

Una Voce News Letter

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
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Season's Greetings

from

THE PRESIDENT and COMMITTEE

to

ALL MEMBERS

BRIBIE ISLAND REUNION - AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

Contacts Committee Jack and Lois Baker, Cec and Betty Weldon, Geoff Masters.

Accommodation Some beds will be available with local residents and the Committee will assist the hotel/motel bookings. Caravaners will have spaces found for them either on homesites or in caravan parks. But be quick as it's the holiday weekend!

Saturday 25th Jan. from 4 p.m:

At Golden Age Centre, Arcadia Drive, Woorim, Bribie Island.
Hello and Registration
Liquid refreshments at cost.
Dinner \$12.00
Numbers must be limited to 150 so that's another reason to book early.

Send cheque for \$12.00 to Geoff Masters,
11 Brooks Crescent
WOORIM Q. 4507

Sunday 26 Jan.

At Quota Park, Channel side of Island -
Cricket match -- B.Y.O. B.B.Q. Bus tour and films.

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Dear Friends --

With the approach of the magic season, the President and Committee send their best wishes to all Members, Associates and friends, and hope that they have a joyful Christmas and that 1986 brings them happiness and especially good health !

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Now for the bad news -

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES. As reported in the last Newsletter the AGM passed a resolution that fees from January 1986 would rise to:

MEMBERS	\$5.00
ASSOCIATES	\$3.00

It costs a good deal to follow up short payments or late payments and we already have had a few -- make out your cheques and remember the higher fees NOW.

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1986 Annual General Meeting

Don't say we didn't give you enough notice! The 1986 AGM will be held Sunday 20 April very probably at the Mandarin Club, the venue of our recent events. Full details will be in next 'Una Voce'.

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Members should be aware that our superannuation is adjusted on 1st July each year according to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the previous 12 months to 31 March. This Newsletter has often noted any adjustments in the CPI so that Members may have some idea of the probable change in their superannuation the following year.

The CPI rose 2.4% in the quarter ending June and 2.2% in September quarter, making the total for the half year 4.6%. Members are warned that calculations relating to the CPI are complicated and although adding the quarterly changes gives a rough and ready indication, the actual change in our superannuation may be slightly different.



The Association Christmas Luncheon was held on Sunday 24 November - with a record attendance of 112. Official guests included PNG Consul General Longas Solomon and Ignatius and Caroline Mom, also President John Lewis and several other members of the PNG Club; Professor Peter Lawrence (ex A.S.O.P.A.) and wife Fancy, Dr Frank Obede of the Cook Islands and wife Helen (daughter of Sir Moari Kiki); Gus and Betty Smales (Gus is still doing some writing and reporting); Brian Costelloe (ex Ansett in PNG and now long time Australian Regional Manager for Air Niugini).

From out of town were Denis and Della Buchanan (Goroka and Sydney) Dimen and Pat de Graff (Brisbane), Mona Normoyle, Lyle Newby (Bowral), Bob and Doreen Brown, Bill and Lois Tebb, Vera Foldi, F.X. Ryan (looking well despite his recent health problems (Central Coast); Ed Hicks, and 'Kim' and Elaine Kimmorley (Blue Mountains). It was also good to see some younger people such as Jaoui Newman (with father Tony) and David Sinclair (son of Jim).

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Wanted - some social minded organisers

Mention in the Newsletter of our Christmas luncheon and other functions prompts me to wonder whether there's some social minded person(s) away from Sydney, the Gold Coast or other places where there is already a formal organisation, who would like to arrange some kind of social occasion where ex-PNG people might foregather.

The meetings organised by the Dunns at Caloundra or the weekend at Bribie Island mentioned in this Newsletter are examples of the kind of thing your Committee would like to hear of happening all around Australia - or indeed wherever there is a group of ex-Territorians. We here in Sydney can't do much except to give encouragement, and certainly advertisement, and I'm sure the Gold Coast Garamut and Manly club Tok Tok would also give publicity.

So -- anyone with some ideas please let us know and we'll see what can be done.

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Hotels, taverns, pubs and drinking houses

A couple of items in the Post Courier led to the note from Bob Curtis which was published in the November issue of Tok Tok (the newsletter of the PNG Club, Manly) and which you will find reprinted in our pages under "Pubs I have Known". It seems to me that if Bob can remember so many interesting stories about the Bottom Pub, surely we must have many more among our members. So...if you have one please send it to the Editor and it will be published also -- anonymously if you like! Get out your pens and start writing -- or next time you see some members ask for stories about the Bottom Pub and then start writing.

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RONIN HOME VIDEO

TWO OUTSTANDING AUSTRALIAN DOCUMENTARIES
ABOUT PAPUA NEW GUINEA

FROM RONIN FILMS, P.O. BOX 1005, CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608. TELEPHONE (062) 48 0851

Best Documentary, Australian Film Awards, 1982
Grand Prix for Best Film, 1982 Nyon Film Festival,
Switzerland

ATOM (Australian Teachers of Media) Award for
Best Documentary in the Social Sciences, 1982

Angels of War

Through Japanese, Australian and American war propaganda and the memories of those who survived, the film captures the experiences of villagers who lived through some of the most brutal fighting of the Pacific campaign.

'ENJOYABLE AS WELL AS VERY MOVING ... makes a serious subject both revelatory and entertaining.' - *The Australian*

'A FIRST-RATE SOCIO-POLITICAL DOCUMENTARY ... a masterly examination of the wrongs done to a whole generation of Papua New Guineans.' - John I. Oe, *ABC Radio*

THE FILMMAKERS



GU Award for Best Documentary,
Sydney Film Festival, 1983

Grand Prix, Cinema du Reel, Paris, 1983

Main Prize, Sociology Section,
San Francisco Film Festival, 1983

First Contact

A fascinating study
of colonialism

The film records the first moments of contact in the 1930s between Australian gold prospectors and the then unknown people of the Papua New Guinea Highlands. Through re-discovered footage shot by one of the prospectors and contemporary interviews, the film reveals a unique portrait of conquest and rapid social change.



'(THE FILM) IS A CELLULOID COUP OF INCALCULABLE HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL VALUE ... may well be the only movie shot during the twilight of colonial power, of the moments of first contact between Europeans and native people. It is the faces that leap out of the film - struck with fear, hostility and wonderment. *Columbus and Cook must have seen such faces when they sailed*

Andrew Pike is co-author of a comprehensive history of feature film production in Australia, *AUSTRALIAN FILM 1900-1977*, published by Oxford University Press. He is director of an independent film distribution firm, Ronin Films, which specialises in Asian art cinema and independent documentaries.

Hank Nelson is a senior fellow in the Department of Pacific and South-east Asian History at the Australian National University. He contributed to the long-running ABC radio series on colonial rule in Papua New Guinea, *TAIM BILONG MASTA*, and also *PRISONERS OF WAR*. Books of both series are available through ABC bookshops.

Gavan Daws is head of the Department of Pacific and South-east Asian History at the Australian National University. He has written four books on the Pacific and is presently working with Hank Nelson on a film about Australian prisoners of war in South-east Asia.

past the edges of the known world.
- Ben Sandilands, *Sydney Morning Herald*

THE FILMMAKERS

Bob Connolly has worked as a journalist, researcher, film and television director since 1966. He has produced numerous documentaries for the ABC and has won two major industry awards for outstanding work.

Robin Anderson became involved in filmmaking while working towards a higher degree at Columbia University in New York. On returning to Australia, she worked for the ABC as a researcher and has since produced with Bob Connolly a number of documentaries and books.

BOTH FILMS ARE 54 MINUTES AND RATED PG

TO: RONIN FILMS P.O. BOX 1005, CIVIC SQUARE, A.C.T. 2608 TELEPHONE (062) 48 0851 TELEX RONIN AA 62238

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PHONE NO. -----

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RONIN FILMS CATALOGUE OF 16MM FILM AND VIDEO CASSETTES IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE

SUPPLEMENT TO "UNA VOCE", DECEMBER 1985

(in DEC '85 ISSUE)

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+ PUBS I HAVE KNOWN +

So they are pulling down the Bottom Pub, this I have to see !!!

The Post Courier of August 16th. 1985 reports the destruction of P.N.G's first Pub built by BP's in 1910, supposedly to make way for a twelve story Office Block. Could it be that wreckers can finally do what generations of Territorians couldn't do? I have fond memories of this bottle and bullet scarred veteran of ten thousand hangovers. The Snake Pit with its regulars both morning and afternoon, and the spacious Lounge, Reception and Dining complex that hosted the hoi polloi. I can recall the "Multiple Hire" bedrooms with four to six tenants, mixed up washing and ironing, but always good cold beer and Rhum Negrita.

Who stayed at the Moresby? Just about everybody stayed at the Moresby! either overnight in transit, for a conference, having kids or for a hundred other reasons. Baden Wales spent his recreation leave in the Lounge at the same round table, cause he liked it. He purchased the badly bumper burnt table when his leave expired, and returned with it to the Mekeo.

You can add your own funny stories to the volumes that spring to mind. Didiman John Wallace went once around the Lounge without touching the floor, Beau Allan played havoc with games of chance, the boys from Papuan Apinipi cleared the Snake Pit, and Bernie Humphries and his Hydrographic mates turned water into wine.

The Territory has had a lot of Pubs, and I suppose like me you have been in most of them, how about Jerry Pentlands Goroka Pub, and Mrs Pitt's Madang Pub, followed by her Goroka establishment managed by Doreen McGee where a trailer load of bush orchids was the price for my grog, and a much loved Irish Terrier puppy. There was the old and the new Cecil at Lae, and the Wau Pub founded by the famous Flora Stewart, and how about the Cosmo and the Ascot at Rabaul, and do you recall Wong You's Snake Pit at Buka Passage - not a real Pub mind you, but the next best thing. The Bulolo Pine Lodge Hotel driven by Ted Ferrie was wasted on Bulolo, and who could resist a stop at the famous Mumeng Pub - make way please for Truck Drivers in a hurry !!

Then there was the Boroko Pub, the beginning of the winds of change, a good Pub, well managed and catering for suburbia, but not like the Moresby.

Everywhere you like to think of had its "Pub" but when it came to knock down, drag out Pubs there were only really two that qualified with quality and quantity. The Hotel Papua had Quality, the Moresby Hotel had the Quantity. I had the good fortune to be billeted in the Moresby years ago because the RAAF Barracks were full! and over the years I was accommodated in style by the ever changing hosts. I can recall that Messrs. Slaughter, Blood and Gore were observed topping up at the Bar on one occasion, and rumour has it that a certain Piano playing Medico called Tony held Surgery in the Snake Pit on certain days.

Most people had a drink or two in the Bottom Pub. Let he or she who is without guilt have the first shout!

Bob Curtis.

Have you heard?

Joe Nitsche recently back from West Germany where he stayed with Frank and Kaete Meson at Bernbeuren, Bavaria. They showed him their historic city with all its ancient and beautiful churches. Frank and Kaete are enjoying life and complaining only about the falling Aussie dollar.

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Kay Triggs has left her family home in Perth and settled into a more managable home unit overlooking the Swan River, close to the city and shopping, and with no steps! Her only complaint is that its a long way to her family in the East.

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Jack and Norma White (ex D.A.S.F.) are in Sydney for the wedding of daughter Sur Then to Canberra on official; a quick visit to relatives and to the Careys at Wanggaratta and family at Myrtleford before returning to Madrid where Jack is Australian Trade Commissioner.

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Vera Foldi has left the South Coast for the Central Coast and joined her sister at Kincumber.

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Pam and Bill Brown, back from their South Pacific idylls in Noumea, Suva, Honiara and Vila, are temporarily in Sydney.

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Gordon Bladen of Bribie Island recently suffered a severe heart attack and is at Greenslopes Hospital - where he will be for some time. Call in and see him.

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The M.V. Noel Buxton, former PNG Lighthouse ship, was on the Cairns/Thursday Island run taking passengers at what I hear was \$30 per trip. She is now laid up in Cairns with engine missing and owners absent. Another route to adventure gone!

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Joe Czent-Ivany recently turned 75 and is still active in scientific circles, being Honorary Research Associate at the S.A. Museum in Adelaide and an Honorary Associate of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu.

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With deep regret the record the passing of the following Members and friends.
On behalf of the Association the Committee extends sincere sympathy to their families.

New Guinea Fund

Mrs Jean Clark
22 September

Aged 92, widow of Mervyn Clark who retired from Lands in 1948.

Mrs Irene Tee
20 November

Widow of Sydney Tee, who retired in 1951

Papua Fund

Mrs D. J Dettman
August

At Echuca.

PNG Fund

Nil. As far as I know this is a record.,
May we have many more periods like this!

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Mrs Jean Flower

Well known for her work in the C.W.A., the Victoria League and the Church.
Survived by her husband Eric, daughters Jan, Diane and families.

Mr Bill Granger
4th August

Former Lecturer at A.S.O.P.A thence head of Animal Husbandry D.A.S.F. Port Moresby, later transferred to Territories Canberra before retiring in Adelaide

ADDRESSES UNKNOWN:-

Ken or Kevin Cox ex P.H.D.

Bernard Fitzgerald

Sir Coleman O'Loughlan formerly in Melbourne now believed to be in Queensland.

Mrs Robyn Pickard widow of Lance Pickard of P.H.D.

Anybody knowing the whereabouts please advise the Hon.Treasurer Mr.G.P.Keleny (see his address below)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

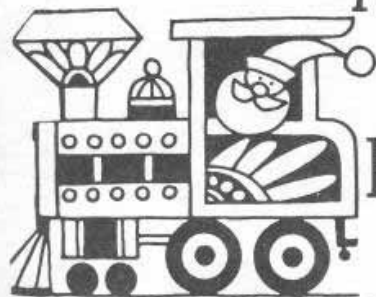
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Mrs Pamela Foldi, 1/59 Prince Street, CREMORNE NSW 2090.

Mrs Kay Triggs, 1/18 The Avenue, CRAWLEY W.A. 6090.

Mrs Constance Burton, C/- Permanent Trustee Co.Ltd., G.P.O. Box 4270, SYDNEY 2001.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT : Grateful thanks are extended to those members who have sent Seasons Greetings and thanks to the Association.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

ARE YOU IN THE RED ????????

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1986 ARE DUE AND EARLY PAYMENT WILL ASSIST THE HON.TREASURER

RATES ARE:- MEMBERS \$5 (SUPERANNUANTS AND THEIR WIDOWS)

.ASSOCIATES \$3 (NON SUPERANNUANTS , WIVES OF SUPERANNUANTS AND
FORMER RESIDENTS OF P.N.G. IF THEY WISH TO JOIN OUR RANKS.

OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS \$	1985 \$	
	1986 \$	

TOTAL \$=====

Please forward to Hon.Treasurer Mr.G.P.Keleny, P.O.Box 364 MAROUBRA NSW 2035.