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**Monthly Luncheon**

**Monday 15 November 2004**

**Venue:** Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House  
**Time:** 11:30 hrs Fellowship 12:30hrs Luncheon  
**Speaker:** Justine Fumic and Mark Webb  
**Topic:** Kings Park - Policies and Operations

**Presidents Report**

**Poppy Day**

If you are reading this "Poppy Day" is over. Highgate seemed to have just enough people to cover our various areas. This is our major fund raising event of the year and is the opportunity to fill our coffers so next year we are able to distribute the monies collected in the form of welfare to those in need.

We need more members as collectors in 2005.

**Ladies Dining Night**

A reminder that some vacancies exist for the Ladies Night. Dress as usual is Black Tie and Miniatures. If things progress as we at committee think they might, then it is likely that the Ladies Night next year will be held at ANZAC House.

**Treasurer**

With Richards Adams volunteering to take over from Brian next year we have to be mindful of the growth of the Adams Family amongst us. Good on you Richard.

**Committee Nominations**

If any member wants to put themselves forward for a committee role for 2005, please contact the Secretary before the end of November.

**Legacy Christmas Puddings \$8.00, available at the Luncheon.**

**All the best**

**Ian**

We all make mistakes from time to time.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

**Committee:** 10:00 hrs Monday  
6 December 2004

**Luncheon:** 11:30 hrs, Monday  
20 December 2004

Assistant Cashier for November - **Errol Smith**  
Members, please assist by bringing the correct money  
**\$25.00**

<b>Hospital Visits – Otto Pelczar</b>	<b>New Member</b>
Jim Hall, Pat Mehan at Hollywood and Peter Mulrenann at Charlies. Otto Pelczar 9311 2429 or 0408 940 928.	On behalf of Highgate Sub Branch we extend a most sincere and warm welcome to our new members Ian Hill-Smith and Bob Nugent.

### **Sub Wardens Duties**

Wreath laying ceremonies currently scheduled at the State War Memorial, Kings Park:

Wednesday 17 November      16:45 for 17:00      Perth Legacy

### **RSL Funeral Format / Ritual for Members**

As the President mentioned at the last Luncheon he has attended a few funerals this year and was mystified by the differing formats and rituals. The RSL has a format that is followed by other State Branches and certainly by other Sub-Branches, Unit and Kindred Associations in WA. With that in mind the President and the Committee, with assistance from member Reverend Tim Harrison, have published the RSL ritual, for your information, in this issue. The documentation is self-explanatory.

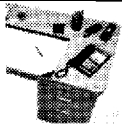
Please discuss with your families.

If you want Highgate to assist in the conduct of your funeral return the 'Confirmation Slip' and file the 'Representation Form' with your will.

### **FROM THE PENSIONS OFFICER**

Over the past month I have received a few responses to articles, which I have written for the Highgate Newsletter and the Newsletter of the Air Force Memorial Estate at Bullcreek. One response in particular occurred last week when I had a visit from an elderly widow who wanted me to review her application for a war widow's pension. She had read one of my articles and thought that she would try again. Her application was originally refused by the Department of Veteran's Affairs in 1982 on the grounds that her late husband's death could not be related to his war time service. He died of cancer of the colorectum and in those days the Repatriation Medical Authority did not recognize that cigarette smoking could be a factor in this disease. Consequently in 1982 her application for the WW Pension was refused. Nowadays the RMA do recognize that smoking can be causative to the disease. Her husband was a smoker and started during his war years and I am hopeful of a successful result for her new application. Interestingly, her husband prior to their marriage was an Australian studying in Canada. At the outbreak of war he joined the Canadian Army and served with them in Europe. After the war he returned to Australia. The widow's first battle back in 1982 in Australia was to have her husband's Canadian service recognized by the Australian Department of Veteran's Affairs, which they did. Unfortunately at that time the non-recognition of his cigarette smoking as causative to his disease caused her application for a war widows pension to be rejected. Two issues come from this case. The first is the issue of the recognition of service with another Commonwealth country or an allied country by the Department of Veteran's Affairs. I've written about this previously. The second issue is about changes to the Repatriation Department's Statements of Principle on diseases and injury and how these changes can benefit an applicant even if many years ago the veterans claim had been rejected by the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Jim Eayrs



From the of the Senior Vice President

### Honour Avenues Group

**Dedication Ceremony:** The group will carry out a dedication ceremony, in Kings Park, for 11 Western Australians who gave their lives in either World War One or World War Two. The plaques and posts are currently being prepared for the ceremony on Saturday 18 December 2004.

The names, units and a brief history of each serviceman will be read out prior to a blessing by an Army Padre and the sounding of the last post by a bugler from the Army Band. The next-of-kin will then proceed to attach each plaque to its post.

It is a simple yet moving ceremony and this year we are **inviting all Highgate Sub-Branch members to attend** if they so wish. You may have been a member of one of the units in which the deceased served or know someone in the extended family or perhaps you would simply like to join in the service.

To assist you we reprint the names of these men, their unit and where they were killed. Later in the year we will confirm a starting time and the exact location within Kings Park.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>WHERE KILLED OR WOUNDED</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
SUTHERLAND F	28 BN	POLYGON WOOD	KIA 1917
SUTHERLAND S	11 BIN	BULLECOURT	KIA 1917
LLOYD G	3 AUST PIONEERS	SOMME	DOW 1918
WALTON R	44 BN	LE HAMEL	DOW 1918
FITZGERALD A	44 BN	BRAY HEIGHTS	KIA 1918
SCULLIN P	51 BN	POLYGON WOOD	KIA 1917
SCULLIN D	51 BN	POLYGON WOOD	KIA 1917
SCULLIN J	28 BN	POZIERES	KIA 1916
MEAD E J	51 BN	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	KIA 1918
MEAD H A	51 BN	MOUQUET FARM	KIA 1916
BAILEY N	2 4 M.G.	SANDAKAN	D/POW 1945

**Remembrance Booklet:** With the financial assistance of Lotteries West the group is producing a 16page booklet detailing the background to the Honour Avenues and the work done by the Highgate Sub-Branch to maintain them.

Fully illustrated, there will be an initial run of 2000, which will not go far what with 5,000,000 people visiting the park each year. However, we can and will be requesting a gold coin donation for each copy handed out so reprints can be run. The aim of this project is to not only bring attention to these unique avenues but also to our Sub-Branch and that of the Honour Avenues Group in the hope of attracting more working members.

**New Accommodation:** The Kings Park Board have been mindful of our requirements for office accommodation and once their new building is complete have offered us space in the previous Information Building at the main entrance to the park.

This will enable us to install a computer for our plaque records and to generally carry out the admin function of ordering supplies and keeping up with the growing correspondence. This should come about around March of next year.

**Best wishes Norm**



### **FIREBALL PHYSIO CELEBRATES FIFTY**

In 1954 Hollywood's appearance was very different but according to long-serving staff member Jill Slee, the warm and caring atmosphere has always been a Hollywood trademark.

Jill believes Hollywood Private Hospital's fun loving and professional spirit has made being a part of the team for 50 years extremely easy and rewarding.

While studying physiotherapy at the University of Western Australia and completing 'practical' work at a few hospitals in Perth, Jill started working at the Repatriation Department located at Hollywood.

Not long after, Jill married and was forced to leave the hospital because Commonwealth policy at the time did not allow married women to work.

"I have happy memories of the repatriation days and I was certainly sorry when they told me I had to resign because I was getting married," Jill said.

After having her second child, Jill discovered an interest in ante-natal care and began teaching and helping out in classes. She was then offered part-time work in 1967 at the Outpatient Department in the city and in 1976 the department, along with the staff, relocated to Hollywood.

From working at other hospitals and health care centres over the years, Jill has come to believe Hollywood has a special quality.

"I knew Hollywood had a great future ahead of it, but I don't think anyone could have envisaged the ongoing achievements that have been made by Ramsay Health Care in such a short period of time."

Physiotherapy Manager, Karen Lennon, said Jill was a remarkable person who had made a great contribution during the many years she had been at Hollywood.

"Jill has been here for 50 years and she is still committed to her patients and is a great role model for her co-workers," Karen said.

"She has always been a fantastic addition to Hollywood and her many years here is testament to her great strength of character and passion for her work."

Jill cannot see herself retiring in the near future, but when the time comes she will dedicate more time to swimming, playing tennis and perhaps volunteering at the hospital.

"Why do I stay? Because I feel proud of Hollywood Private Hospital's achievements; acknowledge the core values and admire the staffs' genuine caring for the patients and affection for each other."

### **Ladies Dining Night - Friday 26 November 2003**

Venue: WA Club  
101 St Georges Terrace  
PERTH

His Excellency Lt Gen John Sanderson AC Governor of Western Australia accompanied by Mrs Sanderson will be attending. Remember Black tie with Miniatures. Please let Brian Martin know if you and your wife or partner are attending.

The cost for Dinner is \$60.00 per head.

### **Smart Sayings**

I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.

### **Last Post**

Paul Pearson our oldest member at 103, Ron Hatch 91 and Robert Hills.

**Lest we forget**