



Registered Publication No. PP602669/0033 No. 368 August, 1998
(The official newsletter of the Highgate (WA) Sub-branch of the Returned & Services League of Australia)
IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO:- O PELCZAR

PRESIDENT: T W (TOM) HORTON Tel. 9390 - 9071
VICE PRESIDENT, SENIOR: F A (ALAN) SAVILLE Tel. 9386 - 1933
JUNIOR: R D (BOB) MERCER AM RFD ED Tel. 9364 - 2066
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: S D (DON) MEREDITH, JP. Tel. 9386 - 1171
SECRETARY: O (OTTO) PELCZAR Tel. 9385 - 9848
TREASURER: B N (BRIAN) KING Tel. 9381 - 8557

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Monday 17th August 1998

VENUE: GALLIPOLI ROOM ANZAC House, St George's Terrace, PERTH
TIME: 1200 Hours Fellowship - 1230 Hours Luncheon
SPEAKER: Reginald E Lander - a Highgate Member
SUBJECT: The early days of Qantas

Reginald Ernest Lander was born in ROMA Queensland in 1914. He attended the Ipswich Grammar School from 1926 to 1930. After leaving school he worked on a family property in Goondiwindi for a time and then went to Mt Isa Queensland. It was there that Reg went into commercial radio, and undertook a correspondence course of three years duration. When that was completed he was classified as a qualified Commercial Radio Operator. It was with those qualifications and experience that he became the first Commercial Radio Officer to join Qantas in its very early days. Reg will share with us anecdotes from the 1937 - 1939 years.

Alan Saville

LAST MONTHS SPEAKER

Commodore G P (Paul) Kable - Commodore Fleet Bases afforded Highgate Members present very detailed information of our Australian Navy. The modernisation will ensure the Navy is one of the most modern in the world.

Alan Saville

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

COMMITTEE: 1215 hours, Monday 7th September 1998, ANZAC House
LUNCHEON: 1150 hours for 1230 hours 21 September 1998, ANZAC House
HIGHGATE LADIES' LUNCHEON: 1130 hours for 1200 hours 12th August 1998, The Graduate Restaurant, Carine TAFE Campus Almandine Drive
Bookings plus cheque of \$15per head to Bob Mercer before 27th July.

His telephone 9364 2066.

There is room for another 6 couples.

ASSISTANT CASHIER FOR AUGUST LUNCHEON - RON BATE

If unable to attend please advise Brian King - Telephone 9381 8557 in time for him to get a replacement.
PLEASE bring correct money \$15



Fellow Members

HIGHGATE NEWSLETTER - We have a new Editor in **KEITH FLANAGAN**. Thanks Keith for volunteering.

DAWN SERVICE: GALLIPOLI ANZAC COVE

Committee man Don Blair recently returned from a visit to the Gallipoli Peninsular Battlefields and presented at our June luncheon a beautiful bottle filled with ANZAC Cove sand - the very beach where the bloody landing took place. This highly valued memento is on the President's Stand at each luncheon meeting for viewing.

Don with a group of 2/28 Battalion Members made this great pilgrimage and then went onto France to inspect the Battlefields where many AIF diggers created international fame for Australia and many are buried in cemeteries now looked after by the War Graves Commission.

Don Rae, with wife Anne, also made the pilgrimage to ANZAC Cove. Don said in the dawn light it was possible to "feel" the presence of the thousands who had gathered there for many (mainly young Back Packers) it was an all night vigil on the shoals of ANZAC Cove. Each person present observing their own particular homage.

The feeling was amazing as quietly as the crowd of thousands gathered, so they dispersed.

Many thousands in the procession moved to the Turkish National Memorial conducted by the Turkish Authorities that recognised all combatants. Each Nation was honoured and as their flag was raised so the Military Band played their National Anthem. Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, France, Newfoundland, India, Germany, Turkey were honoured.

Both Don Blair and Don Rae remarked on a great tribute recognising the acts of great valour and personal sacrifices by all combatants particularly one memorial erected by the Turkish Government reading:

"Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us they lie side by side here in this country of ours.. You, the Mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well." (President of the Turkish Republic (1923-1928).

NEW MEMBERS

New Members are the life blood of Highgate. To ensure the correct induction of your friend, you, the proposer has the complete responsibility to make sure his application form is completed correctly and forwarded to Highgate's Secretary.

ALSO

Most important the proposer should see to it that the applicants C.V. form is complete. This is the only way we can assure Highgate history is recorded particularly as a new C.V. Book will be printed in the Year 2000 - if details are up to date.

At the July Luncheon it was good to see Les Stewart back from his overseas UK tour and looking very fit.

Tom Horton

August 15 V J DAY one of the great days in modern history.

Make sure you and your family can attend the Memorial Service to sincerely celebrate the Memories of their proud service on Saturday August 15th, Kings Park memorial Service 1045 hours for 1100 hours.

Ron Stone



HOLLYWOOD HOSPITAL VISITS

Ivor Hanger in Rehab. Has been in for a couple of months now awaiting transfer to a Nursing Home. He is comfortable and in good health.

Arch Cambell in James Wood. Arch has been in constantly and has had some ups and downs but as at 21st July was in good form and looking to move out to Hollywood Village very soon.

Len Ikin spent a good part of the period as a patient before going home in mid July

Len Keynes paid a very brief visit in late June but was in and out between visits.

Don Meredith

HONOUR AVENUE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee chairman Bish Kwiecinski's article, "HONOUR AVENUE - A CALL FOR HELP!" in the June newsletter had the desired response. The committee thanks the following Highgate members for ignoring the unwritten First Rule of Military Service..... never volunteer for anything.... and stepping forward to fill the breach.

Messrs Ray Hepworth, John Costigan, Barry Long, Jack McRoberts, Terry Gill and Norden Digby all put their hand up. Thank you gentlemen for ensuring our good work in King's Park will continue for the foreseeable future.

Chris Brook Hon/Secretary

Any more young volunteers!!!

SUB-WARDEN'S DUTIES

Sunday 9 August	1045 hours for 1100 hours	Navy Canberra Shrop Shire Assce
Saturday 15 August	1045 hours for 1100 hours	VJ DAY Remembrance
Saturday 15 August	1345 hours for 1400 hours	British Commonwealth Occupational Forces Assce. Unveiling of Plaque.

HIGHGATE LADIES LUNCHEON: 1130 hours for 1200 hours 12 AUGUST 1998

THE GRADUATE RESTAURANT CARINE TAFE CAMPUS

Almandine Drive Carine WA

Bookings plus cheque to BOB MERCER (9364 2066) \$15 per hea

There is room for another 6 couples.

PENSION/WELFARE REPORT

FOOTWEAR

Veterans and War Widows are eligible to receive footwear for clinically prescribed medical conditions and injuries related to the feet. Eligibility is based on clinical necessity for gold card holders and on specific related accepted disabilities for white card holders. Footwear is obtained by referral to a Footwear prescribing Podiatrist. Certain Specialists ie Orthopaedic Surgeons, Rhuematologists, can also prescribe footwear.

Supplier (surgical bootmaker) who arranges measure and fitting, seeking DVA approval before final issue. Currently there are twelve (12) suppliers located throughout W.A. Beneficiaries may be provided with up to two (2) pairs of serviceable footwear at anyone time, with those living in remote areas eligible for up to three (3) pairs. Ext 397

LIMBS

Following the closure of the RALAC the Western Australian Limb scheme for amputees (W.A.L.S.A.) (Under the state health department umbrella) now looks after both civilian and veteran amputee's. New amputees are assessed at clinics held at Rocky Bay in Mosman Park. Ongoing/new assessments also take place at clinics held at any of the three (3) contracted suppliers premises. These suppliers also provide ancillary prosthetic items such as cosmetic stockings and gloves, stump socks and prosthetic gel and draw sheets in addition to repairs and modification to existing limbs. RAP support our beneficiaries by providing an information, approval, monitoring and payment role alongside WALSA. Ext 397

**OXYGEN**

Oxygen for home use is provided where beneficiaries qualify under Thoracic Society of Australia/ New Zealand guidelines. Requests must be submitted by one of the following groups: Consultants Respiratory Physicians, Chest Specialists, Cardiologists or Oncologists, with an LMO request accepted in urgent remote area situations. RAP have a specific request form that sets out the required information needed to determine clinical approval for Oxygen. RAP arranges Oxygen through a contracted supplier, BOC Gases, who provide both metro and country (agency) services including after hours emergency requirements. Ext 290

Bob Smith

THIS PUBLICATION IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:-

**RON STONE OF WALLACE JEWELLERS
NOW A CONSULTANT TO SMALES JEWELLERS, PICCADILLY ARCADE.
PHONE 9321 4421**

AND

**DON BLAIR OF KINGSIZE MENSWEAR
874 BEAUFORT ST INGLEWOOD PHONE 9272 2933**

891 HAY ST PERTH PHONE 9401 0463 AND

1341 ALBANY HIGHWAY CANNINGTON PHONE 9458 2833