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Monthly Luncheon

Monday 17 October 2005

Venue: Ground Floor, ANZAC House
Time: 11:30 hrs Fellowship 12:30hrs Luncheon
Speaker: Ernie Polis
Topic: POW Camps at Marrinup WA

Presidents Report

ANZAC House Refurbishing Continues

Highgate Luncheon for October will be held in the Dining Room on the Ground Floor. Although a little squeezey last month's luncheon was well attended and was not as disruptive as I feared. Thanks were extended to the staff of the ANZAC club for their assistance in making an enjoyable lunch.

Let's see you in October, room for 100 Members and Guests so please get there early.

Ladies Dining Night - Friday 25 November 2005

Venue: WA Club
101 St Georges Terrace
PERTH

The numbers are starting to climb for this popular Black Tie event.

Please get your Returns to Richard as soon as possible if you wish to bring Guests they are most welcome. If you want to sit with particular Members or Guests let Richard know.

Remember the dress is Black Tie with Miniatures.

ANZAC Field Concept at Subiaco Oval

Grant Dorrington spoke about the vision for Subiaco Oval into the future. Members seemed to value the information they were receiving that was direct and truthful.

The opportunity for questions and to clarify points of interest proved most beneficial. The final decision is to be made by the Minister for Veterans Affairs after fair and valued comment from the RSL.

All the best, Ian

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 10:00 hrs Monday
7 November 2005

Luncheon: 11:30 hrs, Monday
21 November 2005

Assistant Cashier for Monday 17 October – **Ted White**
Members, please assist by bringing the correct money
\$25.00

Hospital Visits	New Members
Warren Smith out of Hollywood after two weeks,	Please welcome: Keith Johnston and Robert Judge transferred from Bicton.

Sub Wardens Duties

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

Sunday	30 October	12:15 for 12:30	Consul of Greece
Friday	11 November	10:00 for 11:00	Remembrance Day

The annual Poppy Day Appeal embodies the core values of the RSL – Remembrance and Welfare.

It is the major source of funds for the RSL's extensive provision of welfare services to war veterans and the ex-service community and Poppy Day has been an important part of remembrance in Australia for over 80 years.

Poppy Day is usually observed on the Friday this Remembrance Day (11th November). This year RSL volunteers distribute hundreds of thousands of red poppies throughout Australia in exchange for generous donations from the public. The poppies are traditionally then worn on the left lapel on Remembrance Day and also on ANZAC Day, to signify remembrance of the nation's war dead and support for the valuable welfare work of the RSL.

Donations made to the Poppy Day Appeal are used to support RSL welfare services for returned servicemen and women in the locality in which the funds were raised. Recipients need not be members of an RSL to benefit from Poppy Day Appeal assistance, but must be returned services' personnel or their dependants in need.

To support this valuable work, Australian's are encouraged to make whatever donation you can afford on Poppy Day, or at any other time. The great generosity of the Australian public enables the RSL to continue its vital welfare work.

Highgate needs collectors this Year as we have the added duties of the Sub-Wardens and Marshals at the War Memorial on Remembrance Day. Help us help you collect become a collector.

The Poppy Legend

The poppy legend originated in China. A white flower from which a potent drug was distilled was called the 'Flower of Forgetfulness'. Genghis Khan brought some of the seed westward but after a battle the flower became red. In the centre of each was a cross.

It was found that on many battlefields, when everything else had been laid waste, the landscape was soon ablaze with the blood-red blooms. On the Somme battlefield in 1917, (and again after the war was over), the land burst forth in a blaze of scarlet with patches of yellow Charlock and white Chamomile. Many graves of those buried near the front line were soon marked by the Charlock due to the seeds being released when the grave was dug.

NOTE: Lord Macauley drew attention to the strange link of the poppy with battle and put forward the suggestion it should be regarded as the flower of sacrifice and memorial.

Committee Members 2006 - Onwards

Bob Arnold has signed on the Committee as Editor. There are still a couple of vacancies for the interested.



From the of the Senior Vice President – Norm Manners

BURMA-THAILAND REMEMBRANCE DAY TRIP 2006

The Defence Reserves Association has a few vacancies left for their escorted tour of the Burma-Thailand Remembrance Day 2006 trip. If you are interested in joining this tour contact Peter Winstanley or Greg Wilson on 9304 5248 for full details.

HONOUR AVENUE BROCHURES

There are still a number of brochures covering the work of Highgate RSL Honour Avenue Group's work, with the remembrance plaques of Kings Park, for sale at only \$4 each.

In full colour this 16 page publication is one of the proud achievements of your sub-branch and makes an excellent gift when presented to an old comrade you may be corresponding with. Contact either myself or the Secretary for copies. All funds go to maintaining this service to young Western Australians who were killed in action.

BOOK CORNER

Prisoners of the Japanese

Peter Winstanley told me recently that he has a few copies left of his booklet covering some of the Prisoner's-of-War stories during their incarceration by the Japanese.

Copies are only \$5 each and can be obtained by phoning 930 545248

KOKODA

While much has been written about Australians at war in 1939-45 little has been devoted to the fighting, that occurred under horrendous conditions in New Guinea. Apart from official histories and pieces such as *A Bastard of a Place* by Peter Brune and Ralph Horner's *Those Band of Brothers* the story of the Digger has not emerged until now.

Peter Fitzsimons' *Kokoda* is a masterful and gripping account of a small force of Chockos and how they fought the Japanese for every foot of a muddy, slippery track that at times rose into the air to disappear into cloud or plunged down almost perpendicular to the dark waters of a fast flowing river below.

It tells the human story of the courage and endurance of the militia battalions of the 39th, the 2/14th, the 2/16th and others who struggled to hold back a well equipped and determined enemy from opening the door for their invasion of Australia.

Ill equipped, with no battle experience, they were flung in to hold until the 9th Division returned from the Middle East this book follows their retreat back along the Kokoda Track and that of the wounded who had to endure intolerable conditions and pain before reaching a primitive jungle Casualty Clearing Station.

Kokoda, was a book I could not put down easily and is one I thoroughly recommend to those members who believe in Aussie mateship and the cult of sticking together no matter what. It's available at all good book shops.

Until next month, good health and good luck.

Norm Manners

Quantum leap in scanning technology for WA

Hollywood Private Hospital is about to experience 'diagnostic quantum leap' with SKG Radiology's purchase of the hospital's first 64-slice CT scanners planned for arrival at Hollywood in the next few months.

The scanner will provide four times more anatomical detail and far superior image clarity than the scanners used in Perth this time last year.

SKG Radiology Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Dr Paul Sprague said the scanners have an enormous medical benefit for all those who need them because they provide important and often life-saving information that just cannot be obtained to the same degree through using older technology.

"These scanners really are a significant advance because they enable us to provide unprecedented performance in advanced cardiovascular, pulmonary, and neurovascular applications, as well as high resolution orthopaedic scanning through more precise imaging of key anatomy," he said.

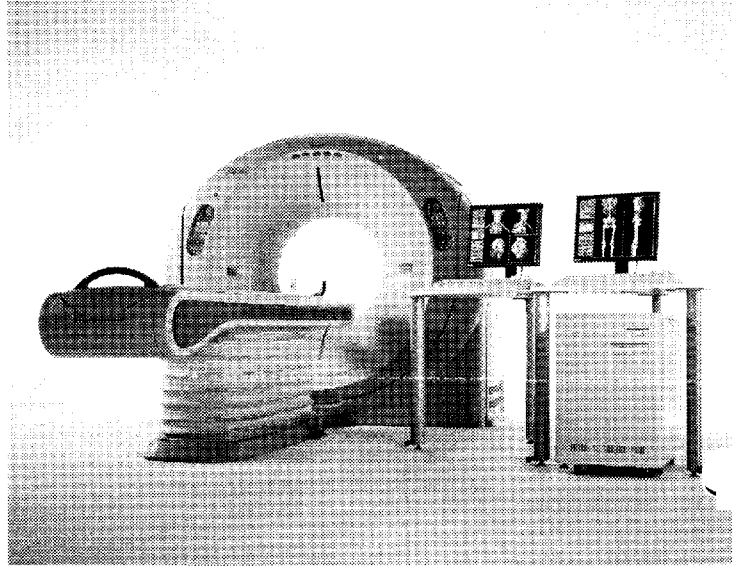
64 slice CT enables consistently high quality images of the heart, free of motion artefacts – i.e. the ability to "freeze" cardiac motion.

Faster and more accurate than previous CT scanners, the innovative technology is beneficial for patients as it ensures the highest possible quality imaging for both excluding or diagnosing coronary artery atherosclerosis

64 slice CT can save the patient time and money. It is non-invasive and does not require hospital inpatient stay. It has none of the risks associated with the more traditional approach of invasive catheter coronary angiography.

Dr Paul Sprague said that the CT scanners were the most sophisticated scanners currently available and the installation of the machines

into three premier private hospitals would significantly transform the standard of CT services in Western Australia.



Kevin Cass-Ryall, Executive Director at Hollywood Private Hospital, welcomed the news of receiving the state-of-the-art CT scanner. "This will be of great benefit to Western Australian patients. SKG Radiology is committed to providing excellence in medical imaging services through the purchase of cutting-edge equipment and advanced technology and we are pleased to have them here on-site at Hollywood Private Hospital."

Membership Fees - 2006

Very shortly you will receive a Form for the payment of your Membership fees for 2006. With a plea as from previous years, please pay direct to the Treasurer, Richard Adams not through ANZAC House, because we lose out on collecting the \$7.00 for the Newsletter.

If you pay ANZAC House you will still receive and account for the \$7.00 Newsletter Subscription.

Only include your address if you have moved recently. If you have an e-mail address please include that so we can pass on messages and information quickly and directly.
