



# Una Voce News Letter

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
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Dear Member,

Spring has sprung,  
The grass has riz,  
I wonder where Una Voce is ?

Apologies are offered for the delay in publishing this issue, but for several reasons it has not been possible until now. Your Committee has been busy in the interim, one matter receiving attention being attempts to obtain ex gratia payments for widows of Papua Fund officers, for these ladies as you know receive no superannuation benefits at all. Our request for your help is set out elsewhere in this bulletin.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. are in this issue, and a copy of the Association's Constitution will be enclosed separately so that you can file it for reference.

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Elsewhere the passing of Claude Champion, of the famous Papuan family, has been noted. Special mention must also be made of the sterling work done by Claude for this Association. On retirement from PNG he became an active member of the R.O.A.P.N.G., and in January 1965 was elected President. In 1971 he stepped aside to take on the job of Secretary, resigning in 1975. In these ten years Claude, along with others like Mac Rich and Hal Evans, wrote voluminous letters and went to Canberra to make personal representations to the then Superannuation Board, and the Minister, on our behalf. As Claude once said, it was a little like hitting one's head against a brick wall -- but his efforts are remembered.

After resigning as Secretary he still remained a helpful fund of information - and constructive criticism when he thought it necessary, even writing from hospital to correct a statement in "Una Voce".

Thank you, Claude.

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The Budget has received both praise and criticism. Some general things can be said, but Members are advised to seek help from an accountant - if you can afford one ! - or from the Taxation Office itself. Its officers want to and will assist you - and you can remain anonymous. Friends can be well-meaning but sometimes out of date and not very effective.

Dividends from Australian companies are subject to a rebate of 30 cents in the dollar up to a maximum of \$1000 of dividends, which means that you save \$300 in tax. Remember that this applies to dividends from shares and not to interest from company debentures or government bonds or loans with Telecom, Water Board and so on.

If you have a mortgage loan on your house you are eligible for a rebate for any interest above 10% for the first \$60,000 of the mortgage.

The family allowance for a spouse has risen from \$830 to \$1,030 -- so look after your spouse !

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Make a note in your diary - Sunday, 14th November. Cancel that overseas trip -- why go to Raffles Hotel or Buckingham Palace when instead you can come to our Christmas Luncheon ?

See notice for details.

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OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS - ARE YOU IN THE RED?

Current Dues	\$	
Arrears	\$	
		TOTAL \$

Please forward suscriptions to G.Keleny (Hon. Treasurer)  
P.O.Box 364 MAROUBRA JUNCTION NSW 2035.

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Let the moths out of your pockets or handbags - make your travel arrangements if you live in the country or interstate! We don't care whether you swim, row, windsurf, hitchhike or catch the Queen Elizabeth ----- BUT COME !!!!!

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R.O.A.P.N.G. CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

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Date : Sunday 14th November, 1982.

Venue: British Ex-Services Club,  
541 Kent Street, Sydney,  
(between Liverpool and Bathurst Sts.)

Whats on: As usual, good food at low cost, and good company at no cost. We hope to have a guest speaker who will be interesting, entertaining, won't speak for too long - and be heard by all.

(A map showing location of the British  
Ex-Services Club is on another page.)

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With deep regret we record the passing of the following Members and friends, and on behalf of the Association the Committee extends sincere sympathy to their families :

Formerly O.I.C. Bomana Pumping  
Station.

Long time Medical Assistant, later  
in the Teaching Commission then  
in Dept. of Chief Minister and  
Development.

Widow of "Dicky", Treasury officer  
lost on 'Montevideo Maru'.

At 89, one of our oldest Members. Joined N.G. Administration 1923 and led a party from Salamaua to Moresby when Japan attacked, then worked with U.S. forces. Post-war was in Lae and Wewak, retiring as District Commissioner.

Came to NG in 1949 with Ag. Dept., Posts included Popondetta, Sogeri, Moresby and Aiyura. After retiring to West. Aust. became a successful artist.

Pre-war A.R.M. Noted for his exploration work, such as the Kikori-Erave patrol. O.I.C. Southern Region ANGAU and retired as post-war Government Secretary. See separate item.

At 92, Monty was our oldest Member.  
Retired as O.I.C. Police, Morobe  
District.

Frank Vickery  
26/7/82

Frank's 23 years in Bulolo made him  
a Forestry "institution".

Ian Levy  
5/9/82

Came to PNG in 1954, and retired in 1966 as Preventive Officer, Trade & Customs.

Fitzroy K. Milne  
25/9/82

Well known senior Treasury Officer  
for many years. Died while on a  
motoring holiday in South Australia.

W.J. Suttie

Long serving Director of the Forestry  
Department.

A hand-drawn map of the area around the Town Hall. The map shows several streets: George St at the top, Bathurst St running vertically through the center, and Liverpool St on the right. Other streets include Drury St on the left, Kent St running diagonally from the top left to the bottom center, and Sussex St running diagonally from the bottom center to the right. Buildings and areas are labeled: 'TOWN HALL' is in a rectangle on the left; 'REGENT THEATRE' and 'HAYES CINEMA' are in rectangles on the right; 'KING'S PARKING' is labeled with an arrow pointing to a space between Bathurst St and Kent St; 'BRITISH EX-SERVICE MEN'S CLUB' is labeled with an arrow pointing to a building on the right; and 'ENTRANCES' is labeled with an arrow pointing to a building on the right. Arrows on the streets indicate directions of travel.



S.O.S.S.O.S.S.O.S.

We are trying to locate surviving widows of officers of the Papuan service who died whilst serving or after retirement. The officers concerned are those who contributed to the Papuan Superannuation Fund, not the New Guinea or Papua New Guinea Funds.

These widows receive neither superannuation nor any other benefits as a result of their husbands' service in P.N.G.

The Commissioner for Superannuation has been helpful with information but you will appreciate that he keeps records only until the Papuan Fund officer dies. Association records are also incomplete as sometimes widows do not notify us of changes of address, and often relatives don't tell us that the widows have died. David Marsh has been working on this project - telephoning, writing and/or calling at last known addresses. He has cleared up many questions, and despite the frustrations of so many blind leads he has kept on but we feel that he has now exhausted all lines of inquiry so we seek the assistance of Members in helping us to complete the following information:

#### Possibly Surviving Widows

We have shown the last address on record, even though we have not been able to make contact there. We urgently need full names and present address - in fact any information at all. Also, if the widow has died, some details would be important, such as date of death and last address. If any Member lives near one of the last known addresses on this list it would be most helpful if he/she could call there and try to find out from the present occupant or neighbours what has happened to our missing widow.

<u>Widow's Initials.</u>	<u>Officer.</u>	<u>Last known address.</u>
Mrs. ?	E.H. Adams	474 Pacific Highway, ATARMON N.S.W.
Mrs. C.	L.L. Bell	?
Mrs. ?	L.V. Brassey	?
Mrs. N.	D.P. Cahill	C/- Mrs. T. McDonald, 116 Lunga Rd., CAMP HILL, QLD. 4152.
Mrs. ?	C.A. Dougherty	41 Wilfred St. LOTA, QLD. 4179.
Mrs. E.M.	A.S. Hunter	?
Mrs. N.	N.G. Imlay	Unit 2/15 Orchard St. Balgowlah, N.S.W.
Mrs. W.	E.C. Harris	?
Mrs. ?	C. Karius	? New Zealand ?
Mrs. ?	L. Logan	19 Gladstone Parade, LINDFIELD, N.S.W.
Mrs. ?	A.N. Minogue	16 Laura St. GUILDFORD, N.S.W.
Mrs. D.	A.C. Rentoul	8 Winnie St., CREMORNE, N.S.W.
Mrs. D.M.	R.C. Turner	?
Mrs. E.E.	J.C. Waldron	Hay St., Torokan, via WYONG, N.S.W.
Mrs. A.L.	F.J. Williams	Forest lodge, Fernborough Rd. Yepoon, QLD

## 7.

### H A V E   Y O U   H E A R D   T H A T   -----?

Harry Jackman has set up as a consultant at Angaston, South Australia. The fact that his office is smack in the centre of the Barossa Valley is a mere coincidence and has nothing to do with his liquid consumption. That's his story, so who am I to question it ?

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Tony Normoyle from Perth won the prize for our visitor travelling the farthest to the A.G.M. Eunice and Johnny Williams from Port Macquarie claimed the Members prize --please don't ask me what the prizes were !

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Your Editor has been in hospital for nearly three weeks -- another reason for delaying the Newsletter. Whilst I admire the nursing staff very much, I do have one question - "Why do nurses wait until you are asleep before waking you for treatment ?"

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Our Assistant Secretary, Pamela Foley must have broken a mirror sometime. Recently a fused appliance started a fire which destroyed part of her house. Luckily no-one was hurt but many things were lost. Some can be replaced - but others have an intrinsic value and can never be bought.

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Helpful Hints Department: Make certain that any signatures on a legal document - such as witnesses to a Will - are legible or better still have the names printed below the signatures. It is very difficult and time consuming to try to find out who actually was the signatory to a document signed years ago in PNG !

We tend to get rather complacent about insurance. Get out your policies and read the fine print - you may get a shock. One Member had been insured for 25 years, but when he went to collect on a breakage discovered that he had been covered only for fire. Make sure that your policy is comprehensive and that it is not undervalued, especially in these times of inflation. We can't possibly cover all insurance problems -- this is just a reminder to check.

8.

Several Members have asked why our Superannuation payments are not indexed twice a year in the same way as old age pensions. The short answer is that they are two entirely different kinds of payments and made under different legislation. Approaches have been made to have government superannuation payments also indexed twice a year but, given our present economic climate, this policy is not likely to change. In fact, we as an Association have to be watchful, not so much to improve our benefits but to resist any attempt to reduce the level of indexation.

Others have pointed out that our superannuation is indexed to the C.P.I. on a March to March year, and therefore any rise in the final April-June quarter is not reflected in our payments until 12 months afterwards. The reason for this is that the present basis allows our new benefits to be worked out, paid to all on the first payday after the 30th June, and notified to us along with our Group Certificates.

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Those Members living in N.S.W. who cannot get out and about are reminded of the N.S.W. Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme for the Severely Disabled. Briefly, persons who are permanently unable to use buses, ferries and trains may go by taxi at half the usual charge. Eligibility is decided upon the basis of a doctor's report. The above also covers an attendant where one is needed, such as a guide for a blind person. Application forms and further information from -

Disabled Transport Scheme,  
Urban Transit Authority of N.S.W.,  
11 - 31 York Street,  
SYDNEY 2000

The scheme applies to country and city areas.

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Good luck and best wishes to you all, until our Christmas issue - but in the meantime I hope to see many of you at the luncheon on November 14th.

BE THERE !!

*Freddy*



9.

MINUTES OF THE 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE R.O.A.P.N.G.  
HELD ON 18 APRIL, 1982, AT 541 KENT ST. SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 11.25 a.m. with sixty members present.

Apologies were received from the following:

C. Champion, A. Gow, A. Bernard, G. Rudge, J. Ralph, R. Bates,  
G. Jones, M. Troyanousky, B. Elliot-Smith, I. Ireland, B. Digby,  
M. Day, K. Searle, B. Beil, W. Jamieson, J. Beech, A. Watkins,  
H. Clark, P. van Hoeckel, B. Wallis, J. Murphy, J. Ryan

Before proceeding to the Agenda items the President advised the Meeting that as the proposed revised Constitution would be an important matter for discussion he wished to call on Mr. Parrish to explain the way in which the work on the Constitution had been done.

Mr. Parrish advised that in 1980 some minor amendments had been made following discussion at the AGM of that year. Subsequently a Drafting Committee had been formed to go through the Constitution in detail and this had produced the Constitution as circulated in the April Newsletter of this year, with minor exceptions. Mr. Peter Clay had been contacted in Canberra and asked to check the Constitution to ensure it was legally correct. Mr. Parrish went on to define each amendment, after which the President voiced the appreciation of the Executive for the time devoted to the Constitution by Mr. Parrish, Mr. Clay and others.

Mr. J. Williams queried the clauses relating to voting by Associate Members. Mr. Parrish pointed out that as it was possible that in time Associate Members would be in the majority in the membership the Committee would be prepared to review the situation when necessary.

The following motion was then moved by Mr. Parrish and seconded by Mr. Kaad :

" That the amended Constitution as circulated to Members in the Newsletter for April, 1982 together with the further amendments circulated today at this meeting be approved".

Carried.

The President presented his report, but before doing so expressed his regret and that of members that Mr. Kaad was leaving the position of Honorary Secretary, and of behalf of the Association announced the presentation of a 'bar ' refrigerator to Mr. Kaad and the appreciation of all concerned for excellent work done by him over the years.

10.

In his response Mr. Kaad mentioned that the rewards he had obtained as Secretary included the satisfaction of seeing the improved benefits for widows and children become a reality, and the development with the Committee of a sense of teamwork, pointing out that only by sharing of work were best results obtained. He then thanked the members for the generous gift.

The Treasurer's report was presented. It was moved by Mr. Keleny and seconded by Mr. Williams that this report be adopted. Carried.

At the request of the President the Treasurer explained the measures taken by the Executive to ensure the Association paid appropriate taxation.

The Secretary tabled all correspondence and mentioned the response received from widows in appreciation of the improved benefits. He also read out the names of a number of members whose newsletters had been returned undelivered and asked members present for any advice of new addresses etc.

The election of office bearers then proceeded :

Sir Horace Niall took the chair whilst the President was elected.

President :	Nominated by Mr. Parrish	}	Mr. Seale.	Elected.
	Seconded by Mr. Clout			

Vice President:	Nominated by Mr. Clout	}	Mr. Marsh	Elected.
	Seconded by Miss Bignold			

Secretary :	Nominated by Mr. Parrish	}	Mr. West	Elected.
	Seconded by Mr. Kaad			

Treasurer :	Nominated by Sir Horace Niall	}	Mr. Keleny	Elected.
	Seconded by Mr. Tebb			

Assistant Secretary :	Nominated by Mr. Kaad	}	Mrs. Foley	Elected
	Seconded by Mr. Aitcheson			

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Editor 'Una Voce' :	Nominated by Mr. Aitcheson Seconded by Mr. Clifton-Bassett	}	Mr. Kaad. Elected.
Auditor:	Nominated by Sir H. Niall Seconded by Miss Bignold		Mr. Aitcheson Elected.

The following nominations for Committee Members were made :

Mr. Parrish	Nominated by Mr. Clout Seconded by Mr. Kaad
Sir Horace Niall	Nominated By Mr. Marshall Seconded by Mr. Aitcheson
Mr. Rudge	Nominated by Mr. Kaad Seconded by Mrs. Foley
Mr. Clout	Nominated by Mr. Parrish Seconded by Mr. Williams
Miss Bignold	Nominated by Mr. Seale Seconded by Mrs. Foley
Mr. Clifton-Bassett	Nominated by Mr. Kaad Seconded by Mr. Parrish
Mr. Holmes	Nominated by Mr. Parrish Seconded by Mr. Keleny

There being seven nominations but only five positions to be filled, the President was about to ask that the matter be put to the vote when the Treasurer reminded the Meeting that the Committee had power to co-opt, and moved that the last two nominations be accepted as co-opted members of the Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Parrish. After a brief conference the President announced that with the approval of the meeting the following nominees would be elected as Committee Members: Mr. Parrish, Sir Horace Niall, Mr. Rudge, Mr. Clout, Miss Bignold; and that Mr. Clifton-Bassett and Mr. Holmes had been co-opted as Committee Members.

The Minutes for the A.G.M. of 1981 were read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Burfoot and seconded by Mr. Aitcheson.

Mr. J. Williams expressed the appreciation of all Association Members for the work done to produce and distribute 'Una Voce' Newsletter.

Mr. Tebb pointed out that there could be many people eligible to join the Assocn. who would not know about it, and the Secretary asked members to let the Committee know if they heard of any such persons.

Mr. Aitcheson asked Members to join him in thanking the Committee for work done during the preceding year, and this was agreed to with general applause.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

THE RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CONSTITUTION

The following are some further minor amendments to the amended Constitution as circulated with the April 1982 issue of UNA VOCE NEWS LETTER:-

1A. "Former services" means etc.

(iii) Delete the word "Act" after "Ordinance". This subsection then reads:

"the Papua New Guinea Provisional Administration Act 1945 and the Public Service Ordinance 1949, and".

4. (a) (1) Should read:

"Member - a retired officer or the widow or dependant of a deceased officer entitled to pension as a result of the officer's service in one of the former services;"

5. (b) Insert the word "Committee" after "Executive". It now reads:

"The annual subscription payable by each category of membership shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. If no motion is passed at an Annual General Meeting setting dues, then they shall remain at the same rate or rates as during the preceding year."

9. (a) Should read:

"A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary on the authority of the President or the Deputy President or on the requisition of not less than ten financial members or associate members of the Association. Notice convening such a Meeting shall state the business to be dealt with, and shall be posted to the registered address of each member and associate member at least fourteen days previous to the date set down for such Meeting. Twenty members or associate members, of whom one must be either the President or the Deputy President, personally present, shall form a quorum at General Meetings."

11. (a) Should read:

"11. This Consitution may be amended or repealed only by a three-fourth majority of votes of members present in person or represented by proxy at an Annual or Special General Meeting of members and only after due notice of such intention has been given to members, as set out in Clauses 8. and 9. above."