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Monthly Luncheon 21 August 2000

Venue: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House
Time: 1150 hrs Fellowship 1230hrs Luncheon
Speaker: Air Commodore Norman Ashworth
Topic: Defence Discussion Paper

Presidents Report

The July Octogenarian Birthday Party was a huge success with 16 members celebrating their 80th and Ian Bessel-Brown reaching his 90th milestone. It was a great day and further illustrates the great pride Highgate has for its senior members. This day was only made possible by the dedicated planning, organizing and administration by Jin Eayers and his committee. We thank them all and congratulate them on a job well done. I would also like to thank Chris Brooks for his great effort in photographing each of the Octogenarians. This was a memorable occasion and an event I would like to see continue annually.

Warning Order – Poppy Day 2000

“Poppy Day” will occur on Friday 10 November 2000 and once again Tom Horton has volunteered his services to lead the Highgate Team. Highgate has a proud record in the number of poppies sold and I ask you all to once again get involved and volunteer some of your time to assist in the Poppy sales on 10 November. There will further information and briefing closer to the day.

On the 1st of August we lost a highly respected member of our Sub-branch. Len Ikin passed away peacefully at home after a long illness. Len was president of Highgate in 1980 and served 4 years on the RSL State Executive. We offer our condolences to his wife, Joyce and family.

In conclusion, our congratulations to Robert Pickard, Barry Standen and Geoff Hourn upon their election to the State Executive and also our congratulations to Rod Willox whom was elected Chairman of the War Veterans Homes Committee.

Take care, John

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 1000 hrs Monday 4
September
Luncheon: 1150 hrs for 1230 hrs,
18 September

Assistant Cashier for August luncheon – Tom Horton

Please ring Brian Martin (Tel. 9294 1915) immediately if unable to attend.

Please bring correct money - **\$20.00**

Hospital Visits	ANZAC Day – Albany 2001 - Sub Wardens
<p>During July the following Highgate members spent time in Hollywood Hospital:</p> <p>Alan King Hedley Hernamen Roy Pleydell Len Ikin * Ken Lee *</p> <p>Regrettably both Len Ikin and Ken Lee passed away after leaving hospital.</p> <p>All the best Don Meredith</p>	<p>Highgate have been invited to provide Sub Wardens for the ANZAC Day service at Albany 2001.</p> <p>If you intend going to Albany for this event and wish to participate at the wreath laying ceremony please contact Mike Ruffin on Phone / Fax 9448 1683.</p> <p>Please support our sponsors:</p> <p><i>Ron Stone consultant to Smales Jewellers, Piccadilly Arcade</i></p> <p><i>Don Blair Kingsize Menswear, City, Inglewood and Cannington</i></p>

Sub Wardens Duties

Wreath laying ceremonies at the State War Memorial, Kings Park:

Tuesday 15 August	1045 hrs for 1100	VJ Day
Monday 28 August	1215 hrs for 1230 hrs	RSL National Conference
Thursday 31 August	1145 hrs for 1200 hrs	Merdeka
Sunday 3 September	1045 hrs for 1100	39ers Association
Sunday 10 September	1345 hrs for 1400	RAF Association
Sunday 10 September	1145 1200	Maltese Association

Luncheon Cost Increase

Due to the GST increase being passed on from ANZAC House your committee had no alternative but to increase the cost of the luncheon to \$20.00, the committee has absorbed the last two increases.

Be assured conviviality remains the same.

Hi Gentlemen

I hope this finds you all fit if a little chilly around the extremities given the cold temperatures over the past few weeks. The rain is welcomed though and a goodly amount is making it into our dams.

Well the Octogenarian luncheon is over for this year and what a beauty, the President has hit on a winner with this event and hopefully there will be many more to come. Those of our membership who jumped the gun and turned eighty prior to the new millennium will maybe caught up in the 'ninety net' over the next few years. Hearing the life's experiences during the presentation showed that there is many a story to be told from within our membership and hopefully those willing to do so, will share their experiences with us at subsequently monthly luncheons in the future.

This month we are fortunate to have Air Commodore Norman Ashworth to address our meeting and a very topical and timely "Defence Discussion paper". There has been quite a deal of interest generated by this topic and the input to the government from the public is certainly a different approach. There are a number of organizations contributing to government on the issue

I have had a few comments over the past few months on the format, timing, menu etc for the monthly luncheon. Your feedback both negative and positive is always welcome, as is our measure off how satisfying the needs of the membership please feel free to speak with any member of the committee on matters of concern or to pass on thanks or congratulations to the support staff of ANZAC House.

Thought for the month:

LISTEN FOR THE QUIET

"Quiet is the essence of calm. You cannot force quiet only accept it when it comes. But if you listen for it, really listen for it, you will find it in the most unexpected places. All it takes is a little concentration".



That's it from me for this month.

Barry Standen – SVP

Meaningful Contacts

Page 4 of this issue of Highgate News has the first of two pages with meaningful addresses and contact numbers to assist you with queries on your service. This first page contains details for Personal, Health and Medals Records for Australian Navy, Army and Air Force.

Next month the second page will have details for civilian records, The Australian War Memorial etc.

Personal Records	Health Records Australian Defence Force Health Records	Medals
Records – Royal Australian Navy Navy Records Department of Defence (Queanbeyan Annex) CANBERRA ACT 2600 Telephone: (02) 6266 5965	Health - Royal Australian Navy ADFHR – Navy Department of Defence (Queanbeyan Annex) CANBERRA ACT 2600 Telephone: (02) 6266 5800	Medals - Royal Australian Navy (including Australian Merchant Navy) Navy Medals Section Directorate of Honours and Awards Department of Defence (Queanbeyan Annex) CANBERRA ACT 2600 Telephone: 1800 808 073 (Navy Medals ONLY)
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Records – WW1 - Australian Army National Archives of Australia World War 1 Personnel Records Service P.O. Box 7425 CANBERRA MAIL CENTRE ACT 2610 Telephone: (02) 6212 3400		Medals – WW1 – Australian Army For WW1 medal information, enquirer should be directed to purchase a copy of the ex-member's record from: National Archives of Australia World War 1 Personnel Records Service P.O. Box 7425 CANBERRA MAIL CENTRE ACT 2610 Telephone: (02) 6212 3400

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HIGHGATE SUB BRANCH

Consolidated Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 1999

	Balance 01/01/99	Add Surplus for Year	1999 Balance 31/12/99	1998
Accumulated Funds				
General Account	\$5,054	(1,759)	\$3,295	\$5,054
Amelioration Account	\$9,927	(148)	\$9,779	\$9,927
Honour Avenue	\$1,406	\$804	\$2,210	\$1,406
50 th Ann Book. Project.	\$2,618	\$112	\$2,730	\$2,618
			<u>\$18,014</u>	<u>\$19,005</u>

Represented by: -

Current Assets

Commonwealth Bank a/c 925571			\$1,809	\$4,377
ANZ Bank Deposit a/c 985040882			\$2,888	\$2,749
Commonwealth Bank a/c 10198547			\$9,779	\$9,984
Commonwealth Bank a/c 910679			\$2,210	\$1,406
BankWest a/c 0054213			\$2,730	\$2,618
Capitation Fees in Advance			\$3,607	\$4,126
Sundry Debtors			\$200	\$60
Cash in Hand			\$60	\$60
			<u>\$23,283</u>	<u>\$25,380</u>

Less Current Liabilities

Subscriptions/levies etc in Advance			\$5,576	\$6,641
RSL WA Branch Poppies/ Wreaths			-	\$118
			<u>\$5,576</u>	<u>\$6,759</u>
			\$17,707	\$18,621

Fixed Assets

Microphone/Speaker at cost		\$601		
Prov.for Depreciation		(294)	\$307	\$384
			<u>\$18,014</u>	<u>\$19,005</u>

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Statement of Income and Expenditure
For Year Ended 31 December 1999

GENERAL ACCOUNT	1999	1998
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	\$7,293	\$4,598
Donations & Levies	\$1,962	\$4,619
Interest Received	\$145	\$139
Functions	\$4,050	\$6,065
Luncheons	\$16,594	\$17,512
Advertising, Tokens and Badges	\$521	
	<u>\$30,565</u>	<u>\$32,933</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Capitation Fees	\$5,703	\$4,869
Newsletter	\$3,663	\$2,240
Printing and Stationery	\$171	\$328
Bank Charges	\$91	\$53
Notices, Certificates and Insurance	\$652	\$549
Luncheons	\$15,395	\$15,623
Functions	\$4,664	\$6,645
Seminars/ Congress	\$568	\$373
Audit and Out of Pocket Expenses	\$400	\$250
Pugaries/ Embroidery/ Cabinet	\$140	\$160
Donations	\$700	\$900
RSL Staff Gratuity	\$100	\$100
Depreciation microphone/speaker	\$77	\$96
Surplus (Deficit) for year	<1,759>	\$747
	<u>\$30,565</u>	<u>\$32,933</u>

B.A.Martin
Hon. Treasurer 1999 year

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Year Ended 31 December 1999

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
<u>Amelioration Account</u>		
For Year Ended 31 December 1999		
<u>Income</u>		
Poppy Day Sales	\$10,070	\$6,568
Interest Received	\$22	\$23
Donation	-	\$100
	<u>\$10,092</u>	<u>\$6,691</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Donations	\$4,600	\$250
Poppy Day costs & half proceeds	\$5,634	\$3,879
Bank Charges	\$6	\$9
RSL Levy	-	\$167
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(148)	\$2,386
	<u>\$10,092</u>	<u>\$6,691</u>

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
<u>Honour Avenue</u>		
For Year Ended 31 December 1999		
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	\$5,115	\$1,235
Interest	\$2	\$1
	<u>\$5,117</u>	<u>\$1,236</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Operating Costs	\$3,961	\$492
Administration Costs	\$352	\$133
Surplus for the year	\$804	\$611
	<u>\$5,117</u>	<u>\$1,236</u>

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Year Ended 31 December 1999

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
<u>50th Anniversary Commemorative Book Project</u>		
For Year Ended 31 December 1999		
<u>Income</u>		
Book Sales & Collections	\$125	\$460
Interest	\$3	\$4
	<u>\$128</u>	<u>\$464</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Publication Costs	\$16	\$184
Bank Charges	-	\$5
Surplus for the Year	\$112	\$275
	<u>\$128</u>	<u>\$464</u>

Extract from the independent auditor's report:

Mr Paul M. Tayler, Chartered Accountant & Registered Company Auditor has audited the financial report of Highgate for the year ended 31st December, 1999 and his statement was accepted by the Committee of Highgate Sub-Branch at its monthly meeting at ANZAC House on Monday, 12 June, 2000.

Mr Tayler's report states that the audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and that in his opinion the attached financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Highgate Sub-Branch as at 31st December, 1999 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.