



# Una Voce News Letter

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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No 2, 1988 - June.

Dear Member,

Winter is not far off and the wintry wind is beginning to blow. This is the time when one begins to think about winning Lotto, the Lottery - or anything! - and taking off to sojourn in sunny Queensland. One might even be persuaded to go to the south of France, Portugal or perhaps the West Indies! But to be more realistic, the Kaad family is determined to get to Brisbane and Expo before October.

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**C.P.I. adjustment and increase in superannuation pension.** The increase in the consumer price index for the 12 months from 1 April '87 to 31 March '88 was 6.9%. This means that the superannuation pension should increase by that percentage from the first payday in July.

**Superannuation paydays and Tax Returns.** The 1987-88 financial year includes 27 paydays as the first payday was on 2 July 1987, and the last will be on 30 June 1988. Those who prepare their taxation returns before they receive their Group Certificates from the Australian Government Retirement Benefits Office for their superannuation pension (and/or a Statement of Earnings from the Department of Veterans' Affairs for their Service Pension) should remember to include that extra payment. This extra or 27th payday occurs only once every eleven or twelve years.

**The 1987 2% discount on Superannuation.** Members will remember that in the last Budget the Government reduced the annual cost of living increase in our superannuation pension by 2%. We were most concerned because this would not only affect us this year but would be a continuing, perpetual reduction in our superannuation. After many protests by the various Associations and

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organisations and by individual superannuants, the Prime Minister gave an undertaking to restore our pensions to their proper level as soon as economic circumstances allowed. Our friends in the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association have already written to the Prime Minister reminding him of his undertaking and pointing out several statements and actions by the Treasurer which indicate that the economy has improved and that the pensions could be restored. Your Association will be considering similar action once the May Statement has been examined.

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**MAY STATEMENT:** The Treasurer's "Mini-Budget" was issued just as this Newsletter went to press. It would appear that it will not affect the Superannuation pension of those already retired but it will affect future retirees and some investment income. Your Committee will check the Statement and its effects in detail and take any action which may appear necessary. This will be reported in the next 'Una Voce'. However because individuals' finances are different and the effects of the Statement rather complicated, Members are advised to consult a financial adviser or the Taxation Officer if they have any queries about investing or tax.

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**MORE ABOUT TRAVEL CONCESSIONS:** Our last issue gave details of the travel concessions now available in NSW to all retired persons over 60 not in full time employment. Further concessions have been granted:

- The Newcastle Suburban Area has been extended to include Gosford so that you can travel from Newcastle to Gosford for 60 cents.
- The Outer Metropolitan Area has been extended to include the Newcastle Suburban area so that you can now travel from, say, Moss Vale or Dapto in the south to Dungog in the north for \$1.00.
- The application fee of \$10.00 has been waived and a refund will be made to those who have already paid.
- Long distance bus companies may recognise the Concession Authority - you'll have to make enquiries individually.
- Greater Union Theatres will recognise the Authority and give a 50% concession to all sessions except Saturday night.

Eat your hearts out, all you people from other States! If you live in a capital city you might get together with the local branch of the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association and see what can be done in your State.

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**MINUTES OF THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT Y.W.C.A. SYDNEY ON 1 MAY 1988.**

**Meeting opened:**

11.34 a.m.

**Present:**

58 Members: T.Aitchison, R.Bates, T & I Burchett, K.Burke, M.Day, B.Dunn, P.Foley, K.Gorringe, A.Gow, A & S. Gow, N.& C.Grant, K & J Hain, E.Holmes, P.Hopper, I.Ireland, W & N.Johnston, G.Jones, P.Jones, F.Kaad, G.Keleny, C.& E.Kimmorley, D.Levy, J.Lynch, D.Marsh, L.Mitchell, L.Newby, H.Niall, F.& J.Nitsche, M.Normoyle, G.O'Donoghue, J.Oldroyd-Harris, D.& C.Parrish, R.& M.Pulsford, J.& B.Rudge, B.& H.Seale, S.Sinclair, F.& B.Smith, S.Smith, B.Speer & guest, W.Tomasetti, H.West, S.Wigley, L.& M.Williams, N.Watkins.

**Apologies:**

PNG Consul-General, J.Hunter, D.deGraaff, I.& M.Lightfoot, L.& D.Clout, A.Marsh, J.Benson, A.Giles, J.Best, M.Marr, G.Pritchard, W.& B.Burns, V.O'Malley, K.Chambers, K.Fischer, J.& O.Ryan, D.Shaw, A.Redei, B.& G.Digby, M. Jamieson, J.Szent-Ivany.

The President welcomed local, intra- and interstate members, and asked that the Minutes of the 36th AGM be accepted as they had been circulated to all members in the June 1987 Newsletter.

Motion proposed by Mr Williams,  
seconded Mr West --

Carried.

**President's address**

Mr Parrish proceeded with his report to Members, in which he outlined the activities of the Association during the preceding 12 months. (The President's Report is published at the end of these Minutes.)

**Business arising**

**From Minutes:**

Before proceeding with agenda items the President on behalf of Members placed on record the appreciation of the work done by Mr and Mrs Clout in being responsible for the printing and posting of "Una Voce" for some eight years. This was endorsed by all Members present.

**Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurer Mr Johnston presented his Statement, and advised that he had been investigating the best avenues for investment of Association funds. He also explained the taxation position.

The Report was accepted on the motion proposed by Mr Keleny, seconded by Mr Gow, Carried.

Mr Keleny added a special tribute to Mr Johnston for his excellent presentation of the Report.

# Sub-Committee Reports:

## Caring Committee:

Mrs Parrish advised that 60 Members had been contacted (birthday cards, expressions of sympathy etc.)

## Social Committee:

Mr Nitsche advised that in selecting the venue for the AGM various clubs, restaurants etc had been visited, but the YWCA had provided all the requirements for the 1987 pre-Christmas function and Members had expressed their approval of it

## Editorial Committee:

Mr Kaad commented on the favourable response the "Una Voce" Newsletter continues to generate, and asked Members to assist in making it interesting by sending him individual items or newspaper items of interest.

## Correspondence:

Inward and outward correspondence was tabled, and accepted on the motion proposed by Mr Nitsche, seconded by Mr West, and carried.

## Election of Office Bearers and Committee:

Observing due procedures, the following Executive and Committee were elected:

President:	Doug Parrish	(467 2966)
V/President	Fred Kaad	(969 7217)
Secretary	Jo Nitsche	(451 2475)
Treasurer	Bill Johnston	(529 4974)
Assistant Secretary	Pamela Foley	(908 4614)
		or (960 9525)
Editor Newsletter	Fred Kaad	(969 7217)
Hon. Auditor	Len Bailey	

## Committee:

Roma Bates	(560 2648)
Kevin Hain	(451 8690)
Elma Holmes	(958 4996)
Patricia Hopper	(439 5867)
Patricia Jones	(969 9093)
Bob Pulsford	(958 1846)
Frank Smith	( 80 1767)
Harry West	(498 2271)

In addition, the earlier appointment of Sir Horace Niall and Mr Bill Seale as Patrons was formally endorsed.

**Superannuation:**

The President reported that one of our members recently had his "Undeducted Purchase Price of Pension disallowed in his last tax return even though details of the amount to claim had originally been supplied by the Taxation Commissioner. He has appealed and, like a few of our other Members in Queensland will no doubt have the matter rectified. It is interesting to note that, as far as we are aware, this has only happened to a few of our members in Queensland. However, if any members should have trouble in this regard don't hesitate to appeal and if your appeal fails please let your Association know.

The President said that those members who have invested in shares should ensure that they do not pay tax on any franked portion of the dividends they receive under the new imputation system. The Government last year collected over \$400,000,000 it was not entitled to from taxpayers who did not take this into account

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.

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For the information of Members the following is the membership of the various Association Sub-Committees for 1988/89:

Social and Membership Committee:

Harry West  
Jo Nitsche  
Pamela Foley  
Pat Hopper

Caring Committee:

Pat Jones  
Roma Bates  
Frank Smith  
(Assisted as necessary by Isobel Ireland, Marie Day and  
Bonnie Dunn.

Legal and Administrative Committee:

Doug Parrish  
Kevin Hain

Editorial Committee:

Fred Kaad  
Bob Pulsford  
Elma Holmes  
Bill Kelly

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has been a somewhat uneventful one for the Association. The Commonwealth Treasurer was more kindly to us in this years budget, but enquiries with respect to the restoration of the 2% of our increase which we lost last year have met with a great silence. Consequently, I personally believe we can kiss that 2% goodbye, but, because of the massive condemnation the Federal Government received from pensioners last year as a result of its action, I am certain that it will think twice before it does the same thing again.

We maintain contact with SCOA (the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association) as some of us are members of that organisation. Consequently, we are kept informed about all matters which might affect those of us who are superannuants and, as SCOA is continuing to press for the restoration of the 2% reduction, we will support them in their endeavours.

With respect to the taxation situation it is understood that a general review of the overall taxation system has been under way and there may well be some changes to take effect from the beginning of the next financial year. The Federal Treasurer has announced that there will be an Economic Statement later this month. It appears that an aim of the Statement will be to attract a favourable reaction overseas to maintain the value of the Australian Dollar and keep interest rates down. Revenue resulting from the Fringe Benefits and Capital Gains Taxes has apparently exceeded expectations and reports suggest that the Government will be planning for a significant budget surplus in 1988/89. Recent reports would seem to indicate that any prospects for taxation cuts in the Statement may have diminished because of the economic situation which has been unveiled over the past two months. A significant increase in the deficit and a deterioration in our trading balance, particularly during March, does not auger well for the future.

Those of you who pay Provisional Tax will no doubt have discovered that the Commissioner has significantly increased his 'up front' take, particularly with respect to the interest on investments.

Possibly the most beneficial action by any government during the year for those of us who are over sixty and retired or not engaged in full-time work was the recent action by the N.S.W. Government in introducing its Transport Concessions for Senior Citizens. As outlined in the last issue of Una Voce the concessions are quite substantial and better still the new Premier has stated that he will refund the \$10 charged for the Concession Ticket.



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Now to Association matters!

My grateful thanks again to all members of the Committee for their co-operation and hard work on your behalf during the year. Some of them, however, deserve special mention.

You will remember that last year in my report I stated that one of the most important duties of your Committee was the production and despatch of our Newsletter, Una Voce, to all members of the Association. I commended Les Clout and his wife Doreen for the great work that they had performed in being solely responsible for this task for some eight years.

Elma Holmes took over the task for 1987/88 and Les helped her with the September 1987 issue, but since then Elma has done most of the work by herself with assistance from some of us in the actual mailing.

I don't think any of us had any real appreciation of the magnitude of the task involved. Consequently, we can never thank Les and Doreen enough for their tremendous effort over the years. I am sorry that they are not with us to-day because, even though the Committee has tried to indicate to them both our very deep appreciation for their efforts, I believe they deserve a special resolution of an AGM to properly do this and after this report I will be proposing such a motion.

This then brings me to the person who currently performs the task, Elma Holmes. Elma has carried on in the same dedicated and efficient manner as the Clouts and I commend her to you as a person who also deserves a very special mention. Please show her your appreciation.

Our Deputy President, Fred Kaad, has continued his good work as Editor of Una Voce and I congratulate him on his efforts ably assisted when necessary by Bob Pulsford and Bill Kelly.

Joe Nitsche, our Secretary, has carried out his duties in a most admirable manner during the year and has worked tirelessly in advancing the Association's interests, especially in his efforts to gain new members. I sincerely hope he will be continuing in this role, a very big thank you, Joe!

Assistant Secretary, Pam Foley, has been most efficient as always and has continued to carry out her duties most diligently. Pam is also a member of the Social Committee and ably assists that Committee in its tasks. Good work, Pam!

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One of the most hardworking members of our Committee during the past year has been our Treasurer, Bill Johnston, who has carried out his duties in a most efficient and effective manner. The Treasurer's job demands a continuing commitment right throughout the year receiving money, writing receipts, paying our bills, banking and investing our funds, notifying Elma Holmes of changes of address, writing innumerable letters, maintaining our books of account, producing financial reports for Committee meetings and the AGM, preparing our balance sheet at the end of each financial year and filing our tax returns. No mean task and Bill has done a splendid job, many many thanks, Bill!

Harry West has carried on his good work as Chairman of the Social and Membership Committee during the year, ably assisted by Pam Foley, Roma Bates, Marcia Lightfoot, Joe Nitsche, Bill Johnston and Chris Downie. They have been responsible for organising our luncheons and have done an excellent job. Harry, many thanks to you and your Committee for a job well done!

The Legal and Administrative Committee consisting of Dr. Stan Wigley, Bill Johnston and myself has not been called upon very much during the past year but we have been there when needed. Stan, after three years service on the Committee is not standing for re-election but has promised to help whenever called upon, thank you Stan!

The Caring Committee, consisting of Christina Grant, Roma Bates, Joe Nitsche and very ably chaired by my wife Candy, has continued its great work during the past year. It has brought solace and comfort to many people and brightened the lives of others, particularly the more elderly, by remembering their birthdays when perhaps they may have thought they were forgotten. I very much regret that Candy will not be standing again for re-election because of other personal commitments but I very strongly commend her and her Committee for the excellent way that they have performed their duties with the utmost tact and compassion.

Lastly, I very much regret to announce that our great old stalwart, Tom Aitcheson, who has done such a sterling job over many years as our Auditor, is retiring from the position. Our very sincere congratulations, Tom, for the excellent manner in which you have performed the very important duty of Auditor of our Association over many years. Many many thanks for a job so well done!

Finally, my very best wishes to the incoming Committee for a most successful 1988/89.

Doug Parrish.  
PRESIDENT.



RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
PERIOD 1st JANUARY, 1987 to 31st DECEMBER, 1987

1986	RECEIPTS	1987	1986	PAYMENTS	1987
2105.38	Subscriptions	2353.10	1394.35	Printing	1399.46
126.00	Donations	597.00	694.62	Postage	718.26
130.00	Aircrash Memorial	80.00	250.10	Petty Cash	252.26
6.00	Postage Advance	43.00	118.02	Printing Cards	-
20	Exchange	-	-	Presentations	80.00
50.00	Postage Handling Refund	-	106.60	Keeping in Touch Committee	158.60
-	Advertising Fee	10.00	282.15	Taxation	540.10
-	Christmas Lunch 1986	15.00	-	Refund Christmas Lunch 1986	15.00
1680.00	Christmas Lunch 1987	2370.00	-	Refund Christmas Lunch 1987	117.00
1365.00	Annual General Meeting	1110.00	1665.00	Christmas Luncheon	2127.34
	INTEREST		1425.00	Annual General Meeting	1200.00
	521.77 Hambros Cash Mgt.	639.16	20.00	Rent Meeting Room	-
	324.50 Aust. Bonds	324.50	23.00	Past Office Box Rent	23.00
	49.92 C.S.B. Chq. N/c	36.16	36.00	Postal Registration	40.00
	- National Bank	819.60	8.38	Bank Charges	20.13
	- Police Cr. Union	633.06	46.25	Sundries	-
	- Royal Bank	348.56	30.00	Letter Head Paper	-
1445.26 ....	449.07 United Pern	-.....2801.04	30.00	Cancelled Cheque	-
	Bank Error in Deposits	8.00	6129.47	Typewriters (2) written off	130.00
			778.37	Credit Balance Carried Forward	6971.20
			<u>\$6907.94</u>		<u>2515.94</u>
			<u>\$2987.14</u>		<u>\$9387.14</u>

NOTE: (1) Tax on Interest will be \$2801.04 less 416 x 49% = \$1167.75  
(2) Income of \$819.60 was from an investment over 15 months so part is actually due to 1986 year.

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION PAPUA NEW GUINEA

BALANCE SHEET

PERIOD 1st JANUARY, 1987 to 31st DECEMBER, 1987

1986	1987
15149.69	15923.06
778.37	2515.94
15928.06	<u>319444.00</u>

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

1987
Balance 1st January, 1987
Credit Balance Carried Forward 31.12.37
<u>319444.00</u>

REPRESENTED BY -

Liquid Funds

Commonwealth Savings Bank	1851.18
United Permanent Bld. Soc.	490.04 2311.22

Investments

Aust. Savings Bond	2200.00
Police Credit Union	6390.01
Royal Bank Mutual	2495.77
Hambros Cash Mgt. Trust	4507.00
Shares Police Credit Union	10.00 16103.73

184441.00

Checked and is a true statement based on documents examined and information provided.

6/4/1988

J. D. Brittain

(16.12.1987)

Secretary

M. J. Johnston

(16.12.1987)

Treasurer

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V A L E

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

Herbert Daley  
11/11/87

Medical Assistant who retired in 1953.

Mrs Lillith Clarke  
25/ 2/88

Widow of A.J. Clarke - former senior technician with Posts & Telegraph.

Mrs Prudence Frank  
3/ 3/88

In Canberra, aged 80. Old time Moresby resident and stalwart of Dept. Education from which she retired in 1962. Survived by daughter (ex District Services and QANTAS) Mrs Keill of 8 Tomah Place, Sylvania, Sydney.

Alwyn Edward (Bud) Watkins  
11/ 3/88

At Gold Coast. Survived by widow Nancy and son Peter, both at Box 26 Nerang Qld. 4211. Buddy was a pre-war Magistrate in Papua and after war service in PNG returned to Moresby as D.O. Upon retirement he was active in trying to improve benefits for retired officers and was one of the original group (3 NG 3 Papua) which went to Canberra in 1952 to negotiate a new superannuation deal for post-war officers. Those on the Super.pension owe a debt to those six. With Buddy's passing only Mac Rich remains.

Geoffrey William Crouch  
15/ 3/88

After a successful career Geoff retired 1974 as Director of Public Works. Survived by widow Hilda, 2113 Geelong Rd Mount Helen, Victoria; son Dr Andrew Crouch. daughter Mrs Leonie Borch, 6 grandchildren and brother Reverend Crouch.

Mrs Irene Lonergan  
18/ 3/88

Widow of Stephen, former Government Secretary and Director of Civil Affairs.

Mrs Kathleen Weir  
21/ 3/88

Widow of Tom Weir, former Town Planner with Department of Lands.

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V A L E (continued)

Arthur Thomas Carey 30/ 3/88	Survived by widow Jean, son Robert, daughter Vivienne, son-in-law Julian and grandson. (See separate paragraph.)
Mrs Monica Elsie Simnett 4/ 5/88	At Royal Brisbane. Lived in Rabaul pre-war for many years.
Miss Patricia Ayres	Former Matron at Nonga and Goroka Hospitals. Retired to live in the Blue Mountains.
Mrs Ida Cottle (Dobbyn) 29/ 5/88	Former hospital matron at Wewak. Married after her retirement, she is survived by her husband.
Father Harold Rogers 22/ 3/88	In Wangaratta. Formerly worked in Anglican Mission in Highlands and Port Moresby.
Terry Stanton April	In PNG. Aged 30.
Leonard Peter Gordon 4/ 4/88	Formerly of Rabaul and Moresby. Survived by widow Enid and two children.
John Black 6/ 4/88	In Adelaide, aged 79. John went to New Guinea in 1933 and later was with Jim Taylor on the famous Hagen-Sepik Patrol which traversed much of the remaining unexplored highland areas. He served with ANGAU and then went to Borneo during the war. After a period with a policy advisory group he returned to Moresby as Assistant Director, District Services. In 1953 John retired to farm in South Australia, and is survived by 5 children and 4 step-children.
Thomas Joseph Hassett 24/ 4/88	Formerly of the Franciscan Mission, Aitape.
(Steve) Stephens / 5/88	Served in Z Special Unit in W.W.II, and later well known as editor of Post Courier.

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V A L E (continued)  
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Professor R. Black  
 / 5/88

Specialist in Malaria and other diseases at the School of Tropical Medicine, Sydney University, and a lecturer at ASOPA. Bob was always interested in and ready to help anyone from PNG.

Jack Royston Mattes  
 15/ 5/88

At Blackheath, aged 68. Jack was Lecturer then Principal at A.S.O.P.A from 1952 to 1971. Survived by widow Zara, son Brett and daughters Marilyn and Penne. See separate paragraph).

Charles Blake, M.M.  
 16/ 5/88

Well-known plantations owner. Aged 90. Charles was decorated for his service in W.W.I, and also served in PNG in W.W.II. Survived by widow Marj, daughter Belinda and son Michael.

Clendyn (Clen) Searle, MBE.  
 May 88

Pre-war with OTC. After service in PNG with spotting units, Clen took up a rubber holding near Higaturu. Was first to alert outside world of Mt Lamington eruption in 1951 which took 3500 lives, and he kept communications open in following weeks.

Leo Charles Callaghan  
 17/ 5/88

Sole survivor of Hudson bomber shot down 4/12/42 over Buna and long time resident of PNG. Survived by widow Ruth and children Jill Leon, Ron, Ian & Margaret.

Isaac Wallace  
 23/ 5/88

In Moresby aged 54. Survived by Heather, Suzi and Amanda.

Mrs. Grace Abbott  
 27/ 2/88

(Previously Mrs. Grace Hodgson). Wife of Dr. Douglas Abbott, formerly of P.N.G. and lately of South Coast.

Reg. Bentinck-Pitt  
 1/ 5/88

Former Field Officer and Magistrate prior to retirement. Survived by widow Jean, now living in Cleveland, Qld.

Mrs. Jeanne Ashton  
 29/ 5/88

After a long illness. Survived by husband Des, former District Commissioner, and two daughters.

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### JACK MATTES

After service as an officer in the AIF Jack was a gold medallist in Law at Sydney University. He joined ASOPA in 1952, as Lecturer in Law, and became Principal from 1964 to 1971. From 1972 he was seconded to PNG Government to undertake the revision of the laws of PNG in collaboration with Messrs Bill Kearney and Joe Lynch. He later became Commissioner for the Revision of the Laws of PNG and continued to update the work until his retirement in 1986. Always friendly, approachable and helpful, Jack exercised a significant influence in the development of the field officers and teachers who passed through ASOPA, and in the development of the law in PNG. He enjoyed the affection and respect of his colleagues and all who came in contact with him during this long period.

### ARTHUR CAREY

Arthur served in the RAAF in WWII. After training as a teacher he went to PNG in 1947 as a Patrol Officer and worked his way through the field service to become D.C. Rabaul and then D.C. Lae. After retirement he lived in Wangaratta, where he took a very active part in community life becoming, amongst other things, Secretary of the Turf Club, Secretary of the Golf Club, member of Rotary and very active in assisting youth in the Commonwealth Employment Service. Fellow officers came from Melbourne, Canberra & Sydney for Arthur's funeral, where the following tribute gives an idea of his service and popularity:

" How do you measure lengths of love, the value of a smile;  
Or is it from a ruler that we determine who is kind?  
If gentleness is worth a five, then how much to forgive;  
And who can say just what it's worth to help others love to live.  
How important is it to be there when others are in need,  
With generosity everyday - while around us so much greed.  
How can we assess the tenderness, that's needed when we're down,  
Or the devotion to ones partner, that all too often is not found.  
What's the rate for being approachable, the score for giving hugs,  
You can't compute in goals or points, the value put on love.  
The appraisal of these attributes, so indefinable,  
Are lacking in us all these days, their users are so few.  
But Arthur Carey had them all, he showed them every day,  
Each time he smiled or said hello, was in his special way.  
So, what's the sum, the final score, now Arthur's had his call?  
I would suggest to you my friends, the scoreboard's just TOO

SMALL! "



**VISIT TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.** A very pleasant day was spent on 9th May with some of our Members from the Mountains Area at Wentworth Falls Grand View Hotel, and later at the home of Bill Tomasetti.

Those who attended were Tom and June Blacker, Marie Day, Kay Donnelly, Linda Evans, Bonnie Dunn, Aileen Giles, Ken Gorringe, Kevin & Joan Hain, Ted Hicks, Pat Hopper, Isobel Ireland, Pat Jones, Kim and Elaine Kimmorley, David Marsh, Flora & Jo Nitsche, Pat & Lauren Meehan, Doug & Candy Parrish, Bob Pulsford, Bill Tomasetti, Harry West and Les & Margarette Williams.

Most of the Sydneysiders took advantage of the new travel concessions for the over-60's and went by train for the sum of \$1.00 return - and no worries about driving. Loud and long were the complaints of one Member who had not picked up his Concession Authority and had to pay \$13.00 return. I'm told it took four quick drinks to quieten him down!

The day was enjoyed by all and there is talk of another mountain trip probably late Spring. And in the meantime the possibility of a similar excursion to the Central Coast is to be explored in which case Members from the Newcastle area could also join in.

#### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....????

Our initiative taken in the March Newsletter to include a section for Members seeking news of long lost friends appears to have been a flop as we have had no further queries. However we are not disheartened and will keep the section going. We shall publish the query and the name and address of the inquirer, and hopefully someone will be able to supply the answer direct to the inquirer.

In the meantime we have some official queries with which we should like your help --

#### AUSTRALIAN STAFFING ASSISTANCE GROUP (ASAG) PAST SERVICE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB) is responsible for compensation payments to former ASAB officers who experienced career disruption. AIDAB has been unable to trace the following former ASAG officers to whom a further compensation payment may be due:

DEAN, Kenneth Henry  
HAWTHORNE, Thomas  
POOLE, Vincent Stanley  
SCOTT, Paul Allan

Information concerning the whereabouts of these persons is now sought, Responses can be made in writing to the Director General, AIDAB, P.O.Box 887, Canberra City, ACT 2601 (Attention Mr E. Berry) or by phoning (062) 495652. Details should be submitted by 17 June 1988.

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Whatever happened to...? (continued)

AUGUST BEACH ESTATE PTY. LTD. P.O.BOX 176 MT LAWLEY WA 6050

LIST OF MISSING PERSONS WITH A LAST ADDRESS IN P.N.G

BAILEY, Joy Esme	Port Moresby
CHOULAI, Bruno Ambrose and Mary Therese	" "
CREWS, Allan Ernest and Pamela May, Trustees for Gavin John and Michael Graham	Boroko
BOYD, Elizabeth Anne and Barry John	"
KATALANOS, Anna	"
MAYES, David William	"
WIGHT, Colin William Joseph	"
KRAUS, Julie Rita C/- Telephone Exchange	Rabaul
WALLER, Michael Francis	"
NIELSEN, Bjorn Boe, Harrison Michael and Anderson John	Lae
OTAGO, Denis Allan and Sheena Michele	"
SELLERS, Mark David and Sarah Mary LIDDLE	"
DHU, John Alexander and Agnes Margriet then 116 Barmore St Tarragindi Qld 4121 now missing - ex Sellers	"
CHEE, Danny Robert and Joseph Christopher	Kieta
RASMUSSEN, Philip Cornelius	Badili

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HAVE YOU HEARD.....??

- "A MEDAST'S WAY" is the title of a small book by Jim Rudge, dealing with his experiences as a Medical Assistant during the war, mainly in the Kerema and Popondetta areas. It is interesting, amusing and very readable, and reveals much about local people and the problems faced by those trying to help them. Well worth reading, it brings back many memories and gives an insight into the work of a group of officers whose abilities I have always believed were never sufficiently understood or recognised.

Unfortunately Jim had only a small run printed -- there are only a few copies left so contact him A S.A.P. at 5 McLean Road Campbelltown 2560 or preferably on 046-25 3417.

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- Mona Normoyle decided that her Bowral home was too big and has moved to a retirement unit at Villa 41, 36-42 Bayview Garden Village, Cabbage Tree Rd., Bayview 2104.

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- John Murphy was adjusting a sun umbrella at his home in Brisbane at Christmas when a gust of wind opened the umbrella and tossed John down a steep slope onto his neighbour's trees. This resulted in two unstable fractures in his neck and he was in a fibreglass cast from head to hip at Greenslopes for four months. Hopefully he's now back home, having to take things very carefully. With typical Murphy humour he's now claiming an entry in the Guinness Book of Records as the first man in Chapel Hill to take off without power.

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## HAVE YOU HEARD ...?

- PNG of late has had a lot of publicity on the political side. But there are lighter sides. The Kumuls, PNG's Rugby League team, have recently played a test against Great Britain in Port Moresby. At the end of June they are off to N.Z. where they play several local matches including a test at Auckland on July 10th, then to Australia.

For followers, they will be playing on the 16th July at Nowra, then the test against Australia on 20 July at Wagga Wagga, then on July 24 at Bathurst against NSW Country, on July 26 at Gosford against Central Coast. Hopefully some players will be included in the Rest of the World team to play Australia at the Sydney Stadium on July 27.

PNG has the honour of having Graham Ainui, a policeman, to referee the game between Australia and the Rest of the World. Certainly a great feat, and we congratulate him.

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- Bobby Gibbes is recovering at home in Collaroy after a rather traumatic spell in hospital where he had both knees replaced

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- Gwen Sheekey is also in hospital for a similar operation on one knee. Husband Peter is doing a Cordon Bleu cookery course in training for her return.

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- Fred Hargesheimer is back in PNG for a few days, returning to the States via Sydney 11th June. Enroute he will be seeing our Gold Coast confreres at their usual get-together on 6th June. Fred was the U.S. pilot shot down over New Britain, succoured by the Nantambu people and brought to Coast Watcher Ian Skinner who arranged for a sub-marine to take Fred, Bill Townsend and his navigator back to Australia. He returned in 1961 to thank his rescuers and ultimately built them the Airmen's Memorial School at Bialla.

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And did you hear! Seven anti-aircraft shells were found in the stomach of a cow slaughtered at Lae Abbatoirs. The shells - which were live - posed a mystery for Defence Force staff at the Ingam Barracks. With each shell weighing more than three kilograms, they are at a loss to explain how the cow ingested them - and how it kept walking around with seven of them inside her. Certainly biting the bullets.

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- Most Members will have known or heard of Tom Cole, the buffalo hunter turned crocodile shooter turned coffee planter. Tom has recently had his second book about the Northern Territory published. Its title 'Hell West and Crooked' and I hear the second edition is on its way. Those who like tall stories of adventure with some humour thrown in should search it out. I also understand Tom is writing a book about his days in PNG. Now THAT should be really interesting reading - but one wonders what gossip bits will be left out!?!

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- Ted Hayes is off to the US, England, Europe and back via Japan. He has a 1910 set of Frank Lloyd Wright reproductions he is presenting to the F.L.W. Foundation in Arizona.

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HAVE YOU HEARD...?

- Barbara Burns and her sister from Melbourne were seen last week in the Powerhouse Museum near Sydney's Darling Harbour. Both were very impressed with the quality and variety of what they'd seen and the imaginative way the exhibits were shown. They agreed that it should not be missed when visiting Sydney -- their only complaint was that it really needed a pair of roller skates and more than one day to see everything.

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- Clarissa de Derka, former Librarian at PHD and at PNG University, now lives in Oxford but is in Sydney visiting friends.

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- Dr Kathleen Farago, former radio therapist at the General Hospital Moresby and lately working at Alice Springs General Hospital, is now living in Sydney.

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- Dimmen de Graaff was unable to attend the AGM as he's been appointed an official guide for Expo 88. Look out for him when you visit Expo.

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- John and Olwen Ryan of Bagara are back home recuperating after hospital - Olwen with a slight stroke and John with a hip replacement. Glad to hear they're improving.

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- It's not all happening in Brisbane! Hear that Harry Roach lost his seat on Noosa Shire Council but Geoff Littler topped the poll in his division in Maroochy Shire.

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- Kay Triggs writes from Perth to say she enjoys the Newsletter and would welcome a call from interstate visitors to W.A.

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- Harry and Grace Jackman are somewhere in Europe in the Eastern Bloc. About right now they'll be on their way to visit the Sans Souci Palace at Potsdam near Berlin, provided - as Harry says - the East Germans let them in!

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- Jim Ritchie, who retired from Treasury to become Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Queensland, has been honoured by having the Ritchie Research Laboratories there named after him. Jim's brain-child, the Laboratories were built from the University's own finances as revenue producers to be leased to commercially oriented or externally funded University activities.

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**QUOTABLE QUOTES:**

The section giving extracts from Shakespeare appropriate to our life in PNG brought much appreciation verbally - but only two people replied with quotations of their own. A most disappointing result for your editor as I hoped that the excerpts would not only amuse you but stir you to sending in your own, which in turn would have amused others. Hopefully the following will get a better response this time:

From Lynn Clark, who has been dipping into Rudyard Kipling --

On a night out with friends in the Snake Pit -

"I've a head like a concertina: I've a tongue like a button-stick,  
I've a mouth like an old potato, and I'm more than a little sick."

On pitching camp -

"Then blue smoke-haze of the cooking rose,  
And tent-peg answered to hammer-nose."

On travelling aboard a K boat in a howling south-easterly -

"Overloaded, undermanned, meant to - founder, we  
Euchered God Almighty's storm, bluffed the Eternal Sea."

On the delegation of authority from above -

"Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways,  
Baulking the end half-won for an instant dole of praise."

On the years immediately before Independence -

"Here is my heart, my soul, my mind - the only life I know.  
I cannot leave it all behind, Command me not to go!"

On respect given to the senior field officer -

"This we learned from famous men,  
Knowing not we learned it.  
Only, as the years went by -  
Lonely as the years went by -  
Far from help as years went by,  
Plainer we discerned it."

On some light-fingered who appeared in our Courts -

"They knew 'e stole; 'e knew they knowed.  
They didn't tell, nor make a fuss,  
But winked at Omer down the road,  
An' 'e winked back - the same as us!"

On evaluating job performance before promotion -

"Ye have read, ye have heard, ye have thought,"  
he said, "and the tale is yet to run;  
By the worth of the body that once ye had,  
give answer - what ha' ye done?"

And from Ken Brown - not a quotation but a couple of enjoyable reminiscences:

"While ADC Rabaul in 1963 I fined a local prostitute five pounds after hearing a complaint brought by the police following a town clean-up. Shortly after the case finished I went to see what the commotion in front of the Sub-District Office was all about. There was the lady waving an official receipt above her head and shouting "Me got laisin nau!" "

And again --

"During a reception for a UNO Visiting Mission in 1963 the Chairman tricked the Arab member into eating a sandwich in which ham had been concealed. He then said to the Muslim "You have sinned by eating the ham. When I commit a small sin I give up eating oranges - my favourite fruit - for a week. For a bigger sin such as you have committed I refrain from amorous pursuits for a month. Tell us, how are you going to repent?" The Arab replied "Since my sin was unintentional I don't have to repent too much. But what about you? You intentionally caused me to break my law, which is a much bigger sin. If you are genuine in what you say you do, your homecoming after this visit is obviously going to leave a lot to be desired!"

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THAT'S ALL - REGARDS

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Freddie

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VISIT TO THE CENTRAL COAST -

Arrangements have been made for a day visit to the Central Coast (Gosford area) on Monday August 1st. This would be a good opportunity for the Novocastrians and the Sydneysiders to join the Central Coast locals.

For details ring Doug Parrish on (02) 467-2966.