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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER, 1996.

VENUE: GALLIPOLI ROOM, ANZAC HOUSE, ST GEORGES TCE., PERTH.
TIME: 1150 HOURS : LUNCHEON 1230 HOURS
SPEAKER: HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL MICHAEL JEFFREY,
AO, MC. GOVERNOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

This month we look forward to hearing from our own Governor - His Excellency Major-General Michael Jeffrey, AO MC. Born in Wiluna and educated at Kent Street High School, he attended the Royal Military College, Duntroon graduating in 1959 as an infantry officer. After twice serving in New Guinea he saw operational service in Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam where he was awarded the Military Cross and the South Vietnamese Cross of Valour. He has commanded all combat units in the Australian Army from a 30 man platoon to a 12,000 man infantry division. A past Commanding Officer of the elite SAS Regiment he has held senior two star appointments in logistics, material acquisition and operations. For these services he was appointed as a Member and then an Officer of the Order of Australia. His wife Marlena is from Sydney and they have four children, three of whom are serving Army Officers and the fourth a civil engineer.

Major-General Jeffrey commenced as Governor of Western Australia on 1st November 1993.

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER:

We seem to on a bit of a roll! Dr. Douglas Sutherland -Bruce proved to be entertaining, witty and informative and provided us with great entertainment. It's a shame that not everyone has a name of distinction!

URGENT NOTICE.

**POPPY DAY, 1996 WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 11th
NOVEMBER NOT FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER**

AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED!!

**THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH A RESOLUTION OF STATE
CONGRESS.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT' CHAIR:

A letter has been received from State Office thanking the Sub-branch members who gave their services to man the "sausage sizzle" stall at the War Veterans' Home Fair and advising that the Home caterers will be taking over this chore from 1996. (see p 6).

Your Committee has decided that , as a change of practice, the December Luncheon is to be a formal Annual General meeting in lieu of the format which had become the norm in the past few years. Members are encouraged to participant and, to make suggestions for the improvement of branch functions and administration

THE INDISPENSABLE MAN.

Sometime when you're feeling important
Sometime when your ego's in bloom,
Sometime when you take it for granted
You're the best qualified man in the room.

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your hands in it up to your wrists,
Pull them out, and the hole that remains
Is the measure of how you'd be missed.

Sometime when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole
Just follow this simple instruction
And see how it humbles your soul.

You may splash all you please when you enter
You may stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you'll find in a minute,
That it looks just the same as before.

The moral of this is quite simple,
Do just the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember
There is no indispensible man.

SUB-WARDENS DUTIES.

Sunday 27 October 1145 hours for 1200 hours Consul for Greece (Ochiday & Demetria).

VALE:

It is with deep regret that we advise of the death of our esteemed member:

Eric Main.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER:

Wally Rippin (formerly of Northbridge Sub-branch)

and look forward to enjoying his company at our lunches and other functions.

ANNIVERSARY:

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Max and Ellie Grace on reaching their 65th wedding anniversary in September. Max also celebrated his 90th birthday on 30 September. Best wishes to you Max!

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

by Bob Smith.

HOUSEHOLD CONCESSIONS:

Pensioner Concession Card holders may be able to obtain a rebate of up to 50% on current municipal rates. The rated property must be owned and occupied by the card holder at 1st July each year. The applicant must also be a card holder at 1st July each year. Where the property belongs to a number of people (other than a spouse) a proportionate rebate may be obtained. Applicants for the rebate should register with the relevant council before 1st July. Should you be unable to make application before 1st July you may be able to obtain a rebate if you apply within 35 days from the date of issue of the date of issue of the rate notice. In some circumstances annual rates may be deferred. You should check with your local council. Deferred rates are a charge against the property and may be recovered:

on sale or transfer of the property;

from the estate upon death; or

if the person liable ceases to occupy the premises as their ordinary place of residence.

It is very important that advice of any change in ownership or residence is advised immediately to the local council as this affects your entitlements to a rebate or deferment.

ELECTRICITY:

Pensioner Concession Card holders may be able to claim concession in respect of their principal place of residence for electricity supplied for residential use only. The following rebates apply:

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supply charge rebate - 100% rebate on the supply charge for electricity;
dependent child rebate - an additional rebate will be deducted from the card holder's account if he/she has any dependent children listed on the Concession Card; and
account establishment fee exemption - no establishment fees charged on new domestic account or transfer of an account.

To be eligible for these rebates the cardholder must have the Western Power account in his/her name.

CONTACT WESTERN POWER ON 13 13 53.

HOUSING:

Homeswest has a range of assistance available to low and middle income earners seeking rental accommodation or home finances. These include:

accommodation for rental;

bond assistance; and

a number of Home Purchase assistance programmes.

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL HOMESWEST OFFICE OR THE PERTH OFFICE ON
(09)467 - 2444.**

POST OFFICE:

Australia Post offers free redirection of mail for the first month if you change your postal address.

Free postage is available to blind pensioners for approved literature received or sent by surface mail and a reduced rate by airmail.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE.

TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE:

If you have a telephone connected to your home for private use, registered in your name (or your partner's) then you are able to get a telephone allowance. The payment is made every three months with your pension. The allowance is currently \$14-80 every three months and indexed annually.

CONTACT DVA ON (09) 366 - 8444.

WATER, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE:

Pensioner Concession Card holders may be able to obtain rebate of up to 50 % or deferment of payment of the annual service charge. Pensioners must own and occupy the residential property as their ordinary place of residence as at 1st July of the charging year. Pensioners should register with the Water Authority before 31st July of the charging year. Where water rates are billed by the local council applications should be lodged with the council by 31st July.

Water consumption concession of up to 50%, according to locality, is available to card holders who occupy residential property but do not necessarily own the property.

Application must be made to the Water Authority if you are not currently registered for the property concerned. Where the water rates are billed by the local council enquiries should be made direct to the council.

CONTACT THE WATER AUTHORITY ON 13 13 85.



HIGHGATE RSL LADIES' NIGHT.

THE MEMBERS OF HIGHGATE SUB-BRANCH TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HIGHGATE RSL LADIES' NIGHT

TO BE HELD ON

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1996

AT THE WA CLUB, 101 ST GEORGES TERRACE, PERTH (OPP. BOND TOWER)
COMMENCING AT 1930 HOURS FOR 2000 HOURS.

(ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ACCOMMODATE A GROUP OF 100)
ALLOCATION OF PLACES WILL BE ON 'A FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED BASIS'.

THE COST IS TO BE FORTYFIVE DOLLARS (\$45-00) PER PERSON
AND THE PROGRAMME WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS
WITH PRE-DINNER DRINKS AND WINES WITH DINNER

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT,
TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHEQUE TO ALAN SAVILLE,
TO REACH HIM NO LATER THAN 15 NOVEMBER, 1996.



DRESS: GENTLEMEN: BLACK TIE OR LOUNGE SUIT;

LADIES: AFTER FIVE.

(MINIATURES MAY BE WORN)

[N.B. PARKING FOR CARS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT: THE NEW ESPLANADE
HOTEL, 18 THE ESPLANADE, PERTH (PREVIOUSLY THE ADDRESS OF THE WA
CLUB). A CHARGE OF \$5-00 PER CAR MAY BE REQUIRED.]

F A SAVILLE

NAME.....(PLEASE PRINT)

I WISH TO ATTEND THE LADIES NIGHT ON 23 NOVEMBER, 1996.

I WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY.....
(Names for 'name badges')

ENCLOSED IS MY CHEQUE FOR \$.....

(\$45-00 PER PERSON.)

IF POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO BE SEATED WITH.....

RSL WAR VETERANS' FAIR.

The Fair is to be held on Sunday 10 November, 1996 and proceeds from the event will go towards the re-development of the frail aged section.

The organisers are appealing for goods for the following stalls:-

prizes suitable for the chocolate wheel; handicraft; home produce;
pot plants; cakes; books; lollies; games; wine; and gifts.

Donations of any of the above should be made directly to: RSL War Veterans' Home. 51 Alexander Drive, Mt. Lawley. Contact is:- Julie Van Blommestein, 'phone (09) 370 - 0200.

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