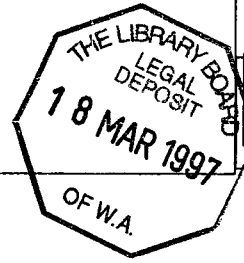


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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON

MONDAY 17 MARCH, 1997

**VENUE:** GALLIPOLI ROOM, ANZAC HOUSE, ST GEORGES TCE., PERTH.

**TIME :** 1150 HOURS FELLOWSHIP - 1230 HOURS LUNCHEON.

**SPEAKER:** LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BRIAN GARY (Retd) - COMMANDANT,  
CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES (WA) LTD.

**SUBJECT:** The activities and benefits to the community of the Corps.

Brian attended Bicton Primary School and John Curtin High School and worked for J & W Bateman in Perth and Fremantle before enlisting in the regular Army in 1963. After graduating from the Officer Cadet School, Portsea in 1967 he served in PNG for 5 1/2 years as well as serving in WA, Qld, Vic, ACT and the NT. Brian is a graduate of the Army Staff college, Queenscliff and a former commander PNGDF Supply Company and 2nd Field Battalion.

His last job in the Army was to conduct a study of Defence in Western Australia and to implement the findings of that study which resulted in the Defence rationalisation Perth in 1992/3. He retired from the Army in May 1994 after 31 years service.

Brian and his wife have three sons (one a Captain in the Army) and four grandsons and a granddaughter. He recently came out of retirement to help raise the Corps of Commissionaires in Western Australia.



### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE: 1215 HOURS 7 April, 1997. Anzac house.

GENERAL: 25 April, 1997. "Gunfire Breakfast" WA Club.



ASSISTANT CASHIER FOR MARCH MEETING:- HARRY FENNELL

If unable to attend please advise Brian King - Tel. 318 - 8557 in time for him to get a replacement.

**LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER:** Mr Tony Abbott, MBE, British Consul-General gave a very informative and interesting talk. It was good to hear from him of UK's interest in maintaining strong ties, both financial and trade, with Australia. The many questions showed the interest and satisfaction which the talk created. Many thanks, Tony, and we all hope that your next appointment will be to your family and self a happy one.

(Tom Horton)

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

I thought our start up to 1997 was pretty good thanks to so many of you turning up. Tom Horton got off to a great start providing us with an excellent guest speaker and I am sure that you will find Brian Gray of equal standard in March. There's no doubt about the Highgate bunch, when you are in trouble you can rely on someone holding up his hand to help you out. We really were in trouble in the Treasury department but thanks to our Senior Vice-President Tom standing in, very temporarily, we were able to get through. Brian King has volunteered to be our new Treasurer and we are grateful in the extreme. Thank you Brian and Tom. For those of you who were not at our last luncheon I repeat our apology for omitting to include the insert paper which was part of Bob Smith's welfare report. Nobody knows how or why it was mislaid but I guess that it was the character who used to knock off the odd rifle who was responsible. I am assured that the insert will be included herein.

I look forward to seeing you all on 17th March - which just happens to be St. Patrick's Day.

(Don Meredith)

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**WELFARE REPORT:**

**REVIEW LIST OF ELIGIBLE DRUGS WHICH COMPRISE THE REPATRIATION PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME SCHEDULE - (RPBS).**

**Initiative:** The content of the RPBS schedule will be reviewed to address any anomalies. This initiative honours the coalition's pre election commitment to review the list of eligible drugs available to Veterans under the scheme. This review will ensure the best outcomes result from the pharmaceutical treatment provided to Veterans and War-widows.

The cost of this review will be \$150,000.

**Background:** The drugs available to Veterans and War-widows under the RPBS scheme are included on the recommendation of the Repatriation Reference Committee. This committee meets twice a year, with additional expertise sought in particular areas as needed, to review particular drugs and advise on the removal from and the addition to the RPBS schedule. complete review of the RPBS supplementary list which is additional to PBS list will assess the cost effectiveness of existing products in comparison to similar products on the PBS list. Pharmaceutical items which offer the best treatment of conditions prevalent in the veteran community will be identified and assessed.

The safety and efficiency of existing RPBS items and their place in the best practice pharmaceutical treatment will be assessed. A panel of consultants, through a process outlined by the RPRC will produce consensus guidelines for the content of the RPBS schedule. It is likely that some of the expertise available on the RPRC would be drawn on as part of the panel.

**Implementation dates:** Review Process - 1 Nov, 1997.

Any Schedule changes - August, 1997

(Bob Smith).

**SUB-WARDENS DUTIES.**

SUNDAY 23 March 1145 hours for 1200 hours Greek Independence Day

**URGENT!                      URGENT!                      URGENT!**

**IF YOUR NAME OR A FRIEND'S NAME WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE INDEX DISPLAYED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING AND YOU WISH TO HAVE IT INCLUDED IN THE HIGHGATE RSL SUB-BRANCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION PLEASE BRING THE APPROPRIATE PHOTO(S) AND CV(S) TO THE MARCH LUNCHEON WHEN APPLICATIONS WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE!! INDEX ENQUIRIES TO THE SECRETARY.**

**(Phil Loffman)**

**NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY:**

Swanbourne District Education Office school children's Wreath Laying service will take place at the State War Memorial on Wednesday, 9 April at 1100 hours. Although the War Memorial will not be manned by the Sub-wardens it is requested that those who are available be present at Kings Park wearing berets and medals to "show the flag".

**ANZAC DAY, 1997:**

Dawn Service at the War Memorial followed by the "gunfire breakfast" at the WA Club, 101 St Georges Terrace. See "tear-off" slip which is needed to get some idea of numbers. Cost, as usual, will be \$20-00 per head payable at the breakfast.

At 1700 hours for 1715 hours the Combined Services Lodge will hold its annual wreath laying ceremony. Sub-wardens please note.

Please bring this slip with you to the March luncheon or send it to:-

The Secretary  
Highgate RSL Sub-branch

I will/will not be coming to the "Gunfire Breakfast on 25 April, 1997.

Full name .....

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## **Planning Ahead - A guide to putting your affairs in order.**

This guide has been developed by the Department of Veterans' affairs to make it easier to have your affairs in order. The guide is attractive and easy to read and follow. It contains information about wills, power of attorney, financial issues, pre paid funerals and funeral benefits and other issues that need to be considered as you plan ahead.

You may obtain a copy of the Planning Ahead Guide from the DVA counter which is on the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, AMP Building, Corner of St Georges Terrace and William Street Perth.

Or you may prefer to wait until the 16 June 1997 when there will be an information session at the meeting of the Highgate Sub-branch at ANZAC House. Guest speakers will be a Barrister and DVA Officers. You will be able to get a copy of the guide at this session.

So far information sessions have been held in the metropolitan and country regions and there has always been a lively and informative question and answer session afterwards.

The other side of this sheet and the second sheet have information from the Planning Ahead Guide.

**If you have any questions regarding the Planning Ahead Guide please ring Stan Crombie on 366 8336.**

# A checklist of papers which should be in order and kept in a safe place...

- BIRTH & MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES** - These document important family details.
- YOUR WILL** - This is a legal document that expresses your wishes in regard to the distribution of your property after your death. It authorises a person (your executor) to act according to your wishes. It also prevents confusion arising among dependants, relatives and friends. Ensure that codicils are kept with your will. **Your will should reflect your current wishes.**
- PROPERTY DEEDS** - These include title to your house and land. They prove ownership of property. If the property is under mortgage, the original title will be held by the mortgagee (bank, building society etc.).
- LEASE AGREEMENTS** - These papers provide details of property that you are leasing.
- TAXATION RECORDS** - You should keep copies of at least your most recent returns and assessments. This is necessary in deciding how to deal with financial affairs.
- INSURANCE POLICIES** - Includes policies for house, contents, personal effects, income, loan and vehicle insurance. Records will contain rights under the policies as well as the procedures for renewal or cancellation.
- LIFE ASSURANCE/SUPERANNUATION POLICIES** - These provide a record of the payments and income to which you are entitled.
- PAPERS DETAILING OTHER ASSETS: SHARES, DEBENTURES etc.** - These state your title to sometimes quite valuable property.
- DETAILS OF BANK ACCOUNTS & OTHER INVESTMENTS** - This provides information as to where money is held.

## **THE ABOVE PAPERS SHOULD BE KEPT IN A SECURE PLACE.**

- PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET** - Contained in this package, Planning Ahead - a guide to putting your affairs in order. This information sheet, when completed, contains important information summarising your personal, family, medical and investment details. It includes details on where documents are kept. It will help your family in dealing with your affairs and following your wishes.



# PLANNING AHEAD - A CHECKLIST FOR NOTIFICATION

Complete the details in the second column of this checklist and keep it in a safe place, ensuring that your family or friends know of its whereabouts. It will make the task of notifying important people, businesses and organisations of your death much easier for your relatives or friends.

**My important documents are kept together in the following location:**

<b>Organisation or Business.</b>	<b>Contact Person, Telephone Number &amp; Relevant ID or Member Number.</b>	<b>Notified of Death. (Tick box)</b>
Doctor		
Minister of Religion		
Preferred Funeral Director Pre-paid funeral - Yes/No Funeral Bond - Yes/No Funeral Insurance - Yes/No		
Dept. of Veterans' Affairs		
Defence Service Homes		
Dept. of Social Security		
Ex-service organisation(s)		
Banks etc.		
Solicitor		
Accountant		
Executor of Will		
Vehicle Registration & Licence		

# Planning Ahead - A Checklist for Notification. (Continued)

Organisation or Business.	Contact Person, Telephone Number & Relevant ID or Member Number.	Notified of Death. (Tick box)
Local Electricity Authority		
Gas Supply Company		
Local Council (Rates)		
Telephone Company		
Taxation Office		
Electoral Office		
Medicare		
Health Benefits Fund		
Professional Bodies		
Clubs		
Superannuation Fund		
Allied Health Professionals (Physiotherapist, Dentist, Podiatrist, etc)		
Insurance Companies: Personal and Property		
Department Store Accounts Credit Card Accounts		
Public Services (library etc)		
Other		