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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON. MONDAY 17 JULY, 1995.

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

**TIME :** FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS; LUNCHEON 1230 HOURS.

**SPEAKER:** MR. W. FOREMAN, DIRECTOR, WA INSTITUTE OF SPORT.

**SUBJECT:** SPORT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND BEYOND.

MR. FOREMAN (WALLY) IS KNOWN TO MOST OF US FOR HIS EXPERT COMMENTARIES OF SPORTING EVENTS, ESPECIALLY AS A MEMBER OF THE ABC TV TEAM WHICH, ON WINTER SATURDAY AFTERNOONS, BRINGS THE BEST OF WAFL FOOTBALL INTO OUR HOMES.

BORN IN KALGOORLIE IN 1948 HE SPENT MUCH OF HIS CHILDHOOD IN BRUCE ROCK AND COMPLETED HIS SECONDARY EDUCATION AT PERTH MODERN SCHOOL. HE WAS INITIALLY EMPLOYED IN THE CROWN LAW DEPARTMENT BEFORE SERVING FOR TWO YEARS (NATIONAL SERVICE) IN THE ARMY WHERE HE REACHED THE RANK OF 2ND LIEUTENANT.

HIS CAREER IN JOURNALISM STARTED WHEN HE WAS AWARDED A CADETSHIP BY THE "WEST AUSTRALIAN" AND WAS POSTED TO MELBOURNE AS ONE OF THAT NEWSPAPER'S TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN 1972. IN 1975 HE JOINED THE ABC AS A SPORTS COMMENTATOR AND FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS HE BROADCAST PROMINENT

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES INCLUDING TEST CRICKET, DAVIS CUP TENNIS, THE ESANDA WORLD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS A WIDE VARIETY OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

FOLLOWING HIS STINT WITH THE ABC WALLY WAS APPOINTED SPORTS EDITOR FOR STW CHANNEL 9 IN PERTH AND COVERED THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE GAMES, THE WORLD ATHLETICS CUP IN ROME AND THE AUSTRALIAN HOCKEY TOURS OF MALAYSIA AND PAKISTAN. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NETWORKS COMMENTARY TEAM FOR ITS COVERAGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN BRISBANE IN 1982.

IN 1984 HE WAS APPOINTED THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT, A POSITION WHICH HE STILL HOLDS. IT IS THE INSTITUTE'S ROLE TO DEVELOP WA'S ELITE ATHLETES AND IT IS CONSIDERED A LEADER IN THIS FIELD. AS DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE, WALLY HAS PLAYED AN INTEGRAL PART IN THE REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S SPORTING SYSTEM SINCE THE SEOUL OLYMPIC GAMES. WITH HIS VAST AND VARIED BACKGROUND WE ARE SURE TO BE TREATED TO A DELIGHTFUL AND INFORMATIVE TALK MADE SO MUCH MORE SO WITH THE IMMINENCE OF THE 2000 OLYMPICS.

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### LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER

AFTER A VERY BUSY FELLOWSHIP PERIOD IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE HOW MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WERE HELD SPELLBOUND DURING A TALK ABOUT, OF ALL THINGS - WATER!! HAVING ENJOYED OUR MEAL IT WAS REFRESHING TO RELAX AND LISTEN TO SUCH AN EXPERT TALK ABOUT PERTH'S EARLY PROBLEMS IN LOCATING AND PROCURING ADEQUATE SUITABLE DRINKING WATER FOR OUR FOREBEARS - DESPITE THE POLITICAL INDIFFERENCE OF THE PERIOD.

ALTHOUGH SOME THINGS HAVE CHANGED ONE WONDERS WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THOSE PAST EXPERIENCES AND HOW OUR POLITICAL MASTERS PROPOSE TO PLAN FOR THE EXPECTED EXPANSION OF POPULATION INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

OUR MOST SINCERE THANKS GO TO HAROLD HUNT FOR A MOST INFORMATIVE AND ENLIGHTENING HALF HOUR DISSERTATION.

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### CORRECTION !! CORRECTION !! CORRECTION !!

STATE OFFICE HAS ADVISED OF AN ERROR WHICH OCCURRED IN THE WINTER EDITION OF THE "LISTENING POST". ON PAGE 29 UNDER THE HEADING "INCREASE IN DEEMING RATE WILL AFFECT SOME SERVICE PENSIONERS" PARAGRAPH 5 STATED ... COUPLES WITH \$40000, ARE DEEMED TO EARN THE SPECIFIED LEVEL OF INTEREST". THE FIGURE SHOULD, IN FACT BE \$4,000.

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## SUB-WARDENS' DUTIES.

SUNDAY 23 JULY 1015 HOURS FOR 1030 BY A COMBATANTS "DRAZA  
MIHAILOVICH".  
SUNDAY 23 JULY 1145 HOURS FOR 1200 CYPRIAN COUNCIL OF WA.  
SUNDAY 30 JULY 1115 HOURS FOR 1130 MACEDONIAN COUNCIL OF WA.  
WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST 1730 HOURS FOR 1745 HMAS "CANBERRA/SHROPSHIRE"  
ASSOC.  
TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 1045 HOURS FOR 1100 AVADSC WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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## SUB-BRANCH NOTICES:

**VALE:** THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE SUB-BRANCH HAVE PASSED AWAY  
RECENTLY:- PHILLIP TOOMEY  
KENTISH HAMMOND

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THEIR LOVED ONES AT THIS TIME OF  
GREAT LOSS. THE SUB-BRANCH WAS REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS WHO WERE  
PRESENT AT THE FUNERAL SERVICES.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - IF YOU ARE ABOUT TO CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS YOU MUST  
ADVISE THE SECRETARY IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER.  
UNFORTUNATELY A NUMBER OF MEMBERS HAVE FAILED TO DO THIS AND WE ARE  
STILL HAVING COPIES RETURNED BECAUSE THEY ARE WRONGLY ADDRESSED.

**NOISE AT LUNCHEON MEETINGS** - MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SHOW  
CONSIDERATION FOR OUR GUEST SPEAKERS BY REMAINING SILENT DURING THEIR  
ADDRESS. THE CHATTER WHICH SOMETIMES CONTINUES, EVEN WHEN ASKED TO  
DESIST BY THE CHAIRMAN, IS MOST DISCOURTEOUS.

**LADIES LUNCHEON** - IS TO BE HELD AT THE CARINE COLLEGE GRADUATE  
RESTAURANT IN SEPTEMBER ON A DATE YET TO BE FIXED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT  
THE COST WILL BE \$15-00 PER PERSON (INCLUDING "TABLE" DRINKS). MORE  
SHORTLY.

**DID YOU KNOW ??** THAT THE SUB-BRANCH HAS ITS OWN WELFARE OFFICER IN THE  
PERSON OF BOB SMITH ? BOB KEEPS HIMSELF COMPLETELY UP TO DATE WITH THE  
VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION. HE WILL HAPPILY  
DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS YOU HAVE, INCLUDING APPEARANCES BEFORE THE  
VETERANS' REVIEW BOARD, ETC. - IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE. SO IF YOU WANT TO  
DISCUSS YOUR WORRIES TALK TO BOB - HE'S A "FULL BOTTLE" !!

### **WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

J. MACKAY EX RAN GEORGE OLIVER EX RAAF AND J. CUTTING, OAM, EX RAN  
AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE PLEASURE OF THEIR REGULAR COMPANY AT  
OUR FORTHCOMING LUNCHEON MEETINGS.

**SOMETHING NEW:** AT ITS MOST RECENT MEETING YOUR COMMITTEE DECIDED  
THAT FROM THIS ISSUE ONWARDS VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEE PERSONNEL WILL BE

ASKED TO PROVIDE AN "ARTICLE OF INTEREST" FOR PUBLICATION IN THE "NEWS" SO THAT YOU, THE MEMBERS, WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE HAPPENINGS AT SUB-BRANCH, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL. IN KEEPING WITH THIS PHILOSOPHY YOU WILL FIND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES REPORTS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE WELFARE OFFICER. PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE IDEA.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE MEMBERS OF HIGHGATE INFORMED, THERE WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH NEWS LETTER FROM NOW ON, A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS TABLED AT MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS. TO KICK THINGS OFF I WISH TO MAKE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE STATE CONGRESS WHICH TOOK PLACE OVER THE PERIOD 16, 17 AND 18 JUNE.

HIGHGATE WAS REPRESENTED BY MYSELF, THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT (TOM SCULLY), THE SECRETARY (RAY MAWSON), THE WELFARE OFFICER (BOB SMITH) AND COMMITTEEMAN BISH KWIECINSKI, WHO STOOD IN AT SHORT NOTICE FOR THE JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT (DON MEREDITH).

IN ALL THERE WERE 44 ITEMS PUBLISHED IN THE AGENDA, FOUR OF WHICH WERE PROPOSED BY THE HIGHGATE BRANCH. THE FIRST OF THESE DEALT WITH RESTRICTING THE TENURE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE PRESIDENT TO FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THIS WAS DEFEATED.

TWO OTHER MOTIONS RELATED TO CONCESSIONS FOR, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR VETERANS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS AND THEIR SPOUSE. THESE WERE DULY PASSED AFTER SOME DISCUSSION AND EXPLANATION.

THE FINAL HIGHGATE MOTION PROPOSED THAT THE PERSON HOLDING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS IN THIS STATE, IF NOT OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE, BE ACCORDED HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE WHILE HOLDING THAT POSITION. THIS WAS ALSO DULY CARRIED.

CONGRATULATIONS WHICH WERE EXTENDED AT OUR LAST MONTHLY MEETING TO CHRIS BROOKS ON HIS ELECTION TO STATE EXECUTIVE ARE REPEATED HERE. CHRIS IS A HARD WORKING MEMBER OF THE HONOUR AVENUE COMMITTEE AND HAS A LOT TO CONTRIBUTE.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JEFF NEWMAN (CHANNEL 7 WEATHER) AS STATE WARDEN ELECT TO SUCCEED REAR ADMIRAL PHILLIP KENNEDY ON THE 11TH NOVEMBER WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE STATE PRESIDENT. I'M SURE THAT HE WILL BE WELL SUPPORTED BY THE HIGHGATE SUB-WARDENS, AS IS OUR WONT.

MUCH HAS BEEN SPOKEN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S DAWN SERVICE AND I FEEL THAT THE PROBLEM AND ITS SOLUTION IS BEST SET OUT IN THE WARDEN'S REPORT WHICH WAS TABLED AT CONGRESS, THIS READ IN PART "... WHILST ESCORTING THE GOVERNOR AWAY FROM THE MEMORIAL I BECAME AWARE FROM THE COMPLIMENTS MANY HAD BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED." HIS REPORT GOES ON "... WHILST NOT PRIVY TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE DELIBERATIONS LEADING TO THE MODIFICATION TO THE DAWN SERVICE I DO HOWEVER SUPPORT THE DECISION. THE OVER-ARCHING FACTOR IS, I BELIEVE, THAT THE "SPIRIT OF ANZAC" MUST BE PASSED ON TO OUR YOUNG AND NOT BE

TAKEN TO THE GRAVE BY THE VETERANS...". THE WARDEN CONCLUDED THAT PART OF HIS REPORT BY SAYING "... I DO NOT HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT THE "ANZAC MESSAGE" WILL BE PASSED ON ADEQUATELY BY OUR SCHOOLS

I .THEREFORE, SUPPORT CONTINUANCE OF THE MODIFICATION WITH THE PROVISIO THAT THE COMMENTARY BE MINIMAL. WITH MODERN ELECTRONICS/ACOUSTICS THE DISTRIBUTION OF OF THE SOUND COULD BE IMPROVED WITHOUT INCREASING THE DECIBELS (VOLUME). THE ADMIRAL'S REPORT CONCLUDED WITH "... I AM VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE HONOUR CONFERRED ON ME IN BEING INVITED TO BE WARDEN FOR THIS PRESENT YEAR. MY ABIDING MEMORIES WILL BE OF THE REVERENCE AND DILIGENCE OF THOSE HIGHGATE PERSONNEL WHO CONDUCT WAR MEMORIAL CEREMONIALS AND OF THE NEED TO BRING THE WIDER PUBLIC AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE INTO ALL THAT IT REPRESENTS - OUR MILITARY HERITAGE."

WELL DONE PHILLIP KENNEDY AND WELL DONE HIGHGATE !!

AT THE JULY COMMITTEE MEETING IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD A LADIES FUNCTION IN SEPTEMBER - SO WATCH THE "HIGHGATE NEWS" FOR DETAILS OF THAT.

LES STEWART  
PRESIDENT.

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**WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**SERVICE PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES**

1. ASSESSMENT RULES FOR FINANCIAL ASSETS HAVE BEEN SIMPLIFIED.
2. VETERANS' AFFAIRS ARE TO SET UP FINANCIAL INFORMATION SERVICE.
3. LUMP SUM ADVANCE OF UP TO \$500-00 TO BE MADE AVAILABLE.
4. PENSIONERS' HOME SERVICE SCHEME TO BE REVISED.
5. NON VETERAN WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR PARTNERS SERVICE PENSION ENTITLEMENTS.
6. DISCOUNT OF UP TO 20% TO BE ALLOWED ON REPAYMENT OF "OVERPAYMENTS" IN FULL.
7. IMPROVED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE.
8. DVA BEREAVEMENT ASSISTANCE WILL BE IMPROVED.
9. CALCULATION OF BEREAVEMENT PAYMENTS FOR WAR WIDOWS RECEIVING INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO BE CHANGED.
- 10 DIRECT DEBIT SCHEME FOR STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY RENT PAYMENTS.
11. RENT ASSISTANCE THRESHOLD INCREASED BY \$5-00 PER FORTNIGHT.

BOB SMITH.  
WELFARE OFFICER.

N.B. PLEASE LET YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE NEW "HIGHGATE NEWS" SET-UP AND/OR WHETHER YOU THINK IT CAN BE IMPROVED !!

TOM SCULLY  
EDITOR.

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