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**Monthly Luncheon**

**Monday 20 June 2005**

**Venue:** Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House  
**Time:** 11:30 hrs Fellowship 12:30hrs Luncheon  
**Speaker:** His Excellency the Governor of Western  
Australia Lt Gen John Sanderson AC  
**Topic:** Reflections on 5 Years as Governor

**Presidents Report**

**His Excellency to Retire**

As you may be aware His Excellency retires later this year perhaps this may be the last function he is able to attend with Members. I urge you to make this Luncheon a memorable one for His Excellency.

**Breach of Sub-Branch Confidence:** - The Sunday Times has been provided documentation, allegedly provided by a Highgate Member, into the background of the investigations into a matter of alleged fraud by a former member of Highgate. This case is sub-judice it is being dealt with by the RSL State Tribunal and has been passed to the Commonwealth Police.

I make known to members that **any** correspondence from Highgate is to be passed through the Committee for endorsement prior to despatch. I also stress that any oral or written statements to the press or any media outlet is the prerogative and the responsibility of the State President.

Members need to understand that the actions by this alleged member of Highgate may have seriously prejudiced the case and undermined the action of the RSL State Tribunal.

The Commonwealth Police have their own set of priorities (murderers, drug runners etc) and the matter will be dealt with in due course.

The person(s) who leaked this confidential information if discovered then that person(s) are to be referred to the RSL State Tribunal for possible disciplinary action.

**All the best, Ian**

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

**Committee:** 10:00 hrs Monday  
4 July 2005

**Luncheon:** 11:30 hrs, Monday  
18 July 2005

Assistant Cashier for June – **Richard Adams**  
Members, please assist by bringing the correct money  
**\$25.00**

<b>Hospital Visits – Otto Pelczar</b>	<b>New Members</b>
No news at the time of going to press.	Please welcome new members; Bob Arnold, Bob Mummery, John Adeney and Don Kitchin.

### **Sub Wardens Duties**

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

Friday 10 June	09:45 for 10:00	Labuan Borneo Veterans
Friday 10 June	10:45 for 11:00	Rededication of State War Memorial
Sunday 3 July	10:15 for 10:30	Reserve Forces and Z Special

### **Members Birthday Celebration - Monday 18 July 2003**

Invitations have been forwarded to those members who have their 80<sup>th</sup> or 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. No Members have their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

The format will follow the previous years.

A list of members who have their 80<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations is to be published in the July Newsletter.

### **Relaxed - Ladies Luncheon – Last Month**

The Ladies Luncheon at ANZAC House was a most relaxed affair. Our Guest Speaker was unable to attend so we filled in the time with introduction of the all ladies present, an overview of the refurbishment of ANZAC house and pleasant conversation.

Our next Ladies function is the Ladies Dinner on Friday 25 November 2005.

### **RSL State Congress 9/10 July 2005 – Rendezvous (Observation City) Scarborough**

Congress will convene over the above weekend.

Highgate have not raised any Motions for Congress, which is now closed.

There is a Congress Dinner on Saturday 9 July the details are not yet available but will be available by the June Luncheon. There is also an overnight package, which will also be available at the Luncheon

### **These are supposedly quotes taken from various employee performance evaluations.**

"This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."

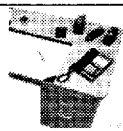
"This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts the better."

"Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together."

"A photographic memory but the lens covers ... glued on."

"The wheel is turning, but the mouse is dead."

"Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."



From the of the Senior Vice President

### **THE HIGHGATE HONOUR AVENUES BROCHURE**

A sixteen-page glossy finish brochure has been produced locally by the Honour Avenues Group to record the history of the avenues and the work done by Highgate Sub- Branch.

It is not widely known that it is the RSL or indeed our Sub- Branch who is responsible for the maintenance of over 2,100 plaques lining three avenues in Kings Park, as it is assumed this is the responsibility of the Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority. The general public and visitors to the park, which numbers over five million per year, would be amazed to learn that a group of former servicemen process applicants wishing to have plaques dedicated to relatives, in addition the posts are ordered, treated, painted (four coats), the plaques made and hand painted and the unit colour patches made before they are dedicated at a ceremony attended by the next-of-kin and friends. The group then digs the holes, position the posts and maintain all the existing plaques.

At our luncheon on the 20 June these brochures will be on the cash reception desk as you enter the bar. They are on sale for \$4.00 each (if you don't have \$4 they will take \$5). They make excellent souvenirs and would be well received as a different gift from the West when you want to find something suitable to send to a mate in the East or Overseas.

The funds generated will go toward the reprinting of further brochures with the balance going in to the Honour Avenue's maintenance fund.

"Highgate expects every man and woman, this day, to do their duty" and buy a brochure or two.

### **A DEDICATION TO TEN WESTERN AUSTRALIANS**

On Saturday 25 June 2005 at 10.15am in Marri Walk Kings Park a dedication ceremony will be conducted by the Highgate Honour Avenues Group whereby plaques representing ten servicemen, who died in wars ranging from WW1, WW11 and Korea, will be honoured and placed on their respective posts.

Members of the RSL State Executive, Highgate Committee, The Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority and the general public will join the next-of-kin in a service conducted by the members of the Honour Avenues Group, Chaplain Falkowski and a Navy bugler.

We not only invite, but also expect to see, members of Highgate RSL Sub-Branch there to show their support. Medals to be worn.

Norm Manners  
SVP

**If you have not attended a dedication I commend that you attend one of these moving and interesting ceremonies.  
Ed.**

## Theatre 4

Communication, teamwork and a responsible staff are the key ingredients to Hollywood Private Hospital's successful hospital theatre, according to clinical nurse manager Helen Lee.

Helen has charge over the theatre department, the largest area of the hospital, which employs 135 dedicated staff. Vital to the running of theatre are four key roles, each with their own team to manage.

Helen's job is to coordinate the teams and ensure the safe and efficient operation of Hollywood's theatre.

So how is this done? "With great difficulty," Helen joked. "It's a matter of smaller teams fitting into the operational capacity of the larger team."

The process starts with bookings manager Bronwyn Ashby, in the first role, who books operations, prepares for patient arrivals and collates paperwork received from surgeries to form surgical lists.

The second role is the area manager, Caroline Rushe, responsible for staffing in both clinical and non-clinical areas and managing day-to-day operational requirements.

"Caroline has to align the staffing skill level with the needs of the operating list," Helen said.

In the third role is anaesthetics team manager, Kara Garratt, who organises the crucial role of anaesthetist's assistant.

Kara must ensure the right nurse is assigned to the right procedure and must be on hand for theatre emergencies.

The fourth key role is recovery nurse, Shirley Sullivan, who acts as the "face of the theatre".

"Shirley needs to create the right vibe. The post-operative phase is one of the most critical, with patients coming out of a controlled environment and intense monitoring. Recovery nurses care for them until they are stable enough for clinical discharge to the ward," Helen said.

Each of these four units directly affects the operation of the others so an error from one person in one unit can throw the whole system into disarray –

emphasising the importance of Helen's coordinating role.

She believes her staff's ability to communicate with each other is its greatest strength and prides herself on leading a dynamic team that is "on the cutting edge" in an environment that is constantly evolving.

"We constantly review systems and operations and actively seek new ways to make improvements," Helen said.

"Ultimately, it means patients receive a superior standard of care when they come through theatre at Hollywood"



*Theatre staff: (clockwise from right) anaesthetist Dr Rob Godkin, anaesthetics team manager Kara Garrett, area manager Caroline Rushe, theatre's clinical nurse manager Helen Lee, bookings manager Bronwyn Ashby and recovery nurse Shirley Sullivan.*

### **Last Post**

Lew Jacobs, Vic Murray and Graham Tibbs.

### **Lest we forget**