

6th September, '47.

This letter comes to you hard on the heels of my last effort but with the Annual Reunion looming up in the very near future, it is necessary to get this circular to you as soon as possible.

Once again we have had a very busy month with the running of the Sweep on the Walcoorlie Cup. This effort was highly successful and a profit of something better than Seventy Pounds (£70.) was made. The Committee ask me to convey their thanks to all who made this such an outstanding financial success.

The usual meeting was held on the 3rd September, this time at Monash House as Monash Club had been booked for that particular evening. An attendance of 25 was present and many subjects of interest to all were discussed, notably the forthcoming Annual Reunion. Also a vast amount of correspondence from lads in the country was read. I would like to say, at this juncture, just how much this correspondence is appreciated by everybody attending these meetings, as it is just the touch that is required to make everybody feel they are together again. A suggestion from the meeting was that the fact that there is an Annual Subscription to our Association, the amount of this subscription being Five Shillings (5/-). It was thought that possibly quite a few chaps did not know of this matter. Ron Dook is the Association's Treasurer and will be only too glad to receive any subs from members that are still outstanding.

Now to deal with some of the voluminous correspondence which has found its way to us during the last month. Also quite a few callers during the month, notably Peter Campbell who is taking over a station in the West Kimberleys. I know I am only expressing the wish of everybody in wishing him all possible success in his new venture, and pay tribute to his gameness in going so far away from his usual haunts. Peter's new address is Fitzroy Crossing. A long letter to hand from Peter Hearle who is secretary of the Qld. Branch. Peter also forwarded the minutes of a meeting held in Brisbane at which Doc McPhee, "Basher" Adams, Powell, Murphy, Sealy, Timmons, Gocde, Neil Hooper, Col. Andrews, Handicott, Noredin, Mills and Pete Hearle ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
~~xx~~ were present, which, as you will see, is a really tasty attendance of Brisbane members. They have decided to hold quarterly get togethers. Gordon Hislop writes from Kalgoorlie where he has been attending the "Round". Says he thinks he will turn Bookie after his punting results at the Boulder Cup. Had a very welcome letter from one of our old hands in Brush Fagg who is now at Kalannie; says the season is not so good up his way. Eric Veller was numbered among this month's correspondents. Eric says he made the Bunbury Association Football side which played West Perth. Nice work Eric. Another of the football players who wrote in this month was Arthur Marshall who also made the Town grade. Marsh tells me that both he and Peter Barden made the Harvey side. Arthur says Les Anderson is now down Harvey way working on a Dairy Farm. Apparently the Goldfields climate was no good for "Pings" Dermatitus. Gordon Rowley writes a very interesting letter and brings tidings of Joe Garland and Bill Coker both are doing well in New South Wales. Joe is on the land at "Wave Hill", Denman, and Bill is in the Metal Spinning business and doing well. Another short note from Geo. Lewis who is going well. Ted Monk writes from Latham, incidentally Ted was the lucky seller of three horses in the Sweep. "Chook" Fowler again writes and hopes to see all and sundry at the Annual Reunion. Reg. Harrington tells us that the season is not going so well up his way (Pithara). A brief note from Georgie Smith from Denmark. Ted Loud tells me that he has left the mill at Pemberton and that he and Alec Thomson are back now on with the Forestry Department and he likes it very much. Alf. Hillman also wrote in during the month, says things are going well down his way but he had been very busy. A nice long letter from Bob Palmer. Oh, Bob, has anybody ever told you that you write an atrocious fist, I nearly strained my eyes trying to read it. Thanks for your letter, Bob. Arthur Smith wrote in telling of meeting Edgar Timmon's sister who was over here with the Queensland Hockey Team. Edgar is just back from Japan. Miss Timmons

said that Neil Hooper is now married with a child. She said that the Queensland Branch had just had a reunion at which twenty were present. Well, boys, that is about all from the mail bag this month.

About that Annual Reunion to be held at Monash House, King Street, on 6th October, which is the Monday of Royal Show week. We are hopeful of a bumper attendance as a large number of the country lads have signified their intention of being present. At the last meeting it was decided that the subscription be the same as last year, namely Ten Shillings (10/-) per head. The show will start at 7 p.m. and the Kegs will be tapped sharply at that hour. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. and this will enable everyone a chance to get about and talk to all their mates who they may not have seen for some time. As you will understand in running a show of this kind, it is essential to be able to arrive at an estimate of the possible attendance for catering arrangements and to facilitate this, we are appending a slip to this letter with an addressed envelope for you to accept or otherwise. Please mail this immediately as we wish to be able to supply figures to the caterers in a few days. So boys, DO IT NOW. If you can include your Ten bob do so, but don't let this deter you as you can fix up at the Dinner. What we want is your acceptance or NOT.

Well, boys, that will be all for this month, and don't forget that to make these newsletters of interest to all, news is the thing, so don't forget to write in and give me your doings. A short note will do. Also don't forget that Annual Reunion and send in the slip by return mail.

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