

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER:

AT THE MARCH LUNCHEON WE WERE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE THE SERVICES OF ONE OF OUR OWN MEMBERS IN THE PERSON OF "JOHN" ROSS TO REGALE US WITH A BRIEF TALK ON SOME OF HIS WAR TIME EXPERIENCES AS A MEMBER OF THE CREW OF HMAS SYDNEY. HIS ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE WITH THE ITALIAN CRUISERS "BARTOLEMEO CALLEONI" AND "BANDE NERE" WAS SO REALISTIC THAT ONE COULD ALMOST SMELL THE CORDITE AND HEAR THE CRASH OF GUNFIRE AS THE SIX INCH GUNS OF THESE WELL ARMED GREYHOUNDS OF THE SEA FLUNG SCREAMING METAL AT EACH OTHER ACROSS THE WATER. THE RESULT IS OF COURSE HISTORY. WITH THE SINKING OF THE "COLLEONI" ONE OF OUR FIRST NAVAL BATTLES OF WORLD WAR II WAS WON AND THE FLAGGING MORALE OF ALL ALLIED SERVICES WAS HANDED A MUCH NEEDED BOOST.

SINCERE THANKS, JOHN FOR A TRUE LIFE STORY OF A MOMENTOUS EVENT IN NAVAL ANNALS TOLD WITH SUCH OBVIOUS FEELING AND HUMOUR THAT CAN ONLY BE IMPARTED BY ONE WHO "WAS THERE". PERHAPS ON ANOTHER DAY, WHEN YOUR HEALTH IMPROVES, WE WILL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HEARING MORE TALES OF A VERY FULL AND SURELY EVENTFUL LIFE IN THE NAVY.

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ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL, 1995.

DEPUTY WARDEN, RON STONE, HAS MADE A SPECIAL REQUEST THAT AS MANY SUB-WARDENS AS POSSIBLE TURN OUT FOR THE DAWN SERVICE. ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 0525 HOURS WITH 'MARCH ON' AT 0540 HOURS. THE DAWN SERVICE WILL BE ATTENDED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, MAJOR-GENERAL P.M. JEFFERY AO MC, WHO WILL PRESENT THE OCCASIONAL ADDRESS.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DAWN SERVICE A SERVICE COMMEMORATING THOSE OF THE JEWISH FAITH WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR COUNTRY WILL BE HELD AT THE JEWISH MEMORIAL. THOSE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO CAN ATTEND THIS VERY MOVING CEREMONY ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.

THOSE ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON WHO INTEND PARTICIPATING IN THE ANZAC DAY MARCH SHOULD JOIN THEIR RESPECTIVE UNIT/KINDRED ORGANISATION AT THE APPROPRIATE ASSEMBLY POINT AFTER THE BREAKFAST.

SUB-WARDENS DUTIES:

TUESDAY 25 APRIL 0525 HOURS FOR 0540 ANZAC DAY SERVICE
 TUESDAY 25 APRIL 1700 HOURS FOR 1715 LODGE OF REMEMBRANCE 165
 SUNDAY 7 MAY 1345 HOURS FOR 1400 BOMBER COMMAND
 MONDAY 8 MAY 1015 HOURS FOR 1030 AUSTRALIA/AMERICA ASSOC.
 SUNDAY 28 MAY 1415 HOURS FOR 1430 DUNKIRK VETERANS' ASSOC.
 (N.B. DATE FOR DUNKIRK VETS' WAS INCORRECT IN LAST NEWSLETTER)

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RSL WAR VETERANS' HOME FETE:

THE "SAUSAGE SIZZLE" WHICH WAS SUCH A FANTASTIC SUCCESS LAST YEAR IS TO BE REPEATED AT THE FETE ON 30 APRIL. WHY NOT COME ALONG, MAKE THE FETE A DAY OUT FOR THE FAMILY AND TRY A WELL COOKED 'SNAGGER' OR EVEN LEND A HAND!! BE THERE AT AROUND 1100 HOURS IN ANY CASE.

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NEWS FROM AT HOME AND ABROAD:

EXMOUTH REMEMBERS: ANYONE WHO SERVED AT EXMOUTH DURING WORLD WAR II MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:- WHO BUILT THE AIRSTRIP AT LEARMOUTH; WHERE DID THE SPITFIRES COME FROM, ETC. THE CATALINA CLUB OF WA WILL VISIT EXMOUTH IN JUNE/JULY FOR A DEDICATION TO S/L "BLUE" TRUSCOTT AT THE TRUSCOTT MEMORIAL CLUB. PLEASE SEND ANY INFORMATION TO:- J&B GRAY, PO BOX 692 EXMOUTH WA 6707.

2RAR ORIGINAL & FOUNDER MEMBERS MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE: TO BE PRESENTED TO ANY SOLDIER WHO SERVED WITH 66 INF. BTN. BETWEEN OCTOBER 1945 AND LATE 1948. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED BY 2RAR ASSOC. INC. PO BOX 1097 TOOMBUL QLD 4012.

AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS PAINTING EXHIBITION AND SALE: 21 APRIL TO 14 MAY. PAINTINGS BY WA ARTISTS BEVERLY LUNT AND CLAY EVANS WILL BE EXHIBITED AT ALLENDALE SQUARE, ST GEORGES TERRACE, PERTH. THESE PAINTINGS EXPLORE THE ROLE OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES AND THOSE WHO SERVED ON THE HOME FRONT. IT IS PART OF THE RSL COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME.

WA RSL BOWLS SECTION: THE ANNUAL MIXED FOURS WEEKEND BOWLS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE YOKINE BOWLING CLUB ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 21 & 22 MAY. 'PHONE E PHILP ON 450-4033.

BORNEO-"SANDAKAN" 50TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE : JULY, 1995. DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE OFFICE. (RSL TRAVEL).

LEGACY BADGE DAY: 21 APRIL - TOM HORTON REQUESTS THAT BADGE SELLERS TURN UP ON TIME AT THEIR DESIGNATED PLACES.

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