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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY, 15 MAY, 1995

VENUE: GALLIPOLI ROOM, ANZAC HOUSE, ST GEORGES TERRACE, PERTH.

TIME: FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS; LUNCHEON 1240 HOURS.

SPEAKER: MR. ALLAN ELLIOTT, C.D., GENERAL MANAGER, RAAF

ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION) INC.

SUBJECT:

RAAF ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT VILLAGES IN W.A. - "THE MERRIWA PROJECT" -

Allan was born at York in Western Australia and spent most of his childhood, during World War II in the country town of Wongan Hills. He received his primary education at various country schools and his secondary at Perth Boy's School.

Having been called up for National Service in 1955 he joined the Royal Australian Army and served three years. He was stationed at various camps in New South Wales and served twelve months in Malaya during the Malayan campaign.

On being discharged from the Army he spent some time hospital administration at Wittenoom and Tom Price, subsequently became Administrator at the hospitals at Wittenoom, Tom Price, Newman, Parabadoo and Raven.

In 1980 he was appointed to the position of State Secretary, Royal Australian Air Force Association (WA Division) Inc. While still occupying that post, has also been appointed General Manager of the Association. During Allan's period of service with the RAAFA the Retirement Village at Bull Creek has undergone continued expansion, a new Branch has been established at Mandurah and work is well under way and swiftly moving towards the completion at the new retirement village at Merriwa (just a "hop, step and jump" due East of Quinns Beach).

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SUB-WARDENS DUTIES:

MONDAY	8 MAY	1015 HOURS FOR 1030	AUSTRALIA/AMERICA ASSOC.
SUNDAY	14 MAY	1145 HOURS FOR 1200	BATTLE OF CRETE
TUESDAY	23 MAY	1315 HOURS FOR 1330	WOMEN'S AUXILIARY STATE
			EXECUTIVE
SUNDAY	28 MAY	1415 HOURS FOR 1430	DUNKIRK VETERANS' ASSOC.

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RSL VETERANS' HOME FETE:

THE DAY WAS FINE AND, ALTHOUGH THE CROWD SEEMED TO BE SMALL, A VERY GOOD TURNOVER WAS ACHIEVED BY THE "SAUSAGE SIZZLE" STALL. OUR SINCERE THANKS GO OUT TO LEN IKIN AND HIS GROUP FOR THE SUPPLY (AT THE RIGHT PRICE) OF THE DELICIOUS 'SNAGS'- (FOR A QUALITY REPORT JUST ASK RON STONE'S GRAND-CHILDREN) WHICH WERE DEVOURED BY SUCH OBVIOUS DELIGHT AND RELISH BY THE HUNGRY MULTITUDE!! THANKS ARE ALSO DUE, TO THE SMALL BUT DEDICATED BAND OF WILLING WORKERS WHO 'SLAVED OVER A HOT STOVE' TO TURN THE BASIC INGREDIENTS INTO A SCRUMPTIOUS MEAL. WITH OUR PRESIDENT, LES STEWART, LEADING BY EXAMPLE JOHN SURRIDGE, ALLAN KING AND TOM SCULLY WERE SEEN TO BE 'CHEFFING' WITH THE 'BEST OF THEM'. WHILE ACCEPTING THAT OUR MEMBERS WERE DOING A FINE JOB, IT WAS PARTICULARLY NOTED THAT MRS. KING AND MRS. SCULLY WERE IN THE VANGUARD OF THE EFFORT. SPECIAL MENTION SHOULD ALSO BE MADE OF THE LADY FROM PEARSON VILLAGE WHO "CAME TO BUY AND STAYED TO HELP" AGAIN THANK YOU LADIES FOR A FINE JOB WELL DONE. AS A RESULT A CHEQUE FOR OVER SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS WILL BE SENT TO THE HOMES!!

FROM AT HOME AND ABROAD:

RAN SLOOPS MEMORIAL: A STAINED GLASS WINDOW IS TO BE PLACED IN ST. MARK'S CHAPEL AT HMAS CERBERUS, WESTERN PORT, VICTORIA, AS A NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THE FOUR SLOOPS, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, WARREGO AND SWAN AND THE 280 NAVY PERSONNEL WHO WERE KILLED IN THREE OF THESE SHIPS. INFORMATION IS REQUESTED ON SURVIVORS, FAMILIES AND NEXT OF KIN. DONATIONS ARE SOUGHT TO ASSIST THOSE INVOLVED TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION AND UNVEILING OF THE WINDOW, DONORS WILL ALSO BE INVITED AND THEIR NAMES WILL BE RECORDED IN A MEMORIAL BOOK. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:- ANGUS WALSH, 59 TYRONE ST., WERRIBEE, VIC. 3030.

KANIVA SUB-BRANCH - 50TH COMMEMORATIVE REUNION: ANY MEMBERS WHO ENLISTED IN KANIVA AND ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE REUNION PLEASE CONTACT T.J. WITMITZ APM, 2 HIGH S STREET, KANIVA. 3419. 'PHONE (053) 922-363 FAX. (053)922-428.

ROTARY/RSL KOKADA MEMORIALS: A SERIES OF AID POSTS ARE BEING BUILT ALONG THE KOKADA TRAIL. THE INITIAL POST HAS BEEN BUILT AT WAJU AND IT IS PLANNED THAT A HEALTH SUB-CENTRE WILL BE BUILT AT EIWO, AS WELL AS FURTHER POSTS AT BUNA, SAIROPE, HANAU AND KEBARA. A TARGET OF \$22,000 HAS BEEN SET. DONATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM RAY MAWSON (PHONE 387 - 3279) OR THE STATE OFFICE...

<u>50TH ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE</u>: RAY MAWSON IS HOLDING CATALOGUES AND DETAILS OF THE FOLLOWING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE IF ANY MEMBER WISHES TO PURCHASE ITEMS FROM THE RANGE. THE OFFICIAL LICENSED MERCHANDISE COMPRISES: TIES, SHIRTS, KEY RINGS PLAQUES, ETC.

"AN ANZAC SONG" (WHICH WAS SUNG ON THE 'JENNY SEATON' SHOW') IS AVAILABLE ON TAPE FOR NINE DOLLARS (\$9-00), INCLUDING POSTAGE.;

WEDGEWOOD-SPODE PLATES AND MUGS;

WEST COAST IMPRESSIONS (CANADA) T-SHIRTS, 'D' DAY, 'VE' DAY, 'LEST WE FORGET';

"BRASS RAZOO" - A 32MM DIAMETER MEDALLION IN BRASS.

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WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

BRIAN JAGOT CHRISTOPHER HOLMES PHILIP ZEID CHRISTOPHER ROSE ARMY, REME - BAOR 1954-56 RAN, VIETNAM, 1964-85 RAAF BURMA, 1942-47 RAF 1968-77

(WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME IMPEDIMENT, E.G. WORK OR OTHER COMMITMENTS, WHICH WILL PREVENT YOU FROM ATTENDING MEETINGS REGULARLY YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME ALONG, AT LEAST TO THE MAY LUNCHEON MEETING TO BE PERSONALLY WELCOMED AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF A GREAT GROUP OF COMRADES.)

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