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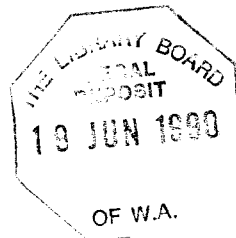
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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY, 18 JUNE, 1990

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, Perth.

TIME: Fellowship 1200 hours
Luncheon 1250 hours

SPEAKER: Professor John Sheppard Mackenzie

SUBJECT: "The Ross River Virus"

THE SPEAKER

Professor John Mackenzie is an Australian born in Nigeria in 1941 and educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh, and subsequently graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 1965 with honours in Genetics. He then read "Genetic studies with influenza virus" for

his PhD at the Australian National University 1965-68. He has headed the Genetics Department of the Animal Virus Research Institute at Pirbright in England ('70-72), was acting Head of the Department of Microbiology of the University of WA in '78, and was the visiting Research Scientist at the Department of Bacteriology at the Universities of Edinburgh '79 and Warwick '85-86.

He is currently Director of the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for the Collection and Dissemination of Data on Virus Diseases of South East Asia and the Western Pacific and Associate Professor and Senior Lecturer, the Department of Microbiology at the University of WA.

THE SPEAKER IN MAY

Mrs Patricia Rowlands was pleased to answer any number of questions on the complexities of Veterans' "Welfare", and in so doing gave us a glimpse of the comprehensive range of subjects embraced by that simple generic heading. She was pleased to accept the donation from our Sub-Branch funds, which she assured us would be put to good use. Undoubtedly her "In" basket will never be empty as welfare problems proliferate despite the services of the State and Federal Social Services.

When proposing a vote of thanks Dr Reid endorsed the value of Patricia Rowlands' professional and dedicated service to the Veteran community for which we are all grateful, as was indicated by the warm and generous applause from an attendance of over eighty members.

As the normal Committee Meeting has been put back 1 week due to the Foundation Day Public Holiday there is not a lot of information to pass on to you, but as the old saying goes, "What do you want first - the good news or the bad news".

Well, the good news is that His Excellency the Governor Sir Francis Burt is now a member of Highgate, Phil Loffman has promised to double the rum ration at the next Anzac Day Breakfast, and the bad news is that the cost of our Monthly Luncheon has increased with effect from June to \$12.00. Instead of taking from the housekeeping money a ten dollar note and a one dollar coin, please now withdraw a ten dollar note and a two dollar coin. I think we have all been conditioned to constant price increases in everything though I wonder where our fearless leaders sitting in their ivory towers in Canberra get their twice yearly CPI figures from. I'm sure they never take their wives shopping or get their motor cars repaired.

At the last luncheon President Sam had the pleasant duty of handing over to Mrs Rowlands a cheque for \$1,000 on our behalf for the RSL

Repatriation, Welfare and Counselling Services. A letter of thanks has since been received from the State Secretary, Des Gibbs.

Also at the luncheon President Sam asked those present (I might add an excellent turn out) if there was any point in holding the Annual Cocktail Party. From a show of hands it appeared approximately half wanted it to continue, so doubtless it will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting. It was also suggested cancelling the April Luncheon next year and concentrating on the Anzac Day Breakfast.

STATE CONGRESS

We are entitled to four delegates to this year's Congress and the following names have been submitted:

Sam Dallywater, Tom Ferrero, Peter Firkins and John Low.

RAE VIETNAM NATIONAL RE-UNION

A Re-union of all those who served with Engineer Units in Vietnam is being organised. The venue is Sydney and the dates 28 to 30 September, 1990. Members interested should contact the Chairman, Mr Peter Scott, at P.O. Box 165, Moorebank NSW 2170.

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LISTENING POST - AUTUMN ISSUE

A note from the State Secretary to say that regretfully due to incorrect data information into the new computer system, financial members may not have received their Autumn issue and, conversely, copies may have been sent to non-financial and deceased members. The note goes on to sincerely apologise for this error and all attempts are being made to rectify it.

INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED DEPENDANTS

The National Executive has approved a National Survey to ascertain the numbers of intellectually disabled dependants of Veterans, and to determine how best to assist these veterans. Therefore, if you are aware of such veterans please advise the State Secretary or contact his office and the National Questionnaire will be sent. All returns should be completed by 30 June, 1990.

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