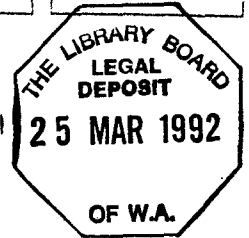


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MONTHLY LUNCHEON.
MONDAY 16 MARCH 1992.

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House Perth.
TIME : Fellowship 1200 hours
Luncheon 1250 hours

SPEAKER: Mr Emil M Skoden, Consul General of the United States of America.
SUBJECT: His experiences in Kuwait and Iraq at the time of the Iraqi invasion.

Emil Skoden arrived in Perth to take up his position as Consul General on August 1919. He had previously been the Consular for Economic Affairs at the US Embassy in Kuwait, and was in Kuwait at the time of the Iraqi invasion on 2 August 1990. After Iraq's Government reneged on it's promise of safe passage and refused to allow American Diplomats to depart Iraq, Mr Skoden served as the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Bagdad until December 1990 when he departed Bagdad.

LAST MONTHS SPEAKER: We extend our appreciation to Major General Taylor for an interesting and informative talk on the Services. It was very well received by all members.

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A good start to the New Year with a better than average attendance at the first luncheon, and an excellent guest speaker. Under the guidance of President, Leslie Lee, and with the support of his experienced and competent committee, the Sub Branch can look forward with confidence to the future.

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WELCOME: To new members Ian Miller and Len Bird. Both served with the RAAF, and both having seen the light, have transfered to us from other sub-branches.

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ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST: As the March committee meeting has been put back one week due to public holiday. Details of the event have not yet been finished. preliminary details are unchanged. but the cost is still negotiable, dependant upon how quickly the brandy bottle circulates. However it should be similar to that of the luncheon plus maybe a dollar or two. Names of those wishing to attend can be entered on the sheet available at the March luncheon, or if more convenient give the Secretary a ring (279 8626) and your name will be added. Invitations have so far been sent to the consuls of Britain, the US and the Netherlands.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS: With this newsletter is a slip requesting payment. If you have already paid PLEASE IGNORE IT. Administratively it would be difficult to send the slip only to members who are in arrears. In addition any Highgate members considering resigning because of the increase in annual subscriptions, before taking this drastic step, please contact our Secretary, and a copy of a letter from State Branch explaining the necessity of the increases will be forward to you.

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ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS: The Closing date at Anzac House for the submissions of Congress Agenda Items is 10 April 1992. This is an opportunity for members to bring forward matters of concern for debate at the Annual State Congress, to be held at Geraldton 20 and 21 June 1992. The following are suggested as appropriate subject, for agenda items.

DEFENCE	WAR VETERANS HOMES
IMMIGRATION	REMEMBRANCE (POPPY) DAY
REPATRIATION	MEMBERSHIP
LISTENING POST	ANZAC HOUSE
DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES	ANZAC CLUB
STATE WAR MEMORIAL	CONSTITUTION (NATIONAL AND STATE)
ANZAC DAY	ADMINISTRATION

PLEASE: Do not leave the preparation of your agenda items until the last minute, prepare item and forward to the sub branch Secretary before the next committee meeting on 6 April. Items should be submitted in the format style ie. with an explanatory preamble and a resolution as shown in previous agendas. Remember the closing date at Anzac House is 10 April. In addition members who are considering standing for election to the State Executive should inform the sub branch Secretary by no late than 6 April 1992.

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