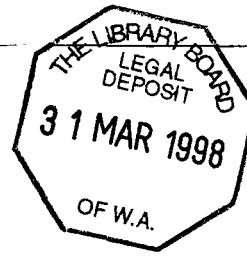




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MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

MONDAY 16 MARCH, 1998.

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

TIME: 1200 HOURS FELLOWSHIP - 1230 LUNCHEON.

**SPEAKER: HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL MICHAEL JEFFERY, AC MC
GOVERNOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**

His Excellency was born at Wiluna, Western Australia and educated at Kent Street High School. He attended the Royal Military College, Duntroon, graduating in 1959 as an infantry officer. He served twice in Papua New Guinea and saw operational service in Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam where he was awarded the Military Cross and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He has commanded all combat units of the Australian Army from a 30 man platoon to a 12,000 man infantry division and held senior two star appointments in logistics, materiel acquisition and operations. For these services he was appointed as a Member and then an Officer of the Order of Australia. Major-General Jeffery was appointed Governor of Western Australia on 1 November 1993 and became a Companion of the Order of Australia in June 1996 for his services to the State. His wife Marlena is from Sydney and they have four children; two of whom are serving Army officers and the fourth a civil engineer. Their daughter, Sarah is also an Army officer and recently gave birth to the Governor and Mrs Jeffery's first grandchild.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

COMMITTEE : 1215 HOURS 6 APRIL, 1998 ANZAC HOUSE

**ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST : 0730 HOURS WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CLUB,
101 ST. GEORGES TCE. (FOLLOWING DAWN SERVICE).**

NAMES TO PRESIDENT TOM - Tel. 9390 - 9071, IF ATTENDING.

ASSISTANT CASHIER FOR MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING: John McKenzie

If unable to attend please advise Brian King - Tel. 9318 - 8557 in time for him to get a replacement

DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWS- 27 MARCH, 1998



LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER:

Malcolm Hyde returned to Highgate after his visit with us last year and we were again treated to an interesting and well orchestrated address. His presentation revealed the depth of his knowledge of the loss of the Titanic and his conclusion challenged us to ponder the question - Olympic or Titanic? Thanks Malcolm!

(Alan Saville)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The year of 1998 got off to a good start. The guest speaker, Malcolm Hyde's address was most interesting and we had 116 members and guests present.

At the March meeting we will be honoured by the presence of His Excellency Major-General Michael Jeffery AC MC as our guest speaker. An early roll up would be appreciated to ensure we are assembled in ample time to be seated.

Don't forget the ANZAC Breakfast at the WA Club, 101 St Georges Terrace following the dawn service.

As is usual at this time of the year, nominations are being called from members to fill vacancies on the State Executive. We are seeking members (preferably from the "young brigade") to take up the challenge. Names to the Secretary, please!

Any Financial Member of Highgate Sub-branch, who wishes to discuss business matters or offer suggestions, has the right to attend a regular committee meeting, which is usually held on the first Monday of the Month and is shown in the "Newsletter". To help with catering please advise the Secretary on 9385 - 9848 if you intend to attend.

Legacy Badge Day will be held this year on 17 April. Collectors are urgently needed. Please reserve this day and volunteer!

Anzac Day dawn service - it would be great to have a good roll up of all members

Australia Day honours - Doctor Alan King AM and Brian Cooper OAM. Congratulations to both of these gentlemen. A just reward for the many years of hard work for the RSL of Western Australia and Highgate Sub-branch.

Ian Miller our hard working monthly door cashier is on the sick list and will be in hospital for some time. Ian has carried out this arduous duty over the last 16 months to his great credit and we all wish him full recovery and a pleasant recuperation period. Peter Hummerston has consented to filling the position for the time being. Thanks Peter!

Bereavements - none of us is getting any younger. Highgate has a membership list of over 350 personnel and the committee's greatest worry is that someone's demise could be missed and normal Highgate courtesies could be overlooked. Should any member become aware of such news please assist by notifying the Secretary.

Ladies luncheon - Carine TAFF Wednesday 12th August, 1998. Junior Vice-President Bob Mercer reported all booking details have been confirmed for the above. Please mark your diary to ensure you will enjoy this venue. Further details will be advised in June/July Newsletter.

(Tom Horton)

SUB-WARDENS DUTIES

Sunday 22 March, 1998

1145 hours for 12 noon

Greek Independence

PLEASE NOTE:

A dedicated Taxi telephone is now available in the foyer of Anzac House



FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG:

This year's "Schools Commemorative ANZAC Service" will commence at 1130 hours on Wednesday 8 April. The Deputy Warden recommends Highgate members show their support for the children by attending the service.

The Alzheimer Association, in conjunction with DVA, will be holding free two day courses in 1998. Details; Christopher Du Boulay/Clare Bolton Tel: 9388 - 2800

The RAAF is conducting a major Air Power conference in Canberra 30 - 31 March, 1998. It is open to Ex-service people. Details Wing. Cdr. Brent Tel: (02)6287 - 6205.

Collectors are urgently required to assist Torchbearers for Legacy during their Street Appeal on Friday 17 April, 1998. Details: Terry Healy Tel: 9367 - 5799.

"B" Coy . 3 RAR Reunion, Brisbane 23 - 26 April, 1998. Details: J.Babbage Tel: 9349 - 0826.

(Otto Pelczar)

PENSION OFFICER'S REPORT:

During the year ending 1997 my team and I at the Department of Veterans' Affairs achieved the following results.

We interviewed and processed 302 claims for the year 1997. Our range with clients was from Albany in the South to Derby in the North. We also did one member in Darwin and another member in Adelaide. As we are responsible to assist any Veteran not all the above were from Highgate, however we did manage to look after quite a few of our members, who were given top priority. Most of the Veterans that we looked after received some reward in regards to their claim.

COURSES 1997:

Bob Smith and John Jackson completed the case officers' course which was for a period of three (3) days. This allows us to take cases before the VRB. Bob Mees who understudied John and me and is also a member of Highgate completed the Pension officers' course Level 1. This will allow him, at present, to do primary cases to the DVA.

COURSES 1998:

Bob Smith and John Jackson completed the advocacy course which was conducted on 27 and 28 January, 1998. This will allow us to take cases to the AAT. Bob Mees will attend a case officer course in 1998 - dates to be advised.

CONCLUSION:

Highgate is now well represented by qualified Pension Officers. Another first in showing the way!

SPECIAL THANKS:

This must go to Brian Cooper. Highgate, who was the prime mover, in not only arranging the office at DVA but has been the co-ordinator and one of the main members in running various courses.

(Bob Smith)

HVO REPORT.

During February we had only two members in Hollywood Hospital. Calls were made each week - Jim Hall being visited on the 9th and Gordon Young on the both 9th and 16th. Both have since been discharged.

(Don Meredith)

VALE. It is with deep regret that we record the death of the following members:

E Nelson; and C S Richardson.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families at this time of great sorrow.

NEW MEMBER.

We welcome W B (Bill) Pooley as a new member and look forward to enjoying his company at our monthly luncheons and other Sub-branch functions.



RYDER-CHESHIRE HOMES outreach of

RYDER-CHESHIRE FOUNDATION (WA) Inc.

The Ryder-Cheshire Foundation is part of a world-wide organisation dedicated to the relief of suffering wherever it may be, irrespective of the race or creed of the sufferer. Its name joins the work of two famous people - Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire.

Commenced in England the Foundation spread throughtout the world and now operates in fifty countries with two hundred and seventy homes. Each year new homes are added to the lists of Cheshire and Sue Ryder Homes.

In recent years the Australian Foundations have addressed local needs and Ryder-Cheshire Homes have been established in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.

In March, 1991, twentyone years after the establishment of the Western Australian Foundation, Lady Ryder officially opened the first Ryder-Cheshire Foundation Home in this State. This is named Barbara Seabrook House in recognition of the long serving Foundation Secretary and is situated in the grounds of the Royal Perth Rehabilitation Hospital in Shenton Park. It provides low cost (\$20-00 per night) accommodation for people from the country visiting Perth for health-related treatment and comprises - Comfortable rooms; and
Kitchen and laundry facilities

For further enquiries and details please phone the House Mother on (08) 9388 - 3467 or write to: The House Mother, Ryder-Cheshire Barbara Seabrook House, 6 Selby Street, Shenton Park, WA 6008.



ANZAC DAY "GUNFIRE BREAKFAST"

Please complete this slip and bring it 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, 1998.
(Cost \$20-00 per head).

Full Name.....

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