



# Una Voce News Letter

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Dear Member,

I again remind you that our Association's Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday 3 December 1989 at the Mandarin Club. Last years Christmas Luncheon at this venue was an outstanding success with over 160 members in attendance. Let's make it an even better event this year and we have arranged to remain in the Club to a slighter later hour. Full details will be included in the next issue of Una Voce. Start getting your parties together now!

## VISIT TO BLUE MOUNTAINS

Another visit has been arranged for Monday 9 October for members and friends. Lunch will be at our usual venue, the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls, where an excellent meal can be obtained for a reasonable price and accommodation is available for any who wish to stay overnight. It will be blossom time which is a very pleasant time of the year in the mountains.

Whether you're coming by car or train (at the reduced fare of \$2 return for us oldies!), would intending participants please contact me (Doug Parrish) on 02.416.8966. Mountain residents who will be joining us should contact Ken Gorringer on 047.57.1488.

## COMMISSIONER FOR SUPERANNUATION

Superannuants living outside Canberra are reminded that they may now contact the Office of the Commissioner for Superannuation on the toll free number 008.020080. The cost is the same as for a local call.

If you make use of this service, first state that you are in a Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme, give your name and phone number, your file reference number (if you know it) and give brief details of what your query is about. This will be relayed to the PNG Section where your file will be obtained and someone will phone you back.

## MEMBERSHIP

This year we have gained an increasing number of new members who are not superannuants. These have been most welcome and we would like to see a lot more. However, I am still receiving queries about eligibility to join.

Associate Membership is open to any person who has been a resident of Papua New Guinea for a total of twelve months or more and expresses an interest in the objects of the Association. Associate Members have full voting rights on all matters excepting those affecting superannuants or superannuation. They are also entitled to representation on our Executive Committee in numbers proportionate to their membership of the Association.

The large number of current Associate Members come from all walks of life, businessmen, bank officials, planters, miners, Commonwealth Public Servants, merchant seamen, missionaries, religious etc.

We have found that most people, who have spent any reasonable period in PNG, have an unusual and uncanny affinity with each other, irrespective of their walks in life. Our quarterly newsletter, Una Voce, is a great way of keeping in touch with each other and the Association publishes in its March issue each year a complete list of all members with their current addresses. Any changes of address during the remainder of the year are recorded in other issues of the newsletter.

Therefore, I ask members to please assure all ex residents of PNG that they are all eligible for membership of our Association provided they have been a resident of PNG for a total period of twelve months or more.

#### TAXATION MATTERS

The following is an extract from the SCOA Bulletin, August 1989.

**New Tax Rates:** The reduced income tax rates for individuals, which took effect from 1 July 1989, were set out in the June 1989 Una Voce. In addition to the reduction in rates, the rebates for dependants have been increased and will be increased annually in future according to movements in the consumer price index. The rebate for a spouse or daughter-housekeeper (with no dependent child or student) has been increased from \$830 to \$1000, subject to reduction by \$1 for every \$4 by which the dependant's net income exceeds \$282.

**Medicare Levy:** The levy remains at 1.25%, however, many in their retirement years, when medical treatment is likely to become increasingly necessary, may find themselves further out of pocket. The Government proposes to achieve substantial expenditure savings by a restructuring of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and also the pathological service schedule. Details of the proposals have yet to be announced.

**Penalty Taxes:** Under the self assessment system, taxpayers bear the responsibility of lodging correct returns. Should the Taxation Office later find it necessary to issue amended assessments to increase the tax payable, additional taxes will be imposed by way of penalty. On 15 February last, the Taxation Office issued Ruling IT2517 relating to penalties. Additional taxes will comprise two components, firstly, an interest equivalent component at the rate of 14.026% per annum and, secondly, a culpability component. In regard to the latter, the ruling provides a table of the additional tax percentages which will be added according to varying degrees of culpability. These range from 5% in the case of inadvertent error to 45% for deliberate evasion. The scale of penalties shown in the ruling will still be subject to the exercise of a discretion by Deputy Commissioners and authorised officers to remit additional taxes to the extent which may be warranted by circumstances.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

A number of members have asked me if I would include in an issue of Una Voce some details of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) so here it is. The following are extracts from the Australian Bureau of Statistics publication titled "Consumer Price Index - March Quarter 1989".

### **Brief Description of the CPI.**

The CPI measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by the CPI population group (ie. metropolitan wage and salary earner households). This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eight groups: food; clothing; housing; household equipment and operation; transportation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care; and recreation and education. Pensioners and other social welfare recipients are not included in the CPI population group and the index does not reflect concessional prices paid by these people such as subsidised government dwelling rents, public transport fares and the like.

The capital city indexes measure price movements over time in each city individually. They do not measure differences in retail price levels between cities.

### **Prices.**

Prices of goods and services included in the CPI are generally collected quarterly. However some important items are priced monthly or more frequently (e.g. bread, fresh meat and fish, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol, alcohol and tobacco) and a small number annually (e.g. seasonal clothing, local government rates and charges).

In order to facilitate a more even spread of field collection workload the bulk of the items for which prices are collected quarterly are priced in the first two months of each quarter (ie. July/August, October/November, January/February, April/May). With a few exceptions items priced in the third month are those subject to price changes at discrete points of time (e.g. electricity and postal charges, milk); in these cases information about any changes in price during the quarter is obtained so that an average price for the whole quarter can be calculated.

### **Weighting Pattern.**

There are 107 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the eleventh series CPI and each expenditure class has its own weight, or measure of relative importance. In calculating the index, price changes for the various expenditure classes are combined using these weights.

Changes in the weighting pattern have been made at approximately five-yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns and the last revision was in March, 1987. The CPI now comprises eleven series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series.

### **Analysis of CPI Changes.**

Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in 'index points' or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating index points changes and percentage changes between any two periods:

## All Groups CPI: Weighted average of eight capital cities

## Index numbers:

December quarter 1988:	186.2
less: September quarter 1988:	182.4
Change in index points:	+3.8

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+3.8}{182.4} \times 100 = +2.1\%$$

Percentage changes are calculated to illustrate 3 different kinds of movements in index numbers:

- .movements between consecutive financial years (where the index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the quarterly index numbers),
- .movements between corresponding quarters of consecutive years, and
- .movements between consecutive quarters.

## MAIN FEATURES

	Change between	
	Dec. qtr 1988 and Mar. qtr 1989	Mar. qtr 1988 and Mar. qtr 1989
Weighted Average eight capital cities	%	%
Food	+1.5	+9.4
Clothing	-0.1	+7.3
Housing	-1.0	+11.6
Household Equip. & operation	+0.7	+5.6
Transportation	+1.0	+2.7
Tobacco & alcohol	+2.0	+5.2
Health & personal care	+5.3	+8.5
Recreation & education	+0.8	+5.1
All groups	+1.0	+6.8

Main price changes Between December quarter 1988 and March quarter 1989 were as follows:

**FOOD: +1.5%**

Prices of milk and cream increased in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. Beef, veal and fish prices rose in all cities.

Prices of fresh fruit fell in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra and increased in other cities. Prices of take away foods increased in all cities.

**CLOTHING: -0.1%****HOUSING: -1.0**

The movement in the Housing group index was affected by the change in treatment of mortgage interest charges. Rents of privately-owned dwellings increased in all cities except Darwin where they fell slightly.

**HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & OPERATION: +0.7%**

Furniture prices and the prices of household paper products increased in all cities except Brisbane. Charges for telephone services fell in all cities. Consumer credit charges increased in all cities.

**TRANSPORTATION: +1.0%**

Motor vehicle prices increased in all cities. Vehicle insurance costs increased in all cities except Hobart and Darwin where they fell. Motor vehicle servicing and repair costs increased in all cities except Perth.

**TOBACCO & ALCOHOL: +2.0%**

Beer, cigarette and tobacco prices increased in all cities.

**HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE: +5.3%**

Net medical expenses increased in all cities. The cost of prescription medicines increased in all cities. etc., etc.



### HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

Received a letter from Keith DYER of Victoria Point Q. who wrote: "On a personal note it will be 9 years since Gwen and I returned to Australia. I got rather over involved with a number of local community affairs but during the last year or so have wound down and life has been much easier. The family are wide spread - son John and family are on transfer from Winmallee (Blue Mountains) to Adelaide - John is with the RAAF and his work transfer is from Kingswood to Edinburgh. The other three children - all married - all live in Darwin. Probably found it hard to give up the Territory lifestyle!"

With respect to reduced fares in Queensland for Senior Citizens, similar to that prevailing in N.S.W., Keith has the following comment: "...there was also in my view considerable support for the concept. All I can say is that I do not expect results next week or next month but the issue is far from dead and I intend following up with the contacts made with hopefully some better news in the future." Good on you Keith! What about all you Queenslanders getting on to your local State Members and keeping on their backs until something is done. Contact Keith if you want some guidelines on what to do.

Bill ARMSTRONG has not been well so all his friends please give him a call as it is really wonderful what such a call will achieve.

David CHENOWITH wrote from Spain where they are now sojourning and expect to stay there for a while as David has some commitments in London part-time. Nice hearing from you David please keep in touch in future.

Bob MANSFIELD, son of Lionel and Marje Mansfield ex Kokopo, previously Managing Director of McDonald's Family Restaurants, is now Managing Director of Wormalds. On 1 July he also became a Director of Amber Holdings, the Chatswood based tile, slate and natural stone suppliers. Congratulations Bob and best wishes.

Jean McCARTHY wrote to us recently from Mt Eliza Vic. and many members will remember her both pre and post war from the many Districts and finally Port Moresby where Jean and her late husband, Keith, were stationed. Keith, prior to his retirement, was the Director of the PNG Department of District Services and Native Affairs. Jean reported "I accompanied Brigadier Ralph Aldridge to the funeral service for the late Father Quirk in the Chapel of the Franciscan College at Box Hill Victoria followed by the burial in the College grounds. Father Quirk went to see my late husband Keith the morning of the day (29/10/76) Keith died at 6.30 pm in the Frankston Hospital. Father Quirk was a very fine man for whom I had a very high esteem." It is good to hear from old friends Jean, please keep in touch and all your Sydneysider friends send their regards and best wishes.

Val CRELLIN would like to pass on her appreciation to all those members of the Association who attended her late husband Bill's funeral. We're thinking of you Val!

Candy PARRISH writes "May I suggest, from many enquiries, that the Newsletter might have a paragraph headed "Computer Interests and Enquiries from Members". We may be getting on in years but some members are moving with the times. I am not one of them but I do eavesdrop on some of the phone calls from members -merely a suggestion." Editor: I wonder to whom she refers!

Don GROVE wrote recently from Mont Albert Victoria and the following paragraph from his letter will bring all their friends up to date with their recent

activities: "Marion and I are both well and enjoying retirement immensely. We've just returned from a 10 weeks visit to England and Ireland and whilst over there were able to see a lot of our youngest daughter Lorraine. She's an engineer and is doing a year's work in the Liverpool area for the North West Water Authority. Our four kids are all out in the world - home is very peaceful." Best wishes from all your friends here in Sydney and we hope we might see you soon.

Pat WINKLE recently joined the Association and many of you will remember her from Rabaul where her late husband Fred was Magistrate. A big welcome Pat and I hope that through us you will be able to renew a lot of old relationships.

Bill and Lois TEBB of Terrigal NSW have two very talented children who deserve special mention. Son Nigel up until last month was Junior Captain of the Avoca Surf Life Saving Club on the Central Coast of NSW. He left the Junior ranks after an exceptionally successful year of competition. In the 1988/89 season he won 8 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals in surf life saving events, his main forte being the sea rescue board but he is also a budding ski champion. Nigel's first ever gold was at the Royal Carnival at Terrigal in 1988 before the Prince and Princess of Wales. 6 of his gold medals he won in one day at the Surf Life Saving Branch Titles, but his greatest effort was when he won the Australian National Under 18 Rescue Board Surf Life Saving Championship at Burleigh Heads. He apparently overcame atrocious conditions there to win the NSW Central Coast's only Gold Medal at the Championships. The conditions at Burleigh were described by the "Central Coast Express" surfwriter Col Barker as "the worst I have ever seen..... Tebb turned in a brilliant performance and defeated a star studded field to win the Under 18 Malibu Board." Nigel is a student at Terrigal High and this year was Senior Boys Swimming Champion, he also hopes to obtain the Higher School Certificate later in the year. I understand that 'Nutragrain' have their eye on Nigel and he has also been selected in the NSW and Australian touring teams competing in the 1990 World Titles in West Germany.

The other talented member of the Tebb family is daughter Ingrid who is attending the Sydney College of Arts at Sydney University of Technology, where she is enrolled in the first year of an Arts Degree majoring in Ceramics. At recent half-year exams she received 4 Credits and a Distinction for her work. Ingrid lives with her parents at Terrigal and gets up at 5 am every week day morning to catch the 7 am train to Sydney.

Two great young people and as you can imagine the Tebb's very proud parents!

John HULL from Margate Q. is off on a trip around Australia with car and caravan and does not expect to be back until March 90. Have a great trip John and how about dropping us a line on the way?

Maud SINCLAIR wrote to us recently and her letter in no uncertain manner tells the story of the great courage and the indomitable will of a lady very well advanced in years. I take the liberty of quoting most of it, which is written in her own hand, a tiny bit wobbly but certainly most legible: "It will be a year on the 8th since I had the fall and fractured four lumbar vertebrae, in and out of hospital and then on May 25th I had a stroke, unfortunately on my right side, which means no speech or writing. I luckily had a very good speech therapist who gave me half hour lessons in am and pm. Learning to write was like starting school, learning to hold a pen and writing lines and lines of the letters of the alphabet. Sheer determination got me back so far. Writing not so good nor is speech but I still do my daily drill. Commonwealth Government insisted on a nursing home and I came here on July

6th. Out in the sticks miles away from the unit, five miles from Redcliffe. Luckily I have a room to myself. I could well afford to be in my unit with a companion housekeeper but they would not hear of it. When one is old and without family they take over. Its new and quite nice when the gardens grow."

Maud is the widow of the late Dr. Bruce Sinclair, who was a government medical officer in PNG both pre and post war. Our very sincere congratulations to you Maud, keep up the battle!

Gerry TOOGOOD wrote to us recently from Adelaide and the following is a quote from his letter: ".....spend five or six months of the year travelling overseas and while here playing golf, bowls and tennis. The children are happily married - Ian senior medico at the Children's Hospital, Graeme breeds horses on a property 40 miles from Adelaide and Ann lives in Scotland. Together with business interests in various parts of the world, Ann is largely my reason for spending time overseas. Not many ex PNG associates here in Adelaide, I see Roy and Joy Scragg from time to time and a few of the lads on Anzac Day, otherwise not much contact with the old days." Our best wishes Gerry, keep in touch.

Jean PARLE dropped us a line from Victoria and her letter clearly indicated that she is still the very alert, with it person people knew in PNG for many years. I think it is worthwhile mentioning that early this year Jean joined that growing band of our members who have reached their 80's. All the very best Jean, do keep in touch.

Which reminds me that this month one of our Patrons, Bill SEALE, turns 80. Hearty congratulations and best wishes Bill from the Committee and all the members of the Association.

Another one is our very popular and charming Roma BATES who also makes the grade this month. Roma has been a member of our Executive Committee now for some years and is also a very active member of our Caring Committee. She is currently overseas and we sincerely hope that she is still receiving her copies of Una Voce. Congratulations and our very best wishes Roma, we do wish you were here so that we could help you celebrate!

Don HERBORN recently returned from a 9 week tour of America and Canada with a 2 weeks stay with friends in Washington D.C. He covered some 16,000 land miles in the course of the tour and comments: "Despite our economic and political problems here in Australia, I feel we are in better shape than either of those two countries, particularly we superannuants."

Phyl COX from Wagga NSW is planning a visit to America to attend a conference in Kansas City for a week, after which she will tour for three weeks, East Coast then back to Los Angeles for a couple of days, 3 days in Honolulu and then back to base. Have a great trip Phyl and when you return lets know about the trip!

John WILLIAMS of Port Macquarie recently did a trip to Rockhampton and on the way back called in briefly to see the Littlers at Palmwoods near Nambour Q.

Jess ROSS is now at the beautiful Gowrie Village on Sydney's North Shore. Jess is the last remaining member of Captain Jimmy Duncan's family. Captain Duncan and his wife Joan lived at Kokopo near Rabaul where they settled in 1916 and many of our members will remember them. Many will also remember Jess who trained as a nurse in Sydney and prewar lived with her parents for some time at Kokopo. She often relieved at Namanula Hospital and did some private nursing in Rabaul. In 1942 she married Les Ross who was a pilot, first with



Ray Parer and later with Guinea Airways. Jess then lived at Wau and later Lae. Her husband Les died in England in 1961. Many members would remember Jess' two brothers, Bill and Norman Duncan, both now deceased.

Jess is looking forward to seeing some old friends and was recently speaking to Margaret Whittle, Norm and Eileen Wilde's daughter, who told her that Eileen may be visiting Sydney early September for her grand-daughter's wedding. Great hearing from you Jess, hope you will keep in touch.

Jeff MASON, ex Madang, Port Moresby and now at Pt. Vernon Q., took us to task for the incorrect spelling of Nugudu Point in the June issue. I take the blame Jeff and as you say I should know better! It must have been my bad writing and I did not pick it up when proof reading. Jeff advises that he and his wife Ailsa (ex Crown Law) are both in reasonable health, he plays a fair amount of bowls plus some fishing and they are both tied up with the activities of various clubs.

Ray CARLAW, ex PNG Public Health Department from 1948 to 1966, wrote to tell us that he and his wife Florence are currently in Jakarta, Indonesia, where they occasionally meet people from PNG. They expect to retire to Canberra in 1991 and enjoy our annual meetings. Best wishes to you both and we will look forward to seeing you in 1991.

Dr. Leslie TOPHAM, whom many will remember as the Eye Specialist in Rabaul and later in Port Moresby, is now in York, England, and sends his best wishes to all old friends and colleagues of PNG. Bob Pulsford, Bill Tebb and Stan Wigley return you good wishes.

Tom McGRAIL, from Albany W.A., offers free accommodation to any "wantoks" visiting that neck of the woods providing they supply their own food. Suggest anyone going that way contact Tom at PO Box 694, Albany, W.A. 6330. Thanks Tom, you live in a very lovely part of Australia.

Our Patron, Sir Horace NIALL, has recently been into hospital for an eye operation. Our very best wishes Horrie for a speedy recovery and we sincerely hope the op was an outstanding success.

Keith LEVY, for many years a resident in the Mt. Hagen area and now residing at Laurieton NSW, has not been very well. Best wishes from all your friends in Sydney Keith, do hope you are feeling a lot better by the time you receive this issue of Una Voce.

Christine DOWNIE, a member of our Executive Committee and well known to many of our members, on 4 September is off to Germany for six weeks with Margaret Buthman, ex Brewo Motors Madang and now at the Tweed NSW. Have a great trip both of you!

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#### P.N.G. TITBIT

Fund raising in earnest has begun for the next South Pacific Games due to be held in Papua New Guinea in 1991. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Tony Siaguru, former public servant, politician and now private lawyer and it has been estimated that it will cost between K10 and K15 million to stage the Games. The National Government has already pledged K3.85 million towards improving facilities and promised further funding. A huge amount of K4 million has been notified for the private sector to raise.



## NEWS FROM AUSTRALIAN & PNG CORRESPONDENTS

We now have correspondents in various places to help us gather news about and of interest to our members. We most certainly also still welcome any member writing to me direct with any news or little snippets of information that they consider might be of interest to other members. We would also appreciate suggestions from members concerning topics that they would like us to write about in the Newsletter.

Currently our correspondents are: W.A., Margaret CLANCY; Canberra, Paul RYAN; Adelaide, Graham TAYLOR; Victoria, Laurie Le FEVRE; Brisbane, Doug Franklin; Bribie Is. Q., Geoff Masters; Nusa Q., Isobel PERT; Darwin, Jim TONER; and Port Moresby PNG, Vin SMITH.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Our Dear Dame Rachel CLELAND had herself a ball at Bali and arrived home from the University Extension tour full of beans, vowing to stay home and get on with her second book. She has, however, been persuaded by son Evan and daughter-in-law Marie to join them and their children in Adelaide and then on to a tour by four wheel drive which will take them in to Lake Eyre to see the water and wild life. We expect her to be away about three weeks. Son Bob and daughter-in-law Julie called in to pay her a visit on their way round the north of Australia on a coach tour.

Old friends of Les and Dulcie JOHNSON were very happy to welcome them to Perth when they visited recently. They had some wonderful reunions with many mates from PNG, including Janine and Keith Mattingly who now live a very busy retired life in Perth.

Another well-known retiree is the popular Jo OWNER, widow of Don Owner. Jo is probably better known to many of us as Jo Keating who was a much loved teacher in PNG for many years.

Frank HEDGES is working hard in his capacity as the Commonwealth Ombudsman in Western Australia and is always very much in touch with visiting Papua New Guineans as well as ex-residents. If we want to know what is happening the only thing to do is ring Frank.

Anthropologist Darcy RYAN who will be remembered as a resident of the suburbs of Mendi in the fifties, has retired from his University post as Professor of Anthropology in Perth and has a fascinating old house in Cottesloe, filled with wonderful books, artefacts and objects d'art from his years of travelling. Darcy is at present overseas again visiting friends but is expected back in September.

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Ninety six men and women who have had links of some kind with Papua New Guinea over the last forty five years enjoyed a pleasant dinner in the Great Hall of University House Canberra on Friday July 7th. Red, Yellow and Black candles in silver candelabra hinted at the PNG connection.

As there is no address list available of former PNG residents living in Canberra, the organisers had to rely on word of mouth to let people know about the function. This arrangement was not perfect and many people may have been overlooked. The Great Hall function, however, attracted double the numbers

that attended a PNG luncheon at the Royal Canberra Golf Club nearly two years ago.

The function provided people with the opportunity to mingle and mix with old friends and contacts who have gone their separate ways in recent years. It was a good night - it started at 7 p.m. and for some continued until 2 a.m. Saturday.

#### NORTHERN TERRITORY

Many of the PNG Mafia live in fear of the unexpected phone call. Well, mild trepidation anyway. You pick up the receiver to find that on the other end is a Blast from the Past. Some notorious personage from the highlands or islands, not seen for years, has just lobbed into town and requires little of you. Merely that you drop everything and proceed immediately to the watering-hole where he is esconced.. Thus it was when Terry Daw, Welfare Officer at Rabaul for nearly twenty years, arrived in Darwin last June.

Terry, retired and not having left Perth for five years, had escaped by caravan northwards into the NT and was to return home via the Nullabor. He was accompanied by Jean who, during her time at the District Office, Rabaul, was secretary to many DOs and DCs including the currently globe-trotting Freddie Kaad and the memorable Jock McLeod.

Another former Nataff visitor to Darwin in July was Norm Wilson, a luminary of the ASOPA course at Middle Head in the early sixties and subsequently at Goroka among other postings. Norm is with Aboriginal Affairs at Canberra and was sent north to set up the departmental exhibit at the Darwin Show. As his aircraft approached the NT capital, mine was taking off to Melbourne, thus effectively adding another twelve months to the life of my liver.

The game, of course, is to put the boot on the other foot and to terrorise the wantoks foolishly settled in the south. A call to Ed Brumby, who began his teaching career at Telefomin in the mid-sixties before moving to Education HQ at Moresby (and some sports writing for the Post-Courier), soon brought him to the Geebung Polo Club. Ed having acquired a brace of degrees, including one of the first awarded by UPNG, is bossing a Media Studies Unit at Victoria College but is off to a Japanese university in September on a three months exchange trip.

At Canberra, the fatal phone call went to Graeme Morgan, onetime kuskus at Kavieng District Office and later Co-ops Officer at several Papuan stations. His wife, the former Heather Torrens, trained for PNG teaching at ASOPA and now has four daughters to educate. Graeme is with the Aboriginal Development Commission but has developed a stomach ulcer. Blackfella bizness = whitefella ulcer. Unless living with five ladies has something to do with it.

#### BRIBIE ISLAND Q.

The PNG-MADANG reunion held at Bribie on 11 June was a huge success..The day was dull, cold and dreary but Jack Parker, ex Steamies slipway, turned up early with a bottle of rum (not Negrita) and that started us off. Tents and canvas flies were erected to keep out the wind and then they started to arrive.

Brian Costello, Air Niugini, was an early arrival but unfortunately had to leave early to meet the PNG plane - Mal and Liz Gray, ex Lands and now back living at Bribie - Vic Tetlow - Mick and Pat Burns ex Comworks came down from

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THE RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

C O N S T I T U T I O N

NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be:

"Retired Officers' Association of Papua New Guinea".

The motto shall be "U N A V O C E"

INTERPRETATION

1A. In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

"Association" means Retired Officers' Association of Papua New Guinea;

"Associate Member" means a person described in Clause 4(a)(2) who has been admitted to membership of the Association;

"Committee" means the Executive Committee referred to in Clause 6(b);

"Former Services" means the previous public services in Papua New Guinea established by or under:

- (i) the Papua Act 1905 and the Public Service Ordinance 1907 (Papua),
- (ii) The New Guinea Act 1920 and the Public Service Ordinance 1922 (New Guinea),
- (iii) The Papua New Guinea Provisional Administration Act 1945, and the Public Service Ordinance 1949, and
- (iv) the Papua New Guinea Act 1949 and the Public Service (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance 1963;

"Member" means a person described in Clause 4(a)(1) who has been admitted to membership of the Association;

"Office Bearers" means the members of the Committee referred to in Clause 6(c);

"Officer" means an officer of one of the former services;

"Retired Officer" means a former officer who has retired from one of the former services and is entitled to a pension consequent upon such retirement;

"Statutory authority" means a body (other than a public company) established by or under a law of Papua New Guinea (including the Police Force).

References herein to Acts are to Acts of the Commonwealth of Australia as amended from time to time.

HEADQUARTERS

2. The Association's headquarters shall be in Sydney, or as the Annual General Meeting decides.

### OBJECTS

3. The objects of the Association shall be:

- (a) to safeguard and foster the retirement conditions of all members, including conditions applicable to widows and dependants;
- (b) to promote friendly association among all former officers;
- (c) to act on behalf of members, their widows and dependants, either collectively or individually, in negotiations with the Commissioner for Superannuation and such other Commonwealth, State or other authorities and organisations whatsoever, in any or all matters affecting the interests of the said members, their widows and dependants;
- (d) to co-operate on all matters of mutual interest with associations representing other pensioners or superannuants (e.g. superannuants of the Commonwealth Public Service) having similar objectives;
- (e) to assist members to establish themselves in Australia and to advise them in social, legal, medical or other problem they may have.

### MEMBERSHIP

4. (a) Membership of the Association shall consist of the following categories:

- 1) Member - a retired officer or widow or dependant of a deceased officer entitled to pension as a result of the officer's service in one of the former services;
  - 2) Associate Member - a former officer (other than a retired officer) of one of the former services, of one of the statutory authorities or of the Australian Staffing Assistance Group constituted by the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act 1973, who terminated his services by processes not conferring pension rights, or a former resident of Papua New Guinea expressing and interest in the objects of the Association.
- (b) A person eligible for membership, under Clause 4(a), shall lodge an application with the Honorary Secretary on the form prescribed, enclosing the necessary fees. Membership shall not become effective until confirmed by Committee.
- (c) A Member or an Associate Member may at any time resign his membership upon notification in writing to the Honorary Secretary. No membership fees are refundable upon resignation. Any such Member or Associate Member resigning shall nevertheless remain liable for and shall pay to the Association all monies which were due to the Association at the time of his resignation. Membership may be revived at any time upon application by the person concerned and upon payment of all arrears of subscriptions existing at the time of resignation.
- (d) Membership shall cease or lapse upon written resignation served on the Honorary Secretary or automatically on non-payment of any subscription which is more than twelve months in arrears.
- (e) Expulsion from membership may be effected upon a three-quarters majority of the votes of members present in person or represented by written



proxy for that purpose, only at a General Meeting, provided that the notice convening such Meeting includes a statement of intention to submit a resolution for such an expulsion. Such a notice shall not be given unless the President is satisfied that the conduct of the Member or Associate Member in question falls within the category of criminal conviction and or gross misbehaviour of a public nature likely to bring the name of the Association into contempt, and then only on written requisition of not less than five members.

- (f) The Secretary shall maintain a register containing the names, addresses and other details of Members and Associate Members as determined by the Committee.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. (a) Subscriptions shall be due on the first of January each calendar year.

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

- (c) Persons joining the Association before the 30th June shall pay the full subscription, while those joining after that date shall pay half the annual subscription.

- (d) Payment of a subscription may be remitted at the discretion of the Committee.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS

6.(a) The management and control of the Association's activities and its funds and property shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall exercise in relation thereto all the powers, rights and objects of the Association.

- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Deputy President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Editor of the Newsletter and five Committeemen. All members of the Committee shall be elected each year by a majority of the members present in person, or represented by written proxy, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

- (c) The Office Bearers shall be the President, Deputy President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

- (d) Five Committee members, of whom one must be either the President or Deputy President, shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Committee and the presiding officer shall have a deliberative and casting vote.

- (e) The Committee shall deal only with such matters as are included in the Agenda of the meeting, of which each Committee member received advance notice.

- (f) The Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary at the request of the President, or in his absence the Deputy President, or at the request of a majority of the Committee Members.
- (g) The Committee shall have authority to fill any vacancy that may occur on the Executive Committee between Annual General Meetings.
- (h) The Committee shall have authority to appoint delegates of the Association in States other than New South Wales.
- (i) The Committee may co-opt additional members to join the Committee, until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (j) Associate Members may be elected to the Committee but must not in numbers exceed 30% of the total strength of the Committee.
- (k) The Committee shall have the power to delegate (subject to such conditions as it thinks fit) any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such members of the Committee and other members of the Association co-opted for that purpose as it may determine and to make such regulations as to the proceedings of such sub-committee as may be considered desirable.

#### FINANCES

- 7.(a) The Honorary Treasurer shall receive and handle all income of the Association and make all payments. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep such records (including cash book, receipts and payments, and membership lists showing details of financial status of members) as may be deemed necessary for the orderly management and recording of the Association's finances.
- (b) The Honorary Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Financial Statement and Accounts, which shall truly reflect the financial position of the Association. The Association's audited Annual Accounts and Financial Statement shall be submitted for confirmation to the Annual General Meeting of each year.
- (c) The Association's accounts shall be audited at least once a year by an Auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting, or in the event of a vacancy occurring, by an Auditor appointed by the Committee. The person so appointed shall not hold any other office in the Association, but may be a member of the Association.
- (d) All offices shall be honorary, and the funds of the Association shall be used only to defray the legitimate expenses of operating the Association.
- (e) The funds of the Association shall be deposited with a recognised bank, building society or other financial institution, as determined by the Committee. All monies received shall be banked. The Office Bearers shall be signatories for withdrawals and cheques. Any two of the Office Bearers shall sign all cheques and withdrawals.

ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING

- 8.(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the thirtieth day of April in each year. A notice convening such Meeting shall be posted to the registered addresses of each member and associate member at least fourteen days previous to the date set down for such a Meeting. Twenty members or associate members, of whom one must be the President or the Deputy President personally present, shall form a quorum at an Annual General Meeting.

SPECIAL GENERAL  
MEETINGS

- 9.(a) A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary on the authority of the President or Deputy President or on the requisition of not less than ten financial members or associate members of the Association. Notice convening such a Meeting shall state the business to be dealt with, and shall be posted to the registered address of each member and associate member at least fourteen days previous to the date set down for such a Meeting. Twenty members or associate members, of whom one must be either the President or Deputy President, personally present, shall form a quorum at General Meetings
- (b) No other business, except that listed in the notice convening that Meeting may be determined at a General Meeting.

VOTING

- 10.(a) Only financial members (as described in Clause 4(a)(1) shall be qualified to exercise a vote at any meeting of the Association.
- (b) An Associate Member shall not be eligible to vote at Annual General or Special General Meetings on any matter affecting superannuation or superannuants but otherwise shall be eligible to vote and submit resolutions.
- (c) Voting at all meetings of members shall be by members present in person or represented by written proxy. Unless otherwise set out herein, all resolutions shall be declared carried if approved by a simple majority.
- (d) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is called for.
- (e) In the event of equality of votes a resolution shall be declared lost.
- (f) A member may appoint a proxy for any meeting. The Chairman of the Meeting or any other member may be appointed as proxy. Such appointment of a proxy must be signed by the member making the appointment and his signature must be witnessed. A proxy shall be valid only for the Meeting specified in the appointment.

PATRONS

- 10A(a) The Association may, at an Annual or Special General Meeting, appoint one or more patrons.

AMENDMENT OR  
REPEAL OF  
CONSTITUTION

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

DISSOLUTION

- 12.(a) The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this Constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Association provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association or to any member of the Association or its members, nor prevent the payment of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Association.
- (b) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other association, institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue of this Constitution. Such association, institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution.

Constitution Approved at Inaugural Meeting, held on 19th March, 1951

Amended: on 31st January, 1952

Amended: on 21st January, 1960

Amended: on 4th February, 1972

Amended: on 20th January, 1980

Amended: on 18th April, 1982

Revised and Amended: on 20th April, 1986

Amended: on 16th April, 1989.



RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I,.....(full name - please print)

of.....(full address & post code)

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.....

hereby apply to join the above Association as a.....  
MEMBER (Superannuant) / ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Non-superannuant)  
(Delete one)

I support and subscribe to the objects of the Association, the promotion  
and protection of superannuation rights, the fostering of friendship and  
good fellowship among all former residents of Papua New Guinea.

ENCLOSED MY CHEQUE / CASH for \$5.00 \*

.....  
(Signature)

DETAILS OF PNG SERVICE:

Year of arrival.....Year of departure.....

Localities in which  
served.....

.....

Last position held.....

Date of birth (Optional).....

RETURN TO HONORARY TREASURER, R.O.A.P.N.G.,  
25 HILLVIEW STREET  
SANS SOUCI NSW 2219.

\* (As from 1 January 1990 the annual subscription will be \$8.00).



Kandanga - Ron Albert, ex Madang Contractors - Jack Goad ex Customs - Allan Cammack ex Dylup Plantation - Jack Baker - Brian Sullivan ex R.T.C. - Maund McKean - Keith Adkin ex C.D.W. - Avi Pitkanen - Bob Alum - Hildergarde and Fritz Doerr - Bev and Owen Cameron - Bob Allen - Bob Brodie - Isobel Pert - Pam and Doug Franklin were among the 100 plus people who enjoyed the fellowship under a large and billowing PNG flag.

Geoff recently did a trip up north to Cape Upstart to escape the cold but he feels that he should have gone to PNG because the weather at the Cape was cold and windy which created a bad chop on the bay and prevented fishing but I guess he had a good rest instead. He has no idea why Capt. Cook gave the Cape such a name but perhaps someone knows the reason and if anyone does would you please let us know.

On the way north at Mackay he called on Lindsay Litchfield, who was Inspector of Police at various PNG stations, at Bowen said Hello to Mary Eisman ex PCB but husband Roy ex Steamships was away fishing and he also saw Garry Parker at Gympie.

More recently Geoff called in to see John SYMONS who would be remembered from the early post war days in Port Moresby. John had only recently opened a Raine and Horne real estate office at Burpengary and was rushed to hospital for an ulcer operation. The office girl advised that he is OK but will be hospitalised for 7 to 8 weeks.

Had a visit from John FALLON recently, John was Works Officer with PWD, he later joined Maunsel Partners and was in charge of the Lae wharf project. Tells me he has been offered the job overseeing the Magi Highway Project from Port Moresby to Milne Bay.

Went up to Perigian Beach to see Rob HOAD who would be remembered for his patrol work in the Southern Highlands and later in the Tapini area. Rob stayed on after independence as an adviser.

Noticed in Courier Mail a funeral notice for Daisy TOWERS. Daisy was the widow of C. A. (Bob) Towers who went to Port Moresby in 1948 as an electrician for DCA. In the 1950s Bob and Geoff became partners in Native Theatres and opened at Hanuabada in an old Sydney Williams building and at Koki. Bob went on to construct the Nita Theatre at Boroko and the Hohola Theatre and also took over numerous other theatres. He was killed in an aircraft accident between Townsville and Cairns some years ago.

#### BRISBANE

Doug also gave us a report on the Bribie get-together and I have combined his and Geoff's versions. (Ed.)

The well known and popular teacher couple Ross and Liz CRILLY, formerly Head Teacher at Korobosea International School and Deputy Head at Murray International School Port Moresby respectively, have settled at Benowa on the Gold Coast. Ross is on the staff of Somerset College, in the Gold Coast Hinterland and Liz is at Surfers Paradise School.

Lois BAKER of Bribie Island keeps very busy in her role as Queensland State Treasurer for Meals on Wheels. She has the added responsibility this year as Queensland is hosting the National Conference for the organisation to be held during this month. Husband Jack reports that he has had a recent meeting with Clive Single, who he describes as "alive and well" in Cairns.

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Vin and Rita SMITH report that they have five children but only two grandchildren from their Squadron Leader son Gregory. Others still single and happy and have all done well. They live in Campbell Fleay's 'old' house at Simpsons Crescent off Lawes Road - termites still abound but the trees are nice - just like a holiday home in the bush!!

Ex D.D.C. Ron Hiatt is Manager for PNG for Placer (Porgera and Misima etc.).  
 Dave MOOREHOUSE (ex DO-DDC) consultant to mining companies.  
 Mal LANG field consultant to oil and mining companies.  
 Fred HAYNES PNG Manager of Kennecott (now BP Minerals).  
 Noel WALTERS (ex DO) Land/Liasion Officer to Porgera Joint Venture.  
 Graeme HOGG (ex DO-DDC also Dept of Labour) Executive Officer to PNG Employers' Federation (hot seat Hoggie!).

Vin comments: "that there are still quite a few expat faces left but some of us are more wizened than others (wrinkled that is!)".

VICTORIA

The PNG-Australia Association this month is holding a Ball and from the number of advanced bookings it looks like being a great success. Air Niugini, with its usual generosity, is offering as part of its sponsorship of the Ball two Sydney-Port Moresby-Sydney tickets as a door prize.

A family sports afternoon was held on 20 August at Monash Sport Centre at Monash University.

Theresa COX is visiting her family on Manus and Wendy KAMENE and her daughter Geru have returned after a fortnight in Port Moresby. Tom SETA also had a break from studies at Monash for a holiday in PNG.

Sad news from PNG for those former cricketers and Aussie Rules players in Port Moresby is that Rodney Sweeney-Hunt died late July.

Five brave dancers led by Weka Tarr will represent the association during a special program organised by the Ethnic Community of Victoria at the VFL finals this month.

Marj WALKER, former Expressive Art teacher at Sogeri National High School, is staging an exhibition of drawings from Sogeri National High School at the Waverley City Gallery from October 27 to November 9. The exhibition will consist of the originals of 40 of the 162 drawings in Sogeri's most recent publication, 'Taim Bipo'.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Full style and title for the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea is -  
 His Excellency the Governor-General of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Sir Ignatius KILAGE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, (G.C.M.G.); Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division), (C.B.E.); Doctor of Literature, Honoris Causa (D.Litt.Hons).



BOOK REVIEW

Title: **Halfway to the Sun.**

Author: G. A. Rudge.

Publisher: Ruse Publishing, Camden (NSW), 1989.

Price: \$12.50 (special price to Association members; available from the author, 19 Bottlebrush Drive, Tumut, NSW, 2720).

Reviewer Harry H. Jackman.

A useful outline of this book has already appeared in the June issue of this newsletter.

There are quite a number of autobiographies by 'ex-Territorians'. Few of them have come to public notice as most were privately published and/or limited editions. Almost everyone of these books reflects selective memory and/or fear of the laws of libel. Most are hagiographic, more like Chignell's An Outpost in Papua (about Anglican missionaries, first published in 1911 and still among the prizes at Melbourne Grammar and Shore in the 1950s) than a no-nonsense account of what the author really thought and did.

Only a handful of us had the awareness of history that causes one to keep a diary. Jim Rudge did not keep one. On this score alone, **Halfway to the Sun**, with its 228 pages, is a remarkable effort. Like just about every other former EMA Jim has a rattling good yarn to tell. He tells it well. £ for £, (as the currency then was), the Australian taxpayer got excellent value from the PNG Health Department and, most important, Papua New Guineans had a health service superior to that of other colonial territories. EMAs ran bush hospitals, dealt with epidemics and performed operations that left visiting doctors from all over the world goggle-eyed. Jim Rudge keeps boasting about himself to a minimum and doesn't paint himself as a saint. He offers many 'good tales within a tale', not the least of them a whiff of that incredible social pecking order, headed and cajoled by the senior kiap's wife who made the medical assistant's wife use the (metaphorical) tradesmen's entrance.

Former kiaps such as Ron Galloway, with whom Jim patrolled in the inhospitable Upper Turama, or Ted Hicks who was there at another time, and others who were neither liklik dokta nor kiap will not get a better read for \$12.50.

To me, with more than 200 published reviews of books about PNG, the most important thing about **Halfway to the Sun** is that it offers great encouragement to other ex-Territorians to get their story down and published.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....

The following ex-Kiaps:

John YOUNG-WHITFORDE  
Sam RHODES  
Harry GAYWOOD  
Basher O'CONNELL

Mike TOLHURST  
Clive SINGLE  
Bob GEELAN

Brian McCABE  
A. C. R. CHARLESWORTH  
Gus BOTTRILL

Would anyone knowing their current addresses please contact the Editor.

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.

Mr. Ivan Francis CHAMPION, OBE. (12 August 89)

Ivan was born in Port Moresby on 9 March 1904, eldest of the three sons of H. W. Champion, Government Secretary, and his wife Florence. (The second son, Alan, died in 1988 and the third, Claude, in 1972. All three sons of course joined the old Magisterial Service and achieved high office).

Ivan won fame as the leading explorer of Papua, even as the late James Lindsay Taylor was the premier figure in New Guinea exploration.

Ivan joined the Service in November, 1923. He was posted to the remote Kambisi Police Camp, Central Division, in 1925 under Charles Karius, Assistant Resident Magistrate. Champion subsequently was Karius' companion on the two great journeys of the North-West Patrol, which made the first crossing of PNG between 1926 and 1928. Champion later published "Across New Guinea from the Fly to the Sepik", an acknowledged classic in the literature of exploration.

In 1936 Champion, accompanied by the late C. J. Adamson, led the Bamu-Purari Patrol and from November, 1937, to January, 1940, was in charge of the exploration of the Southern Highlands, from the Lake Kutubu Police Camp.

Ivan served with distinction as a naval officer during the Pacific War, as the skipper of the ex-Papuan Government yacht, "Laurabada", and as a pilot and marine surveyor.

After the war Ivan became Assistant Director of District Services and Native Affairs and was Acting Director from 1949 to 1951. He was in charge of the relief operations following the eruption of Mount Lamington volcano in January, 1951.

Ivan was appointed Chief Native Lands Commissioner in 1952 and was Senior Commissioner of the Land Titles Commission when he retired in March, 1964.

He retired to northern NSW with his wife, Elsie. They later moved to Canberra where their only child, Ivane, was living with her husband, Harry Plant, and their children.

Ivan's exploratory work was recognised by the award of the Gill Memorial Medal of the Royal Geographical Society in 1938 and the John Lewis Gold Medal in 1951. He was appointed an O.B.E. in 1953

Ivan will be remembered with affection and respect by the many members of the Association who had the privilege of working for him. With his death a great chapter in the history of Papua has come to an end. He is survived by his widow Elsie and daughter Ivane.

Mr. Thomas William ELLIS, MBE. (2 July 89)

Tom was born 5 September, 1915, at Creswick Victoria and accompanied his parents to Rabaul in 1923 where his father was Chief Clerk in the Lands Department. 1933 joined the Department of Public Health. Met and married Freda Matheson in 1935 and 1936 was posted Medasst at Yamil in the Sepik District.

During second world war served as RAAF pilot on operations with 31st Attack Squadron and was awarded DFC and MID.

Post-war Tom rejoined the Department of Public Health and under the direction of Dr. John Gunther set up the CRTS Medical Orderly Training Scheme.

In 1948 he took leave without pay and in partnership with Jack Thurston mined gold at Yamil to 1950. In 1951 Tom transferred to the Department of District Services and Native Affairs and was posted to Madang until 1955 when he attended ASOPA. 1957 posted ADO Wewak and in 1958 promoted to District Commissioner and posted to Western Highlands District where he was noted for his roadworks, encouragement of coffee and tea industries and the instigation of the Mount Hagen Show.

Tom was a Member of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd PNG House of Assembly and in 1967 was awarded the MBE for public service. In the same year he became Director of Native Affairs and later Secretary Department of the Administrator.

He retired due to ill health in 1973, living at Nusa Q. for a couple of years, before entering the Buderim Retirement Village where he remained until his death. Tom is survived by his widow Freda, sons William and John and daughter Lyn.

Mr. Michael PENDRIGH, MBE (Jan 89, aged 54 years) (Brief mention June Una Voce)

Michael, accompanied by his wife Janet, first saw service in PNG with the Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines as a Land Development Officer at Cape Rodney and was involved with the introduction of Oil Palm to West New Britain particularly in the Cape Hoskins area 1965-69.

In January 1969 he joined the Department of Labour as Labour Inspector, New Ireland, based in Kavieng.

1971 Michael was transferred to Port Moresby and in early 70s was active with OSAA (Overseas Staffing Assistance Association). In the early 80s he worked on legislation with respect to Work Permits, Contracts etc. and travelled three times to Geneva, Switzerland, for ILO Conferences. 1984 he commenced work in Workers' Compensation and later was appointed Commissioner, Workers' Compensation. In 1986, for his long and loyal service to the PNG Government Michael was awarded the M.B.E..

In June 1988, Michael became ill with lung cancer and retired to his family home in Sandy Bay, Tasmania, where he passed away in January 89. During his illness at home he was visited by his Departmental Head, Dr. Rose Kekedo and for the last few days prior to his death present with him from PNG were Mr. J. Dai, Commissioner for Workers' Compensation and Mr G. Tarabi, Deputy Secretary Department of Labour.

The following is an extract from an article in the PNG Post-Courier, Friday 27 January 1989 titled "Labor Mourns death of great Expat Officer":

"Labor and Employment Secretary Rose Kekedo described the passing of Mr. Pendrigh as a great loss to the Department.

Mr. Pendrigh had been a hardworking and dedicated officer who was instrumental in the formulation of most labor legislations and more particularly the present Workers' Compensation Act. His death leaves a gap in the department which will be hard to fill for a long time".

Funeral services were held for Michael in both Port Moresby and Sandy Bay Tasmania. He is survived by his widow Janet and daughters Anna and Julia. Janet has recommenced nursing at the Royal Hobart Hospital, Anna is married and teaching at the Murray International School in Port Moresby and Julia is completing her education in Tasmania.

Mr. Len BURLEY (25 June 89)

Len started in Port Moresby with the Commonwealth Department of Works in 1951. In 1953, his widow Gloria went to Port Moresby to marry Len and accompanied him when he was transferred to Madang in 1954 with the Electricity Commission (ELCOM).

He subsequently became Area Manager with ELCOM at Madang, a position he held for 20 years until his retirement to Australia in 1974. Len and his wife, Gloria, have lived on the Queensland Gold Coast for the past 15 years. He was very involved with Masonry, both in PNG and Australia, was President of his Rotary Club and President of his Bowling Club for some 6 years.

Len is survived by his widow Gloria and daughter Donna who until recently spent 11 years in Spain.

Ms. Jan CAMPBELL (22 March 89)

Nursing Sister formerly of Wewak and Rabaul. Aged 51 years. Died in Newcastle NSW after a short illness.

Jan, who was Jo Corrigan's sister, went to Wewak in May 1963 and remained there for four years working in General, Midwifery and Theatre. She was also in charge of the T.B. section of the hospital for the last two years of her stay. She returned to PNG in 1968 and worked in the Maternity section of Nonga Base Hospital until her return to Australia in December 1971. She was a much loved person and her sudden death after a diagnosed cancer of only 11 or 12 days cast a gloom over those who knew her.

Mr. Patrick John MOLLISON (8 April 89 aged 75 years) (Reported briefly June Una Voce).

Pat was educated at Melbourne Grammar and Melbourne University. He joined the Australian Civil Service in Rabaul in 1935 and in 1936 transferred to the Administration of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea as a Cadet, subsequently advancing to Patrol Officer and District Officer.

He joined the Royal Australian Navy during the 2nd World War and was seconded to the Coastwatching Unit of Naval Intelligence, where he served with considerable distinction on many islands in the Pacific area as Liaison Officer between the United States and Australian Forces.

Pat returned to the Administration of Papua New Guinea after the war and in 1957 he was appointed a District Commissioner. In 1959 he was appointed Australian Liaison Officer to Dutch New Guinea, stationed at Hollandia. In addition, I understand that he also served in New Britain, New Ireland, The Admiralty Islands, Bougainville and Naru.

By his friends, Pat was regarded as a very quiet, reserved, gentle man of extreme modesty, good manners and of the highest integrity. He was a keen club man and liked to keep in touch with those he met and served with in the islands.



Mr. Stanley John PEARSALL (28 May 89 aged 73 years) (Reported briefly in June Una Voce).

Stan served in Port Moresby with the RAAF during 1940/41. Upon discharge as a Flight Lieutenant in 1946, he returned to PNG to take up a Public Service appointment. He served for 2 years as A.D.C. to the then Administrator, Col. J. K. Murray and from 1948-73 he held a number of administrative positions in the Department of the Administrator. He served briefly as Acting Head of the Department prior to his retirement in 1973.

For many years, Stan had an important low-key co-ordinating role in the affairs of the PNG Administration. He worked closely with Administrators Murray, Cleland, Hay and Johnson and had their confidence. He was well known to successive Departmental Heads, District Commissioners, Australian Ministers and Senior Commonwealth Officers as a source of sound, balanced and impartial advice.

Many people passing through Port Moresby made a point of calling on Stan for a chat. He was a quiet, friendly person of great integrity. He was well respected by those who knew him.

Stan is survived by his wife Anne, son Christopher and daughter Diedre.

Mrs. Evelyn Margaret ROGERS (27 June 89)

Widow of Jack Berkeley Rogers, Assistant Public Service Inspector, PNG.

Mrs. Dorothy May FOX

Widow of Charles Wilfred Fox, pre-war Chief Mining Warden Mandated Territory of New Guinea. Survived by daughter Noeline.

Mr. Barry Edward CORIN (9 June 89)

Late of Kainantu, PNG. Survived by wife, Rosemary. (Full details next issue of Una Voce)

Mr. TAPIOLI M.M. (12 April 89)

Tapioli, who came originally from the Arawe area of New Britain, served with distinction during the Pacific War with the original Pacific Islands Regiment and was decorated with the Military Medal. After the war he became a settler at Keravat near Rabaul in New Britain and was several times President of the Native Ex-Servicemen's Association.

He is well known to many Australians who served with him during the war or came to know him after the war. One of our members and a friend of Tapioli both during and after the war has written as follows:

"APPRECIATION - W.O. II TAPIOLI M.M.

In memory of Tapioli who passed away 12.4.89. A staunch friend of Australia whom he believed in all his life. A great fellow regimental soldier and personal mate, whose friendship of 45 years is highly regarded.

Tapioli is survived by his wife Lul and sons and daughters at Tavilo Block, Keravat, PNG.

NX177357 Sgt. W.P. Howard 3rd NGIB & Pacific Islands Regiment (Wartime)."

Mr. William Winter CRELLIN (18 June 89)

Bill was born in Melbourne, Victoria, on 3 June 1917 and saw service with the RAAF during World War II.

He went to PNG in 1946, joined the Department of District Services and Native Affairs and saw service in many areas of PNG including Daru, Kikori, Mount Lamington, Telefomin, Tari, Mendi, Milne Bay and Port Moresby.

He was at Mount Lamington immediately after the eruption with the Government Volcanologist, the late Tony Taylor.

After the horrific murders of Harrison and Szarka, two young patrol officers at Telefomin, he arrested the culprits and was subsequently involved in defending them at their trial at Wewak.

Bill was, however, probably best known for his work amongst the Tari people of the Southern Highlands in PNG. Local wars and vendettas were the order of the day when he went there and he quickly brought law and order to the area. He studied the culture of the people of the Tari Basin and their language. He could converse with them and won their confidence, developing a love for the Tari people which remained with him for the rest of his life.

He brought his new wife, Val, to Tari after having built the house to accommodate her. Later, Bill and Val moved to Milne Bay and then to Port Moresby, finally leaving the Territory for Sydney in 1968.

By his many friends, Bill was regarded as a great humane man and a builder. There was an old saying amongst those who knew him "Crellin will help, he knows or will find a way". Bill is survived by his widow, Val, and his son, Anthony.

Mr. Gustav Charles O'DONNELL M.C. (31 July 89, aged 76 years)

Survived by his widow, Diedre. (Full details next issue of Una Voce)

Dr. Herbert Ian Priestly HOGGIN (2 August 89)

A very well known anthropologist who carried out numerous studies in PNG and the Pacific Islands. (Details next issue of Una Voce)

Mr. Charles William LEWIN (25 August 89)

Charlie was born in Cairns in 1917 and went to Papua with his parents when he was three weeks old. His grandparents were the Platts and his mother was born in PNG.

Before the Pacific War Charlie worked on small ships around the Papua coast. During war worked with Angau on small ships and was wounded in an air attack in Port Moresby. After war Charlie was again a small ship's skipper but had to eventually give the sea away because of his health. He joined the Government Stores Branch at Lae and ultimately retired in 1971 with his wife, Lorna, to Eumundi, a small town about 145 kilometres north of Brisbane.

Charlie and Lorna had eleven children, all of whom were born and bred in PNG. He was very well liked in the town to which he retired and his funeral was attended by some 50 local people, together with Jim Sinclair representing the Association.

Mr. Walter Squire COTTON (19 August 89)

Wally, as he was known to his friends, had been ill for some time but, as son, Frank, reports, he was a fighter to the end. "One of the things father used to look forward to was receiving 'Una Voce' and yarns with his mates and myself about our years in PNG. His fascination with the place started during the war when he saw service at Port Moresby and Lae, but it wasn't until 1958 when he was employed with the Agricultural Department as a Mechanical Equipment Officer, that he returned".

Wally's initial postings were numerous, but when his family arrived in PNG he settled in Lae. In the early sixties he was posted to Madang, where he stayed until a couple of years before his retirement, when he returned to Lae.

He retired in 1973 and kept active, travelling and doing the occasional job for a mate until his arthritis restricted him.

Wally is survived by his widow, Edith, his son, Frank, and his daughter, Kathleen.

#### COMPENSATION FOR INJURY OR ILLNESS RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT IN PNG.

A recent decision by the Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal, No. 4789 of 29 November 1988, will be of interest to members, who were employed by the Administration or the Commonwealth Government in PNG prior to independence and who have some medical condition concerning which their employment in PNG was a contributing factor.

This appeal establishes the right of such members to any benefits due as Commonwealth employees (despite changes to the Compensation Act of 1930) under the Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act 1971.

The appeal decision and reasons for the decision consists of fourteen pages and copies can be obtained from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Briefly, the applicant in this case sought review of a determination made pursuant to the Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act 1971 which had dismissed his claim for compensation for skin cancer which he alleged he suffered as a consequence of his employment in PNG. The applicant was employed in PNG from 1959 to 1963 but had no symptoms of skin cancer until its appearance on his skin in 1986 - twenty three years after he left the service.

The Tribunal decided that the nature of his employment was such that the matter should be determined under the provisions of the 1971 Act and not the 1930 Act, which was in force during the period he was employed.

It was determined that the nature of his employment, in and around Port Moresby, was a contributing factor to the skin cancer and the Commonwealth was liable to pay compensation and the costs of the appeal.

We are advised that claims should be made to COMCARE which is the organisation which deals with applications for compensation by Commonwealth employees and former employees and has branches in each state.

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I very much regret that 'VALE' is so long in this issue and sincerely hope that it will be much shorter in the future, for all our sakes!

No room for PNG TITBITS but I will make up for that in the next issue.

Best wishes and take care, but don't forget the Christmas Luncheon on 3 December.

*Doug Parrish*  
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