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Monthly Luncheon
16 June 2003

Venue: Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House
Time: 11:30 hrs Fellowship 12:30hrs Luncheon
Speaker: Dr Robert Pearce
Topic: RAAMC Centenary 2003

Presidents Report

Honour Avenue and Sub Wardens
My personal congratulations and grateful thank you to all our members, who answered the Call and volunteered to assist with these two very important weekly commitments of Highgate Sub Branch, Highgate salutes you.

State Congress 12/13 July 2003
The Annual RSL State Congress is to be held next month and Highgate is placing six motions before Congress, once approved by your committee; I will list the Motions (without the preambles) in the July Newsletter.

Apologies
My apologies for my absence from the June meeting, I am attempting to gain some brownie points by taking my wife to Kalbarri for a week. I am confident that the SVP will ably chair the meeting.

Ladies Luncheon 27 August 2003
The annual Ladies Luncheon is to be held on Wednesday 27th August 2003, the location at the CARINE TAFE Campus **yet to be confirmed**. Please this year ensure you have your replies into the Treasurer early for this most popular event on our social calendar. Last year some members and their guests were unable to be accommodated.

New Members
On behalf of Highgate RSL Sub Branch I extend a most sincere and warm welcome to the following new members
Colin Hebbard, Richard Hooper, Len Herbert, Jack Manners, John Miller, Kevin Campbell, Peter Slikkerveer and Brian Underwood.
Thank you choosing this unique Sub Branch. May you say with us be enjoyable and one of great companionship.

Don Blair

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Committee: 11:30 hrs Monday
7 July 2003
Luncheon: 11:30 hrs, Monday
21 July 2003

Assistant Cashier for May
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Please bring correct money
\$25.00

Hospital Visits

During May:

Barry Long and John Cutting had stints at Hollywood

Sub Wardens Duties

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

Monday 9 June	09:45 hrs for 10:00 hrs	Labuan Borneo Veterans Association
Sunday 6 July	09:45 hrs for 10:00 hrs	Z Special Unit International
Saturday 12 July	11:45 hrs for NOON	RSL State Congress

Welcome Home March – Perth Friday 20 June 2003

From Defence Minister Robert Hill.

The public will have the opportunity to show their support for Australian Defence Force personnel deployed to the war against terrorism and the coalition to disarm Iraq at welcome home marches in June.

In Perth on Friday 20 June, the Prime Minister, Senator Hill and Chief of the Defence Force will join other dignitaries and well-wishers at the marches in recognition of the achievements, accomplishments and excellent work by the men and women of the ADF.

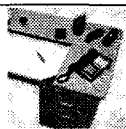
The marches are being conducted as soon as possible after the majority of personnel deployed to Operation Falconer return from the Middle East. They will be made up of ADF personnel and Defence civilians who contributed to Operation Slipper, Australia's contribution to the war against terrorism and Operations Bastille and Falconer, Australia's contribution to the coalition to disarm Iraq.

The Chief of the Defence Force recommended marches be held in Sydney and Perth, where most of the deployed forces are based, having regard to the need not to unduly interfere with post-deployment leave and family time for the returning personnel.

The marches will be similar to ANZAC Day parades, with formed groups carrying identifying banners marching through each city before attending civic reception. The concept is modeled on the welcome home marches conducted for the INTERFET forces on their return from East Timor.

"The marches will be the nation's opportunity to say thank you to the returning troops," Senator Hill said. "While we are holding private welcome home ceremonies for individual units around the country, these marches are a fitting opportunity for the general public to express their support and appreciation for the ADF. "It is important though not to forget our personnel who remain in the Middle East as part of Operation Catalyst - our contribution to stabilisation and recovery operations in Iraq. They are continuing to make a vital contribution in support of our national interest."

I will see you at the parade.



of the Senior Vice President

Our Guest Speaker for June is Dr Robert Pearce

Colonel Robert Pearce has been an active member of the Australian Army Reserve since 1970. In Western Australia he was RMO to 10th Light horse Regiment and commanded 7th Field Ambulance between 1978 and 1982. He has been consultant Surgeon to all three services in this State and last year he was appointed Honorary Colonel to the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (RAAMC), which this year celebrates, it's Centenary. Dr Pearce has been in private practice as a Plastic Surgeon and Hand Surgeon in Perth since 1975. He held the appointment of Commissioner, St John's Ambulance in WA for six years and State Medical Officer of the Surf Life Saving Association for 12 years. He has been State Chairman of Save the Children Fund and Honourary French Consul. In 1990 he was awarded the AM for service to medicine and the community.

Last Month's Guest Speaker

Last month Mr Peter Fitzpatrick AM JP, CEO of the Motor Trade Association of Western Australia, was the guest speaker at our luncheon meeting. Peter's subject touched upon some issues in general with the petroleum industry and touched on petrol, diesel, pricing, ethanol and funny diesel the issue of problems facing small business in Australia.

Peter told us that Australia is competing in the use of petroleum products on the world stage. That the great multinationals control the industry all the way down the chain and in his view most of our politicians don't understand the issues involved and the effects on small business. Some possible solutions involve having the State Government introduce a maximum spot retail price for petrol because at the moment the situation can exist of the retail price at the pump being lower than the wholesale price. He continued to say that full transparency of prices at the oil terminal gate is needed statewide.

Jim Earys thanked Peter for his presentation and presented Peter with an invitation package to join Highgate together with a bottle of red in appreciation, on behalf of President Don Blair, committee and members of the Sub Branch. This was a very interesting and informative presentation.

Highgate Programme Diary Notes 2003

Saturday & Sunday, 12 & 13 July	State Congress 2003
Monday, 21 July	Birthday Luncheon
Wednesday, 27 August	Ladies Luncheon - Venue Carine
Friday, 7 November	Poppy Day
Friday, 28 November	Ladies Dinner
Monday, 15 December	Election of Office Bearers for 2004
Monday, 16 February 2004	Annual General Meeting

Ian ("Mo") Mulholland
SVP

Hollywood Clinic expands

Since opening six years ago, The Hollywood Clinic in Nedlands has offered a range of in-patient and day patient mental health services to privately funded patients and entitled veteran patients.

Redevelopment completed at the Clinic in September last year has added accommodation for an extra 10 patients, bringing the number of in-patient beds to 40.

All patients at the Clinic are under the care of an accredited Consultant Psychiatrist.

Working alongside the psychiatry staff is the Clinic's multidisciplinary team, including staff from nursing, psychology, social work, occupational therapy and art therapy.

As part of Hollywood Private Hospital, the Clinic has access to a wide range of medical specialists and 24-hour a day, seven days per week on-site medical cover.

The Clinic offers the following comprehensive, patient-centred treatment programmes:

- In-patient Care
- Skills Programme
- Mood Disorders Programme
- Alcohol Treatment Programme
- Eating Disorders Programme
- Seniors Programme
- Insomnia Treatment Programme
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorders Programme

For further information on any of these programmes, or The Hollywood Clinic generally, telephone (08) 9346 6201/6283 during office hours.

Members 80th Birthday Celebration - Monday 21 July 2003

Planning for this high profile and popular event is well in hand and members would have received their invitations two week ago.

A slight error occurred in your invitations the correct date of the Luncheon is Monday, 21 July 2003.

Birthday members attending are reminded that your RSVP is required by Friday 20 June 2003.

The Definitive Guide to being an Aussie

The bigger the hat, the smaller the farm.

Whether it's the opening of Parliament or the launch of a new art gallery, there is no Aussie event that cannot be improved by a sausage sizzle.

If the bloke standing next to you is swearing like a wharfie he's probably a media magnet. Or on the other hand he may be a wharfie.

The phrase a "simple picnic" is unknown. You should take everything you own. If don't need 4 or 5 trips back to the car you're not trying.

Industrial design knows of no article more useful than a milk crate.

The Laws of Life

Golden Rule of Arts & Sciences: Whoever has the gold makes the rules.

Shanahan's Law; The length of a meeting rise by the square of the number attending

Anthony's law of Force: Don't force it, get a large hammer.