

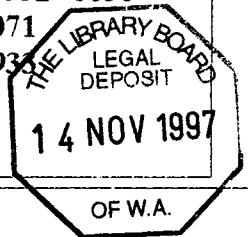


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MONTHLY LUNCHEON. **MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 1997.**

VENUE: GALLIPOLI ROOM, ANZAC HOUSE, ST GEORGES TCE., PERTH.
TIME: 1200 HOURS FELLOWSHIP - 1230 LUNCHEON.
SPEAKER: GEOFFREY THOMAS
SUBJECT: Ten years of airline de-regulation - what is the cost?

Geoff Thomas is the son of our long standing member and former treasurer, Ted. He is well known throughout the aviation industry for his comprehensive knowledge of all facets appertaining to the functions and development of all types of aircraft and the industry worldwide. He is a much sought after writer on the subject and his articles can be read in many editions of various highly respected publications, especially as aviation writer for "The West Australian" newspaper and as transport correspondent for the South-East Asia Aviation Week and Space Technology - the world's leading aerospace magazine. Geoff is also Contributing Editor for "Airways" - a monthly US Aviation review magazine and is a sessional Lecturer on the Economics of the Aviation Industry at Curtin University. Geoff's ready wit and broad knowledge of the subject will make this a talk that no one will want to miss!!

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

COMMITTEE: 1215 hours , 1 December, 1997 Anzac House

LUNCHEON: 1150 hours for 1230 hours 15 December, 1997 Anzac House

ASSISTANT CASHIER FOR NOVEMBER MEETING: ERNIE BAINTS
If unable to attend please advise Brian King - Tel. 9318 - 8557 in time for him
to get a replacement.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWS - FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 1997

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is a delightful time bringing great joy to we old gardeners with the green shoots from our winter sowings renewing the promise of healthy growth to come. And so it has been for Highgate Sub-branch of the RSL. For some time I have been asking for younger members to come forward as committeemen to bring new energy and new ideas to a group hitherto dominated by we of WW2. Over the last few weeks we have been joined by Ken Bladen, Bob Mercer and Brian King who, together with the advent of Otto Pelczar as Honorary Secretary, have already made an impressive collective contribution. They have joined other "youngsters" in Bob Smith, Don Blair, Brian Cooper, John Jackson, Chris Brooks and Les Stewart to make an even balance. If I have omitted someone please accept my apologies in advance. I now feel much happier about the immediate future.

Ladies' Night is on Friday 28 November. There may yet be some room so get in touch with Brian King if you wish to be included.

Phil Loffman is still waiting to hear from anyone who has a name, photo and particulars of past members who qualify for inclusion in his final edition - closing date late December.

I must express my gratitude to John Hatley and Alan Saville for their ready and helpful assistance pending the appointment of Otto Pelczar as Honorary Secretary.

For those not present at the October luncheon I advise that the following announcement was made at the meeting:-

"I regret having to inform members that the committee has, in accordance with the Articles of Association of the League, commenced an investigation into the conduct of a member. You will be advised of the outcome. Meanwhile no further comment is possible"

(DON MEREDITH)

PENSION/WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT:

SAVE ON THE COST OF MEDICINES:

The Commonwealth Government, through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) subsidises the cost of about 1700 necessary and life saving medicines available on prescription. So, just by having your prescription filled, you have been receiving the benefits of the subsidy. Since 1 January, 1997 PBS medicines have only been available for Australian residents and visitors from countries with which Australia has certain health care agreements, ie United Kingdom; Finland; Italy; Malta; the Netherlands; New Zealand; and Sweden. This means that your pharmacist must be satisfied that you are eligible.

When you present your prescription for a PBS medicine please have your medicare/DVA card or other proof available to show that you are eligible.

CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS:

If you hold a card issued by the Department of Social Security you are entitled to an additional Government subsidy for PBS medicines. DVA treatment card holders are also entitled to the additional subsidy under Repatriation PBS.

THE SAFETY NET:

If you and your family need a lot of medicines in any year there is a PBS safety net to help protect you financially. To be eligible for the safety net you need to keep a record of your spending on PBS medicines. If you reach the safety net threshold you can apply for a safety net card and your PBS medicines will be cheaper or free for the rest of the calendar year. A family can include a spouse or a de facto spouse, children under 16 in your care and full time dependent students under 25 years. Keep a record of your spending using a Prescription Record Form.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I PAY?

Most PBS medicines cost the Government more than the price you pay. Some cost hundreds of dollars but, because of the subsidy they can cost you much less.

General Patients should pay a maximum of \$20-00.

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CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS:

You should pay a maximum of \$3-20.

GENERAL PATIENTS SAFETY NET THRESHOLD:

When you have a record of spending of \$612-00 on PBS medicines for yourself and your family in a calendar year, ask your pharmacist for a safety net concession card. This entitles you to further PBS medicines for only \$3-20 each prescription for the rest of the calendar year.

CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS SAFETY NET THRESHOLD:

When you and your family have a record of spending \$166-40 on PBS medicines in a calendar year, ask your pharmacist for a safety net entitlement card. This entitles you to further PBS medicines free for the rest of the calendar year.

(BOB SMITH)

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MINISTER ANNOUNCES NEW AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL

On 24 September, 1997 it was announced that a new Australian Active Service Medal (AASM) 1945-75 has been created. It will be awarded in recognition of warlike service between 1945 and 1975 and will be available for veterans who served in the Korean War, the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation as well as to Vietnam veterans. Further details as to eligibility for this medal may be obtained from the State Office, Anzac House, Perth.

(OTTO PELCZAR)

"U-BOAT FAR FROM HOME" by David Stevens.

The first half of this book deals with the U-boat strategy and policy generally as well as action in the North Sea and the Atlantic. It is easy to see that diving conditions, at least aboard the earlier smaller subs, was nothing short of awful. How the personnel managed gives cause for wonder.

The latter part of the book deals with the larger long range ocean going subs which found their way into the Indian Ocean and even travelled around Australia and New Zealand. It tells of one particular sub which, after rounding the Cape of Good Hope, sank four merchant ships in the Mozambique Channel while on its way to Singapore.

It is surprising to read of the lack of co-operation between the Japanese and the Germans at submarine bases in Singapore and Penang - it is apparent that they did not trust each other. An ironic twist is that when Germany capitulated the Japanese interned the German submarine crews together with the other prisoners.

Altogether a book which gives a different slant on the other side of the U-boat war and Naval involvement. It can be recommended as good reading.

(WARREN SMITH)

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HVO REPORT.

We have had a number of members in Hollywood Private Hospital since I last reported, viz:- George Geddes; John Hately; Jack Callender; Jim Allan; and Max Grace. I am happy to report that all have since returned to their loved ones.

As I am only able to visit Hollywood once per week, it would be of tremendous assistance if members could add, or arrange for a friend or family member to add, their name, bed and ward number to the Highgate list which is located in the Red Cross Canteen in the main corridor. It would be of even greater assistance if any member hospitalised in any other institution notify me by phone (9447 - 7230) or ask someone else to let me know so that I might be able to either visit myself or arrange other members to visit.

OUR NEW SECRETARY

Some members may not have met Otto Pelczar, our new Secretary who was appointed by your committee to fill the occasional vacancy in that position. For this reason the following CV is set out for your information.

Otto was born in Vienna and at the age of 15 escaped across the Russian zone of the, then, occupied Austria by skiing through its military controlled border. Assisted by the International Refugee section of the United Nations he arrived in Fremantle in 1950. As a migrant he was required to perform manual labour for a couple of years but by studying at night school he became in turn a sheet metal worker, draughtsman, district engineer and finally Supervising Engineer at the Department of Marine and Harbours.

Having been called up for National Service he volunteered for the RANR and was commissioned in 1958, he ultimately commanded HMAS Acute and became the only the only officer to represent Australia at a NATO staff course in the UK. Otto was promoted to Commander in 1988 and retired as head of Naval Intelligence (WA) after 35 years service.

A fellow of the Institution of Engineers with a Masters Degree in Business Administration and with extensive knowledge of public affairs, through his stint as a Councillor of the City of Perth. Otto brings a wealth of experience to the difficult post of Sub-branch Secretary.

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SUB-WARDENS' DUTIES

Sunday 9 November, 1997 0945 hours for 1000 hours 80th Anniversary of Bersheba

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

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 1997

at the WA Club, 101 St Georges Terrace, Perth (opp. Bond Tower)

commencing at 1915 hours for 2000 hours

in the presence of His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffrey, AC MC ,
Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Marlina Jeffrey.

Gentlemen and their partners are asked to arrive at the Club and be in position to greet His Excellency no later than 1925 hours. Please wear name badges for easy identification. Arrangements have been made to accommodate a group of one hundred (100) and allocation of places will be on a "first come - first served" basis. The cost is to be \$50-00 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 the Treasurer to reach him no later than Monday 24 November, 1997. (NB Parking will be available at 18 The Esplanade (previous address of the WA Club) and at Central Car Park, under the AMP Building. Entrance from St Georges Tce.

(NOT WILLIAM ST AS ADVISED PREVIOUSLY !!)

(A charge may be made.)

Dress: Gentlemen - Mess kit, Dinner jacket or Dark lounge suit.

B King
43 Yilgarn St
SHERATON PARK WA 6008

Name..... (Please print)

I wish to attend the HIGHGATE LADIES NIGHT DINNER on Friday, 28 November, 1997.

I will be accompanied by

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(Name/s for table place card/s)

Enclosed is my cheque for S.....

If possible I/ we would like to be seated with.....

HIGHGATE RSL SUB-BRANCHBANK RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT - 19/09/97.

Balance as at 31/12/1997		4891-55
Add deposits to 16/09/'97		<u>14828-58</u>
		19720-13
Less payments and charges		<u>16392-63</u>
		3327-50
Outstanding cheques 365	76-00	
366	1318-50	<u>1394-50</u>
<u>Balance as per statement</u>		<u>\$4722-00</u>

(BRIAN KING)

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The British Military writes OFR's (officer fitness reports). The form used for Royal Navy and Marines fitness reports is the S206. The following are actual excerpts from people's "206s"...

- His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity.
- I would not breed from this Officer.
- This Officer is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definitely won't-be.
- When she opens her mouth, it seems that this is only to change whichever foot was previously in there.
- He has carried out each of his duties to his entire satisfaction.
- He would be out of his depth in a car park puddle.
- Technically sound but socially impossible.
- This young lady has delusions of adequacy.
- When he joined my ship this Officer was something of a granny, since then he has aged considerably.
- This Medical Officer has used my ship to carry his genitals from port to port and my officers to carry him from bar to bar.
- Since my last report he has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
- She sets low standards and then constantly fails to achieve them.
- He has the wisdom of youth and the energy of old age.
- This Officer should go far-and the sooner he starts the better.
- The only ship I would recommend this man for is citizenship.
- Works well under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap.
- This man is depriving a village somewhere of a village idiot.

(Supplied by KEN BLADEN).

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