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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Monday 18th August 2008

Venue: Gallipoli Room

Time: 1130 hrs — Fellowship. 1215 hrs — Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Allen Gale FESA Media Liaison Officer

Topic: Teamwork and Leadership in community based Emergency Services

"Respect – Honesty – Diligence"

Allen will explore the unique qualities of volunteers in the State Emergency Service (SES) in WA, relating to a wide range of personal operational experiences over 40 years, commencing with the Meckering earthquake 40 years ago. Importantly, the SES experience extends beyond the operational role into the day-to-day development and maintenance challenges in a changing world. Allen will provide an insight into the role of the SES with a focus on the team approach – one that enables so much to be achieved by ordinary people doing extraordinary things in their community. Allen will reflect on his SES experiences and the impact of the many leaders that have influenced him over the 40 years – he will proudly share a case that would not have been possible if not for so many of those leaders.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Birthday Boys' Luncheon

It was unfortunate that not all the birthday boys could make the OBE celebration however those that did attend enjoyed a convivial lunch. Jim Eayrs hosted the boys and read their resumes to members. happy birthday was sung and the cake was cut and all acclaimed that we had a very good Luncheon.

Highgate Website Development - <http://highgate-rsl.org.au>

The Website is under construction and on using the address above you will see the progress to date on the development of the site. Note that I said under construction as most of the information had to be re-keyed as there was no digital copies kept

I am asking for some construction advice on the site once you have looked at it and please be constructive. I am not interested in nit picking comments.

Poppy Day

Poppy Day this year is Friday 7 November

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 1st September 2008 **Luncheon:** 15th September 2008

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As well as our normal Venues of Wellington Street Bus Station, Mercantile Lane and Mounts Bay Road Bus Port we have also asked for collection points at the New underground station at William street and the Station at the Esplanade.

Those collection points will stretch our membership and we need to look upon the assistance of Carine Senior High School and also members families The more people we have at collection points the more money we can raise.

This year, if we can man all points I would expect to collect between \$20,000.00 and \$ 25,000.00.

Regards

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(Photos taken at the OBE's luncheon not yet available and will be featured in the next newsletter. Editor)

YOUR SUB-BRANCH COMMITTEE

Introducing:

Colonel Phillip Skelton, AM, FIEAust, CPEng, FRMIT (Comm Engr), qtc, psc, jssc Ret'd

Phillip grew up in a succession of outback towns in NSW. Via Sydney University he almost became a high school maths & science teacher but changed to seeing the world by joining the Army through 13 NS Trg Bn, then as a CMF private soldier in 1 Commando Company. He graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1960.

His military career included training both technicians and officers; a variety of operational and technical staff appointments; management of R&D and equipment acquisition; army telecommunications policy and strategy; international standardization negotiations; and command appointments. Some highlights are command of a Troop in Vietnam in 1967, command of a Regiment in 1976-77, Australian Communications-Electronics Representative in the USA 1978-80, Director of Communications-Army 1982-84 and Director Organisation – Army 1985.

He was awarded the honour of Member in the Order of Australia in 1978, for exceptional performance of duty as commanding officer of 2 Signal Regiment.

He came to Western Australia in November 1985 to become the first Director of the Office of Communications for the WA Government. This civilian career involved improving access to telecommunications and broadcasting services to people throughout WA. Amongst other things, he created the Westlink talk-back television network, which delivered TAFE and other courses by satellite to people in over 120 towns throughout the State and his work led to many towns gaining radio and television transmitters. He is the author of numerous submissions on behalf of Western Australian consumers to Federal reviews and inquiries. Since 2001 he has enjoyed part

time consulting and is now trying to be retired.

Phillip maintains his interest in national security and defence issues as President of the Royal United Services Institute of WA. He enjoys contributing to a variety of community groups, including amongst others he is: Deputy Warden of the State War Memorial, Past President of the Rotary Club of Perth, Chair of the Technical Committee and Board member of Access 31 Community Television.

From 1996-2001 he held the honorary appointment of Colonel Commandant Royal Australian Corps of Signals Western Region.

Past community service includes President of a Community Council, Director of a school Foundation, inaugural Director of a Music Foundation, Director of a marriage and family counselling organisation, member of a local government Environmental Advisory Committee, raised funds to support a chaplain at a district high school, committee member of The Order of Australia Association WA Branch, and Patron of two Police Recruit Squads.

He once played Rugby League and Rugby Union seriously, tried Australian Rules and Hockey for a season each, competed in the Modern Pentathlon for several years, enjoyed sailing, and for many years enjoyed playing tennis. Now he just walks and rides a bicycle. Current interests include environmental ecology, climate-sensible house design, astronomy, and forensic science.

His partner is the artist Léonie Dobrowolski. He is very proud of his three sons and she of her daughter, all leading successful careers in directions quite different to those of their parents. Between them they have 11 delightful grandchildren.

He is a graduate of the Royal Military College Duntroon; the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology; the Royal Military College of Science, UK; the Australian Staff College, Queenscliffe (graduated equal first); and the United States Armed Forces Staff College.

SITUATIONS VACANT for the upcoming financial year.

Highgate RSL Sub Branch

1. Secretary (To enable Bob Bunney to concentrate his efforts on the position of Senior Vice President)
2. Committee Members.
 - Please raise your hands when invited by the President at the next luncheon, or
 - Advise the Secretary by whatever means you wish. He will welcome your call.



SUB WARDENS DUTIES

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

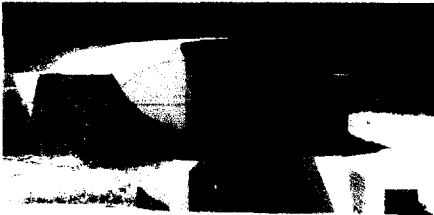
Wednesday 20 August 2008 — 0930 for 0945 hrs — Department of Premier and Cabinet — Battle of Tobruk

Sunday 31 August 2008 — 1145 for 12 noon — National Malay and Borneo Veterans Association Merdeka Day

Wednesday 3 September 2008 — TBA — RAAFA — Battle for Australia

Sunday 14 September 2008 — 1145 for 12 noon — Maltese Association

EXPERIENCE WORLD WAR 2 TUNNELS HIDDEN ON THE WEST AUSTRALIAN COAST

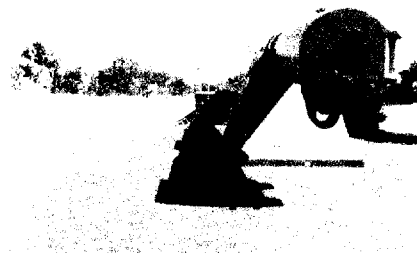
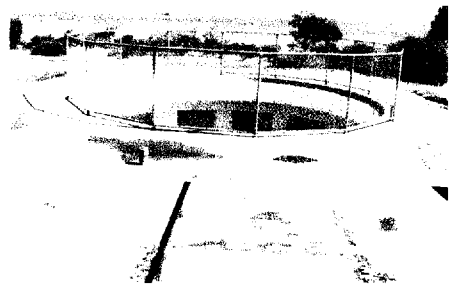


extensive tunnel system in the solid limestone hillside to provide ammunition magazines, rest areas, plotting rooms, first aid facilities and a workshop.

Work began in 1942 and was completed in early 1943. The work performed by the Army tradesman can be seen as you tour the tunnels complex

In 1945 it was decided to transfer the two 6 inch guns to Princess Royal Battery at Albany, and replace them with three 5.25 inch dual role anti aircraft/coast artillery guns. As the Japanese threat to Australia

With the emplacement of coastal defence guns on Garden Island and Point Peron during World War 2, the defence planners decided to remove the two 6 inch Mk V11 guns from Fort Arthurs' Head Fremantle (near the Round House) and relocate them to the Leighton site, now known as Buckland Hill



The officer in charge of the gun battery, a mining engineer, recommended that all support facilities for the guns be housed underground. He was given approval to excavate an

diminished, so too did the need to complete the emplacement. It wasn't until 1947 that the guns became fully operational.

The battery was used by both Regular Army and Army Reserve personnel with regular firing until 1963 when the Coast Artillery Branch of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery was disbanded. The guns and associated equipment were sold as scrap. Regular tours are conducted by expert guides who will recount the exciting history of this unique military installation.



BUCKLAND HILL
Remnants of the 6 inch,
5.25 inch dual role anti aircraft

OPEN FIRST SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH
 (Excluding January)

HOURS: 10 am — 3.30 pm

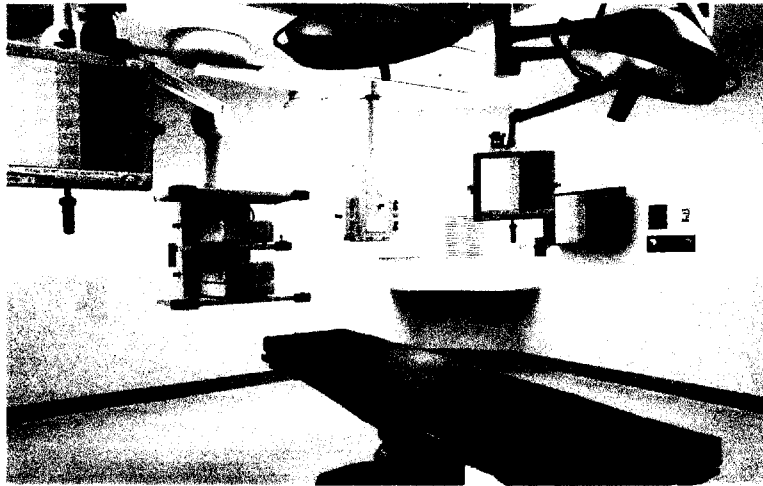
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HOLLYWOOD THEATRES AND LABS GO HIGH-TECH

(With thanks to Penny Tassone, Manager, Marketing - Hollywood Private Hospital)



As part of stage one of Hollywood Private Hospital's \$128.5 million building program, the fit-out of the two additional theatres has been completed and the new systems are now open for operation.

Executive director Kevin Cass-Ryall said the expansion is part of Hollywood's ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest standard of healthcare to patients.

We are proud of the recent expansion of our operating suites, which we believe to be one of the most advanced set-ups of its kind in Western Australia," Kevin said.

"Our new facilities offer a five-star environment for the comfort and convenience of patients undergoing a surgical procedure."

The two new theatres offer the latest i-Suite® technology and surgeons have access to fully integrated, voice-controlled operating theatres with networked digital documentation and wide-scaled telemedicine capabilities.

The capability of Sidne® allows surgeons to have direct control over surgical devices using simple verbal

commands. Studies show that voice control leads to increased efficiency, improved surgeon control, and a reduction in surgery time.

The new theatres will be mainly used for minimally invasive surgery. Minimally invasive surgery is much less traumatic than conventional open surgery and is being more widely used for a range of procedures. The main benefits of minimally invasive surgery are patients experience shorter hospital stays and faster recovery times. The new theatres incorporate technology to ensure the safest possible environment for the patient.

Ramsay Health Care has also installed WAs first wireless network servicing the theatres and sterilising services department (SSD) at Hollywood. The network provides wireless internet access to anyone with a WIFI enabled device such as a notebook or PDA.

A new cardiac catheter laboratory has also recently been installed at Hollywood, which is the first lab in Australia, New Zealand and Asia to have the latest technology in imaging from Siemens.

The new facilities include a digital

floor mounted flat detector system with a single C-arm that serves to accommodate the expanding range of vascular and cardiac procedures at Hollywood.

It provides head-to-toe coverage of the patient because of flexible positioning of the slim C-arm. The image quality of the scan is outstanding and is obtained with lower radiation doses than its predecessors.

Patient movement is also dealt with ease due to post-processing software, which eliminates the need for a 'retake'.

"The 3-D modality for both vascular and cardiac procedures gives us more information and is a useful tool to diagnose vessel anatomy," said cardiac catheter lab clinical nurse manager Yolandi Theron.

"Plus the wireless Bluetooth foot-switch got rid of wires on the floor and made patient access for the operator easier from any side of the table."

Believe Me—From the Treasurer!!

(Rumour is that he has a few spare \$'s)

Three Highgate boys bought a \$30 bottle of wine. Nigel then realised he'd overcharged for the bottle as it should have been \$25 not \$30.

So he sent Mo over with \$5. Mo didn't know how to divvy the \$5 up so he gave each guy \$1 and put \$2 into the welfare box.

That means that each guy paid just \$9 for the wine: $3 \times \$9 = \27 Plus \$2 in welfare = \$29.

Where's the other dollar???

For the Math's dummies. See next issue.

THE LOYAL TOAST for the Queen of Australia

In May 1977, in association with a constitutional referendum, Australians were asked to state a preference for a tune for a national song. A clear majority was established for Advance Australia Fair and in 1984, the Government announced that two verses by Peter Dodds McCormick (1878) would be the National Anthem.

On the 19th April 1984, the Governor-General issued a proclamation that established Advance Australia Fair as the National Anthem and published the words to be used. As part of the same proclamation, the Governor-General announced that ‘the anthem God Save the Queen shall henceforth be known as the Royal Anthem’ and be used in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen or a member of the Royal Family. Further, that the National Anthem shall be used on all occasions, other than occasions on which the Royal Anthem or Vice-Regal Salute is used. (The Vice-Regal Salute is given to the Governor-General or a State Governor and consists of the first and last four bars of the National Anthem)

The acknowledged reference for protocol is ‘Australian Protocol and Procedures’ by Sir Asher Joel, and this gives clear guidelines for the use of the National Anthem. The National Anthem may be used at the beginning of a function or at the end, or it may be played or sung prior to or after the proposing of the Loyal Toast. It is also quite clear that ‘God Save the Queen’ is not to be used in place of the National Anthem.

It is interesting to note that at the initial referendum, ‘God Save the Queen’ received only 18.5% of the primary vote. ‘Advance Australia Fair’ received 230% more primary votes and had a clear majority of votes. ‘God Save the Queen’ is now not in common use, is not taught in schools and is only heard in organisations that refuse to acknowledge the change. This anachronism needs to be addressed and, after 24 years, it is time to get it right.

In maintaining the use of ‘God Save the Queen’ for the Loyal Toast, Highgate Sub-Branch is not only not conforming to the laws of the country, but is also failing to acknowledge the primacy of the National Anthem of our country. The Loyal Toast is to the Queen of Australia and affirms our belief in and acceptance of constitutional authority. As such, it is our duty to use the National Anthem and it is our right, as Australians, to use our National Anthem.

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of
Australia
N.M STEPHEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency the
Governor-General of
the Commonwealth of
Australia

1. I, SIR NINIAN MARTIN STEPHEN, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby declare:

- a. that the anthem 'God Save The Queen' shall henceforth be known as the Royal Anthem and be used in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen or a member of the Royal Family;
- b. that the National Anthem shall consist of the tune known as 'Advance Australia Fair' with the following words:

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea:
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
We'll toil with hearts and hands:
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

- c. that the Vice-Regal Salute to be used in the presence of His Excellency The Governor-General shall consist of the first four bars and the last four bars of the tune known as 'Advance Australia Fair'.
- d. that the National Anthem shall be used on all official and ceremonial occasions, other than occasions on which either the Royal Anthem or the Vice-Regal Salute is used.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 19 April 1984.

By His Excellency's Command.
M.J. YOUNG
Special Minister of State

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!