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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Monday 16th February 2009

Venue: Gallipoli Room

Time: 1130 hrs — Fellowship, 1215 hrs — Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Ric Forlano BCom CPA, Executive Director Arthritis Foundation of Western Australia.

Ric will give us an insight to the Foundation and its organisation. He will be followed by either a Doctor or Health Worker (Nurse) to talk about current medical treatment and work with Arthritis. The combined talk will not be longer than 30mins. Arthritis is a complex disease from which, probable the majority of us suffer, and we may well gain real benefits from this presentation.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

With Christmas 2008 now behind us and the fireworks of Australia Day, here in Perth fully exploded, it's time to move onto things that will excite Highgate members in 2009.....Happy New Year to all.

Highgate Luncheons \$25.00 from February 2009

You will be pleased that Luncheons from February will be \$25.00 per head. A real saving for members and we decided to do away with dessert. The Luncheon fare will include:

- Roll with butter
- Main Course (usually a roast)
- Tea/coffee

Members are still to purchase their own table wines etc to accompany the meal.

Because we must have a more accurate count of members attending future Luncheons we request you signify your attendance at Luncheons by sending an email or telephoning either Bob or Ian as listed below. If you get an answering machine just leave your name so we know you will be attending. **We need your RSVP by Noon on the Wednesday prior to the Luncheon** and for February and March that is 11th of the Month.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 9 Mar 09

Luncheon: 16 Mar 09



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Army Museum and Breakfast

I hope we can get as many members as possible to the Army Museum for breakfast and tour of the museum on Saturday 21 Feb. At \$20.00 a person this represent top value for brekky and a tour of the museum and for those who wish to do some shopping afterwards in Fremantle.

Ian

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**NOTICES OF MOTION  
ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS  
2009**

Many of you would be aware that the Annual State RSL Congress

which is held at the end of June each year provides an opportunity for rank and file members of the RSL to provide Notices of Motion on items of general RSL concern. Motions accepted at Congress are carried forward for further consideration to the next level which is the National Annual Conference. Highgate members are invited to submit N's of M to me by e mail at [jmand-kathyeayrs@bigpond.com](mailto:jmand-kathyeayrs@bigpond.com) by no later than 23 March 2009. This will enable me to collate the Notices, present them to Highgate Committee on 6 April for consideration/acceptance, have them at RSL State Branch by the 30 April which is their cut off date. The format of such N's of M should be in accordance with the headings shown

below.

**MOTION:**

Here provide one or two sentences outlining the Motion.

**MOVED****SECONDED:**

Only financial members of Highgate RSL can Move and Second a Motion. Their names must be included here.

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT:**

No more than half a A4 page of supporting statement.

**CARRIED/LOST  
AMENDMENT**

All of the above to be typed onto a single sheet of paper please. Also, please be aware that I cannot accept N's of M after 23 March.

Jim Eayres



## Editorial

We have, arguably, entered a time of unprecedented financial turmoil and it is interesting to sit back and observe the measures which are being taken in the hope of ending the crisis; often it would seem, in desperation.

Those of us who have invested money directly into the stock market have seen a substantial depletion in the value of our holdings, but we should remember that the market invariably returns to a level which surmounts its position prior to the fall. And, we neither lose nor do we profit from our holdings until we sell. Now is obviously not the time to sell. But those who have banked on a capital gain to support their income are likely to be in a parlous state.

We should therefore give some thought to those who have placed their trust in financial advisers. Advisers who in times of a rampant "Bull" have been able to claim and show large gains to their clients, **for a fee**, usually a percentage of the portfolio value. But, some times their performance is so dependant on a rising market that when the "Bull" becomes a "Bear" their clients are left with a much reduced portfolio and a **continuing fee**. And, where the financial adviser has relied on an increasing market to create regular pay-

ments for his or her clients, a rapidly diminishing capital base is the outcome. And, sadly this base is very unlikely to return to the position it held prior to the "crisis"; in the worst circumstance, it may collapse altogether.

Now to the measures being taken to get the economy moving.

Why bail out failures, be they corporate or individual? There is an old adage which says "never send good money after bad". True. Yet look at the good money that is being sent to support failing industries.

Also, what did we do with our \$1,400? - David Jones? Myer? Bunnings? Liquor Land? or did we retire some debt? Whatever we did we should ask the question, how did it, in the long term, benefit the overall economy? I, for one can't see how it has made any difference at all.

Nevertheless this crisis has happened, and for once we can't level too much criticism at our political masters, but we can level some; the sleeping regulators. However the real dilemma is a product of the banking sector, exacerbated by the peripheral organisations which

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**WA AGED SAILORS', SOLDIERS', AND  
AIRMANS'  
RELIEF FUND TRUST**

Can help veterans/ADF personnel on low incomes, or those unable to pay essential accounts. If you are in necessitous circumstances please don't hesitate to call 9287 3707 (ANZAC House Welfare) for an application form.

**HOSPITALISED AND ILL HIGHGATE MEMBERS**

You will appreciate that the committee, is in most instances, unaware that one of our Sub-Branch members is in hospital or at home and unwell. Should you wish to have a visit please let the Secretary, or for that matter any committee member know and we will ensure that that you are visited.



## SUB WARDENS DUTIES

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

Saturday 14 February 2009 — 0930 hrs for 1000 hrs — National Servicemen's Association of Australia

Sunday 15 February 2009 — 1030 hrs for 1100 hrs — Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association.

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relied on the banker's financial largesse.

Who was it that said, "Income one pound, spend nineteen shillings and eleven pence - *happiness*. Spend one pound and one penny - *misery and the poorhouse*". It doesn't matter who it was but we obviously have that lesson to relearn .

### **SO YOU ARE SMART!**

Here are three questions. Answer them quickly without delay.

1. You are participating in a race....you overtake the second person. What position are you in?
2. If you overtake the last person, then you are...?
3. Do this one in your head, no pencil or calculator. - Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?

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### Who is now out of office?

**"I understand small business growth. I was one."**

New York Daily News, 19 February, 2006

**"It's clearly a budget. It's got a lot of numbers in it."**

Reuters, 5 May, 2000

**"I do remain confident in Linda. She'll make a fine Labour Secretary. From what I've read in the press accounts, she's perfectly qualified."**

Austin, Texas, 8 January, 2001

**"First, let me make it very clear, poor people aren't necessarily killers. Just because you happen to be not rich doesn't mean you're willing to kill."**

Washington DC, 19 May, 2003

**Information is moving. You know, nightly news is one way, of course, but it's also moving through the blogosphere and through the Internets."**

Washington DC, 2 May, 2007

**"I'll be long gone before some smart person ever figures out what happened inside this Oval Office."**

Washington DC 12 May 2008



### Learmonth Airport

Exmouth Shire has abandoned controversial plans to rename the historic Learmonth Airport, with President Ronnie Fleay conceding this week that overwhelming opposition to the move meant the council had all but ruled it out.

The shire received more than 400 letters against the idea, with people outraged at plans to rename the town's airstrip Ningaloo Airport, to cash in on the tourism association with the famous reef.

The RAAF named Learmonth Airport in honour of WWII Wing-Cdr Charles Learmonth, after his death at the age of 26 whilst on a training flight in the notoriously dangerous Beaufort bomber.

**(Hail to the Peoples' Voice)**

### CHURCHILL & RHETORIC

- "To jaw jaw is always better than to War War."
- "...this is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never give in, never, never, never..."
- "If we are together nothing is impossible, if we are divided all will fail."
- "Business carried on as usual during alterations on the map of Europe".

### PARKING

For members attending luncheons at ANZAC House who have found it difficult to find a parking spot we advise that there is usually space at Wilson's Parking on the corner of Pier and Wellington Streets.

### **LAST POST**

**Allan Shellabear**

**Tom Welch**

**- Lest We Forget -**





## HOLLYWOOD IN THE COMMUNITY

(With thanks to Katherine Filippi—Hollywood Private Hospital)

Hollywood Private Hospital maintains a strong relationship with its community, and has a very special connection with Hollywood Primary School. In late September, representatives from Hollywood Private Hospital attended the school's end of semester assembly. Hollywood Private Hospital was included in this occasion because the school wanted to thank them for their support over the years. Hollywood's association with the school extends back about 30 years. "Like any good neighbour we can call on Hollywood and they can call on us when either needs a helping hand," said Mr Graeme Browne, Principal of Hollywood Primary. "This relationship is a healthy one, based on friendship and reciprocity." Contribution to the community is one of Hollywood's core values. It's also something Principal Browne is very keen on.

In recent years the school and the hospital have participated in several environmental activities, which have been driven mainly by the good services of Wayne Williams, Hollywood Private Hospital's Manager of Project Development &

Property Services. These environmental initiatives began when staff from Hollywood Private Hospital and staff and students from Hollywood Primary erected 16 bird boxes around the two campuses. The purpose of this program was to create a green corridor between Kings Park and Floreat, providing birds with a safe passage. Students now visit the hospital on an annual basis to pot native plants. In turn the hospital has sent over their gardeners to advise the school on their reticulation systems. Hollywood Private Hospital has also donated money for plants and sports equipment. The school children visit the hospital regularly. The school choir performs annually at the hospital's Remembrance Day ceremony, as well as singing carols to patients at Christmas.

Graeme Browne recounts a story that demonstrates the tight knit relationship that the two Hollywoods have with one another: "Several years ago we decided to beautify the school. We were going to landscape the front entrance, putting in a hedge and water fountain. This turned out to be an enormously expensive exercise." "A major ex-

pense was the electrical work. It was going to cost us between \$1500 and \$2000 to get the electrician to connect the power from the school to the water feature. So I gave Wayne Williams a ring and he told me not to worry about it that he'd send over the electrician. Our gardener dug the hole and Hollywood Private Hospital's electrician put in the power. The whole exercise cost us nothing."

Principal Browne is on the hospital's Consumer Council, which meets four times a year. "I was a mystery patient for the consumer council," he explained. "It was a lot of fun and I hopefully gave some positive feedback to the hospital." This neighbourly relationship is a testament to that fact that working together can ultimately lead to creating happier and healthier communities.



Christmas Priorities — Food before Photo



Steady on the butter Robert it's two bob a pound

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1. **First!** wrong. If you overtake the second person, you are second.
2. **Second last!** wrong. There is only one last person, how can you overtake him or her?
3. **5000!** wrong! Answer is 4100, try a calculator.