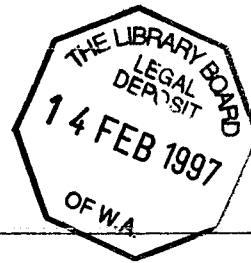


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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY, 1997.

VENUE: GALLIPOLI ROOM, ANZAC HOUSE, ST GEORGES TCE., PERTH.  
TIME: 1150 HOURS FELLOWSHIP : 1230 HOURS LUNCHEON  
SPEAKER: MR A J ABBOTT MBE BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL IN WA.  
SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA/ UK RELATIONS

Tony Abbott joined the Foreign Office in 1959. In 1963 he was transferred to Khorramshahr, Iran moving to Helsinki in 1966. In 1969 he returned to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London where he served as Press Officer. After a posting to Lusaka (1972-1976) Mr Abbott was promoted to Second Secretary and Consul at the British Embassy in Santiago, Chile. In 1981 he served on the United Kingdom Presidency Secretary to the EC which was followed, in 1982 by an attachment to the Department of Trade in London. From 1983 to 1987 he served as First Secretary and Consul at the British Embassy, Lisbon before being appointed First Secretary (Commercial) in Calcutta where finished as Deputy High Commissioner.

In September 1991 he went to Zagreb to join the EC Monitoring Mission involving exchange of prisoners and wounded from battle torn Eastern Croatia. Later he was appointed Chef de Mission in Sarajevo where he was charged with establishing a new EC Monitoring Mission throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Before his appointment to Perth in July 1993, Mr Abbott served, from 1991, as Deputy Head of Training Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London.

In 1985 Mr Abbott was appointed an Officer in the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator by the President of Portugal. He was made a Member of the British Empire in 1986. In May 1994 he received the European Community Monitoring Medal for his work in the former Yugoslavia.

Tony Abbott and his wife Margaret have three sons and a daughter.

ASSISTANT CASHIER FOR THE FEBRUARY LUNCHEON:-

Geoff Hourn

If unable to attend please 'phone Stan Chase on 561 - 5610 to arrange a replacement.

### SUB-BRANCH MEETINGS FOR MARCH

COMMITTEE 10/3/97 1215 HOURS ANZAC HOUSE  
LUNCHEON 17/3/97 1150 HOURS FOR 1230 HOURS ANZAC HOUSE

**PRESIDENT' MESSAGE:**

1997 brings a new set of challenges, new opportunities for contributing to the betterment of our society, and new ways of helping those who are less capable of helping themselves, particularly our fellow ex-servicemen in time of need. This, after all, must be high on our list of priorities.

You, having entrusted me with the privilege and responsibility of being your President for the coming year will, I am sure, give me the support, kindness and tolerance which is part of the Highgate character.

Having the 1996 committee largely intact is a great comfort. Unfortunately we have lost the services of Harry Fennell our most worthy Treasurer for the past two years has served us very well. It is very much regretted that ill health has militated against his carrying on. We are most grateful to him for seeing out the year whilst in a poor state of health and hope that 1997 will see him well and truly on the mend. This leaves us with a vacancy in the position of Treasurer. It would be of great help if one of our members could volunteer for this position. Please let the Secretary or me know if you can help out.

Our erstwhile leader, Tom Scully, has agreed to continue as editor, producer and compiler of our Newsletter which plays a most important part in our communications. Tom's 1996 effort in coping with open heart surgery, continuing as President and all the duties attached to the "News" production, with only a few weeks off and remaining a cheerful and dedicated leader was exceptional. Thanks Tom for a great contribution.

Stan Chase has taken the role of Secretary, succeeding Alan Saville, our new Junior Vice-President and Don Blair has joined the committee bringing some new, younger blood. We know that they will all be good contributors.

Having been formed in August 1947, our sub-branch completes its first 50 years in August this year and plans are afoot to make it a year worthy of our founding members.

May I wish you all a Happy New Year; lets make it a sutcessful one for our families, ourselves and for Highgate Sub-branch.

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(Don Meredith)

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**WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**PLANNING AHEAD:** I have put together a package for members of Highgate and their families called "reassessing your needs". It is important in the case of the death of a partner/spouse to have all your affairs in order to lessen the burden on the surviving partner/spouse. The things that should be considered and discussed with the family or close friends are listed on the inserted pages following this page. Ensure that this insert is completed and kept in a safe place for future reference.

(Bob Smith)

**FROM OUR HISTORIAN:**

The definitive personal history of members is at last taking shape and current members are urged to submit their CV's as soon as possible so that the details may be published in this exciting volume (see December, 1996 "News" for details). Photographs for inclusion should be those taken at the age of service (remember the one on mum's mantelpiece?) and not be of the current variety, in other words NO Oldies - "Ruthless & toothless"!!

The following members who have not yet sent in their photos should send to the Sub-branch Secretary at the address on the front cover as soon as possible:-

Bob Burrige      Bert Ferguson      Bill Finlayson      Dean Hill      Brian Johnson  
 Cecil Palmer      Wayne Carr      Terry Gill.

(Phil Loffman)

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**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

We welcome the following new members:-

Brian Gray      Raymond Kaeger      James Wilson      Robert Mees  
 and look forward to enjoying the pleasure of their company at forthcoming luncheons and other Sub-branch functions.

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**VALE:**

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

K. S. Lance      M. R. (Rolf) Allom

Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families in their sad loss.

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**A PRAYER FROM THOSE "IN HASTE"**

Slow me down, Lord,  
 Ease my pounding heart,  
 quieten my racing mind,  
 steady my hurried steps.

Amid the confusion of my days  
 give me the calmness of the everlasting hills.  
 Help me to know the restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking time off,  
 of slowing down to look at a flower,  
 to chat to a friend,  
 to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day that there is more to life  
 than increasing its speed.  
 Let me look at the branches of a towering oak  
 and know that it grew tall and strong  
 because it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down , Lord.  
 Teach me to be gentle and humble of heart,  
 and thus I will find rest for my soul.

**NEWS FROM NEPAL:**

Our former Secretary, Ray Mawson and his wife Hazel keep in touch with regular newsletters. Although not everyone's "cup of tea" life in their hilly retreat at Kathmandu appears to be quite enjoyable, especially their work among the local populace. They send their best wishes to all Sub-branch members, especially for the New Year, and I am sure that these are fully reciprocated.

(Tom Scully)

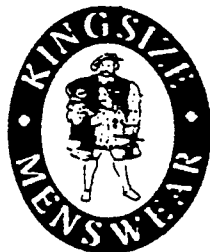
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