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NO Monthly Luncheon in APRIL

Instead will be -

**Sunday 22 April: Luncheon at RFBYC; and
Wednesday 25th April: ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast
Pages 2 & 3 refer**

President's Report

April will be a busy month.

At the end of an early Easter we have two major Sub Branch events to look forward to, namely the lunch at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on Sunday 22nd April and the Gunfire Breakfast on ANZAC DAY.

The lunch will give members the opportunity to experience a delightful day overlooking the Swan River in the company of family and friends while the breakfast will rejuvenate the memories and comradeship of mates, some who are unable or can no longer take part.

This year the Gunfire Breakfast will be held at ANZAC House in the Gallipoli Room - a fitting venue for such an important event. The breakfast will certainly be well supported so please book and pay online beforehand to avoid disappointment. If you cannot pay online then send your cheque addressed to The Treasurer, PO Box 3551, PERTH WA 6832 prior to the day. We are fortunate to be able to hold the breakfast at ANZAC House as they will be extremely busy. Prior to the breakfast, our Sub Wardens will again be providing their long standing support for the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial, following which the Warden, Dr Ruth Shean, has generously agreed to be the speaker for the Gunfire Breakfast.

I will now cross to more serious matters.

Two issues remain of major concern to our members. These issues are not only confined to this Sub Branch but also apply to the wider RSL WA membership and reflect their feelings and misapprehension.

The first is the lack of expediency in addressing the decision to void the elections held at State Congress on the 25th November 2011. Members have not been fully informed on the progress of this action and there is a general feeling that the less that is said on the matter it may go away. It will not.

The second is a widespread concern that the State Branch is not adequately representing the concerns of members with respect to indexation of Service retirement pay, and shortcomings in the DFRB Act. A motion was passed at State Congress that required the RSL WA to actively address this dispute, but this appears to have been ignored and has taken a back seat in the pursuit of a supposed non-political stance. What has been the result? Is it a case of 'All quiet on the Western Front'?

Clearly both these issues do not sit easily with the membership and they must be suitably addressed by State Branch as a matter of urgency. It is imperative that the incumbent President and incumbent State Executive take these issues on board and do something constructive about them now. I leave these thoughts with you.

I trust you had a safe and enjoyable Easter, however that may have been.

Yours in friendship. Leon.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 7 May 2012

Next Monthly Luncheon: 21 May 2012



SUB WARDENS' DUTIES

Wednesday	25th April 2012:	Bus at 0500 hrs. 0530 for 0548 hrs — ANZAC Day Dawn Service
Wednesday	25th April 2012:	Jewish Service (No involvement of Sub Wardens)
Monday	7th May 2012:	1030 for 1100 hrs — Australian American Association (Battle of the Coral Sea)
Sunday	20th May 2012:	1200 for 1230 hrs (TBC) - Consulate of Greece (71st anniversary Battle of Crete & mainland Greece)
Tuesday	22nd May 2012:	1100 for 1130 hrs (TBC) - RSL Women's Auxiliary Conference
Monday	28th May 2012:	1020 for 1050 hrs — North American Veterans' Unit (USA Memorial Day)



Open invitation to all members & their husbands, wives, partners, family, friends & prospective new members to a casual **LUNCH BY THE SWAN** at **ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY YACHT CLUB** Keanes Point (off The Esplanade) Peppermint Grove on **Sunday 22nd April 2012 at 11:30am for Noon — 3pm** (meal available 1230-1430 hrs)
Pay at the door — **\$35** per person
RSVP by Sunday 15th April (see below)
Dress: Neat Casual (no medals)

After the successful lunch at RFBYC last year why not make up a party and come down and enjoy the wonderful new extended ballroom (can seat 180), and the brilliant scenery, whilst dining on a delicious smorgasbord meal with a carvery, hot selections, salad selections with bakery basket, and dessert, tea/coffee. *Drinks to be purchased at the Cash Bar in the Ballroom.*

Tables of 8 or 10 available to share — 63 acceptances already!!

Please advise attendance by Sunday 15th April

- *via the Internet Link as advised by Email from Richard Adams. Please add names of all people in your party — no pre-payment required; or*
- *phone Martyn Thompson on 9383 2681. Also advise Martyn if you have a large number of friends/family joining you for Lunch and whether you would like a table reserved in your name.*

Ample parking available in the Lower Level Carpark and on the grassed areas. The Upper Level Carpark is reserved for Members Only. Disabled patrons may park in the couple of ACROD bays next to the Club House, otherwise they need to be set down at the Club House and their cars parked at the Lower Level. There is ramp access to the Club House.

A map of the location is available on website www.highgate-rsl.org.au.

If required, the RFBYC phone number is 9384 9100.

Talking About Memories (which we often do these days): I spotted an article in the very first edition (issued over 90 years ago) of **“The Listening Post** (Official Organ of the RSL WA) Vol.1, No.1, dated 20 December 1921 — Price threepence.”

At the time, the Soldiers' Institute of Perth (The Returned Soldiers' Club) boasted to have the **“Best Dining Room in Perth, a Billiard Room (four tables), Barber's Shop, Tobacco Store, Reading Room.”**

But on page 10 of this particular edition, in the **“Just in Passing”** section, there was this article quoted from **“Pearson's Weekly”** (Eng.):

“Visitor: “I would like to get you to teach me to sail a boat.”

Boatman: “Sail a boat! Why, it's easy as swimmin'. Jest grasp the main sheet with one hand, an' the tiller with the other, an' if a squall strikes, ease up or bring 'er to, an' loose the halyards, but look out fer the gaff an' boom, or the hull thing'll be in the water, an' ye'll be upset; but if the wind is steady, y'r all right, or less y'r too slow in luffin', 'cause then ye'll be upset sure. Jump right in an' try it; but, remember, whatever ye do, don't gibe!” “

..... Temp. Editor Lynnette



NEED A LIFT TO ANZAC HOUSE TO ATTEND MONTHLY HIGHGATE LUNCHEONS?

If so please contact me personally on 9244 8072

Ken Bladen



LAST POST

GEOFF SMITH (ex RAAF)
Lest We Forget



**GUNFIRE BREAKFAST GUEST SPEAKER – DR RUTH SHEAN JP FAICD FCIS
CURRENT WARDEN OF THE STATE WAR MEMORIAL**

Dr Shean’s speech will be on her late father, the distinguished
LT COMD MAX SHEAN DSO and bar, past Member of Highgate RSL

Dr Ruth Shean is the Director General of the Western Australian government’s Department of Workforce Development. Dr Shean is also a Member of the Board of Management of Senses Foundation. Prior to this, Dr Shean was Commissioner for Public Sector Standards. Her other previous government CEO roles include Director General of the Disability Services Commission (from 1999-2006), and Acting Director General of the Department for Community Development. Dr Shean has also been a non-government CEO (of the Cerebral Palsy Association), and has held leadership positions on both state and federal government reviews and committees. She has also been on governing councils of both Curtin and Murdoch Universities.

HIGHGATE’S 59th ANNUAL GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

- Date:** ANZAC Day, Wednesday 25 April 2012
- Time:** 0700 for 0730 hrs until 0900 hrs
- Venue:** Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House
28 St Georges Terrace, Perth
- Cost:** \$35 per person (to be paid by 19th April)
Bookings essential – no payment at the door.
(Wives, husbands, partners welcome.)
- Dress:** Jacket, Tie, Medals

Menu: Poached Egg/Sausage/Tomato/Bacon/Hash Brown/Mushroom/Toast/Coffee/Tea

Bookings: Via the Internet Link emailed by Richard Adams (bank details on the Link page)
or phone Richard on 9325 6387 / 0411 737 723; **or**
Phone Martyn Thompson on 9383 2681, who will also accommodate your seating preference.

HIGHGATE’S 59TH ANNUAL GUNFIRE BREAKFAST “PAYMENT SLIP”

- Close-off date: 1600 hrs Thursday 19th April 2012
- Paying by mail: Attach your cheque to this portion
- Paying by EFT: CBA 066001 : 00925571 (include your name)
- Payment confirmation/bookings: Internet Link or phone (see Newsletter Main Notice)
- Cheques to: RSL (WA) Highgate Sub-Branch
PO Box 3551
PERTH WA 6832

Name.....

Guests.....



NOTICE (TEMP. EDITOR'S PRIVILEGE)

Whilst I have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, I would like to congratulate our hard-working Committee Members for their 'commitment' to our cause. My brief involvement with this Newsletter has enlightened me to the constant buzz amongst them all as they work to get everything right for us to participate in and enjoy. Thank you very much Leon, Peter, Ian, Martyn, Ray, Richard, Margot, Jim, John, and to Bob Arnold (next Guest Editor) who will produce the May newsletter whilst our fellow mates, Ed. Margot & Mike, continue their wonderful holiday in Africa. Signing off Member Lynnette Durant-Lovell

PS My apologies for no article on "The Way We Were" in this edition.

HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL LAUNCHES NEW PATIENT MENU SYSTEM "CHEFMAX"

Patients of Hollywood Private Hospital are no longer filling in paperwork to order their meals. Instead, friendly catering staff visit their rooms to personally explain the meals and take orders which are then recorded on hand-held computer tablets and downloaded into the new Chefmax system.

Chefmax not only provides a more personal approach to patient service, it also increases the accuracy of patient dietary requirements resulting in only appropriate meals being offered to patients.

The preparation work in launching Chefmax included the upload of hundreds of patient menus, entering the nutrition details of thousands of ingredients, the classification of different patient diets and the careful recording of allergen information. There was also the system installation, user-acceptance testing, modification of supporting processes and the roll-out of staff training.

Lyn Harding, Director of Corporate Services at Hollywood Private Hospital, said the project epitomised the Ramsay values of Pursuit of Excellence and Teamwork.

"Chefmax was only able to be introduced in the relatively quick timeframe because of the huge amount of pre-work done and training provided. Special thanks must go to Catering Manager Chris Jowett, Dietician Janine Von Retzlaff and Administration officer Jo-Anne Byrne who ensured this system's launch success by 15 December 2011" said Ms Harding.

The new initiative required personnel from catering, dietetics, nursing and IT to work together to ensure its success.

Chefmax has allowed Hollywood Private Hospital to reduce patient diet risks and improve the overall experience in its ongoing endeavour to provide amazing customer service.



Catering staff member Sasha Brasnett takes a patient's menu order with the new Chefmax system

The continuing support of Hollywood Private Hospital and their generous assistance to RSL (WA) Highgate Sub-Branch is warmly and greatly appreciated.

HOLLYWOOD

PRIVATE HOSPITAL



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