

The official newsletter of the Highgate (WA) Sub-Branch of the Returned & Services League of Australia

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**Monthly Luncheon**

18 November 2002

**Venue:** Gallipoli Room, Anzac House  
**Time:** 11:30 hrs Fellowship 12:30hrs Luncheon  
**Speaker:** Mr Bill Bunbury, ABC Journalist  
**Topic:** "Rabbits & Spaghetti"

**Presidents Report**

The Governor's presentation at our October Luncheon was absolutely outstanding, many question followed from the members and at the completion His Excellency received a standing ovation. (the first in my time at Highgate).

We sincerely trust His Excellency enjoyed our meeting, for be assured 120 members and guests of Highgate enjoyed a most informative and topical subject.

**Subject "The Crisis Facing Australia"**

The former Governor of WA, member of Highgate and Chairman of the Centre for International Strategic Analysis Pty Ltd, **Major General Michael Jeffrey** will speak at the **South Perth Civic Centre on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm.**

The Western Australian Committee of the Council for the National Interest invites all members, wives, partners and friends to attend (bring your questions).

Great to see Percy White at our last Luncheon, I regret I was unable to announce Percy's return to the Luncheon table.

Since my last report it is with regret that I announce the loss another highly respected member of Highgate **Cyril Bassham**

**Lest We Forget**

**Don Blair**

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Committee: 1000 hrs Monday  
2 December 2002  
Luncheon: 11:30 hrs for 12:30 Hrs  
16 December 2002

**Assistant Cashier for November**

**Ray Moreton**  
Please bring correct money **\$20.00**

<b>Hospital Visits</b>	<b>Welcome New Members</b>
<p>An otherwise quiet month, visited were:</p> <p>Percy White, Barry Standen and Victor Murray; all have since been discharged.</p> <p><b>Don Meredith – HVO</b> <b>Telephone: 9386 1171</b></p>	<p>Theo Ricketts (ex Singapore Police) &amp; Leon Zeitlen.</p>

### Sub Wardens Duties

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

Monday 11 November	10:15 hrs for 11:00 hrs	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 13 November	16:45 hrs for 17:00 hrs	Perth Legacy
Saturday 28 December	09:15 hrs for 09:30 hrs	National RSL Bowls Carnival

### Plaque for Ken Broadhurst

There is an unveiling of a plaque to honour the assistance of Ken Broadhurst as Honourary Architect to the RSL; Ken is a past President of Highgate. The unveiling is at the State War Memorial Wednesday 13 November 2002 at 16:15 hrs for 16:30 hrs.

### Membership Fees Now Due

Fees have commenced rolling in please ensure the Treasurer - Brian Martin please get your subs in by the end of November

Highgate needs your payment direct to the treasurer for a couple of reasons; primarily is that we are then able to keep our membership records fully up to date, secondly we also need to collect the \$7.00 for the Newsletter which we don't always get if you pay at ANZAC House.

### On the Horizon

**November 29 – Ladies Dining Night** – Dress is Black Tie with miniatures. Still a few vacancies the Treasurer needs your returns as soon as possible.

**December 16 – Luncheon and AGM**

**From the Desk of the Senior Vice President****Last Month**

At our last luncheon meeting we were very pleased to welcome His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC. His Excellency was also our guest speaker and his subject was about terrorism and the young people of today.

The presentation was topical and well received by our members. The main points of the presentation were:

The events at Bali are probably a continuation of the events, which began in the Gulf War. The issues are very complex and events like Bali are likely to increase in frequency worldwide. Possibly the reason for this is that absolute warfare in the conventional sense is too horrendous to contemplate due to mutually assured destruction. Also, no one can challenge the United States for the next 100 years or so due to their technological might. So one way for anyone to get his or her point of view across is to use terror. It is now a very real element in our lives and will have to be stamped out otherwise our movements and freedom will become restricted. We have to create an environment where young people have hope for the future. Historically, the terrorists won because there were no restrictions on them and governments had to place more restrictions on their own people to counter the problem, which created a climate for more terrorism. We are going to have to be involved in getting to the source of the problem and to provide to our young people hope for the future. We have not experienced absolute warfare since 1945 and this type of warfare may go on for the next 100 years. Another dimension came with our involvement in East Timor. This was our testing. We are now the power in the region and we may be involved in this archipelago for many years to come. The capacity of the ADF is stretched especially if we have to become involved in other arenas. A new strategic relationship is needed and our young people need to think on how to create a new world.

Colonel Philip Skelton thanked his Excellency on our behalf after quite a lengthy question and answer period.

**This Month**

Our guest speaker for November is Mr Bill Bunbury who is an ABC journalist. His presentation is on rabbits and spaghetti. This is an appropriate, light relief, presentation about Italian prisoners of war in Australia and Australian prisoners of war in Italy.

**Highgate Programme Diary Notes 2002**

November 29  
December 16

Ladies Dinner  
Annual General Meeting

## Chest pain? Help is at hand.

Acute chest pain requires urgent medical attention. The sooner you receive treatment, the better your chance of recovery.

If you suffer an attack call an ambulance on 000. Hollywood Private Hospital's acute chest pain unit is designed to accept patients who need help, immediately.

Expert medical and nursing staff are available 24-hours-a-day, seven days per week, to provide immediate coronary angioplasty to treat your heart attack.

Any privately insured patient, entitled veteran or war widow/er can use this service.

For more information on this service, please contact Hollywood's chest pain unit on:

(08) 9346 6019.

## Pension Officer's Report

You may recall that in a past newsletter I mentioned that Past State President Ken Bladen and myself are members of the Veteran's Affairs Committee. This is a State level committee and at one of our previous meetings the issue of the problems veterans are experiencing with some doctors and specialists acceptance of the Gold Card were discussed. The problem revolved around bulk billing and the gap between what some doctors charged the veteran and that the amount reimbursed back to the doctors by DVA for the treatment was widening. Some doctors were refusing to accept the gold card. Ken was asked to draft up a notice of motion outlining the problem and resolving to ask the Federal Government to review DVA medical payments and to stabilize the spiraling costs of medical treatment and insurance. The State Executive were present the notice of motion at the next National conference. This was done and we now know that the National conference dealt with many similar notices from the other states.

The notice which was agreed upon and which would be presented to the Government for consideration in the 2003 budget was to:

- "Ensure that entitled veterans receive medical treatment with doctors of their choice in accordance with the objectives of the Repatriation Private Patient Scheme and that specialists and other health service providers be adequately reimbursed to achieve this".

Lets see what happens in the next budget.

## A Note from the Treasurer

The committee your behalf have donated \$2,292.00 to the RSL War Veterans' Homes Menora, for the purchase of 3 wheeled shower commodes. These commodes which have padded seats and removable arms, will greatly assist the nursing staff in providing an increased level of comfort and safety when assisting residents with hygiene needs as they become more frail and in need of nursing assistance.

## Highgate Values

Highgate has values, which can be expressed as accountability, reliability, integrity, innovation, member centric and respect for the individual.

**Accountability:** taking ownership and responsibility and for progressing RSL issues.

**Reliability:** can be relied upon with membership support for RSL initiatives and tasks at hand.

**Integrity:** of sound moral principle and character, honest and forthright.

**Innovation:** leading the RSL, enterprising and resourceful.

**Membership Centric:** supporting and doing things for and on behalf of the members.

**Respect for the individual:** the grace to accept people as they are and to appreciate difference.

### **Last Post**

**Cyril Bassham**

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