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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS: Friday September 24th 1976)
Friday October 22nd 1976) at 8 p.m.
At the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney.

LADIES NIGHT - 1976...And what an extremely happy night this occasion turned out to be for all the lucky folk (approximately 90) who were able to attend, and who voted it one of the most successful functions of this type that the Association has held.

Whilst a number of regulars were unfortunately absent due to ill-health, etc., there were quite a few new faces and a number of visitors, which augers well for the future - so well, in fact, that it may have to be an R.S.V.P. job in future. Approximately three months before next Ladies Night it is intended to set a date to be advertised in "White over Green" to enable your Committee to get some idea prior to the function of how many intend to attend. It will be easily understood that this is not only in fairness to the organisers but also to the catering staff.

Full marks for the success of the evening go to President Harry and his able assistant Athol Heath, who were responsible for setting up a most attractive cabaret atmosphere at the

Gallipoli Club. The ladies were all most grateful to Heather Fox, who organised the presentation to each one of a beautiful golden daffodil artistically decorated with green and white ribbon. Many thanks once again also go to the members of the band - Dick Pinson, Wally and John - who performed in their inimitable style for the dances, and about a dozen lucky ladies won a bottle of champers each during the ever-popular barn dance. Last but not least, thanks are also due to the Club's caterer and staff, who handled the more-than-expected numbers most efficiently.

Amongst apologies received was one from Lady Dougherty - unable to be present due to illness, but we were pleased to have the company of Sir Ivan, and also that of Lady Mackay who summed up her enjoyment of the evening by expressing the hope that she will be invited to attend again next year! We feel sure she will not be the only lady hoping to be escorted to Ladies Night, 1977. A special greeting to "Bookie" & Margaret Rae, down from Newcastle especially for the evening.

LAST CALL FOR SOUTHPORT REUNION, 1976

Host-elect Tom Provians writes a final "sitrep" as follows:

"Have been on roundabout of the Coast again and have all accommodation - at this stage - under control and all starters would have received their Walker notices and MacIntyre maps. You could remind any starters with small children that the R.S.L.Hall is out of bounds for the children, but I can arrange baby sitters - I have probably already made this known to those I know of but may have missed some.

"Further, the R.S.L. Memorial Club has arranged a late night and dance for us, full Club facilities will be available to all. We have the services of the local Thistle Pipe Band and a bugler for our March and Service. All is A.1 Go at the moment, and we will give you all a full example of Bananaland hospitality.

"Latest acknowledgments are as follows:

Jack AGNEW	Roy ANDREWS & 3 friends
Selby DEAN	Chub & Ella CROSTHWAITE
Stella HAMER	Gordon & Olga CHRISP
Bonnie HUTTON	Max & Phyl COOK
Kev LYNCH	Peter & Pat DENVER
Jack MALONEY	Norm & Mrs. EVERSON
Bill POPLIN	Bub & Margaret GRAHAM
Jack REYNOLDS	Wem & Mrs. KEAST
Stan SUTHERLAND	Arthur & Muriel KLEEM
Craig CLARK	Phil & Glen SMITH
Tom GOWANS	Jack & Beryl SHERIDAN
Cyril BARWICK	Bill & Una SHEAFFE
Norm MacINTYRE	Doug & Gwen STEBBING
Ken KESTEVEN	Peter & Mrs ARMSTRONG
Jack & Mrs.MANN	Peter & Margaret CADE & family
Bill & Ivy TRAPP	
Chris & Pat WHITE	Jack & Mrs. HUMPRHEYS
Butch & Cheryl WARREN	
Dave & Mrs. MacGILLIVRAY	
Lloyd & Lorraine YELLAND	

Finally, we wish to mention that last month's issue of "W.O.G." contained an insert regarding Air travel to Southport for the reunion. Unfortunately we were a few short, so if you were one of the unlucky non-recipients and are planning to fly up, please contact Mr. Phil Smith (no relation to "Blah") at Ansett, Sydney, or ask your local Travel Agent to do so, tell him you are going to the Southport reunion and you will be given a 10% discount on your fare. It is still not too late to cancel any previous booking you have made, to take advantage of this offer.

CASH REGISTER

Treasurer Allen advises having received the following contributions since his report in August "W.O.G."

Subscription \$6.00

W.Hayes	C.White	W. Robbins
J.Rae	L.Moon	J.Storey
G.Naseby	C.Barwick	W.S.Willmott

Subscriptions \$12.00 D. Patterson.

Subscriptions \$18.00 H.Dowling P.Willan

Life Membership \$30.00

L.Waterhouse	T.Clough	R.Coutts
Roy Moores	J.Quinnell	A.Dalloway

Donations

D.Patterson \$4	P.Willan \$7
G.Naseby \$4	T.Clough \$10
Mrs.V.Walsh \$10	Mrs.Nance Smit \$10

WELFARE REPORT

NX 7601	<u>CHAMBERLAIN, R.H.</u> Now happily installed at War Veterans Home at Narrabeen.
NX 5302	<u>GABRIEL, A.E.</u> Seriously ill in Kurrajong District Hospital - Heart attack.
NX 58	<u>CHRYSTAL, Cecil.</u> Now at home and progressing well.
NX 7001	<u>PETERSON, Noel.</u> In R.G.H. Ward 34 Making some progress
NX 5197	<u>FERGUSON, Ronald J.</u> Discharged
NX 3941	<u>HOGAN, Frank.</u> Ill in Parramatta District Hospital. Poisoned foot
NX 2093	<u>LANE, R.A.V.(Bob).</u> Has been in Parramatta District Hospital. Now discharged.
NX 13386	<u>FRANCIS, George.</u> R.G.H. Discharged
NX135008	<u>RINGROSE, John.</u> R.G.H. for blood tests.
NX 11849	<u>KEATING, John F.</u> R.G.H. Ward 310 Dangerously ill.

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2721	<u>RAW, Lyndon.</u> R.G.H. Discharged
1614	<u>PEARCE, Reuben.</u> R.G.H. Discharged
60424	<u>CAMPBELL, James.</u> R.G.H. Ward 7 Fair.
6526	<u>McNAMARA, Ignatius P.</u> R.G.H. Ward 230. Very ill but very cheerful.
	<u>HADLOW, Len</u> R.G.H. Ward 8. Admitted 24/8/76.

John Copland & Welfare Teams.

COCK'S COLUMN

At a recent visit of inspection by the Northern Metropolitan District Council of the R.S.L. to the Northcott Neurological Diagnostic Centre at Cammeray, John COPLAND had the pleasure of meeting two 2/4Bn. members - Jim LAPPIN and Bill LITTLE. Bill is President of

Lane Cove Sub-branch and Jim is Secretary of North Sydney, having been originally a member of Goroka S/B (P.N.G.). At the function later, Jim was honoured by the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding services to the League in general and to North Sydney Sub-branch in particular. Congratulations Jim.

Many will regret to hear of the sudden passing on July 23rd of Miss Peg HARDIE, sister of Jim HARDIE, who was an original member of the Battalion and of the Association. Peg has always supported the Association and attended many of its functions over the year. She will be sadly missed.

Congratulations are due to Julie (the lovely daughter of our Kyogle folk Jack & Joan CHASELING) who marries Bryan McNEICE in Kyogle on September 4th. Those who attended Yarrawonga reunion will no doubt remember this happy couple, and we wish them all the very best of everything.

WEWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For those who have been supporters of the above fund, the following extracts from a letter recently received by Treasurer Allen from Father Ivo RUITER will no doubt be of interest:

"Very many thanks for your letter explaining decision about the W.S.Fund. We are very grateful for your decision to use the balance of K203.51 for the children's education here. The children who first benefitted from the fund have all gone into their tertiary studies and will graduate this year. However, the Sisters in our girl's high school here had made an approach to see if something could be done to assist some needy cases at present in high school, so we helped three little girls from remote areas of the Province. Two of these are in their second year at High School and come from families where there is very little money. The father of one is dead and an uncle helps another child, but Carmela has not been able to get her fees. The other girl who is in Form 3 and doing very well with her studies comes from an area where the coffee gardens were destroyed in the last

Sepik flood - hence her difficulty. I would be grateful if this information could be passed to your members and assure them of our thanks for this assistance.

"My kindest regards to all and every good wish for many blessings."

IN THE MAILBAG

Chris WHITE, Gordonvale, N.Q.'ld., writes:

"Trust all are well in your camp. It is good to get W.O.G. and know all that is going on. Am trying to get to Southport in October. My wife Pat has not been too bright - had an op. I will take her also. Tom Proviens has been at me again. The cane crushing season is my trouble, but this year will try to make it."

Stan SUTHERLAND, Capalaba, Q.'ld., writes:

"Attended a recent committee meeting chaired by Tom Proviens and much ground work has been prepared for the big days in October. Us Bananalanders are out to make it a first class effort."

Alex (Dan) WATSON writes from Bulby Brush via Krumbach:

"My wife and I look forward to reading W.O.G. each month. We were down in Sydney early Feb. for a week - first time in 18 years. How Sydney has changed! All the best to the 2/4th boys."

Jim QUINNELL writes from 76 Moore St., INVERELL

"We have sold our property at Yetman and retired as I can no longer work and had to give it up. Wishing the Association all the best in the future."

Tex DALLOWAY, Smithfield, writes:

"My club commitments do not allow me the opportunity of taking part in the Association's activities generally. However, I do look forward to and read with interest the information contained in W.O.G. I trust the forthcoming functions are a great success."

John STOREY writes from W.A.:

"Sorry about the delay, but what with moving and buying a new house, things have been hectic. My new address: 30 Barclay Ave., PADBURY, W.A.6025. Regards to all!"

Don PATTERSON of Red Hill, A.C.T. writes:

"I see Frank CRUTCHETT and John MYLES and a few others fairly regularly here. Thanks for the efforts of you and all the Committee."

Tom CLOUGH, Macksville, writes:

"Somehow I am always dragging with subs - retirement doesn't help rejuvenate - and I need a tie. Can't attend reunion without same. See you there."

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS

Everyone will agree that this month is as good a time as any to publish the following list of past Office Bearers and Country Reunion locations compiled some months ago by John Copland and others to help settle discussions which arise from time to time either to test our fading memories or just as an interesting topic of conversation. Country Reunion time always seems to stir up the memories, so we hope this item will help to answer any queries which may arise during our Southport sojourn.

<u>Year</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>COUNTRY REUNION</u>
1943	Bob Cook	George Russell	John Morrison	
1944	" "	" "	" "	
1945	" "	" "	Wally McNab	
1946	Ken Kesteven	Ross Ellerman	" "	
1947	Max Rungie	" "	" "	
1948	Ken Northrop	John Morrison	" "	
1949	John Lyons	" "	" "	
1950	Fred Staggs	" "	" "	
1951	" "	" "	" "	
1952	" "	" "	" "	
1953	" "	Ken Kesteven	Len Waterworth	
1954	" "	Ron Barber	" "	
1955	" "	" "	" "	
1956	" "	" "	" "	
1957	Dick Morris	" "	Slim Pollock	
1958	John Morrison	" "	" "	Cootamundra
1959	Cec Chrystal	" "	Fred Searle	"
1960	" "	Rex Gilliland	" "	Wagga Wagga
1961	John Copland	" "	" "	Kempsey
1962	" "	Ron Barber	" "	"
1963	Vic Forbes	Peter Cade	" "	Griffith
1964	John Morrison	George Stack	" "	Lismore
1965	Cec Chrystal	" "	" "	Cowra
1966	Harry Gjedsted	" "	" "	Kempsey
1967	" "	" "	" "	Tamworth
1968	" "	" "	" "	Cowra
1969	" "	" "	(Reg Angel Allen Lindsay)	Port Macquarie
1970	" "	" "	Allen Lindsay	Newcastle
1971	" "	" "	" "	Wagga Wagga
1972	" "	" "	" "	Canberra
1973	" "	" "	" "	Grafton
1974	" "	Athol Heath	" "	Young
1975	" "	" "	" "	Yarrowonga
1976	" "	" "	" "	Southport

Sir Ivan Dougherty has, of course, been our Patron and loyal supporter ever since the foundation of the Association

LAST POST

NX 71308 MYERS, Matthew A. at Cloncurry (Queensland). Cremated Northern Suburbs
Crematorium 25/8/76

NX 4535 CALLAGHAN, A. 19/7/76

NX 42123 MORRELL, E.S. ("Bob")

NX 42720 MacGREGOR, J.J.

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