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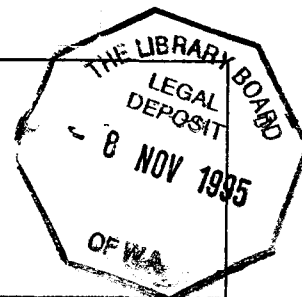
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MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

MONDAY 20 November, 1995.

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

TIME : FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS; LUNCHEON 1230 HOURS.

SPEAKER: Mr R W (Ron) Alexander, Manager, Junior Sport Development,
Ministry of Sport and Recreation, WA.

SUBJECT: Australian Football - From East Perth To The Docks.

Ron Alexander was born in 1950, is married with three children and lives at Salter Point. He has worked as a teacher, sports administrator and manager but is undoubtedly best known for his involvement in the Australian Rules Football industry. Ron began his senior football career with East Perth Football Club in 1971 and in 1976 entered the VFL through selection for the Footscray club. In 1982 he returned to Western Australia where he became captain/coach of East Fremantle taking that club to three Grand Finals, winning the Premiership in 1985. He was appointed inaugural coach of the West Coast Eagles in 1987. He has played over 300 senior games and has represented both Western Australia and Victoria in interstate football. He was State coach of the Western Australian side which won the All Australian Championships in 1986 and was named All Australian coach by the National Football Association.

Having completed the feasibility study for the entry of the second AFL team to come to Perth in June, 1993 he chaired interview panels for the appointment of coach and other senior positions. He is a Board Member as well as being Chairman of Selectors for the Fremantle Football Club (Docks).

A Batchelor of Education, Ron has taught English, Physiculture and Social Studies at schools in Victoria and Western Australia, including two years teaching behavioral problem boys.

Appointments which Ron currently holds include:-

Board Member - WA Olympic Task Force (instigated by Hon. Norman Moore, Minister for Education, Sport and Recreation to secure opportunities for Western Australia as a result of the Sydney 2000 Olympics);

Board Member - WA Coaching Foundation (all sports);

President WA Football Coaches Association;

Chairman of Football Committee and Board Member Fremantle Football Club (Dockers);

Board Member - Western Australian Institute of Sport.

With such a depth of experience and knowledge behind him we look forward to a most interesting talk from a man who is fast becoming a football ikon in his own time.

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LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER:

Dr Dick Reid, as expected, treated us to a well researched and delivered dissertation on Nurse Edith Cavell. He unfolded the story of a young woman of high courage and fierce determination in her chosen profession. It is to be expected that wherever historians meet to discuss the actions of Nurse Cavell it will be admitted that her actions in giving succour to and assisting allied servicemen to escape from behind enemy lines and return to their units could be considered a hostile act. Few if any, however would agree with the severity of the sentence - death by firing squad. Sincere thanks Dick for a very interesting and well researched talk on a subject of which many of us were not aware.

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THE HONOUR AVENUE

by Max Brice.

The Sub-branch Committee members are often asked about the Honour Avenue Committee - How did Highgate get it? Who is on it? What do they do? etc.

The RSL became involved with the work in the Kings Park Honour Avenues in 1922 when West Perth Sub-Branch was handed over some of the responsibilities by the Kings Park Board. West Perth later changed its name to the Public Service Sub-Branch which amalgamated with Press in 1973 and, in 1976 Public Service amalgamated with Highgate under the name of the latter. That, briefly, is how Highgate "inherited" the Honour Avenue Committee.

Work done by members involves the general maintenance of plaques and the posts on which they are placed. The Kings Park Board Staff look after the verges and replace trees etc.

SUB-WARDENS' DUTIES

WEDNESDAY 8/11/95 1675 HOURS FOR 1700 HOURS PERTH LEGACY
 SATURDAY 11/11/95 1015 HOURS FOR 1030 HOURS REMEMBRANCE DAY

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VALE:

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

C J (Col) Williams

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his loved ones at time of great loss. The Sub-Branch is being represented at the service at Karrakatta at 1100 hours today 30/10/95

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Members of the Committee are as follows:-

Z T (Bish) Kwiecinski (Chairman since 1992 and member since 1972) and C T (Chris) Brooks (Member since 1995) are involved in putting new posts in position and straightening and levelling posts. They work in the Avenues around half a day each week. Chris recently recorded on tape details of every plaque.

F S (FRANK) DADDOW (Treasurer since 1978 - physically worked in the Avenues until his health did not permit)

J S (JOCK) GELDART (Member since 1993 - recently appointed State Secretary - prior to his appointment was in the weekly work party with Bish).

L L (LEN) IKIN (Member since 1980 - unable to work physically but his advice is always welcome)

S D (DON) MEREDITH (Member since 1991 - has the on-going job of keeping the 1,131 plaques in excellent condition - he paints, on average, 25 per week).

R B (ROBERT) MITCHELL (Member since 1991 - paints the posts in May Drive. He also prepared and presented a "Policy and Procedural Guidelines Policy" document which was adopted by the Sub-branch Committee).

B (BASIL) SPRENGER (Member since 1991 - keeps the posts in Lovekin Drive painted).

L (LES) STEWART (Member since 1991 - Sub-branch President - is in charge of making and fixing colour patches on the posts).

K (KEN) WOOD (Member since 1995 - will do anything. Recently involved with Secretary in checking Chris Brook's tapes with the Register of all plaques).

The Committee is currently checking the plaques with the Register. As mentioned they have all been put on tape and Les Stewart has arranged with the C.O. 11/28th Battalion to have a further check made. It is proposed as a communications exercise to have a radio

check done by having all the details of each of the plaques radioed to a central point and then checked with a computer printout from Head Office. When all is completed

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copies of the printout of the Register will be given to the Kings Park Board, Kings Park Information Bureau, Guides of Kings Park and the Kings Park Rangers. The foregoing Kings Park authorities are frequently asked for details of plaques etc.

Several members of Highgate Sub-branch have offered their services to paint posts in the Avenues. The Honour Avenue Committee is grateful for their assistance and thanks them for their work. Mention should be made of Peter Hummerston who dresses and paints new posts when required.

The Committee is self supporting and is grateful to several firms for donations of posts and paint. The National Australia Bank has been making cash donations each year for a long time. These donations are usually acknowledged in articles in "Listening Post". It is also pleasing to note that the Kings Park Board recently acknowledged the work of the Honour Avenue Committee by inviting the Chairman and Secretary to the various Centenary of Kings Park functions.

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(Extract from the London Daily Telegraph)

from John Hately

Iffley Road, Oxford, scene of the first sub-four minute mile was the venue recently for celebrations of the centenary of the first athletics match between Oxford and Cambridge and the combined team from Harvard and Yale.

Sir Chris Chataway running in a mile event on the Oxford track for the first time since he helped Bannister make sporting history recorded 5 min 48 sec at the age of 64 and Brasher, two years older, ran 6 min 34 sec. On handicap the race was won by Cecil Walkley, 66 of Cambridge in 6 min 15.8 sec.

(The winner was none other than Highgate member Dr. Cecil Walkley now of Bicton, WA)

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TO BE HELD AT THE WEST AUSTRALIAN CLUB
THE ESPLANADE, PERTH, W.A.

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