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MONTHLY LUNCHEON AND AGM

Monday 20 May 2013

Venue: Gallipoli Room
Time: 1130 hrs for 1215 hrs
Guest Speaker: Peter St. John Kennedy
Topic: Long range desert patrols during WWII

Peter, a long serving member of Highgate Sub Branch, was born in South Perth on the First day of April in the year of 1920. His schooling was at CBC Perth to which he commuted by the paddle steamer "Duchess", boarding at Mends Street Jetty.

He joined the CMF (Militia) in 1938 and the AIF in May 1940 along with two older brothers and was allotted to 14 Battery, 2/7th Australian Field Regiment with training in Northam, from where he sailed overseas in May 1940.

His service of about three years in the Middle East traversed from the Turkish border to Libya. Peter was wounded at Alamein in July 1942 and returned to Australia in February 1943 to complete jungle training in Northern Queensland then to Tarakan, landing in 1945.

He returned with brothers, all intact, late in 45. His travels, after the war, started with the Australian hockey team in 1948, followed by crewing on Alan Bond's Apollo USA and then in 1971, Europe with his family for six years having successfully completed businesses in Perth and abroad. Peter is a regular competitor in the veterans athletics events and State Championships, competing in 12 events in the recently held State Championships during March this year and, he is a frequent speaker in the public arena and in schools.

President's Report

By all accounts ANZAC DAY 2013 was a really well attended occasion. I have spoken to many outer metropolitan members and interstate colleagues and they have all expressed concern on how they will be able to cater for the crowds expected next year. In some instances there has been a doubling of numbers with strong interest with young school age children and families.

It also brought to mind whether we should conduct a Sub Branch event to match the occasion in 2014. Our numbers for the Gunfire Breakfast were down this year so we need to make the decision whether to continue along this path or look at something different for coming years. As usual the committee welcomes any suggestion for the way forward.

The State President has indicated by his actions that he wants to implement change into the organization to include recruitment of ex-service men and women,

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

LUNCHEON - 20 May 2013 (Committee: 10am same day)



HIGHGATE DRESS CODE



There has been some comment, not all supportive, about the new dress arrangements as advised in the newsletter.

The changes arose from discussions at a recent committee meeting and it was acknowledged that, if we are to attract new members, we will need to revise the dress protocol,

that has been in existence, most probably from the birth of the Sub-Branch.

Jackets and ties are now optional but those of us who wish to continue wearing our usual attire are unlikely to be outnumbered or feel out of place.

When we take a walk along St George's Terrace we see men often in suits without ties and certainly younger office workers during warm weather striding the streets of the city in open necked shirts and without jackets - times they are a changing

We are striving to make the younger members whom we hope to attract to our Sub-Branch feel very welcome and to offer facilities and activities of universal appeal.

The Committee accepts that among the changes we need to make the dress code is but one.

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>

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especially since the Vietnam War years, that may have been disillusioned with the RSL or have not seen the need to join until now. He has also increased the focus on encouraging the younger Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peace Keeping veterans to join our ranks. Our role in Highgate is to try new ways of recruiting and to put in place incentives for younger members to be included.

One bonus for new members will be to receive a quality name badge on joining. At the last committee meeting it was agreed that all members will also receive a new badge at the next general meeting, something that has been wanting for some time.

Don't forget, have a look around for prizes for our raffles so we can subsidize our functions. If you prefer to buy a prize from the bar that is quite acceptable.

Finally let us acknowledge Eli Quartermaine, our long time doorman at our monthly meetings. He is not feeling the best so we would like to send out a big get well message to him from us all. Eli we are thinking of you and want to see you back fit and well soon. Cheers mate.

Yours in friendship. **Leon**

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

If so please contact me personally on 9244 8072



SUB WARDENS DUTIES

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

Monday 6th May 2013 :1030 hrs for 1130 hrs	Australian American Association WA Division (71st Commemoration of the Battle of the Coral Sea)
Sunday 19th May 2013 :1200 hrs for 1230 hrs	Consulate of Greece (72nd Anniversary Battle of Crete and Mainland Greece)
Monday 27th May 2013 :1020 hrs for 1050 hrs	North American Veterans' Unit (USA Memorial Day)
Tuesday 28th May 2013 :1100 hrs for 1130 hrs	RSL Women's Auxiliaries of Western Australia (86th Annual State Conference)
Wednesday 29th May 2013 : 0930 hrs for 1000 hrs	Indigenous War Graves Committee (Commemoration of Indigenous Veterans)

"The Way We Were" Gallery Our Golden Oldies **Don Rae**



Don was born on 24th February 1929 and lived at Manjimup until moving to Perth in 1936. He was educated at West Leederville Primary School, Perth Boys School and Wesley College.

He joined the Shell Group of Companies in 1946 as a Junior Clerk and spent the next 39 years with Shell retiring as the Materials Manager for Shell Development (Australia) involved in land and offshore Oil and Gas Exploration.

In an almost parallel career Don enlisted in the Citizen Military Force in 1948 as a Gunner in 3 Field Regiment RAA. He was commissioned in 1951 and spent the next couple of decades in Regiment-

tal and Staff appointments. He commanded 3 Field Regiment from 1973 until 1975 and then transferred to HQ 5th Military District. Promoted Colonel in 1982 he served as Assistant Commander under Brigadiers Alan Wells, Ken Taylor and Russell Lloyd, during which period he was appointed Honorary Aide to Governors General Sir Zelman Cowan and Sir Ninian Stephen.

Don was admitted as a Member to the Order of Australia (Military Division) in the 1982 Australia Day Honours List. He retired in February 1984.

The highlight of his Military career was his attachment to 4th Field and 12th Field Regiments RAA in Vietnam in 1968 as part of Defence CMF Officers' Observer Scheme.

Don was appointed Colonel Commandant RAA Western Region in 1985, a position he held for 6 years.

In 1988 he was the "co-architect" in founding the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of WA

(Inc) and served as the inaugural president for 5 years. He is still heavily involved with the Society – particularly at the Leighton Battery heritage Site Buckland Hill.

For a little excitement to celebrate his 70th Birthday Don and his son David trekked in Nepal for two weeks and ten years later for a little more excitement tandem jumped from an aircraft. He has not yet finalised his plans for his 90th Birthday but watch this space!

Don is married to Anne and they have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 Great grandchildren.

(Don is a modest man and a continuing source of wonder to those who spend time with him at the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society. Ask Don an Artillery related question and you will surely get an answer, but a warning—be prepared to offer your time. His response will be comprehensive and will include much detail and data—to a depth that will astound you)

Bob Arnold—(Acting editor)



HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL

announces \$63.3 million expansion to address an increased demand for the hospital's services

Hollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands is to embark on a \$63.3 million expansion which will see the modern, acute care hospital expand its operating theatres, wards, catering facilities and car park bays.

Australia's largest private hospital owner Ramsay Health Care announced that it would inject the \$63.3 million into expanding Hollywood Private Hospital's current facilities.

Six new, state-of-the-art operating theatres will increase the hospital's total to 16. The theatre expansion includes additional capacity in the theatre recovery and holding areas, sterilisation and supply units.

The project also includes two new wards and another level on the hospital's multi-storey car park resulting in an additional 184 car bays.

Hollywood Private Hospital will build a new kitchen to support the catering team who currently prepare over 1,500 meals every day.

Executive Director Kevin Cass-Ryall said the expansion is a result of growing demand for Hollywood Private Hospital's facilities and services.

"Our existing 10 operating theatres are running at full capacity. Six new theatres will mean we are able

to meet the increasing need for our services," said Mr Cass-Ryall.

Kevin Cass-Ryall said the expansion is an exciting new phase for the hospital and is testament to the amazing service and care that the hospital's staff and doctors provide.

The need to expand our facilities only reinforces the strength of Hollywood Private Hospital's reputation in offering the very best care, accommodation and medical facilities Western Australia has to offer," added Mr Cass-Ryall.

The \$63.3 million project by Ramsay Health Care demonstrates the company's commitment to Hollywood Private Hospital and the West Australian health system.

Ramsay Health Care has invested over \$200 million at the hospital since purchasing Hollywood Private Hospital in February 1994.

Silver Thomas Hanley Architects will oversee the design of the development. The project builder is still to be confirmed.

The expansion project is anticipated to commence late 2013, pending approval by the relevant authorities.

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