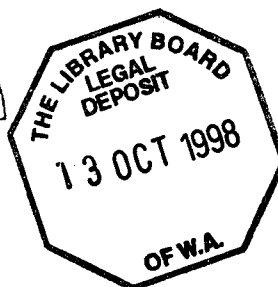


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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Honour Avenue Committee will meet at Anzac House after the conclusion of the October Luncheon Committee members are asked to attend.

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MONT HLY LUNCHEON

Monday 19 October 1998

Venue: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House,

Time: 1200 Hrs Fellowship. 1230 Hrs Luncheon

Speaker: Richard Weller

Topic : Designing the Gallipoli Peace Park

Richard Weller, Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture and Fine Arts in the University of WA, teaches design, history and theory of landscape architecture.

He has practised extensively in Australia and Europe winning many international awards. He is a director of the design company **Room 4.1.3** in association with Vladimir Sitta.

They are now working on the winning landscape design for the National Museum of Australia after Ashton Baggatt McDougall won an international competition.

Richard will tell us how his design team made the successful submission to the Turkish Government in 1997-98 that won an international competition to plan the landscape and architecture of the whole Gallipoli Peninsula, with ideas for management in which old and new could coexist, the heritage could be protected and the park as a whole could be operated as a symbol and attraction.

LAST MONTH

Mrs Ann Penny told us of the beginnings of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation overseas and in Australia, highlighting the outreach of the Foundation in Western Australia. We thank Ann for her wonderful presentation which our members received with interest and enthusiasm.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 1215 Hrs Monday 2 November Anzac House

Luncheon: 1150 Hrs for 1230 Hrs 16 November
Anzac House

Ladies Night Dinner: 1900 Hrs for 1930 Hrs,
WA Club. 101 St George's Terrace
Dress: Black tie and miniatures

Assistant cashier for October luncheon - Ken Birks

If unable to attend, please ring Tom Horton (Tel. 9390 9071) in time for him to get a replacement.
Please bring correct money - \$15



President's Report

POPPY DAY

We still need more collectors for the two sites allocated to us on Friday 6 November. Nominate your time and place from the following breakdown and sign on at the October luncheon or ring TOM HORTON 9390 9071. Those running and operating businesses could help by buying a wreath (\$20) for your firm. Every bit helps.

TIME	PERTH BUS STATION (Near River)	WELLINGTON STREET
6 - 7 am	2 Collectors	2 Collectors
7 - 8 am	4	4
8 - 9 am	Nil	3
9 - 10 am	4	2
10 - 11 am	9	Nil
11 - 12 am	6	Nil
12 - 1 pm	4	4
1 - 2 pm	4	4

NEW MEMBERS

The following members have RSL badges awaiting collection at our October luncheon
G L Vickridge Vin Hart David Messer Brian Taylor D D Salmon

Tom Horton

HOSPITAL

No Highgate members were admitted to Hollywood Private Hospital between 15 and 29 September. Vivian Statham has been discharged and has gone home to Frank. Unfortunately Arch Campbell suffered a heart attack on the weekend of 27 September and is in Intensive Care. I visited him briefly several times. He is making satisfactory progress and was quite lucid when I saw him. He is our only inmate.

Don Meredith

HIGHGATE RSL LADIES' NIGHT

Members ,partners and friends are invited to the Highgate RSL Ladies' Night on
Friday 27 November 1998

at the WA Club, 101 St George's Terrace, Perth (Opp. Bond Tower)

In the presence of His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC MC
and Mrs Marlina Jeffery

Those attending should be in position to greet His Excellency no later than 1925 hours. Please wear name badges for easy identification.

Arrangements have been made for 100 people and allocation will be "first come, first served:" at a cost of \$50 a head, including pre-dinner drinks and dinner wines.

Those wishing to attend should complete the form on the adjacent page and send it to the Treasurer with your cheque no later than Monday 23 November..

Dress: Gentlemen - Mess kit, dinner jacket or dark lounge suit

Ladies: After five. A floral spray will be presented
(Miniatures may be worn)



Vale Sir Val

“Val”, as he was known affectionately in earlier years by his contemporaries, became “Sir Val” upon attaining the pinnacle of his chosen profession - the position of Chief of Air Staff RAAF in 1961

Upon finishing at Hale School, he embarked initially on an Army career entering RMC Duntroon in 1925. On graduating in 1928 he transferred to the then fledgling RAAF and trained as a pilot

After service in Nos 1 and 3 Squadrons he filled a number of staff appointments which continued with the rapid expansion of the RAAF on the outbreak of World War II. Eventually he secured an operational tour flying Beaufort bombers with 100 Squadron and 71 Wing in New Guinea and was awarded the DFC

Post World War II he held several Senior Staff appointments including AOC RAAF , AOC RAF 224 Group and AOC RAAF Operational Command prior to becoming CAS in 1961.

It was during his term as CAS that significant new aircraft acquisitions were approved including that of the F-111 Strike aircraft which today remains the most important element of Australia’s air power inventory.

It was a privilege to have served under Air Marshal Hancock and to have been involved in the procurement of the F-111 in which he retained an abiding interest .

He was an outstanding athlete in his youth and maintained a high standard of physical fitness playing tennis well into his eighties. Seriously, he sustained his other passion for flying which he continued actively for many years after his retirement.

Sir Valston died on 29 September in his 92nd year. He is survived by Lady Joan, wife and partner for 68 years, children John, Richard and Rosemary, and six grandchildren.

We at Highgate will miss his cheerful presence at our luncheon meetings, but we will remember and treasure the memory of a true gentleman in every respect.

We salute you, Sir Val.

Sam Dallywater

B King

Name.....(Please print)

I wish to attend the HIGHGATE LADIES NIGHT DINNER on Friday 27 November 1998

I will be accompanied by.....
(Name/s for table place card/s)

Enclosed is my cheque for \$.....
(\$50.00 per person)

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



Dawn Service

As we gather here to face the dawn, we honour those who faced the night. Not a night of rest, nor dreams. Not a night of shared laughter or the warmth of homefire. But a monstrous corruption of nature, an eclipse of humanity itself.

And yet when we look at the night sky, the wonder we feel is surely for the stars, not the black veil behind them.

Their story of sacrifice and suffering, of constancy and compassion, illuminates the very essence of the Anzac spirit. For, of all our heroes, they were armed with human virtue alone and their victory was over the darkest recesses of the human heart.

To a superb tradition of self-discipline under fire was added selflessness and ingenuity. To a heritage of wild reckless bravery was added cold calculated valour sustained for years.

To the world proof was given that tyranny, in the end, has no power over the courage and decency of ordinary men and women. It is an example to which we all aspire - as relevant to peace as to war, to our future as to our past.

And on this sacred day, at this most sacred place, we honour all Australian service men and women who gave or offered their lives in war.

We pay tribute to our veterans, unique Australians who have known the blessings and hardship of both conflict and peace.

On this day we enrich ourselves, for it's been said a nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but by the men it honours, the men it remembers.

On this day most of all, we mourn the fallen - long years of love and talent lost, of potential unrealised, of generations unborn.

We would have them know of our firm and steadfast belief that they rest not in shades of darkness but bask in the brightness of an Australian sun.

We would have them know that we will remember them.

John Howard

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