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COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER

AT R.S.L. CLUB, SHERWOOD COURT, PERTH
ON 3rd NOVEMBER, 1979, AT 6.30 P.M.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

KINGS'S PARK, 4th NOVEMBER, 1979
AT 3.00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS

AT R.S.L. CLUB, ON 4th DECEMBER, 1979
AT 7.30 P.M.

POYNTON PICNIC

JANUARY 27th, 1980. SOCIAL EVENT OF
THE YEAR AS FAR AS THE ASSOCIATION IS
CONCERNED. BE THERE AND SWELL THE
NUMBERS. BRING YOUR OWN CHOPS AND
STEAK. ALL SALADS AND CRABS PROVIDED.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT ANZAC CLUB ON TUESDAY 7th AUGUST, 1979.

The President declared the meeting open at 8.05 p.m. and asked those present to stand and face the Honour Roll, and he also reported the passing of two of our members namely Jim Hallinan and Tom Martin.

PRESENT

P.G. Maley, L. Bagley, C. Varian, H. Sproxton, R. MacDonald, J. Carey, A. Blundy, P. Hancock, A. Wares.

APOLOGIES

J. Fowler, G. Fletcher.

MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion of P. Hancock seconded C. Varian.

TREASURER'S REPORT

P. Hancock presented statement of accounts as at 7/8/79, as follows:

Previous balance	\$602.98
Donations	\$ 95.00
Lapel Clip	\$ 2.00
Car Sticker	\$.50
TOTAL	\$700.98

Payments	\$310.00
BALANCE	\$390.98

The report was received and accounts passed for payment on motion of H. Sproxton seconded A. Blundy and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards: F. Devlin, K. Craig, G. Mathieson, P. Kenneally, D. Tapper A. Cardy, Veteran Affairs, Jewish

Fund, R.S.L., P. Drummond, R. Maclean, B. Adams.

Moved that correspondence be received and confirmed on motion of L. Bagley seconded J. Carey.

Business arising from correspondence. That the Secretary write to Queensland branch re safari 1981. That the President write to Minister Foreign Affairs.

REPORTS

The President reported on the removal of the plaques in Kings Park, for painting and replacing on new posts. Mr. Bryce will replace them when ready in original order. It be recorded that special thanks be made to Rod Dhu for his work in removing plaques and those who assisted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Treasurer wished to have leave of absence for two months. Carried.

The Secretary moved that H. Botterhill be made a Life Member, seconded J. Carey and Carried.

The Secretary enquired about procuring the liquor for a Bar-B-Que at the Kings' home on Sunday, 23/9/79, if it was to be picked up on the Sunday it would put the hotel proprietor and association member in a position that they would be infringing the liquor laws.

The President would contact the licensee and discuss same.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m. and thanked members for attending.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ANZAC CLUB TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER, 1979.

The President declared the meeting open at 8.00 p.m. and asked all present to face the Honour Roll.

PRESENT

G. Maley, J. Carey, H. Sproxton, B. MacDonald, A. Blundy, A. Wares D. Darrington, P. Hancock, G. Fletcher, L. Bagley.

APOLOGIES

J. Fowler, C. Varian.

MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion of P. Hancock seconded J. Carey.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Balance	\$390.98
Courier Donations	\$115.00
Car Sticker	\$.50

TOTAL	\$506.48
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Expenditure	
Printing Courier	\$333.00
Postage Courier	\$ 37.80
Advert Listening Post	\$ 8.00
TOTAL	\$378.80
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BALANCE	\$127.68

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward: Minister Foreign Affairs, K. Craig, P. Kenneally, C. Sadler, B. Gayler, R. Trengrove, G. Mathieson, B. Adams, R.S.L.

Outward: B. Adams, J. Roberts, Foreign Affairs.

Moved that correspondence be received and confirmed on motion of L. Bagley seconded G. Fletcher.

REPORTS

The President reported on the position of plaques for Kings Park.

The President reported of having contacted Mr. Rossi re liquor for the Kings Park barbecue.

The Secretary reported on receiving Safarl post cards from Don Latimer whilst he had been in Sydney.

Mr. Bagley moved and J. Carey seconded that albums be procured to place them in for future display, and a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Latimer.

The Secretary reported on the members who are sick.

R. Harrington had been in the Mount Hospital and underwent surgery, and is now home.

C. Criddle is now at home after having been in Shenton Park Hospital due to a stroke. He is progressing slowly.

Bob Smith is now at home in Newcastle and from last report progressing slowly.

Alan Brown is now on the mend and will be returning to work in two weeks.

To all those members we wish them speedy and permanent recoveries from their illnesses.

Discussion took place about having Committee Meeting held in the afternoon instead of the evenings. The matter was left in abeyance until Annual Dinner to await suggestions from there.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m, and thanked the members for attending.

WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS

WONGAN HILLS

Enclosed please find cheque to cover subs and Courier.

I was sorry to learn of the passing of Ron Sprigg, he was a really great chap.

Spent a fortnight at Exmouth recently and the weather was beautiful, the fishing fair. Met Reg and Dot Harrington there, they were also enjoying the sunshine. Had a few beers with them and a good old natter.

It is very dry in this part of the State, although much worse further North and East. We are hoping for good rains in the next few days.

I would like to attend the Annual Dinner but it all depends on Pennant Bowls.

Regards to all, yours - Charlie Sadler.

(Hope that your can make the Annual Dinner — Editor).

DIANELLA

“Thank you very much.” Memo from Elsie Wares.

I am taking this opportunity to thank all of you terrific Eastern Staters for the great hospitality your turned on for Jess and Scotty when they recently made their goodwill tour. I have written some personal letters but will never be able to contact everyone who participated in the various “Do’s”. Particularly I would like to thank the people who “put up” (I use the phrase in every sense) the travellers. I also wish to thank all those who helped to make the tape at the barbecue at Joan Darge’s home. It was really great to hear all your voices and particularly the children’s (Maria and Jack Hartley’s). By the way did you all know that on one side there was a running commentary of conversation in the kitchen? That’s got you all worrying now hasn’t it. I loved it all

especially some little voices who identified themselves as "big monster and little monster".

I would also like to thank all those friends who sent me personal messages and to all who hastened to assure me that "Scotty and Jess really were behaving themselves". I would just like to say that no one seemed to be concerned as to what I was up to while they were away. You've all heard the saying haven't you? "While the cat's away - etc."

Joking aside - it was a great trip and I feel it has further cemented the already strong bonds of comradeship of the unit.

- Elsie Wares

THE DOIG SPECIAL

RHUBARB CHAMPAGNE

2 lb Red Rhubarb - Sliced thinly.
1½ lbs White Sugar.
2 Tablespoons White Vinegar.
Juice 2 Lemons plus Rind of 1.
1 Gallon and 2 Glasses Water.

Combine above and stand for 48 hours.

Filter 3 times through foam or cheese cloth. Bottle in screw top lemonade bottles (thoroughly clean bottles). Stand 14 days and serve refrigerated.

THANKS

The President wishes to thank the following members for donations towards the publishing of the Courier.

K. Craig, H. Botterill, A. Hollow, J.A. Cardy, G. Mathieson, W. Roberts, C. Sadler, R. Trengrove, B. Gayler, R. Smith.

RETURNED COURIERS

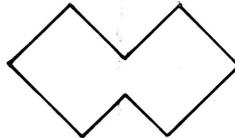
A number of Couriers have been returned address unknown, so if anyone knows of any of the following members whereabouts please notify the Editor.

W.A. J. E. Barnes.

N.S.W. G. Wilson, A. Westerweller.

VIC. F. Wiggins.

S.A. K. Carthew.



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VICTORIAN NEWS

VERMONT SOUTH

Just a brief note to advise you of a change of address. As of late July, I shall be back in Sydney at 8 Mansfield Road, Galston where I have bought a semi-rural property to get well away from the hustle and bustle of suburban living.

Looking through other new addresses listed in June "Courier", I came across one J.R. Smith. Can this be the celebrated James Relton Smith, an erstwhile neighbourhood friend of mine when I previously lived in Sydney and who subsequently disappeared to KIETA, Bougainville? If so, I shall certainly look him over next time I pass through Perth.

It is unfortunate the amount of travelling I am still required to do

keeps me out of Australia much of the year, but hopefully, some day soon things will ease up and I shall get a chance to run to earth a number of old mates I haven't seen for 35 years or more. I have, however, managed to meet with and have a quiet lager every now and again with some of my 2/4th and "Z" cronies during the five years spent in Melbourne.

Enclosed is cheque for the "Courier" fund. Keep up the good work. Kindest regards and best wishes to all.

- W.L. (Robbie) Roberts.

(I am afraid the J.R. Smith is a W.A. member and the one your mentioned is still in New Guinea - Editor.)

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

MONA VALE

As a long time has gone by since I penned to paper for the Courier, I will understand if you have difficulty in deciphering my unique hand and this ends up in the incinerator, but be warned if you do this dastardly act I will send my eldest son over and have you prosecuted (prosecuted I said, not prostituted) for polluting the atmosphere.

Having been at two gatherings of the 2/2nd here in the last few weeks July and August I am feeling an itch towards writing and letting those know who cannot always make these things.

Scotty and Jess were over here recently and a get together was organised by that very good lady, Joan Darge at Kirribillie R.S.L. which was a very enjoyable night for Dorothy and myself. We had not been out with the 2/2nd for a long time and I was rather forcibly or strongly told however the latter will be taken care of and we are going to be seen if not heard at more of our gatherings. It was great to see Jess at her effervescent best and Scotty who seems to be a ball of muscle. Thanks to Joan and the great company who were there and made the evening so great.

Then two weeks after we started a mobile dinner at 5.30 p.m. at the

home of Coral and Bill Coker, where the usual Aussie cocktails were partaken, my preference being a can or two. Then soup, but as one has learnt Bill usually has a home made liqueur which one tastes once or proving that Bill can really make them backs up for more. Apart from that he has a very nice imported whisky which he vows and declares he bought at a greatly reduced price and that it did not fall off a truck passing the factory. From soup we went to that delightful seaside unit of the Luby's where we partook of Arafura Goulash, well not being a gourmet (actually I haven't got any religion) that's as near as I can get to the culinary name. Not being the last to arrive or the first at this pit stop we were followed by Bill and Coral Coker, the former clutching the remnants of The House of Lords whisky, the smoothest I have ever taken without adulteration or foreign body added.

Eddie gave us a short organ recital (who hasn't gone one these days) before we departed to the Warriewood Valley where Bill and June Bennet fed us on Warriewood Tit Bit (which is rather painful) and Pittwater sex pot, or should that be crock pot, any way sufficient to say that I enjoyed it so much I went round again which is unusual for me. The great thing about this meandering

around the countryside is no one got lost. I came from Luby's with the Grey Ghost, my wife and Joan came in our car, the Grey Ghost managed to get to Bennet's without getting booked for speeding. After we had licked the plates clean at the Bennets which pleased June as she was able to get down to the Passion Pit much faster than expected.

We all now know why Merv. Jones is so thin, it's got nothing to do with prunes, muesli or nuts (the last may not be correct). They say that when you get old your whatsits get cold, in some cases yes, but spiral staircases could be the cause in some households after all. After three or four runs up that stair at the Jones's Passion Pit you would forget what you had in mind unless you tripped over it and how could you after all that climbing? Well it appears to me who felt his Arthritic pains (that's about all I get to feel these days).

Marj's apple tart, coffee or tea was well and truly a grand finale to the evening, so to bed in our own I hope.

In case you have not heard I have retired and as soon as everything is shipshape Dorothy and I hope to do some travelling a bit further than we already have. We did a tour of Tasmania and left our car at the Botterill's in Melbourne which they looked after. Harry and Olive had us for dinner one night with Dorothy's sister and her husband. We thank you both for your hospitality to the four of us.

If you can't read my scribble feed it to a computer and it might solve the unemployment problem.

Yours-Ron Trengrove

YAGOONA

News not that cheerful, following the report of Ron Sprigg's death. We have two more; Jim Hallinan on 1/6/79 and then Tom Martin on 15/6/79.

Ron Sprigg was such a cheerful man, he put up with such heavy trials and tribulations with so much courage. Jim Hallinan had his share of pain too. He suffered greatly at times and kept it all to himself. He was always a quiet, easy going bloke. Tom Martin's death came as a shock to me. I saw him go through 12 weeks of intensive care after his operations, when he knew no one and machines appeared to be doing everything for him. Had Tom died in any one of those 12 weeks I would

not have been surprised. I saw him a week before he died, he had improved enormously, mentally alert, talking on any subject and really fit. He died peacefully in his sleep after a clot of blood had moved. We will certainly miss him at our meetings. May God Rest These Three Good Men.

Angus Maclachlan rang me from Kingsford Smith Airport on his way through to England with Lois. Angus tried to contact Basher Adams before he left to get news about the forthcoming Safari but could not get an answer. Apparently Basher was away on holidays.

My family all well. Where Nora finds time I do not know but she now goes to Yoga, St. Vincent de Paul hospital visitation and the drug centre to try and help the poor unfortunates. Helen is still down the South Coast, Sean in the Northern Territory, Michael at home. Gerald's boss sold out and as soon as he heard he lined up another job.

I am writing this from a Franciscan Monastery, I have not retired from the world yet, just taking a week off for a bit of peaceful solitude. I do it once a year or so. It's news to a lot of people that I do think occasionally, I met a friar Julien May here, a most interesting man in many fields. He spent some time attached to the Franciscan Missions in the Leptik area of New Guinea. I asked him if he ever ran into Dr. McInerney there. He told me he knew him quite well. To quote Friar May "He was a man amongst men. A man of ability, courage, endurance, who did more for his fellow man, black or white, than any man in New Guinea".

Good luck and best wishes to all members in the West and other areas, be careful you sandgropers in your conversation, you never know what other quaint law Charlie may dig up.

Paddy Kenneally.

P.S. Yes Tony I remember the pub, the girl in Ballycotton. I hope to have a drink and see her there again one day.

NEWCASTLE

Scotty would you please enter the next page of chit chat in the Courier as I am using it as a medium in which to thank a lot of people for their kindness.

Well I am home again from hospital in Sydney and will be able to

relax (to a degree) for the next nine weeks. I have to receive 15 Chemo-Therapy courses and so far have completed 5 - an interruption to have the operation during which you and Jess visited me in Sydney. Since arriving home, the clinic in the Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney, arranged for me to have the 6th treatment at the Mater Hospital in Newcastle and now that it has been carried out, will enter the Mater again for the 7th course, then back to Sydney on 26th September for the 8th course.

During my stay in Sydney, Joyce and I saw quite a few of the lads and lassies of the 2/2nd and it was wonderful for me to see so many. First of all there was yourself Scotty and Jess - you two would be about the craziest two people that anybody could enjoy as friends - by the way when we said goodbye on your last visit, did you still get lost finding your way back to Joan's place? Besides yourself we had all those wonderful people visit me over the last 4 months in hospital, my thanks to them for their sincere kindness - Joan Darge, Mick Devlin, Jack Hartley, Paddy Kenneally, Alan Luby, Bill Bennet, Marj, Merv Jones, and Keith and Betty Craig who telephoned from Young.

Besides them there were others who visited me at home - Ross Smith from S.A. who was visiting Newcastle. Bill and Coral Coker in Newcastle overnight, Cliff Paff who came from Tuncurry and spent the day with us, Harry and Annyce Handicott from Smoky Cape (many visits over the last twelve months) and Les and Gloria Isenhood. To all those people, and I hope I have not forgotten anyone, THANKS SO MUCH.

By the way Scotty, I was talking to Alan Luby recently on the phone and I told him that one of my pleasures in hospital was that I had a phone connected to my bedside, by which I was able to contact anyone I wished and foolishly told him that many an hour was taken up talking to some of the ladies (while their husbands were at work) like Betty Devlin, Marj Jones, Coral Coker, Edie Luby - he then coined a new name for me - "Sneaky Beaky".

End of the "Chit Chat for Courier.

- Bob Smith

(Very pleased to receive your letter Bob and it looks as if you are on the improve. Keep up the good work - regards to Joyce and Beryl - Scotty.)

YOUNG

I am enclosing a cheque for subs and funds, and trying to give you a little of our news at the same time. I am sorry I forgot to send the cheque last time I wrote, but I just didn't think of it. I must be getting old, seeing that I am forgetting little things these days.

We are all well, and Keith has now retired. He was not quite due for retirement, but was becoming very tired, and work seemed to be a burden to him, so he has decided to give it away, and he is now getting things organised at home, so that he can paint the house inside and out and a few other jobs he wants to do around the place. He is not hurrying and is looking ever so much better the last few weeks, so we are quite sure he has done the right thing. He is not going to hurry over the jobs he wants to do, just go along nice and steady, and everything will fall into place.

We had a wonderful five days in Sydney with the family and some of the 2/2nd were able to come and spend the Sunday with us, and have a meal. It was great to be together, and of course the tongues wagged and wagged.

Janette flew from Townsville for four days to be with us. I knew that she was coming but Keith didn't, and Philip brought Lorraine and the two children in to the Motel, and we had the old suite, 101 again, and left them there on the Friday and came out to the Airport to pick Keith and I up. Janette had arrived about 5.45 p.m. and this was about 8.30. When we arrived it was all talk with the two children and Lorraine of course, as Janette has hidden in the hallway, and whilst Keith had his back to the door she sneaked over and put her arms around him, and whispered "Hello Daddy". He couldn't believe his ears, but it was all a lovely surprise and of course we all had a wonderful evening together, and how we talked.

It had been my birthday on the Wednesday and it was our Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, so Phillip and Janette with Stan and Lorraine had bought us a Radio/Cassette, and

it was just great. We are able to listen to some lovely music now on the cassettes as well as the radio. Saturday we went for a stroll around the shops to buy a bit of extra food etc. and bought a few good cassettes. After lunch Joan Darge and Marjorie Jones arrived, and also Merv. and a friend of theirs, so we all went out for dinner to the Kirribilli R.S.L. Club. It was the most wonderful evening, and we were able to take the two girls, who of course thoroughly enjoyed their night out. They were very good and loved being part of the party. The meals were really great, and if anyone wants a recommendation for beautifully cooked and served meals, at the right price, you have it.

There were eleven of us altogether and we had a great old evening out.

Came home and of course the usual cuppa and more talk, and to bed and then up next morning for a walk around the park, lunch and then be ready for all those who could make it during the afternoon and evening.

June and Bill Bennet, Allan and Edie Luby, (who gave us some

information on their trip to Hong Kong and the east, which they enjoyed too) Coral and Bill Coker, Marjorie and Merv. Jones, Joan Darge, and of course the Craig contingent. Marjorie and Ron Goodacre had a wedding anniversary of their parents (I think it was). Betty and Mick Devlin had a previous engagement, and Snow Went wasn't able to come, nor Dorothy and Ron Trengrove. We had a quite a long chat on the phone to Joyce Smith, as she was in Sydney at the time as Bob was in hospital and she wouldn't come in, but wished us all the best. Bob Smith is to have a big operation shortly, and we are hoping that things will be better for him.

We had a wonderful meal together as they had all brought bits and pieces, and took down a nice cake, so we cut that too and really had a wonderful 30th Wedding Anniversary. It will certainly be something to remember for many years to come. It was wonderful of everyone to go to so much trouble for us and we certainly appreciated it all.

All the best to everyone, and I will write again soon.

Betty and Keith Craig

QUEENSLAND NEWS

MACGREGOR

Dear Scotty, the enclosed cheque is for the Courier and Association. We always look forward to news of friends and members through the Courier. Have had a couple of visits from George and Edna Vandeleur, and if all is well we will be going down to the Gold Coast for the day next Tuesday with them. Also had a visit from Angus and Lois Maclachlan on the eve of their departure for fourteen weeks in the U.K.

Sorry to hear that Bob Smith is so sick. Bob if you are well enough to write I promise that I will answer it.

Regards to all members and families

- George and Mel Mathieson

RAINWORTH

Dear Scotty, we have had our initial meeting and present were: Fred Bryant, George Mathieson, Ralph Vandeleur, Ralph Conley and myself. Angus Maclachlan is absent overseas until about mid October.

We agreed that we could organise a Safari here and decided on the following details:

TIME

Between 15 - 30 September, 1981.

This date was chosen because it is after completion of the August school holidays and the peak holiday season when accommodation is both taxed and expensive, and the resorts most crowded.

June/July clash with the influx of bowlers for the winter carnivals and with hordes of holiday makers. August is crowded because of school holidays.

PLACE

Surfers Paradise.

The Coast strip has most to offer the holiday maker and Surfers is central enough for visits to be made to Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast and to the Northern Rivers of N.S.W.

ACCOMMODATION

Tara Holiday Village, Cavill Ave.

Tara is partly owned by T.A.A. and as Ralph Conley is State Manager for that airline he is only too willing to negotiate bookings for us.

We have been quoted \$18.50 per day for dinner, bed and breakfast in shared twin rooms, per person. This rate is subject to ruling costs at that time which are impossible for forecast and is also subject to confirmation of bookings. For instance the motel would not want to find that on 1st September 1981 only 30 rooms of the 50 were in fact required.

All rooms have fridges, tea making facilities, meals are excellent and the motel is licensed.

A booking of 50 rooms would give us sole occupancy and we may be able to hold the reunion dinner there.

TRANSPORT

T.A.A

Group Travel and Advance Payment Scheme would mean concessions from Perth and all intermediate airports to Coolangatta Airport and then by bus to Surfers Paradise.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Readily available and numerous. Hire of buses presents no difficulty through Ralph Conley and T.A.A.

Some suggestions for tours are:-

FULL DAY TOURS BY BUS.

Canungra (tour old camp site) - O'Reilly's Tambourine Mountain - Bina Burra.

Beautiful views back over the coast that can be fully appreciated when your are not carrying a pack!

BY BUS Northern Rivers - Terranora Country Club - Tweed Heads Golf Club.

Very scenic with beautiful views over the Tweed Valley and coastline.

BY BUS. Brisbane - Straphpine - Redcliffe Peninsula - Mount Cootha.

(Present Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Frank Sleeman ex 2/1 Coy. has stated if he is still in office he would like to out on a Civic Reception for us.)

BY BUS. Springbrook - Numinbah Valley - Murwillunbah.

BY LAUNCH. Moreton Bay - Tiplers Passage - Stradbroke Island

HALF DAY TOURS

BY BUS. Curumbin Bird Sanctuary, Fleays Wild Life Sanctuary, Sea World and Bird Sanctuary on Southport Spit.

BY BUS. Race Meeting at Southport. Feature Events: Timor Cup; Ramu Handicap.

BY BUS. Cattle and Horse Studs.

BY LAUNCH. Tour of inland waterways and canal systems.

EVENING OUTINGS

Bus to Twin Towns Services Club for dinner and good night out. This club has just been enlarged and renovated at the cost of \$6 million.

Surfers Paradise R.S.L. and Club is within walking distance of Tara.

Night Clubs are in profusion up and down the coast and in Surfers itself.

It is important that members give an early indication of whether they are likely to attend and from what area they will be travelling. This is necessary so that transport rates can be considered and accommodation needs gauged.

Scotty if you decide to print this letter in the Bulletin could we suggest that you add an Editor's note that every member should keep his copy for future reference.

We have not discussed fund raising in any way and would be grateful for suggestions and guidance. Is this handled by the State running the Safari or is it organised by H.Q.?

We hope the above will be of assistance and look forward to your comments. We are quite confident we can run a very successful reunion if we get the support of the members.

With kindest regards from us all in QX land. Sincerely,

Basher Adams

P.S. When final arrangements are made and itinerary has been completed will publish it in the Courier prior to the date of the Safari and those participating can take it with them. Any members who are anticipating being on the Safari PLEASE WRITE DIRECT AND LET QUEENSLAND COMMITTEE KNOW OF YOUR INTENTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TOO LONG TO ANSWER AS THERE IS A LOT OF WORK IN ORGANISING, SO PLEASE HELP THEM — Editor.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

FLINDERS PARK

Just a line or two to keep in touch. A couple on the sick list; Audrey fell and broke here wrist a couple of months ago, a clean break but healing slowly. Betty Dignum had a spell in hospital, now home and doing fine. Lionel Newton's wife in hospital suffering leg trouble and Lionel staying with Ted Timcke. All other members as well as can be expected.

Sam Fulbrook in Adelaide holding an exhibition of his paintings.

We had an evening at one of the local water holes, those present were Keith and Betty Dignum, Bob and Clarice Williamson, Mark and May Jordan, Alan and Hazel Hollow, Ted Timcke, Lionel Newton, Ron Mackey and Dud Tapper and Sam Fulbrook.

I received a kindly letter from Alan Spence who said Sousa Santos of Bobonara is a very sick man with Leukemia.

All for the present - Dud Tapper.
(Hope all on the sick list are greatly improved. Sorry to hear about Sousa Santos - Editor).

MITCHAM

Will you kindly note that I have re-married and that my address has now been changed from Mitcham to Brighton.

Mrs. R.W. Gayler, 21 Seaview Terrace, Brighton, S.A. 5084.

(On behalf of the Association I wish you health and happiness in the future, Betty - Editor.)

VISIT TO THE EASTERN STATES

On July 5th I left Perth to travel to Sydney in the company of Jess Epps. The main purpose of the trip was to visit Bob Smith who was due to undergo another operation at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, Sydney.

We left Perth at 6.00 a.m. and travelled as far as Caiguna on the first day, from Sawyers Valley to Merriden we encountered very heavy fog which slowed our progress. We booked in at the motel and had an early start the next morning, and instead of fog we were driving into the sunrise which was a complete ball of fire right down the centre of the road, and as Jess was driving at this time she was finding it difficult. We booked in at the Willura Hotel which is East of Ceduna.

On the third day we travelled to Broken Hill where we again booked into a private hotel and whilst there we tried to contact Lionel Newton but unfortunately he had taken his wife Elsie to hospital in Adelaide to undergo surgery. Very sorry we missed you Lionel but perhaps next time I will catch up with you. We departed Broken Hill early on the Sunday morning and made it to Dubbo where we contacted Phyllis Sharp and when we arrived there Frank had just rung home and we were able to have a few words with

him. Due to his position with the Railways he only gets home every third weekend. We spent the night with Phyllis and her two sons Greg and Peter. To Phyllis on behalf of Jess and myself I say thank you for your hospitality. I contacted Norm Parker and his wife Sheila and we had a very good morning with them both, and as Norm had not been in contact with the Association since the end of the war it was great to meet up with him. He was in the original C Platoon attached to 8 Section with Joe Burridge. Sheila says that from now on they will keep in contact. Dubbo was the coldest place that we had been in on our travels and I am not suprised that you even have an electric blanket for the dog.

We left there for Orange where we met up with Frank and Kath Press who showered hospitality on us, and invited us to stay with them instead of booking into a motel. Frank drove us around showing us the sights of Orange and then to the golf club where I got a jackpot on the poker machine but unfortunately I had pulled the handle again before I realised it. After dinner we had a long chat about the association and the members whom Frank had not seen since the war.

Before we left the following

morning Kath took us for a drive around the town showing us the points of interest. We travelled to Young and met up with Keith and Betty Craig and certainly enjoyed the time there. Betty showed us around the town from its high vantage point. Keith is now retired and seems to be enjoying life and certainly beginning to take it easy. To both the Press's and the Craigs we say thank you for your hospitality.

The next morning we left for Sydney and arrived there about 2 pm and as we had contacted Joan Darge the night before from the Craigs we went direct to her home and unpacked the car. Joan arrived home about 6 o' clock and before we decided on a meal we went to the hospital to visit Bob Smith and it was certainly great to see him and Joyce. Bob was to be operated on the next morning and it was pleasing to know that we made it in time before the operation. Joan spoke to the doctor while we were going down in the lift and she said that he would be all right in a day or two. To our surprise we were allowed to visit him in the evening after the operation, and he was sitting up quite chirpy but a little sore. Jess and I drove ourselves on Friday afternoon to visit him but got lost on the way. Every time we went ourselves we got lost going but no problem getting back to Kingsgrove.

Alan Luby was in charge of a rescue demonstration in Botany Bay and he invited us along and it certainly was a first class exhibition. There were helicopters, surf boats, pilot boats, doctors and nurses from the various hospitals and firemen. It was certainly an excellent exercise and I hope that it will never have to be brought into use in case of a disaster due to war or ships in distress.

Doug Dixon and Shirley took Joan, Jess and myself to to Kareela Golf Club for dinner and we had an enjoyable evening although we all lost on the poker machines.

On the Saturday we again visited the hospital and in the evening we were invited to the Kirribilli R.S.L. for dinner and we certainly had a most enjoyable evening and met quite a number of N.S.W. members and their wives. Among those present were Alan and Edith Luby, Ron and Dorothy Trengrove, Bill and Coral Coker, June and Bill Bennet, Merv. and Marge Jones, Mick and

Betty Devlin, Snowy Went, Joyce Pattison, Ron and Marjorie Goodacre Joan Darge, Jack Hartley, Jess Epps and Scotty Wares.

To all those N.S.W. members and their wives we say thank you for a delightful evening and what about getting those poker machines fixed so as we can win occasionally.

Sunday was another great day with the barbecue at the home of Joan Darge. It was indeed gratifying that so many could turn up at such short notice. To Joan we say thank you for allowing it to be held at your home. Among those present were A. and L. Luby, B. and C. Coker, Drip Hilliard, J. and Maria Hartley, D. and S. Dixon, D. and D. Latimer, J. Darge, and of course Jess and Scotty. I would like to ask Alan Luby if the photo he got Joan Darge to take turned out alright.

On the Tuesday morning we paid a visit to Mary Martin (widow of our late member Tom). We had arranged to go around and spend about half an hour but it lingered on and quite pleasantly for well over two hours. Mary was certainly pleased that we called as she would have been very disappointed to hear later on that I was in Sydney and never called. The visit, I think, cheered her up no end and we thank you for your hospitality Mary. Keep your chin up and look to the future now.

On Tuesday evening we were the guests of Alan and Edith Luby at their home for dinner. Jess and I caught a train to North Sydney where we met Joan Darge and she then drove us to the Luby's where we again met up with Bill and June Bennet. It was a very pleasant and relaxing evening and I wish to thank the Luby's for their hospitality. There were seven of us for dinner and believe me Edith is a great cook.

After a few more visits to the hospital to see Bob we made our last visit on Tuesday and left Sydney for Canberra on the Wednesday, but before departing we spent a pleasant evening at the home of Paddy and Nora Kenneally and met two of the boys also. The Kenneally's always seem to be in the same good mood and Nora is certainly doing a worthwhile job visiting the unfortunates who are trying to rehabilitate themselves after being on drugs. Keep up the good work Nora. Thank you both for your hospitality.

To Joan Darge we must say a special thank you for having us at her home during our week's stay in Sydney and also for driving us everywhere when you were not at work.

On arrival at Canberra we contacted Jim Fenwick at Parliament House and he met us at 4.30 p.m. and took us to his home where we stayed for three days. We also contacted Dave and Freda Dexter and had the pleasure of their company as their guests for lunch at the University. Dave is now retired and is not enjoying 100% good health. Jess and I went out to Duntroon Military College and contacted Doug Hasson (son of our member, Jack) and invited him and his fiancée Sheryl to dinner at the Queanbeyan R.S.L. Club along with Joan and Jim Fenwick. Again a very delightful evening and Doug was very pleased that we contacted him.

We left Canberra on the Saturday morning for Victoria via the coast to Foster but stayed the night at the Lakes Entrance. On Sunday we went to the Promontory and visited the memorial and old camp site. On our way to Melbourne we called at Fish Creek and spent a pleasant few hours with Bill Peterson and his wife and family. They are certainly very happy and they sure made us welcome. From there we went to Poowong where we contacted Ken and Margaret Monk and stayed the night with them. They had not long returned from a trip to Europe which they thoroughly enjoyed. We sat around talking for a few hours and it was certainly great to see them as I had not seen them since the Tassie Safari. I left my torch there and I hope it comes in handy for finding your cows Ken. They drove us around the surrounding district before we departed for Melbourne. Our thanks to you both for your hospitality.

Prior to our departure for Melbourne Ken and Margaret gave us direction on how to get to the home of Harry and Olive Botterill, where we stayed for three nights. Harry made arrangements with the service station proprietor who looks after his car to have Jess's checked over. Whilst this was being done Olive drove us around sight seeing and also to see one of the old homes which is now a show piece. Olive also took us to the Kingston Medical Centre where we saw George

Kennedy who has been an inmate there for the last three years. He had suffered a severe stroke and was just starting to get control of his speech and use of his hands again. It was great to see him and I do think that he recognised me after all these years. George has a private room with his own T.V. and is very comfortable. The Sister-in-Charge of the ward says he progressing slowly and is a very good patient. The Botterill's have two very nice daughters, Glenda and Lynette, and two grandchildren, the eldest child thinks there is no one like Grad Dad and does not leave him when he arrives. Lynette is getting married in February and I wish her a very happy married life. On the Wednesday night the Melbourne members put on a buffet dinner for us at the Science Centre, and it was very well attended considering the short notice they received. Among those present were John and Cath Roberts, Harry and Olive Botterill, George and Win Humphreys, Gladys Curran and her sister and niece, John and Shirly Southwell, Bill and Eileen Sharp.

To Cath Roberts we say thank you for arranging the dinner at so short notice, and to all who were able to attend and make the night so enjoyable.

Apologies were received from Wilma Tobin, George Robinson, E. Hodgson, A. Grachan, A. Boast, B. Callinan.

On the Wednesday we had lunch with Beryl and Alex Boast and spent a very good afternoon. Alex showed us some movie films of the different get togethers of the Victoria Association.

We left Melbourne on the Thursday morning for Adelaide and I must say thank you Harry and Olive for putting up with us and making our stay so pleasant.

On arrival in Adelaide we contacted Alan and Hazel Hollow who would not hear of us booking into a motel but insisted that we stay with them. We contacted Dud Tapper and on the Saturday morning we had a good chat over a few whiskies at the Findon Hotel. On Sunday evening at Keith and Betty Dignum's home we had a get together and among those present were Keith and Betty Dignum, Dud and Audrey Tapper, Mark and May Jordan, Alan and Hazel Hollow, Bob and Clarice Williamson. Apologies from T.

Timcke, Bert Bache and Betty Mackintosh. To all those people we say thank you for a very enjoyable evening.

We departed Adelaide for Perth on the Monday morning and called at Port Pirie to see Jim Veal. He and his wife Audrey wished us to stay the night but unfortunately we had to push on.

We arrived home on the Wednes-

day evening after what to me was a very pleasant trip and I must say thank you to Jess for taking her car, as I had intended to go by train but if I had of course gone that way I would not have seen so many of the unit members and their wives.

A very pleasant trip and I certainly learnt a lot from the various people that I met.

- Scotty Wares

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EPPING

Once again I am running late with Courier news, but news has been scarce lately. However I am pleased to be writing without reporting any illness or death of a fellow unit member, which has been the practice for many months now.

I sincerely hope that Jess and yourself had a very enjoyable return trip home, it was great to have had the pleasure of your company whilst you were over and it was a great pity that you both could not have stayed a bit longer to enjoy the progressive dinner.

May I on behalf of all the visitors extend our thanks to Bill and Coral Coker, Bill and June Bennett, Marge and Merv Jones and Alan and Edith Luby. It was good to see Doug and Shirley Dixon after such a long time. It was also great to see Joan Darge both at the progressive dinner and the welcome dinner to yourself and Jess Epps. We also had a welcome visit from Ron and Dot Trengrove and Ron and Marge Goodacre. Ron Trengrove has now retired and is currently planning a tour, while Ron Goodacre spends many of his holidays and weekends fixing out his country property prior to retirement.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 3rd September with the following committee elected:

President - W. Bennett. Senior Vice President - A. Addison. Vice President - M. Mannix. Vice President - A. Luby. Secretary Treasurer - F.M. Devlin. Assistant Secretary - J. Hartley. General Committee - all above plus P. Kenneally, R. Hilliard, and W. Coker.

Al Luby did not seek re-election as he is due to retire and he plans to be absent for the best part of the year. On behalf of the Association may we wish you and Edith a very long and healthy retirement. Down from the mountains for the meeting and acting as Returning Officer, came one long lost member in the person of Bill Tomassetti. Bill has now established his home at Wentworth Falls. He has spent a considerable amount of time in New Guinea since the end of the war. Sorry to hear that Perc. Hancock was unable to make the trip East as planned.

I have received correspondence from Tony Adams re Safari 1981 and they are well on the way to organise the same and appear to have a good committee. Some of the Sydney members in conjunction with Keith and Betty Craig intend to hold a mini safari at Young, we have not finalised the date yet.

My wife is still going great guns at bowls and recently won the club champion pairs. She also skips one of the ladies pennant teams.

My kind regards to Elsie, Jess and yourself and hope yours truly is still keeping well. Best wishes to all,

- Mick Devlin

(Mick, excluded your write up of the progressive dinner as you can see that Ron Trengrove covered it in his last letter. We held a very successful one in the West but I am sorry to say it was the last to this time of writing.)

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