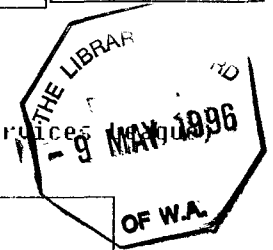




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ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST - 1996.
(IN LIEU OF MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING
- THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON IN APRIL -)

VENUE: WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CLUB, 18 THE ESPLANADE, PERTH WA.

TIME: 0730 HOURS (FOLLOWING THE DAWN SERVICE).

COST: TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20-00) PER HEAD.

**PARKING: WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB DURING THE DAY
AT THE VERY REASONABLE COST OF TWO DOLLARS FIFTY (\$2-50)
PER CAR. THE BREAKFAST FORMAT WILL BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR
TO THAT ADOPTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT
*SENIOR VICE- PRESIDENT (DON MEREDITH) WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE
ENTERTAINMENT. SO - GET YOUR MEMORY WORKING AND SHARE YOUR
BEST STORIES AND/OR MEMORIES WITH YOUR COMRADES.**

**FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT AT THE MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING AND/OR FAILED
TO PUT THEIR NAME ON THE LIST WHICH WAS CIRCULATED AND WISH TO ATTEND
THE BREAKFAST, PLEASE GIVE OUR SECRETARY (ALAN SAVILLE) A CALL ON
386 - 1933 AND LET HIM KNOW OF YOUR INTENTIONS BEFORE FRIDAY, 19 APRIL, 1996 !!**

**(N.B. * I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT ATTENTION BE PAID TO
THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT REQUEST FOR MORE SUBTLETY
AND LESS CRUDITY IN ANY STORIES OFFERED. THE LAST THING
WE WANT TO DO IS TO OFFEND ANYBODY.**

DON MEREDITH.)

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER:

March Guest Speaker, Stan Gervas, took all we dinkum "Sandgroppers" on a nostalgic trip back to the thirties reviving old memories of "The Way We Were", the title of his address. I offer apologies to all other "tothersiders" who did not have the privilege of maturing in the lovely atmosphere that Stan unfolded and may therefore have not gained as much as we older inhabitants. But I congratulate them on becoming part of us now ! It was good entertainment.

(Don Meredith)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR:

Your Committee will be recommending that the following members be nominated for election to the State Executive:- Dr. A. King; Mr. "Bish" Kwiecinski; and Mr. Michael Cole (to replace Mr. Brian Cooper). It was also recommended that we nominate for and/or support the re-election for State President of Mr. Len Keynes.

In an effort to establish some rapport between our Sub-branch and the management of the Anzac Club, Junior Vice-President Tom Horton has agreed to act as our catering convenor and liaise with the Club manager on all aspects of our functions in the Club. So if you have any CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS in these matters please pass them on to Tom. Standard moans and groans will not repeat not be accepted.

It was great to have Stan Cash along to his first Committee meeting - seems that lack of communication got in the way but now all is sorted out. Another great pleasure was to welcome John Jackson to our midst. John has agreed to take on the task of organising the Poppy Day Appeal on behalf of the Sub-branch so when he asks for assistance please remember that - "PEOPLE SELL POPPIES "

In accordance with tradition, together with the Secretary and Treasurer, I waited upon His Excellency the Governor on Monday 25th March. We spent a very fruitful half hour or so discussing a wide field of matters, especially with regard to our Sub-branch and sincerely thank him for his interest and support.

(Tom Scully)

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT:

WHAT IS VAN ??

The Veterans' Advice Network (VAN) is a new information service from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). VAN includes our existing telephone and computer enquiry service and introduces new staff called VAN Advisers.

BY TELEPHONING VAN ADVISERS:

all ex-service personnel, war widows and their families can receive information about DVA, as well as a wide range of community based support services. The same can be obtained by coming to the DVA branch office to make a counter inquiry.

VAN gives information about DVA and about services available locally to all ex-service personnel and their families.

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SUB-WARDENS' DUTIESANZAC DAY - 1996. DAWN SERVICE:-

Thursday 25 April Sub-Wardens to assemble 0515 hours for 0530 hours.

Thursday 25 April 1700 hours for 1715 hours Combined Services Lodge
 Sunday 26 May 1045 hours for 1100 hours 16 Btn. Cameron H'landers
 Sunday 26 May 1415 hours for 1430 hours Dunkirk Veterans' Assoc.

(A few Sub-Wardens - as directed by the Deputy Warden - will be required to "man" the flags on the State War Memorial during the children's service on Wednesday, 24 April.

1996. Medals and berets are to be worn. Time 1045 hours for 1100 hours.

All members

and their families are asked to come along to show support for this important event)

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MISSING MEMBER:

R S HAMILTON, formerly of PO Box 367 KALAMUNDA, WA 6076 - will anyone knowing the current address of this member please contact our Secretary on 386 - 1933 as soon as possible.

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WHY HAVE VAN ??

The VAN initiative is DVA's way of recognising that most veterans and war widows want to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible. To do this they will need information on the range of services that are available to them in their local community and how to access them.

VAN STAFF: will assist that process by being in close contact with community agencies and local service providers and making that information available. The aim of VAN is not to directly provide new services but to guide veterans and war widows to services already available in their area.

THE VAN ADVISERS: will encourage you to tell them about any problems you have with the services you currently receive: would like to know when existing services are not able to meet your needs : and will listen to suggestions so that they can work with the local community to address any problems that you have identified.

Through VAN the Department will give you more control over the services you receive.

WHAT VAN DOES:

Promotes equal access to government and community services for ex-service personnel and their families based on need: supports ex-service personnel and their families as they maintain their independence: and encourages the improvement of local support services to better meet the needs of the ex-service community and their families.

VAN:

For further information on any of the services mentioned contact Veterans' Affairs

Advice Network by 'phoning :- (Metro - 366 - 8444 ; Country - 1800 11 3304 free call)

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