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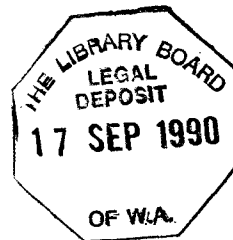
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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1990

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House, Perth

TIME: Fellowship 1200 hours
Luncheon 1250 hours

SPEAKER: Dr Jim Gill

SUBJECT: "Rail : A Bright Future"

Dr Jim Gill was born in Western Australia and gained a First Class Honours degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Western Australia in 1968. He obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Cambridge University for pioneering work in computer-aided design.

During 14 years with the Main Roads Department Dr Gill worked in a number of roles, from advanced pre-stressed concrete bridge design to senior management. From 1980 to 1982 he was the Department's Divisional Engineer, Kalgoorlie.

In 1982/83 Dr Gill completed a Management degree at Harvard University, USA.

Dr Gill joined Westrail in March 1987 and was appointed Commissioner in June 1988.

Dr Gill holds fellowships of the Institution of Engineers Australia, the Australian Institute of Management and the Chartered Institute of Transport. He was a Commissioner of the WA Post Secondary Education Commission and a member of the Minister of Education's recent Review of Higher Education. Dr Gill is a member of the Board of the Graduate School of Management and the Engineering Foundation at the University of Western Australia.

SPEAKER IN AUGUST

David Robertson gave a most enjoyable and interesting talk. It would appear that he is looking forward to the finish of his term here with very mixed feelings. He probably is nearly naturalised.

The 75th National Congress of the Returned Services League is now well under way here in Perth, hence the cancellation of our September Committee Meeting, but after their wreath laying ceremony held on Sunday, 2 September, and at the 39ers Association ceremony held a few hours earlier, Capt. Roy Marsh, the Warden of the State War Memorial spoke most forcibly and, I am sure, expressed the views of all of us at the act of mindless vandalism perpetrated on the Memorial the night before. Judging by the applause he received from the spectators at the two ceremonies he was expressing not only our views, but those of the rest of the inhabitants and visitors of this State as well.

Fortunately, by the Sunday most of the damage had been repaired and it is to be hoped that by some astute detective work the idiots responsible can be brought to justice.

Afterwards the delegates to the Congress were taken by bus around Kings Park and given a running commentary on the history of Honour Avenue by Max Brice.

WELCOME to new members MERVYN AUSTIN, JOHN McLAREN, RICHARD CARTER, HARRY FENNELL, LINDSAY CADDY.

Mervyn served with the RAAF, John with the RAN, Richard with the

108 Field Battery RAA (Vietnam Veteran), Lindsay and Harry both with RAAF.

Rather belated CONGRATULATIONS also to Ron Stone and Max Brice, who were both awarded the RSL Meritorious Medal at the State Congress for their efforts over the years to maintain and further the interests of ex-service men and women.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Returned Ex-Service Women's Sub Branch will be holding a "Gallipoli Year" Poppy Day Luncheon at the Fremantle Sailing Club, Success Harbour, Fremantle, at 12.15 pm on MONDAY, 29 OCTOBER. Tickets at \$25.00 each can be obtained from -

Mrs J. Dowson, Ticket Secretary,
3 Bay View Terrace, Mosman Park 6012.

or Application Forms available at the next two Monthly Luncheons.

"IT'S ON AGAIN, BACK TO BARRACKS NIGHT"

After the success of the last one in April '89, an informal get-together for RSL members, their wives and friends, to give everyone the chance to talk and find out the views of Service members not yet members of the RSL, will again be held.

VENUE: 7 Field Battery, Hobbs Artillery Park, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

DATE: Friday, 9 November 1990. Start 7.00 pm till whenever.

COST: \$5.00 per head (to cover supper on the night)

Full details and bookings, which close 6 November, from the Highgate Secretary (Tel: 279 8626).

In the next Newsletter no doubt there will be a request for Street Collectors for the Annual Poppy Day Appeal which falls this year on Friday, 9 November. Try and keep a couple of hours free and when the list is circulated asking for collectors add your name to it.

Also keep in mind the Ladies Night Dinner to be held towards the end of November. No firm details yet but

Regularly every month Newsletters from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs are circulated to all Sub Branches. The information handed out is very informative and ideal for those Sub Branches who have their own premises and notice boards, etc. In our case all I can do, I think, is to bring this literature to the Monthly Luncheons and leave it in a conspicuous position.

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