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Gunfire Breakfast

Monday 25 April 2005

Venue: Club Suite WA Club
Time: 07:00 hrs Registration Breakfast 07:30hrs
Speaker: Peter Winstanley
Topic: ANZAC Spirit & WW2 POW Medics

Presidents Report

ANZAC Day - Gunfire Breakfast

Members no luncheon in April as the ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast is our regular meeting for April.

07:00 hrs for 07:30 hrs at the WA Club

We have invited the British, Greek, and US Consuls General representatives as well the WA Service Chiefs and the WA Branch RSL President, DVA Deputy Commission for WA and other distinguished guests to join us for breakfast.

If you want to be able to sit with your mates at a table inform Norm or Richard so they can arrange the seating plan. Let them know by 15 April as we need to close off that day. There are no "door sales" you need to get your return to the Treasurer as soon as you can.

Future Luncheons – ANZAC House

I have arranged for an extra table to be set for future Luncheons, which will cater for late arrivals and those unable to reserve a place at table. I also ask those who do reserve seats for their colleagues to ensure their mates are attending that Luncheon.

Ladies Luncheon – Thursday 26 May – ANZAC House

See Page 2 and get the get the PINK RETURN to the Treasurer ASAP.

Highgate Financial Report 2004

The audited Financial Report for 2004 is enclosed with this Newsletter.

All the best Ian

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 10:00 hrs Monday
2 May 2005

Luncheon: 11:30 hrs, Monday
16 May 2005

Gunfire Breakfast Registration and Raffle
Norm Manners and Craig Manners

Hospital Visits – Otto Pelczar	Welcome New Members
John Jackson has returned home after a long stint Hollywood we hope to see him at the Gunfire. Otto Pelczar 9311 2429 or 0408 940 928.	Welcome new members Bob Norris, John Berg, Barry de Bruyn from NSW (Wally's son) and Perth City Councilor Max Kay.

Sub Wardens Duties

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

Monday 25 April	05:30 for 06:00	ANZAC Day Dawn Service
Thursday 28 April	10:45 for 11:00	BCOF Association of WA
Monday 9 May	10:45 for 11:00	Australian American Assoc (Battle of the Coral Sea)
Tuesday 24 May	10:45 for 11:00	RSL Women's Auxiliary

Ladies Luncheon - ANZAC House – Thursday 26 May 2005

This year we hold the Ladies Luncheon at ANZAC House. This will afford some of the ladies to view, hopefully, the plans and see the changes afoot for ANZAC house as well as enjoy a nice Luncheon with an informative and brief Guest Speaker.

The cost of the luncheon is \$30.00 a head including table wines and soft drinks. Please complete the "PINK RETURN" and forward to the Treasurer. The menu as follows:

Homemade Chef's Pate) with selected
Roast Sirloin of Beef with Horseradish) table wines and soft drinks
Strawberry Pavlova) followed by a port

Any special dietary requirements please speak to the JVP.

From The Pensions Officer

In my last report I wrote about some changes made by the Repatriation Medical Authority to some of their Statements of Principle covering various disabilities. From time to time they also investigate a whole range of other conditions. Some of the more common ones currently under investigation include:

acute myeloid leukemia, acute sprains and acute strains, anxiety disorder, asbestosis, bipolar disorder, cervical spondylosis, chronic lymphoid leukemia, depressive disorder, epilepsy, fracture, gastro-oesophageal disease, Hodgkin's disease, impotence, inguinal hernia, intervertebral disc prolapse, lumbar spondylosis, malignant neoplasm of the bile duct, breast, larynx, lung, oesophagus, oral cavity, pancreas, prostate, thyroid gland, Meniere's disease, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, peptic ulcer disease, post traumatic stress disorder, rheumatoid arthritis, rotator cuff syndrome, solar keratosis, soft tissue sarcoma, and the list goes on.

As I have said, I have only included in this list the more common ailments. I will keep you informed of the results of the investigations as they occur. In the meantime, if you have one of these ailments mentioned here, or even any other ailment which has not yet been accepted as service caused by the Department of Veteran's Affairs, then it is in your own interest to check with your local friendly pension officer for further advice.

Best wishes from Jim Eayrs



From the of the Senior Vice President

ANZAC THROUGH DIFFERENT EYES

"I saw, straight in front of us, but rather a long way off, a large number of ships. I reported immediately to the battalion commander, first by telephone, then by written order." "I went to a new observation point and kept watching these ships." "The sound of gunfire broke out. I saw a machine-gun firing from a small boat in front of Ari Burnu. I immediately ordered one platoon to occupy the trenches on the high ridge which dominated Ari Burnu and sent two sections under Sergeant Ahmet to the trenches on the central ridge overlooking the beach."

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SHEFIK AKER, 27 REGT ANZAC COVE 25 APRIL 1915 2.30AM

Acting on his own responsibility and exceeding his authority, he ordered his best regiment, the 57th, with a mountain battery, to advance up the ridge to the crest of Koca Chimen Tepe. As they were moving up he rested his men and went ahead. Near the crest he saw a company of men streaming down the eastern slope in full retreat. They were a unit of the outpost screen and for three hours had been the only force to oppose the landings. He shouted to them "Why are you running away?" "They come, they come." Was the reply "Who comes?" "Sir, the enemy." "You cannot run away from the enemy." "Our ammunition is finished." they protested. "But you have bayonets." he replied and they fixed their bayonets and lay down on the ground to await the advancing enemy. "I don't order you to attack" he said, "I order you to die. In the time it takes us to die other troops and commanders can come and take our place."

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MUSTAFA KEMAL, 57 REGIMENT CHUNUK BAIR APRIL 1915 7.00AM

The 57th was virtually wiped out to a man, yet the heights were held.

"We have to fight but we long for peace."

A CAPTURED TURKISH SOLDIER GALLIPOLI SEPTEMBER 1915

"In this Peace Park, we are surrounded by the final resting-place of soldiers, not only from Australia and New Zealand, but also Britain, France, India and Turkey.

If our coming here moves us to work even harder for peace, then their deaths will not have been in vain"

N.Z. DEFENCE FORCE UN PEACEKEEPER, ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE, ANZAC COVE 25 APRIL 2001

THOSE HEROS THAT SHED THEIR BLOOD

AND LOST THEIR LIVES

YOU ARE NOW LYING IN THE SOIL OF A FRIENDLY COUNTRY

THEREFORE REST IN PEACE.

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JOHNNIES AND THE MEHMETS TO US WHERE THEY LIE
SIDE BY SIDE HERE IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS

YOU, THE MOTHERS, WHO SENT THEIR SONS FROM FAR AWAY COUNTRIES, WIPE AWAY YOUR
TEARS:

YOUR SONS ARE NOW LYING IN OUR BOSOM

AND ARE IN PEACE

AFTER HAVING LOST THEIR LIVES ON THIS LAND THEY HAVE BECOME OUR SONS AS WELL.

ATATURK (MUSTAFA KEMAL) 1934, THIS EPILOGUE IS SET IN STONE AT ARI BURNU

The Cost: Length of campaign – Eight & half months

Total Allies killed & wounded – 141,109

Turkish killed & wounded = 250,000 to 300,000

Ramsay Health Care Buys Second Hospital in WA

Ramsay Health Care is officially the new owner of Rockingham Family Hospital in Waikiki. The 45-bed hospital will now be named Coastal Private Hospital.

Negotiations between the Ramsay group and previous owner Futuris WA were first announced in December last year. Ramsay Health Care has been pleased to offer all staff continued employment at the hospital.

In welcoming the staff and doctors of Coastal Private Hospital, Ramsay Health Care managing director Pat Grier said the company aimed to further develop Coastal's range of services for the Perth, Kwinana, Rockingham and Mandurah regions.

"We bought a hospital which already had an excellent reputation in providing quality services in medical, surgical and maternity services. With Coastal we look forward to continuing and expanding on the services available," Mr Grier said.

"I am confident that the staff, doctors and patients of Coastal will feel they are part of a very successful private hospital group with a strong culture and set of values."

Australian company Ramsay Health Care was established in 1964 and has grown to become one of the country's largest private hospital operators.

Ramsay Health Care currently owns almost 40 health care facilities throughout Australia including Hollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands.

Kevin Cass-Ryall is now executive director of both Hollywood Private Hospital and Coastal Private Hospital.

Rockingham Family Hospital's director of clinical services Ruth Del Borrello has been appointed to manage Coastal Private Hospital.



Director of clinical services Ruth Del Borrello and Executive Director Kevin Cass-Ryall celebrated the Ramsay Health Care purchase of Coastal Private Hospital (formerly Rockingham Family Hospital).

Coastal will be available for entitled veterans and private patients. The Ramsay group plans to increase the range of services and specialities available at the hospital.

Presidents Cup RSL Golf Day

It is proposed to hold a RSL Corporate Golf Day to be held on Wednesday 6 July at Burswood.

The competition will be an Ambrose event, as many Teams of four from Sub-Branches as we can fit on the links.

Register your interest by getting a team together and letting ANZAC House know or contact State Senior VP Doug Rasmussen direct.

Refurbishment of ANZAC House

Plans have been around for while to refurbish ANZAC House, as you know new furniture was delivered last year, well the money is now available (\$478,000) from Lotterywest to commence the badly needed upgrade which is to commence sometime after ANZAC Day.

Last Post

Christopher Briggs MBE.

Lest we forget