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Monthly Luncheon

Monday 19 July 2004

Venue: Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House
Time: 11:30 hrs Fellowship 12:30 hrs Luncheon
Speaker: Sir Charles Court
Topic: OBE (Over Bloody Eighty). Presentations

Presidents Report

June Luncheon

The June Luncheon was again well attended.

Members to avoid embarrassment to other members and guests when reserving seats for others in your group, please ensure that they are actually attending Luncheon that day. Where we have more people attending than set places, it takes 15 Minutes to set another table.

State Congress 10/11 July 2004

The Newsletter will be in transit by the time State Congress is held, I will give a brief synopsis at the July Luncheon

Members 80th Birthday Celebration - Monday 19 July 2004

The Junior Vice President (Bruce Taylor) is organising this function. He has been able to track down some other of our members who have a significant birthday this year. The photographer has been arranged and there will be a group photograph taken at the conclusion of the Luncheon.

August Luncheon

As mentioned previously his Excellency The Governor of WA Lt Gen John Sanderson AC also a member of Highgate will address the meeting on 16 August.

Ladies Luncheon - Carine

This is an informal Luncheon to provide our ladies a luncheon in good company. There are only 60 places available so please get you returns back to the Treasurer.

Regards, Ian

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 10:00 hrs Monday
2 Aug 2004

Luncheon: 11:30 hrs, Monday
16 Aug 2004

Assistant Cashier for June - **Errol Smith**

Members, please assist by bringing the correct money of \$25.00

Hospital Visits – Otto Pelczar	New Memberships
Special Note: When entering Hollywood Private Hospital please ensure you tick the boxes marked TPI and Hospital Visitors . This enables our Hospital Visitor to check on you and make sure you are okay or need anything followed up. Unless these boxes are ticked the Hospital Security will not allow official visits from your sub-branch. Otto Pelczar 9311 2429 or, 0408 940 928.	The President requests for all members to endeavour to find at least one new member apiece. Your sub-branch existence depends on the continued input of new memberships.

Sub Wardens Duties

Wreath laying ceremonies currently scheduled at the State War Memorial, Kings Park:

Monday 9 August 1015 hr for 1030 hr

HMAS Canberra/Shropshire Assn

Sunday 5 September 1045 hr for 1100 hr.

Thirtyniners Assn.

Sunday 12 September 1145 hr for Noon.

Maltese Assn of WA Inc.

From The Pensions Officer

I've noticed lately that a few WW2 veterans who have received the gold card from the Department of Veteran's Affairs have not tried to have their war caused disabilities accepted by DVA. I guess that this only natural since the gold card covers them for all health conditions, treatment and hospitalisation and the veteran is often happy with this.

Many times I have heard veterans say that all they really want is medical treatment and that they are not interested in the pension side of things. The point is though, that if they should die without having their medical condition accepted by the DVA for purposes of a disability pension then we have a difficult job getting their surviving wife a war widow's pension (the war widow's pension is based on the claim that the veteran died from war caused disabilities).

Conversely, if the veteran during his lifetime is successful in having his disabilities accepted by DVA and receives a disability pension for them and later dies from one of the disabilities, we are able to look after the widow quite easily and in most case get the war widows pension for her.

If anyone reading this is in the situation of having the gold card but have not attempted to have his/her disabilities accepted by DVA then I strongly suggest that that person comes and sees one of the pension officers for assistance. The message here is don't leave it until it's too late.

Best wishes from Jim Eayrs

Support our Sponsor

Westcote Paints and Rosemount Hardware – sponsors in the supply of paint to the Honour Avenues.

Both are Western Australian family owned businesses dedicated to the local business and handyman so, if you are in the need of quality paint, specialty paint or perhaps some items of hardware for your household projects, make sure and look to our sponsors first.

Rosemount Hardware, 88 Broadway Nedlands.93866796.

MILESTONES OF WWII – July 1942

Courtesy of Senior Vice President Norm Manners.

(Can you recall what you were doing during these historic events? (Try and refrain from swearing 😊))

The month of July, 62 years ago, could only be described as one of Axis Triumphs on all fronts as we put our backs to the wall and fought on

- July 01 The Germans capture the last fortress at Sevastopol and the city falls to them. Hitler promotes General Manstein to Field Marshal.
An Australian unit raids the Japanese base at Salamaua in New Guinea boosting Allied morale.
Off Luzon, in the Philippines, 849 Australians, captured in Rabaul six months earlier, were drowned when the Japanese ship carrying them was sunk by an American submarine.
- July 04 A small Australian force raids the Japanese supply base at Lae.
To mark the 166th year of American Independence and for the first time six American aircraft joined a British bomber formation in a raid on German airfields in Holland.
Convoy PQ17 on its way to Russia scatters in fear of an attack by the German warships Tirpitz, Scheer, Lutzow and Hipper. Although Hitler recalls these ships German submarines wreck destruction upon the scattered ships sinking nineteen ships. Only eleven were to reach port and 153 seamen drowned.
- July 05 The Allies learn that 124 merchant ships have been sunk in the North Atlantic in June, the highest toll since the beginning of the war.
- July 12 Stalin appoints Marshal Timoshenko as commander of a new front and charged with the defences at Stalingrad.
Australian troops, advancing from Port Moresby, arrive at Kokoda in a move designed to deign the Japanese any further gains in New Guinea.
American troops prepare for the liberation of the Solomon Islands.
- July13 Rommel takes heavy casualties at Ruweisat Ridge ending his hopes of entering Cairo and Alexandria. “ My expectations for yesterday’s attack were bitterly disappointed.” He wrote his wife on July 14.
- July 21 The Japanese land sixteen thousand troops at Buna and Gona and begin an offensive along the Kokoda Track toward Port Moresby.
- July 23 Australian POW’s on the Thailand- Burma railway perform Julius Caesar ‘with modern dress’ to a sympathetic audience.
- July 23 Rostov-on-Don is captured once more by the Germans.
Hitler issues directive number 45, ordering the seizure of the eastern Black Sea coast, the capture of the Russian oilfields at Maikop, Grozny and Baku on the Caspian Sea and Stalingrad on the Volga.
- July 27 Stalin issues his famous directive Order number 227: “Panic makers and cowards must be liquidated on the spot. Not one step backward without orders from higher headquarters.”
- July 29 After four days of fierce jungle fighting the Japanese finally wrested Kokoda from the Australians who began a fighting retreat back down the track.



At Hollywood We're All Heart

Hollywood Private Hospital offers you a comprehensive cardiology service in a very caring environment.

Hollywood's Acute Chest Pain unit is designed to treat patients who need help 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

The Hollywood Private Hospital Coronary Care Unit and the on-site Perth Cardiovascular Institute offer the very latest technology and the combined expertise of Australia's leading cardiologists.

Hollywood was pleased to recently extend an invitation to all GPs to attend a detailed update on the latest improvements in the treatment of acute cardiac conditions.

Hollywood co-hosted 'Heart to Heart' in conjunction with Pfizer Australia at Matilda Bay Restaurant in Crawley.

'Heart to Heart' was a presentation by three leading cardiologists Dr Michael Davis, Dr James Rankin and Associate Professor Gerry O'Driscoll, from the Perth Cardiovascular Institute located at Hollywood Private Hospital.

The topics covered were: acute myocardial infarction with angioplasty, arrhythmias including cure with catheter ablation and advanced heart failure including cardiac rehabilitation.

The night proved to be an excellent networking opportunity and attendees to the event received detailed handouts.

For further information on Hollywood's comprehensive cardiology service please telephone the Perth Cardiovascular Institute on: (08) 9386 8833 or Hollywood's Acute Chest Pain Clinic on: (08) 9346 6019.

Members 80th Birthday Celebration – Monday 19 July 2004

Of the 28 invitations sent out we have received a positive 17 replies with a further eight apologizing due to illness. This bears well for another excellent luncheon to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Make sure you are there to assist in giving these members a rousing reception.

A special guest was to be long time Highgate member and ex RSL Executive member Paul Pearson who is now 103 years of age.

Unfortunately we have been informed that Paul had a stroke recently and is now in secure care. We wish both he and his wife Ann well.

Honours & Awards

Special congratulations to another long time Highgate member in Vic Murray who received the award of the Order of Australia Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours. Vic received his award for duties with the RAAF Assn over many years. Well done.

URGENT: Still looking for volunteers for duty on Honour Avenues at Kings Park each Tuesday morning. Phone Norm Manners on 9405 2421, Brian Martin on 9294 1915 or Alf Till on 93875113 for further information.

Significant Highgate events for your diary

Mon 19 July - Birthday Luncheon
Mon 16 August – Governor's Visit and talk
Wed 25 August – Ladies Luncheon – Carine
Friday 26 Nov – Ladies Dining Night
Mon 20 Dec – Christmas Luncheon
Mon 21 Feb 2005 – AGM

"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming... 'Wow! What a ride!'"