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**APRIL MEETING — ANZAC CLUB, TUESDAY 5th, 78.  
BRING THE LADIES AND ENJOY THE NIGHT WITH  
THE WEMBLEY-FLOREAT R.S.L. MEMBERS AND  
THEIR WIVES.**

**ANZAC DAY PARADE 25th. PLEASE MAKE THE MARCH  
AND SWELL THE RANKS AND AFTERWARDS AT THE  
CLARENDON HOTEL, 63 FITZGERALD STREET,  
WEST PERTH.**

### URGENT

**BUY A TICKET AND SELL A TICKET AND LET THE  
ADELAIDE COMMITTEE KNOW IF YOU WILL BE  
AT THE SAFARI.**

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1978.**

THE President Mr. A. Wares declared the meeting open at 8.10 p.m.

PRESENT: A. Wares, P. Hancock, J. Carey, D. Ritchie, C. Varian, G. Fletcher, D. Darrington and L. Bagley.

APOLOGIES from D. Fullarton, R. Dhu, B. McDonald, H. Sproxtton and C. Doig were accepted.

MINUTES of Meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 1977, were read and confirmed on the motion of D. Ritchie, seconded C. Varian.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P. Hancock presented the following statement of accounts as at January 17, 1978:

Balance brought forward	\$378.66
Balance as at January 17, 1978	\$150.44

Financial Report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of J. Carey, seconded G. Fletcher.

CORRESPONDENCE: Inward from R.S.L. (W.A. Branch), Commando News (N.S.W.), Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, Bernie Callinan. Outward to Dept. of Veterans' Affairs.

It was moved by D. Ritchie, seconded J. Carey that Inward and Outward Correspondence be received and confirmed.

SAFARI RAFFLE: L. Bagley reported that tickets had been on sale for six months, but only 108 had been sold in that period of time.

KINGS PARK: A. Wares will contact the Kings Park Board, to see if any underground water is available for our area.

WEMBLEY-FLOREAT R.S.L. members and their wives will be invited to Anzac Club for a social evening on Tuesday, April 4.

LIFE MEMBERS: Members recommended by the Committee to receive Life Membership are: Dave Ritchie and Clarrie Turner.

Meeting closed at 9 p.m.

**MIMUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1978.**

THE President Mr A. Wares declared the meeting open at 8.30 p.m., and welcomed Blue Pendergast from Goldsworthy, to the meeting.

PRESENT: A. Wares, P. Hancock, C. Doig, J. Carey, B. McDonald, C. Varian, R. Dhu, D. Ritchie, H. Sproxtton, G. Pendergast and L. Bagley.

APOLOGIES from G. Fletcher, D. Darrington and D. Fullarton were accepted.

MINUTES of meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 1978 were read and confirmed on the motion of R. Dhu, seconded P. Hancock.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P. Hancock presented the following statement of accounts as at February 21, 1978:

Balance brought forward	\$150.44
Balance as at February 21, 1978	\$268.14

Financial Report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of C. Varian, seconded by C. Doig.

CORRESPONDENCE: Inward from R.S.L., Mick Devlin, K. Carthew, Dud Tapper, John Hanson, Wyn Thomson, G. Isenhood, Alf Hillman, Cath Roberts, Frank Sharp, Merv Jones, Vic Pacey, A. D. Stevenson and Joe Burridge. Outward to Dud Tapper and Mick Devlin.

It was moved C. Doig, seconded D. Ritchie that Inward and Outward correspondence be received and confirmed.

**SAFARI RAFFLE:** L. Bagley reported that the response to ticket sales was very disappointing, to date only 175 had been sold. Nearly 2000 application forms had been issued per the Courier.

**KINGS PARK:** A. Wares had contacted the Superintendent of Kings Park, and was told there would not be any water available for our area. R. Dhu said that the galvanised piping badly needed replacing with plastic piping, and with the lawn in its present state, it would be an ideal time to do the job.

**CAR STICKERS:** Dave Ritchie showed the meeting some sample car stickers which he had designed, with the help of C. Varian, who

had provided the necessary materials. Dave thought the stickers would appeal to all members, and he will make the silk screens in preparation for printing them.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Dave Ritchie has contacted Mr. Bill Lonnie, who has agreed to be a guest speaker at some future meeting night. Also Harry Butler said he would be pleased to entertain us one evening, and would let us know when it was suitable.

**ANZAC DAY:** R. Dhu will make the necessary arrangements at the Clarendon Hotel for Anzac Day.

**WEMBLEY-FLOREAT R.S.L.** Secretary Mr. Ernie McGuclin has advised us they will be pleased to be our guests on Tuesday, April 4, at Anzac Club. He said eight couples had said they would be present.

MEETING closed at 9.45 p.m.

## WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### GERALDTON

Just a few lines to let you know that all is well as far as double-red-diamond-ites in this area are concerned.

Nip Cunningham, the backbone of the Mercantile Club at Geraldton, is obviously as fit as a fiddle as he continues to handle his pedal-machine in a manner which would do justice to Hubert Opperman. And Nip is justly proud of the fact that his son-in-law, Alan Johnson of Ogilvie in the Northampton district, has been re-elected for his third term as one of the youngest Presidents in the history of the Northampton Agricultural Society. Alan Johnson and his wife Jan won numerous prizes with their beef cattle at shows in the Mid-West or Geraldton region, displaying both the champion cow and champion bull at most of the shows.

Bruss Fagg of Northampton has been seen with a smile from one side of his face to the other. The reason: The Commonwealth Govern-

ment granted approval for the Pioneer Lodge Homes for the Aged Committee at Northampton (of which he is Chairman) to go ahead with construction of this establishment. Service in Peacetime as in Wartime is obviously Bruss' motto because he has played a major role in fund-raising activities in support of this project.

Yours Truly had the pleasure of a visit from Ron Sprigg and wife Win of Albany who were returning home after a trip to Carnarvon. Unfortunately Ron is not enjoying the best of health because of sugar trouble and spent some time in Carnarvon Hospital. However, he is a good conversationalist and his wife has such a pleasant disposition that she plays a major role in helping to cheer him up. Ron and Win also met up with Nip Cunningham and Tom and Mary Foster at Geraldton and were scheduled to call on Twy Smyth although Eric Smyth was on a month's fishing trip in the Monte Bello Islands area at the time.

I also had the pleasure of meeting up with Jack and Norma Hasson of the Bedford Bowling Club when they were on a visit to our Bowling Club at Geraldton. Jack also appears to be as fit as a fiddle. They played bowls at Northampton and had lunch with Bruss Fagg.

Yours Truly continues to enjoy his occupation as Regional Journalist for the A.B.C. at Geraldton and has just been told that he is to receive a medallion in recognition of 20 years' service. The announcement was a pleasant surprise because one does not expect a presentation of this nature when one is being well paid for a job which provides a great deal of satisfaction from the knowledge that one is helping to publicise this great region of ours.

If any of you are visiting Geraldton I would recommend an inspection of the new St. John's Roman Catholic Church in the suburb of Rangeway. It's a beautiful little Church on a hill and is the headquarters for a parish which includes parishioners from the Range-way and Tarcoola suburban areas and also from several rural areas. One of my brothers, Monsignor John Barden, is running this new Parish after having been Cathedral Administrator at Geraldton for some years.

Well, I must go now, as duty calls. Kind regards to all the boys.

Peter Barden.

MT. LAWLEY

This is a bit belated but I trust will help swell the coffers. Two tickets please and balance towards funds.

Time has ticked by and a number of the old unit have gone to the Great Beyond, but still the Association continues on its way, a bulwark for all those who served within its ranks. It has over all the years served a wonderful purpose and brought much happiness to all within its circle, yes, and many beyond. It has been in peace what it was in war, a unit second to none, and I honour all those who have served it on such a steadfast and loyal way.

Going back to Adelaide thirty seven years later is probably a very wise move, it may have taken that long for the impact of the 2/2nd to disperse!!!

Great to see a word from Bunny Anderson in the Courier. Bunny who? he said, many might ask! Bunny was a fine soldier who possessed everything, quiet, unassuming, but a man.

Good luck to all the boys, may 1978 be a bumper year for you, your good wife, likewise those who guide the destiny of your fine Association.

Sincerely,

Arch Campbell.

SHOALWATER BAY

Just received the Courier, it has a way of jogging one's conscience as to what he has done and what he hasn't — hence the cheque for two tickets and balance for Kitty. We are all O.K. here at the moment.

Regards to all,

Gerry Green.

KOJONUP

Please find enclosed cheque for two tickets and balance for Courier. Hope to see you at the Poynton Picnic on Sunday.

Last week we went to Mick Hollands daughter's wedding and met a lot of the Mandurah boys. Next day Joe Poynton took Mick Morgan, Peter Campbell and myself out crabbing and he certainly goes to a lot of trouble so that we would be able to take some home. He has the crab catching down to a fine art.

Our second daughter came home for my birthday and it was a grand present to see her, also the bottle of Scotch, she knows what her old Dad likes. Linda had been on a working holiday over East for twelve months. She called on Paddy and Nora Kenneally in Sydney who were very pleased to see her. She also called on Jim Foot in Queensland who was kind enough to look after her car while she was at Hayman Island. She also called on

Bulla Tait and now tells me she is a full bottle on cane growing. They stayed over night at the Tait's and he gave them a conducted tour of the property next day.

Had a long letter from Paddy Kenneally and he feels full of beans.

Peter and Pat Campbell, Carol and myself are leaving for Europe in early June and expect to be away a few months, so will miss the Safari in Adelaide.

Kindest regards to Elsie and yourself,

Tony Bowers.

#### BOYANUP

At last we are about to make contact with you all again. Doesn't the saying go "that once you decide to do a job it is half done". If that is so I have only to write half a letter.

Babs and I do appreciate the great work done by the Committee and the Editor. Just as communication was the very essence of survival in our soldering days, so is communication the very crux of survival as an Association and what a great job they have done in this respect.

It is indeed sad to read of the passing of so many magnificent characters. I was privileged to be at the late Tom Crouch's funeral and it was a proud moment for all his mates to be there and feel the esteem he was held in, in his own home town.

Also, one cannot escape the fact that so many of us are now moving to a place of retirement or semi retirement — it is somehow a sad event but for most of us a satisfying one. As time marches on the message is brought home to us in so many ways that the pattern of our lives has to change — for most the change is welcome as the challenge to keep one's business on top becomes too great for the wearing body.

Babs and I have built a new home on a small (25 acres) farm we have owned for some time and consider we are in semi retirement. We got pretty involved in the building by living on the spot in a caravan and doing all the sub-

contracting. I was kept busy labouring for brick layers, carpenters, and plasterers, finally doing all the tiling. With the help of a scientist and my son David, who is a graduate in engineering on the research staff at the Uni of W.A. built a solar wall on the house. This to the uninformed is a wall facing the winter sun, actually 15 deg. West of North which enables the sun to shine on the wall and collect heat which is stored in the bricks and cavity between the walls. In the evening as the weather cools this warm air can be circulated through the house by means of adjustable vents on the inside. To prevent the summer sun getting on the wall there is a 4ft overhang on the roof — this and the fact that the sun is overhead in the summer and of course the position of the wall ensures it cannot collect heat during the hot months. We have used a white tile for the roof as this reflects the heat from the sun and keeps the house cool in summer. I think it is the first such house in the South West. Will have to report to you later on how effective the heating system is.

Most W.A. members would know that Babs has been very sick and is making a slow but satisfactory recovery — it will take another 6 months or more before she is somewhere near normal. When she is well enough we plan to travel. There are just so many we would love to call on all over Australia — once we pack up it will be "LOOK OUT" 2/2nd.

In drawing to a close I would like again to express our thanks to all willing workers for the association. To the Editor please note the change of address — the first for thirty years. To the Safari Raffle committee please find enclosed application for two tickets and balance for Courier.

To all Unit mates and their families there is a bed and a feed and a warm welcome to anyone travelling between Bunbury and Donnybrook. Our best wishes for Good Health to all and may we meet up in 1978.

Babs and Bernie Langridge.

## DENMARK

Please find enclosed cheque for raffle ticket and balance towards funds. Remember me to any of the boys you see. It is my intention at this date to go on the S.A. Safari so should see many of them then. I am trying to talk Geordie Smith to come with me and he probably will. I occasionally see some of the boys going through and generally give them a feed to help them on to the next village.

How do you intend travelling to South Australia, car, train, or plane?  
Best wishes to everybody.

Regards,

Norm Thornton.

## LUDLOW

Please find enclosed \$5 for tie pin, put change in funds. Sorry I am a bit late but got caught up with Xmas rush.

We have had our share of hot weather this year, and Alex's on fire duty most weekends, had a couple of fires. We went to a R.S.L. barbecue recently and met Eric Wellers sister, who lives in Busseton. Alex had a long chat with her. Hope all Xmas parties went off with a bang. We had our family all home for Xmas and enjoyed it. Well bye for now.

Regards,

Wyn Thomson.

## KATANNING

Herewith cheque for one ticket and balance towards Courier.

I am afraid I have been lax in writing for some time. Spent most of last year trying to sell the farm at Broomehill, finally got rid of most of it, only keeping 600 acres with all the buildings and purchasing another property in the Mt. Barker area east of the Porongorup Ranges. Moved everything down there in July, fortunately plenty of water there, as we are down to the last six inches in all dams at Broomehill.

In May and June I had to travel to Perth once a week for a couple of

days with Elsie in and out of Charles Gairdner Hospital for tests of all sorts. This is now over but she has to go up in a couple of weeks for an operation for pinched nerves on her arm and will be in for a week or so.

George and Dot Robinson called in here a few weeks ago on their tour and stayed the night, otherwise I have not seen anyone except Bert Burges for months.

Still playing bowls and so far this season have won a couple of trophies and got to semi finals in both pairs and fours championships in Katanning. This weekend having another try for the singles in Broomehill. I have played in two finals and three semi finals there over the years, but do not seem to be able to pull off the bacon.

In all my trips to Perth last year I never managed to coincide with a meeting night. Try better this year.

Regards to all,

Alf Hillman.

## CAPEL

At long last I feel I must try and give you all, any news from this corner of our great country and I will begin by saying that I still manage to keep fit and well. That is something one must feel very thankful for when we read of the misfortunes of some of our members and the passing of our great mates. We who are left should put a smile to the world and thank God we have been spared to enjoy life as we go along, as it is our responsibility alone and not someone else's job to do it for us. Grace has not been well for some time past, but I am very pleased to say this past fortnight has made a big change in her health and she is again beginning to enjoy life with me.

Reading the Courier and hearing of the travels and doings of our members and families is great reading and pleasing to know they are enjoying some benefits of their past efforts in this short life of which we are all a part.

Was very pleased to once again see George and Dot Robinson while they were doing their trip

through this state and I say that it is wonderful after all these years to feel your heart stir when you again meet up with someone who has shared and helped you in those days long ago. Maybe I am getting sentimental as the years go by but to me it is always something extraordinary to meet up once again with members and their wives of past years.

Very little news of members in this area, although I saw Bernie Langridge only last week and pleased to say he is keeping pretty well and was very happy with the progress of Babs, although perhaps not spectacular at least slow improvement which shows in his face. Mrs. Brady tells me that she has Alf home again now and although he is far from well, he has improved a lot and is quite rational again. Let us pray that his improvement keeps going.

Very sorry that Grace and I will not be able to make the Poynton Picnic on the 29th as this is an event we hate to miss. These youngsters have no consideration as one of my nephews is to be married on the 28th in Perth and then we have my eldest sister's ruby wedding on the 29th, back in Capel. We may be able to call in on the way to Capel and have one or two quick ones.

Grace and I will be starters for the Safari. We will be either train or plane travellers as long driving is too much for us to do in a hurry. I will fill in the application for tickets and include this letter after I see one more friend tonight.

So with best wishes to all members, wives and families for a happy and healthy year.

Yours sincerely,

Grace and Clarrie Turner.

## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

As this meeting would be the last one for the year prior to the Annual General Meeting, the President took the opportunity of thanking the following ladies for their great support during his term of office 1977-1978.

Theatre Night — Ivy Ritchie and Dot Maley.

Car Rally and Barbecue — Jess Epps.

Games Night — Elsie Wares, Dot Maley, Ivy Ritchie.

Poynton Picnic — Helen and Joe Poynton.

George and Dot Robinson Night — Elsie Wares and the ladies who assisted by supplying the salads.

A few more suggestions were put forward by the ladies and it was also mentioned that the men should put forward some and see if the social side should keep going. Some of the suggestions were as follows — Elsie Wares, bus trip to cater for elderly people from War Veterans' Home. Mary King, a barbecue at her home. Dave Ritchie, a guest speaker at General Monthly Meetings. Ivy Ritchie, car rally and barbecue.

It must be heartening for the Committee to see that the ladies are willing to assist and keep the social side going.

My thanks to all again.

Scotty Wares.

## POYNTON PICNIC

January 29th was another beautiful day and Helen and Joe Poynton certainly turned on the hospitality. The idea this year of the luncheon and barbecue being held around 10 o'clock proved a great deal better than previous years and allowed Helen to have the afternoon free to mix and talk to her guests. On previous occasions very little was seen of Helen as she was too busy in the kitchen.

Among those present were: Peter and Pat Campbell, Tony and Carol Bowers, Clarrie and Grace Turner, who travelled from Esperance, Kojonup and Capel. There were a number of members who have not been seen for a few years and it must be gratifying to the Association that the interest of the Unit is not waning. Approximately 100 guests attended, a very good effort.

The President, Scotty Wares, proposed a vote of thanks to Helen and Joe for once again throwing their home open to the Association

and friends. At this point I would like to thank the ladies from the Mandurah area who assisted with the preparation of the food and also the men who gave their time in fishing for the delicious crabs.

The last Sunday in January is certainly a day to look forward to.

### NEW ADDRESSES

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### ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

Quite a number of Address Books and copies of the Courier sent to various parts of Australia to the addresses shown in the address book have been returned and marked left address. I am publishing the names, so if anyone knows of any members new address after reading the list PLEASE notify the Editor, c/- GPO Box T1646, Perth 6001.

W.A.: F. Humfrey, K. McEachern, R. Lewis, R. Dorham.

VICTORIA: J. Purvis, P. Stafford, G. Kennedy, S. Witford, A. Brand, N. Tillet, R. Splatt.

N.S.W.: C. McCaffery, J. Laffy, W. Gallard, K. Beer, C. Downe.

QUEENSLAND: W. Congdon.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: G. Hislop.

### SICK PARADE

Ernie HOFFMAN is at present in Hollywood Hospital and under went surgery on the 3/3/78, visited after the operation and his condition was excellent and surgeon very satisfied with the results. The operation was on the knee cap for Osteo-Arthritis.

## NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

### EPPING

As this is my first news letter since before Xmas, I sincerely hope that each and all, had a healthy and happy festive season. Betty and I had a very quiet time, mostly at home, although we did manage a short vacation at Tamworth, to celebrate number 2 son's house warming. He has just moved into his new home and his first anniversary and his wife's 21st birthday. I am pleased to say the occasion went off very well, and the only thing lacking was rain, Tamworth like the rest of

N.S.W. at present is as dry as a chip. We called on Jack and Marge Peattie while we were in the area, both are looking very fit and well and send their regards to all. They related their recent trip to the Far East to visit their daughter and son-in-law, who are currently teaching in Sarawak. Jack was saying they will not be able to attend Safari 1978 as it does not coincide with their school holidays, but they will be with us in spirit.

With regards to Safari 1978, is there a draft copy of the proposed itinerary available at present? I



have received numerous enquiries regarding times, dates, places, etc. required for the forward planning of holidays and general domestic arrangements of N.S.W. members, if you could send any details of this nature to me I would be most grateful.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all members, their wives and families who attended the barbecue at the home of Marie and Jack Hartley of extending our sincere thanks to you both for the wonderful hospitality bestowed on us. The occasion was voted by those present as one of the best ever, despite the heat of the day, and quite a few members getting lost on the way over. It was pleasing to see a few of the members return to the fold, namely Don Murray and wife, Tom and Muriel O'Brien, Bill and Betty Hoy, Keith Brown and wife, Uncle Jack Keenahan, and it was especially pleasing to see Joan Darge looking so fit and well. Joan has been doing quite a lot of travelling with visits to members of her family spread all over the place. She has also been extremely busy renovating her home, and general re-decorating, however she still looks trim and terrific. Bob and Joyce Smith were unable to make the trip down for the barbecue as Bob was on the sick list, hope that all is well now and we look forward to seeing you on Anzac Day.

Daughter Gail has invested in a Land Rover and has been tripping all over N.S.W. She called in to see Keith and Nola Wilson at Gilgandra and reports they have a very nice farm there. Keith and family breed and break stock horses, and sons David and Michael along with daughter Julie Ann have been doing very well at the local shows. I hope to call in on the way to Safari 1978.

Please find enclosed cheque for raffle tickets, how are the sales going, extra well we hope.

Kind regards to all,

Mick Devlin.

## ALBURY

A few weeks ago I met Mal Herbert on the Rifle Range in Canberra and he asked if I was a member of the Association. I explained I was not and had not personally made application but others had offered to have my name submitted about three years ago. I was the Pay Sergeant of the 2/40th but whilst up the top end, Dr. Dunkley reckoned I was a good cook, having catered for the wounded boys Gerry Maley and party on the way to Betano for embarkation per flying boat.

I realise it is getting later than one thinks it is 35 years since we got out per Gerk Hedes.

I have been retired 3 years now, seen most places except W.A. I am seriously thinking of trying to make W.A. for Anzac Day this year. I fancy Mal Herbert said Col Doig was the secretary and I remember you Col with your black beard with very shiny eyes.

Hope to see you soon and enclose cheque towards the Association funds.

Yours sincerely,

B. Dennis (Denny)

(Pleased to receive your letter and have forwarded you the Courier—Editor).

## NEWCASTLE

Hello everyone! Another year over and another one well and truly started. The saying "Time Flies" is no joke — Joyce and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary last August and I am still amazed she has put up with me for so long. (It certainly was not for my money).

All going well we will be in Adelaide later this year for the Safari, but intend going on from S.A. to W.A. for a look around. Don't know for how long our stay will be but will let that work itself out. Time is our own so we intend motoring over — to this end I have obtained some informative brochures from our motoring association.

We missed out on Jack Hartley's

Xmas Barbecue in Sydney (my old back gave way on me) but hope our luck is better when the next unit get together takes place.

The enclosed cheque is to cover two tickets in the Safari raffle and the balance for the Courier and Association funds. Many thanks for the latest address book. Our very best wishes to all.

Joyce and Bob Smith.

CARDIFF

Please find enclosed Postal Order for three tickets and balance for Courier.

Hoping folk are a bit forgetful and that they start waking up and buy tickets for same so it can be a great success.

Yours sincerely,

Les Isenhood.

DUBBO

MONA VALE

Just received the Courier and raffle tickets which I have returned plus a few dollars for the Courier. Margery and myself and family are O.K. That is when I see my family which is not very often, my older son Steven and my grand daughter live in Tasmania, I visit them about three times a year. Steven has a farm in Sheffield which is 23 miles from Devonport and it is really beautiful country. My younger son has been overseas for nearly four years and has travelled just about everywhere and at the moment is in India hopefully on his way home.

Saw quite a few of the N.S.W. mob at Jack Hartley's barbecue and had a great day. Last Sunday Margery and I visited Tom and Rita Tierney at Panania and from Mona Vale to Panania is like travelling on holidays (about 40 miles). Tom is retired and has a part share in a racehorse called Panutor and I am going to have a small wager on it next start at Newcastle.

I am presently making plans to retire but this depends on the result of my examination with the doctor three weeks ago. I have been home for some time now and have not had time to scratch myself, doing alterations to the house and am now thinking about a pool. Physical activity agrees with me but office work plus the travelling seems to stir up my ulcer and hay fever.

Regards to all,

Merv Jones.

Many thanks to all our nice friends within the Association who sent us a card and best wishes for the festive season. I would like to wish all the boys and their families all the very best for 1978. Good health and good luck which seems so hard to fulfil these days.

All my family are well and Phyllis and I planned to join you once again in Adelaide for the Safari 1978 as I have managed to get my annual leave to coincide with the event. Please boys make it a must and may it be bigger than ever, help the committee to make it that way buy a ticket never know your luck in a big city.

I was talking to Kath Press at a wedding reception at the Macquarie Bowling Club in Dubbo and she looked real well but told me Frank is not enjoying good health at all. He had to forgo all his activities with the R.S.L. in which he was so active and earned him his MBE from the Queen.

Please find enclosed cheque for two tickets in raffle and balance for Courier. Thanks for forwarding each issue on time and always news of good interest. To all our members that are not 100% I wish you well and do hope that a return to good health is just around the corner (good wishes go to Scotty Wares, Fred Napier, Ron Sprigg and hope that you are all enjoying better health).

Alan Luby and Ron Trengrove paid us a visit during the year, both here on seminars and business.

I would like to pass on sympathy on behalf of Phyllis and myself to Snowy Weir and Ron Goodacre in the loss of their loved ones, it

was so nice to enjoy their company at our past Safaries.

Bye bye everyone, looking forward to our next merry meeting.

Frank Sharp.

#### ALBURY

Many thanks for the address book and Courier. I can see I have been missing some good news for a number of years. I take it that the Safari is a reunion — at this stage I cannot see any reason why my wife (June) and self should

stay home so hope to see you all there.

I did mention in my first contact that we planned to be in Perth for Anzac Day — flying over and staying at East Fremantle, as far as I know all is organised.

As it is a long time since Timor days I will probably be a stranger to most. I would appreciate a lapel badge and tie bar.

Cheque for two raffle tickets plus balance for funds.

Regards,

Denny Dennis.

## VICTORIAN NEWS

### EAST COBURG

I hope that the Roberts can still call you our friends seeing that we have neglected you all somewhat over the past two years. Circumstances made it impossible for me to get my usual 'round robin' out but please believe me when I say that we honestly were thinking of you.

The past three years have certainly seen a few changes in our lives. We are naturally a little older, a little slower but still managing to keep up with things in general even though it takes a wee bit more time. Apart from one or two minor ailments, John and I manage to enjoy comparatively good health for which we are most grateful.

Our family of course are all self-efficient now. First time for 28 years that any cash we make is for the 'oldies'. Guess we are all getting well on to this stage now where the family are off our hands. When you think about it, it's rather gratifying to look back over the past years and realise that the struggles of the past have paid off.

John is seriously thinking of retiring. I personally feel that I'm not quite ready to join him as I thoroughly enjoy my work and would like to keep on for a while longer. However, we none of us know what will happen so will just play it by ear. On the whole, John keeps reasonably well which is a blessing

and thoroughly enjoys getting down to our holiday home at Neerim South and cutting the lawns.

Ian and Sue-Ann have finished renovating their terrace home and despite my feelings when they first moved into the place I'm the first to admit that they have done a first class job. It's been a lot of hard work for them as they did all of the labouring themselves only contracting when it was necessary but that coupled with their imagination (which I didn't have) they have been able to retain the character of the house but making it as modern as they could.

Sue and Eric have been overseas again this year. Did Europe and had a very wonderful time from what I can gather. They did not stay in any of the capital cities, preferring to get out into the smaller towns and villages. Eric only has one regret that whilst in France, Sue developed a taste for expensive red wines — a taste she has brought back to Australia with her. Ruth and Glyn were able to join them in Europe for a short period but more of them later on in this letter.

Craig is well into his second year as an apprentice plumber. Took some time getting an apprenticeship for him but after a hard fight he was lucky. Even in this day and age an apprentice's wage is not very good in comparison with other areas but he realises that once through his training he will be better

off than most of his friends. Even so, he realises that he is lucky to be in a job at all with the unemployment the way it is and in my opinion, the way it will remain for some time to come. I sincerely hope that I'm wrong but have a lot of apprehensions. He is still at home with us but from the way he is talking will be moving out of home early in the new year which means that all of the birds have flown the nest. Oh well, that's life. As it is we only see him for a few moments at breakfast time!! Seems to be the pattern these days.

Jane has been working all year in child care at Hopetoun Kindergarten in North Melbourne and enjoying every minute. The two year course was very concentrated and involved hours of work at night but I believe that the course has been increased to three years which will make it much easier for both students and lecturers. I believe that the course is becoming so popular that they cannot cope with the number of applicants they are receiving. Guess this also shows that students are applying for anything and everything they possibly can hoping that they will be accepted into one course or another. What a state of affairs. Anyway, Jane has rented a house with two friends in the North Fitzroy area which means that the family are all just around the corner from each other.

Ruth and Glyn since you last heard from us, have bought a house in Shrewsbury, are doing it up and are very happy with it. Ruth is still in the same job she was lucky enough to obtain when she first landed in England 3½ years ago and Glyn also is still in the same job so from that angle they are indeed lucky. Shrewsbury on the border of Wales and England has a very high unemployment figure. Of course, our best news from them is that Ruth is coming home on a visit, arriving Melbourne on 23rd December. The family are all trying to keep their excitement to themselves but not succeeding very successfully.

John and I jet out of Melbourne most weekends going to our holiday

home in Neerim South. We really enjoy it and if we feel like doing any chores we do them, if we are not in the mood we leave them till a later date. That's what it is all about though isn't it? We usually spend our annual leave down there but this year, with Ruth coming home, may not be there for the full time. However, will manage to spend as many days as possible.

As for myself, I'm fine — well not as fine as I used to be because believe it or not, I have put on weight over the past twelve months. This year has been somewhat hectic at Standards but as I mentioned before, I thoroughly enjoy it — pressure and all. I like the challenge and feel that it helps me keep mentally alert.

Well folks, I think I've covered most of the essential family news from the House of Roberts. Would love to hear from one and all if at all possible. Postage is becoming very expensive but would still like to learn of what has happened to you.

Before ending this letter, both John and I join in wishing one and all, plus your families, our sincerest good wishes for the coming year and hope that those of you who have had adversities will have better luck in 1978, and extend a warm invitation to anyone who may pass our door — either here or at Neerim, to call in.

Cheers till next time,  
Cath and John Roberts.

BURWOOD

I am enclosing a cheque to cover cost for a ticket in the raffle and balance towards the Courier.

I enjoy reading the Courier and also appreciated receiving the new address book.

Last Saturday night I was invited by Harry Botterill to spend the evening with the Victorian 2/2nd folk at the Caulfield R.S.L. to meet up with Alan Hollow once again. It was a very happy occasion and I am grateful that I was included in the get-together.

Wishing you every success with your raffle.

Yours sincerely,

Wilma Tobin.

(Great to hear from you Wilma and pleased to hear that the Vic. Association include you in their functions. — Editor).

#### FITZROY

I have finally saved up enough money to buy a pen, and a sheet of paper. Hence this letter. I am enclosing a cheque for three tickets in the swindle, the remainder to be used for whatever you people

think is a fair thing. Naturally I will be over in Adelaide later on in the year. You know what a miserable existence I have, so I must go along to these turnouts to put a bit of brightness into my life. A mob from Fitzroy Bowling Club will be going to Sydney in June, ostensibly to play bowls but that is only an excuse. I always stay for another day because I would not be fit for work on the Tuesday. I will contact the Sydney blokes and perhaps have a beer or two with them.

Here's hoping to see you and many others later in the year.

Cheerio,

Maurie Smith.

## QUEENSLAND NEWS

#### MERMAID BEACH

I am writing to you at last after promising to when I visited the West over a year ago.

I have received from my sister a letter which you sent to her nearly ten years ago and I wonder what changes have happened to my old mates over the years, as I have had little or no news of them.

Do you still have a news letter or a regular circular that you send out and if so what is the chance of sending me a copy now and then or even some of the names and addresses of any of our unit in the Eastern States, that I may know and may be able to get in touch with.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply.

John Hanson,  
6 Section, B Platoon.

(Have sent address book and a couple of Couriers—Editor).

#### TANQUIN

Edna and I are definite starters for the Safari in Adelaide Oct. 1978. We are booked on the Indian Pacific at 12.30 p.m. on 15/10/78 from Adelaide to Perth and arrive at 7.00 a.m. on 17/10/78.

Now on accommodation we have been recommended two places to stay, M.F.A. Motel, Lincoln Court and Forrest House, Motor Hotel, Perth. Which of these would you recommend or are there others, because we wish to book early.

If you would let me know as soon as possible about the accommodation I would be very grateful.

Yours faithfully,

George Vandeleur.

(Have sent a brochure on accommodation and do hope it will solve your problems—Editor).

**BUY A TICKET AND SELL A TICKET.**

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### SAFARI ITINERARY

7th OCT. 78: RACES AFTER-NOON and COUNTER TEA AT HOTEL IN EVENING.

8th OCT. 78: B.B.Q. LUNCH CITY GARDENS.

9th OCT. 78: FREE DAY and EVENING AT LOCAL HOTEL.

10th OCT. 78: BUS TRIP TO CLARE and WINERIES.

11th OCT. 78: ANNUAL DINNER FOR MEN and EVENING AT FESTIVAL HALL FOR LADIES.

12th OCT. 78: RIVER TRIP ON PORT RIVER to OUTER HARBOUR 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. EVENING DOG RACING.

13th OCT. 78: BUS TRIP TO VICTOR HARBOUR via GOOLWA.

14th OCT. 78: RACES and VISIT TO MARINE LAND.

15th OCT. 78: B.B.Q. LUNCH.

16th OCT. 78: INSPECTION OF KELVINATORS IN THE AFTER-NOON.

### FLINDERS PARK

In reply to your letter regarding accommodation, I have contacted a few hotels and their prices average about the same according to standard.

Shandon Hotel Motel: \$21 per night double; \$11 per night single; breakfast extra at \$2.50 each.

Lockley Hotel in suburb, 5 miles from City: \$22 double including breakfast.

Majestic Hotel in City: \$18 per night double including breakfast; \$10 per night single including breakfast.

Another alternative is holiday flats at the beach at \$90 per week, have 2 bedrooms and sleep six, everything found but provide own food.

Without knowing who and how many are coming, I suggest you advertise and place the onus on members to contact me to arrange their piece of stay and for how long.

I received a letter from Geo Vandeleur, he intends to attend the Safari and then continue to W.A.

afterwards. Max Davies also assured me he would be in Adelaide in October.

Bert Bache had a few copies of the itinerary typed and dropped them in to me during the week and I am sending you a couple. Our last letters crossed so we will see what we can do next time.

Regards to all,

Dud Tapper.

PARA HILLS

I wish to become a financial member of the Association, and all correspondence to be forwarded this address. Please notify me of dues.

Yours faithfully,

K. G. Carthew.

PARA HILLS

Yes. I am the member from Queensland and my previous address was Gilbert Road, Windsor. Thank you for the copies of the Courier and the address book.

Enclosed Courier donation and I would like to purchase a raffle ticket for the 1978 Safari raffle.

Yours, Kelvin Carthew.

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## TASMANIAN NEWS

### HOBART

Have just received the February issue of the Courier and wish to express my thanks for same, it is very pleasing to read comments from members in other parts of Australia, and to know quite a number are still enjoying life. My sympathy to those people who have lost dear ones is also expressed.

As promised, please find donation towards the Courier and an application for two tickets in the Safari raffle. Consideration is being given to the Safari trip,

which depends so much on being able to arrange care to be taken of livestock. However all is not lost and wife and I are working on this problem. Plans are also forming for a visit to the Sunny West in the not too distant future.

Have just enjoyed an evening (and a cold glass) with old friend Harry Botterill who is making his half yearly pilgrimage to Hobart. As mentioned by Mark Conroy will be looking forward to future Couriers for news concerning Safari.

Cheers for now,

Vic Pacey.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at the R.S.L. Club, on Tuesday, March 7th and a very disappointing roll up of members attended, in all 19 and 6 of those were from the country. It amazes me that our members cannot give one night in the year to attend and assist the Committee and give some suggestions. The minutes will be published in the June issue of the Courier but the balance sheet and list of the Committee appear now.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

for the Association the year ending March 1978 I have to report as follows.

#### FIRSTLY — MEETINGS

On the whole Committee meetings were reasonably well attended, although sickness occasionally took its toll and numbers in attendance were low. These meetings are important as the business and run-

ning of the Association are controlled by them. I would at this point like to thank all members of the Committee who have supported me so well during my term of office. In particular I would like to express special appreciation to the Secretary and Treasurer with whom I have worked closely during the year. I would also like to thank Jack Carey who stood in for me on occasion when I was hospitalised. It is always difficult to single out any one person but I would like to make special mention of Committeeman Dave Ritchie, who in his term of office this year has compiled a most notable Archives record containing photos, press cuttings and other items. Dave has been a staunch member, attending every meeting and in addition to his Archives work gave the ladies a most enjoyable evening demonstrating his silk screening. He has also arranged for car stickers of our double red diamond insignia to be made available very soon for our use.

#### MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Apart from the evenings when the ladies attended these have been so disappointing in numbers attending

that I feel that the incoming Committee should give some consideration to either cancelling this meeting night or arranging some completely new format to encourage members along. The only successful General Meeting nights were those arranged by the ladies themselves as social evenings.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

I feel that these events are now the best way of gathering members and their wives together and this year they have been most successful. I have previously mentioned the Monthly meetings when the ladies attended. We had a fun and games night, bowls night, demonstration of silk screening and the usual Xmas get together. These were well attended and voted most enjoyable by everyone. In addition there was a theatre party arranged by Ivy Ritchie and Dot Maley when a large number of members enjoyed themselves at "THE MIKADO". In the springtime we had a very pleasant afternoon and evening at the home of Jess Epps where a barbecue was held. Later in the year a pleasant gathering was arranged at my home, ostensibly to meet up with visitors Geo. and Dot Robinson from Melbourne, but this also served as a New Year get together for members. Of course no social calendar can omit mention of the wonderful day we spend annually at the home of Joe and Helen Poynton and, this year I think it was even better than ever. To all these people who have contributed in any way to these social events I offer the sincere thanks of the Committee and myself.

### ANZAC DAY

On the 25th April we had a very good turn up of marchers for the Parade and this is very heartening as with advancing years some members necessarily are unable to attend. The new venue at the Claredon Hotel proved very successful and it is hoped that this year will be even better.

### KINGS PARK

It is with some sadness that I have to report that our usually green and pleasant honour drive has suffered the effects of water restrictions. Approaches have been made unsuccessfully by myself to the Supervisor of the Kings Park Board to get a connection to their bore water, but was told that they have not got enough for their own use and none even for the State War Memorial. The two Wardens—Mr. George Fletcher and Mr. Rod Dhu have continued their sterling job of maintaining this area and I offer to them both my grateful thanks. I understand that the galvanised piping now in the area will have to be replaced with P.V.C. piping and the incoming Committee will have to make this a priority job.

### ANNUAL DINNER & COMMEMORATION SERVICE

In October we held our Annual Re-Union Dinner and this was well attended by 37 members and 3 guests. The new venue was the Sherwood Court, R.S.L. Club, and the really delicious sit-down meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. On the Sunday following the dinner the Commemoration Service was held in our Honour Drive. Altogether there were about 40 people present, 25 men, their wives and friends. This was a fair turn up but it is a pity that more members do not make a really special effort to be present as this service surely must be regarded as one of our important and moving reminders of our war years.

### SAFARI 1978

In October this year there will be a Safari in Adelaide for all members. Arrangements for this are now in hand and it would be appreciated if those intending to join in would submit their names to the Committee as it is important for the S.A. organisers to have some idea of numbers. The W.A. Safari Committee have been having a



bit of a battle in disposing of tickets for the raffle although applications for these seem to be coming in a bit faster now. There is still a long way to go to get to the target of 600.

### COURIER

During the year the Association has published six Couriers in April, June, August, October, December, February. The costs are still rising and also the Post Office requires them all to be arranged in their respective code numbers and each one stamped on the back if undelivered return to Box T1646, Perth. For returned Couriers we have to pay an additional 20 cents, so please when anyone changes their address please notify the Editor immediately so as the new address can be inserted. It will also help to keep the address book up to date.

As you all know the Courier is the main vital link of the Association and is Australia wide and some even go overseas. To all those who have sent letters please keep sending them as we like to hear from you and it lets us know that you are interested in the Association.

As a supplement to the Courier I compiled an address book although

it was out of date when it came off the press but at least 95% of the addresses were correct. My sincerest thanks for the assistance given by Jess Epps and to John Longson for the donation of the printing of same. It was certainly a fine gesture.

In conclusion, this has been a good year in some ways, because of the greater contact with our mates from the Eastern States. Probably a lot of this is due to the fact that car and caravan travel is now facilitated by the excellent Eyre Highway. We have entertained quite a number of our mates in various ways this year and I look forward to this continuing. Another fact worth noting is that some members who have been out of contact for many years have suddenly decided to join our social ranks again and this is very heartening at a time when our numbers are starting to thin. We have been much saddened by the passing of several of our good friends but this is to be expected as the years crowd in on us. I again thank all fellow committee men and members for support and co-operation during my year of office.

A. Wares, President.

**BALANCE SHEET — For Year Ended 31st January, 1978.**

RECEIPTS		1978	EXPENDITURE		1978
Balance forward 1st February, 1977			Monthly Meeting		
Working A/c	208.40		Cost	319.75	
Reserve A/c	7761.43	7969.83	Receipts	196.00	123.75
Interest Received			Annual Dinner		
Working A/c	13.24		Cost	291.00	
Reserve A/c	640.59	653.83	Receipts	228.00	63.00
Donation Courier			Car Rally		
Cost Printing & Postage	1962.31		Cost	35.00	
	1397.55	564.76	Receipts	30.00	5.00
Sale of Lapels & Tieclips		66.90	Refund Payment N.S.W. Safari		1200.00
Sale of Unit Glasses		81.00	Printing & Postage — address Book		116.00
Kings Park Edge Cutter—Donation		159.50	Donation R.S.L.		10.00
Anzac Day			Donation Kings Park Memorial		50.00
Receipts	242.30		Printing Raffle Tickets		80.50
Cost	209.00	33.30	Mail Box T1646		42.00
			Kings Park Edge Cutter		159.50
			Administration Costs		53.50
			Sundries (List attached)		168.36
			Kings Park (Details attached)		85.35
			Balance of Working A/c		170.14
			Reserve A/c		7202.02
		<u>9529.12</u>			<u>7372.16</u>
					<u>9529.12</u>