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MONTHLY LUNCHEON. MONDAY 18 MARCH, 1996.

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

TIME: FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS: LUNCHEON 1230 HOURS.

SPEAKER: STAN GERVAS

SUBJECT: THE WAY WE WERE

Stan Gervas began his career writing advertising copy for radio. From his first job as an announcer on 6KG Kalgoorlie in 1940 he progressed through 6pm before going to Sydney in 1944 to 2CH. Here he wrote and produced radio shows including the historic series "The Streets of Sydney" and writing radio plays.

After a two year stint overseas he returned to Perth in 1952, first as a writer. programme manager at 6IX where he remained until 1968 pioneering radio news and the long running show "Can We Help".

Stan's writings include the books:

Adam's Walkabout 5 Graves at Dalwallinu From Kulin to Tuscany What About our Forest The Way We Were

(Don Meredith)

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER.

February's Guest Speaker, sub-branch member Dr Andrew Marsden, gave a highly informative and entertaining address entitled "The medical aspects of Admiral Lord Nelson". From the numerous questions and discussion afterwards it obviously ranked highly among the many quality talks we have had.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR.

LUNCHEON COSTS:

As forecast in last month's "News" a vote was taken at the February luncheon meeting concerning the increase in costs and content of the monthly luncheons. This resulted in a solid vote to continue with the serving of "sweets" with the meal and an increase of cost to fifteen dollars (\$15-00).

ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST:

The Sub-branch will again be holding the "Anzac Day Breakfast" at the West Australian club immediately following the dawn service at the State war memorial. The cost will be the sameas in previous years viz. twenty dollars (\$20-00) per head and parking will be arranged. For catering purposes please let the Secretary (Allan Saville- 'phone 386 - 1933) know if you intend to come along. More in next month's "News".

"POPPY DAY"- 1996:

Our usual convener of the previously highly successful "Poppy Day" sales will be interstate during November and has asked that someone to take his place for 1996. It is not an easy job and it is hoped that one of our "younger" members will pick up the burden and Tom Horton has agreed to pass on his formidable knowledge on the subject without cost!! Tom says to remember that "people sell poppies".

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE EXECUTIVE:

As is usual at this time of the year, nominations are being called from members to fill vacancies on State Executive. One of our members, Brian Cooper, has decided to continue his tertiary education and will not be available so we are seeking a member (preferably from the "young"brigade) to take up the challenge. Names to the Secretary, please!!

VETERANS RELATIVE'S DIVISION - ANZAC DAY MARCH:

State executive has instituted a Veterans Relative's Division to be included in the Anzac Day March this year. The group will comprise the immediate families, i.e. sons, daughters, spouses of deceased service and ex-service personnel and will form up and march immediately behind the Legacy contingent.

CHILDREN'S ANZAC COMMEMORATION:

The annual children's Anzac Day commemoration will take place and "go to air" at the State War Memorial on Wednesday 24 April, 1996 at 1130 hours. Sub-Wardens required for attendance at 1115 hours will be contacted by Ron Stone and all members, togetherwith their wives and families, are encouraged to attend!!

SERVICE AWARDS - "FIFTY YEAR" CERTIFICATE:

As an acknowledgment of fifty years of continuing unbroken membership of the League the National body makes a special certificate available, upon application, to qualifying members. If you consider that you are entitled to theaward of this Certificate of Service please contact the Secretary and he will give you further details.

MISSING MEMBERS:

If you know the current address of the following members please advise the Secretary:-R S Hamilton - formerly PO Box 367 KALAMUNDA WA 6076; and J H T Smedley - formerly 8 Fryer Rd MS 76 TUNGAMULL WA 6000.

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SUB-WARDENS' DUTIES.

Wednesday 13 MARCH, 1996 Sunday

13 MARCH, 1996 1445 HOURS FOR 1500 HOURS 24 MARCH, 1996 1145 HOURS FOR 1200 HOURS

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR GREEK CONSULATE

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VALE:

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

"John" Ross; and Bernie O'Sullivan.

Our sympathy is extended to their loved ones at this time of great loss. The Sub-branch was represented, where possible, at the funeral service.

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NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome the following new members to the Sub-branch and look forward to enjoying their company at our monthly luncheons and other functions:

> Michael Michelides, RAAF; Michael Donnelly, USN; and Bob Hills, Merchant Navy.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT.

RESPITE CARE:

Many Veterans and War Widow s rely on unpaid carers to help them remain at home. Respite Care is one way of giving carers a break so that they can continue their valuable role of providing care for a person at home. The Department of Veterans' Affairs recognises the important role that carers fulfil and is able to pay for Respite Care. Eligible Veterans and War Widows are entitled to twentyeight (28) days Respite Care each financial year. Respite Care can be provided in a personsown home or a hostel or nursing home. The twentyeight (28) day entitlement can be used as a combination of both kinds of Respite if this proves to be relevant to the person' needs.

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In home respite is a relatively new Departmental programme. It was introduced in 1992 in recognition that many veterans Respite Care in nursing homes or hostels was not the always the best option. In home respite can be provided for a day or two at a time or a few hours at a time and can provide flexibility when combined with other forms of Respite Care. In some circumstances the Department can pay for "in home" respite for a non-eligible spouse where the veteran is the carer.

EMERGENCY SHORT TIME HOME RELIEF (ESTHR):

The Department of Veterans' Affairs can also pay for emergency respite at home when the veteran's carer is suddenly and unexpectedly unable to continue providing care, for example, if the carer needs to go to hospital, ESTHR is normally provided for about three days until other arrangements can be made.

GOLD CARD HOLDERS ARE ENTITLED TO RESPITE CARE - WHITE CARD HOLDERS HAVE RESTRICTED ELIGIBILITY AND SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR DETAILS.

Respite Care needs to be approved by the Department of Veterans' Affairs before it takes place. Each person's individual circumstances need to be assessed to ensure that the best combination of services are being provided. In many instances established community services can be accessed to provide respite for Veterans and War Widows. The person currently responsible for approving Respite Care is Helen McMillan, Social Worker with the Professional Advocacy Group.

(N.B. Helen can be contacted on 366 - 8423 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday)

(Bob Smith, Welfare Officer)

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