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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON

**Monday 15th September 2008**

**Venue:** Gallipoli Room

**Time:** 1130 hrs — Fellowship, 1215 hrs — Luncheon

**Guest Speaker:** Captain Eric Atkinson, Harbour Master, Fremantle Ports.

Captain Atkinson's responsibilities include:

- Liaison with Federal/State agencies, industry bodies and community groups.
- Representing Fremantle Ports on national and state committees and working groups.
- Nautical advisor to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority: representation at the International Maritime Organisation in London.
- Represents Government on committee for visiting nuclear powered warships.
- Member of the Western Australian Committee for the Prevention of Pollution of the sea by oil or noxious substances.
- Alternative Oil Spill commander for Western Australia.
- Port Security Officer.
- Member of the Western Australian Tropical Cyclone Emergency Management Committee.



**Topic:** *40 years service under the Red Ensign and the interaction of the Merchant Marine with the Defence Services.*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

**T**he website has been up and running for over a month and has had numerous hits from members.

The idea with a Website is to maintain the dynamics by putting up Guest Speakers, marketing our Meetings and keeping up-to-date with events and commemorations that affect Highgate and/or its members.

You will notice the front page will change quite often and the Event and Members Lounge will have items of interest quizzes and links etc to other exciting places.

So please just don't visit once go often, make it your home page and give ideas to Richard Adams.

Watch for the Hall Of Honour in a couple weeks.

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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

**Committee:** 6th Oct 2008

**Luncheon: (AGM)** 20th Oct 2008



*Our sincere congratulations to the 2008 crop of members who achieved a considerable milestone by reaching the mature years of eighty and ninety. Long may they all prosper.*



**Like a great vintage Grange Hermitage-Well Matured and in its prime.**

From left to right: *Back Row* - Leslie Coy, Max Traub, John Klein, Ray Mawson, Glyn Mawson Boden Generowicz, Peter Smith, Wojciech Gorski. From left to right: *Front Row* - Abe Sher, Rabbi Coleman, Max Shean, Ken Wood

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### Poppy Day

Poppy Day this year is Friday 7 November.

A Sub-Committee comprising Norm Manners, Jim Earys and Dick Jones is well into the planning stage and the Roster Sheets will be available at the September Meetings.

Please we need you and your family's assistance to collect monies. There are not enough members to fill all the positions from where we want to collect and remember this year we have requested two extra venues 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.

I am confident that if we can man the venues we will raise well in excess of \$20k.

Regards

Ian



### Editorial

Members who are able to and who have not yet viewed our website, have missed something which is certainly well worth a visit. It is informative, professional and interesting and there is little doubt that on seeing it you will add it to your favourites.

We are indebted to the President Ian Mulholland for his initiative, his wife Jenni for the data input and Kelly for the professional design and development of the site. And now, for the obvious time and effort that continues to be expended in maintaining and updating the information which is brought to us by the simple use of our keyboards.

Without them this project would not exist and without their continuing input it is unlikely that this valuable facility could be maintained at the professional standard that it is today.

Please accept our congratulations and thanks.



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.

#### HIGHGATE WEBSITE—HALL OF FAME

Members if you **DO NOT** want to have your resume included in the Hall of Fame on the Highgate Website please write to the Secretary signifying that you wish to withdraw your resume from publication. Your letter must be received by no later than Friday 12 September 2008. To withdraw you need to advise in writing. Email or verbal withdrawals are not acceptable. Your resume is as published in the Highgate Anniversary Booklet 1947-1997.

You will have the opportunity to update your resume from the end of September 2008.



## **SUB WARDENS DUTIES**

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

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

Sunday 26 October 2008 — 12 noon for 1230 hrs — Consulate General of Greece — OCHI Day



### **ONE OF THE MANY DUTIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE SUB-WARDENS OF RSL HIGHGATE SUB-BRANCH**

From Left to Right — Sub Wardens - Richard Hooper, Richard Adams, Wojciech Gorski, Ray Mawson, Peter Hummerston who are awaiting the arrival of the US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, prior to her laying a wreath at the State War Memorial.



### **INTRODUCING YOUR COMMITTEE**

**RICHARD  
ADAMS**  
TREASURER

Richard is a Vietnam Veteran who in the company of 7 RAR went to Vietnam on the Battalion's first tour in 1967. He has been reluctant to buy a new suit since becoming treasurer of Highgate. Richard is a serial rock-n-roll dancer - can burn the floor with two ladies at a time given the chance (one wonders how frequently this chance arises).

He took on the Treasurer's roll from the late Brian Martin several years ago and has been keeping the revenue in check since. If you have a query on the accounts it is advisable to buy him a drink first. You'll find him standing at the bar bedraggled and looking very thirsty.

As you are aware it is our aim to introduce the members of the Highgate Committee to you so that you have some idea of those who give their time to look after your interests. Allow us to introduce another of these stalwarts.

### **WHERE'S THE DOLLAR GONE? (From the August Newsletter)**

Put simply; nowhere. \$30.00 over the bar; \$5.00 change — \$3.00 to the three Highgate Boys and \$2.00 to the Welfare Box = \$30.00 or, put another way;

After donation of \$2.00; total spent was \$28.00 i.e. for each Highgate Boy \$9.33 (recurring) not \$9.00; therefore no missing dollar.— No question; we all, being mathematicians, quickly worked this out.

### **DONATIONS TO QUIET LION TOUR**

Should you wish to make a donation in support of a student or students from Carine High School attending this life changing tour would you please forward your donation to The Treasurer of Highgate Sub-Branch whose address is on the front page of this newsletter.

### **CORRECTION**

For those who receive their newsletter by email please note that the telephone enquiries number for Buckland Hill appearing on page 3 of the August newsletter should have read 08 9383 6544 not 08 9383 6844. My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Editor.



## NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT



Breaker Morant

The Prime Minister, as Chairman of the National Capital Memorials Committee, has allocated a site in ANZAC Parade, Canberra to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association for the funding, design and construction of a Boer War Memorial (BWM) to commemorate the soldiers and nurses who left Australia between 1899 and 1902 to serve in South Africa.

It is estimated that some 23,000 Australians and 6,057 New Zealanders served in the campaign with 606 and 232 respectively dying in South Africa.

The soldiers fought in many of the 37 campaigns and engagements which were recognised by the issue of clasps.

### DONATIONS HELP FUND THE MEMORIAL

Donations of Two Dollars and above are tax deductible under ABN49709547198. They can be made as follows:

- By electronic transfer to the Defence Credit Union Account either to BSB 803205 A/c No 20739876, or
- via the internet using website: [www.bwm.org.au](http://www.bwm.org.au), or
- Mail to: BWM, Building 96 Victoria Barracks, Paddington NSW 2021

Receipts will be issued to satisfy Tax Office requirements

**Names of major donors will be acknowledged on the Memorial**

Each was embossed with the name of the battle. Australians qualified for 18 clasps and the New Zealanders 13.

The Australians and New Zealanders quickly established enviable reputations as superb fighters using their bushcraft, riding and shooting skills to produce formidable fighting units and future commanders.

During the Boer War six Australians and one New Zealander were awarded the Victoria Cross.



The British made political scapegoats of three Australians, Harry 'The Breaker' Morant, Peter Handcock and George Winton, sentencing them to death. Morant and Handcock were shot and Winton

gaoled in England. Due to the furious reaction of the Australian Government, Winton was later released and pardoned.

The BMW will arrange a Military Tribunal of Review and then, if appropriate, ask the Queen to grant posthumous pardons for Morant and Handcock.

**The Government has stated that Australia-wide community support must be demonstrated before it will give any financial assistance. It is estimated that about \$3 million will be needed to complete the memorial by the designated deadline of June 2010.**



### LAST POST

- Cedric Arnold -
- Vic Ferry DFC JP -
- Dosoo Gimi -

**LEST WE FORGET**

This publication is produced with the support of Hollywood Private Hospital and their kind assistance is greatly appreciated.

