be conducted on Friday 5 November. As usual, members of Highgate RSL will be involved in the collection at the same sites as last year which are mainly the Esplanade Railway Station and the Wellington Street Bus Port.



President Martyn will run the site at the Esplanade

and I will run the one at Wellington Street.

We need plenty of collectors if we are to do better than last years record collection of \$17,000. At the next Highgate Luncheon I will be passing around the usual duty roster sheets and I hope that as many of you as possible will sign up for the mornings roster. Several hours of your time will be very appreciated.

Thank you.

Jim Eayrs

BRITAIN AT WAR WITH GERMANY—GUILDFORD WA'S CONTRIBUTION

Just after midnight on 5 August 1914, the Governor General of Australia was notified that Britain was at war with Germany. The following day, the British Government accepted Australia's offer of 20,000 volunteer fighters, asking for them to be despatched as soon as possible, and the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) was born. The Governor General replied, "There is indescribable enthusiasm and entire unanimity throughout Australia in support of all that tends to provide for the security of the Empire in war." Western Australia was expected to raise 1,004 volunteers who would be guaranteed pensions and compensated for wounds.

Recruiting offices opened on 10th August and within days thousands of men had responded to the call. Enlistment was regarded as a particularly good opportunity for unemployed men who had been adversely affected by drought in farming areas and the end of the gold rushes. Although the majority of young Guildford men had been unaf-

ected by these hardships, they were just as keen to take advantage of the opportunity for travel and adventure and to prove their bravery and devotion to the British Empire as those who had few other prospects.

The 37th and 38th Field Artillery units were grouped together and designated the 8th Field Artillery Battery under the command of Major Bessel-Brown, a New Zealander and decorated veteran of the Boer War. Alfred Joseph Bessel-Brown, who would move family from Caversham to Guildford in 1919, had commanded the 37th Field Artillery Battery since 1911. All his men volunteered to enlist at once. The men who trained at the Remount Depot in South Guildford were among the first Australian soldiers to fight at Gallipoli. Men who wanted to enlist in the Light Horse regiment were asked to bring their horses, which the government bought for sixteen pounds each. While approval had been given to raise Western Australian troops for the 7th Light Horse Regi-

ment's C Squadron, the tremendous response led to the formation of the 10th Light Horse Regiment instead.

The first volunteers from Western Australia left Fremantle on the 2nd of November 1914, joining the convoy of ships which had amassed at Albany, en route to Egypt, where the men were trained before being sent to Gallipoli. Guildford's first casualty died in Egypt. Former Guildford State School pupil Thomas Henley Godley, who enlisted in September 1914 as a sapper with the 2nd Field Company Engineers, died from measles and pneumonia on 18th March 1915.

At least 13 young men from the Guildford district died in Gallipoli. Twenty year old Wallace Passmore Roach, a member of the 11th Infantry Battalion, was among the many men who lost their lives on the 25th April 1915. Nearly one quarter of the 375 men from Guildford who volunteered did not survive. (Ref: *Treasured Island* - Laura Nolan)

(With thanks to Bob Mercer)



HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL RANKED NUMBER ONE IN NATIONAL SURVEY



We of Highgate RSL Sub-Branch offer our sincere congratulations on a most significant achievement.

Hollywood Private Hospital has received the highest ranking in a national performance score for both patient and staff satisfaction in a national survey. Hollywood's commitment to delivering the best possible patient care has been recognised nationally,

with the hospital placed first in a patient satisfaction benchmark survey for private hospitals over 300 beds.

The most recent quarterly survey puts Hollywood at the top of the list not only in the patient satisfaction survey, but also in the staff satisfaction survey.

Hollywood's efforts to deliver on its commitment to high quality patient-centred care were recognised in the process of continually assessing patient feedback through

which patients evaluate their stay at the hospital. The survey, conducted by national research firm Press Ganey, measures a number of components of patient satisfaction at both the hospital and ward levels. Report results are an effective strategy that enables both the hospital and individual ward teams to continuously improve patient care by setting specific targets to be achieved.

Of Hollywood, research firm Press Ganey's Managing Director Terry Grundy said: "The hospital's dedication and unique programs to include patient feedback as the driving force behind all improvement activities is having a profound impact on patient perceptions and the quality of care."

Memorial Lunch Update - 7 November 2010 Generously sponsored by Hollywood Private Hospital

Current bookings are nearly full with only 5 places left. Payment must be made beforehand -

To make payment ***either*** send a cheque to the Treasurer made out to:
Highgate RSL PO Box 1013 SUBIACO, WA 6904. **OR** EFT - BSB 066 001, Account No. 00925571

Registrations of interest will be taken once the bookings are full in case there are people who cannot attend closer to the day.

A reminder that there will be a short service at the flame at 1130 hrs and members are requested to wear jacket, tie and medals. Ladies smart casual wear please.

Guests and wives will be attending from Kings Park Board and the incoming and outgoing State Wardens wives will also be guests.

Presentations of medallions will be made during the course of the lunch.

It promises to be great day.

Any problems or questions give me a ring on 04390 33399.

See you there.

Leon Griffiths.
Vice President.

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