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## President's Report

### THE PASSING OF AN OUTSTANDING MAN

It is with deep regret I announce the passing of our fellow member, Ron Stone.

A renowned contributor to this sub-branch and the community as a whole. He will be sorely missed by us all.

#### LEST WE FORGET

If you missed the May luncheon, then you missed an excellent few hours. Our guest speaker was John O'Mahony who spoke of victims of crime in WA and the support structure available through a volunteer programme.

#### US CONSUL GENERAL LEAVES FOR NEW POST

Robin K McClellan, the US Consul General, reminisced on the close friendship between our two countries and presented the branch with a correctly folded flag of the United States. She moves to her new posting in New Delhi next week.

In reply I had the pleasure of presenting a framed certificate of appreciation on your behalf and at the conclusion of the luncheon we played and sang the Stars & Stripes.

#### HIGHGATE NOMINATED FOR STATE AWARD

It was also my pleasure to announce that our Highgate Honour Avenue Group have been nominated for the Golden Swan Award, the winners being announced at a Gala Presentation dinner on June 1st at the Burswood Complex.

#### MEMBERS TO RETAIN NAME TAGS

As we are no longer able to store our name tag stands in the main foyer cupboard it was decided that we would distribute new tags to our members to take home. Some eighty odd were handed out at the luncheon and the balance will be on display at the next meeting.

#### NEW EXECUTIVE FACES

Committees change and although we are introducing all Committee members to you I thought it a good idea to put a face to these new incoming people, who have volunteered to serve Highgate RSL Sub-Branch and over the page you will see that our editor, Bob Arnold, documents the life and times of our first new appointment, whom many of you know, Mrs Margot Harness.

*Norman Manners.*



## MARGOT HARNES



*(even more beautiful today)*

As the President has noted, from time to time we introduce members of the Committee so that you may have a better understanding of those who represent you. Margot is the first lady to have served on the Committee.

In an uncharacteristic way for the female gender she has told us that she was born on 6 Oct 1944. She was raised in various towns in country Victoria. She is the eldest of six children. Her father

served for six years in the 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF (2/5<sup>th</sup> Inf Battalion). Margot joined the WRANS in March 1962 in which she served for four years as a Radio Operator/Cryptographer. She worked on the Queen's communications team during the 1964 Royal visit and for the next 16 months was employed as a teleprinter op/secretary. She then worked in NZ as a secretary.

In April 1967 Margot enlisted in the Australian Army (WRAAC) as a direct entry Officer Cadet. She served 4.4 years as Staff officer; left with the rank of Captain. In 1968 during a posting to IRTB she met and married then F/O Mike HARNES who had been posted to RAAF Base, Forrest Hill, outside Wagga Wagga, after his return from SVN.

After her service career Margot acknowledged the title of Air Force "wife" for 17 years plus being a Mum of two daughters. She had various part time jobs (medical secretary; managed small Credit Union offices and provincial newspaper reporter).

Margot and Mike moved to WA in 1985 after Mike left the RAAF. They ran a newsagency for five years, then the family travelled the world for five months. Margot Started work at ANZAC House in 1990 as State Secretary to Aust Vietnam War Veterans' Trust Committee (which regulated dispersal of "Agent Orange" money to Vietnam Veterans in financially needy circumstances). In 1993 the RSL offered her the position of Pensions Officer, followed by the position of Senior Advocate.

During the 1990's she attended University part time, graduating with a Bachelor of Psychology degree.

In 2005 she resigned her position with the RSL after her husband was diagnosed with cancer for the third time. Margot is now a volunteer Advocate for RSL and involved in Advocacy training and on State Vet Affairs Committee. She has served for years as an active volunteer for the Red Cross, RAAF Women's Association, School P&F/tuckshops etc. and church work. Hobbies and Interests are travel, reading, music and cryptic crosswords.

Margot's contribution to the Highgate Sub-Branch and to the RSL is substantial and it is a real pleasure to have her as a fellow committee member.

Long may she be with us.

## RONALD NATHAN STONE AM JP

1921— 2007



**"You will find when you look back on life that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others."** Henry Drummond, Theologian. (1851 -1897)

### **Ron had many such moments.**

We have much for which to thank him. He was an outstanding soldier and a great West Australian. His service to the community has been recognised by the award of "Member of the Order of Australia" (AM), Life Membership of the RSL, the Meritorious Medal and 50 years of Service Certificate. But, this public acknowledgement can not tell the full story, of the influence and of the guidance and friendship, that has been bestowed on all those who have been fortunate enough to have known him.

As a Warden of the State War Memorial Ron was involved in its recent restoration and as a Committee Member of the RSL War Veterans Homes and later Trustee he helped guide it to the contemporary, inviting and vital facility that it is today.

Ron was laid to rest on Tuesday 29 May 2007 following a moving and solemn ceremony in the Jewish section of Karrakatta Cemetery. Stirring eulogies acknowledging Ron's contributions to the veteran community and many others were presented by Rabbi Coleman and Bill Gaynor.

The esteem in which Ron was held by the community at large was amply evidenced by the large number who accompanied him to his final resting place.

**Ron, know that all of us who have been in your company, are indebted to you.**





## COMING EVENTS

**This Month's Luncheon:** Monday 18 June 2007

**Venue:** Gallipoli Room

**Time:** 11.30 hrs Fellowship, 12.15 hrs Luncheon

**Guest Speaker:** Brig (Retd) R A Lawler AM, Ex Comd 13 Bde    **Topic:** Corps of Commissionaires

**Committee:** 2 July 2007

**Luncheon:** 16 July 2007 (OBE Luncheon—No guest speaker)

## SUB WARDENS DUTIES

**Wreath Laying Ceremonies currently scheduled at the State War Memorial Kings Park:**

Sunday 10 June 2007 — 0945 hrs for 1000 hrs — Labuan and Borneo Association

Saturday 30 June 2007 — 1615 hrs for 1630 hrs — RSL State Congress

Sunday 8 July 2007 — 1000 hrs for 1030 hrs — DRA and Z Special Unit

## ROYAL WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC.

Association members and friends are invited to attend a  
**DEDICATION OF THE PLAQUE FOR THE SOLDIER'S CHAPEL IN ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, PERTH**  
Saturday 23rd of June 2007 at 2.45 pm

## An Apology from the Secretary

The Secretary, Ron Adams offers his apologies to those members who tried to contact him by telephone over the period 15 April 2007 to 11 May 2007. There was substantial damage to the telephone system brought on by a fire storm and the Secretary's phone was one of the victims. He is now again on the air.

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One of our past, and excellent secretaries, Barry Long, has left us for the ocean breezes. He has transferred to Two Rocks and we wish him well at his new Sub-Branch

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

There has been some discussion recently within the membership regarding our Guest Speaker Program and so it is fair to let you know how we are going in that area.

Our list of past Guest speakers now numbers in the hundreds and many have come from the ranks of the members themselves and through family, friends and business contacts. A vast range of subjects has been covered (and in some cases re covered) from several aspects. Many of our speakers have spoken about their military and/or business experiences and perhaps as many on social, geopolitic and unusual activities.

Some topics have been covered very thoroughly over the years and it is now not so easy to find 'new' ways of presenting previous Guest Speaker topics, particularly without active member input. Some of the avenues for many of the Military related topics have almost 'dried up'. With that in mind, your Committee recently reviewed the Guest Speaker Program, with a view to making it more diverse and hopefully, a little more provocatively interesting.

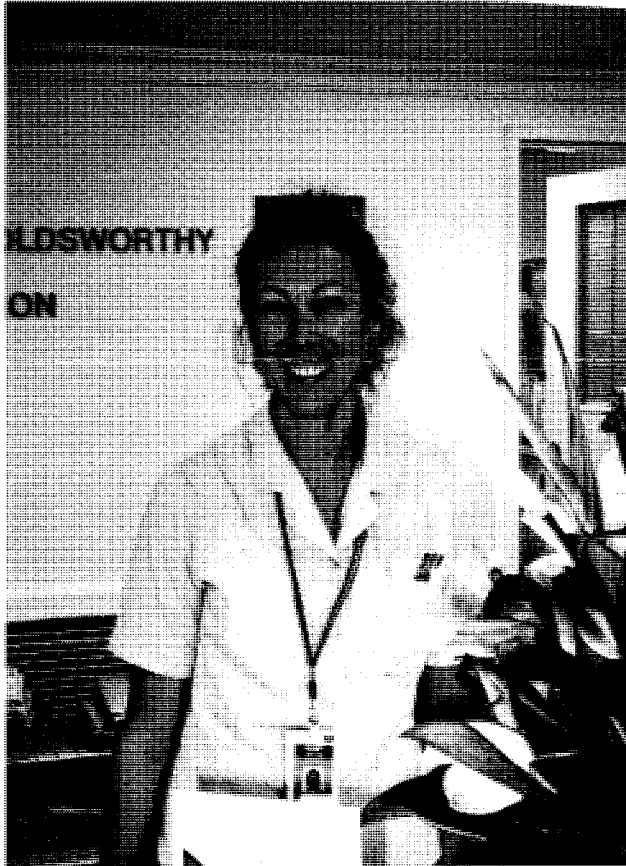
It is important that members participate in making the Guest Speaker Program dynamic. If you see a need for a particular speaker, or are interested in a particular Speaker theme, then please give your Committee some useful feedback. No participation, poor attendance and no feedback means that your Committee has to make it's own judgement calls as to what you want to hear. The Committee has already identified over one hundred potential Guest Speakers for the 2007-9 years. Many have already given a verbal and in some cases written commitment to address our members. It is important to remember that a significant number of our future Guest Speakers are also potential Members of Highgate!

Membership is the lifeblood of every organisation - Whether they decide to join is largely in your hands.

*Roger Tingley JVP*



## PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR A YOUNG WA NURSE



Juliet on her achievement and said that the award was well deserved.

**“Juliet is an absolute asset to the team at Hollywood Private Hospital. She brings passion, commitment, vitality and an unrivalled drive and energy to the hospital every day. We are very proud of her and extremely happy to have Juliet on our team at Hollywood,”** *Nola said*

As part of the graduate program, Juliet completed a project looking at preventing complications related to decreased mobility and hospitalisation. This included a self made DVD for patients demonstrating deep breathing and leg exercise following surgery.

Juliet’s proposed recommendations are currently being explored by the hospital’s quality and clinical practice committees. In addition to Juliet’s acknowledgement, Hollywood Private Hospital was well represented at the Awards night with the following staff reaching the finals:

Kate Willis – finalist for *Preceptor of the Year*. Kate has been practising in nursing since 1992 and is based in the gastroenterology department at HPH.

Karen Gullick – finalist for *Leader of the Year*. Karen began her career in 1974 and is currently the manager of The Hollywood Clinic.

The prestigious awards program not only recognises the valuable contribution that nurses and midwives make to the community of WA but is also a celebration of the individual professional achievements.

*(With Thanks to Ashlea Hatcher, Hollywood Private Hospital)*

**H**ollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands is proud to be the home to the 2007 WA Graduate of the Year in Nursing, Juliet Hatton.

Juliet Hatton walked away with the Prestigious Graduate of the Year Award at the recent 2007 Western Australian Nursing & Midwifery Excellence Awards held at The Hyatt Regency on Saturday 12 May.

Juliet Commenced her graduate program at Hollywood Private Hospital in 2006 and on completion this year began specialising in urology, gynaecology, plastics and general surgery.

Hollywood Private Hospital Director of Clinical Services Nola Cruickshank congratulated