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GUNFIRE BREAKFAST—ANZAC DAY 2011

Venue: W.A. Club, 101 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Time: 0700 hrs for 0730 hrs

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President's Report

Judging by the hum, buzz and ambience in the dining room at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, the buffet luncheon on Sunday 20 March was a great success. More than 100 members, family and friends whiled away a few hours enjoying one another's company in the beautiful venue with its sweeping views across the river. Special thanks to Lynn Lovell-Durant for facilitating the function at the Club and to VP Leon for the organisation. If you didn't make it, make sure that you get yourself organised for the next social event later in the year.

We are now in the count down to ANZAC Day which this year coincides with Easter Monday. In all the years I have lived in Australia I could never remember a time when ANZAC Day fell during Easter. A quick Google search soon revealed that Easter Monday last fell on April 25 in 1859, long before the Gallipoli campaign. ANZAC day and Easter Sunday coincided in 1943 and the next time will be in 2038.

ANZAC Day is generally regarded as the most important day in Australia's calendar - a day when our flag will fly at half-mast until noon as a sign of mourning. It is very much a day to remember not just those who were at Gallipoli but all Australians who have served and given their lives in any war, conflict or peacekeeping operation. It is a day when the nation stands tall and sets time aside to remember with gratitude and pride those who served our country that we might enjoy the freedoms that we often take for granted today. Many members will attend the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial in Kings Park which continues to grow in size. In spite of the chilly morning

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 2 May 2011 Monthly Luncheon: 16 May 2011



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the crowd last year was estimated at 45,000.

As some members will be far away attending ANZAC Day services and others on holiday enjoying the Easter break, I hope that all those who are in Perth will make an extra effort to attend the Highgate Annual Gunfire Breakfast. As in previous years it will take place at the WA Club in St Georges Terrace after the Dawn Service and prior to the ANZAC Day Parade and Service. Please book in with Treasurer Richard Adams as soon as possible as arrangements must be finalised early because of the holidays. If you need some help to get there, please let us know and we will try to arrange transport for you.

Have you noticed that Men's Sheds are springing up all over the country? Whilst there is little room for a shed on the modern day block of land, men of our generation love

that special place where they can potter around, fix the lawn mower, build a cubby or maybe just get away from you know who. The community men's shed is a place where men can get together, making the things they like to make, learning from one another, helping one another, sharing with one another, bonding and enjoying the general camaraderie. Did you know that Highgate has a shed or two of its own in one of the best locations in WA? Perhaps by now you will have twigged that I am putting in a *plug and a plea for the Honour Avenue Group* which desperately needs some new faces and helping hands. You don't have to be a moulder or a highly skilled artisan; the Group simply needs men or women who can give a few hours of their time on a regular basis. Why not have a talk to Norman Manners and arrange to visit one Tuesday morning? Please make it soon.

A gentle reminder that Committee members spend a lot of time, often

juggling commitments to arrange the monthly meetings with a good light luncheon and an interesting guest speaker. Membership is over 270 yet attendance at the luncheons is rarely more than 70 – 80. It would be so rewarding if we could boost those numbers to 80-90 for the rest of the year. Think about it.

In fellowship
Martyn

I divide officers into four classes - the clever, the lazy, the stupid and the industrious. Each officer possesses at least two of these qualities. Those who are clever and industrious are fitted for high staff appointments. Use can be made of those who are stupid and lazy. The man who is clever and lazy is fit for the very highest command. He has the temperament and the requisite nerves to deal with all situations. But whoever is stupid and industrious must be removed immediately.

(General Kurt von Hammerstein 1878-1943)

PREMIER'S ANZAC STUDENT TOUR

(With thanks to Robyn Cleaver, Principle Consultant, Department of Education)

In their preparations for this year's Premier's ANZAC Student Tour, the students and staff met with several members of the Highgate RSL Sub-Branch at Kings Park on Tuesday, 8 March 2011. Phillip Skelton, as Deputy Warden of the State War Memorial discussed with the group the reasons for having war memorials, the forms they take and the history of this Memorial before embarking on a short tour of it. As the Tour is heading to Greece this year, the students found visiting the 2/11 Memorial and viewing the names connected to the Battles of Greece and Crete in the crypt to be quite a confronting experience. Participants then moved to Marri Walk where Norm Manners and Doug Farmer from the Honours Avenue Group discussed the nature

and scope of their work in maintaining the plaques of Australian personnel killed overseas. Along the way, Norm and Doug pointed out the plaques of several members of the 2/11, names that the students would see again when visiting Souda Bay War Cemetery in Crete when they visit in late April. Before departing, the students acknowledged Phillip, Doug and Norm for giving up their time in meeting with them and for the many voluntary hours given in service. The Premier's ANZAC Student Tour was established in 2003 by the State Government to enable secondary school students to gain a greater knowledge of the military service of Western Australians and to enshrine ANZAC Day as a day of national importance. To date, the

Tour has travelled to France, England, Greece, Belgium and Turkey. It is estimated that almost 5000 students have participated in the program with 100 selected to represent the State as a Youth Ambassador on the Tour. Greece was selected as the destination for the 2011 Tour given that 2011 is the 70th Anniversary of the Battles of Greece and Crete. The Premier's ANZAC Student Tour 2011 will depart Perth on 23 April and will attend ANZAC Day services in Athens before embarking on a historical study tour of Crete. On return, the students commit to submitting a tour journal, presenting to school and community groups, and upcoming commemorative events.



SUB WARDENS DUTIES

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

Monday 25 April 2011 - 0500 hrs for 0530 hrs - ANZAC Day Dawn Service
 Monday 9 May 2011 - 1030 hrs for 1100 hrs - Australian American Association

Phillip Skelton with some of the students selected to participate in the Premier's ANZAC Student Tour.

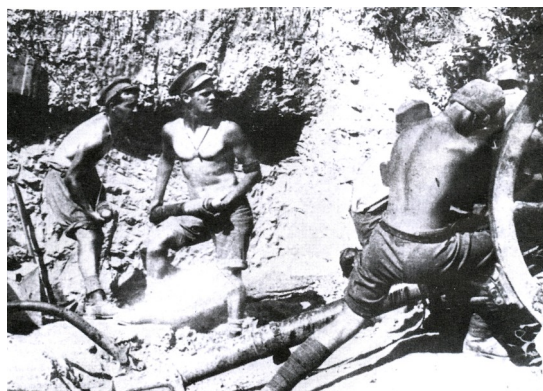
The Students participating are:



Tyran Hanlon, Year 10, Lynwood Senior High School - Mehdi Nawa, Year 10, St. Norbert College,
 Lauren Preedy, Year 10, Derby District High School - John Wallace, Year 10, Newman Senior High School, Jade Hansen, Year 11 Canning Vale College - Scott Jones, Year 11, Cape Naturalise College - Lachlan Blair, Year 12, Wesley College - Jake Morrison, Year 12 Mindarie Senior College - Hayley Pring, Year 12, Perth Modern School - Sophie Prober, Year 12, Mount Lawley Senior High School and the Teacher Supervisors are: Sarah Bolland, Christmas Island District High

School and Martin Keen, Margaret River Senior High School.

Highgate's 58th Annual Gunfire Breakfast



Date: ANZAC Day Monday 25 April 2011
 Time: 0700 hrs for 0730 Hrs until 0900 hrs
 Venue: WA Club 101 St Georges Tce, Perth
 Cost: \$40.00 per head
 Dress: Tie and Coat (with medals)

Bookings: Richard Adams 9325 6387 or 0411 737 723

Close-off date: 1600 hrs Wednesday 20 April 2011.
 Paying by mail: Attach your cheque to this portion.
 Paying by EFT: CBA 066001 : 00925571 (include your name)
 Payment confirmation/bookings : richard.adams@highgate-rsl.org.au
 Cheques to: RSL Highgate Sub-Branch
 PO Box 3551
 PERTH WA 6832

Name.....

Guests.....



Book Sales support Research Foundation

(With thanks to Richard Calautti Hollywood Private Hospital)

The Hollywood Private Hospital Research Foundation received a significant boost to its funding when presented with a cheque for \$70,000 by the hospital's Executive Director Kevin Cass-Ryall. This major contribution comes thanks to the success of the recently-published coffee-table book "Everyone's a Hero" and the hospital's commitment to donate all proceeds to the Research Foundation.

Launched to staff and the general public in November 2010, "Everyone's A Hero" is a unique social history of Hollywood Private Hospital (as it's known today) from its inception as a military hospital in 1940 through to the present day incarnation as a leading Ramsay private hospital. The coffee table book details the hospital's amazing story and contains hundreds of original photographs and letters through to contemporary imagery of the facilities in 2010.

Commissioned by Hollywood Private Hospital and written by local historian Roz Davies, the hospital decided to donate proceeds from book sales to the Hollywood Private Hospital Research Foundation. Established by the hospital in 1999 the Research Foundation is dedicated to supporting research conducted at the hospital that will contribute to an improvement in medical care and the health of the community. Since its inception, the Research Foundation has provided more than \$500,000 in grants for medical research in areas including respiratory disorders, prostate cancer, depression,

Alzheimer's disease, infertility, orthopaedics and rehabilitation.

"Everyone's A Hero" has generated considerable interest in the media and local community, particularly amongst the many people whose lives have been touched in some way by Hollywood Private Hospital over the years including past and present staff, doctors, patients and their families, as well as Veterans.



Of the donation, Terry Bayliss, Director at the Hollywood Private Hospital Research Foundation, says: "This very generous donation from the hospital

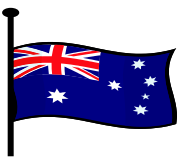
provides a major boost to the Research Foundation. The funds will mean we can continue to support more excellent research this year."

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, or for more details,

Email: enquiry.hph@ramsayhealth.com.au

NEED A LIFT TO ANZAC HOUSE TO ATTEND MONTHLY HIGHGATE LUNCHEONS?
If so please contact me personally on 9244 8072
Ken Bladen

LAST POST



Basil Sprenger

Lest We Forget



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