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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON MONDAY 15TH MAY, 1989

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<u>VENUE</u>: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, Perth

TIME: Fellowship 1200 hours
Luncheon 1250 hours

SPEAKER: Dr. Douglas Sutherland-Bruce

SUBJECT: "Holmes - the greatest detective that

never lived<sup>e</sup>

#### THE SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker this month was born 1951 in Wick, Scotland: moved as a child to South Africa. Has degrees B.A. and Ph.D. (University of Natal). He came to Australia in 1974 and works as a University Lecturer in the Extension Service of W.A: is a writer and broadcaster: has written on crime (fact and fiction), heraldry and genealogy. Joined the Sherlock Holmes Society in London in 1976: founded Sherlock Homes Society here following a visit to Perth by Charles Schofield Q.C., Chairman of the London branch of the Society. He is a member of MENSA and various writer and historical societies. His main claim to fame - he is father of James Logie Sutherland-Bruce born on 3rd March, 1989.

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#### SPEAKER - APRIL

Christopher gave a brief recap of his previous talk on the Marine Department of the Chinese Maritime Customs and then went on to give further details of life in pre-war service - it was a nostalgic voyage into a bygone age.

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#### CHANGE OF SECRETARY

John Hately is taking over the duties of Hon. Secretary. Please give him the support which you have previously given me and for which I thank you. - L.D. Lee.

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NEW MEMBERS - S.G. Chamarette, B.W. Gibson.

REJOINED - D.N. Bennett - from Gippsland, Victoria.

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The President has requested that Members give active consideration to the following letter from State Branch on the Home Hospitality Scheme and, if able to assist, send your details to the Secretary as soon as possible. Further information, if required, may be obtained from Peter Firkins (Chairman of the Defence Committee, State Branch) - Tel. 385 9841.

#### HOME HOSPITALITY SCHEME

Our Defence committee has developed a project for providing home hospitality to serving members of Army, Navy and Air Force who are posted to Western Australia During the course of their service.

With the increasing defence presence in this State, particularly by the Navy, it is felt that the RSL has an obligation to cater for the younger personnel in particular, and the best way to do this is to open the doors of our members to them.

However, we cannot provide this service without the support and cooperation of our members throughout the State, and I would be pleased if a copy of this letter could be sent by Sub-Branches to all their individual members.

We are anxious to provide homes in the country, suburbs and on farms for service personnel who may wish to spend their leave with families in this State, for periods of a day or evening, or days, or even perhaps a week.

We cannot anticipate the demand for this service, but we have the support of the three service commanders in this State.

It is proposed that the scheme will be administered at the Leagues Headquarters where a register will be maintained of all RSL families willing to provide home hospitality for serving members.

Upon application by a serviceman for home hospitality, our office will contact an RSL member who has indicated their interest in providing the particular accommodation required.

I believe we have a very strong moral obligation to provide this kind of service to members of the ADF and to keep in mind that today's servicemen are our members of tomorrow.

JIM HALL

State President

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