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MONTHLY LUNCHEON—AGM

Monday 17th November 2008

Venue: Gallipoli Room

Time: 1130 hrs — Fellowship, 1215 hrs — Luncheon

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Editorial Cartoonist with the West Australian Newspaper for some 18 years, Dean was born in Mount Pleasant and joined The West Australian in 1986. In 1988 he took over the position of sole Editorial Cartoonist and is still in this role. Following in the footsteps of Bill Mitchell and Paul Rigby, he is recognized as one of the world's leading cartoonists, having won international and National Awards and Prizes. In a self portrait, he commented "My job is to comment on the news, hopefully in a funny way and to excite a bit of comment along the way. It does not matter who is in power, they are all interesting.

Keating was pure theatre, Marvellous to draw. Physically Howard was less flamboyant but no less interesting. I try to draw for a very wide readership, one day whimsy, the next savage, but to keep it understandable and funny". He hits the spot more often than not. Dean will give us a live display of cartooning.

Topic: Editorial Cartoons.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting 20 October 2008

The AGM was reasonably well attended and the Committee including Phil Loffman were all re-appointed.

My Annual Report is in this Newsletter together with the Balance Sheet for FY 2007-2008

We look forward to another great year for Highgate.

— National Certificates of Appreciation —



The State President Mr Bill Gaynor OAM RFD attended the Luncheon and presented National Certificates to:

Bill Wilson - a valued Sub-Warden is always there to assist

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 1 Dec 08 Christmas Luncheon: 15 Dec 08



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in commemorations at the State War Memorial. And with his long service to the Sub-Branch as the sergeant of Arms, his assistance at luncheons, (receipting the luncheon money and clearing away Sub-Branch memorabilia at the conclusion of lunch) he has proven to be a most worthy recipient of this award.

Ken Jones – as a valued Affiliate; as Secretary of the Honour Avenues Group he has for years organised and taken part in dedication of new plaques. And he has organised and conducted the Sandakan Commemoration at the Sandakan Memorial in Marri Walk, Kings Park.

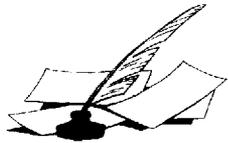
Both these men are extremely well respected by the Sub-Branch and their respective Sub-Committees and are always available to assist with a helping hand when required. Congratulations.

Luncheons Future – the SVP has a small sub-committee looking at the format, food and drink arrangements for Luncheons and change may come upon us in the New Year. If you wish to discuss an idea or have other thoughts please contact Martyn or any Committee Member.

Poppy Day

Poppy Day this year is Friday 7 November. We are light on with Collectors and if you or your family members can assist you will need to ring Norm Manners ASAP.

Regards
Ian



Editorial

Most of us being in the second half, or should I say fourth quarter, of our lives, and who read this newsletter, view things somewhat differently to younger people, except that many of those whom we know will share with us concerns about society.

The big difference, however is that we can easily recall when society was markedly different.

As lads and lassies university graduates were the exception and I venture to say that most of us came from a family in which there were no holders of a university degree. However, if we look at our children and grandchildren we will most probably find several.

In our late teen years, if we were fortunate, we were far more likely to ride a motor bike than drive a car. And, we probably had been working for two or three years. This is certainly not the case of today's youth who even though at university, with perhaps some part time employment only, will be driving their own car.

Many of us will recall when, until the age 21, we were not legally entitled to drink alcohol in a hotel or club, although we could in the canteen. And, the restriction was policed. Today it is 18, and in the company of an adult; whilst dining, it is 16.

We could continue making comparisons ad nauseam, between computers and typewriters, crystal wireless and plasma screen TV, memory sticks and hand written diaries but that is not the purpose of this editorial.

The concern of almost all older people and very many younger people, is the street violence, the graffiti, the rampant alcoholism and associated abysmal behaviour, the "hoon" drivers and their disregard of their own and other road user's safety, the destruction of public property and the blatant contempt of authority.

By comparison in our youth, society was blissfully serene? As Professor Julius Sumner-Miller used to ask "Why is it So?"

Governments, federal, state and local don't have the answer but somewhere there is one. And, perhaps it sits in the extraordinary mind of one, or more, of our members who can readily recall when things were different.

If so please share it with us and space will be found in the newsletter for your thoughts.

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SUB WARDENS DUTIES

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

Tuesday	11 November 2008	— 1000 hrs for 1100 hrs	— Remembrance Day	— Flame
Tuesday	11 November 2008	— 1740 hrs for 1800 hrs	— Venturer Scouts	— Flame
Wednesday	19 November 2008	— 1130 hrs for 1200 hrs	— Perth Legacy	
Monday	24 November 2008	— 1045 hrs for 1100 hrs	— War Widows' Guild	— Flame

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

I am delighted to present my report for the past year, again another interesting and satisfying year. To be associated and working with arguably the State's most dedicated and leading Ex Service men and women is a rewarding experience.

Honour Avenue Group. Under Norm's stewardship HAG has carried out some outstanding work with the refurbishment and dedication of new plaques in the Honour Avenues. A grant last year from Alcoa and this year a grant from Premier and Cabinet allowed HAG to continue the work of replacing posts and plaques in the avenues. More plaques continue to be dedicated in the Avenues and if you have not attended a Plaque Commemoration Ceremony I commend that you attend one of these interesting and moving occasions.

The State War Memorial. Led by Phillip Skelton, the Sub Wardens have completed another year of dedicated service, attending nearly 40 services at Kings Park. The dedicated band of Sub-Wardens are always looking for an injection of newer and younger members to their number.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service again draws a magnificent crowd with so many children to witness the solemn dedication to the war dead at Kings Park.

With Remembrance Day just around the corner I am sure a large crowd will again witness the ceremony around the Flame of Remembrance.

Functions. The 55th Anniversary ANZAC Gunfire Breakfast at the WA Club in 2008 was again an outstanding success with attendance numbers a little down from previous years. Our Guests included a representation of consular officials from Britain, Greece and the United States and our State's Service Chiefs. We welcomed other guests from around Australia. The Gunfire Breakfast was addressed by Frank Taylor, Military Historian who told us of his many treks over the Kokoda Track.

The Octogenarian Birthday July Luncheon was again another successful example of honouring our more senior members. I only have 17 years to wait. The toast this year was delivered by Don Blair and was most enthusiastically received by this eminent group of members.

The Ladies Luncheon and Dinner has been CANCELLED, much to the disappointment of some members. It is a fact that many of our Members and our Ladies are no longer able to attend functions of an evening, and some during the day. The SVP is organising a breakfast next year at the Army Museum which I hope will attract a number of Members and their families.

Poppy Day The annual Poppy Day was a great success raising over \$14,000 dollars thanks again to Members who provided their time and wonderful support to this most worthy cause. We could have collected much more if more members

had attended as collectors. Norm Manners, Martyn Thompson, Barry Campbell, Jim Earys and Dick Jones who have the logistics in hand are working on this year's collections and collectors. We need ALL hands and family Members to assist at the collections posts. Highgate in 2008 donated \$5000 the State Branch towards RSL Welfare.

Website A truly world class Website has been constructed for the use of members. It contains, Details of Highgate, Membership Packs, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, Committee details, Guest Speakers Newsletter etc etc and the Hall of Honour which contains the Members service background.

We are indebted to former Sub-Branch Historian, Phil Loffman and his wife Betty in researching, editing and publishing the 50 Year Anniversary booklet which was the genesis for the Website. See it at Highgate-rsl.org.au

This site hopefully will attract new members to the ranks of Highgate, (the younger ex-service men and woman being quite computer friendly).

Membership. Our Membership is in slow decline. We have been able to attract several new members to our cause. We really need to increase our membership efforts and drive to attract new members or have members transfer from other

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Sub-Branches. A way to increase our Membership is to have more Affiliates and we have attracted a few this year. Affiliates can be sons, daughters, police, fire services etc or others in the community who support the ideals of the RSL. The Membership officer Martyn Thompson will shortly be communicating with ALL Members in a drive to attract new Members to the Sub-Branch

The Way Ahead. I must also add a couple of initiatives from Highgate. Firstly the committee has the traditions, values and philosophies of Highgate embedded in their psyche. A succession plan is in place and in good hands for the future. Attracting new younger members of the Sub-Branch onto the committee over the next couple of years is a must; the salary, working conditions are excellent and you get to work with your colleagues

Secondly the SVP is investigating ways and means for the future of

our luncheons. He and a small sub-committee will report back by early next year on options for us.

Lastly congratulations to our 2 new life Members this year Don Blair and Les Stewart. Two of our members were presented with the leagues highest honour the Meritorious Medal. Well done Phil Loffman and Bob Elliot, whose years of service to their Sub-branches, Highgate and the League sets a fine example and high ideals for us to aspire to.

Thank you

Ian Mulholland

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 30 JUNE 2008

Accumulated Funds	30/06/2007		\$ 39,629	30/06/2007	31/12/2005
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
General Account	\$ 5,533	\$ (3,338)	\$ 2,195	5,533	6,595
Amelioration Account	\$ 2,771	\$ (136)	\$ 2,635	2,771	5,970
Honour Avenue	\$ 34,390	\$ (27,313)	\$ 7,077	34,390	7,232
Honour Avenue Other Accounts		\$ 19,939	\$ 19,939		
50th Anniv Book Proj	\$ 1,514	\$ (1,514)	\$ -	1,514	1,489
	\$ 44,208		\$ 31,846	\$44,208	\$21,286

Represented by:

Current Assets

Commonwealth Bank General A/C	\$ 3,981	\$ 4,293	\$ 12,892
Commonwealth Bank Amelioration A/C	\$ 2,637	\$ 2,773	\$ 5,970
Commonwealth Bank Honour Avenue A/C	\$ 3,076	\$ 30,390	\$ 4,232
Commonwealth Bank Honour Avenue Business Online Saver A/C	\$ 18,939	\$ -	
Term Deposit RAC Finance-Honour Av A/C	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Cash Management Trust-Hon Ave	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Account Receivable		\$ 2,000	\$ -
Capitation fees paid in advance		\$ 3,082	\$ 4,520
	\$ 33,633	\$ 46,538	\$ 30,614

Less Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities	\$ 1,787		
Subscriptions/Levies etc,paid in advance		4,110	9,328
Working Capital	\$ 31,846	\$42,428	\$21,286

Fixed Assets

Equipment at cost			
Less prov for Depreciation		\$ 1,780	
	\$ 31,846	\$ 44,208	