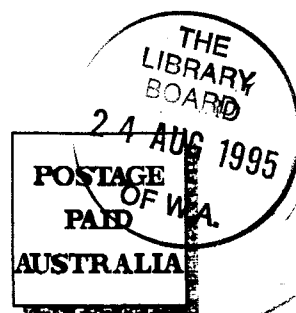


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MONTHLY LUNCHEON. MONDAY 21 AUGUST, 1995.

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

TIME : FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS; LUNCHEON 1230 HOURS.

SPEAKER: MR. N. B. (NICK) CARTER, FORMER DIRECTOR OF NURSING,
WA PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECT: NURSING IN PRISONS.

NICK WAS BORN IN WEST HARTLEPOOL , U.K. (THE TOWN WHERE THEY HANGED THE MONKEY) ON 26 MAY, 1938. WHEN HE WAS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD HE JOINED THE MERCHANT NAVY AS AN OFFICER CADET AND IN FOUR SHORT YEARS HAD ADVANCED TO BECOME THIRD MATE.

IN 1958 NATIONAL SERVICE CALLED AND YOUNG NICK SERVED IN THE RAMC AS A MENTAL NURSING ORDERLY CLASS III. HE JOINED THE LONDON METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE IN 1960 AND, HAVING RISEN TO THE RANK OF SENIOR DETECTIVE CONSTABLE, HE RETIRED IN 1970.

SEEKING GREENER FIELDS FOR HIS MANY TALENTS HE "CAST HIS BREAD UPON THE WATERS" (LITERATELY) AND SET OUT FOR THE "GREAT SOUTH LAND". HAVING ARRIVED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA LATE IN 1970 (HE CLAIMS "AS A TEN POUND TOURIST") HE DECIDED TO PUT DOWN ROOTS AND SO AUSTRALIA GAINED ANOTHER WELCOME MIGRANT!!

NEXT CAME TRAINING (AT CLAREMONT MENTAL HOSPITAL) AS STUDENT PSYCHIATRIC NURSE FROM 1971-1976. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY FURTHER TRAINING, THIS TIME AS A STUDENT GENERAL NURSE, AT SIR CHARLES GAIRDENER HOSPITAL FOR TWO YEARS.

HAVING COMPLETED HIS TRAINING, NICK JOINED THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN 1979 AS HOSPITAL OFFICER AND IN 1983 WAS PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF NURSING.

NICK RETIRED IN 1994 AND, IN COMMON WITH MANY OF OUR MEMBERS, IS THOROUGHLY ENJOYING IT. IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE DETAILS OF A VERY FULL LIFE HE HAS BEGUN TO WRITE HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY SO IS WELL PREPARED TO PRESENT US WITH A MOST INTERESTING SUBJECT.

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LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER:

What a pleasure it was to listen to Wally Foreman's talk on sport. Obviously a subject of which he has a great knowledge and the professional's ability to impart it in such a manner that even those of us with only the merest smidgen of background (and who in Australia would admit to such a lack?) could be, and were, kept enthralled throughout his all too short twenty minutes of wit and wisdom. We sincerely thank you, Wally, and hope that the plans you enunciated for our sporting achievements will all come to fruition.

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DO YOU KNOW - (?)

Les Stewart - currently our Sub-branch President

Les was born on 20 July, 1936 and served with 3 RAR from 1955-69; Special Air Services (R) 1979-80; 2ic WAUR - 11/28 R WAR 1991 and retired 20 June, 1991.

Max Brice - amongst other duties, a very committed committee member
Born 10 November, 1916 and served RANVR 1939-1946; was "under fire" during the Darwin bombing and was on the Staff of the Commodore, Australian Fleet.
Max was at various times President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Public Service Sub-branch and in 1985 became President of Highgate. He has been Secretary of the Honour Avenue Committee since 1947 and is has fund of knowledge on all things pertaining to our involvement in King's Park.

Max has been honoured by the League with Life Membership; Certificate of Service; and League Meritorious Medal.

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SUB-WARDENS' DUTIES.

Sunday,	3 September	1445 hours for 1500	Thirtyniners Assoc. of Australia.
Sunday,	10 September	1145 hours for 1200	Maltese Assoc. of W A.
Sunday,	17 September	1500 hours for 1515	Royal Air Forces Assoc.
Wednesday,	4 October	1730 hours for 1745	Naval Assoc. of Australia (WA Section)

(Please note: The Sub-branch is running short of Sub-warden arm bands for manning the Memorial. If you happen to have taken one (or more) home with you will you please get them to the Secretary at or before our next meeting as they are urgently needed for ceremonies , particularly during this year.)

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AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS.

BORNEO PILGRIMAGE 7-17 JULY 1995. by Geoff Hutchison.

I was one of thirtyeight veterans privileged to participate in one of three pilgrimages to World War II theatres as part of the "Australia Remembers" programme. Led by Dr. Allan Hawke, President, Repatriation Commission, and Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs, we visited, and conducted memorial services, at Jokarta, Balikpapan, Tarakan, Sandakan, Ranau, Labuan and Kranji War Cemetery in Singapore. The party consisted of representatives from all three services plus one merchant seaman and included ex-POWs from Changi, the Burma Railway, Sandakan and Kuching.

In the group was Owen Campbell, one of six survivors of the Sandakan Death March of whom three still survive. Our Chaplain was Father John Rogers, POW Changi, Sandakan and Kuching. We were joined at appropriate times by the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, His Excellency Allan Taylor, AM, and the High Commissioner to Malaysia, His Excellency John Dauth LVO. The Hon. Con Sciacca, Minister for Veterans' Affairs joined us at Sandakan and stayed with us right through to Melbourne.

Among highlights of a memorable trip were:-

the simple and tragic beauty of the Sandakan ceremony, where Owen Campbell, survivor of the 2,500 mile death march, laid the first wreath;

Ranau: the end of the Death March, where the memorial cairn, built by the local villagers, marks the spot where Private Don Cleary who had been recaptured after trying to escape was chained by the neck to a stake and left for eleven days without food. When he was released his mates took him to the local creek and washed him - then he died !

the wonderful way in which the young service people who made up our Guard of Honour; and the way the Naval band cared for us "oldies" throughout the trip. Carried our bags, helped us in and out of coaches and aircraft and made sure that we drank our three litres of water per day. The spirit of the services is still strong, willing and able.

It was a trip, no, an experience, that I will ever remember. We returned with the thought that "AUSTRALIA MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER".

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY:

SPECIAL AIR FARES: Qantas and Ansett have advised that veterans and their spouses are eligible for substantially reduced air fares to the Eastern States until 31 December, 1995. Enquiries should be made to the airline's office direct.

ARMY ART SHOW - 21ST ANNIVERSARY -will be held in the gymnasium, Campbell Barracks 15 September (evening opening) and 16/17 October. Any artists or potters wishing to participate please contact Mrs. Chris McCalman on 383 7910 for pottery or Mrs. Jude Maskew 384 6032 for painting.

DEPENDENCE FORCES RECORDS: Welfare Officer, Bob Smith has the addresses of Records Offices for Defence Forces both Australian and overseas, if required by any member.

POPPY DAY: 10 November, 1995. Last year's Poppy Day sales were a record. **WHY** - Because we had had at least ten men each and every hour at both stands - the Busport and the Bus Station selling poppies. **WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN THIS YEAR** . See Tom Horton and give him **YOUR** name !!

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VALE: It is with deep regret that we advise the death of the following members:-

A. A. (Able) Dacre; and

J. (Jack) Suermondt.

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.

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WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT.

(1) **ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMONWEALTH SENIORS' HEALTH CARD EXTENDED TO WIDOWS AND NON-ILLNESS SEPARATED SPOUSES OF VETERANS:** This will help widowed and non-illness separated spouses of veterans to obtain a Commonwealth Seniors' health card (CSHC) from the Department of Veterans' Affairs following a bereavement or an increase in their asset holding. The (CSHC) is available to those retirees and eligible veterans of pensionable age (55 years for females veterans; 60 for male veterans and 60 years for non veteran females and 65 for non veteran males) who fail to qualify for a service pension because their assets exceed the assets test limit or they do not meet the ten year residency rule.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 10 October, 1995.

(3) RENT ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS TO BE PHASED OUT: All people benefitting from "saved" rent assistance (RA) provision will have their combined total rate of service pension (SP) and (RA) frozen until this combined amount equals the amount the assistance provided under current guidelines. (RA) reforms in 1989 and 1993 "saved" entitlements for existing service pensioners who would have received a reduced combined total rate of (SP) and (RA) as a result of the new rules. This "saved" amount continued to increase with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). To promote equity and efficiency this initiative freezes the combined total rate of (SP) and (RA). This combined rate will not be increased until the pensioner is entitled to receive a higher amount under current rules.

Dependent child add-on, telephone allowance and pharmaceutical allowance will still be increased in line with movements in the (CPI).

Bob Smith, Welfare Officer.

LADIES LUNCHEON.

A ladies luncheon has been arranged for Wednesday, 27 September, 1995.

The venue is the Graduate Restaurant, Carine Campus of TAFE, Almadine Drive, Carine. Time: 1100 hours for 1200.

Seating has been booked for sixty (60) people and will be allocated on a "first come first served basis.

Cost: fifteen dollars (\$15-00) per person. This includes a three course silver service meal (a choice of 2 or 3 different dishes per course) and drinks throughout the meal (beer, wine soft). Pretty good value these days!!

If you wish to attend please put the date in y our social calendar, complete the form below and send it with your cheque to Ray Mawson, no later than 4 September, 1995.

Mr. R. Mawson

Name:..... (please print)

I wish to attend the luncheon on 27 September, 1995.

I will be accompanied by number of guests

Enclosed is my cheque for \$.....(\$15-00 per person)

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