



THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA HIGHGATE SUB BRANCH

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Highgate Happenings July 2021

STEVE CHAMARETTE OAM -Congratulations to our Past President and current Warden Steve Chamarette on being honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List with an Order of Australia Medal, in recognition of his services to veterans. Fantastic effort Steve!

Highgate Sub-Branch now has one AO, thirteen AMs, thirteen OAMs, one CBE, one OBE and one MBE shared amongst our members and honouring their service to our community and nation.



THREE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

At the 104th State Congress on 12 June, Highgate members Bob Arnold, Leon Griffiths and Wayne Tarr (pictured left) were presented with Life Memberships by National President Greg Melick AO RFD FANZCN SC and State President Peter Aspinall AM. Congratulations to all three on their long, distinguished service to RSLWA.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome new members. Neville Gale, Derek Ladyman, Paul Salpietro, Peter Lawrance, John O'Halloran MID, Peter Velterop and Elliott Neilson. We look forward to seeing you

all at our meetings and urge all members to make them welcome. Thanks to Frank Le Faucheur for his recruiting efforts amongst Scheyville graduates.

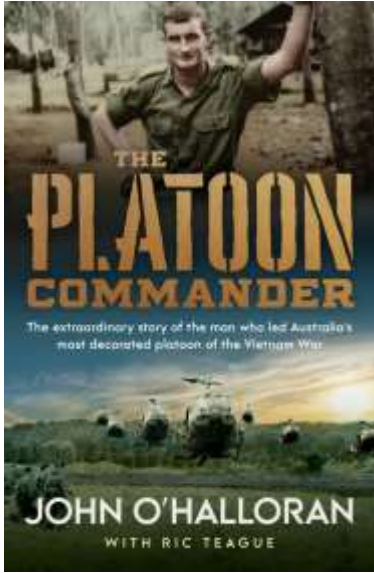


100 YEARS OF SERVICE

As detailed in last month's newsletter, Highgate RSL Sub-Branch was presented with a 100 Years of Service certificate at Congress. The certificate is signed by Hon Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia, and Peter Aspinall AM. The award was accepted by President Bill Munro (pictured). It reads: *"This certificate is in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Highgate RSL Sub-Branch of Western Australia on the first day of July 2021. The members of Highgate RSL Sub-Branch have provided unwavering support to veterans and their families through their tireless welfare, advocacy and community efforts. Their commitment has been of the highest standard and is in the finest traditions of the League. Dated 18 May 2021"*.

MEMBER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY RELEASED THIS MONTH

At the start of the Vietnam War John O'Halloran was a national serviceman from Tamworth and never expected to serve overseas. He would go on to lead with distinction as a platoon commander in 6RAR's B Company at three of the biggest conflicts of the Vietnam War. This is one soldier's extraordinary account of a war that still haunts Australia.



John O'Halloran was a country boy from Tamworth, NSW, who was called up for national service not long after the start of the Vietnam War. As a tough and determined 21-year-old, he guided 6 RAR's B Company 5 Platoon through some of the biggest conflicts of the war, including Operation Hobart and the Battle of Long Tan. But he faced his hardest military challenge at Operation Bribie, leading a fixed bayonet charge against a deadly Viet Cong jungle stronghold.

The Platoon Commander is an unmissable and devastating first-hand account of the realities and brutalities of war, and especially this war fought in jungles, not trenches, which would go on to bitterly divide Australians. O'Halloran's sense of duty and strong character carried him and his men through fierce battles and uncertainty. His sense of humour kept him going through the years afterwards. His indomitable spirit inspired the men of 5 Platoon to fight against the odds to achieve the mission - no matter how treacherous - and even away from the action and in the many years since O'Halloran kept the respect of his men.

Now regarded by many of his peers as a national treasure, John Patrick Joseph O'Halloran has been quoted in almost every important book written about Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, yet has never told his own remarkable story. Until now.

The book, published by Hachette, is available at all good booksellers.

Highgate is proud to have John as a member.

JULY LUNCH

After a great June lunch and guest speaker, our next Highgate lunch is on **Monday 19 July** at 1200 for 1230h, venue The Anzac Club. Cost \$40, plus \$5 for a raffle ticket if you wish.

The guest speaker is **Dr jur*. Gabriele Maluga LLB**, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany for Western Australia. She will speak on "**Germany's policy guidelines for the Indo-Pacific region - setting the course for future foreign policy.**" *Doctor of Jurisprudence

Dr iur. Gabriele Maluga, a founding Director and Company Secretary of Janssen + Maluga Legal, brings two decades' experience successfully negotiating, litigating or mediating corporate matters on behalf of corporate claimants and defendants as well as representing individuals as victims of catastrophic accidents. Before founding JML she worked in project finance for major US and British Law firms around the world. In addition, she is an accredited specialist for German Criminal Defence. Gabriele wrote her Doctor thesis in criminal law and criminal procedural law on the topic of undercover agents, with a specific focus on decisions of the European Court for Human Rights (ECHR).

Holding a practising certificate as a Rechtsanwältin (German Lawyer) as well as a solicitor in Western Australia, she advises under both German and Australian law.

She was a long-standing elected member of the Executive Committee of the Union des Avocats Européens (U.A.E. – European Lawyers Association), Luxembourg, and served from 2007 to 2014 as the elected President of the delegation North-West of the Federal Republic of Germany of the U.A.E.. Since 2017 Gabriele serves as an elected Board Member of the Western Australian-German Business Association (WAGBA) in Perth.

Booking links will be sent separately to this newsletter. Alternatively If you wish to attend, please contact Margot Harness phone 9349 2847, or Secretary Greg Wilson on 0412 095 201.

Payment online or cash or EFT at the door.

FOR YOUR DIARY – HIGHGATE REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH Sunday 7 November,
Fraser's Restaurant, Kings Park. Cost TBA.

100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO VETERANS