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## EDITORIAL INFLATION

Everybody knows of it—it effects every one of us. Its the root of all evil and, without doubt, the most enduring problem civilization has had. Its always been with us and there appears to be no way to slow it, let alone stop it. Whoever has the floor blames the other crowd for causing it and promises to correct it. And its so easy to correct—or is it.

INFLATION has been described as the greatest unsolved economic problem of our time. The term is, however, defined and measured in numerous ways depending on whose side you are on. One therefore hears of such phrases as "too much money chasing too few goods" or "increase in the money supply" or "the Government deficit" and even "the bloody unions", describing the problem of inflation. Simply stated, inflation could be described as a process of rising prices. There are naturally varying degrees of inflation and the acceptability of a given rate depends on a variety of circumstances; and, you know, a measure of inflation need not be all bed. The actual causes are difficult to identify, but there are three major types, which all get a mention when the boffins gather. These have been called:

- Demand pull,
- Cost push, and
- Mixed inflation.

**DEMAND PULL INFLATION** arises where for various reasons (large deficits in Government budgets, low interest rates and an in-

crease in the volume of money in the hands of the public) the aggregate demand in a country exceeds the available supply of goods and services. It is usual in such a situation to find the rise in prices accompanied by high levels of employment, economic activity and speculation.

**COST PUSH INFLATION** places the emphasis of rising costs on the other side of the coin—**SUPPLY**. Here inflation occurs when costs increase due to such reasons as wage increases in excess of productivity (wage push) artificially high profit margins (profits push) and rising import prices. With this type of inflation, the increased costs are passed on directly to the consumer in the form of higher prices. Cost push inflation could arise even in a situation of unemployment and low economic activity.

**MIXED INFLATION** covers the more common situation where prices rise due to a combination of both cost—and demand—factors.

(Well, if you're still with me, its not far to go now).

To combat inflation is easy; everyone knows the answer. Gough has had several attempts (and he deserves full marks for trying), the latest, reduction of import duty; and more will be needed. Just ask any crowd of 10 people and you'll get 10 ways in which to curb inflation. Why, I've just thought of several ways myself: raise interest rates; increase taxes; curb the money supply and the availability of credit through loans; reduce governmental expend-

diture; make wage rise keep pace with rises in productivity and output per person; stop unjustifiable increases in profit margins; stop restrictive trade practices; freeze wages and prices; freeze everything; ban the Commos; or the Borb; or both. Yeah, I know you've got the right

answer and its not one of those above. Well, don't tell me—I'm completely bewildered just reading this and quite ready to accept inevitable inflation. Think I'll go off somewhere quiet and disinflate meself wiv a shotgun.

Ron Kirkwood

## West Australian Whisperings

### Association Activities

#### June Meeting:

This was held as usual at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, 5th and was a vicious night as far as weather was concerned and as a result the attendance was very meagre. The evening was mainly taken up with an informal chat and some sport including carpet bowls and darts. Probably the least said about the evening the better.

#### July Meeting:

Ron Kirkwood organised a most successful mixed pairs bowls night on a highly informal note which was enjoyed by all who participated. Due to the fact that the Archery and Darts people could not make it, we were forced at short notice to substitute and we are lucky that as we own our bowls and mats that we can quite quickly get going with bowls night which appears to be enjoyed. Probably due to advancing years anything more violent is beyond our capacity.

The roll up was quite good considering that W.A. is experiencing a real wet winter which we really require having regard to the storage capacity of our various Weirs. It is hoped that the weather will be a little kinder to us in our future meeting this year.

#### Future Events:

These are advertised on the back page of the Courier and it is hoped that you will all take note of these functions and take every action you can to participate.

#### Country Convention Kalgoorlie— 6th-9th October, 1973

Please advise as soon as possible of your intention to attend this Convention as bookings for both travel and accommodation are most important. We will be travelling by the "Prospector" probably the most mod-

ern train in Australia with every mod con including an abundance of the fluid that cheers. Departure will be on Friday evening (the 5th October) at 9.30 p.m. arriving in Kalgoorlie for breakfast early on Saturday morning. Departure time from Kalgoorlie will be on Monday afternoon. Accommodation has not yet been booked and this will be dependant on those who advise that they will be attending. Please go to the trouble of advising if you will be making the trip as soon as possible. Children are especially welcome if you wish to bring your family to take part in this function.

#### Working Bees at Bill and Jess Epps:

Over a series of weekends a very big number of the boys attended working bees to erect an indoor toilet at the Epps home. It is something of which the unit can be essentially proud. It does not seem a big thing in itself and do just this job is a job of some magnitude especially when it is a septic tank proposition and ground is coffee rock. The job is now as good as complete and great credit is due to a lot of people. Firstly to single out, Harry Sproxtton, who prepared the plans and had them fixed up by the Local Authority and worked and supervised the whole project, then to George Fletcher for his expertise and provision of materials and in every way being a great seconder for Harry. To Gerry Green for sinking the holes for the septic tank and leach drains. Then to the workers with more or less certain skills and a lot of sweat such as Len Bagley, Ron Kirkwood, Jack Carey, Rod Dhu, Doug Fullarton, Dick Darrington, Jack Hasson, Jack Fowler, Clarrie Varian, Arthur Smith, George Strickland and last but very much least Col Doig. Thanks a million to all these good people who

provided a workman like job at a much reduced cost as far as Jess and Bill were concerned. It is probably one of the best efforts we as an association has been mixed up with and can be really proud of our efforts. Jess Epps wishes to extend her thanks to the Association in general and to all who took part in this project.

## Personalities

It is with pleasure that we can advise that Bill Epps is making a considerable amount of progress. He is now living permanently at home and attending therapy at Mt. Henry a couple of times per week. He is much more mobile and is showing signs that speech therapy has been doing him quite a bit of good. We hope by the next time we report that he will have made a lot more progress towards a full recovery.

"Scotty" Wares has had a considerable amount of time in Hollywood since last we went to press and quite recently had quite a large internal operation from which he is making a good recovery. Wife Elsie nearly had a very nasty accident while going to visit "Scotty" in hospital as she made quite violent contact with a large truck with her motor vehicle. The vehicle was most extensively damaged but Elsie only sustained very minor injuries and shock. Mick Morgan has also been in Hollywood for a Gall Bladder operation which was quite successful and he is now home enjoying life.

Merv Ryan is another who has been in Hollywood for further treatment on his leg.

"Bluey" Smith has also had some time in R.G.H. for various ailments but when we last heard of he was making good progress.

George Boyland was a patient in Hollywood having the pin removed from his broken leg and had quite a bit of bother..

Gerry Maley and Fred Napier have been attending out patients also at R.G.H. for therapy purposes.

Jim Smailes is about to enter Hollywood for further treatment on his back.

Readers will be beginning to think this is a casualty clearing station report not a Courier if I go on much further.

Saw Ted and Phyl Loud in town a couple of times since last we went to print. It was their intention to take a trip to United Kingdom but initially has passport problems in the interim period. (Ted is on long service leave). Ted decided to pick the last of the apples off his single tree. Probably due to advancing years and a lessening of his agility he fell off the ladder and broke two or three ribs and was in considerable agony when I last saw him.

The United Kingdom trip was then reconsidered. Hope you are O.K. now Ted.

Saw Tom Crouch but only briefly. He was down for Farmers Seminar at Subiaco Civic Centre and stayed on for a Farmers Union Conference. He reported a good season to date in Manjimup.

"Robbie" Rowan-Robinson called on me and he also advised of a good season. He just missed out on a trip to China with a trade delegation. It would have been a very enlightening experience.

Another to call in was Bernie Langridge and he, although with a heavy cold looked well. He said things at Donnybrook never looked better and it had all the appearance of an excellent season.

Dave Ritchie has severed his connection with Roger David and is now in Hay Street near the Criterion employed at R.S.L. Trading. Anybody desiring clothing can contact Dave here and expect the usual good deal. Dave is very happy in his new. Have not heard a great deal from the round Australia Trippers Don Turton and Arch Campbell but on grape vine they were last in Queensland and had made the trip to Timor and Arch was lucky enough to catch up with his "creado". We hope for a good write up of their travels in a future Courier.

## MAMMOTH RAFFLE

Tickets in this Raffle have now despatched. It is probably the best value Raffle ever conducted by any organisation. 500 Tickets at \$10.00 each a first prize of \$2,000 and 100 (1 in 5) get their money back. The dra wwill take place at a venue to still be arranged on Saturday, 10th November, 1973. This will enable anyone who wishes to pay off a ticket ample time in which to get the dough together. Do your best with tickets.

## Committee Comment

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Anzac Club on Tuesday, 19th June, 1973

The Chairman: Vice President Jack Carey declared the meeting Present: J. Carey, R. Kirkwood, H. Sproxton, G. Fletcher, L. Bagley, C. Varian, C. Doig, R. Dhu, G. Maley.

Apologies: A. Wares (Hollywood Hospital), A. Smith (working in country), R. Darrington (on holidays).

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 15th May, 1973 were read and were confirmed on the motion of L. Bagley, seconded C. Varian.

Treasurer's Report: R. Kirkwood reported on Unit Finances and gave a figure of \$355.38 as current balance in Working Account. Accounts passed for payment and Report received on the motion of R. Dhu, seconded C. Varian.

Correspondence: Inward. 2 letters from Kings Park Board re Memorial Stone. Letter from Bernie Longridge accepting the position of Country Vice President.

Correspondence was received on the motion of C. Doig, seconded H. Sproxton.

King's Park: G. Fletcher reported on the condition of the area. He also commented on the fact of plaques tightening and breaking. It was suggested that plaques be affixed to boards and the boards then screwed to the trees. This problem will be investigated by Mr. Fletcher.

1974 Safari: L. Bagley reported on meetings held since the last Committee Meeting. Booking of accommodation at the Spencer Hotel Motel. Cost of the complete tour is now at approximately \$700 per double, plus some meal costs. All intending participants must submit their names by the 21st July.

Col Doig will advise Harry Botterill of our arrangements per telephone.

Arrangements are in hand for the Sweep. Tickets are being printed and the draw will take place on 10th November.

Alterations—W. Epps: H. Sproxton advised that the project was successfully completed at the cost of \$160, which was a remarkable effort. Thanks are due to all those who assisted to the maximum of their capacity.

Courier: C. Doig reported on progress, copy and costs with Swan Express. He is confident that is best to carry on as we are at this time.

The meeting closed 9.40 p.m.

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Anzac Club on Tuesday, 17th July, 1973

The Chairman: Vice President Jack Carey declared the meeting open at 8.20 p.m.

Present: J. Carey, R. Kirkwood, C. Doig, A. Smith, D. Darrington, C. Varian, G. Fletcher, H. Sproxton, R. Dhu, G. Maley.

Apologies: A. Wares (Hollywood Hospital), L. Bagley (Union meeting).

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th June, 1973 were read and were confirmed on the motion of R. Dhu, seconded C. Doig.

Treasurer's Report: was presented by R. Kirkwood and the Working Account balance is \$489.58 including Safari Deposit receipts of \$220.00. Treasurer's Report received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of C. Doig, seconded A. Smith.

Correspondence. Outwards. To King's Park Board re Memorial Stone.

Inwards: nil.

Correspondence confirmed on the motion of H. Sproxton, seconded G. Varian.

King's Park: G. Fletcher reported on condition of the area and the use of boards behind plaques, which he considers a good proposition and proposes carrying on with this. Repairs to plaques are being handled by R. Dhu.

1974 Safari: C. Doig reported that replies to the circular are slow and a further follow-up seems to be necessary. Numbers to date are only thirty persons (15 couples). He has been in contact with Victoria and it appears that all arrangements are in hand. He is confident that organization with the Safari is as far advanced as possible.

Raffle tickets are now available and the issue of these will be finalized shortly.

Alterations—W. Epps: Painting was discussed and it was suggested that a working bee be arranged as

soon as possible. This was organised for Sunday next at a time to be arranged.

**Courier:** C. Doig spoke on this matter and considers we would be doing well to get six issues out per year and he thinks this would be adequate and would also fit into the cost angle. He anticipates producing one during August and a further smaller edition in September.

#### **Programme**

**August:** Mixed Bowls night on 7th August.

**September:** Open night for ladies and guests with an open debate on a topical subject on 4th September.

The subject of the outing for the the Sister Kate's Organisation was discussed fully. It was decided to defer this outing for this year, but

then we should look around for some other organization who we could foster.

**Annual Dinner and Commemoration Service:** Imperial Hotel has been booked. Working Bee to be arranged for King's Park on 16th September.

**Country Convention—Kalgoorlie:** R. Smyth has been requested to look into the accommodation position. This function will be prominently featured in the August edition of the Courier.

**Commemoration Stone:** H. Sproxtton reported that nothing was available at W.A. Salvage, Cannington, and at the moment we are looking for a suitable piece from the old Taxation Building.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

## **SAFARI: MELBOURNE — TASMANIA, 1974**

This now a complete certainty. The game is on. Here is the complete itinerary as far as W.A. participants is concerned.

Leave Perth by train on Friday, February 22nd, 1974. Arrive Melbourne, Monday February 25th. Depart Melbourne, Tuesday, February 26th by air at 1.30 p.m. by flight 727, economy class. 8 day tour of Tasmania, details will be supplied later when advise has been received from Ansett—Pioneer.

Return to Melbourne on Tuesday, 5th March, by air.

The following potential functions have been arranged.

Monday, 25th February, official welcome. Wednesday, 6th March, dinner dance. Sunday, 10th March, full day tour by bus. Half day tour of city and suburbs, (donated by Pioneer), Half day tour Dandenongs, (donated by Pioneer). Farewell evening on 12th March. Depart Melbourne 13th March and arrive Saturday 16th March.

Fares are as under:

Perth-Melbourne 1st Class \$147.20  
Economy \$104.73. Children 4-15 years 1st Class \$95.50, economy \$67.07.

Tour of Tasmania 8 day \$159.20 all inclusive. Total cost 1st class fares \$306.40 and Tasmanian accommodation. Total cost economy fares \$263.93 and Tasmanian accommodation. The accommodation prices

at the Spencers Motel-Hotel are as follows: Hotel single room \$4.00 bed only. Double room \$6.50 bed only. Motel room \$8.00 single bed only. Motel room \$11.00 double bed only. Breakfast charges 50 cents light and 80 cents full.

The complete charges for the tour are as follows:

Hotel accommodation \$342.80  
single, \$671.30 double. Motel accommodation \$711.80 double, \$378.40 single.

### **2/2nd INDEPENDENT COY, ASSOCIATION GROUP FINAL CONFIRMED ITINERY**

**February:**

**Tuesday, 26th:**

Depart Melbourne per air for Launceston, to arrive Launceston Airport 2.30 p.m. Join coaches for Tasmanian Tour. Depart airport to visit historic Entally National House, to inspect the beautiful antique furniture and fittings.

Overnight — Launceston — 36 Village Motel, 64 Metropole Hotel.

**Wednesday, 27th:**

Sightseeing tour of Launceston, including Chairlift across scenic Cataract Gorge, visit Trevallyn Power Scheme and Wild Sanctuary. Luncheon — Launceston — Four Season Town House. Depart Launceston for St. Helens, travelling via Tasman Highway and Scottsdale. Visit lush

Weldborough Rain Forests. Overnight — St. Helens — St. Helens Hotels Ltd.

#### Thursday, 28th:

Depart St. Helens for Tasman Peninsula, travelling via Swansea and East Coast. Luncheon — Swansea — Swan Motor Inn. Inspect historic St. John's Church at Buckland. Visit Blowhole, Tasman Arch and Devil's Kitchen. Overnight — Eaglehawk Neck — Hotel Lufra.

#### March:

##### Friday, 1st

Inspect historic Port Arthur Settlement Ruins and Port Arthur Museum. Luncheon — Eaglehawk Neck — Hotel Lufra. Depart for Hobart travelling via Richmond to inspect Australia's oldest bridge. Overnight — Hobart — 80 Hobart Town House, 20 Hobart Downtowner.

##### Saturday, 2nd:

Full day tour to D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Huon Valley through the famous apple orchard areas. Visit the fascinating Tudor Court Village Miniature display. Luncheon — Cygnet — Community Hotel. Travel via Huonville to Pinnacle of Mt. Wellington. (4,166') for superb panoramas of Hobart and environs. Overnight — Hobart — 80 Hobart Town House, 0 — Hobart Downtowner.

##### Sunday 3rd:

Depart Hobart for Burnie, travelling via Lyell Highway and New Norfolk. Visit old Colony Inn, at New

Norfolk. Inspect Hydro-Electric Installations and Power Station at Tarraleah. Visit Lake St. Claire Sanctuary. Luncheon — Picnic Hamper from old Colony Coffee Inn — New Norfolk. Travel via Queenstown and Murchison Highway. Visit and inspect the unique mineral display at Zeehan School of Mines, thence via Roseberry to North-West Coast. Overnight — Burnie and Wynyard — 1 coach Four Season Hotel, Wynyard. 2 coaches Four Seasons Town House Burnie.

##### Monday, 4th:

Morning tour of Table Cape and visit Boat Harbour Beach, returning to Burnie for visit to Pioneer Village museum. Luncheon — Burnie — Four Seasons Town House, 2.00 p.m. Arrive at Associated Pulp and Paper Mills in South Burnie to take a guided tour over this immense and fascinating complex to see how paper is made. Depart for Devonport via Bass Highway and Ulverstone. Visit and inspect the unique hand-made copper-ware at "Weeda" works in Ulverstone. Overnight — Devonport — 60 (approx) Four Seasons Motel 20 (approx.) Travelodge Motel.

##### Tuesday, 5th:

Depart Devonport for Launceston via Bass Highway and Deloraine. Luncheon — Deloraine — Amble Inn. Proceed to Western Junction Airport to join aircraft for return to Melbourne.

## GOING METRIC

It is some time since Australia and New Zealand each began gradually converting to the metric system of weights and measures. In both countries it is expected that the change-over will be completed in about another four years.

For a developed country to adopt to a new system of weights and measures is a sizable technical and managerial operation. The long term benefits that will accrue from the conversion however, are considered to justify the effort and costs involved. On the other hand, it could be argued that neither Australia or New Zealand can afford not to convert to the system that is fast becoming the sole system of measurement throughout the world with 140

nations already using or changing to it.

For some manufacturers metrication will mean only changing the unit of sale; for others the replacing of rulers, scales and gauges with metric ones.

Much of industry, however, will need to redefine industrial standards design new products to a rational metric base and manufacture them. In many cases, it will be possible to manufacture metric products with existing machinery; in others some alteration to plant will be required.

In every day living going metric will mainly involve the getting used to a different size or number. In a short time these different sizes or numbers will become familiar.

Mental adjustment to a new system however, will require more individual effort than was necessary to adapt to the earlier change to decimal currency. The there was a direct relationship between the old and the new systems—£1 converted exactly to \$2. With the conversion of the more measures there is no similar direct complex system of weights and relationship. For example, one pound weight is 0.45359237 kilogram and one yards is 0.9144 metre..

Metric conversion will affect everyone in some way and to some degree. There will be difficulties, and problems will arise, but they will not be insoluble. As the Honorable Malcolm Fraser, then Australian Minister for Education and Science

stated several months ago:— "It is true there will be some inconvenience exasperation and costs as the change occurs. I do not believe they will be as worrisome as many now think and they will in any case be transient. But while many benefits will flow directly from the change particularly in the simplification of computations and procedures and the rationalization of long-standing practices, the major benefits will be the permanent ones of using for all time the simplest and most universal system of weights and measures ever devised. The inconvenience we may suffer will be far out-weighted by the benefits to be reaped by our children and our children's children as a result of this progressive and necessary change."

## RANDOM HARVEST

### BERNIE LANGRIDGE:

Many thanks, Gerry, for your letter and kind congratulations. Thank you all for the honour you have done me. I shall do my best with the limited capabilities I have been endowed with.

May I, in turn, thank for accepting office once again and congratulate you devoted members of our organisation; without whom there would be no 2/2 Organisation. I must apologise, firstly, to you Gerry for not replying earlier and advising you that I will accept the position of Country V/P, South West area. I intend to make it to some of your Tuesday meeting during the winter months when we are not quite so busy. Secondly, Col, I owe you an apology for not reporting on progress here before this, particularly cattle sales which you become very interested in. When you strolled amongst the cattle you reminded me of a C.O. moving through his men who were doing various bits of their training syllabus and you were assessing progress. Is that fair comment, Col?. We started selling steers soon after you went home and by January had sold nearly 200 head at good prices so you will see we had a good cattle year. Since then we have replaced them with smaller cattle which will be ready to sell about the same time next

year. Now to the fruit. Firstly, our special one—you know the ones we pollinated. They grew well and were duly picked; they were a bit disappointing in colour and we hope as the tree establishes, it will improve. Our main crops, Granny Smith and Yates have all been harvested and, in the case of the G.S. they have been shipped to cool store, or sent to an exporter. The Yates are nearly all in Cool Store and we are hoping for quite good returns later on.

The boys have worked together pretty well and as they mature I can see things getting easier for all. Binningup has been a terrific property for raising young cattle—they do well and grow like made on the green summer feed. Binningup, by the way is the other property we looked at the day we went to the calf sale. Tell Joy the calf we bought and called Joy was unfortunately lost during the summer with snake-bite bitten on the nose we think. So pleased to hear of Jack Carey being married—we certainly join you all in wishing him well. Very good to hear Bill Epps is improving so much and am sure Jess would be a great morale booster to anyone in such circumstances. Must close here, Col, and hope you get this before Tuesday the 5th May. Apologies for not acknowledging my election to V/P. Babs and the girls, boys too of course, send their good wishes.

**Alan Luby, Ambulance Station, Barker Street, Randwick, 2031 writes:—**

Many thanks for your letter and in particular the photos of the folks at the party—would have liked to have been there.

We were more than interested in Bill Epps and the progress he is making towards recovery. It is good to know that he has improved to this degree—the rest now is largely up to him, in conjunction with the rehabilitation people. They can only try to re-educate, but the will of the patient to regain much movement plays a major part and I feel sure that Bill has that incentive.

Your letter was a good follow up on the taped message John Darge brought along to the last meetin, and brings us up to date with arrangements for the '74 Safari. It looks like you might have the usual good roll up if you are booking for 100. Somehow or other we don't seem to be able to whip the same sort of enthusiasm. At the moment we can only tally up about 20 so lets hope the reminder in June Courier will stir a few to make up their minds and let us know.

We have not made any booking for accommodation in Melbourne so will need to keep in touch with you and Harry Botterill on that score.

You seem to be settling in quite well to the job of President and you have our best wishes for a happy term of office. You will certainly have a busy time later on, but with a good committee behind you the load is not so heavy.

We were hopeful that the last Safari would have engendered some more interest in meetings and activities, but we can only count still on the usual 7 or 8 stalwarts to come along.

Our numbers were down on Anzac day, but once again it was an enjoyable day at our usual Arncliffe R.S.L. club. Paddy has the list of names, but from memory we had 23 at the march. Four of the boys went on the Harbour Cruise to represent the unit with the combined Commando Association.

Before they left I presented Bill Bennett with Life Membership Tie Bar, and you never saw a more surprised bloke.

**Peter Walker writes:—**

Just an opportunity to say "many thanks" for the "Courier" which I am receiving regularly.

Yesterday's newspaper printed attached photo of Portuguese Canon and supporting note. I contacted Ted Mulcaly—now with the D.C.A., Darwin, who knew Jack Hayden but nothing about the canon. Jack works for the Ajac Insurance Coy., but I could not raise him, so I anticipate a phone call soon.

Another paper cutting was sent to Bernard Callman in Melbourne yesterday.

Once we know more about the exhibition place, I trust Jack Hayden will be in touch with you and B. Callman for advice, mementos, photo's etc.

Please could you make enquiries regarding a copy of the names and addresses booklet for the Darwin R.S.L. Club. I Promised the Secretary R.S.L. here, to have one forwarded to the Club.

Bernard Callman was here in April. Unfortunately I was out of town, so I am looking forward to one of his next visits here.

The 1st August I will be visiting Holland for 2 months and I hope to return frest and fit for the next hot summer stretch.

Best wishes to you, family and all the 2/2 boys.

#### **JIM FENWICK**

This letter was planned to give you news of a lot of the NSW and Qld. 2/2 members but due to other circumstances I only contacted one or two. I had planned to drive from Canberra to Surfers Paradise during the May school holidays, calling in at differnt points to see people. Fate decided otherwise.

About a week before I was due to leave I suffered severe pains in the chest and arms and so was whipped into hospital for ten days. On discharge from hospital I was told to rest. no driving for a few weeks and, if possible, not take my children on the holiday. Fortunately I was able to make other arrangements to have my children visit relatives and Joan and I flew up to Surfers. There I lazed in the sun most of the time until I had to come back here. The doctors still



don't know if I had a coronary or not, so its on the diet again, no grog and pills between regular check-ups. During our stay at Surfers I contacted Bruie McLaren. He is doing very well with his Buckingham Motel and luxury flats, Joan and I spent a very enjoyable evening with Lorraine and Bruce at their home on the Isle of Capri, Surfers Paradise. Bruce sends his regards to you all. Whilst at Surfers R.S.L. Club I noticed a plaque dedicated to the memory of Eric Davies. The plaque had the red double-diamond and 8/8 Commando Assn. on it. I can't recall Eric but no doubt a lot will. I called in to see Russ Blanche at Bangalore but I picked the wrong day as Russ had gone up to the ware-house at Tweed Heads. No doubt we passed on the road. I had a talk with Joan, Russ's wife and she told me of a re-union some of the North N.S.W. chaps had held recently. Also that Harry Handicott was back at the lighthouse near Byron Bay. Unfortunately I didn't have a chance to get over there. Cliff Paff had also called in recently to see Russ. Bruce McLaren hold me that Sam Fullbrook had won the "Tattersalls Art Prize" and was going, or is, on his way to England. Sam had the bad luck to have a fire in his home at Buderin recently and lost a lot of his work. Anyway if Sam is back at Buderin nex May, God willing, I hope to see him as that was one of the places on the itinery this year.

I have seen Tom Snowden a few times since the Canberra Show. Matter of fact we were discussing whether we would be goin down to the combined commando re-union in Victoria at Easter. I had hopes of going, but our place was short-handed, I had to go shift so worked over the Easter.

I went over to Scullin to see Dan Daniels yesterday, but he was out. Dan does a lot of work with the Police Boys Club and other organisations so is a hard man to catch. By coincidence his wife taught my younger daughter at the local school. Whilst I was doing shift work, Roy Martin from Griffith called to see me and missed me by thirty minutes or so. His daughter and son-in-law live a few suburbs away and Roy said he would be back this way this month or in July, so I hope

we contact this time. Keith Craig and family have called a few times, but the last time we were out. Once I get back to driving distances I will go over to Young and probably Griffiths. Whilst between planes at Sydney I rang Paddy Kenneally who told me that Harold Francis Uewton was in Blacktown Hospital due to a car accident. Paddy sounded his usual happy self.

Speaking or reunions, etc., I will not be able to make to Tasmanian section of the Safari but hope to make the Melbolrne on the return of the main party from Tassie. Did anybody ever think of holding the next Safari to the Gold Coast? You have the ideal man to help you with Bruce McLaren up there. Another thing, it is warm and sunny up there and a lot to do and see. Whilst I was up there I was driven up through Canungra and a lot of places we tramped over during the War.

As I was being driven, I didn't get a chance to stop and see Eddie Rowe at Canungra. Anyway the thought is there for a future Safari. I will enclose Dan Daniels address for you. His wife said he would appreciate a copy of the address book and having the Courier sent regularly now he has settled in here. Regards to all.

#### JACK PENGLASE

A not of thanks for your concern at my accident. Tony Davidson and Eric Thornander visited me in hospital; this is the first time I have seen Tony for about 25 years. I was discharged last Friday and John drove up and brought me home on Sunday. I am just about OK again—another week I hink. I came off extremely light with an eye injury and strained shoulder muscles and bruises. Elsie was not so lucky; she sustained a compound fracture of the right ankle with fifteen stitches and 3 fractured ribs, one the kidney which caused internal injuries. However, she is well on the mend now and expects to be out of hospital in a few days. Thank Christ for seat belts, even if they do fracture ribs!

The story down here is that I hit an 'ore train'. This is not so. An eighteen-wheeler ore truck loaded with 25 tons of ore filling for rthe Mt. Charlotte Mine cae out of their private road, through a 'Give Way' sign and collided with me where it

crossed the Williamstown Road which is now the detour road as its three years since I was in Kalgoorlie. I have no recollection of the accident except his head lights looming over me, and then coming-to in Casualty. An Oderly from hospital was right behind me and saved my life as I was strangling in the seat belt. The truck tore his front wheel off against the transmission and engine of my Austin 1800, and busted his fuel tank. The traffic inspector says he travelled 264 feet up he rise after impact taking us part of the way. How we escaped I'll never know. I have just been sitting in the kitchen under the Ray-lamp reading the Courier and was shocked to learn of Harold Newton's accident. What the hell have I got to complain about.

Thanks again Col, will see you all some time.

#### **PADDY KENNEALLY**

To date we have nineteen starters in the 1974 Safari. It would be appreciate if any more starters from N.S.W. and Queensland would notify us as soon as possible. I is almost three months since circulars giving details of the Safari were posted and to date we have received eleven replies; and thats a poor response from 130 letters.

Sadly I report the death of Gordon 'Shadow' Olde; he died last week and was buried on Thursday, 7th June. Jack Harley, John 'Snow' Went and Paddy Kenneally attended the service and funeral. Gordon is survived by his widow and 3 children. The sympathy of the Association is extended to Mrs. Olde and her children in their sad loss.. 'Shadow' served with No. 4 Secion in Timor and New Guinea. He survived the ambush at Faita when the Japs did the outpost and Bill Holly, Cheverton and Brown were killed. Only God knows how Gordon Olde survived; he should have moved out the previous day but was too weak from a bad bout of malaria to be moved; he's at rest now.

A letter from Harry Handicott—Harry is in the lighthouse service at Byron Bay so Brisbane being much closer, Harry went there for Anzac Day. He met, among others Ron Archer, Spud Murphy and Butch Barneers; long time since I've seen or heard of Butch. Last time was down at Surfers Paradise; he was

sporting a beaut Blue Peer at the time and I was lucky he didn't give me one o keep it company. Good luc kButch. For the record Harry Handicott's present address is Box 127, P.O. Byron Bay, 2481. At last we have also got onto Norman Parker's address—13 North Ssreet, Dubbo, 2830. I doubt i fhe is on the Courier's mailing list—could it be attended to?

Jack Darge brought along the tape recording from Scotty Wares; Scotty gave us a bundle of news, the most important of which was that Bill Epps was back home, and making progress on the road back. Good luck Bill and Jess. We have forwarded all the information we have at present on the Safari to the Victorian Branch. We hope to have something more conclusive for them in he near future. John and Joan Darge shot up the coast for short spell. Hope the weather was better up there than in Sydney at present. Joan has not been too well and should benefit from the break. Mick Davlin was up a Kyogle for the wedding of Jim Cullen's daughter. Mick and Betty enjoyed the trip and the wedding. For those interested in Rugby League, Manly are out in front, and despite what Merv and Marge Jones say, they can be caught and sure can be beaten—only 13 points separate the leaders from the bottom rung. I haven't seen a game since last grand final outside of what comes on TV. I may manage the Grand Final again.

That was a poor old Aussie Rulers you blokse sent to Melbourne. I thought the Victorians were playing a good cricket innings, the score was mounting so rapidly. Someone must have put our pigeons on the pill; all Sean has now is five in his flock.

Except the so-called breeders, if they don't produce better next season, Nora will be dishing up Pigeon Pie for quite a while.

Harold Newton now out of hospital; of course he'll be tripping back and forth for some time yet. He's lucky to be alive, he gets tougher with age. I'm off—good night and God Bless All.

#### **PETER BARDEN**

First of all let me tell you about an interesting visitor to Geraldton. He is not a double-red-diamno

type but he had been lent our Address Book by Kev Curran of Bendigo, Victoria and he looked up several of us to pass on Kev's regards. I refer to a holidaying cow-cockie, Reg McCormick from Binge, 30 miles from Bendigo. He says he is a great friend of Kev's and often has a noggin or two (?) with him at the Fleece Inn Hotel. Reg McCormick says Kev has been taing a keen interest in Reg's teenage son Ross who is showing great promise as a footballer and is also a keen hunter and horseman. It was our pleasure to financially support Ross's candidature in a 35-mile Endeavour Horse Race on June 24.

It was Reg's firs visit to Geraldton and he was greatly impressed by the agricultural wealth of he area and by the excellent weather for which our Sun City has become renowned. Reg would be grateful, Mr. Editor, if you would send him a copy of the Courier in which this letter appears. You could address it 'C/- Dingee Post Office, Victoria, 3571'.

Now for a bit of news about some of the 2/2 boys at Geraldton. Eric Smyth has just had a visit from his son Phillip who is with the Lands Department in Perth. They went fishing together at the Abrolhos Islands and caught some beauties. Eric certainly had his arms outstretched when I asked him the size of his biggest catch—I think it must have been a shark, Eric, although I do realize there are some really big kingies over that way. Eric and Twy have also been visited by daughter Erica who was taking part in a field day in connection with a thesis she is doing with a view to majoring in History after having obtained her Science degree at the W.A. University. She also had an enjoyable visit to the Abrolhos. Erica, like her dad, has had quite a lot of experience on the ocean in the yachting sphere. Nip Cunningham and I marched together once again on Anzac Day and later enjoyed a few (?) coffee-and-rums at the traditional gunfire breakfast that followed the dawn parade. The way Nip was swinging his arms would hay done justice to any Duntroon graduate. We also sat together with our wives at the R.S.L. Reunion, at which it my pleasure to propose the toast o the Womens Auxilliary. This was an easy job because the Auxilliary has

the Country Cup for the best Country Auxilliary in W.A. on many occasions — just as our R.S.L. Sub-Branch has won the Colnel Collett Cup for many years as the best country Sub-Branch in the State (in this regard I have just made our submission for 1972.

Many of you will no doubt have seen my recent TV coverage of further relics from the 1629 wreck of the "Batavia" at the Abrolhos Island. These included more big cannons and a big quantity of sandstone building blocks that were intended for the facade of a big building at Batavia (now Djakarta).

Well I must be off now as duty calls. This time I'm off to the footie to do the best and fairest voting for Brigades, the team for which my son Ross plays. Kind regards to all the boys.

**Scotty Wares, President, Box 1646, G.P.O., Perth, 6000 writes—**

This is a brief note to the members who are participants in the Tasmanian Safari. The tour of Tasmania has to be paid to Ansett-Pioneer by 1st November, 1973, and \$159.20 per person so to assist the committee could you please submit your remittance by 25th October, 1973, and make the treasurer's task hat much easier.

The Rail fare has to be paid by the 22nd January, 1974, so could you please sent the amount of \$147.20 by the 15h January, 1974, that is 1st Class, and \$104.73 economy.

The tariff for the Spencer Motel-Hotel can either be paid beforehand or at the termination of the tour in Melbourne.

### Heard This?

These trying time are good old days we'll be longing for a few years from now.

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It's all right to think you're as young as you used to be—but don't try to prove it.

# PROGRAMME FOR YEAR

**September:**

4th Guest Speaker. *Tutor* *No time*  
 22nd: 2/2nd Annual Dinner. *7pm*  
 23rd: Memorial Service. *Not in*  
*after at Imperial*

**October:**

*[Handwritten scribble]*  
 Country Convention.  
 (Kalgoorlie) 6th-9th.

**November:**

6th: Calcutt Trophy. *- Carey*  
 Car Rally, 25th.

**December:**

Barbecue, arrange date.  
 4th: Calcutt Trophy Presentation.

**February:**

Mandurah Picnic, date to be arranged.  
 22nd: Start Safari.

**March:**

Ex Safari.

*Jan. 27th Sunday*  
*4:30 hrs*

**April:**

Annual General.

**Please cut this out and pin onto your calendar  
 for future reference.**