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Dear Member,

Our Association's Christmas Luncheon this year will be held on Sunday 3rd December 1989 at the Mandarin Club. We are giving you plenty of notice so mark the day on your calendar and in your diary now.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

The question of annual subscriptions and Life Membership was considered at the AGM on 16 April (Refer Minutes of AGM contained in this issue). As a consequence annual subscriptions have been raised to \$8.00 per annum and the provision for paid Life Membership has been abolished and replaced by Honorary Life Membership awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee to members for services rendered or for other reasons deemed worthy by the Executive Committee. These new measures will take effect as from 1 January 1990 and in order to avoid any member being financially disadvantaged former paid Life Members will be advised individually when they will be expected to commence the payment of annual subscriptions.

This individual approach is necessary because some members paid \$20.00 for Life Membership in, say, 1974 whilst others paid \$40.00 in 1984. In addition there are members who have made donations of \$20.00 to \$50.00 on a regular basis and others who have made the one off donation of up to \$100.00. These donations will be regarded as subscriptions paid in advance and the members concerned will be advised as to the year that these donations will cover their subscriptions.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The 1989 subscription of \$5.00 became due on 1 January last and for those of you who have not as yet paid would you please send your subscription direct to our Treasurer, Bill Johnston, whose address is shown above. The note on the last page titled "ARE YOU IN THE RED???" indicates your financial standing.

THE 1986/87 2% DISCOUNTING ON OUR SUPERANNUATION.

The Federal Treasurer in his April Mini Budget speech stated that the 2% would be restored from November 1989. You will be kept advised of further developments.

CPI ADJUSTMENT TO SUPERANNUATION.

The increase in the consumer price index for the 12 months from 1 April 1988 to 31 March 1989 was 6.8%. This means that superannuation pensions should increase by that percentage from the first payday in July.

A number of members have asked me to explain to them the method used to calculate the consumer price index and in the next issue I will endeavour to do just that.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON 16 APRIL 1989.

This was a great success and the meal was excellent.

TOM AITCHISON, our worthy Auditor for many years until the end of 1987 was presented with a small token of our appreciation of all the work he did over the years for the Association.

The following members and friends attended the luncheon: Tom Aitchison; Roma Bates; Barbara & Dennis Burns; Kath Burke; Anne Chowning, Marion and Yvonne Cichoki; Marie Day; Chris Downie; June Dennis; Paul & Wilma Enders; Meg England; Pamela Foley; Aileen Giles; Alan Gow; Christina & Neil Grant; Jean & Bobby Gibbes; Joan & Kevin Hain; Elman Holmes; Pat Hopper; Isobel Ireland; Nance & Bill Johnston; Gwen Jones; Margaret & Bill Kelly; Elaine & Corbett Kimmorley; Gabriel Keleny; Francis Kerr; Judy Latchford; Marcia Lightfoot; Patricia & Geoff Littler; Alison Marsh; Edna Mclean; Len Mitchell; Chips Mackellar; Colleen Neville; Lisle Newby; Sir Horace and Lady Niall, Flora and Jo Nitsche; John & Marie O'Shea; Doug & Candy Parrish; Nan Primrose; Mary & Bob Pulsford; Tony Pitt; Mollie Parslow; Jim Rudge; Heather Seale; Sandy Sinclair; Betty & Frank Smith; Anne Sneddon; Bert Speer; Amy & Ross Swadling; Barbara Sherwood; Bill Tebb; Bill Tomasetti; Betty Washington; Marj & Doug Watkins; Nari Watkins; Harry West; Stan Wigley; Margarette & Les Williams. And from the Papua New Guinea Consulate: Mr Thomas Polume; Mr John Hunter and Mr Joe Konu.

VISIT TO BLUE MOUNTAINS.

Another very pleasant visit was made to the Blue Mountains on 22 May and the weather was very kind to us as we enjoyed one of the rare fine days in recent weeks, or should I say months.

After lunch we again enjoyed Bill Tomasetti's warm hospitality for coffee, port, chocolate bikkies etc. but we missed his lovely wife Friedergard who was absent in Adelaide. Those who attended were: Bill & Nancy Johnston; Bob & Mary Pulsford; Les & Margarette Williams; Harry West; Pat Hopper; Nari Watkins; Bill Tomasetti; Syd Smith; Aileen Giles; Ken Gorringer; Ted Hicks; Alison Marsh, Doug Parrish; Barbara Sherwood.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSULATE-GENERAL

We extend a very special welcome to Mr. Ilinome TARUA CBE who has taken up the position of Consul General.

We wish Mr. Tarua and his family a successful and rewarding term in Sydney.

TAXATION MATTERS

For the information of members the following is an extract from the SCOA Bulletin May 1989:

"Tax File Numbers: The new system has come into operation and members will have been required to lodge new Employment Declaration forms showing their income tax file number, should they not wish to have tax deducted from their pension at the highest rate plus Medicare Levy. The second phase of the new system, relating to investment income, will not begin until 1 July 1991 when it will then be necessary to quote the tax file number to banks or other financial institutions, with which investments have been made, to avoid deduction from investment income of tax at the highest rate plus Medicare Levy. The commencing date seems a long way off and one might speculate as to what the highest rate of tax will be then. Very likely there will be further instructions in due course.

From the tax file number booklet issued by the Tax Office it is noted that the requirement of quoting a tax file number will not arise in relation to an interest bearing account or deposit, which existed before 1 July 1991, with a bank, building society or credit union and which does not earn more than \$120 a year in interest.

Self Assessment: With the introduction of the system of self assessment, the responsibility rests upon taxpayers to ensure the accuracy of their returns and significantly high penalties attach to understatements of income or incorrect claims for deductions. Some protection from incurring a penalty is provided by Section 169A of the Act under which a ruling can be sought as to a doubtful item in the return. Full details of the matter should be set out in a statement attached to the return clearly headed "Request for Commissioner's Interpretation of the Law". If a return form AB is used, the block at the top of page 1 should also be completed.

New Tax Rates: On 12 April 1989, the Federal Treasurer announced that the rates of income tax for 1989-90 for individuals will be as follows:-

Taxable Income	Tax Payable
\$ 1 - 5100	Nil
5101 - 17650	21c for each dollar over \$5100
17650 - 20600	29c for each dollar over \$17650
20601 - 35000	39c for each dollar over \$20600
35001 - 50000	47c for each dollar over \$35000
50000 and over	49c for each dollar over \$50000
	to be reduced to 47c for each dollar on 1st January 1990.

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MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- Hon. Ted DIRO (Central) is the new Minister of State.
 Hon. John GIHENO (Henganofi) is the Minister of Trade and Industry.
 Hon. Theo TUYA (Usino-Bundi) is the new Minister of Administrative Services.
 Hon. Ben SABUMEI (Unggai-Bena) is the new Minister of Defence.

ANNUAL REPORT 1987-88 OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

The following information has been taken from the Report by the Commissioner for Superannuation:

Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme

All pensions have now been fully purchased and there were no contributions paid during 1987-88.

During the year, seven new pensions were commenced and thirty ceased, leaving 618 pensions in force at 30 June 1988. Except for two children's pensions all cessations were due to the deaths of pensioners. Detailed information is provided in the following table:

Pension Commencements and Cessations

	Pensions at 1-7-87	Commencements	Cessations	Pensions at 30-6-88
Males				
Early Retirement	84	0	2	82
Maximum Age	196	0	12	184
Invalidity	81	0	4	77
Females				
Early Retirement	14	0	1	13
Maximum Age	29	0	0	29
Invalidity	4	0	0	4
Widows	211	7	9	209
Children/Full-time Students	<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>20</u>
Total Number	641	7	30	618

Four invalidity pensions of a total value of \$81,172 per annum at 1 July 1987 remained suspended throughout the year. Total expenditure on pensions during the year amounted to \$13,554,875. The estimated liability for the year ending 30 June 1989 in respect of the 618 pensions in force at 30 June 1988 is \$13,389,000; this figure includes the pension increases that became payable on the first pension payday in July 1988.

Papua Superannuation Scheme

Under the Papua Scheme two pensions were ceased upon death during the year, leaving no female and six male officers in receipt of pensions at 30 June 1988. The Scheme did not provide benefits for widows or children. The following Table shows expenditure for the year ended 30 June 1988 and the estimated liability for the year ending 30 June 1989, including the pension increases payable in July 1988.

	Expenditure 1987-88	No. of Pensions at 30-6-88	Estimated Liability 1988-89
	\$	No.	\$
Males	80,849	6	72,000
Females	7,336	0	0
Total	88,185	6	72,000

New Guinea Superannuation Scheme

Under the New Guinea Scheme, one ex-contributor's and one widow's pensions were ceased upon death during the year. One widow's pension and one special grant to a widow were commenced, leaving six ex-contributors and forty widows in receipt of pensions at 30 June 1988. The following table shows expenditure for the year ended 30 June 1989, including the pension increase payable in July 1988.

	Expenditure 1987-88	No. of Pensions at 30-6-88	Estimated Liability 1988-89
	\$	No.	\$
Males	61,574	6	55,000
Females	388,085	40	409,000
Total	449,659	46	464,400

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONALS HOSPITALISED IN AUSTRALIA

Mr Thomas Polume, representing the Consul General of Papua New Guinea at our AGM mentioned that members of our Association can assist in visiting PNG people hospitalised in Sydney. Numerous PNG nationals come to Sydney hospitals for medical treatment and are so often lonely, disoriented, homesick and distressed. So visits from members who know something of their culture would greatly help these patients. If you are able to assist please contact Mr Polume at the Consulate General of Papua New Guinea, 'Somare House', 100 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW 200 or telephone him on 29-5151.

We have received a request for donations and sponsorship for a Kidney Transplant for Lavai Murphy Hao. Lavai is a foundation member of the famous Raun Raun Theatre. He is also a potter and an artist and has made a sound contribution to the cultural life of Papua New Guinea. After twelve years with the Theatre, he now lives in Madang. He is a fine member of the community and a family man with two children. Unfortunately, he contracted a fatal kidney disease and will need a kidney transplant in August of this year at the Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. Lavai is 35 years of age. The appeal is trying to raise K13,000 (A\$23,000) required for the operation, airfares and hospitalisation. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged. To simplify matters, please forward your donations to your Secretary, Jo Nitsche (to save on exchange rates), who will then forward all donations of the appeal to Lavai in Madang.

HAS ANYONE HEARD OF.....

The following persons who were sometime residents of Madang PNG:-

Sigmund and Trude DICZBALIS

Judy and Brian McDOWELL

Anne TROY, previously married to Clive TROY.

Sister Jean Whelan - formerly in charge of Wewak Hospital in 1958.

It would be very much appreciated if anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the abovenamed they would send the information to the Editor by phone or letter.

In a note received from Hilda Crouch (widow of Geoff) she mentioned that their son, Dr Andrew Crouch, has accepted a Professor's chair at Bond University, and takes up the appointment on July 1.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

Had a letter from Isobel PERT at Noosa Heads (ex Madang) who writes-

"Still enjoying Noosa living, this is quite a delightful place, but it is fast becoming a major tourist resort with all the nasties that accompany such a development. Big prices, big hotels and wonderful environments that disappear overnight, very sad..... As I write a half grown koala is dozing happily in the fork of a huge gum right in my front yard. We have a colony here, and see them all the time but unfortunately lots are being killed on the road because their habitat is being destroyed..... Of course this does not come up to the beauty of Biliau Island and Madang, but a reasonable substitute. (I wonder how many of us really appreciated PNG!)"

Isobel's daughter, Julie, received her Bachelor of Science degree last year and she is currently overseas on a 52 day trip (14 countries) round Europe as a reward from Mum. Son Allan is working in a gold mine in the Selwyn Ranges south of Mt. Isa. Isobel has recently seen John and Marj PERKINS, Henry CHYBER, Hilda (nee FERGUSON) and John WATSON, Jim and Marg DUNCAN and Tom and Nan BRIGGS, mostly ex Madang.

Roma BATES, for the information of her friends, is overseas for some time and we hope we will be able to give you a report on her trip when she returns.

David MONTGOMERY, (ex Didiman) now at "Grabben Gullen" NSW, reports that he is still very much involved in the horticultural industries, with potato farming for seed production the main enterprise.

The LAPHORNES after many years in PNG, the last 5 years or so in Lae, have returned to Australia and I believe are currently in the Toowoomba area.

Nesta PEARSON of Mount Waverley Victoria, ex Lae and Moresby, widow of Tom PEARSON, engineer P & T then Technical Director NBC (PNG), is off overseas with Claire LAMB, wife of Russ LAMB who was a Super-tech under Tom. Russ and Claire now live on a farm at Tenterfield, NSW and Nesta writes as follows: "Claire wanted to visit son Peter and family in Zurich before they leave for another job - ?? Russ is very hard to pry from the farm, so Claire suggested I join her. As she's only got six weeks, will spend part touring Switzerland, part in UK where we'll visit Jock CALDWELL (also ex Tech P & T) and tour, then over to USA. Claire will have a week or so in America then fly home but I will stay!! Maybe I'll stay in UK longer than Claire - or I may fly back from New York - but whatever I do I am at this moment intending to stay away six months at least."

Syd SAVILLE writes that they have two acres at BURPENGARY Q. and are in the process of clearing and fencing and could certainly use a dozen Sepiks with sarifs and shovels. Syd and Heather have registered a business called EL CID SERVICES which they are operating from temporary premises on Bribie Island. They hope to move into their permanent home and office at Burpengary about September, 1989.

Envy the Barry BONDS from Southport Q their "exchange house" holiday in Surrey, UK, (as Barry says "same house, same people - so you see, they can be successful") returning mid August. Great way to have a holiday and would like to be a fly on the wall when they get together with Darrell Penhale of Kent. Give Darrell our best wishes.

Mary GRAHAMSLAW of Neutral Bay NSW has been in hospital, and with all your friends we do hope you are fighting fit again.

Ron GALLOWAY has been down from Indooroopilly Q. visiting son Anton near Cooma NSW and on the way back spent a couple of nights with Harry WEST. Had lunch and 'chewed the rag' with Harry, Ted HICKS, Candy and myself. On the way back north is spending a couple of days with Ken and Marjorie BROWN at Budgewoi NSW. Ken has been having further health problems and do hope Ken that Ron finds you in much better health.

Bill CARTER (ex Director P & T) from Chittaway Point, NSW., not far from Ken Brown, has also had a health problem. Bill recently had an operation on his knee and it has not been progressing as well as he would like. These ops sometimes are a little slow to produce the desired result but we do hope, Bill, that all is well by the time you receive this copy of Una Voce. Our kindest regards to Anne.

Bill COX from Woody Point Q. has also recently had major surgery on his right knee and will be somewhat incapacitated for another couple of months or so. Bill was in the power house at Port Moresby in 1957 and then returned to shipping with Bill Cunningham for many years before returning to Australia (Bill was a Marine Engineer). Bill's wife Helen writes "We weren't able to get very far with the request for transport concessions and for what it is worth I enclose a copy of Terry White's appeal - the present transport minister is worse than his predecessor!" (Terry White is their local MP and see also my report to the AGM).

In April, Candy and I visited Vera FOLDI at that very luxurious village, Brentwood, at Kincumber on the NSW Central Coast. Vera went to PNG as a nursing sister in 1933 and her dedication to the nursing profession is well known and appreciated by many. She subsequently married John FOLDI who was a District Commissioner for many years and passed away some time ago. Vera was wearing one of the biggest bruises ever seen on her arm -- perhaps she should give up wrestling and concentrate on quieter activities! She insisted on showing us around the village so that we would know she was well cared for and we would not feel sorry for her. We were most impressed, we have visited a number of such places and Brentwood is by far the best we have seen.

It was good to hear from Ted FOAD and I am very pleased indeed to welcome Ted as a member of our Association. Ted is a very good friend of mine and one of nature's true gentlemen. He was involved in coastal shipping prewar, the Navy during the war and he resumed his shipping activities with various vessels after the war. His flagship was the MV Beringa on which I often travelled between Finschhafen, Sio, the Siassi Islands and Lae. His headquarters post war was on Nagidu Pt. near Finschhafen and he became involved over the years in many and varied business interests both in PNG and Australia including a cavan park and a helicopter company. Ted retired to Cairns in 1978, took over the Helitrans helicopter company and purchased a large cattle property near Ravenshoe Q. His first son, Woody, did nine years in the Australian navy and his three younger sons live with Ted and his wife Eili at Ravenshoe.

John Huon de NAVRANCOURT representing Alliance Francoise and the French Embassy in Canberra, on 1st April 1989 attended a ceremony at the Cenotaph in the Cooktown Cemetery for the crew of a French ship struck down by an epidemic in 1879. Sailors of the Patrol Boat LA GLORIEUSE from Noumea supplied a Guard of Honour and John was invited as a special passenger on the vessel for the return to Cairns.

N.T.WEBSTER and his wife Pat are back with us again, having gone into limbo for some time. They report as follows: "Now living in Kununurra and shall probably be there for the next few years. We spent three years in Darwin working for a company called FACTS, with John HICKS as Managing Director. You may remember he was in Local Government, Lae. Am now Accountant to the Balgo Aboriginal Community but based in Kununurra - the work is very similar to the Local Government scene in PNG and am quite enjoying it. Pat is well and preparing to launch herself on the Theatre scene here. She was teaching Speech and Drama in Darwin and hopes to continue in Kununurra. It keeps her occupied! Our two children are in Sydney and Ingham Q. respectively - Margaret has three children and Michael one. Holidays are spent visiting all over the countryside! Regards to all who may know us."

A warm welcome to Jim KEEGAN of ACT who was with the PNG Treasury Department from 1968-1973 on secondment from the Department of Territories, Canberra. Jim says "...the time I spent in PNG with my family, 1968-1973, and my involvement with the Territory prior to that (from 1961 to 1968 I had had 33 visits up there as an officer of the now defunct Department of Territories on budget matters and with the famous [infamous?] Five Year Plan) was part of my Public Service career that I will always remember with great fondness and laced with many memories. A small bit of news for you. Last May I climbed into my trusty old (1976 vintage) Landcruiser and headed West. Met up with John and Fran SKINNER from Treasury in Melbourne; Bob CHRISTIANSON, Ron STORER and Dave MARTIN in Adelaide (all Treasury); Jim & Noreen SULLIVAN ex Administrator's Department and Promotion Appeals in Perth and Smokey (Mike) CORCORAN & wife Mary way up at Geraldton, W.A."

Gwen and Tony HUNT, ex Didiman, have moved from St. Lucia, Brisbane to Montville Q. where they have decided to start a new phase in their lives, i.e. country living. They report as follows: "Tim was married last October and Josephine is teaching at Caboolture High School and doing further academic studies. The cyclonic rains have prevented us from moving into the house, but any moment now."

Frank and Sushila LIEBFRIED who were living in Tasmania are back in PNG at Port Moresby with the United Nations Development Programme - Financial Management Development Project and Frank reports: "Sushila and self have settled back into the swing of PNG and enjoying it - mostly work not too much socialising. The computerisation program is going well with the Central Provincial Government having their 1988 accounts completely balanced in record time from bank reconciliation to bank reconciliation - 1st for PNG."

Received a long and most interesting letter from Freddie KAAD who, with his wife June and daughters Amanda and Gaynor, is on an extended tour of Europe.

Writing from France he says "C.O.L. really high, chicken and pork the cheaper of the meats, with lamb way up and beef \$2+ and fish also expensive even here where they haul it in....well known brand names one pays for but local wines, some of which are very good indeed, are very reasonable - like about \$2 a litre! And better than the red at the Club.

Our six weeks in Portugal were really enjoyable - people friendly and helpful, fruit, vegetables and fish from the village market so FRESH and juicy with the seafood still moving. Our exchange rate compared to the C.O.L. quite good - about the only place where it is!! We liked it so much we are going back for another month later on. Back through Spain, the coast of which from Gibraltar to Malaga has been ruined by the apparently uncontrolled proliferation of high rise apartments - much much worse than the Gold Coast."

They then visited Salvador Dali's birthplace and a museum there built to honour him. "It contains much of his earlier work and our visit changed my earlier

impression of Dali, which was that he largely chased the money. It's well worth going a long way to see."

Of the Cote d'Azur he says "You've seen it all - from Saint Tropez to Cannes, Juan les Pin, Nice, Monte Carlo and Menton on the border with Italy - on documentaries, films such as "To Catch a Thief" and Travel posters ad nauseum. We're here at the right time - last week was the annual TV market at Cannes, when all the soapies and specials are up for sale. We hijacked a table on the footpath, drank coffee and Pernod and watched the world go by.

.....On Saturday we were at St. Tropez for one of the Grand Prix de la Mer races which involve speedboats in which the same kind of money, technology and ballyhoo as in the motor car Grand Prix are invested. Twin hulls are in this year with minimum lengths about 35' and a helmeted fireproofed captain? engineer? in each hull. Most were inboard motors but I did see one with eight huge outboards each of which could push a tug!

.....The week before last was the Monte Carlo Women's Open Tennis and last week was the Men's Open - you probably saw the magnificent siting of the courts and their beautiful surroundings on TV....

.....The Cannes Film Festival starts on 11th May so I guess we'll be here at our table at the Maison du Post, right opposite the Congress Hall, watching the pot-bellied producers, young starlets and all the hangers-on...

.....A local radio station, Radio Riviera, which broadcasts in English announced one morning a few weeks ago, as part of the news, that the French Government had the previous night banned the use of English and other languages in hotels, cafes and places of entertainment. The station was besieged by calls of indignation and some listeners rang the equivalent of their local M.P. A little later a caller rang to say that she had found the best ice cream on the Cote d'Azur, giving the address of a shop in Cannes and adding that the ice cream was made in blue, white and red to mark the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution and when licked it played the 'Marsellaise'. There followed a short but serious discussion on how the tune might have been frozen into it. Later that day the station rang the shopowner who said that he'd sold out of ice cream but had trouble explaining why it didn't play the 'Marsellaise'. Of course you've guessed - it was April 1st!"

They visited the Cannes Festival and the Monte Carlo Grand Prix car races:-

"I did get to drive around the course, complete with barriers, grandstands and rubber tyre shields and large Fosters signs everywhere."

There is no doubt about him! They are now in Italy and will be in Austria from 18th June until 1 July if anyone would like to drop them a line at the following address:

C/- Mrs Eleana Gianesini
Veltlinerweg 10
A-6780 Schruns/Montafon
AUSTRIA.

Had a letter from Joe SHAW ex Public Curator PNG who many will remember is very involved with the sport of squash. He writes as follows:-

"I have been overseas with my English squad since last September. I am the Director of Coaching of the Academy of Sporting Excellence - the English equivalent of the Australian Institute of Sport. There are four members with me at present on the Australian tour and we play the NSW Title on 18-23 July, and then on to other states..... We leave for New Zealand on 22 August, return home, then fly to Hong Kong on 9 September, on to Singapore 18-24 then Kuala Lumpur for the world title in October. Then direct to London as our base, then fly all over Europe. Two of my players are playing PNG Open on 16-19 June."

NEWS FROM W.A.:

Dame Rachel CLELAND continues to be in very good health and is leading a very active life in Perth. She is, among other things, Patron of the Anglican Homes for the Elderly and Patron of the Institute of Personal Secretaries of Australia (Western Australian Division). She is also very active in the affairs of Meeralinga, the former Kindergarten Teachers' Training College, and now a Children's Foundation. Dame Rachel is also writing a book about the role played in the development of Papua New Guinea by both Australian and Papua New Guinea women - wives as well as those employed by public service and private enterprise. In June Dame Rachel will go to Bali with her two sisters on a University Extension Tour to a village outside UBUD where they will study Balinese language and customs.

Des CLANCY is now living in Perth and is enjoying his third career. Des was Regional Administrator of the Gascoyne Region for twelve years after leaving PNG in 1975. He is now Pastoral Director of the Western Australian Pastoralists and Graziers' Association.

Colin and Eileen LIDDLE are living at Henkley Brook on the outskirts of Perth. Colin has retired from the Waterways Commission and they are looking forward to moving to a farm at Julimar in the near future. Youngest son Jeremy was married 1st month, leaving David the only one of the six now single.

Jim and Noreen SULLIVAN are living in happy retirement at Carine. Even Jim's bad back doesn't stop him playing a good game of bowls.

Craig HUTCHINSON, son of Heather, bought "Heather's Hutch", the well known Nedlands Gourmet shop from his mother when she moved to Hamilton, Victoria, to become Mrs Brian Grey. Craig is very popular with the young people of Perth and is making a great job of running the shop and associated catering business.

Stan MIDDLETON, ex District Commissioner Papua pre-war and PNG post-war, has not been in the best of health. He suffered a severe stroke last year and is totally incapacitated. Gladys, his wife, has also not been well. The very best wishes from all your friends who hope that you will both be much improved in health by the time you receive this.

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Noel and Jenny CAVANAGH have taken up a Territories appointment at NGUIU, Bathurst Island, NT 0822, where Noel is on Administration duties. They both say it is a great place to live and they enjoy the work. Their permanent base still remains at Nambour in Queensland. Noel was previously in PNG with the Department of District Administration in the Southern Highlands and Bougainville.

Cam and Judy BENNETT, formerly of Goroka Lantern Lodge, Goroka Hotel and Bird of Paradise Hotel, have moved from Cairns and bought a rural residential property of some acreage at Closeburn, near Brisbane.

Geoff MASTERS on Bribie Island Q. had a number of visitors over Easter including Syd and Heather SAVILLE, Isobel PERT and Mavis and Horst NEUMANN - Mavis would be remembered from her Milne Bay days and Horst from his constructing days with HEBOU Constructions. At the time of writing Geoff Masters was planning a trip on S.V. Atlantic Clipper to Thursday Island and we expect to hear more about this.

Mal and Liz GRAY have returned to live on Bribie Island. Mal was one time *Government Surveyor in PNG.

MINUTES OF 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE MANDARIN CLUB ON 16 APRIL, 1989.

Meeting opened 11.25 a.m. 65 Members present, As per membership register.

Apologies:

K. & R. Brown; D. Marsh; W. & A. Carter; J. & K. Ashcroft- Smith; S. & A. Smith; K. Gorringer; V. Foldi; A. King; P. Jones; A. Redei; J. Benson; R. & J. Carne; D. de Graaff; M. Jameson; B. & G. Digby; F. Tusa; M. Marr; M. Hazzler; L. Evans; J. Downie; I. Cordukes; K. & D. Levy; E. Burchett; J. Henderson; D. Large; A. Young-Whitford; N. Watkins.

The President welcomed Members present, including especially those who had travelled from country or interstate areas. He then asked for confirmation of the Minutes of the 37th AGM, as these had been circulated in the Newsletter of June 1988.

Motion proposed by Sir H. Niall, seconded Mr Keleny. Carried.

Business Arising: None.

President's Report:

"The past year has been a reasonably good one for the Association. We just managed to balance the budget and our membership again increased by a similar number to the previous year. March 1987 membership was 699, March 1988 732 and March 1989 761.

Some of this year's increase was due to the demise of the Papua New Guinea Club at Manly and I regret that it had to happen that way. That Club had a very dedicated and conscientious little group of members who worked very hard to keep their Club afloat, alas in vain!

The increase in membership is much more significant when one considers that since March 1988 we have reported the deaths of some 53 ex Papua New Guinea persons and the bulk of these were members of our Association.

It is sad to hear of so many of our friends passing on, but then again there are an increasing number of our members in the 80's and a few in the 90's, most of whom are very hale and hearty.

To those of our members who are presently not in the best of health we wish them a very speedy and complete recovery from their illness.

During the past year we continued the campaign for the re-instatement of the 2% discounting of the pensions of our superannuant members in October 1986. Recently, as reported in the last issue of Una Voce, together with the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association, the Returned Services League of Australia and the Regular Defence Force Welfare Association, we stepped up this campaign by writing to the Prime Minister, Minister for Social Security, Leader of the Opposition and others and also asked our members affected by the discounting to write again to their local members of Federal Parliament.

At long last it looks as though our campaign has been successful and the Federal Treasurer in his Mini Budget speech last Wednesday stated "the 2 percent discount imposed in 1986/87 for Public Service and Defence Force pensioners will be restored from November 1989". Whether this will mean that the moneys lost during the intervening period will also be restored and/or the discounting that has taken place be re-instated remains to be seen. I very much doubt that they will make up the moneys we have lost and my personal prediction is that we will only receive an increase of 2% to our pensions in November with no adjustments for the intervening period.

A very big "thank you" to all those members who assisted us in mounting this campaign by writing to their MPs, Senators etc.

We will continue to monitor the situation with SCOA in an endeavour to procure the best possible result with the measures the Government takes to finalise the matter.

Although there was an increase in NSW in the concessional rates for Public Transport travel for senior citizens not in full-time employment, this still remains a most economical means of travel and is being used in a rapidly increasing way by the people involved. We endeavoured to assist our Queensland members by writing to their appropriate authority recommending the introduction of the system there but were informed by their Minister that they were not interested. Sorry, Queensland members!

At the request of some of our members, your Social and Membership Committee endeavoured to organise, in addition to our AGM and Christmas luncheons, get-togethers in centres close to areas where a number of our members reside. Last year we had two very successful visits to the Blue Mountains with some thirty people attending on each occasion. Our very sincere thanks to Bill and Friedergard Tomasetti who, on each occasion, have topped off the visit with coffee, port, etc. at their charming mountain home.

A visit to the Central Coast did not fare so well, but this was perhaps because of insufficient prior publicity. We may try again later in the year. Other areas, such as Newcastle and Kogarah, have been suggested and we are awaiting the advice of members from those and other areas who might like to organise a get-together near home.

We also had a very successful luncheon at the Anzac Memorial Club at Cammeray where a number of us meet for lunch each Thursday. Out of town visitors are most welcome to join us at any time.

The Executive Committee, as usual, again worked very hard on your behalf during the year and I thank them all most sincerely for their co-operation, assistance and support. Each and every one of them are always ready and willing to perform any task asked of them.

I am going to call upon the Chairperson of the other Committees to give you a brief report on their activities later but I would firstly like you to know who is on each Committee and say a few words myself about them.

Fred Kaad, until his departure, assisted me in the capacity of Deputy President and carried out the task of Editor of Una Voce and Chairperson of the Editorial Committee in his own inimitable way ably assisted by Bob Pulsford, Bill Kelly and last, but certainly not least, Elma Holmes. The results of their efforts are clearly evident in Una Voce. A special mention for Elma who is responsible for production of the membership list, its updating and the maintenance of a separate list of mailing labels, organising the printing, mailing and oversighting the folding and labelling assisted by other members of the Executive Committee who are available at the time. Her task should be made a lot easier this year when we have membership and mailing lists on our computer.

Our Caring Committee under the guidance of Pat Jones and with the very able assistance of Roma Bates and Frank Smith has performed a sterling job during the year, assisted by other members of the Committee and members generally when necessary.

The function today, as usual, was organised by our Membership and Social Committee headed by Harry West. He was ably assisted by Jo Nitsche, Pat Hopper, Pam Foley and more recently Christina Downie, who we are very glad to have back with us again after a sojourn with her husband in Botswana, a most interesting experience I believe! Harry and team, congratulations on a job well done.

The Legal and Administrative Committee consisting of Kevin Hain and myself has performed numerous tasks and the results of some of these have appeared in Una Voce.

To our Secretary, Jo Nitsche, and our Assistant Secretary, Pamela Foley, for the efficient and conscientious manner in which they perform their duties I commend them to you.

And last, but not least, the most hardworking member of our Executive Committee on a continuous basis, is our very able Treasurer, Bill Johnston, who performs his duties very efficiently and most effectively. Our very sincere thanks, Bill, for your efforts on behalf of the Association.

I am afraid that Bill was not the last, because I almost forgot a very important person, the one who audits our books and ensures that we do not depart from the straight and narrow, that is our very capable Auditor, Len Bailey. Thank you, Len, for a job well done.

It is probably appropriate to say something about the Association's finances at this stage but other than to report that even though we have managed to balance the books this year some adjustments are urgently required to cater for our future operations. I will, therefore, deal with these in some detail under the appropriate agenda item.

My very best wishes to the incoming Committee for a most successful term of office.

Doug Parrish
President

Treasurer's Report:

Mr Johnston presented the Treasurer's Report, which was duly adopted.

Motion proposed Mr Johnston, seconded Mr West. Carried.

Committee Reports:Caring Committee:

Mrs Jones presented a written report detailing the letters, phone calls, greeting cards etc which had been attended to during the year.

Membership and Social Committee:

Mr West advised of arrangements made for the luncheon, and that although the food was Chinese, alternate arrangements could be made for anyone who could not eat Chinese food provided adequate prior notice was given. Also, that it was considered by members of his Committee that two luncheons in Sydney and two visits to the mountains were sufficient social activities during the year.

Editorial Committee:

Mr Parrish advised that he had continued to act as Editor of the Newsletter, and invited expressions of interest from any Member.

Life Membership and Annual Subscriptions:

The President spoke to Agenda Items 8, 9 and 10 and the proposals by the Committee in each case -

" I do not know when Life Membership was introduced, but it was provided for in the Constitution when I joined the Association in 1972. It provided for persons, who were eligible to join the Association and persons who were already members, to purchase Life Membership for a sum equal to ten (10) times the value of the annual membership subscription current at the time they elected to become a Life Member.

From 1972-75	Annual Subscription was	\$2.00
From 1976-86	"	" \$4.00
From 1987-89	"	" \$5.00

Irrespective to the foregoing, however, members were only charged \$20.00 for Life Membership until the end of 1980, when it was raised to \$40.00, i.e. 10 times the then Annual Subscription which was \$4.00. It should have, in reality, been \$40.00 from 1976.

Subsequently, only 30 members paid \$40.00 for Life Membership up until the time that it was terminated at the end of 1984.

With respect to all those members who took out Life Membership prior to 1981, if we assess the value of their membership by calculating it on an annual basis, they received their membership at a very greatly discounted rate, the following are a couple of examples:

- (1) A person who became a Life Member in 1972 if he/she had paid an annual subscription he/she would have paid -

1972-1975	4 years @ \$2.00 =	\$8.00
1976-1986	11 years @ \$4.00 =	\$44.00
1987-1989	3 years @ \$5.00 =	<u>\$15.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$67.00</u>

- (2) A person who became a Life Member in 1980 if they had paid an annual subscription would have paid -

1980-1986	7 years @ \$4.00 =	\$28.00
1987-1989	3 years @ \$5.00 =	<u>\$15.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$43.00</u>

As a consequence, all those persons who became Life Members for the sum of \$20.00 have, in effect, been subsidised in recent years by those members who continued to pay annual subscriptions.

Only those members who paid \$40.00 for their Life Membership would still have a credit if their membership was calculated on an annual basis.

This had become readily apparent to your Committee in 1984 who decided that Life Membership was no longer a viable proposition and did not accept any more applications for Life Membership from the end of that year. This action by your Committee was ratified at the AGM in April, 1985.

Most other organisations, similar to our own, suspended Life Membership about the same time, including the Gold Coast Papua New Guinea Association. All of them for the same reasons, two of the main ones being, that at the time of the introduction of Life Membership, adequate provision was not made for the levels of inflation we have experienced over the past 20 years and also the longevity of the members concerned.

Many of our Life Members have realised this over the years and have been most generous with their donations to our Association. Without these donations we would not have balanced the budget in recent years.

In addition, your Association's financial situation has been further aggravated by the fact that we have been required to pay taxation on the interest from our investments. Until recently, this was at the rate of 49 cents in the dollar. The 1986/87 taxation assessment was \$1847 and the Association has just received the assessment for the 1987/88 financial year, which was \$1274.00 plus provisional taxation of \$266.00. As a result our investments have not been keeping pace with inflation.

Your Committee regrets that, because of the foregoing and the following additional reasons, it has become necessary to recommend that in future Life Members should pay annual subscriptions and there should be an increase in the annual subscription from 1 January 1990:

- (a) There has been an increase in printing and distribution costs of "Una Voce" which are currently in excess of \$4.00 per member per year. This leaves very little from the current membership subscription to cover all the administrative and other costs of running your Association;
- (b) Substantial cost-saving facilities, previously available to the Association, have unfortunately now ceased; and
- (c) Many administrative costs incurred, e.g. telephone calls (including STD), photocopying, stationery, postage etc, have been borne by committee members, but these costs must now be at the expense of the Association. It is anticipated that these will be in excess of \$1000.00 per annum, but it will not be possible to correctly budget for these expenses until they have been properly itemised over a 12 month period.

If your Committee's recommendations with respect to Life Membership and Annual Subscriptions are accepted by this Meeting, it is our intention to assess, on an individual basis, the future commitment with respect to subscriptions, of those Life Members who paid \$40.00 and those members who made donations. It is anticipated that these will be considered as subscriptions and subscriptions in advance. Special consideration will be given to elderly Life Members who would now find it financially difficult to commence paying annual subscriptions."

The Treasurer supported Mr Parrish's remarks and quoted figures from earlier financial records.

Sir Horace Niall asked if it would be advisable to write to the Taxation Dept suggesting the Association be classed as a charitable institution.

Mr Keleny reminded the Meeting that in his time as Hon. Treasurer efforts had been made on several occasions to have the Association classed in a more favourable tax position, but without success - the only alternative being to divide the Association into several branches, each handling its own taxation on separate declarations.

Mr Parrish said that despite Mr Keleny's point he felt that Sir Horace's suggestion could be followed up in consultation with SCA. Members agreed.

Mr Parrish continued on Life Membership, saying that although donations, which were much appreciated, did help the shortfall, this should not be the case, as donors were subsidising other members.

Mr Williams said that he supported the suggestion to raise fees and in fact he considered the fees should be \$10.00.

Mr Speer raised several points, including having an outside agency distribute "Una Voce", considering a change of name for the Association, and stated that he opposed abolition of Life Membership, as he thought that elderly people in particular would not wish to pay fees annually.

The President responded, saying that having an outside agency process "Una Voce" would involve a charge which at present is saved as Committee members address, fold and wrap the bulletin on a voluntary basis. In the case of elderly members they would, as he had said earlier, be given special consideration and, in fact, it was currently the policy of the executive not to press members over the age of 80 for fees although the newsletter would still be sent to them.

Mr Littler said that all members looked forward to the contact through "Una Voce", and agreed with the President. Further, he also thought the fees should be raised to \$10.00.

Mr Rudge agreed with the \$10.00 membership fee and also thought that Life Membership should be continued.

RESOLUTIONS

The following proposals by the Committee (as per the Agenda) were then put to the Meeting:

Amendment to the Constitution

That Clause 5(c) be deleted and replaced by the following:

"Clause 5(c) The Committee has power to award Honorary Life Membership to any member who by long and dedicated service has qualified for such an honour. In addition, Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to any member at the Discretion of the Committee under special circumstances."

Moved: Mr Littler that the Constitution be amended accordingly. Seconded: Mr Williams. Carried with Mr Speer and one other dissenting.

Subscriptions

" That those members, who in the past purchased Life Membership, will in future pay the current Annual Subscription, with the exception of those members who purchased their Life Membership at \$40.00 and those members who have made donations to the Association in recent years or paid subscriptions in advance. Each of the latter cases will be considered individually by the Committee on the basis that, all circumstances considered, no member will be financially disadvantaged."

Moved: Mr F. Smith. Seconded Mr R. Pulsford. Carried with Mr Speer and one other dissenting.

" That the Annual Subscription from 1 January 1990 be \$8.00 for all categories of membership."

Moved: Mr H. West. Seconded Sir Horace Niall. Carried unanimously.

The President then asked that any member who felt that the payment of fees caused hardship should contact the Secretary or himself personally and the matter would be considered in the strictest confidence.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

President	Mr Doug Parrish	(02) 467 2966
Deputy President	Mr Harry West	(02) 498 2271
Secretary	Mr Jo Nitsche	(02) 451 2475
Assistant Secretary	Mrs Pamela Foley	(02) 428 2078
Treasurer	Mr Bill Johnston	(02) 529 4974
Editor 'Una Voce'	Mr Doug Parrish	(02) 467 2966
Assistant Editor 'Una Voce'	Mrs Elma Holmes	(02) 958 4996
Honorary Auditor	Mr Len Bailey	
Committee:	Mrs Pat Jones	(02) 969 9093
	Mrs Pat Hopper	(02) 439 5867
	Mrs Chris Downie	(02) 452 1050
	Mr Kevin Hain	(02) 451 8690
	Mr Frank Smith	(02) 80 1767
	Mr Bob Pulsford	(02) 958 1846
	Mrs Roma Bates	(02) 560 2648

Patrons	Sir Horace Niall
	Mr Bill Seale

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

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The membership of the Social & Membership Committee, the Finance Committee, the Legal and Administrative Committee, the Caring Committee and the Editorial Committee have been determined as follows:

Social & Membership Committee	Mr Harry West	
	Mr Jo Nitsche	
	Mrs Pamela Foley	
	Mrs Christina Downie	
	Mrs Pat Hopper	
Finance Committee	Mr Bill Johnston	
Legal & Administrative Committee	Mr Doug Parrish	
	Mr Kevin Hain	
Caring Committee	Mrs Pat Jones	
	Mrs Roma Bates	
	Mr Frank Smith	
	Ms Marie Day	}to be
	Ms Isobel Ireland	}co-opted
	Mrs Bonnie Dun	}as necessary
Editorial Committee	Mr Doug Parrish	
	Mr Bob Pulsford	
	Mrs Elma Holmes	
	Mrs Pat Jones	

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HELP NEEDED.

Calling all kiaps who at some time were stationed at Saidor on the Rai Coast, Madang District!

Have you any photographs of Saidor, Sibog and/or John Gegang (Kikang), former Luluai of Sibog?

This request comes from two German anthropologists, Wolfgang Kempf and Elfriede Hermann, who are at present working in that area. By a coincidence, they met Yali's son at the University in Port Moresby who invited them to come to Sor/Yabalol. This brought them into the area studied by Peter Lawrence in the mid-1950s which resulted in his book "Road Belong Cargo". In consequence, one of the aspects Wolfgang and Elfriede are interested in are the changes that have taken place in the area in the intervening 35 years.

On travelling through the area, they met John Gegang in Sibog who is considered one of the Grand Old Men of the Rai Coast. He is now 75 years old but still very bright and full of energy and very talkative. So Wolfgang and Elfriede decided to write a book on his life and experiences, which of course spans a time of tremendous changes. He has had an extremely interesting life, working for Europeans in his youth and then returning to the village starting all manner of developments and innovations. One of his experiments was to try and find out which of the then competing religions would be the most useful one and so he divided the village - and even some families - between the Catholics and Protestants (they are now all good Catholics - Graged never was a goer!). He also started growing European vegetables which developed into a respectable market garden operation.

It appears that Gegang remembers all the kiaps he worked with, so in turn most probably the kiaps would remember him as he would most probably have consulted them and even required their assistance in the development of his business activities. There may even be some of the 'higher-up' kiaps in Madang who were involved with this.

So, apart from any photos some of you may have, I think it would be most interesting if you could jot down some 'Memoirs' of Gegang and his times at your time. It would add much interest to the story to have a view of him and the times and the general development of the area from the 'other side'.

Please send any photos and 'Memoirs' to Wolfgang Kempf & Elfriede Hermann, Post Office Saidor, Rai Coast, Madang Province, Papua New Guinea, or to me at 15/1 Spains Wharf Road, Neutral Bay, NSW 2089 and I will pass them on.

Please let us hear from you!

Fancy Lawrence.

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PNG TIT-BIT.....

The Post Courier now has a T.V. and Radio Guide liftout running to 12 pages. Three T.V. channels are available in Port Moresby, NQTV, ABC and EMTV. Yes, "Neighbours" is on one of the channels.

**Papua New Guinea —
Australia Schools Competition
1989**

Win a Free Trip to Papua New Guinea

Open to all school children in Australia

Junior Division up to 11 years of age - 1st prize \$100 and book

Middle Division 12 to 15 years of age - 1st prize \$200 and book

Senior Division 16 years of age and over - 1st prize \$300 and book

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*Free Package tour to Papua New Guinea for the best overall entry
winner and an adult companion.*

All entries to be sent to the

Papua New Guinea Consulate-General
GPO Box 4201, Sydney NSW 2001

Questions:

Junior Division

Imagine you are walking through a jungle in Papua New Guinea. Draw pictures of four of the birds or animals you may see. Write something about each of them.

Middle Division

Imagine that you have returned from a trip to Papua New Guinea and that you have been asked by a magazine to write an article for its Travel Section on Papua New Guinea as a travel destination. In 500 to 100 words write an article. Describe at least 3 contrasting places you have been. Include details of the countryside, people, accommodation and transport. (You may illustrate your article if you like.)

Senior Division

In less than 1500 words describe the changing relationship between Papua New Guinea and Australia since Papua New Guinea's Independence in 1975.

Conditions

1. Open to all school children in Australia.
2. Divisional ages are those calculated as of 1 September, 1989.
3. The judges' decision is final.
4. Factors to be considered in judging entries include - creativity, legibility, factual accuracy and up to date material.
5. The competition closes 1 September 1989.

Entry forms may be obtained from the Secretary of our Association or the PNG Consulate-General at the address above.

V A L E

Mr Albert H. BERNARD (7 May 89)

Bert went to PNG as a Senior Technician with Posts and Telegraphs and served in Port Moresby, Wewak and Madang where he was for some 10 years. Is survived by widow, and daughter Elaine.

Mr Richard Blakeney CREAGH

Richard was born at Grafton NSW on 14 March 1938 and was educated at Woodlawn College at Lismore. He went to PNG as a Cadet Patrol Officer in 1959 and served as a CPO, ADO and District Officer in various districts including Milne Bay, Wonenara, Goroka, Mount Hagen, Kagua, Mendi, Saidor and Madang. Richard left PNG from Madang in 1975 and settled at Nambour on the Sunshine Coast. In 1983 he returned to Goroka and was a Factory Manager for Busu Coffee until 1987. In 1987/88 he was General Manager for National Plantations Management Agency in Goroka. In 1989 he took a position with the Department of Aboriginal affairs in Alice Springs but eight days after his arrival there he died. Richard leaves a wife, Barbara, who before her marriage was a Nursing Sister at Goroka, and three daughters, Sara, Victoria and Rebecca.

Mr Ernest Jardine HILL (September 88)

Ernie was born in County Down, Belfast, Northern Ireland on 7 February 1912 and came to Australia in 1947. He went to Madang in 1949 and subsequently joined Government Stores serving in Madang and Mount Hagen. He married in 1971, becoming as he used to say "an instant grandfather to nine grandchildren." He retired soon after and returned with his wife Joan to Australia. Joan and Ernie travelled extensively in their retirement, returning twice to Belfast. Ernie's friends will remember him for his assistance over many years in his Government Stores role, for his sense of humour, and for his unfailing friendship. One of Ernie's legacies is a significant collection of photographic transparencies taken in PNG. These are meticulously catalogued and stored and his friend Laurie Le Fevre is hoping that they will find a way into the collection of one of the universities. Laurie is currently making arrangements for this with Ernie's widow, Joan.

Mr Patrick MOLLISON (8 April 89)

Pat was an ex District Commissioner from PNG where he served for many years in this and other capacities both before and after the 1939-45 war. (More about Pat in the next issue).

Mrs Betty Alison MAYOH (18 March 89)

Betty went to Port Moresby from Western Australia in 1948 as a Dental Technician with the Public Health Department. She later met and married Carl Mayoh who was with DASF. Betty and Carl in 1962 moved to a plantation 'BISI' in the Sangara Soldier Settlement Scheme at Popondetta, where Carl became a prominent planter in the area. They left PNG in 1982 and settled on a property 'BISI TOO' at Gympie Q. where they resided until recently. Betty is survived by her husband Carl, daughters Rhonda and Claire and son Peter. Carl has recently bought a house at Hemmant in Brisbane and is in the process of moving from Gympie.

V A L E

Mrs Hilma Violet CONDON (5 April 89)

Hilma, who was born in 1915, went to Madang in mid-fifties and worked there in Government Stores until retirement to Brisbane in the early seventies. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mrs Lyle Hooper of Mooloolaba, Q.

Mr Norman T. CASEY (21 January 89)

Radio technician in Rabaul, Madang and Mount Hagen in the 50s and early 60s. Retired from PNG late 60s and settled at Margate in Queensland.

Mrs Doreen HOGG (nee RYAN) (26 January 89)

Doreen developed the system of pre-schools throughout PNG during the many years she worked for the Public Health Department. During retirement she lived for a time in both Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Stanley J. PEARSALL (28 May 89)

Stan was Assistant Secretary Department of the Administrator in PNG prior to his retirement, and passed away after a long illness. Survived by widow Anne, son Christopher and daughter Deidre.

Mr Leonard K. RAHALEY (24 December 88)

Joined Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary in 1947 and was posted to Lae. Subsequently served in Rabaul, Manus, Port Moresby, and retired to W.A. in 1965. Served as a Traffic Inspector for a number of years in Greenbushes and then Kalamunda where he lived. Survived by widow May, sons Clive and Barry and daughter Susann.

Michael PENDRIGH died recently in PNG. (More details next issue).

James FENWICK (8 February 89)

Killed in a road accident at Madang. (More details next issue).

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

The following is a quote from a letter recently received from Graham TAYLOR, an ex-Kiap now residing in Adelaide:

"I was greatly saddened to hear of the death (ie in the March issue) of Father Ray Quirk. I was the ADO at Vanimo for a while - I think I was the last one before the Army (PIR) moved in (A. C. Jefferies was before me) - and during my time in Vanimo Fr. Quirk was the missionary/priest in charge of the Vanimo Catholic Mission. We were the only two white persons along that North-Western coast from Aitape to the border so we enjoyed each other's company very much indeed. I think at times we kept each other sane! Later on, I left on home leave and thence to ASOPA, while Fr Ray got himself tangled up with the PIR and became the Army Chaplain at Port Moresby. His passing, inevitable though it was, is a great shame. I am sure he will be missed by all of us who knew him well. He was a marvellous man!"

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

MR T. O'CONNOR 20 Lorimer Street, BATHURST NSW 2795
 MRS E. WASWHINGTON 31/15 Spit Road, SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088
 MRS B. BURNS 15 Yuruga Avenue, CARINGBAH NSW 2229
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 MRS E. CHAMPION 41/32 Bauer Street, SOUTHPORT QLD 4215
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 MRS P.D. FOLEY 42 Fox Street, LANE COVE NSW 2066
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 CALOUNDRA QLD 4551 (as from 20/6/89)

CORRECTIONS:

The following corrections should be made to the list of members published in the March issue:

MRS M.E. BOWMAN (not Miss) 14 Caprice Court, MERMAID WATERS QLD 4218
 MRS C. KELLY (not Miss) 30A Sellwood Street, BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS NSW 2216
 MRS E.I. REILLY 39 (not 29) Arcadia Drive, MERMAID WATERS QLD 4218
 DR J.B. MADDEN (not MR) 11 Rialanna Street, KENMORE QLD 4069
 MR J.E. MCCONKEY (not McKonkey) 21 Cometrowe Street, DRUMMOYNE NSW 2047
 MR L. WILSON 4 Narelle Close, Yorkeys Knob, CAIRNS QLD 4878
 PROF. B.G. BURTON-BRADLEY (not MR) PORT MORESBY PNG
 MR L.E. CLOUT 3/47 Josling (not Jocelyn Street), TOOWONG QLD 4066
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 omitted)

PNG TIT-BITS.....STUDENT AID

Australia is providing at least 200 places for Papua New Guinea students to study in Australia. Of these at least 81 will attend university courses, more than 90 will attend short courses or attachments and 25 will attend secondary schools. Altogether the training program will cost more than K3.5m.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

The Prime Minister Mr Rabbie Namaliu paid his first visit to Australia as Prime Minister from 23 to 27 May. Mr Namaliu visited Canberra and Sydney. While in Canberra Mr Namaliu signed the Papua New Guinea/Australia Development Cooperation Treaty and a Double Taxation Agreement between Australia and Papua New Guinea. Under the Development Co-operation Treaty Australia guarantees Papua New Guinea \$A1,500m in aid over the next five years. This money represents \$A1,360m in unconditional budget support and \$A140m in project aid. This aid package will begin on 1 July this year. Further details of the aid money are:- \$A275m in budget assistance for each of the first four years, dropping to \$A260m in 1993-1994. Project aid for 1989-90 will total \$20m, rising to \$25m in the following year, then \$30m in each of the following two years and \$35m in the final year.

AIR NIUGINI

Air Niugini made its third consecutive profit in 1987. The country's flag carrier made an after-tax profit of K3.5m. This amount is slightly less than its 1986 performance. The total revenue for the year amounted to K83.9m. The bulk of this money came from carrying 574,934 passengers and excess baggage charges. The Prime Minister Rabbie Namaliu has also announced that Cabinet has approved the purchase of another Fokker 28 aircraft by Air Niugini. The Prime Minister said that approval had been given because the present fleet of six F28 aircraft was inadequate to meet the increased domestic demands.

KIMBE WHARF

An K8m redevelopment work on West New Britain's Kimbe wharf is nearing completion. The new wharf is now a 116.56 metre container port. The wharf will be able to cater for more than the 80 ships a month which presently use the wharf. The new wharf will save the palm oil producers K70,000 per year in trans-shipment costs.

TALAIR

The country's major third level airline operator, Talair, will have its second Dash 8 aircraft in operation in July of this year. The airline's network now serves 193 airports with over 600 scheduled flights a week.

NEW HYDRO SCHEME

Popondetta, in Northern Province, is to have a hydro-electricity scheme to supply its power. Construction of the K11m project is expected to begin at the end of this year or early in 1990. The three megawatt Divune project will harness the Luwini Creek which is about 10 kilometres from Kokoda government station. K8m was being sought from the Asian Development Bank for the project, with the remaining balance being raised internally by Elcom. Popondetta currently relies on power from diesel generators.

OK TEDI

The gold and copper mine, Ok Tedi, recorded a profit of K20.7m for 1988. Sales revenue was K331.5m. Production in 1988 at the mine was 196,360 tonnes of concentrate, containing 52,677 tonnes of copper and 381,365 ounces of gold. Another 198,768 ounces of gold bullion were produced.

PORGERA

On 12 March the Papua New Guinea Government signed an agreement giving the go-ahead for the development of the Porgera mine. The agreement was signed between the national government, the Enga provincial government and the Porgera landowners. The Governor General and Prime Minister signed an agreement with the joint venture partners (MIM Holdings Ltd., Renison Goldfields Consolidated Ltd., and Placer [PNG] Pty Ltd) on behalf of the State. The State will exercise its option and pay for and take up the full 10% equity in the project. The State will have 10%, Mount Isa Mines or Highlands Gold 30% and Renison Gold 30%.

The rich Porgera gold deposit in the Enga Province is substantially richer than initially thought. The deposit is now believed to contain 12 million ounces of gold, a significant 3 million ounces more than the original estimate. The Prime Minister Mr Rabbie Namaliu said that preliminary estimates suggest that the Government could receive a total of K7m in additional revenue a year during the 20 years of the mine's life. The Prime Minister said that the likely revenue increases for the Provincial Government could reach K2m, with landowners likely to increase their share to K125,000.

The proposed production program announced before the reserves were upgraded was for a 19 year mine life, with output averaging 800,000 ounces a year for the first 6 years. Production at the mine is expected by mid-1990. About K1b will be spent on building the mine over the next fifteen months.

MISIMA GOLD

Placer Pacific Ltd has poured the first gold at Misima in the Milne Bay Province on 11 March. The mine, commissioned in March, will produce about 400,000 ounces of gold and 2,600,000 ounces of silver in its first year of operation and about 210,000 ounces of gold in subsequent years.

OIL PRODUCTION

Oil Search Ltd will begin producing the country's first commercial gas in 1991 and oil in 1992. Oil Search has a 10.017% interest in the Iagifu-Hedinia oil field (PPL 100) and just over 6% and 5% in the Juha (PPL101) and Hides (PPL27) gas/condensate fields respectively. It also has a 5% interest in the Pandora gas field off-shore in the Papuan Gulf.

The Iagifu-Hedinia reserve is estimated to contain more than 100m barrels of recoverable oil. The company has already negotiated to sell the gas from the Hides gas field to the Porgera gold mine.

LOG EXPORTS

The Government has begun making moves to protect the country's forest resources from foreign exploitation, while at the same time encouraging local processing of timber. By June of this year a total of ten high quality species of wood will have been banned from export in log form. Already the species of ebony, teak, balsa and conifer are banned and those species to be added to the list in June are rosewood, pencil cedar, walnut, blackbean and phanconella. Further, by 1991 no more new log export permits will be issued and exporters will be charged higher fees.

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Papua New Guinea's Forest Research Institute in Lae has been opened. The K14m Institute will enable the centralising and co-ordination of all aspects of forestry research under one roof.

CHINESE TIMBER PROJECT

A Chinese timber company, Shisei Enterprises, has been awarded the approval to develop the Vailala block one timber project in the Gulf Province. In announcing the agreement between Shisei Enterprises and the Government the Prime Minister Rabbie Namaliu said that this would be China's first major involvement in the timber industry and the Prime Minister looked forward to concluding an agreement on the project quickly. The Vailala extension located at Ihu District has a total area of 99,016 hectares with total forest resource of an estimated 1.8 cubic metres of sawn logs.

ARAWA TIMBER

Cakara Alam (PNG) Pty Ltd has been given rights to develop the 196,000 hectare Timber Rights Purchase area of the Arawa timber tract in West New Britain.

NEW ECONOMIC BODY

Leading economists and prominent citizens have formed an Economic Society of Papua New Guinea, marking a milestone in the country's economic history. A spokesperson for the society said that the society would promote research in economics and encourage training and studies for national economists. The society would also work closely with related organisations such as the Institute of National Affairs. The council of the society has 20 members of whom 60% are nationals. The society plans to hold a conference on economic structure and performance in the South Pacific in 1990 and to publish a journal to be known as the Pacific Economic Review.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Cabinet has agreed for the establishment of a Stock Exchange in Papua New Guinea. A committee comprising senior Government and private finance officials will be set up to work out details of the proposal and a timetable for its implementation. The committee will report back to Cabinet in July.

ANOTHER POTENTIAL OILFIELD

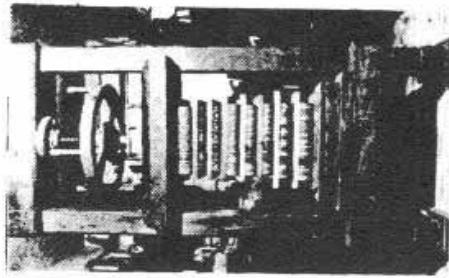
Another potential oilfield has been discovered in the Southern Highlands. Oil is flowing from the Agogo Number 1 exploratory hole, about 15 kilometres north west of the Iagifu field. Agogo 1x flowed under test at a rate of 3,750 barrels of light black oil per day. The oil was found not in the Toro sandstone structure as at Iagifu, but in deeper sands below 8,000 feet. Two weeks before this flow Oil Search Limited announced that Agogo 1x had flowed gas in moderately large volumes as it passed through Toro below 4,000 feet.

ECONOMIC REPORT

The Governor of the Bank of Papua New Guinea has released the Bank's December 1988 Quarterly Economic Bulletin. The Governor said that despite a balance of payment deficit of K51m for the year, the country's balance of payment position remained stable and sustainable over the medium term. The main reasons given by the Governor for the deficit were - lower than anticipated mineral exports, a decline in the value of non mineral exports and a shortfall in the drawdown of concessional loan finance by the Government. The Report indicates that private sector employment excluding that of the mining industry, grew by 2.9% compared with 2.3% for 1987. During 1988 the inflation rate was 5.4% while the quarterly CPI for December 1988 increased by 7.4% compared to the corresponding period in the previous year.

PAY INCREASES

The Government's workforce received a pay increase of 5% on March 23. The increase was backdated to 1 January and resulted from a 5% increase in the CPI. Just over 45,000 Government employees received the pay increase.



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