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Dear Member,

I suggest that members make a note of the following in their diaries now:

Our 1991 Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday 1 December 1991.

The 1992 Annual General Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Sunday 26 April 1992. This will enable members, who would like to attend Anzac Day celebrations on the Saturday 25 April, to make it worthwhile to travel to Sydney to attend both functions on the same weekend. It would be very much appreciated if Sydney members could offer accommodation to country and interstate members who would like to visit Sydney at that time. Any member able to provide accommodation please notify the Secretary.

1991 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of our 40th Annual General Meeting, together with balance sheet etc., are in an eight page lift-out section in the centre of the Newsletter. The page numbers in the lift-out are numbered with Roman Numerals to distinguish it from the remainder of the Newsletter. (I, VI, X etc.)

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many members are still tardy in forwarding their membership subscriptions when due. At the time the AGM was held on 7 April 1991 members had not paid their 1991 subscriptions, even though there was a clear reminder in the March issue posted some three weeks previously.

As at 12 May 1991 there were 140 subscriptions still outstanding which necessitated the posting of reminder notices to the members concerned at the unnecessary cost to the Association of just over \$100.00.

From 1992 the Membership List will be included in the June issue of *Una Voce* each year. Next year, members, who are unfinancial as at 15 March 1992, will receive a reminder notice in the March 1992 *Una Voce* and, if they are still unfinancial as at 31 May 1992, they will not receive the June 1992 issue of *Una Voce* containing the Membership List.

We are in the process of upgrading our membership records so that we will have both a manual and electronic system running concurrently. This will ensure that future office bearers, who are not computer literate, are able to take over the records without experiencing any difficulty. This

operation has almost been completed, but in the interim there has been one or two hiccups in the transfer process. As a result three members were told that they were unfinancial, when in fact they were not. Please accept our humble apologies for these mistakes because I am sure that, after the next month or two, such instances will be very rare.

In the past when members have forwarded say \$10.00 for their annual subscription instead of \$8.00, or say \$20.00 for 2 years subscription instead of \$16.00, our Treasurer has credited the member with the \$2.00 or \$4.00 towards their next subscription. These odd amounts, however, complicate the accounting process and in future they will be considered as donations (as in fact most of them are) and only \$8.00 or multiples of \$8.00, i.e. \$16.00, \$24.00, \$32.00 etc., will be credited to the member's account.

CPI ADJUSTMENT TO SUPERANNUATION

The increase in the Consumer Price Index for the twelve months from 1 April 1990 to 31 March 1991 was 4.9%. This means that superannuation pensions should increase by that percentage from the first payday in July, i.e. 11 July 1991.

The Office of the Commissioner for Superannuation will endeavour to forward Group Certificates with their notification concerning the pension increase. But, as they are dependent upon another government department to enable them to do this, it is not always possible. Group Certificates will be posted to those concerned as soon as the Office receives them, so please do not pester the Office staff if you do not receive your Group Certificate with your notice re pension increase. Be patient, it has not been overlooked and will arrive in due course, which could very well be some two or three weeks later.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Details of the make-up are as follows:

	Change between	
	Dec. qtr 1990 and Mar. qtr 1991 %	Mar. qtr 1990 and Mar. qtr 1991 %
Weighted average of eight capital cities		
Food	+2.1	+5.2
Clothing	+0.5	+4.9
Housing	-1.4	+1.6
Household equipment and operation	+0.5	+5.0
Transportation	-4.6	+4.5
Tobacco and alcohol	+1.3	+8.7
Health and personal care	+3.5	+10.2
Recreation and education	-0.3	+4.2
All Groups	-0.2	+4.9

COMMISSIONER FOR SUPERANNUATION

The section of the Commonwealth Retirement Benefits Office (RBO), which looks after Papua New Guinea Superannuation, is only a very small part of a large office. It is therefore necessary to again remind superannuants and their spouses that it is absolutely essential, when corresponding with the Commissioner, to address their letters as follows:

The Commissioner For Superannuation
PAPUA NEW GUINEA SUPERANNUATION SCHEMES
Retirement Benefits Office
P.O. Box 22
BELCONNEN ACT 2616

It also helps considerably to give the the full name and file reference number of the superannuant at the beginning of the letter stating that the superannuant is a member of a Papua New Guinea Scheme.

Superannuants and their spouses are also again reminded that those living outside Canberra may contact the RBO on the toll free number 008.020080. 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.

Although immediately after the death of a superannuant is a very stressful period for the surviving spouse, it is very necessary to notify the Commissioner for Superannuation as soon as possible of the death requesting a pension application form be forwarded. This should enable the surviving spouse to receive his/her pension without delay and eliminate the possibility of having to refund overpayments which could be financially quite embarrassing. (Please take note also of the paragraph below titled "Tax File Number".)

Any superannuant member or spouse experiencing difficulty with the Retirement Benefits Office should immediately contact the President or Deputy President, Freddie Kaad, and I am certain that the majority of problems can be resolved with little delay.

TAX FILE NUMBER

As from the end of this month, if a superannuant dies leaving a surviving spouse, the spouse needs to give a tax file number to the Commissioner for Superannuation. Payments to the widow(er) can be arranged quicker if the tax file number is already available.

In many cases the widow(er) will need a tax file number also for bank accounts and investments to be transferred.

So, although many spouses don't need to have a tax file number at present, things can be a little more convenient in the future to get one now and keep it with Wills and other important papers. Forms to apply for a tax file number are available from the Tax Office and it may also be possible to obtain them from Post Offices.

Incidentally, there is no point in trying to give a spouse tax file number to the Commissioner for Superannuation before it is needed. Strict privacy legislation governing the use of tax file numbers prohibits the Commissioner from recording a tax file number of someone who is not yet one of his current clients.

HISTORY OF THE TERM "CARGO CULT"

An Anthropologist, who is writing a history of the term "cargo cult", seeks biographical information about N. M. Bird, who appears to have been the first to use this expression in print. Mr. Bird was a resident of New Guinea and a member of the NGVR. Any information about where Mr. Bird lived and what he did in New Guinea would be much appreciated. Please contact: Dr. Lamont Lindstrom, Center for Pacific Islands studies, 215 Moore Hall, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI 96822 USA.

VISIT TO BLUE MOUNTAINS

It was with great regret that we were forced to cancel the trip on 13 May 1991 for a number of reasons, which were explained to those involved. It was really a pity as we had a good number desirous of making the trip.

Another trip is planned in the Spring on Monday 30 September 1991.

For those who have senior citizens travel concession passes, the return fare by train is still only \$2.00. For those interested in the proposed outing please contact Doug Parrish (02.416.8966), Pamela Foley (02.428.2078) or in the mountains, Ken Gorringer (047.57.1488).

WHITE WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On page 3 of the March issue, it is reported that Marjorie Head is prepared to compile/edit a collection of women's reminiscences. One woman who has published her reminiscences is Joan Sullivan, first wife of Des, with *Sinabada: My Life in Port Moresby 1946-1955*, in G.E.J. Bellenger et Alii, Selected Lives: Personal Reminiscences (Fremantle: Fremantle Arts Centre Press, 1983). It's Sydney to a brick that a few others have done so, too, though perhaps not as upmarket. There is at least one relevant BA Honours thesis under way at one of our universities. Marjorie Head would not go astray by asking Dr. H.N. Nelson, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, G.P.O. Box 4, Canberra, A.C.T., 2601 what projects, academic and non-academic, are under way.

AUSTRALIAN OPERA CONCESSIONS

Members are advised that both the Ticket Services Department of the Australian Opera and the Box Office of the Sydney Opera House recognise the NSW CONCESSION AUTHORITY FOR RETIRED SENIOR CITIZENS and the Social Security TRANSPORT CONCESSION and HEALTH BENEFIT CARDS.

HELP WANTED

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following please contact the Secretary:

- Mr. J. Woodcock previously living in Cairns Qld. now believed to be somewhere in the Atherton area in Qld.
- Mr. G. P. Buchanan previously living in the Toowong area in Brisbane.
- Mr. E. C. Miles previously living at Warana, Kawana Waters, Qld.
- Mr. G. P. Peters previously living at Burwood, NSW.
- Mr. W. J. Evans previously living at Bribe Island, Qld.
- Mr. H. Bromley previously living at Cairns, Qld.
- Mr. R. J. Kelly previously living at Caloundra, Qld.
- Mr. Ray Weidenhofer who was with Admin. in Madang in 1951.
- Mr. Vern Gabriel ex Burns Philp Madang in 50's and 60's and with Lyle Agencies Lae 60's and 70's.

Found:

Miss. Elaine Evans is now residing at 6/56 Brentnall Street, NORMAN PARK, Qld 4170.

Mr. John Fazldeen is urgently trying to ascertain the whereabouts of Peter Petrides, ex Postmaster at Madang. It is believed that Peter could be in Darwin but anyone knowing his whereabouts please ask him to telephone John Fazldeen on 074.92.1288 or write to him at 131 Golden Beach Esplanade, CALOUNDRA Qld 4551.

HAVE YOU HEARD???

John COLMAN of Mount Hagen PNG, in late March, wrote as follows: "Yesterday at Korgua Plantation near Mt. Hagen I attended a small function to celebrate Danny Leahy's 60th year in P.N.G. It was organised by his family and although Danny has limited mobility, sight and hearing I am sure had a wonderful day. His memory is still good and he can still recount many of his experiences of the past. Other than the disabilities mentioned, he is in good shape for his 78 (?) years and is well looked after by his family - there are now eighteen grandchildren. I believe today there is a 'Mumu' at Korgua for all the Papua New Guineans who worked and patrolled with Danny in the early days of this Province. I am told there will be 30 coming including Sir Wamp Wan of the Mogeï Tribe - all in their seventies - so it is not just the Expats who are long livers. Amidst all the 'bad news' (in the media) in P.N.G. it is good to know and hear of more humane events which do happen on a regular basis.

Next month I 'chalk' up 38 years in this Country - 31 in this Province. My only complaint is that it has all gone so quickly. P.N.G. maybe beset with the various problems of a newly emerging Nation but nobody could say that it is dull and boring. All of our children, born in Goroka in the 60's, are working in P.N.G. Peter has his own Advertising Agency in Port Moresby, Robert manages this Plantation and also provides field and labour services for the mining and exploration companies. Jo-anne married David McCarthy and they both are now working in Moresby.

Mt. Hagen has an excellent 18 hole Golf Course (I am the President) and our first Pro-am Tournament was held this month. Cheers and regards to all". (John, it was great hearing from you. Regards from all down here and keep up the good work. Ed.)

Beryl BENNETT of Cooloola Village via Tin Can Bay Qld retired from the Department of Social Security last November and her husband, Brian, retired in February this year. They sold their property in Brisbane and recently moved to their present location to a house they built some eight years ago. They report that the house is crammed with gear at the moment so they are in a hurry to get some extensions put on - garages, rumpus room etc. Beryl writes: "If anyone who remembers me is coming this way anytime, please give us a ring and call in."

Bob COLE of Nerang Qld recently saw Dr. Ken Pike ex PNG Public Health Department. Ken was District Medical Officer stationed at Sohano when I was A.D.O. Kieta in the late forties or very early fifties and his interest in orchids probably saved my life. I had been bitten by a dog at Kieta and given a tetanus injection by the Medical Assistant which brought on a very serious allergic reaction. Covered with large welts all over my body, my throat commenced to close up and things were becoming extremely serious, when who should walk over the hill into Kieta but Dr. Ken Pike. I do not think that anyone else in my life has ever been more welcome!

Ken gave me injections and sat up with me all night in case he had to perform a tracheotomy. Fortunately the injections worked and the allergy gradually subsided. As it happened, Ken was touring Bougainville on duty and his last port of call had been Buin, where he was told there was an area on the road to Kieta containing an abundance of orchids. So he decided to walk from Buin to Kieta inspecting the villages (and the orchids) on the way. Thank goodness he did!!

Bob, you should have recruited Ken as a member, particularly, if he is going to write some memories of Bougainville. Please give him my regards. Ed.

Eve JOHNSTONE of Brighton Qld recently recruited Sister Ann Lynch as a member. Ann started nursing in PNG in 1964 at Madang where she nursed Fred Kaad after the aircraft crash in the Ramu. She was then Sister Healey (The Captain). She married Brian Lynch, Manager ANA, and went to live in Goroka, nursing in the hospital there. They went to Moresby early 1972 and ended their PNG service that year.

Ann is now the Head Sister in the Blue Nursing Sisters and Brian passed away six years ago. Fred Kaad returns Ann's kind regards.

Eve also recently advised that Julia Hanson, who ran the Guest House in Samarai for years, is in the Mary Potter Nursing Home in Cairns, paralysed by a massive stroke, and would like to hear from old friends. Julia's husband, Fred, was skipper on government boats in PNG.

(In answer to your question, Eve, Julia and her husband, Fred, are both eligible for Associate membership of the Association. Ed.)

Eric and Shirley FLOWER of Runaway Bay Qld recently set off on a trip to Indonesia, Malaysia etc. and the first port of call was to be Port Moresby. They were interested to see the place again and I hope Eric will let me know their impressions when they return.

Arthur HILL of Darra Qld, I believe, turns 80 on 27 July and joins our rapidly growing band of octogenarian members. All the very best for your birthday, Arthur, from us all here in Sydney, have a great day and we sincerely hope that there are many more birthdays to come. Ed.

Isobel PERT of Noosa Heads Qld reports: "Had the Australian Rep. of the Koala Foundation, Debra Tabert, here recently and will be co-ordinating with her for this area, working closely with local council in voluntary capacity regards land clearing, also concentrating on large dogs released from yards at night, which savage koalas and other native animals."

She advises that daughter, Julie, is at Hobart University Science doing Honours (psychology) and her thesis is on Vietnam and repatriation hospitals. Julie likes Hobart and has met Sarah Garrett at the Uni doing Law. Sarah's brother, Sam, is a geologist and brother, Ben, an engineer. Julie also hopes to visit Sarah's parents, Jason and Barbara (surveyor ex Madang) at their trout farm in Central Tasmania.

Isobel sees Jenny Goodyear, daughter of Noel of Biabi Plantation Kar Kar Island in the Madang District. Jenny is Captain and Head Boarder Girl at St. Peters School, Brisbane.

Elizabeth SOWERBY of Burleigh Heads Qld in a brief note sent her regards. Many ex Madang residents will remember Elizabeth who was a very important member of the nursing staff of the hospital there for many many years. From Freddie Kaad, Bill Johnston, Candy and myself, our very best wishes and we sincerely hope that those anginas and high B.P. diminish in the future.

Ian McMAHON at Nuku'alofa Tonga advises that he will hopefully be there for two years and he would be more than pleased to say "hello" to any members of the Association, or other ex PNG people, who may be visiting that part of the world. His work telephone number is 21388.

Rev. Jack FLENTJE of Sunbury Vic recently joined our ranks and many members would remember Jack who was a missionary at Nakanai in New Britain from 1947 to 1958 and then at Kieta in 1970 and Kimadau New Ireland in 1971 and 1972. A big welcome and we sincerely hope you enjoy your membership.

Greta ODGERS of Camira Qld recently visited Gwenda and Arthur Doyle on the Gold Coast and paid a short visit to Bowral in NSW to see Judith Ralph ex PNG Department of Education. The Ralphs were at the high school at Finschhafen when we were there but I do not think that I have seen Judy since. Regards to both you and Judy, who is also a member.

Ross TURTON of Fennell Bay NSW, who joined early this year, wrote to me in February but his letter went astray for some weeks, as did a number of other letters. Ross advised that he had had very little recent contact with ex PNG people, even though a number lived nearby, namely Peter Murray ex New Ireland, Tony Drapes ex POM and Madang, Peter Osborne ex POM and the late George Harrington. They had also been in contact with and had a couple of visits from their very good friends and former Rabaul neighbours, the Bob and Audrey Delbridge family.

Ross and Tess are currently running a small business which keeps them very busy so they very rarely get away. He said he was quite upset about the Beaumont article (re Mrs. Caroline Laws) on PNG expatriate women whom he found to be a very special group who demonstrated high levels of adaptability, tenacity, hospitality and resilience, to mention a few of their qualities.

He also observed "I think often of the millionaire's golf we used to have at Madang and Rabaul, we can still dream!!!" Ross, re Vern Gabriel, see elsewhere in this issue.

Tony BAKER of Eastwood NSW, who is with the Australian Catholic University, advises that he has been trying to organise another group of students to practice in schools in PNG this year, but the current state of the economy is no help and a number have dropped out, so it might fall through. He writes "That will be very disappointing, as I have been taking groups up there since 1979, and I'll miss out on seeing many of my old students and friends around the country."

Pat ATHERTON of Frankston Vic wrote to us in February but her letter also went astray. Pat reported that she had been to the gathering of ex PNG folk at Parliament House in Melbourne with two other Frankston ladies, Alma Glasson (ex Comm Bank Lae) and Lucy Henty. She wrote "Delighted to meet folk we'd not seen for years - Dorothy Cameron, Jill Hawkins, Yvonne Mann, Marcia and Ian ??". It was a great gathering, well organised by Harley Dickinson.

David MONTGOMERY of Grabben Gullen NSW recently wrote: "Una Voce is much enjoyed and continually inspires me to get out my 'Daily Diary' which, as a Didiman, we were obliged to fill in and post monthly to the Chief of Division (Agricultural Extension). As a new recruit I diligently completed my first month, October 1956, and reported on my first patrol (unaccompanied!) to the Dunantina Valley out of Henganofi. My first effort was acknowledged on the DASF HQ pro-forma as follows: "You didn't get off to a very good start, a blot (of ink!!!) on page 6..." The form was signed by our A/Chief of Division, ??????, and somehow that affected our relationship for the next ten years!! Where is the Henganofi Kiap and his lovely wife, the Tyrells, who made me so welcome and helped me leave on that patrol with great confidence and purpose. Incidentally enough, in view of my present career, I located small areas of European potatoes, variety Bismark, amongst the villages of the Dunortina Valley and of superb size and quality. On the potato theme - now the world's most important vegetable crop (and they are not fattening) - the family company (Gillian, Scott & Jenni) is still very much involved in seed potato production. I am responsible for marketing our Association's seed potatoes and have a

national role in horticultural research and development. Recent visitors to our District on an industry sponsored visit were Dr. MUTHAPPA, Chief Quarantine Officer (Plants) for PNG and David KANAWI (Manus Is.) Chief Quarantine Inspector (Plants) PNG.

Son Scott, born Rabaul 1963, and his wife Terri presented us with our first grandchild - a girl Imogen, born 3 April in Goulburn." Congratulations on becoming a grandfather and your kind regards are reciprocated. Ed.

Jetti ZIGAS of Sunnybank Qld recently sent me copies of two more reviews of Vin's book, *Laughing Death: the Untold Story of Kuru*, which has increased my determination to obtain the book and read it. I am certain that it would be of great interest to many of our members and suggest they do the same. Thanks Jetti and our very best wishes.

Joan McLACHLAN of East Ivanhoe Vic advises that she was a teacher as Joan Hickey in Port Moresby and Popondetta 1959/61, and then as McLachlan at Misima Island, Okapa and Goroka leaving PNG in 1970. She writes: "My three children were born in Samarai (2) and Moresby (1). Sue-Anne is now a Doctor at St. Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, Andrew, a Duntroon Graduate, is a Captain in the Army and Colin completing his PHD. I am teaching at Marcellin College and have recently met up with Jane Belfield - what a thrill that was; also found Kaye & Les Cass through your membership list."

Lorna WINTLE of Crows Nest NSW had quite a spell in hospital late last year and she recently wrote as follows: ".....I would also like to thank the Association and Mrs. Hopper, who came to see me in hospital with lovely flowers and a card of good wishes. I regret that I have not written to thank you all for such a long time, but it took me 14 weeks of quite arduous work to finally straighten out at least 20 doctors' bills and complications with Medicare and Medibank Private." Lorna, I think they make it as difficult as possible to obtain rebates and we sincerely hope that it has all been straightened out by now and that you are fighting fit again. Our very best wishes for a healthy and uncomplicated future.

Malcolm WRIGHT of Rochedale Qld recently sent his regards and suggested that he would one day get around to writing an anecdote or two for Una Voce. I am sure you could, Malcolm, recount some very interesting stories and it would be very much appreciated if you did let us share some of them. It must be more than twenty years since I obtained and read your book, *If I Die*, and I enjoyed it immensely. Candy and I extend to Grace and yourself our very best wishes and we hope to hear from you soon.

Jan VANDERiet of Ashgrove Qld has not been well having had four bypasses and has had to put things on the back burner for awhile. Jan, we do hope that you are now well on the road to enjoying a healthy lifestyle again and wish you all the very best in the future.

Lloyd YELLAND of Broadbeach Waters Qld advised that it was now seventeen years since the Yelland family arrived on the Gold Coast after twenty-seven years in PNG and they are still living in River Crescent, Cypress Gardens. He wrote: "This Christmas all the family were together for the first time for many years. Eldest son, Stephen, has lived on the Gold Coast since starting a medical practice six years ago. His wife is Rasma and they have three children. Simon, a Physiotherapist, with his wife Christine and two children are now living in Nerang after two years in England. Daughter Kirstin arrived home just before Christmas from Toronto, Canada, where she was working at the Australian Consulate. Lloyd and Lorraine are kept busy in retirement both being involved in Community work."

BOOK REVIEWS

SINABADA, woman among warriors. A biography of Rev. Sue Rankin

Author: Laurel Grey

Publisher: Joint Board of Christian Education, 10 Queen St. Melbourne, Vic., 3000. Price \$14.95 (Paperback 149 pp.).

Review by: Robert Pulsford.

Laurel Grey has written an exciting, well told and most readable narrative of a girl, born in 1897, the irrepressible daughter of a Welsh railway worker who aspired to become a missionary. With scholarships and earning her own way, she gained University entrance and a B.A. Degree with Honours in history and philosophy. She went on to be the first woman to gain the Bachelor of Divinity from the University of Wales followed by a course in Tropical Medicine and Linguistics. In 1925, some sixty five years before the current controversy over the ordination of women in the main line churches of to-day, she was ordained and set apart as a worker of the L.M.S.

After travelling to Daru and spending a year at Hanuabada where she very quickly became fluent in Motu, she was put in charge of the Society's work in Rigo with an Australian girl, a teacher, and several Polynesian teachers as her team. In 1931 she married another LMS missionary Rev. Robert Rankin and they were posted to Saroa. She had a son who later worked for DASF, and outlived her husband who died in 1960 in Australia. She returned and carried on alone. After sixteen years Sue finally left Papua completing more than fifty years of outstanding service. Recently she died in Queensland. This book fascinated me and I was unable to put it down until I had read it all. I found there a love and compassion for Melanesian people that I share.

FACES OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Author: Phil Birnbaum

Publisher: Emperor Publishing, 20 Pelican Street, Darlinghurst, N.S.W.

2010. RRR \$49.95 plus \$10.00 Postage & Packing.

Review by: Bob Pulsford

One of the exciting activities when we lived in Papua New Guinea was to capture with our cameras something of the colourful life and activities of the nationals. To do this we travelled to Mt. Hagen and to Goroka when ceremonies were planned. At other times we were there when it all happened and that was a bonus! For many of us most of these memories are locked up in 35mm slides and looking at them requires setting up a projector and making it an occasion.

Phil Birnbaum has produced for us an A4 sized Coffee Table volume of impeccable quality containing 154 beautiful colour photographs of the faces in ceremonial paint and feathers of men and women from the Coastal Region, the Highlands and the Sepik. Each photograph is a careful study and a pictorial essay in itself. A few words added by Andrew Strathern places them into their context. My only disappointment with the work is that it displays only traditionally decorated Melanesian faces, there were no students in cap and gown at graduation, no wigged judges in court, no soldiers on parade, nor masked doctors and nurses in operating theatre; or bishops with crosier, policemen in riot gear, or political leaders making speeches, or kissing babies!

This book may be purchased through the Association for \$30.00 plus \$10.00 for postage and packaging. Address orders with cheque for \$40.00 to: "FACES OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA", P.O. Box 452, ROSEVILLE. N.S.W. 2069.

BOOK REVIEWS (continued)

BLACK BONANZA - A Landslide of Gold

Author: Peter Ryan

Publisher: Hyland House Publishing, 23 Bray Street, SOUTH YARRA,
Victoria, Australia 3141. RRR \$14.95 including Postage.
(Paperback 140 pages) Telephone: 03.827.6336. Fax: 03.646.4882.

Review by: Robert Pulsford.

Peter Ryan is well known to Papua New Guinea watchers. His most exciting *Fear Drive My Feet*, takes the reader with him on his fabulous wartime adventures behind the Japanese lines in Papua New Guinea during the WW II., which he miraculously survived. Back in Australia his continuing interest in the country was given expression to in his editorship of the definitive, three volume *Encyclopaedia of Papua & New Guinea*. Later he has made two visits back to PNG dominated by an interest in the Mount Kare gold rush, in particular and the social, economic and political development of the country in general. He made one in September and November 1989 to Mount Kare, during which time drafts of the first eleven chapters of the book were made. He visited again in December 1990. During the first he witnessed the initial "gold rush" by the local people which happened in a flash while the mining company who had discovered the field, went home for Christmas! CRA was not able to resume their operation for two years while they stood helplessly by, as onlookers, till the surface gold was worked over. In December 1990 he was able to see the mine in full mechanical production and in control of the situation. The book closes with a Stop Press dated 23/3/91 which reports an armed attack on the CRA's Mt. Kare mine by a gang headed by a local member of parliament. CRA has since suspended production.

Peter Ryan has divided his work into three sections. He gives an historical and sociological background, an increasingly exciting account of the gold rush and ends up with an analysis of the way the country has gone during the fifteen years of independence and speculates on a prognosis for the future. He, like many of us, regrets the 1975 decision of Whitlam to bale out from our colonial role at a time when many of the foundations for future development, such a vital University, nationals taking their place in public service leadership, and also becoming established in the professions, were in their infancy.

The illustrations are a beautiful addition to the work. There are 22 colour pictures and nineteen black and white. There are several maps and diagrams. This book is authoritative, exciting and right up to date!

(The book may be obtained direct from the publisher)

MY LOVES AND HATES

Author: Edna Maclean

Publisher: Author, P.O. Box 333, NEWPORT BEACH, NSW 2106. Tel:02.997.5108.

Price \$20.00 including postage. (Paperback 140 pages)

An interesting book, mainly about Rabaul, New Britain, from 1929 to 1941 and is a long way removed from PNG to-day. It has had good reviews from people who know books and brings back a lot of happy memories for the older generation. Particularly the ones who lived through the eruption years.

NEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS

Bribie Island (Geoff Masters - Tel. 07.408.224)

Bob Hoad was down from PNG on leave recently and held a small gathering of friends at his fathers home at Peregrine Beach. Ron Galloway came up from Brisbane and stayed with me Good Friday night and we motored up to Peregrine on Easter Saturday. Among others were: Jim Sinclair, Bob Cole (looks great) Maurie & Joan Hamersley.

Friday 5th saw over 100 turn up at Bribie Is. for the annual golf day. Compass Airways via Brian Costello donated a shield trophy and among the visitors were Max Orken, Bob Greaney, Brian Costello, Ron Leppard, Jim Birrell, Joy Ellis (widow of John, POM panelbeater) Margaret Beadel, wife of Doug ex DCA - tells me Doug has hip troubles. Peter Avenel who has just purchased a boat and is planning to sail around PNG. Others attending were Snow Anderson ex Samara, Don Clark ex Rabaul, Noel Donald, Fred Crease, Max Bular, Lloyd Ilett ex SP Breweries and now Director of Buderim Ginger, Olly Lorentsen, also Bruce and Ellie Murr who now live on the mainland opposite Bribie Is. at Pebble Beach. It was a great day well organised and a credit to Bob Brodie and Keith Atkins.

Western Australia (Margaret Clancy - Tel.09.384.4866)

We have been busy catching up after nine weeks in Europe and the U.K. I am back doing relief teaching and Des is still doing some work for the Pastoralists and Graziers and playing bowls which he loves. We had a great trip and haven't really caught up with anyone at home yet except Dame Rachel who is very well, but recovering from two small broken bones in a foot. It was a thrill too to have a visit from Jan Sinclair, who divided her short stay in Perth between her old friend Dr Margaret Smith and me. Jan had been staying with son Michael in Hongkong and was able to pop into Perth to see us before returning home to Jim via Hongkong and Sydney.

We have had a visit, too, from our son Stephen who works in the Middle East for the livestock firm FARES RURAL. He had four days with us before going on to Algiers. It was great to see him because we missed him in Cairo just as the Gulf War started, and then he was on the move in Austria, Rumania and Bulgaria while we were in Greece. We spent three weeks in Greece then visited Holland and Germany, had a flat in Paris for a month then drove through England, Wales and Scotland for two weeks. We stayed in Newcastle upon Tyne with ex Mendi Dr Robin Bosanquet and his Swedish wife Cia. They now have four lovely children. Robin is now an eye specialist. It was a great reunion and the twenty years between didn't seem to exist. In London we enjoyed a reunion with old friend, now PNG High Commissioner, Philip Bouraga. It wouldn't have been hard to have stayed longer.

Could I ask ex PNG-ites in Western Australia if they could let me have any bits and pieces of news if they have any? I seem to be writing about the same people all the time and would love to hear from others.

Northern Territory (Jim Toner)

In April the Australia-PNG Society (NT Branch) turned on an evening for crew of HMPNGS "Tarangau" which was just about to return to Moresby after a refit at Darwin. After eight months away the matelots were glad to be sailing home. They were treated to some slides from the collections of Jack Battersby and Otto Alder. I cannot assess their reaction but for the expats present it was fascinating to relive ascent of the Daulo pass in its early days and descent on Bundi airstrip before it was lengthened (joke). The Society will

be holding a Wantoks Reunion in Darwin during July.

Until I referred to it in the March edition, readers may never have heard of Darwin's satellite town, Palmerston (pop. 8000). Recently its Council sacked the Technical Services Manager; the Clerk was required to undergo six weeks 'counselling'; and the Mayor resigned suddenly and flew to Perth. An election due on 25 May has seen Kevin Diflo offer himself as Mayor, presumably on what the Americans term 'a reform ticket'. Kevin was with the Education Department 1963-73 at Goroka and Wards Strip T.C and after working at Alice Springs is now a lecturer at the N.T. University, Darwin. Good luck with the candidacy, Kevin, even if the Council has decided to sell the mayoral black car and cut your allowance by 50%.

In addition to radio man Bob Roberts, mentioned in March, Darwin also has Grey Easterbrook on its airwaves, seemingly little changed since he was a newsreader for the ABC at Rabaul and Moresby.

Brisbane (Doug Franklin - Tel. 07 289 4496)

Bill (WBJ) Heath ex Popondetta and Vudal Agricultural Colleges has recently taken up a new appointment in Brisbane with the Rural Management Development Centre, attached to Queensland University of Technology.

Warren Read, ex DDA Mendi, Erave. Nipa, Tari circa 1961 completed 17 years in PNG before coming south to join Queensland Police. He is currently based in Brisbane and mainly on court work.

John Hayes ex DDA and wife Jean and son Rob were at a large Banker's Trust seminar held at the Cultural Centre theatre Brisbane in April. John was in good form and said he was enjoying his retirement. Rob is working at Porgera.

Jack Baker returned to Bribie Island from PNG in May after 18 months staff development and training duties for the Brian Bell Company. Jack said he enjoyed every minute and added that Port Moresby is nowhere near so bad as it is made out to be. He recalled that one evening he was driving home from a Galley Reach fishing expedition. As luck would have it on the bush road he ended up with more than one puncture and no spare. He expected the worst when approached by a group of villagers, but was still smiling when greeted "Good evening Taubada". In no time they had returned to their village and produced a pumped up spare tyre which fitted his car!! Jack said he saw quite a bit of Des Fitzer (O.B.E.) and they greatly enjoyed many evening Victoria League get togethers.

Tony Howard ex DASF and his wife Gloria are still on the Gold Coast but have moved to Paradise Keys near Robina. They both keep very busy doing voluntary work for a support group which assists the mentally ill.

Roy Andrew ex DDA Kagua etc. was in Alotau in May in his capacity as Accountant, up from Melbourne, doing the books for a local company. Phil Franklin, ex Forestry College, Highland Products Zenag and now PNG Manager for Reckitt & Coleman, based in Lae, was in Alotau at the same time and caught up with Roy over a beer, Phil is President of the Lae Chamber of Commerce. The latter role keeps him busy to the extent of being included in a breakfast briefing for Bob Hawke when he was in PNG recently.

Brian and Alice Barry, ex Education Dept Popondetta are in Glen Innes where Brian has retired from teaching in the local High School. He was Deputy Head at Popondetta High and had taught at Kerema before that. Alice still has a senior position in the Community Health Dept at Glen Innes. Their daughter Joanne is an accomplished exponent of synchronised swimming being one of the team at the Brisbane Expo. She has been included in a group which tours overseas countries demonstrating this sport.

MINUTES OF THE 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
HELD AT THE MANDARIN CLUB, SYDNEY ON 7 APRIL, 1991

Meeting opened at 11.10 am.

Present: Doug Parrish, Jo Nitsche, Bill Johnston, Pamela Foley, Bert Weston, Harry West, Nancy Johnston, Harry West, Sandy Sinclair, Ross & Amy Swadling, Candy Parrish, Tom Aitchison, Frank & Betty Smith, Bob & Mary Pulsford, Syd Smith, Alan & Sadie Gow, Jim Keegan, John Oberdorf, Anne Collins, Jacqui Ottley, Stan Wigley, Alan Gow, Alison Marsh, Elma Holmes, Ray Harris, Claire Richards, Pat McClenahan, Noelle Mason, Lisle Newby, Louise & Christine Harkness, Adrian Leyden, Jess Ross, Ian Reardon, Tony Pitt, Flora Nitsche, June Dennis, Judy Latchford, Mavis Nicholas, Roma Bates, Edna Maclean, Frances Kerr, Ann Sneddon, Gabriel Keleny, Carola Kelly.

Apologies: Bill & Heather Seale, Lorna Wintle, Nan Watkins, Andrew Redei, Francis Ryan, Marcia Lightfoot, Chris & John Downie, Margaret Williams, Sir Horace & Lady Niall, Audrey Young-Whitforde, Eric Flower, Sir Dennis & Lady Buchanan, Paul & Vilma Enders, Joan Stobo, Bill & Margaret Kelly, Jean & John Cox, Isobel Ireland, Jim Benson, Barbara Burns, Pat Jones, Jim Rudge, Freddie Kaad, Pat & Dimmen Degraaff, W.C (Mac) Jamieson, Gladys & Bruce Digby, Jette Zigas, Ann & Frank Tuza, Kitty Fischer, Maria Szent-Ivany, Joy Henderson, Maria Haszler, J.J. Janousek, Reg Collins, Francis X. Ryan, Fancy Lawrence.

The President welcomed members present and mentioned those who had travelled from the country or from interstate. He said that it was quite an auspicious occasion as it was the Association's Fortieth Birthday.

Minutes of 1990 AGM having been circulated through 'Una Voce' a Motion to confirm was proposed by Mr Williams, seconded Mr West. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes:

Taxation. The President advised that an in depth investigation had been made into the possibility of reducing the Association's taxation but it appeared that nothing could be done in this matter at present. The Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association (SCOA), however, is actively pursuing the matter and keeping us posted of developments.

General business:

Membership numbers. The President explained that the names of some members, who had been unfinancial for a prolonged period, had been removed from the membership list. Currently 190 members were still not financial for 1991 and he would be recommending to the Committee that in future the membership list, formerly published in the March issue of 'Una Voce,' from 1992 onwards be moved to the June issue, and those members not financial by then will not receive that issue. For the guidance of individual members the year to which they are financial is printed on the bottom right-hand corner of the address label of their copy of 'Una Voce'. He earnestly requested members to keep subscriptions up to date so that the Association would never have to draw on its reserve funds, which represented monies paid in advance by members. There were members who had paid in advance as far ahead as the year 2027 and the interest (less Tax) the Association received from the investment of these funds, together with the efforts of your Committee, helped it to maintain subscriptions at the current level, probably for a few more years.

The President then presented his Report for the year, which is included at the end of the minutes.

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period 1/1/90-31/12/90, and the Balance Sheet as at 31/12/90, which were circulated to all present.

Motion to accept the Financial Statements was proposed by Mr Aitchison, seconded by Mr Syd Smith. Carried.

Then followed the election of office bearers:

President:	Mr Doug Parrish	Elected unopposed
Deputy President:	Mr Freddie Kaad	"
Secretary:	Mr Jo Nitsche	"
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs Pamela Foley	"
Treasurer:	Mrs Elma Holmes	"
Editor 'Una Voce':	Mr Doug Parrish	"
Honorary Auditor:	Mr Len Bailey	"
Committee:	Messrs Frank Smith, Tony Pitt, Harry West, Bill Johnston and Bob Pulsford; Mesdames Roma Bates, Pat Hopper and Pat Jones.	
Patrons:	Sir Horace Niall; Mr Bill Seale.	

The President then expressed his appreciation and that of all members for the excellent way in which Mr. Bill Johnston had handled all the Association's financial matters during his term of office from 1986 to 1991. Those present heartily endorsed the President's remarks.

Reorganisation of records:

Mr Parrish explained that two new sets of records were currently being established and, although this entailed a considerable amount of additional time being spent by Committee members on the project, the end result would be that records would be available in both manual and electronic form.

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Mr Parrish detailed the costs involved in the preparation of copy, printing and distribution costs with respect to the Newsletter and explained that the Association's finances adequately covered these costs. But this was only due to the interest received on investments plus the tremendous amount of time and effort provided by Committee Members and others in addition to the finances received from annual subscriptions by members.

He advised that, as Editor, it would indeed be possible to produce a very glossy upmarket publication (at additional cost of course), but feedback he received from members indicated that they preferred to see as much news as possible included relating to the whereabouts and activities of ex-residents of PNG, plus a coverage of matters in general which might affect them, also news about current members still in PNG and some details of the current developments there. He said that he had endeavoured to do this and would appreciate further feedback from members as to the form and content of the Newsletter.

Anzac Day

Details for those wishing to participate in the 1991 Anzac Day march in Sydney were advised and a suggestion that the date of future AGMs be moved as close as possible to Anzac Day was agreed to by all present. This would be most advantageous for out of town members who could attend both functions during one weekend visit to Sydney.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.57am and members adjourned for luncheon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to place on record the excellent relationship we have had during the past year with the PNG Consul General, Mr. Ilinome Tarua and his staff, and I am sure that that we are going to enjoy a similar relationship with Mr. William Nindim, who has taken over from Mr. Tarua.

Recently, I had the pleasure, with some of our members, of attending a dinner, given by Mr. Nindim, for the PNG Governor-General, Sir Serei Eri. I understand the G.G. had requested this at very short notice so that he could meet some of his old friends from Australia who had served in PNG. In a very short address at the conclusion of the dinner, the G.G. said he would like us all to know we were not forgotten and the contribution we had made to PNG was much appreciated.

The next night, Candy and I, together with Harry West and Alison Marsh, had the honour to be guests at a small informal dinner given by the Governor Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair and Mrs. Sinclair at Government House. The Governor said that it was informal and, although most relaxed, it was very formal for those of us not used to such functions.

The other guests were the PNG Governor General, Sir Serei Eri and Lady Eri, The PNG High Commissioner from Canberra, Mr. Paul Songo and Mrs Songo, The Consul General, Mr. William Nindim and Mrs. Ana Nindim, The Australian High Commissioner to PNG, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor and the two Aides, Colonel Dennis and Captain Todd Vail. I had the opportunity during the evening to have a fairly lengthy and most interesting talk with the G.G., who I believe has a real appreciation of the problems facing his country. He is confident, however, that his people will eventually overcome most of these problems with support from Australia and other friendly nations, but he believes that it will take a long time.

I would also like to place on record, the excellent relationship we have with the Office of the Commissioner for Superannuation in Canberra and in particular with Mrs. Shirley Baldwin and Ms. Karen Lenton, who is relieving Mrs. Baldwin whilst she is on Long Service Leave. The Office is always most helpful and lends a very sympathetic ear to the problems raised by the Association and it's superannuant members.

Mr. Colin Smith, the Secretary of the NSW Branch of SCOA, has always been most helpful in keeping us in touch with matters concerning superannuation and his assistance is most appreciated.

It must also be placed on record the assistance provided by one of our members in Canberra, Mr. Peter Clay, who has always been most helpful when we have requested his help in matters of a legal nature.

Fortunately, I have been blessed with a most co-operative, willing and helpful Committee, which has changed little during my term of office.

Mr. Fred Kaad, our Deputy President, has provided support during the year when needed and has been actively pursuing possible amendments to the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) (Superannuation) Regulations to obtain seven pays of full pension for a surviving spouse after the death of a superannuant. This now applies to many, but not all, Commonwealth superannuants and the Defence Forces are currently endeavouring to obtain the same entitlement.

Mr. Jo Nitsche as Secretary undertakes the secretarial and administrative functions of our organisation in a most efficient manner. He processes all our incoming mail, answers it where necessary or passes it to the Treasurer, myself or other Committee Member for action. He maintains ongoing contact with the Office of the Consular General and plays an active role on our Social Sub-Committee.

Jo is most ably assisted in the foregoing tasks by our Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Pamela Foley, who does the bulk of the typing and word processing required, maintains our membership register, is also active on

the Social Sub-Committee and in general provides backup wherever it is needed.

Mr. Bill Johnston, our conscientious and hardworking Treasurer, I regret to say, is retiring from the position because of ill health as he feels that in the immediate future he may not be able to give as much time as is necessary to carry out the Treasurer's job. I am pleased to report, however, that he will be offering himself for re-election to the Committee and will help out when able. I am sure that you would all like me, on your behalf, to wish Bill a very speedy and complete recovery from his illness.

Our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Len Bailey, has continued to audit our books of account in a most competent manner and, in addition, has carried out a lot of research for us with respect to possible tax exemption.

Mrs. Elma Holmes has continued her good work on the Committee, despite being handicapped by two very bad knees, which have considerably hampered her movement until recently. Elma has had both the knees rebuilt and, as you can see, it will not be too long before she is again fully mobile. Elma has, nevertheless, continued to organise the mailing wrappers for Una Voce and supervise the wrapping operation with the help of other members of the Committee prior to the actual mailing which she does herself. Elma, I am pleased to report, has accepted nomination for the position of Treasurer.

Mr. Bob Pulsford assists me with Una Voce by proof reading and condensing articles where necessary. Currently, he has quite a task in trying to obtain a true picture of the Mount Lamington eruption and it's aftermath. We have received a great deal of information from members and others, but there are great disparities between some of the stories we have received, which is no doubt understandable after 40 plus years. I am sure that Bob will eventually produce a worthwhile article on Lamington, but it will take time. He is being ably assisted in the task by Mr. David Marsh. (Although, in hindsight, I wish that I had never made any comment on the Lamington eruption because it would have saved them both a lot of work!)

Harry West was again Chairperson of our Social Sub-Committee and with Jo Nitsche, Pat Hopper, Pamela Foley, Tony Pitt and Chris Downie (before she left for Qld.) has done a good job of organising our functions.

Mrs. Pat Jones, as Chairperson of our Caring Sub-Committee during the first half of the year and Mrs. Pat Hopper, as Chairperson during the latter half, with the assistance of Mr. Frank Smith and Mrs. Roma Bates, have done an excellent job of contacting members who have been ill or visiting those they have known are in hospital, plus sending greetings etc. to our more senior members to let them know that we have not forgotten them.

I would also like to say how much we have appreciated having Sir Horace Niall and Mr. Bill Seale as our Patrons as they have both helped to give great dignity to our Association.

Next, I want to thank all those members who provide me with the information, which enables me to produce Una Voce, in particular, our Correspondents in the various States, Mrs. Margaret Clancy in WA, Mr. Jim Toner in the NT, Mr. Geoff Masters, Mr. Doug Franklin and Mrs Isobel Pert in Qld. and Mr. Laurie le Fevre in Vic., they all do a sterling job. Laurie, however, is now somewhat inhibited in performing the role of correspondent as he is a regular commuter between Melbourne and Canberra, where last year he took up an important appointment.

At the last AGM I announced that 1990 would be my last year as your President. Despite this, I have again received a number of nominations for the position and been asked by a number of other members to reconsider last year's decision not to continue. In addition, we are in the process of re-organising our membership and financial records, something which I had

hoped would have been completed before I hand over to a successor. As a result, I have decided to again offer myself for re-election but I can assure you that this is for the last time if you decide to re-elect me. I am also offering myself for re-election as Editor of Una Voce but I have a feeling that I may also be calling it a day in that capacity at the next AGM.

I do not believe that the membership, generally, appreciates how much time these tasks consume if they are properly carried out and this applies also to the other positions on the Committee. There has been no change in the Committee during the past four years and it does not look as though there will be any change this year. Other members should be prepared to take their turn and serve on the Committee and not leave it to the same people to carry on year after year.

In conclusion, I have been honoured to be your President and I thank you all for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity, which for me has been a very rewarding experience.

ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEES

The following is the composition of our various Sub-Committees for the next twelve months:

Social Sub-Committee

Harry West	02.498.8442
Jo Nitsche	02.451.2475
Pamela Foley	02.428.2078
Tony Pitt	02.953.3267
Pat Hopper	02.953.7061

Finance Sub-Committee

Elma Holmes	02.958.4996
Pat Jones	02.969.9093
Jo Nitsche	02.451.2475
Pamela Foley	02.428.2078

Editorial Sub-Committee

Doug Parrish	02.416.8966
Bob Pulsford	02.958.1846
Pat Jones	02.969.9093
Pamela Foley	02.958.4996
Elma Holmes	02.958.4996

Caring Sub-Committee

Pat Hopper	02.953.7061
Frank Smith	02.809.1767
Roma Bates	02.560.2648
Co-opting Isobel Ireland, Bonny Dun and Marie Day as necessary.	

Legal Sub-Committee

Doug Parrish	02.416.8966
Freddie Kaad	02.969.7217

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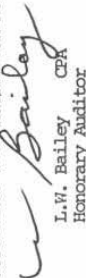
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1990

1989	1990
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>	
Balance as at 1 January, 1990	23,300.47
Credit Balance C/Fwd 31.12.90	<u>4,513.53</u>
	<u>\$27,814.00</u>
Represented by:-	
<u>Liquid Funds</u>	
Commonwealth Savings Bank	1,439.33
<u>Investments</u>	
Police Credit Union Shares	10.00
Hambros Cash Management Trust	8,007.00
Police Credit Union	<u>14,367.17</u>
	22,384.17
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>	
Computer and Printer	2,288.50
Second Computer	<u>1,702.00</u>
	3,990.50
	<u>\$27,814.00</u>


W.S. JOHNSON
Honorary Treasurer

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Association at 31 December, 1990 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.


L.W. Bailey CPA
Honorary Auditor

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

PERIOD:- 1 JANUARY, 1990 TO 31 DECEMBER, 1990

1989	RECEIPTS	1990	1989	PAYMENTS	1990
6,001.80	Subscriptions	3,984.20	2,385.03	Printing Una Voce	2,633.74
-	Advance Subscriptions	3,371.00	1,266.32	Postage Una Voce	1,257.36
774.00	Donations	274.00	63.00	Petty Cash	81.50
84.90	Postage Advances	98.10	1,735.50	A.G.M. Luncheon	1,235.00
200.00	Advertising Receipts	50.00	-	A.G.M. Raffle	35.00
3,020.00	Christmas Luncheon	3,640.00	2,036.35	Taxation	838.04
140.10	Christmas Raffle	128.50	35.00	Presentation	-
193.00	A.G.M. Raffle	75.90	2,800.00	Christmas Luncheon	3,547.00
1,600.00	A.G.M. Luncheon	1,220.00	24.00	P.O. Box Rental	60.00
	Interest -		42.50	Postal Registration	50.00
	Cheque A/c	76.87	24.88	Govt Bank Charges	26.39
	Hambros C.M.T.	813.87	304.85	Telephone	216.06
	Police C/Union	2617.66	224.74	Stationery incl Computer	473.58
2,097.27		3,508.40	109.49	Printing Wrappers	186.00
			57.00	Computer Repairs	378.00
			410.90	Computer Software and Supplies	-
			-	Postage General	343.90
			-	Duplicate 1951 Memorial Plaque	475.00
			11,519.56	Total Payments	11,836.57
			2,591.61	Credit Balance Carried Forward	4,513.53
			\$14,111.17		\$16,350.10

- Notes:
- (1) The telephone account is down this year because the Editor's last quarter's account had not been received as at the closure of the books for this year.
 - (2) The original plaque commemorating the deaths of the 3 officers killed in the 1951 air crash in the Highlands could not be found after interest had been shown towards it. A duplicate was made in Sydney.
 - (3) The higher amount of interest achieved this year was mainly due to the investment of a sum of money in August 1989 which did not mature until April 1990.
 - (4) Efforts to sell the faulty computer were unsuccessful. A major repair job was performed and the machine brought back into effective use. In the meantime a second computer had been purchased, as you will see in the Balance Sheet.
 - (5) The cost of the article raffled at the Christmas luncheon has not yet been received.

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"I am a member of the Congregation of Christian Brothers and have recently returned from Papua New Guinea for health reasons. I spent ten years in PNG connected with the Foundation of what was called Mount Zion Centre for the Blind in Goroka. This was the first centre of its kind, although the St. John Association for the Blind had been formed in Port Moresby two years previously. The Brothers are now extending their work to the Education of the deaf, situated in Wewak as from this year. Also work is done with school "drop-outs" in Ponini at a vocational school, and in Rabaul with youth who are unemployed and in trouble with the police. A few years ago a programme was begun with refugees from Irian-Jaya in the Western Province.

While some finance is obtained from Overseas sources, and from Service Organisations, the remainder has to be begged. As you will realise the impact that has been made on the finances of the country by the Bougainville crisis, these works are provided with very little from the Government of PNG. The shortfall for all of these projects has to be met by what the Brothers can "beg". To help in this situation I am trying to build up a Foundation, to be called the Edmund Rice Foundation for the Poor (PNG), and the interest on such an investment would help finance our present projects and help to extend these to other parts of the country. Any help you might be able to give or solicit from friends would be greatly appreciated and go a long way to making the lives of the disabled and disadvantaged of Papua New Guinea more meaningful. I would like to thank the Editor for allowing me this space. May God bless you all." John M. Adams, cfc., Saint Edmund's School for the Visually Handicapped, P.O. Box 582, WAHROONGA NSW 2076.

Victoria (Laurie Le Fevre)

I was interested to read in the March Newsletter Martin and Joy Munro's comment about plans to form a Victorian Branch of the PNG Association in Victoria.

I thought that I should write to let members know that there is already a strong PNG-Australia Association in Melbourne, to which many members of the ROAPNG belong. The Association has a large membership, conducts many interesting activities, and the highlight of the calendar is the annual ball held to celebrate Papua New Guinea's Independence Day.

The indefatigable secretary is Mrs. Olive Tau-Davis, whose address is 9 Lewis Road, Warrandyte North, 3113, and whose phone number is 03.844.1186.

PNG NEWS

Burns Philp Celebrates 100 years in PNG

On 4/4/91 Burns Philp Company Ltd celebrated its centenary of trading in PNG, 1891-1991.

The Rt.Hon. Rabbie Namaliu, Prime Minister, said "It gives me much pleasure on behalf of the Government and people of Papua New Guinea to congratulate Burns Philp on achieving their centenary in PNG, and for the part the Company has played in the development of our nation during the past 100 years. Burns Philp established themselves here in 1891 when they purchased Andrew Goldie's store business in Port Moresby. They have shown confidence in this country and its future and have led the way in investment in many different and diverse ventures, often being the first to bring new services to PNG." The Prime Minister went on to list some of Burns Philp's many activities and said that there were few of us who had not had contact with one or other of the Company's operations.

A 16 page supplement to the Post Courier was issued on 4/4/91. It gave a comprehensive history of Purns Philp Ltd. Present operations were included with many group photos of past and present staff.

PNG FOOTBALL

Dr Jim Jacobi, President of the PNG Rugby Football League Inc. announced on his return from a visit to U.K. and France in May that the next meeting of the International Rugby League Board, which comprises representatives from Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand and PNG, will be held in Port Moresby. This will be timed to coincide with the game British Lions V PNG scheduled during the 1992 football season. (Source of information - Radio Australia broadcast to PNG).

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS

The following are some of the contributions I have received from members. I hope to publish the remainder in the September issue, including a most interesting account by Roma Bates of her visit last year to Alaska, which makes most enjoyable reading.

I sincerely hope that many more of you will come forward and provide me with details of some of your experiences both in Papua New Guinea and elsewhere. There are very few other groups of people who would have had such an interesting life as ex residents of PNG. So, how about it?

AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT
by Bill Johnston

During my service in Papua New Guinea there were only two occasions that I accompanied a senior officer on what could be termed a patrol. A period of two days was involved on both occasions and they occurred in the first few weeks of my arrival in the country. The periods were short but I learned valuable lessons that stood me in good stead in the following twenty nine and a half years.

In July, 1946 I arrived in Papua New Guinea and was posted to the District Office in Port Moresby. I had been there a couple of weeks when I was told that in company with Johnny Walker, a senior Patrol Officer, I was to accompany the Administrator on an overnight visit to Rossell Island. A RAAF Catalina was to be our means of transport. The party consisted of the Administrator, Colonel Murray, the Director of Health, Dr May, a Mr Osborne, who owned a plantation on Rossell, Stan Pearsall (I think), the Administrator's aide de camp, a local man who was the Administrator's personal servant, the RAAF crew, Johnny Walker and myself. After a short visit to Samarai we arrived at Rossell Island late afternoon. A canoe took us to a small hamlet on the shore of the lagoon where we had landed. The crew stopped on the aircraft to spend the night and our party overnighted in a small hut vacated by an old lady.

There were only about four or five very old people in the hamlet so I was somewhat surprised when the Administrator called me over and told me to do a "census". As soon as I could get Johnny Walker in a place where we could not be overheard I told him that the Administrator had told me to do a census. He said "ignore it, the silly old B doesn't know what he is talking about." I agreed as there was such a small population and I didn't have an interpreter and my knowledge of Police Motu consisted of about six words, two of which were "yes" and "no". I spent a few difficult hours making sure that I was never close to the Administrator and avoided eye contact. During this period of "musical chairs" Dr May engaged me in conversation and wanted to know what I thought about the prospect of working as a Patrol Officer. I told him that I thought it would be very interesting and I was looking forward to the prospect, however, as I had just spent three and a half years separated by the war for long periods of time from my fiancée, I had no intention of repeating the experience as a married man of only three months, and that unless there was a prospect of getting married accommodation in the near future I would have to resign and return to Australia.

The next morning when we reboarded the aircraft I was surprised by the grim faced and rather surly welcome we were given by the crew of the aircraft. I put it down to them having had a hot, uncomfortable night on the plane and didn't think anything more about it.

On the return flight we were flying about 2500 feet, chugging along at approximately 120 knots. I was standing in the blister, one hand on the roof to steady myself, looking down at the coastline of Misima Island, which is really the peaks of a flooded mountain range rising to 3000 feet ASL. The Administrator was sitting on a small swing out seat attached to the side of the blister and Mr Osborne was standing next to him pointing out the landmarks etc. on a map. Without warning the aircraft slipped on to its side, the blister flew open, maps and papers flew out, and I was in a horizontal position looking face down at the sea. We fell quite a few hundred feet before the pilot could get his hands and feet into position to control the aircraft. Never in my life before or since have I wanted so desperately to sit down but the aircraft was falling at the same speed as I was and I couldn't catch up with it until the pilot regained control and brought us back on to even keel. I immediately looked at the Administrator's face and was shocked at how white he had gone, and the look of shock in his eyes despite

the smile of relief that was then on his face. Twenty odd years later I knew what they were talking about when they were blaming C.A.T. (clear air turbulence) being the cause of some jet crashes on landing approaches. In this instance it was presumably caused by a strong S.E. wind hitting the mountain range which we were flying parallel to at the time.

A few days after our return to Port Moresby I was delighted to learn that I had been posted to Misima Island, the then headquarters of the South East District, one of the very few places where married accommodation was available, so I could immediately start proceedings to have my wife join me. I also learned the reason for the aircrews' surly reception to us on reboarding the aircraft. Apparently they had been awakened during the night by a terrible odour and after much searching by torchlight they had found the cause in the tail section where somebody had relieved himself in a manner for which a Service aircraft was not outfitted to handle.

So what did I learn?

- (1) The people at the top don't necessarily know what is involved in the minor routine duties performed by the minions at the bottom.
- (2) If you want something of benefit to yourself it is a great help to have direct contact with the only person with the power to make this happen.
- (3) Always be prepared to expect the unexpected.
- (4) Never stand up if you can sit down.
- (5) There was always the chance of a humorous situation occurring in Papua New Guinea, that is of course if you can see the humour in the situation of someone looking for a source of a smell by torchlight and having found it, to have the task of removing it (without water and with possibly makeshift materials) from the rivets and cracks of an aircraft's fuselage?

If you are a "who dunnit" fan and must know the culprit, it wasn't the butler but the valet.

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AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

By Douglas Joyce*

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"On the 13th November 1956, my wife and I received an invitation from the District Commissioner, J.R. Foldi, to attend a reception in honour of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, at the Residency Rabaul.

A group of four of us were talking with the Duke when the conversation lagged and the Duke asked what were the trees surrounding the Residency. As no one seemed prepared to answer, I replied that they were known in Australia as She Oaks and the botanical name is *casuarina* but the natives call them "Yarra". To which the Duke replied, yes, he knew about them, they were used to pave the streets of London when most traffic was horse-drawn. I forget how I put it, but I said the wood used in London was "Jarra", a very hard wood from Western Australia. Whether the Duke replied or not I cannot remember but I jokingly refer to this as my encounter with the Duke.

We were joined by Paul Hasluck, Minister for Territories, who informed the Duke that they would be going to Lae in the morning and he finished by saying that there would be a native sing sing in the evening. He then left and the Duke turned to us and said "Not another bloody sing sing!!"

I liked the Duke, he never had any trouble calling a spade a bloody shovel."

(*Doug enjoyed his 94th Birthday in February this year. Ed.)

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

by Dimmen DeGraaff

Don't look for the names Kavieng or Namatani on glossy travel brochures for you won't find them, for both are small towns, well away from the beaten tourist tracks. They are situated on the island of New Ireland, north east of the land mass of Papua New Guinea.

Kavieng is the capital and is to be found to the north while Namatani is at the extreme south of a road made of compressed coral, coronas is the local name, which for 170 km winds itself along the coast. In doing so it offers some of the most spectacular scenery, equal to the best of any South Pacific island.

Before travelling on it, however, one should be aware that this road was constructed under the German Administration, well before the first world war at a time when motor car traffic was practically unheard of. Hence, numerous blind corners. Other hazards could be pigs crossing at sunset, and coconuts, which occasionally drop on it from a height of 30 feet or so.

Having taken due notice of all this, we leave Kavieng on a typical beautiful tropical morning and set out for Namatani. Here the road is bordered by palms whose green fronds contrast vividly with the much lighter green and blue of the Pacific, which in turn is edged by white breakers descending on coral reefs.

Following the coastal contours we have vistas of dazzling white palmlined beaches. Now and then the road is crossed by small bridges over shallow streams where shrill cries betray the presence of numerous splashing, swimming and diving small brown bodies.

Villages hedged by colourful Crotons, alternated with red-flowered Hibiscus are continuously flashing by. Occasionally there is an extra dramatic colour splash where a Bougainvillea has wrapped itself round a house or a tree.

Quite unexpectedly we are suddenly confronted by a starkly realistic life sized figure of Christ on the Cross in front of a Mission church. And a few kilometres further on there is another surprise when a very ordinary thatched roof building proclaims itself to be a Bahai temple.

Now we are ascending a steep hill, so steep in fact that this part of the road has been covered by asphalt to stop it from eroding. Looking from the top, the country spreads itself below in vivid contrasts of green palms, white road and blue seas edged by a white ribbon of breakers. Descending we are nearing the widest part of the island where the road is turning away from the sea and it starts travelling through a plantation where tall coconuts are on either side of us as far as we can see. Leaving the plantation we travel along another stretch of beaches and villages, but before reaching the end there is one more surprise in store for us.

Suddenly the road starts to twist and turn virtually at right angles, between perpendicular rocks on one side and the sea with rocky outcrops on the other. It is not for long however and we finally enter the small township of Namatani.

The road therefore, was constructed to link the two townships, with the plantations and Missions strung alongside it. Built by forced labour supplied by adjoining villages, one assumes that all hands were not always willing at all times.

But its masterful planner was equal to that challenge. He had the habit, so the story goes, to inspect seated in his horse and buggy. Whenever he found a pothole, the people responsible had to lift him, seated in his buggy, bodily over it.

By the time I arrived in Kavieng he had become quite a legendary figure and his grave, in the old Kavieng cemetery, was often visited by sightseers.

His monument is simple, a white stone cross, mentioning his name only "BULIMINSKY".

"Si Monumentum quaeris circumspeice"

"If you search for his monument, look around you"

The road is his real monument.

(There was a period in New Ireland when the birthrate dropped most significantly. The reason, it is said, was that the work on the road demanded by Buliminsky was so demanding and so arduous that the New Ireland women living in villages along the road refused to bear children "who would be born into virtual slavery building and maintaining the road." Ed.)

(When Roy Claringbould mentioned in a letter that he and his wife had just returned from Thailand, I asked him in the June 1990 issue for a few lines on their trip and the following is his response. It should not only be of general interest to members but very helpful to anyone anticipating a visit to that most interesting country).

A VISIT TO THAILAND

By Roy Claringbould

Joan and I flew to Bangkok on a direct flight from Brisbane early in April 1990, on a Thai International flight - very comfortable and very courteous cabin service.

The first impression is the sheer size of Bangkok Airport and what a tremendous volume of visitor traffic passes through it each day.

The next shock is the introduction to Bangkok motor traffic between the airport and the centre of the city. It is nothing short of horrendous in volume, density, almost complete absence of discipline on the part of drivers and the length of time spent in traffic hold-ups.

As our main purpose in going to Bangkok was to see our two grandsons and our son, Michael, and his wife, we naturally stayed with them, so I cannot speak with any authority about hotel accommodation. We visited quite a few one way and another, and I would say that the top-ranking hotels in Bangkok are extremely well-run, the staff are well-trained and efficient and the tariffs are high!

There is much to see in Bangkok and it is a marvellous place to go shopping. There is a tremendous range of goods which can be bought from ramshackle roadside stalls through to sophisticated departmental stores and "up-market" boutiques in fashionable arcades. Joan and I are particularly interested in handcrafts and Thai silks and cottons. For the cheapest prices, the Weekend Market at Chatuchak Park is probably the best as well as offering a tremendous range of goods. This market is a bit out of the way however. The Emporium of Thai Handycraft Products situated in Rajdamri Road, in the business part of Bangkok, also offers a tremendous range of handcrafts at reasonable prices and is also provided with air-conditioned comfort - a very important factor at the time of the year when we were there, when the average daytime temperature was 39C.!

If a visit to Bangkok is made on a package tour, the visitor gets locked into a tourist "cocoon" and visits the Royal Palace, the Emerald Temple, the Floating Market and the Rose Garden. These are alright in themselves, but they are very much trampled over by thousands of tourists each day. It is desirable to break out of this cocoon and visit places like the National Museum, the Teak Palace and Jim Thompson's House which are full of interest and not so heavily patronised. We were lucky to be visiting at the right time of the year and were able to take our grandchildren kite-flying in the Sanam Luang - the park close to the Grand Palace where hundreds of brightly coloured and cleverly made kites can be seen diving and bobbing in the afternoon sky.

About a week of our time was spent in Chiang Mai, some 600kms to the north-east of Bangkok. We flew there by Thai Airways and returned by sleeping car train. The latter was a drama in itself, but it would take too long to give the details. Suffice to say that we enjoyed the 13 hour overnight journey - definitely recommended for those who want to avoid the tourist "cocoon".

While in Chiang Mai, we went to a weaving village about an hour's drive to the north. We spent a whole day there in the company of a Dutch weaver who is writing a book on traditional Thai weaving. It was most enjoyable, although the journey, in the back of a converted utility, rather hair-raising.

We were fortunate to secure accommodation in a Thai guest house on the banks of the River Ping. The cost of accommodation and all meals for the two of us was \$35 per day and the food was really delightful, being the genuine Thai product. We particularly enjoyed the Papaya and other local fruits and vegetables, which were all mouth-watering! Unfortunately, these prices were not typical of tourist hotel accommodation which seemed to be at the \$200+ per day level. In Chiang Mai it is possible to see local craftware being made and all within close distances - weaving, pottery, painted umbrellas, furniture, lacquerware and jewellery. A word of caution about buying jewellery in Thailand - there are lot of bogus diamonds and gems about. "Let the buyer beware!"

If a visitor to Thailand decides to avoid the "total package", transport can be a problem. There are plenty of "tuk tuks" (motorised pedicabs) and taxis about, but fare-wise you can be "taken for a ride" in more ways than one. The buses vary from the sublime to the "Gor'blimey" but are very cheap. They suffer from the fact that they get caught in traffic jams and cannot get out of them. It is often quicker to walk.

One of the biggest problems in Thailand is the language barrier. Most of the signs are written in Thai, which bears no relation to the Latin script and, except at hotel reception desks and travels agents, English is seldom spoken. This can cause problems with shopping and sight-seeing.

In spite of everything, it is still a fascinating country.

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA NEWS

NEW COIN

The Bank of Papua New Guinea will release a new K100 Gold Proof Coin dated 1990. The coin will be minted in the Perth Mint and feature the butterfly Ornithoptera Alexandrae, one of the world's largest butterflies.

OK TEDI

According to a senior executive of the Ok Tedi mine, Mr Tony Larkin, the Ok Tedi mine could be returning its first profits to the country within two years. The mine recorded a K24.2m profit for 1989, up K3.5m from the 1988 profit.

THE 9TH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES

The 9th South Pacific Games, being seen as the biggest event in Papua New Guinea since Independence, will be held in Lae and Port Moresby from 7 to 21 September 1991.

MINING APPROVAL

Two significant resource projects - the Hides gas field and Mt Kare alluvial gold mine - have won approval from the Government. Both projects are close to the Porgera gold mine, with the Hides field planned as an electricity source for the Porgera operation.

CRA discovered the Mt Kare field in 1987 and has been negotiating its development ever since. The Mt Kare field is the first resource project in the country to involve large scale equity involvement from landowners. The special mining lease has been granted in the name of Mt Kare Alluvial Mining Pty Ltd, a company owned by CRA (51%) and the local landowners (49%). The Hides gas field is 95% owned by the operator, BP Petroleum Development Ltd with Oil Search Ltd holding the remaining interest. The Hides gas will provide natural gas to power the late stages of the Porgera gold mine.

DOUGLAS CLOSES

Douglas Airways, the second largest third level airline in the country, has closed down. The airline shut down all its operations on 30 August, 1990, due to financial difficulties. The airline was under provisional liquidator Frank DeGraff for the past two years and was 51% owned by Air Niugini.

SCHOOL COMPETITION

The Papua New Guinea - Australia Schools Competition has been concluded. Over 400 entries were received from throughout Australia and the standard of entry was exceptionally high. The entries were judged by the Geography Teachers' Association of NSW. Results of the competition are:

Best entry:	Jennifer Neale
Senior 1st:	Elizabeth Robson
2nd:	Leanne Ends
3rd:	Georgia Clerk
Middle 1st:	Emily Ravenscroft
2nd:	Leena Mundkur
3rd:	Jenny Heaslip
Junior 1st:	Celia Mitchell
2nd:	Renee Stein
3rd:	Brent Piltz
Special Prize:	Phalen Sor.

CENSORSHIP

Material covered under the Censorship Act 1989 which is brought into the country after 1 October this year will be subject to inspection, a label of approval, registration number and a classification fee per title. All media and entertainment industries in the country will be required to pay registration and classification fees. There will be two different categories of fees; annual registration and payment for individual material to be used either by the media or for sale in shops. Below is a listing of the annual registration fees:

Annual registration fees for certificates are as follows:

Publishers K100; television and radio stations K2000; public cable television K3000; limited hotel cable television K100; special cable television K500; film theatre K200; video dealers K500; video library K200; video theatre K100; literature distributors K300; literature dealers K150; audio cassette distributors K300; audio cassette dealers K150 and change of publication premises K100.

PORGERA GOLD

Porgera Joint Venture made its first shipment of gold bullion on 29 August. This marked the completion of phase one of the project.

Construction of the next stage of the plant, which is scheduled in the third quarter of 1991, is progressing to plan. This stage comprises a pressure oxidation circuit consisting of three autoclaves with an associated oxygen plant. Further infrastructure development include a 30 MW power supply based on the Hides gas field, the Suyan township and a new airstrip at Kairik.

The total cost of the Porgera Project Implementation Plan is now estimated to be K972m and the project is scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter of 1993. Meanwhile a revised estimate of mineable reserves indicates that Porgera's production rate will increase to 900,000 ounces of gold a year over the first 6 years of the mine's life.

PNG - 1991 BUDGET - Huge slice for law and order

Law and order takes the cream of the Government's spending next year. The Police Force, Defence and CIS have been allocated a total of about K123 million in the 1991 Budget - up by about K22 million from 1990. The grant for the Department of Madang has been significantly reduced from about K4.2m in the previous Budget to about K1.6m - the lowest for a Government department. Funds for administration and general Government services jumped to K113.8m, up by about K3.5m. Minimum Unconditional Grants to provinces are up from K114m to K122.4m.

The Government hopes to spend about K847m out of its total K1,310 million Budget on the public service.

- * National department K605.3m;
- * Provincial departments K143.8m;
- * Statutory authorities K71.1m; and
- * Provincial governments K26.7m.

Minister Pora told Parliament the Government had already begun reducing the size of the public service as part of its restructuring and reform program.

Mr Pora said PNG needed to develop a national public service "that is truly national in every sense. The public service must be moulded into a manner that promotes national consciousness and unity, especially senior appointments to provincial departments," Mr Pora said. "The combination of retrenchment, natural attrition and the recruitment freeze has led to a net reduction of about 3000 in the size of the public service in 1990," he said. The retrenchment program this year could cost about K29 million, Mr Pora said.

VALE

Mr. Basil Brunker HAYES

Basil, whose death on 15 January 1991 was reported in our March issue, arrived in Papua in 1940, aged 22, employed by British New Guinea Development Co. Ltd. In 1942 he enlisted in the Australian Army and served with ANGAU as a patrol officer. Immediately following demobilisation in 1946, he joined the PNG Administration.

He spent the next twelve years as a kiap, his postings as varied as Naoro in the Owen Stanley Ranges, Gaima on the Fly River, Kundiawa, Kavieng and Popondetta. From 1958 until retired on medical grounds in 1970, he held several senior positions at Konedobu, the last of them as Assistant Secretary (International Relations & Internal Affairs) in the Department of the Administrator. He set great store on integrity in public affairs and acted accordingly. He was unfailingly helpful to his staff.

As Basil was an intensely private person, it is appropriate to limit this obituary to the observation that a most happy family life was central to his existence and that he bore ill health with courage and dignity. We sorrow with his widow, Joan, and their daughters Tina and Lynda.

(The foregoing obituary was provided by Mr. Harry H. Jackman. Ed.)

Mr Malcolm John LEWIS (8 May 1991)

John served in DASf, DPI and Central Provincial Government for a total of 36 years. He went to PNG in 1954 with the appointment of Manager in the Division of Animal Husbandry, DASf. He was posted to Goroka Piggyery in 1957 when a major upgrading programme of village pigs was undertaken.

Later he returned to the Papuan Region where most of his long service to agriculture and rural development was passed. He was Manager at various times at Moitaka, Laloki and Launakalana livestock station, which he started from scratch. He was involved with beef and dairy cattle, vegetable production and village water supply. Many of the villages in the Kapa Kapa and surrounding areas now enjoy improved water supply systems installed by John.

He was a great organiser - nothing was too difficult.

He left PNG in 1990 retiring to Wooloongabba, Brisbane. He is survived by his wife Lorrie, who had been secretary to Andre Millar at the Port Moresby Botanical Gardens, and his daughter Samantha. Several ex DDA, DASf/DPI officers attended the funeral including Jack Baker, Syd & Heather Saville, John Eccles, Tony Howard, Don Murray, Warren Read and Doug Franklin.

Mrs Mary Elizabeth COLLETT (25 April 1991, aged 47 years)

Mary was the wife of Grahame, ex didiman Vanimo, Chimbu, A/Principal Popondetta Agricultural Training Institute and Chief Training Officer D.P.I. HQ Konedobu. She was taken ill suddenly on Anzac Day and passed away the same day.

Mary trained as a teacher and went to PNG as a lay missionary being posted to Litre Village School near Vanimo in the mid 60s. Later she taught at the Bambusi Street Primary A School Popondetta, between 1972-76 and then Boroko East and St. Joseph's Primary Schools, Port Moresby 1977-78.

Mary met Grahame at Vanimo and they were married at Popondetta.

After leaving PNG in 1978 she and Grahame and family settled on a grazing property near Glen Innes where Mary was a tireless community worker. She is survived by Grahame and three children, Carmel (20), James (18) and Peter (11). A large gathering of local townpeople and school children attended the funeral at Glen Innes. Also Pat Ingram ex PNG who had come up from South Australia and Syd and Heather Saville, Burpengary Qld.

Mr. Peter Frederick **MANSER** (4 March 91, aged 70 years)

"Easy going - difficult - loveable - optimistic - intelligent - kind - a gentleman and a good christian. Known in the Airforce as Pinto Pete.

Born on the 27th of February 1921 at Lewisham Hospital, England, Peter was the only son of Harold and Ellen Manser and was blessed with four sisters.

He immigrated to Australia in 1923 on board the "Thermistocles", arriving Saturday, 22nd December 1923. He was two and a half years old and he travelled with his mother and four year old sister Patricia. His mother spent the voyage praying that he would not fall off the railing, which he always managed to climb onto. The family settled in Coogee in "two well furnished rooms" which his father had secured, having arrived a year earlier to prepare things "down under" for his family.

Peter grew up in Charles Street, Ryde, and attended Holy Cross College where he matriculated and after some office type jobs commenced accountancy with O'Brien & Co. in the city. This was interrupted by World War II when Peter enlisted in the Army. He was an unhappy recruit, he hated marching and everyone hated marching with him as he was always out of step. After much pleading he was accepted to transfer to the RAAF and spent his 21st birthday training in Western Australia. He was chosen for a special squadron to train in Canada. This was a very difficult period of his life as he became engaged to a beautiful Canadian girl, however they both found they could not leave their homelands and then the war ended and Peter's squadron was recalled to Australia - many of his friends died in the first squadron which had already gone over.

Discharged from the RAAF in 1946 and not settling well into civilian life, he accepted a position with Carpenters, a well known firm in New Guinea, as a cost clerk. He made an impact in this firm asking a customer would she like a broom wrapped or would she ride it home, before leaving to secure a job with Gibbes Sepik Airways - then with Ansett Mandated Airlines where he became a Captain, finishing his service in 1970.

He settled in Sydney near his sisters and their children, first with his beautiful mother who he lost in 1976, later at Brookvale where he met a good friend in Bob Wendt, and lately at Collaroy Plateau.

He spent most of his adult life in New Guinea - Madang, Wewak and Goroka. He made some wonderful friends - the Healy family, Dennis Buchanan and last but not least Bob Rich. Their time together ended last Monday when Peter died at Bob's home in Davidson - peacefully - much loved and admired and, as always, looking forward to being fit enough for a beer with Dick O'Brien or the boys at Belrose.....

"HAPPY LANDINGS PETE"

(The foregoing Eulogy was delivered at Peter's funeral by Julie Ann, the eldest daughter of Bob and Ann Rich of Davidson, N.S.W. Ed.)

Mr. Phillip Miles **HOWELL** (6 March 91 aged 81 years)

Phil, a Health Inspector in the PNG Public Health Department, is survived by his widow, Margaret Helen. (No other details available. Ed.)

Mr. James **ROBERTSON** (14 February 91 aged 73 years)

James, a Medical Assistant in the PNG Public Health Department, is survived by his widow, Margaret Brannen. (No other details known. Ed.)

Mr. Ronald Bruce ALBERT (25 April 91 aged 62 years)

"Ron Albert was a quiet achiever and he was never one to boast of his personal achievements, but there were many in his personal life, in his business endeavours and on the sporting field. He was one of those rare individuals whose quiet unassuming manner enabled him to fit in wherever he went.

Ron went to the New Guinea Islands in the early 50's. He recognised and took the opportunities that presented and over the next twenty five years he built a thriving diverse business enterprise. He made many lasting friendships along the way. He had the simple business philosophy of bite off more than you can chew and then chew like hell. Sometimes things did go a little close to the wind but his perseverance and determination always won out.

He was a man of principle, he believed strongly in 'to do unto others', he was a hard man but he was fair. He was firm but he was compassionate. Had strong opinions but was understanding of others. He was generous he was loyal almost to a fault. He was never happier than when he was physically involved. He was an extremely proud and dedicated family man. Ron applied himself with gusto to everything he did. His exploits on the football field for New Guinea are legendary. He represented for some fourteen years, most of these as Captain and as his playing career ended he turned his energy to the administration of the game he loved, being President of the New Guinea League for a number of years.

Ron was a man that many of us who knew him thought would go on forever, but, unfortunately, the will proved too strong for the body. We are all so much the richer for having known Ron and all with a great sense of loss with his passing.

VALE, RONALD BRUCE ALBERT we will all miss you!!!"

(The above Eulogy was delivered by his friend Bill Knight of Albany Creek Qld. Ron is survived by his widow, Dawn, and children, Julie, Gregory, John and Vicky. Ed.)

Mrs. Marcia BALDWIN (8 May 91)

Marcia was the widow of John Baldwin who was with Customs in PNG, serving in Port Moresby, Rabaul and Madang. Survived by three children, Donna, Arch and Petra. (No other details known. Ed.)

My very best wishes to all members and their families for the remainder of 1991.

Take care and keep smiling.



Doug Parrish
Editor

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MRS. L.	CAUDWELL	1/21 BUTLER STREET, ALBION	QLD 4010
MR. J.J.	COYLE	1/45 COOLANGATTA RD. KIRRA	QLD 4225
MRS. H.	COX	5/22 LILLA ST. WOODY POINT	QLD 4019
MRS. J.	DAVY	2 DOMMETT STREET, KENMORE	QLD 4069
MRS. H.	FARREL	35/40 IRENE ST. EAST HILLS	NSW 2213
DR. W.	GAMMAGE	84 JEFFCOTT ST. NORTH ADELAIDE	S A 5006
MR. A.S.	GOW	47 PARTHENIA AVE., DOLAN'S BAY	NSW 2229
MR. I.L.	GRIFFITH	31 LONGMAN TERRACE, CHELMER	QLD 4068
MR. J.M.	HOWARD	26 DURHAM STREET, STANMORE	NSW 2048
MR. A.L.	HURRELL	303 PINEHURST, TWEED GARDENS KIRKWOOD RD, SOUTH TWEED HEADS	NSW 2486
MR. I.	McMAHO	C/- COMMODITIES BOARD OF TONGA, NUKU'ALOFA	TONGA
MR. G.M.	MURRAY	8 ERIC STREET, TORQUAY,	QLD 4655
MRS. C.	PATTERSON	1 CHERRY TREE GROVE, MARCUS BEACH	QLD 4573
MR. C.	SCHWASS	P.O. BOX 365 MOUNT HAGEN, WHP	PNG
MRS. R.	THECKSTON	10 THE AVENUE, FERNTREE GULLY	VIC 3156

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MRS. H.	FENBURY	45 RUPERT ST, SUBIACO NOT 46
MRS. J.	DOUGLAS	P O BOX 6036, BOROKO, PNG, NOT 6972