

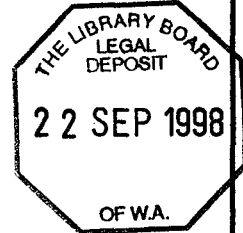
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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Monday 21 September 1998

VENUE: GALLIPOLI ROOM ANZAC HOUSE St George's Terrace PERTH  
TIME: 1200 hours Fellowship - 1230 hours Luncheon  
SPEAKER: Mrs Ann Penny  
SUBJECT: RYDER-CHESHIRE FOUNDATION

Ann Penny was born in Yorkshire, coming from a family with Royal Navy, Merchant Navy and shipping connections. She joined the Royal Air Force during World War II as a teleprinter operator and served in Bomber Command, but mostly with RAAF squadrons. Married on Anzac Day 1945 to a RAAF pilot officer she became an Australian citizen without really trying! She arrived in Fremantle with a very new son in late 1946 as one of the first "boat people". Maintaining an interest in the services she has been -

- Treasurer of the WAAF Branch of the RAAF for 18 years;
- Treasurer of the Combined Ex-servicewomen of WA Committee of Management for the past 27 years;
- Member of 5 Squadron Associations;
- Member of the Museum Branch of RAAFA during which she helped organise and assemble the Handley-Page Halifax display;
- Proof reader for the RSL Listening Post for many years;
- Member of the State Council of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation of WA.

Ann also take an active role with the British ex-WAAF's, the British War Brides in WA, and for 18 years has been on the committee of the Plain English Speaking Awards run by the Australian-Britain Society.

### LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER

Reg Lander gave us an interesting talk on the early days of Qantas, particularly on the international route from Sydney to London which was operated by flying boats. As a radio officer in the crew he had many highlights to relate. Passengers in those far-off days were extremely fortunate to be pampered in such luxury boath on board and in their overnight accommodation en route. Thanks Reg.

*Alan Saville*

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

COMMITTEE: 1215 hours, Monday 5th October 1998, ANZAC HOUSE  
LUNCHEON: 1150 hours for 1230 hours, Monday 19th October 1998 ANZAC HOUSE

ASSISTANT CASHIER FOR SEPTEMBER - KEN BIRKS

If unable to attend please ring Otto Pelczar (9385 9848) in time for him to find a replacement  
PLEASE bring correct money: \$15



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### VJ DAY 1998

The Japanese surrender on 15th August 1945 brought six years of war to a close.

It is a day of particular significance to Australians because it meant the end of a war in which, for the first time in our history, Australia was attacked by air and sea. We faced the very real threat of invasion.

This day signalled the release and repatriation of what was left of 22,000 Australian prisoners-of-war after more than one-third had died in Japanese prison camps. For some it was a reunion with family and loved ones for the first time in five years.

VJ Day this year was a beautiful day. Highgate Sub-wardens assembled in strength to provide a dignified Guard of Honour at the State War Memorial. It was an impressive ceremony before a large assembly. The State Governor, Major General Michael Jeffery, AC, MC laid the State Wreath followed by RSL State President, Ken Bladen.

Other wreaths were laid by the Navy, Army and Air Force, service associations, State officials and consular and other diplomatic services.

Many Highgate members were accompanied by wives and families.

### **Lest we Forget**

### LADIES NIGHT

Ladies Night will be held on 27th November at the WA Club in St George's Terrace..

This has been an excellent venue in past years and a truly Gala Night is guaranteed.

Dress will be black tie with miniatures.

### POPPY DAY

Poppy Day will be on again on Friday 6th of November.

A generous public are pressed by many charities. It is up to Highgate to rally and man each selling centre to maximise our results.

Highgate should be able to muster 40 - 50 volunteers for each selling centre.

### **People sell Poppies**

### ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Following our recent request for someone to fill a new position on our committee, Barry Long has volunteered to be assistant secretary. Otto can surely use the help. Welcome aboard, Barry.

### NEW MEMBERS

New members are more than welcome. They are our life blood. Those proposing them should make sure their applications are properly completed and lodged with the secretary.. The applicant's CV form should be complete so we can assure Highgate history is recorded. A new CV book will be printed in the Year 2000.

*Tom Horton*

### SUB-WARDENS DUTIES

Sunday 13 September	1445 hours for 1500 hours	Royal Air Force Association
Sunday 4 October	1750 hours for 1800 hours	Naval Association of WA

## HOSPITAL VISITS

During August and early September the following have spent time in Hollywood Private Hospital:

Arch Campbell, after a long stay, has been formally discharged and has taken up residence in Hollywood Village. Ivor Hanger, also a long-term patient, has now been found accommodation in Montrose Nursing Home in Grange Road, Claremont, where I visited him on 27 August. As always he expressed content.

Ken Ingram, Jim Kevan and Robert Grey were in for brief stays only. Jim Hall was in for about a week with pneumonia and Hedley Hernamen was in for a bit over two weeks for treatment.

On 2 September Frank Statham was the only Highgate member in Hollywood, having treatment for an ulcer on his shin. Vivian Statham has also been in for a couple of weeks and I called on her to give greetings and best wishes from Highgate. I also called on Bob Benzie, a one-time Bank of NSW officer, whom I have known for many years.

I am glad to report that after about six months of hospital visiting I have yet to hear a complaint. From the comments of the Highgate patients and my own observation it is as good as they can make it.

*Don Meredith*

### LADIES LUNCHEON

Forty-nine members and their wives attended the Highgate Ladies Luncheon at the Carine TAFE on 12 August. The surroundings were excellent, the service and attention equal to any good hotel in Perth and the meal, served by students supervised by their instructor, was exceptional. The day was voted a great success and the feeling was that the luncheon should definitely be an annual event on our social calendar.

*Bob Mercer*

### WIDOWS' PENSIONS

The linking of war widows' pensions to the recently legislated benchmark 25 per cents of the male total average weekly earnings, means that their pensions have now been increased by \$6.80 to \$378.60 a fortnight.

Almost 100,000 war widows and widowers were due to receive their first increased pensions in April. They are tax free and non-means tested.

### CARER COURSES

The DVA is providing free training for carers of people with dementia. Any family member or friends who care for a veteran or war widow/widower with dementia can attend. Veterans or war widowers who care for a friend or family member are also invited. Training is held over two days and covers medication, and management of daily living activities and personal stress. Contact Lynne McHale (9366 8348) for WA dates.

*Bob Smith*

### ANNUAL SUBS

Annual subscriptions for 1999 will be due shortly.  
Please help the Treasurer and your sub-branch by paying these directly  
to Brian King  
NOT repeat NOT to the RSL office

**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH (INC)**  
**HIGHGATE SUB BRANCH BALANCE SHEET**  
(As at 31 December 1997)

**BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Accumulated Funds.		
General Account	4307	4595
Amelioration Account	7541	4231
Honour Avenue	795	721
50th Anniversary Book Project	2343	---
	<u>14986</u>	<u>9547</u>
Represented By		
Current Assets		
Commonwealth Bank a/c 925571	5103	4892
Commonwealth Bank a/c 910679	795	701
Commonwealth Bank a/c 10198547	8306	4231
Challenge Bank A/c 54213	2343	---
Capitation Fees in advance	3228	3580
Cash in hand	60	80
Town & Country Term Deposit 11642733(5.1%)	2615	2422
	<u>22450</u>	<u>15906</u>
Less Current Liabilities		
Subscriptions in advance	6195	5710
Levies and donations in advance	984	649
RSL WA Branch Poppies/Wreaths	765	---
	<u>7944</u>	<u>6359</u>
	14506	9547
Fixed Assets.		
Microphone/Speaker cost less deprechn.	480	---
Nett Assets	<u>14986</u>	<u>9547</u>

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
General Account		
Income		
Subscriptions	6164	8856
Donations and Levies	1828	1234
Interest Received	255	237
Functions	6030	5095
Luncheons	16416	14360
	<u>30693</u>	<u>29782</u>
Expenditure		
Capitation Fees	4492	5265
Newsletter	2265	2280
Stamps/stationery/phone	1297	746
Bank Charges	46	37
Funeral Notices	185	422
Luncheons	14153	12339
Functions	6706	5275
Seminars/Congress	273	404
RSL Certificates	145	210
Audit	100	100
Pugaries/Embroidery	130	---
Constitution Convention Nominee	500	---
Donations	400	1100
RSL Staff Gratuity	100	100
Insurance	68	50
Gong Repairs	---	225
Depreciation microphone/speaker	121	---
	<u>30981</u>	<u>28553</u>
	<u>(288)</u>	<u>1871</u>

Further details available from the Treasurer .

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W E W E L C O M E N E W M E M B E R S

It is with considerable pleasure that we welcome the following new members:-

Robert Pickard	Ken Hutchison	Colin Riley
Reg Lander	Ron Rigg	Ian Warner
Richard Lawler	Michael Sutherland	Robert Bunney
David Harper	Robert Royle	Robert Kirk
Bert Swanson	Ken Win-stanley	Brian Martin
Eric Carpenter	John Costigan	

We look forward to having the pleasure of their company at our Luncheon meetings and other Sub-branch functions. If this greeting is a little late for some, it is only due to their membership application having successfully by-passed our Secretary. Our welcome is all the more sincere.