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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON MONDAY 21 MARCH 1994

**VENUE:** Gallipoli Room Anzac House Perth

**TIME:** Fellowship 1150 Hours  
Luncheon 1240 Hours

**SPEAKER:** Mr Geoffrey Thomas, Aviation Writer.

**SUBJECT:** The 1000 passenger jumbo-The future of air travel.

Geoff has prepared and delivered a number of lectures on "Economics and management of airlines", "Deregulation", and "Air Safety", as well as the "Future of air travel".

He is the Aviation Editor of the Sunday Times in Perth and the Sunday Telegraph in Sydney as well as being a senior contributor to the industry magazine "Aircraft and Aerospace".

At the relative (to most of us) tender age of 42 years, Geoff has had a distinguished career in the aviation industry with a number of his articles being reproduced by aircraft manufacturers and airlines for wider distribution.

Currently Geoff is self employed and he is now producing our newsletter. Geoff is the son of our treasurer Ted Thomas.

**LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER:** David Watson, the Deputy commissioner of the Department of Veteran Affairs (WA) was our first speaker for 1994.

A very large audience of extremely interested members was treated to a detailed explanation of how the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital system will be affected after the handover to the Ramsay Health Care Group is completed on Thursday 24th March 1994.

His main point was that veterans or war widows will have access to a wider range of hospitals, doctors, and special services as they will have a greater freedom of choice amongst preferred providers of veteran health care.

Questions flew thick and fast at the end of the talk and David answered these with candour.

An area of concern is that whilst lists of in-house patients at Hollywood will still be readily available, it may prove more difficult for unit/sub-branch welfare representatives to discover if any of their members are under going hospitalization in other establishments.

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Another exceptionally well attended meeting and all thanks to the club and staff who coped admirably by setting up extra tables in a very short space of time. President Bob mentioned several points of interest to members including that we have now changed the newsletter publisher which should result in an improvement; Doug Dargie is resting at home after surgery; that Leon Goldsworthy is now residing in the Concorde Nursing Home, Como; and our member Max Brice was one of only two W.A. recipients to be honoured with the League's Australia Day Award.

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**ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST:** As Ron Stone explained at the luncheon, details remain the same as in previous years; Venue, The restaurant of the W.A. Club, 9th Floor, 18 The Esplanade, Perth. Parking available at the rear of the building. Breakfast commences 7.30am. Cost is \$20.00 to be collected during the breakfast. The best way to start what could be, for some, a very hectic day is with a hearty breakfast, assisted, for those who require it, by "gunfire", purely for medicinal purposes, and to keep out the cold. To ensure the occasion is neither a feast or a famine, accurate figures of attendance are required, so would you please if you are attending the next luncheon sign the sheet available there or telephone your acceptances to either Tom Scully Tel: 3326836 or Ron Stone Tel: 3214421.

**SUB WARDEN DUTIES:**

Sunday 27 March 10.15am for 10.20am Royal Australian Air Force Assn.  
Sunday 27 March 11.45am for noon, Consulate of Greece in W.A.  
For those attending both ceremonies morning tea will be arranged,  
courtesy of the Deputy Warden.

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**STATE CONGRESS:** Will be held this year over the weekend 17,18,19  
June in Perth. The closing date for the submission of agenda items is  
8.4.94. This is an opportunity for members to bring forward matters  
of concern for debate at the congress. Please do not leave the preparation  
of your agenda items to the last minute. The closing date for nominations  
to the State Executive is 29.4.94.

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**WELCOME:** To the new members who have joined since December.  
Thomas Wood, Alan Forbes and Douglas Farmer. Tom served with the  
RAAF (BCOF Japan and in Korea), Alan with the RAAF (460 SQN  
Bomber Command) and Doug with IRAR (Borneo and Vietnam). In  
addition, the Sate Branch's Senior Vice President has joined us as an  
associate member.

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**DID YOU NOTICE A GOLD STAR ON THE ADDRESS  
LABEL OF THIS NEWSLETTER?**

This is **NOT** a merit award. It signifies that, according to our records, you  
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## **THE HONOR AVENUE COMMITTEE-WHY,WHAT,WHO,HOW**

**Why Highgate?** The committee was a part of the **West Perth**, later-on renamed **Public Service**, and, still later added, **and Press Sub-Branch**, since the early twenties. When that Sub-Branch joined *in gremio* **Highgate**, the committee became a welcomed part of this Sub-Branch as a further example of the numerous services **Highgate** renders to the **State Branch**.

**What does it do?** The Honor Avenue in Kings Park is by now a part of Sand-Groper heritage. But to look respectable it has to be maintained-posts have to be replaced when eaten by ants or broken by careless drivers. From time to time plaques also, are broken, and, if not reparable, these to have to be replaced. Posts and plaques have to be painted, some more often than others, because of more exposed positions.

**Who?** The Committee is not (or at least it was not meant to be) a debating society, but a working committee and the members do all the actual physical work, not all the work of course. New plaques are ordered from a foundry.

**How?** Some members undertake the painting of posts, on a regular basis, others paint the plaques, at home or in situ. The posts were put in some twenty years ago. By now the roots of the trees pushed up or over some posts, so another team goes over the entire length of the Avenue, hammering, pushing, or pulling the posts, to make it look uniform, and that does require quite a lot of solid digging. All told, a real "Painting the Sydney Harbour Bridge" job. By the way-we are not a financial burden to the Sub Branch.

**And, yes, another "by-the-way":** Max Brice, the committee secretary is the true mainspring -since 1947!

Bish Kwiecinski