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MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1992

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House Perth.

TIME : Fellowship 1200 hours
Luncheon 1250 hours

SPEAKER: Mr. Michael O'Connor, Executive Director, Australian Defence Association.

SUBJECT: Confronting the Future: The general theme is that the world and Australia is moving into a radical new era in managing security problems and that these will require Australians to look at questions of security in different ways compared to the past.

Michael O'Connor is a Graduate Australian School of Pacific Administration (1960), Royal Australian Air Force Staff College (O.E.F.C.) 1973, Executive Director, Australian Defence Association since 1981, (Founder and Secretary, Victorian Branch 1977-81), Managing Director, Kotali Consultants Pty. Ltd. Deputy Chairman, Doncaster and Templestowe Credit Co-operative Ltd. Royal Australian Naval Reserve 1965 -

LAST MONTHS SPEAKER: Dr Neil Cumpston gave us a most informative and interesting insight into Specialist Medical Services coupled with the newer advances in interventional cardiology - new techniques now available for dealing with narrowed valves and blocked arteries - for which we thank him.

Sick List: Harry Noonan, Don Lawrence and Geoff Russell, have all been contacted and are all cheerful. In return we the members of Highgate send them our best wishes.

WELCOME. To new member John Caporn. John served with the Regular Army for some years including service in Vietnam with 1 R.A.R. At present John is with the Army Reserve as 2 I/C Admin Coy 11/28 Bn R.W.A.R.

LADIES NIGHT DINNER. A firm booking has been made with the W.A Club for Friday 27 November 1992. Full details as they become available.

ANZAC DAY FORMAT: Advice has been received from Anzac House, that in the opinion of the overwhelming majority, the revised format used last year should be retained, as it was an improvement and reduced the overall time on parade by 55 minutes. However there were a number of occurrences that warranted review and attention, and this will be done.

POPPY DAY 1992: The appeal will be held on Friday, 6th November. This year we have been granted two collection points, the old and new bus stations. Ted Stevenson has again offered to organise the day and to be successful we will need for more collectors than in the past. A board will be circulated at the next two luncheons to give you the opportunity to volunteer your services.

GOLF DAYS ROCKINGHAM SUB BRANCH: This sub. branch has written to enquire if other sub branches would be interested in participating in golf days to be organised on a regular (by monthly) basis at different venues. It is envisaged that the year could culminate in a final event to be held at Rockingham Golf Club at the end of each season.- possibly an R.S.L. Trophy Day or some such event. If any of you golf fanatics are interested, please contact this Sub -branch secretary (279 8626) as soon as convenient.

SYMBOLISM OF THE R.S.L. BADGE.

The Wattle is symbolic of Australia. The leek, the rose, the thistle, and the shamrock are symbolic of and represent the link with Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland respectively. The badge is a symbol of a readiness at all times to render service to Queen and Country and to former comrades. It is a time honoured emblem- one that has been worn with a deep sense of pride by the most revered in our land and one that glorifies the coats of all privileged to wear it. No wealth or influence can purchase the badge which may be worn only by who have served their country. Your attention is drawn to the three colours in the badge. The red represents the blood tie of war that exists between you and your comrades. White stands for the purity of your motive in joining the League - to render service without thought of personal gain or ambition. The blue indicates your willingness to render that service to a comrade anywhere under the blue sky - wherever he may be. Depicted in the centre of the badge, and encircled by the name of the organisation, you will see a sailor, soldier, airman and servicewoman marching together with their arms linked in friendship. This is to show that within the circle of the League, all Services and all ranks march together in unity and comradeship. We would ask that you look upon your badge as an inspiration to good citizenship, cherishing it as a symbol of all that is best in our national life and living up to the high ideals on which the organisation is based

Thankyou Warren Smith for forwarding this. He found it in a Masonic Newsletter in NSW.

SUB WARDENS DUTIES:

SATURDAY 20 September 2.15pm for 2.30 pm RAF Association "Battle of Britain Service."

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER: 8.45am for 9.00 am The Australian Ex Services Atomic Survivors Association Inc.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER: 5.45pm for 6.00pm The Naval Association of Australia.

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER: 9.45 AM FOR 10.00AM The Royal Australian Air Force Association (European Area Branch)

Would sub wardens still in possession of the old berets please return them to, Ron stone a.s.a.p. New ones can be purchased at a cost of \$20.

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