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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1996

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

TIME: FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS; LUNCHEON 1230 HOURS.

SPEAKER: DR ANDREW GEORGE MARSDEN, MBBS BSc MRCGP (UK) FAFOM (RACP).

SUBJECT: THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF ADMIRAL LORD NELSON.

Dr Marsden was born at Portsmouth, UK is married and has two daughters. He completed his B Sc degree at Southampton and obtained his MBBS at London University. He subsequently undertook training in family planning, became a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and a Fellow of the Australian College of Occupational Medicine.

Andrew lists his leisure pursuits as wind-surfing, playing the tuba in a brass band and being an "old car" buff. He also holds an unrestricted pilots licence.

After serving in the Royal Naval Reserve from 1966 -70, Andrew joined the Royal Navy where he served until 1981. This was followed by a stint in the Royal Australian Navy from 1981 - 1986. During these twenty years he received postings to many ship and shore based positions.

Since his discharge from the "active" list he transferred to the RAN Reserve and as Surgeon Commander was SMO Fremantle Port Division.

With his specialised knowledge in Occupational Medicine Andrew has held a number of appointments as consultant to many major industrial firms and in 1992 set up the firm of A G Marsden Pty Ltd which supplies consistency services to a wide variety of private companies and Government instrumentalities.

(Don Meredith)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR.

What a interesting start to 1996. For the first time since I have been a member of your Committee we had a "full house" for our inaugural meeting and what a lively meeting it was. Interest was maintained at a high pitch as words flew thick and fast on a wide range of subjects for all of the time allocated for the meeting. So, if you think that any position on committee is a sinecure, please take the trouble to come along and see these people "at work" ensuring that the "tip of the iceberg" which is seen at luncheon meetings and other official and social functions moves efficiently on its merry way.

**DIARY DATES:** Committee 1215 hours, Anzac House :- Tuesday, 5/3/96; Monday, 1/4/96; Monday, 6/5/96; Tuesday, 4/6/96; Monday, 1/7/96; Monday, 5/8/96; Monday, 2/9/96; Monday, 7/10/96; Monday, 4/11/96; and Monday, 2/12/96.

Luncheon (General meetings), 1200 hours, Anzac House :- ALL Mondays 19/2/96; 18/3/96; 25/4/96 (Anzac Breakfast - NO Luncheon in April); 20/5/96; 17/6/96; 15/7/96; 19/8/96; 16/9/96; 21/10/96; 18/11/96; and 16/12/96.

In addition to the above it is proposed to have a Ladies' Luncheon at the Carine TAFE on 14/8/96 and a Ladies Night later in the year. Further details of these functions will appear in the "News" at the appropriate time.

**LUNCHEON COSTS:** with the New Year comes the sad news that, owing to increases in wages, food, wine, etc., the cost of our luncheons will have to be reviewed. Two options have been suggested and you will be asked to indicate at the forthcoming meeting on 19/2/96 which of these propositions YOU support.

The first is that we no longer have "sweets" provided - this will have the result of maintaining the current pricing at the present level for now. The other is to increase the price to fourteen dollars (\$14-00) as from 18/3/96 and endeavour to maintain this for, at least, the foreseeable future. It is intended to put these options without debate (since they are the only viable avenues open) so please give them your earnest consideration, discuss them if you wish with one of your committeemen prior to the luncheon and register your vote accordingly.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Bish Kwiecinski on receiving the honour of being awarded the OAM. Well done and well deserved 'Bish'. And to Don Meredith and Tom Horton on receiving the award of a certificate acknowledging their 25 year as members of Her Majesty's Commission for Justice and Peace (Justice of the Peace). It is always a pleasure to see devoted public service recognised.

(Tom Scully, President).

**LOOKING FOR A "GOOD" READ?** Peter Firkins, well known and highly acclaimed author of a number of books on various aspects of WWII has recently had another top story published. 'BORNEOSURGEON - A RELUCTANT HERO' is now available.

Telling the story of Dr Jim Taylor and his wife Celja, the narrative provides a colourful overview of British North Borneo when it was one of the last outposts of the British Empire and of the lifestyles of the men and women who 'kept the flag flying' in such outposts of empire. More importantly the book outlines the events which took place during the Japanese occupation of the island. At first, as a doctor, Jim was allowed comparative freedom and for more than a year he and his wife operated an underground network which smuggled vital food and medicines into European and Australian prisoners of the Japanese and helped groups of Australians to make seemingly impossible escapes from the island.

When a traitor betrayed the network, Dr Taylor and his companions endured appalling treatment from the Japanese equivalent of the Gestapo. Although subjected to horrific tortures he, miraculously, escaped the death penalty inflicted on a number of his friends but came close to death in prison while Celja had to endure life in a concentration camp for women and children. After the war Jim re-established himself in the medical profession and ultimately became Medical superintendent of Concord Repatriation Hospital in Sydney.

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SUB-WARDENS' DUTIES.

On Tuesday, 12 March 1996 His Excellency Mr Shmoel Moyal, Israeli Ambassador to Australia will lay a wreath at the State and Jewish Memorials. The details are as follows:-

TUESDAY 3 MARCH, 1996      1445 HOURS FOR 1500 HOURS      ISRAELI AMBASSADOR

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WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT.

VIETNAM VETERANS' COUNSELLING SERVICE (VVCS).

Improved access to and performance of the VVCS in response to reviews of the VVCS:-

**INITIATIVE:**

This initiative will improve client access to high quality counselling by opening new centres in areas of identified needs and enhancing the clinical performance and accountability of staff. This will be achieved by :-

- co-locating new VVCS services within the Veterans' advice network;
- developing "best practice" standards;
- adopting a framework of community service standards;
- developing research based outcome measurers;
- upgrading clinical skills through quality training; and
- establishing a computerised case record management system.

**BACKGROUND:**

A portfolio review of the VVCS and a National audit of administrative arrangements identified significant opportunities for improving work practices and administration of the VVCS. This initiative is in response to these reviews. The review committee recommendations have the support of the Repatriation Commission, the National Advisory committee and the National Council of the Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia.

Implementation date :- 1 July, 1995.

(R. Smith, Welfare Officer)

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**THE HIGHGATE RSL NEWS:**

Some time ago I asked members to let me have any (polite) suggestions on how best to improve the quality and presentation of our news sheet. I am pleased to report that at least a few have been good enough to submit articles of interest and, where space has permitted, these have been published. Some were fairly long and, unfortunately, could not be fitted into our publishing programme.

In order to provide a forum for your opinions I propose to commence a "fifty-fifty" column where members will be able to submit letters to the editor for publication providing that they are no more than fifty words in length and meet reasonable community standards (to be determined by the editor). Soto work - you've never had a better offer!!

(Tom Scully, Editor)

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**ANOTHER PLEA:** If at all possible please ensure that YOU have the correct money ready when you attend and pay for your luncheon! By so doing you will assist our hard working volunteers to maintain their sanity!!

# YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1996 IS NOW DUE.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL DETAILS.

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NAME IN FULL (block letters please) \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGHGATE SUB-BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995**

	1995	1994	
	\$	\$	
<b><u>AMELIORATION ACCOUNT</u></b>			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Poppy Sales	5460	5623	
Sale of Beret	-	20	
Sausage Sizzle	713	-	
Bank Interest	42	-	
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	6215	5643	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Donations War Veterans Homes	1133	588	
National Bushfire Appeal	-	200	
Torchbearers for Legacy	400	450	
Australian Red Cross	-	100	
R.S.L. Welfare Account	1000	500	
Poppy Day Costs & Half Proceed	3167	3070	
Bank Charges	12	-	
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	5712	4908	
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<b>SURPLUS</b>	503	735	
<b><u>HONOUR AVENUE</u></b>			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Contributions A/C Plaques	115	380	
Donations/Contributions	250	300	
Interest Received	18	16	
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	383	696	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Operating Costs	316	594	
Administration Costs	84	75	
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	400	669	
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<b>DEFICIT/SURPLUS</b>	(17)	27	
<b><u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>	<b><u>AMELIORATION</u></b>	<b><u>HONOUR AVE</u></b>
Balance 1/1/95	1495	4541	746
Surplus/Deficit 1995	1871	503	(17)
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	3366	504	729

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	1995	1994
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<b><u>GENERAL ACCOUNT</u></b>		
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Subscriptions	7017	6556
Newsletter Subscriptions	2292	1565
Donations	1124	1027
Interest Received	282	188
Ladies Luncheon Surplus	60	-
Ladies Night Surplus	331	-
Refund Stamp Duty	-	5
Refund Subscriptions overpaid	-	40
Bad Debt Recovered (Perm Bldg Soc)	-	64
Proceeds Sausage Sizzle	-	463
Book sales	30	-
Luncheons Surplus	57	-
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	11193	9908
 <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Capitation Fees	5502	5024
Newsletter Costs	1836	2639
Luncheon Short Fall	63	46
Stamps/Stationery/Phone etc	669	817
Congress Expenses	310	257
Funeral Notices & Wreaths	257	147
Donation - Mt Lawley Scouts	75	75
Bank Charges	21	23
Gratuities	100	100
Ladies Night Shortfall	-	80
Anzac Day Breakfast Shortfall	-	50
Printing 1994 Balance Sheet	97	73
Refund Subs Overpaid	31	56
Code of Membership	-	6
Seminars	121	28
Public Liability Insurance	40	40
R.S.L. Certificates	100	171
Colour Patches	-	71
Audit	100	-
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	9322	9703
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	1871	205

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BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 1995

	1995	1994
	\$	\$
<b><u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u></b>		
General Account	3366	1495
Amelioration Account	5044	4541
Honour Avenue	729	746
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	9139	6782
 <b><u>REPRESENTED BY:</u></b>		
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
C/Wealth Bank Corporation A/C 925571	3693	2124
C/Wealth Bank Corporation A/C 910-679	709	726
C/Wealth Bank Corporation A/C 10198547	5045	4541
Capitation Fees in advance	3460	3080
Cash on hand	20	20
Town & Country Bank deposit 11642733	2249	2102
Books	70	
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	15246	12593
 <b><u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Subscriptions in advance	4500	
Newsletter in advance	890	
Donations in advance	717	5811
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	6107	5811
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	9139	6872



H.A. FENNELL  
TREASURER

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DATED 31st DECEMBER 1995

**Accumulated Funds** - Increase of \$1870 in General funds, \$503 Amelioration Account, Small loss in Honour Ave Funds - General A/C increase mainly due to \$1500 in subscriptions + \$500 - Newsletter Receipts - Newsletter helped by our printer subscribing \$320 for free editions.

**Invested Funds** - Now stand at \$2249 - good interest rate of 7.65% from Town & Country giving us a favourable rate.

**Functions** - Both Ladies Luncheon and Dinner Night showed excellent interest from members - our Monthly Luncheon shortfalls were only \$6 nett.

**Book Sales** - We purchased 10 books titled "I'll Be Home For Xmas, 5 Years Late" - very good book - sold 3 still have 7 left - \$10 each.

**Poppy Day** - Collections again equalled 1994 - good effort by all - half proceeds of proceeds of \$3167 to R.S.L. Welfare Account - waiting still for \$140 to come in for sale of wreaths - we're on the job.

**Amelioration Account** - Old Welfare Account - now must be kept separately from other accounts - the details are self explanatory.

**Honour Avenue** - slight loss for the year of \$17.00 donations and contributions approximately half of last year - but a good effort by all concerned.

  
H.A. FENNELL  
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