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MONTHLY LUNCHEON AND AGM

Monday 16th September 2013

Venue: Gallipoli Room

Time: 1100 hrs for 1200 hrs (note **EARLIER** 'Start times'!)



GUEST SPEAKER: "Keith Kessell's working life began in journalism, moved on to federal politics and concluded with his time as a senior executive with Wesfarmers Limited. The topic of his talk "Media, Politics and Business" tracks that career path and the way in which politicians and businesses have to deal with the media. In retirement since 2008, Keith is a member of the boards of two not-for-profit organisations, the West Australian Institute of Medical Research and West Australian Symphony Orchestra. He is an active "veterans" hockey player, a jogger and an apprentice grandfather."

For the next Luncheon (16th September) **PLEASE** enter your name electronically on the **BOOK-IN SHEET** (by Friday 13 September), using the web-site (ie: click on **SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON** under the pic of the Flame of Remembrance, and the list will appear). **FOR THOSE WITHOUT** email please call **Margot Harness 9293 1076** (or any of the committee listed at left) to book in.

Please note that the Book-In Sheet allows you to enter a "P" in Column 3 to indicate you are a **PERMANENT** booking.

President's Report

This is my last report as President of Highgate Sub Branch.

It has been four years since I stepped into the arena as a raw JVP to help Martyn in his efforts to run the club during difficult times. We continued ramping on with the assistance of a depleted committee without the benefit of a SVP. However, since then we have progressed into a much better position financially, socially and structurally and now have an enthusiastic and active committee managing our affairs. As well as running our own activities we have

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

AGM AND LUNCHEON - 16 September 2013

Committee: 10am same day)



achieved some significant changes to the functioning of the State organization and we will no doubt continue to be active in offering suggestion for improvement of the RSL in WA. We are still faced with new challenges, the most significant being those of building on our declining membership and looking after the welfare of our ageing members.

The infusion of new ideas from a fresh Committee and President will no doubt address these issues and I would encourage members to show their support by attending the AGM this month on the 16th September. Election of a new President will help set the course for this significant stage of our RSL history and perhaps find new directions for the organisation. The challenges will never subside.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during my time as President and I look forward to assisting where I can in the future.

Keep well,

Yours in friendship.

Leon

Sub-Branch Snippets

The Highgate "lads" who comprise the 'Honour Avenue Group' at Kings Park each week recently took part in one of the Dedication ceremonies that take place each quarter. This one was held on Sat 17th August.

Eleven new plaques were dedicated on this occasion. Secretary, Ken Jones, often receives letters from grateful descendants/families of "the Fallen". This is a lovely, typical example:

Dear Ken, Many thanks to you and the Group for the wonderful service for our Grandfather: Pte John W Morris. I am really pleased that we were able to travel across from Queensland to attend.

We found the whole service so good, we were wondering if it was possible for us to have the stories of ALL the soldiers that were told on that day - they were very moving and made them very real. We appreciate their sacrifice and that of their families. I had actually been reading letters that were returned to my Grandmother, that had been written by his two children: my father, aged 8, and his little sister, after my Grandfather was killed. We hope to return to Perth one day, to visit the beautiful King's Park again. Many thanks.

Jackie (nee Morris) and Harry Kirk

WHY??

*The horse and mule live thirty years
and nothing know of wine and beers;
The goat and sheep at twenty die -
though never tasted scotch or rye.
The cow drinks water by the ton
but by eighteen is mostly done;
The dog at fifteen cashes in
without the aid of rum or gin.
The cat in milk and water soaks
and then in twelve short years it croaks.
The modest sober dame - dry hen ..
lays eggs for "nogs", then dies at ten.
All animals are strictly dry,
they sinless live, and swiftly die.
But sinful, ginful, rum soaked men
survive for three score years and ten;
And some of us, though might few
stay pickled till we're ninety-two!*

Contributed by **Tom Horton** - our Grand-Old-Man
(and Teetotaller!) - aged 94 now

PREMIER'S ANZAC STUDENT TOUR 2014

Do you have a grandchild, niece, nephew or young friend currently enrolled in Years 8 to 11 at school? This annual, state-wide essay competition is open to all students of those classes; and ten will be chosen to be awarded a prize trip to Malaysia in April, 2014.

The ten students selected become youth ambassadors for WA and will travel next year to Malaysia, as part of an education programme centred on the Australian military experience in that region during WW2, the Malayan Emergency (1950-1960) and the Malaysian-Indonesian Confrontation (1963-1966).

Student entries close Friday, 18 October, 2013, with the winners announced on 16 December 2013.

The WA Department of Education is asking the RSL to publicise and promote the programme to young people within our communities. Application materials are downloadable from www.det.wa.edu.au/anzac

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

If so please contact me personally on 9244 8072

Ken Bladen



SUB WARDENS DUTIES

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

Sunday 8 September : 1130 for 1200hrs - Maltese Association

Sunday 22 September : 0930 for 1000hrs - Australian Army Cadets Brigade. Exercise Southern Cross



REMINDER - POPPY DAY IS COMING UP - Friday 8th Nov

Our two experienced "coordinators" (Jim Eayrs and Martyn Thompson) have both stood down after many years of faithful service. Mike Harness and John Homer ably assisted by Carmen Homer), have undertaken to replace Martyn and "run" the collection point at the Esplanade Station/Busport. **But a second person needs to be found to do the same at the Perth Station/Wellington St Bus Station.**

Highgate usually acquits itself well on this special day - so if you can spare an hour (or two, or even three) Mike and John would be grateful to hear from you: Ph: 9293 1076 (or e-mail: mharness@westnet.com.au - Harness's); or 9291 3432 (e-mail: johnhomer60@gmail.com) for the Homers.

Both men will be formally seeking helpers and asking members to "put-their-hands-up" at the October Luncheon, to indicate availability, preferred location and preferred hours to rattle a tin. But eager, willing helpers who can lodge an interest early, will be very much appreciated. (Hope!!) **NOTE:** For 80 year olds or over - one hour is plenty.

TOP TIP: The early "Rush Hours" yield the best results!

"The Way We Were" Gallery Our Golden Oldies

When one thinks of Lynn Lovell-Durant (nee Strange), the words: "friendly, warm, bubbly ... FUN" spring to mind. Born in Subiaco in 1945, schooled in Tuart Hill, she worked in Perth as a stenographer before joining the Army (WRAAC) at age 18. After several interesting postings (including Secretary to the Commandant at the Royal Military College Duntroon) - where "the smorgasbord of fit, handsome cadets was quite a distraction!" - she was chosen to do the WRAAC OCS course, graduating as a Lieutenant, and posted to 6 Sig Regt Puckapunyal (Vic).

She met and married Portsea graduate: Darryl Lovell, before he went to the Vietnam War in 1966, having to reluctantly resign from the Army due to its then-"no married women" rule. Many postings as a couple then ensued, the most interesting being Verden in Germany, and Port Moresby (twice) - and they lived in 16 different homes, having a son and daughter (Steve and Tanya) along the way. When her husband retired from his final Army post (as CofS WComd) they settled in Perth. Throughout most of their married life Lynn, ever-adaptable, held down a wide-variety of secretarial jobs (including PNG Brewery!), her final employment being 20 years with Mercer Consulting Actuaries in Perth, as Executive Assistant to the Manager.

She represented the Army in hockey, softball and swimming during that career and "enjoyed every social event on offer"; this is from the lady herself! Post-Army she was not only a keen all-round sportswoman (competitive hockey, basketball, squash, tennis, ballroom dancing and 10-pin bowling), she worked voluntarily for charities in Oz and PNG, was on committees at eight different schools her children attended and for their swimming clubs (both were National Swimming Champs). She was also a member of the Royal Commonwealth Society here in Perth, and Chaperone of the Society's Debutantes. During these years, again single, Lynn took up sailing with RFBYC, often crewing on a yacht owned by a former WW2 Commando widower, called Harold Durant. As years went by their friendship deepened, and they eventually married and went on many sailing trips, as far afield as the Abrolhos Islands. Harold has been the President of Cottesloe RSL Sub-Branch for many years, ably assisted and supported by Lynn, who was their Secretary for three years and still produces their charming, monthly Newsletter.



Utterly devoted to her family, Lynn has three grandchildren: Tiana, Abby and Owen (the latter two pictured with her) who bring much amusement and joy. She is an avid West Coast Eagles fan (Club Member), and her most rewarding moment in life was in 2006 when she resuscitated an unknown 6-week old baby girl whose screaming, frantic mother thought her lifeless, blue baby had just died. Fervently thankful that she had done a Resuscitation Course 20 years before, Lynn believed in that moment that destiny had blessed her life with a special meaning! Little Lucy is now a beautiful little girl who loves dancing.

Lynn and Haz recently 'down-sized' to a new home, and hope to do a bit more travelling. She says: "It's the way we have in the Army!!" Attagirl Lynn!



LAST POST

John McCubbing

Lest We Forget

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15 SEP 2013**

The timings for the AGM are as follows:

- Fellowship: 1115 - 1130 hrs - 1200 hrs
- AGM: 1200 hrs - 1230 hrs
- Luncheon: 1230 hrs - (Red and White wines will be placed on each table)

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS HIGHGATE RSL

All positions become vacant and nominations are sought for the positions of President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and NINE Committee Members.

Should you wish to be considered for any of the above positions, would you please advise The Secretary, Ray Galliot at **0412 990 799** or raygalliot@gmail.com

POPPY DAY: Mike Harness AND John Homer will coordinate the Esplanade/Busport location. But another member is needed to supervise the Perth Railway and Wellington St Bus Stations collection point. "Please consider"



Do you want one of these?

If so, pay \$10 at the monthly luncheon and place your order for one

Payment: EFT CBA, Highgate RSL

BSB 066 001, A/C 0092 5571. Be sure to include your name in the message section (Surname and initial) eg: Badge - Smith L

Or: Cheque to the Treasurer, RSL Highgate Sub-Branch PO Box 3351 PERTH WA 6832

Purchase is voluntary (but they look very smart!)

BE IN IT! JOIN THE BUS TRIP TO GINGIN GRAVITY CENTRE ON WED 8th OCTOBER!!

The Programme for this **Fun Day Out**, as devised by our Secretary, Ray Galliot, is as follows:

0830 - Cascade Tours Bus departs Perth Bus Station (Wellington St - at the "COACH" stand) to collect passengers from Joondalup Rail Station at **0915**.

Bus to stop for Morning Tea en route - arriving Gravity Centre at 1030.

1045 - Gravity Discovery Centre **TOUR** commences. "SPECTACULAR SUN" - *Learn about the Sun, use a telescope. There will be a Solar Cooking Demonstration plus Guided Tour of the Gravity Discovery Centre.*

1230 - Tour ends. Travel to "La Shed" for a genuine country cooked Buffet Luncheon with one bottle of Red and White wine per table. (NOTE: It is **BYO AS WELL** - so you can bring additional drinks if you wish).

1430 - With Lunch over, return to Perth via Joondalup Rail Station, arriving back in Perth approx **1600 hrs**.

REMINDER: Feel free to invite and bring along your Spouses, Partners, Friends

TOTAL COST for coach travel, morning Tea, Gravity Discovery Centre entrance fee and Tour plus the tasty Buffet Lunch including wine (bottles of Red and White per table) is \$77 per person. ('Tis OK to BYO additional drinks if you wish).

TO BOOK FOR THE GINGIN BUS TRIP, go to: www.highgate-rsl.org.au - click on EITHER **GINGIN BUS TRIP** and follow the prompts **OR** "EVENTS CALENDAR" (look for October -click on 8th) . **Non-internet bookings will be by mail to Sec: Ray Galliot, 27a Amaroo Place DUN-CRAIG WA 6023**

**A Pun Can be Fun Corner**

A bloke starts a new job at the zoo and is given three tasks. The first is to clear the exotic fish pool of weeds. As he does so, a huge fish jumps out and bites him. He reacts by killing it with a spade. Aghast and quickly realizing that his employer will be displeased, he disposes of the fish by feeding it to the lions, as lions will eat anything.

Moving on to his second task of clearing out the Chimpanzee house, he is attacked by the chimps who pelt him with coconuts. In self-defence he swipes at two chimps with a spade killing them both. "What can I do?" he frets and says to himself. "I know, I'll feed them to the lions - because lions eat anything". He hurls the corpses into the lion enclosure.

This brings him to his last job, which is to collect honey from the South American Bees. Again he comes to grief, finding himself attacked by a swarm of aggressive bees. Grabbing his spade he whacks them all, beating the bees to a pulp. By now he knows what to do so shovels them into the lions' cage: because lions eat anything.

Later that day a new lion arrives at the zoo. Sauntering along inside the cage to a long-time resident lion he asks: "What's the food like here?"

"It's absolutely brilliant. Today we had Fish and Chimps with Mushy Bees."

**WANTED****Sub-Wardens for the State War Memorial***Highgate Sub-Wardens on duty at the Fame of Remembrance*

Deputy Warden of the SWM, Geoff Simpson, is calling for volunteers to replace our dwindling "pool" of members who are Sub-Wardens. Wreath-laying ceremonies take place approximately two or three times a month through the year. Geoff seeks members who are willing to contribute their time to fulfil this important role. He asks for them to be punctual, smartly turned out and reliable. Ceremonies usually only take about 45 to 50 minutes including setting up beforehand.

Interested applicants should contact Geoff Simpson directly on 0408 925 432 or gsimpson001@optusnet.com.au

The Talented and Intrepid Frank Hurley

John Francis ("Frank") Hurley OBE (1885 - 1962) was an Australian photographer and adventurer. He participated in a number of expeditions to Antarctica and served as an official photographer with Australian forces during both world wars. Many notable photographs taken by him are held at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Frank Hurley, determined to escape from a life of hum-drum drudgery, ran away from his working class home in Glebe (Sydney) at the age of 12 to work on the Lithgow steel mill. He returned home two years later to study at the local "Tech" school. At age 17, he bought his first camera: a 15 shilling Kodak Box Brownie, which he paid for at the rate of a shilling a week. He taught himself photography, and set himself up in the postcard business where he gained a reputation for putting himself in danger in order to produce stunning images, including placing himself in front of an oncoming train to capture it on film.

A brief but incomplete overview of his professional life records the following notable periods:

- 1911 - 14 : Photographer for Douglas Mawson's Australasian Antarctic Expedition
- 1914 - 16 : Photographer for Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition (in which their ship was crushed by ice and the party was marooned! ... later rescued)
- 1917-18 : WWI Photographer (appointed Captain in the Australian Imperial Forces)
- 1921-23 : Expedition to Papua New Guinea
- 1929-31 : Official photographer for Mawson's Antarctic Research Expedition
- 1939-45 : WW2 photographer in the 2nd AIF.

He also travelled extensively in Australia as well as other exotic locations. His iconic images will always be a valuable part of Australia's history.

Taking the photo at right for example: how many Australians would even know that we had a "Camel Corps" during WWI?

Hurley's personal life was hardly exemplary (he was never home!) but his adventuring was without peer. His twin daughters recently marvelled at how their father had been able to fit many lifetimes into his 76 years of boundless, restless energy.

Note: Anyone interested in viewing other rare Frank Hurley photos online only needs to "google" his name .



Australians of the Imperial Camel Corps form up at Rafa, Egypt

Photo by Frank Hurley: 28 Jan 1918

Hollywood ranked number one for patient satisfaction in national survey

Hollywood Private Hospital was placed first in a national survey of patient satisfaction in the category for private hospitals with over 300 beds. Hollywood achieved the highest ranking within this group for the two quarterly surveys October–December 2012 & January–March 2013. In fact, Hollywood has been number one in five of eight surveys from 1st May 2011 to 31st March 2013.

The survey was conducted by Press Ganey, a world leader in organisational performance measurement. Hollywood Private Hospital uses the Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction tool to measure a number of components of patient satisfaction at the hospital and ward levels.

The Hospital's Quality Manager, Cheryle Poultney, said the survey process provides an important feedback mechanism by which the Hospital can identify priority areas in its efforts to continuously improve patient care.

"Hollywood has set targets for all areas of customer satisfaction to be in the 90th percentile," said Ms Poultney. "The survey helps us measure our level of achievement in meeting these targets. It also identifies issues in particular areas which we can look at more closely in order to make specific changes.

"The latest results show us the changes we have implemented at ward level have been consistent and are having an overall positive effect on the quality of our patient service."

Hollywood first partnered with international research company Press Ganey in 2001. In 2006, the hospital moved to a process of continually assessing patient feedback to ensure patient care is evaluated throughout the year.

In 2008, Hollywood embarked on a hospital-wide 'Amazing Service' strategy aimed to position the hospital as the leading provider of customer service in the national private hospital sector.

Hollywood Chief Executive Officer Peter Mott said the strategy has been successful because of the hospital's highly skilled and committed staff.

"Hollywood has been able to develop and sustain an enviable reputation for high-quality care and service," said Mr Mott. "We have managed to achieve this because our staff value patient care and service above all else".

"I am extremely proud of the achievements of our staff, and of the benefits this brings to our patients."

Over the past several years, Hollywood has received numerous awards in recognition of its excellence in a range of areas, including workforce training and development.



:Patient Reginald Crabb (right) with CEO Peter Mott (left) and staff from Hollywood's Gosse Ward.

Highgate says "Thank You" to Ramsay Health for their continued sponsorship

