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CPI: The increase in the Consumer Price Index for the 12 mths ending 31-3-2001 was 6%. Superannuation pensions will increase by that percentage from the first pay period in July.

OUR SECRETARY RETIRES -

JOE NITSCHE is retiring after 14 years as Secretary. At the AGM he thanked all his co-workers and commented that the workload had increased greatly over the years as membership had risen from 500 to over 1200. Joe will remain on the Committee. Our incoming Secretary is ANN GRAHAM - Joe wished her all the best, as does the Committee.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON -

A date for your diary - the luncheon will be on 2nd December. The theme for the luncheon will be the 60th anniversary of the evacuation of women and children from PNG in December 1941. If you were involved in the evacuation, please note the date in your diary and make a special effort to come.

VISIT TO THE MOUNTAINS -

The date this year is **Thurs 11 October** - full details in the September issue.

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APPOINTMENT OF PATRONS

Our greatly admired patron, Les Williams, passed away on 19 March last and an obituary prepared by his long-time friend and colleague, Ian Downs, appears in 'Vale'.

At the 50th Annual General Meeting of our Association held in Sydney on 29 April, it was unanimously decided that Roma Bates and Fred Kaad be appointed as patrons in recognition of their distinguished service to the community, to Papua New Guinea, and in particular to our Association. We are proud that these two remarkable people have agreed to be ☐ H W West, President our patrons.

SUPERANNUATION ADJUSTMENT:

A number of superannuated officers received a letter from Comsuper in mid April about an adjustment to superannuation which was made on payday 3 May 2001. We had a number of enquiries about this and had our member, Peter Clay, formerly of the PNG Government Law Department, and our representative in Canberra, consult with Comsuper. The correcting adjustment is in order. However, if any member who is affected needs more information on this issue, please write to our Secretary.

☐ HW West

HAVE YOU HEARD ???

Colonel Donald RAMSAY was awarded an OAM in the General Division in the Australia Day Honours for service to youth, through the Commonwealth Day Council, and to international relations through the Australia Papua New Guinea Friendship Association and the Battle for Australia Commemoration Committee.

Donald was a Major with the then Pacific Islands Regiment (PIR) in Port Moresby and Manus in 1960-62. Then the Australian Government established 2PIR at Wewak with Donald as the founding Commanding Officer. He held this position for three years, 1965-67. After retirement he joined The Scots College in 1979 as a non-academic assistant to the principal. He retired at the end of 1994 but the Old Boys Union asked him to remain as their

secretary and editor of their magazine Lang Syne, a job he continues to do.

New member Robert TAAFFE and his wife Lucy recently made a visit to Lucy's village, Lavongai, New Hanover, where they stayed for two months after a 10 year absence - they had a wonderful time.

In mid-February John HOWARD, an AusAID worker in PNG, went with a Papua New Guinean family to Salamaua and spent a weekend in a Council-owned accommodation facility. He wrote that the Salamaua Haus Kibung seemed to be designed for conferences and training courses with numerous small two-bed bungalows and a self-contained guest house, all with a beautiful view across Salamaua Bay. He said that most of the isthmus is occupied by villagers who apparently moved there when their own village was flooded. He wrote, 'The area where the cemetery is and also the local school is about to be cut off from the mainland. There is no ground out of the water, just some logs and stones. Some giant tyres have not held back the sea. The school is now closed.'

John enclosed some material on the AusAID program he is involved in, which aims to help the PNG Government improve the access, equity and quality of schools for girls and boys in five provinces. One of the aims is to ensure that women and girls have the same opportunities as men and boys to participate in development projects.

News from PNG:

The PNG Government has embarked on a wide-ranging privatisation program, which includes Telikom PNG, PostPNG, Air Niugini, Elcom, the PNG Banking Corporation and the PNG Harbours Board. (SMH 30-3-01)

The old Lae airport situated in the heart of the city will be divided into industrial leases for companies, government institutions and non-government organisations. Included in the redevelopment plan will be a new suburban police station, a primary school and a courthouse. (Post-Courier 30-4-01)

News from the Northern Territory: Jim Toner writes, 'Another of our handful of ROA members in the NT has gone South. John KELLY, resident in Darwin for a number of years where he was State Manager for ATSIC, was promoted to Canberra. A room with a view from the Woden Tower is a long way from the decrepit Sub-District Office, Lae and still further from Nomad, two of the stations he served at as a kiap.

After years of service with the NT Department of Housing & Local Government, Dave PERMEZEL has retired and lives in Darwin. A former kiap, ADC Aitape at one time, he is not in the best of health.

Tolais can expect to find themselves similarly situated if they continue to interfere with unexploded bombs nearly 60 years old. Over a six months period an Emergency Services team at Rabaul has located 22 such bombs of which eight were 1000 kg. specimens. The search was prompted by injuries to young men recently attempting to open up their discoveries. Memories are short, the Tolais having apparently forgotten that in 1984 five Matupit Island teenagers were blown to pieces when they tampered with one of the 1000 kg, monsters.

At the funeral in February of our late member Michael GREY, two wantoks rose to speak in glowing terms of their friend. John COPLAND was a veterinary researcher attached to DASF in 1968 when he met Mike, his neighbour in a line of single officer quarters on Tuaguba Hill, Moresby. Although of permanent materials and a considerable improvement on, say, the pitpit dongas at Mt Hagen, it does appear that the lifestyle of bachelor denizens of Kermadec Street and Cannery Row was far from dissimilar. At any rate John, now a PhD who coordinates Animal Science at the Australian Centre for

International Agricultural Research, considered himself fortunate - as does the writer - to have had Mike as a Best Man at his Moresby wedding. John and Sue now live in Canberra.

At about the same time, Nick O'NEILL went from Melbourne to work at the Public Solicitor's Office, Moresby and to live at the Bottom Pub. Culture-shocked, he was most grateful to have Mike, the former kiap, counselling him on PNG's idiosyncracies, native and expatriate. Nick took part in an AusAID study of Legal Systems in PNG during 1996 of which Mike was team leader and he spoke of the high regard obviously felt for him by officials at Canberra, the High Commission in Moresby and indeed anyone in PNG concerned to achieve some progress there. Nick is the president of the NSW Guardianship Tribunal and he and Annette live in Balmain.

The two eulogists referred, quite correctly, to Michael Grey's "amazingly quick wit" and "unerringly insightful analysis". He could indeed be quick on the trigger and I recall his meeting a House Champion girl of some beauty but less brain. He brought her to a party where she became quarrelsome over some triviality. Mike asked her to calm down whereupon she turned on him declaring, "You're not the first man in my life, you know". Mike looked around the now silent company and responded, "In that case, why did you charge me so much?" It was a first and final date.

PNG WEB SITES (GOOGLE WEB DIRECTORY)

A Guide to Papua New Guinea

www.worldskip.com/papuanewguinea - news information, products and services

Australia/PNG Friendship Association

www.geocities.com/apngfa - voluntary organisation promoting friendship, trust and understanding between Australia and PNG (ROAPNG is a member)

Eric's PNG Site www.angelfire.com/journal/png - informational site about PNG

Global Internet www.global.net.pg/niugini.html - Inside PNG

Papua New Guinea BUAI - Books, Useful Articles & Information

www.pngbuai.com - this site seeks to provide a virtual home for a growing collection of research level electronic material on and from PNG

Papua New Guinea Guide www.papua-new-guinea.com/right.htm - comprehensive guide features information from the CIA World Fact book

Papua New Guinea Online

www.niugini.com - covers all aspects of PNG from statistics to chats

Papua New Guinea Virtual Library coombs.anu.edu.au/SpecialProj/PNG/Index.htm-comprehensive Web directory of information, chats and news about PNG

PNG Net Search www.pngnetsearch.com - directory of sites related to PNG

Rob's Papua New Guinea Links www.geocities.com/The Tropics/Paradise/4163/ - frequently updated links to PNG web sites

THE MEMOIRS OF AMY WASHINGTON (Continued)

(The fourth and final section of Amy's memoirs, as recorded by her daughter Tessa Jones.)

My father regularly left with several policemen and carriers to visit villages on Woodlark and the neighbouring islands. He travelled on foot when visiting the interior, and used the whaleboat and crew to reach the coastal villages. Serious court cases were held at Kulumadau, but minor ones were heard in the villages.

On one occasion he expected to be away for several days but arrived home late the same afternoon carrying a small bundle. Apparently the first village they arrived at was deserted. The policemen were making a hut to hut search when one of them suddenly shouted for Dad to come. He climbed the ladder up to the dwelling and when his eyes became accustomed to the darkness he saw a tiny new-born baby lying on the coconut matting covering the floor. When he examined the baby he realised the reason for the deserted village - the child was an albino.

Children who are born with deformities are often abandoned in the bush - some are actually killed by the father. The birth of this baby must have terrified the people, so they ran off leaving the little one to die. Dad decided to return home immediately as he had nothing to feed the baby with. I can see him now walking up the hill with this bundle in his arms calling 'Mother! Mother! Of course we were all very excited. Mother had not long returned from Samarai after having Cecil, so we already had one baby in the house.

After bathing the poor little thing, Mother dressed him in some of Cecil's clothing. We then prepared a half-strength mixture of condensed milk and water and were delighted when he suckled quite well. One of the girls we had working for us was assigned to help me, so I now had two little babies to care for. It was a great joy really, and everyone became so interested in his progress. Someli named the baby Kum-Kum. I do not know what it means or where it originated.

Many years later when I was married and living in Port Moresby, a native boy with light skin and ginger hair arrived at my home and asked if I was 'Sinabada Symons'. It was Kum-Kum. He had been told that we had taken care of him when he was a baby and that I was Mr. Symons' daughter. He was working as a house-boy for one of the men at Burns Philp. It was evident that he was slightly retarded. Perhaps he had suffered some damage at birth; as well, we had no way of knowing how long he had been in the hut until Dad had found him. I was delighted to see him and wrote to mother in Brisbane asking if she had a photograph of him as a baby. She sent one of Cecil and him when they were about one year old, dressed identically in striped romper suits which Tess had made for them. They were sitting on a rug playing happily together. Kum-Kum was amazed and delighted with the photograph. He sat and gazed at it for hours and came regularly after that, always bringing some of his friends along to see it. They would sit in a circle passing it around, laughing and commenting on the way he was dressed etc.

Long before my father took up his appointment on Woodlark Island, we heard of the earthquakes which often shook the island. On our lengthy walks we observed the evidence of this. One particular place was very noticeable. In front of the Residency a long green stretch of lawn fell sharply away. At the bottom of the steep cliff there were trees growing, similar to the ones which dotted the stretch of green above. According to a story which had been passed down from one generation to another, a dreadful earthquake had occurred one night and in the morning this section had dropped, leaving a sheer cliff with the trees still growing several hundred feet below.

Earth tremors occurred every few days. Just a slight tremor and the cups suspended by hooks on the kitchen dresser would rattle, or the kerosene lamp suspended from the ceiling would begin to sway from side to side.

One quake in particular would remain in our memories for many years. The day dawned fine and sunny and unusually still. At about 10 o'clock I took Cecil for our usual walk. I was sitting on a swing suspended from the branches of a huge mango tree, with the baby in my arms, when I felt the earth begin to shake under my feet and leaves and mangoes started to rain down to us. I ran towards the house calling to Mother.

Inside everything was chaotic. We could scarcely stand upright. The house was being heaved about and the noise of falling articles and furniture was appalling. The sound of rushing water puzzled us until we realised our water tanks were breaking open. Mother urged us to run to the tennis court, and as I reached the stretch of open grass everything began to shake again. I looked towards the house and could see the corrugated iron roofing part, the guttering falling to the ground and most of the verandah railings around the house falling out.

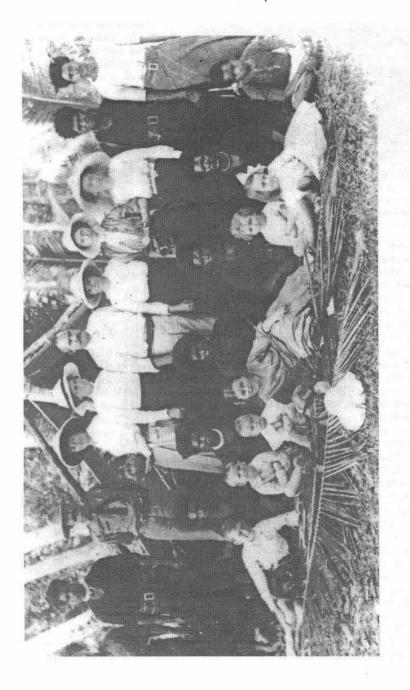
Mother was shepherding the terrified native boys and girls into the open, and soon we were all gathered on the court. Dad was organising the natives in the sheds, making them stand clear of the buildings in case they collapsed. The bags of rice and flour in the store sheds were falling off the racks and bursting open.

After it became quiet, we ventured back inside to find everything a complete shambles. My father, concerned for the other residents, went out to see if anyone had been injured. Before he left he put his arms around me and said, 'The moment you feel the first sign of tremor, run to the tennis court with the baby'. I knew it was the safest place, but cracks were beginning to appear all over the ground, and although they were only about 1.5 inches wide, to my terrified eyes they appeared gigantic. It was a day of terror for all of us.

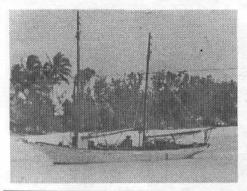
At the first sign of tremor we would look towards the other side of the island where we could see the trees swaying as the quake came towards us. The most terrifying thing, as we looked down to the plateau below, was to see the great trees which had been dropped far below in a previous earthquake twisting and bending and some of them crashing to the ground.

We spent most of the day, natives and Europeans, huddled in small groups wherever there was a large patch of cleared ground. The tremors continued all that day and through the night. There were three severe quakes and 23 tremors recorded. My father said whenever the volcanoes around Rabaul erupted, we could expect this sort of experience. As darkness fell we carried mattresses to the tennis court and slept in the open for the night. Next day began the mammoth task of cleaning up. We experienced many quakes during our stay at Woodlark, but none as severe or prolonged as the one I have described.

Every six months or so, my father had to visit the outstations to try cases, make inspections and to carry out another of his many official duties, that of mining warden. The trip to the various islands on the *Guitana* would take four or five weeks and on one particular occasion he decided Tess, Moresby and I would accompany him. Plans were made for one of the house-boys to come as cook-boy and prepare meals in the small galley below. There was only one tiny cabin but as this was stifling we chose to sleep on a mattress on the hatch cover. It was so much cooler and we always anchored far enough away from the shore to escape mosquitoes. We were fortunate to have a toilet and shower on board. These were primitive, just platforms surrounded by a canvas wall and suspended over each side. Apart from ourselves, Teddy Mears and a crew of six boys accompanied us. We sailed whenever possible - the engine was used only when absolutely necessary.



Back row (expatriates) Mr Norrie (Asst. Resident Magistrate), Miss Honmann (teacher), Mrs McKee, Mr & Mrs Poole, Rosa and Tess Symons <u>Front row</u> - Moresby Symons, two Poole boys, Amy Symons (Washington), Jackie Nelson, Muriel Symons PICNIC AT BONAGAI, WOODLARK ISLAND ©



The Guitana - Government Yacht at Woodlark ©

Misima was our first port of call. We anchored in the lagoon and were rowed to the jetty. Our destination was the mine, a walk of about 10 miles over mountainous terrain. The track was very narrow and at one stage was most difficult to negotiate because there had been a severe landslide.

The manager of the Umuna mine was Mr Griffiths and his assistant was Mr Boyd whose wife also lived there. She invited us to stay with her, as Dad expected to be absent for about four days on

inspection. We accepted gratefully as the heat was intense and the facilities would not be as cramped or as primitive as on board the *Guitana*.

Their house was constructed of corrugated iron with earthen floors and was perched on a ridge to catch the cooling breeze, as were most of the houses around the mine. Mr Boyd was an enormous man with a thick black beard, and his wife was a very tall thin woman who before she came to Misima had been a dressmaker in Cooktown. We were surprised to find she habitually dressed in what was then called a 'wrapper' (a floor length housecoat) over which she wore a large black apron.

She invited Tess and me into her bedroom one day to see the clothes she had stored there from her Cooktown days. The most beautiful gowns in silk and taffeta, elaborately beaded and trimmed with lace, were hanging on rods protected by sheets of unbleached calico. Her hats, all trimmed and plumed, were wrapped in newspaper and arranged on a shelf. She must have been a very stylish woman, and it was so sad to see that, with all her care, spots of mildew were appearing all over them. To think she now lived in a corrugated iron shanty cooking for her husband and several miners - wearing her shabby 'wrapper' and black apron.

Though not an attractive settlement, Misima enticed a lot of folk from North Queensland hoping to make their fortune. The gold was difficult to extract but there was an abundance of it, and a great deal of money was made there. On our trips to the island there were very few people in residence, but later on they opened up more mines and it was a flourishing place for many years.

From Misima we travelled to Sudest Island where Mrs Mahony and her daughter Tagula lived (Tagula being the native name for Sudest). Mrs Mahony was a very well-known identity in Papua. She had come originally from Daintree in North Queensland where she owned the Bush Hotel and ran the local store. A widow, with four daughters and two sons, she ran a trade store on Sudest Island, had a large and thriving coconut plantation, sailed her own lugger and was so respected amongst the people of the island that she was known as 'Queen of Sudest'. She and my parents were friends of many years' standing, meeting first in Cooktown and then in Samarai.

She invited Tess, Moresby and me to stay with her for a week or so while Dad sailed to Rossel and the adjoining islands. Her house, although built of corrugated iron with earth floor, was somewhat larger than most and consisted of a dining room, kitchen,

a large bedroom and a parlour, and was furnished with some cane chairs and a piano.

Tess and Moresby were to sleep in the 'bride's cottage'. They weren't too happy about this arrangement, as the cottage was unusual to say the least. Several years before, one of her daughters had married. Sadly, she died quite soon after from Bright's Disease which she had been suffering from for several years. The family was grief stricken.

Before their marriage, Mrs Mahony had built a house for them quite near her own home and had furnished it in readiness. Pictures of the wedding were hung around the walls and the wedding gifts with the cards attached were in various glass cases around the room.

I was given a bed in the corner of Mrs Mahony's bedroom but, to my horror, hanging on the wall at the end of my bed was a large photograph of the 'bride'. She was dressed in her wedding frock and lay in her coffin holding a bouquet of lilies. The photograph preyed on my mind all day, and when night came I lay in bed trying not to notice the figure on the wall - sleep was impossible. Some hours later a cat fight developed under the bedroom window and, in between the wails and screams, a large kerosene tin was knocked over. It was all too much. Jumping out of bed, I fled screaming through the house to where Tess and Moresby were sleeping in the cottage. Nothing would induce me to return to the bed, so for the remainder of the visit Mrs Mahony kindly had a stretcher placed beside the double bed in the Bride's House. I have a feeling Tess and Moresby were just as grateful for my company as I was for theirs.

I spent a large part of my day observing Tagula in the store. Sudest Island was rich in alluvial gold, and the currency the natives used was the gold they panned in various places around Sudest and the adjoining islands. They brought it to the store in cocoa tins, tobacco tins and often little bags made of any old piece of rag they could find. Flour, tea, sugar etc, was priced in terms of gold weight rather than shillings and pence. For example 5lbs of flour would be weighted in so many grams or pennyweights of gold. After the natives selected their trade goods, the order was set out on the counter and then the accounting was done. Tagula had a little set of brass scales and when all was completed, she would pour the gold into a tin marked with the name of the district from which it had been panned. There must have been a great deal of money in that little shack but there were no walls, only a tin roof supported on poles, with a counter in the front and open shelves for the goods at the back - no locks, no doors, no guards.

My father had made arrangements for Mrs Mahony to take us to meet him at Nivani Island, where George Munt had a coconut plantation. Both Tess and I were dreading the journey. We had only sailed with our father who was a superb seaman, and Mrs Mahony seemed such a frail and elderly lady. It was an open boat with jib and mainsail. We set sail early in the morning and arrived at Nivani just before sundown. It was a most uncomfortable day's travel. We wore our large rush hats and long sleeves as protection from the sun, but the day seemed interminably long in view of the complete lack of toilet facilities on board. Mrs Mahony solved this problem in an ingenious way. She always sat in the bow of the boat and carried a very large black umbrella which she used for shade and, when the occasion demanded, to establish an effective screen to provide her with privacy. There had been no need to worry about Mrs Mahony's ability-she sailed her ship as well as any man. Her native crew respected and indeed feared her, immediately carrying out her commands as she navigated her way through the dangerous, mostly uncharted reefs. She was an amazing woman. I think she would then have been in her late sixties or early seventies.

It was wonderful to see the Guitana again. We spent the night anchored off the island, with Mrs Mahony sharing the hatch with us. She set off for Samarai early next

morning to pick up supplies and visit her two daughters and grandchildren. After farewelling her, we set sail for the return journey to Woodlark.

My father's term on Woodlark was nearing its end. Rosa wished to remain there and continue to work with Dr Taafe at the hospital. Mother, always conscious of our education, decided to settle the family in Brisbane before joining Dad at his next posting, Misima. A home was bought in Eagle Junction, Brisbane, and arrangements were made for the schools and colleges we would attend. I was enrolled at the Technical College, Moresby at St James Catholic school, and Muriel at All Hallow's Convent. Tess would remain at home and take care of the family while Mother was absent. So once again the Symons family moved on, some of us leaving forever a land we had grown to love - and friends and treasured memories of sixteen years of life in Papua. I was the only one to return, marry, and raise a family - but that is another story.

LAE'S INDUSTRIAL ROADS

The following was sent to us by Alan McLay. Alan spent six years in New Britain and Bougainville, then seven years in Chimbu Province, and in 1976 was posted to Madang. He moved from Madang to Lae in 1978 and has become entrenched there. Among other things, he is President of the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a position he has held since 1995.

The Lae roads have had a welcome upgrade, thanks to the largest single AusAID project ever, where Kina43m. was spent on redeveloping industrial roads and K5.25m. on a new bridge over the Bumbu River.

History reveals how Lae's roads fell into disrepair. Comworks did most of the sealing of Lae's roads in the early 60s. Whilst the work was outstanding, it was never anticipated that the roads would have to cater for the size of the vehicles or the traffic use we see today. By 1970 the Highlands Highway (now known as the Okuk Highway) had become the main supply route to the Highlands Provinces. With the sealing of the Highway in the late 70s and early 80s, vehicles with loads sometimes exceeding 60 tonnes were travelling along the Highway. All of these vehicles were loaded or unloaded in Lae, and were frequent users of the Lae roads (even those off limits). These Lae roads were probably designed for 10 to 12 tonne limits and it is a testimony to their worthy construction that they held together for as long as they did.

In 1978 the Morobe Provincial Government was created, and focused its attention (and funds) on rural development. Without criticising this policy, it soon became evident that much of the city infrastructure was crumbling, especially the roads. The once Garden City became popularly called 'Pothole City'.

The effect on the private sector was devastating - businesses relocated to other centres or were just not attracted to Lae; vehicles constantly broke down and were expensive to repair or replace; workers were constantly late as PMVs often broke down or just couldn't cope with the roads; health deteriorated as dust plagued the city and store goods were covered with a film of dust.

In 1992 the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry, having had no success at the political level to get the roads maintained, embarked on an advertising program where weekly newspaper photographs depicted the pothole of the week. These became a popular feature, and an item of much discussion. The first photos taken were legitimate potholes but soon poetic licence was used to engineer some of the content for greater impact.

I remember one photo where we cut the roof off an old car and put it in a large (but

shallow) pothole. With a fellow kneeling beside the roof, it looked as if the car had all but disappeared into the pothole. Another pothole, with a speedboat in it, was purely fanciful but served its purpose.

Within a year the local authorities applied for AusAID assistance and the project was approved in 1994. Needless to say, the private sector is exceedingly grateful.

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME TRIP

Revisiting places you lived in years ago can be risky. Bracing ourselves for disappointment, a number of ROAPNG members together with family and friends, took up Air Niugini's special offer, and visited Madang for three nights in May. The visit exceeded our wildest dreams.

There were 16 of us, including Jack PAGE, Doug PARRISH, Nance JOHNSTON and her daughter Margaret, Garry WILLIAMS and Patsy DAWSON (Garry and Patsy's father is the late Les Williams, our former Patron) and members of the CLIFTON-BASSETT family (myself, and daughters Helen and Jane), all of whom had close connections with Madang. The town put on a very special welcome for us.

Before moving on to Nance Johnston's observations, I would like to make a few comments. For me, coming to the realisation that progress is being made was one of the best things that came out of the trip. I loved meeting the people I knew before, as well as meeting so many up-and-coming Papua New Guineans showing great promise.

I was greatly impressed with our visit to the Golf Club, once a 'white' enclave, and now home to Papua New Guineans as well as expats - and to Papua New Guinean women! And with a PNG President too. It was a joy to see a young Papua New Guinean woman take the microphone and competently call out the prize winners for ladies' golf tournaments. What progress!

The town and its environs were extraordinarily clean. We noticed that all the mess

left over from Saturday's market was cleaned away on the Sunday.

I must mention our driver/guide - a Highlander who spoke perfect English and had extensive knowledge of the Madang area. He was outstanding, and we thoroughly enjoyed our trips with him. And so to -

Nance Johnston's story - Returning to Madang

When asked would I be interested in joining a group visiting Madang, my emphatic answer was 'no', adding that I would not leave Bill as he would miss my daily visits to the nursing centre where he now resides. Next day, on making conversation with him (as one has to when visiting unwell people) I told him about the trip. He did not hesitate in telling me to go, and added soon after, 'I am being honest, I want you to go, and see if Margaret will go with you'. Margaret, our daughter, was born in Madang. That night I made arrangements for Bill's care and we joined the group.

We had lived in Port Moresby from 1970-1975. Having experienced the unrest, the rapid change in attitudes and living behind barred windows and locked doors with three watch dogs for security, by 1975 we felt it was time to leave. My good memories of the previous 25 years were by then somewhat tainted. The subsequent adverse media publicity resulted in people believing PNG was a country to avoid when planning a holiday. We now know that many places, like Madang, are still unaffected 25 years after Independence. In fact 95% of the country is considered safe to visit.

Landing at night in Port Moresby and flying in the dark over the Owen Stanley Range was a new experience - there were no night flights when I lived in PNG.

We were transferred to Madang from Kikori in 1953. On arriving in Madang last week, with the heat and the tropical smell, it felt like coming home. Memories flooded back as I tried to get my bearings. The magnificent Madang Resort Hotel is on the site of the old Madang Hotel where we stayed in 1955 while waiting for a vessel to take us to our new posting at Bogia. I recalled the drought at that time and not having water to wash Margaret's nappies! Now there is an unlimited supply of drinkable water.

The hospitality shown to our group and the itinerary arranged for us was outstanding. We were greeted at the airport by a group of friendly people - it felt as if I had known them all before. We could not have seen or done more than we did in the two days we were there, with trips up and down the coast by road, and what better way could you spend Sunday morning than cruising around the beautiful Madang harbour in glorious weather, so different from Saturday morning when we got out our umbrellas and ambled down to the markets. (It was like going back forty or fifty years, the roads and the mud bringing back many memories.) The people were the same as the friendly people I once knew. As we ventured further afield, we almost got worn out waving to people as we passed them on the road. The children were still as excited and happy to see us as I remembered them years ago - they look the same and their eyes sparkle as they put out their hand for apinun (good afternoon). Dress fashions have not changed and meri blouses are still popular. We never had any feeling of apprehension or fear.

There were many highlights, a couple more memorable for me than others. Being a Life Member of the CWA (granted at the National Conference in Madang in 1974) and a past National President, and having been officially involved in CWA in PNG for many years, it was pleasing to attend morning tea with members of the Madang Branch and to

learn that their cottage had recently been extended significantly.

On one of our bus trips, the group went off to see something I had seen before, so I stayed in the village. It was like yesteryear. Three men and a young woman sat on a bench with me and the young woman told me of her sadness at the recent death of her baby. The men invited me to join them in betelnut chewing - one tore off the outer skin of a nut for me with his teeth, but I declined his offer. An old lady joined the group and

told me it is good to chew some betelnut before doing the kitchen chores.

Another highlight was a visit to Karkar Island through the generosity of Sir Peter Barter who took a few of us there in his helicopter. The visit was significant to me because Bill was the Kiap who, in 1954, supervised the building of the airstrip there. Back on the mainland, I had the pleasure of meeting John and Anna Middleton who had made a special launch trip from Karkar to see us all. Forty-five years ago, when John and Bill were young men, I gather life at Karkar was pretty hectic after the hard work of the day was done! John gave me a gift for Bill, a selection of coconut-oil products now produced at his plantation, Kulili Estates.

We located the house we had lived in forty-six years ago. I knew it would not be the pristine house it was then. What we found was the most dilapidated residence in

Madang, possibly the result of a fire, but Nationals are living in it!.

On returning to Sydney, some of the group - many being old wantoks and half a dozen Territory-born (now forty-plus year olds) - were reluctant to break after two wonderful days of sightseeing and happy gatherings, particularly at mealtimes.

One day I would like to return to this 'Jewel in the Sea' and travel further to some of the outlying islands where we once lived, on the MTS Discoverer based in Madang.

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MONSTERS by Natalie Harris

I arrived in New Ireland in early 1957. I was a Stateless Refugee from Europe and the country held many surprises for me

I remember in 1958 living in Namatanai. The Nambuda river was close by and was crawling with monsters (crocodiles). These monsters took labourers from plantations and people presumed they had simply gone off to their villages; and they took goats and the labourers would be suspected of killing and eating them. One morning three little girls on their way to school stopped at the river to wash their hands and faces. One of the monsters grabbed one girl and started to drag her under water. The kids screamed and their little friend waved with one hand and then disappeared. Soon the villagers ran to the office and told my late husband Frank what had happened.

At that time two Australian engineers, Charlie and Darcy Small, were building a new bridge over the Nambuda. Frank decided to try to capture the crocodile, hoping to find the remains of the girl. He asked the villagers to help with the plan. The villagers killed an old sick dog, Darcy supplied dynamite which they put inside the dead dog, and then they put the dog on the riverbank. This was done at night when no-one was wandering around. Sure enough the *pukpuk* grabbed the dog and the dynamite exploded and ripped the monster's side. Frank and Darcy heard the explosion, so did the police and villagers, and all went to the scene. Half an hour later Frank rushed home to get me. The dynamite had ripped half of his belly but he was still snapping, and swaying his tail. Someone produced a rifle and put him down.

The next day 20 men brought this monster to the Namatanai station on the truck. When its belly was opened there was no girl, but they found one large boot, goats' horns, a spoon, and dogs' bones. After that another three monsters were killed, but no girl was found.

As a young woman I am sure I gave the A.D.O. a headache when I went to see my husband on the east coast of the island. Today if someone paid me \$50,000 to do the same walk I would not even consider it.

THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA DEFENCE FORCE

'We created this great army, which most of the old hands didn't want to see happen - but the people in Canberra thought we had to fashion PNG's Defence Force as a mirror of Australia's .' These are the words of Colonel Donald Ramsay, the founding Commanding Officer of the Second Pacific Islands Regiment (2PIR) at Wewak.

According to the SMH of 1 April, the Australian Army has a lot to answer for in PNG. The paper stated that classified records from meetings in Jan. 1973 show Australia's external territories minister, Bill Morrison, urged that the then PIR be halved. He argued that an independent PNG could not afford to have 3,600 soldiers whose pay and conditions had been set by the Australian Army at rates well in excess of those applying to the police. He was supported by the Australian defence minister Lance Barnard and PNG's chief minister at the time, Michael Somare. However, the Australian Army was opposed to any reduction in the size or role of the regiment, which it regarded as an extension of itself. Thus, at Independence, PNG had an army twice the size recommended by Morrison - and there have been problems ever since, it stated. (SMH, 1-4-2001)

SIR THOMAS BLAMEY ORATION by SEAN DORNEY A.M., M.B.E., 15-11-00

Well-known journalist and author, Sean Dorney, gave a detailed picture of the PNG Defence Force in The Sir Thomas Blamey Oration at Victoria Barracks, Brisbane on 15 November 2000. Following is a brief summary of his talk which was entitled 'An Ill-Disciplined Force'. Sean began by highlighting some of the extraordinary acts of bravery of PNG troops during WWII, when the PIR was first formed. After being disbanded after the war, the PIR was formed again in 1951, and in 1965 the 2nd Battalion, based at Wewak, was added. Australians dominated the officer ranks of the regiment right up until the late 1970s, even after Independence. It was not until May 1971 that the first Papua New Guinean reached the rank of Major. Four years later, that Major, Ted Diro, was a Brigadier General and the first Commander of the PNGDF.

Before Independence, the Commander of the PIR, an Australian Brigadier, did not answer to the Australian civilian Administrator in Port Moresby He took his orders from army headquarters in Canberra. This independence of action was shared by neither of the other disciplined forces, the Police or the Prisons Service, who answered to the colonial administration. At Independence the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF), with a well-defined role set down in the Constitution, came into being. The Constitution states that the Defence Force is subject to the 'superintendence and control' of the Cabinet through the Defence Minister. But the Minister has no formal power of command within the force.

Ten years after Independence, Colin East, an Australian Colonel who had been Chief of Staff of the PNGDF, wrote that the 'cosmetic surgery' done at the last minute had left PNG with a defence force whose elements were 'meaningful in the framework of the Australian Defence Force of a decade ago' - that is, the mid 1970s - but that as a separate national force the PNGDF was 'militarily unbalanced, expensive and non-viable'.

Sean continued, 'East's comments still apply. Militarily unbalanced the PNGDF remains. A Defence White Paper presented to the PNG Parliament in 1996 spoke repeatedly of the need for a "small, balanced and responsive force". Small it is at about 4000 personnel but even those numbers are now being savagely cut. There has never been much progress meeting the other two criteria - balanced and responsive. Like some other PNG government departments and institutions the current structure of the PNGDF, which

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is under intense review as I speak, is virtually what Australia left behind. The shortage of money needed to maintain this colonial-era infrastructure had led up till now not to any radical restructuring but to gradual dilapidation.'

Sean then outlined the current structure of the PNGDF, ie the land element (the largest, with two infantry battalions, an engineering battalion, a signals squadron, an explosives ordnance demolition unit, and a preventative medical platoon), the naval element (a Patrol Boat Squadron of four surveillance vessels and a Landing Craft Squadron of two ageing, heavy landing barges) and the air element (much of the fleet is not operating).

He described the funding crises which involved erratic and ad hoc funding, widespread waste and incompetence. For example, an investigation ordered by Sir Julius Chan when he was Finance Minister showed that in 1992 K800,000 meant for the Bougainville operation was diverted by officials to buy twenty houses in Port Moresby for civilian staff of the department, that spending of K5 million could not be accounted for because no records had been kept and that the Defence Force had 'paid exorbitant rates for many goods and services'. Another investigation was told that the Defence Supply and Tenders Board almost never followed its own tendering rules with the result that certain suppliers gained favourable treatment.

The army's problems included soldiers' grievances over pay, the belief of Bougainville soldiers that they had been abandoned, the collapse of discipline, inconsistencies in the awarding of punishments, and political interference in appointing the commander.

All this mismanagement angered the men on the ground. Sean said that PNG's two national daily newspapers regularly featured letters to the editor from the troops on Bougainville - there did not seem to be any PNGDF censorship of soldiers' mail and so the people of PNG got to hear of all sorts of complaints. This included criticism of officers' tactics and, most often, attacks on the politicians who allegedly never understood nor cared about the difficulties facing the men sent to fight the war. One, signing himself Frustrated Serviceman, wrote, 'There should be none of these lousy pay rises for politicians, including fancy allowances and other luxuries that invariably go with the job while the soldiers are struggling to eat and have no back-up as they serve this nation more truly and more honestly than any money-grubbing, loud-mouthed politician'.

He cited an editorial in the *National* newspaper which commented, 'There are very few places on earth where treasonable offences, sedition and even mutinous actions are not treated very seriously. Papua New Guinea is one such place.'

He then spoke of the Prime Minister Sir Mekere Morauta's desire for reform. In October Sir Mekere delivered a lengthy statement to the Parliament in Port Moresby

outlining his desire to restore what he called 'capability, professionalism and pride in the Papua New Guinea Defence Force'. Sir Mekere asked the Commonwealth Secretary-General to put together an Eminent Persons Group to report to him by the end of 2000 with 'a Plan of Action for immediate implementation'.

CHANCES OF A COUP?

I am often asked what do I think the chances of a coup are in PNG. Comparisons are often made with Fiji. The best reply I ever heard to that came from Kim Beazley back when he was Defence Minister in the Hawke Government following the first Fiji coup in 1987. He was visiting PNG at the time and said the political and social situations in the two countries were totally different. The Fiji armed forces saw their role, he said, as defending the interests of the indigenous people against the Indians. In PNG the soldiers came from every province and no single group dominated while the non-indigenous population was tiny. 'Our assessment,' Mr Beazley said, 'would be that there is not the remotest possibility of the events of Fiji repeating themselves here.' However, he added one very interesting comment. 'But' he noted, 'Chekhov once said, "All happy families look the same. It's the ones that break up that break up in individual and very different ways".'

The logistics of staging a successful coup in PNG are daunting. The geography is one barrier. While the military might be able to secure a few government buildings in Port Moresby or Wewak, it is an entirely different matter to control Bougainville, New Britain or the Highlands. The problems the PNGDF had in Bougainville bear testimony to that. Public regard for the PNGDF is also at a low ebb. Few people in Papua New Guinea look to the military to have any solutions for PNG's problems. And, from my observations over the years, there are few in the military who would relish taking on the trauma of trying to administer such a diverse, difficult and perplexing country.

One man who had it within his power to remove the government by force was the commander of Operation Rausim Kwik, Major Walter Enuma. On the night the crowds laid siege to the Parliament in March 1997 after the Members had voted not to topple Sir Julius Chan, Enuma confronted a number of his own men bearing arms who were advancing on the back gates of the Parliament building. The Major stared the soldiers down and ordered them back. 'By storming into the Parliament what are we going to achieve?' Major Enuma told me a few months later. 'I may have done it for good intentions but what about the next guy? You know what happens when guys are intoxicated by the power that they gain. They promise you an election next year and then they say, "Oh, the following year". That's your democracy out the window. So what have we become? Another banana republic? Another African country?'

Enuma is troubled by the divisions that remain in the PNGDF partly as a result of the Sandline affair. He said he felt very saddened by the continuous politicisation of the force, the division of the military within by various people. He added, 'If there is anybody who wants to fight each other they should take it outside of the military and fight it outside.' Major Enuma warned, however, of the enormous resentment amongst the soldiers caused by the funding shortfalls. 'To have an army is a very expensive business,' he told me. 'You have to have an army that is properly maintained and financed or you don't have an army. Because to have an army that is inadequately financed is dangerous to any sovereign state.'

Sir Mekere seems to have taken note. Whatever the outcome of the Eminent Persons report, the new-look PNGDF will be brought into being only after it goes through considerable pain and trauma. There are interesting times ahead. But that is always true in the PNG I got to know. The responses of the Colonels who have much to lose in

prestige and power will be something to watch.

In conclusion, I might say that this has been a most appropriate time to be invited to deliver this Blamey Oration. Because in twelve months time the defence force that I have been attempting to describe to you may be no more. If the Morauta Government's plans are carried through it will be transformed into a very different force to the one that I, more than occasionally, clashed with in my twenty years in Papua New Guinea. I thank you.

(Our thanks to Sean Dorney for permission to use his speech)

ESA'ALA by Joan Tait

In the sea haunted islands of the D'Entrecasteaux An ancient mountain, kunai-footed, springs to the clouds Here at its base is my home with its red tin roof In sweetly named Esa'ala.

Sighing under the chattering casuarinas
Esa'ala is emeralds, malachite, milky jade,
Luscious and glaucous, gleaming with silver rain
Beside the Dobu passage.

Winds speak softly the names of the D'Entrecasteaux -Sanaroa, Tewara and windy Sawataitai, Lying where oceans beckon the copra vessels To shell strewn shores.

And old men sitting in shade by tossing palm trees Watch with calm eyes the days that come and go, Looking beyond my red tin roof to Solomonai Where Time has dwelt forever.

This was written by Gordon Steege's late wife Joan (Tait) in 1947 when she and Gordon were based in Esa'ala and Gordon was a Patrol Officer under Cecil Cowley, Mick Healey and Clem Rich. It is part of a collection of her poems, 'The South and the North', published in 1960.

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BOOK NEWS AND REVIEWS

TAIM BILONG MISIS BILONG ARMI - Memories of Wives of Australian Servicemen in Papua New Guinea 1951-1975 Compiled by Stephanie Lloyd, Marlena Jeffery and Jenny Hearn - 155 pp., illus., s/cover, \$28 + \$7 p/h (Aust)

Taim Bilong Misis Bilong Armi is an anthology of the stories told by Australian army wives who accompanied their husbands on postings to the Pacific Island Regiment in PNG prior to independence. There are stories of weddings, births, fun times, moments of fear or awkwardness, and experiences of working in an unfamiliar environment. Lasting friendships were formed and a special bond developed between these women who all missed family and friends and the comforts of 'home'. Though they have left PNG, the country and its people have a special place in their hearts. It has an introduction by Hank Nelson. We hope to review this book in the September issue.

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FEAR DRIVE MY FEET by Peter Ryan, reprinted by Duffy & Snellgrove, 301 pp., soft cover, maps, \$19-95, available from major booksellers

Reviewed by Belinda Williamson

Peter Ryan has provided a glimpse into the frustration, desperation and determination that was a way of life for surveillance patrols monitoring the Huon Peninsula of northern New Guinea during World War II. These Australian servicemen had to contend with great physical hardship, an acute lack of resources and, at times, unsympathetic superiors, while attempting to develop and maintain the trust of the indigenous people of the region. The trust and assistance of the natives was essential in order to survive and to gather vital information about enemy movements.

In many places, the patrols needed to overcome a heritage of distrust created by pre-war Australian bureaucrats, as well as competing propaganda from Japanese forces and German sympathisers. These 'political' battles were played out against a background of very real physical danger, of starvation, disease and attack by enemy patrols. The stifling humidity and, at times, intense cold, the torrential rain and recurrent malaria severely tested the physical limits of the servicemen. Despite the trials and setbacks suffered by Peter Ryan, he maintained an extraordinary ability to perceive and understand the motivations of the tribal leaders.

In fact, Peter Ryan, as an individual, was a remarkable person. He was only eighteen when he first started his patrols and was barely twenty by the time his active role ceased. Yet he showed an astonishing maturity and dedication to his task. He recognises the untapped potential of mankind when he says, 'Man is very brave. His patience and endurance are truly wonderful. Perhaps he will learn, one day, that wars and calamities of nature are not the only occasions when such qualities are needed.'

Although this novel has been in print since 1959, I have not previously read it. Peter Ryan's story was made unexpectedly real to me by his chance meeting with another Australian in the middle of nowhere. The other Australian was my grandfather, Les Williams. Like many of my generation, I have very little understanding of the role that either of my grandfathers played during the war. This story was a glimpse for me into that other world. I highly recommend this book, especially to those who have not considered what it was like for our soldiers to go to war in an alien country just north of our borders.

(Belinda Williamson is the grand-daughter of Margo and Les Williams, our late patron - she is working part-time and studying part-time to be a physiotherapist.)

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Reviewed by Marie Bassett

In this remarkable chronicle David Bloomfield, then a 17 year-old anti-aircraft gunner, describes the bombing of Rabaul, the invasion, and his trek along the eastern side of New Britain with a few companions until rescued at Palmalmal on 4 April 1942.

The idea for the diary came to David shortly after his rescue. While in hospital in Sydney with malaria, he recorded names, dates, places and events, all of which were still very fresh in his memory. These notes formed the basis of the diary.

Surprisingly, the diary contains a few photographs taken on the escape route. David explained that while at Concord AGH in June/July 1942 he and the chap in the next bed discovered they had both been in Rabaul at the time of the invasion. His ward-mate was Sgt Les Robbins of Fortress Signallers. David wrote, 'Les showed me photos he had taken during the escape through the almost impenetrable Bainings mountains and hazardous jungle. Considering the extreme hardships endured ... it was a miracle for a camera and photos to have come through intact. Les gave me copies of the photos which I stored with my notebooks for the next 50 years.'

Rabaul Diary is told very simply, and has been shown to be accurate. David was in the Tol area when the massacre occurred; Jap planes were flying low over the areas he was traversing. He had decided against surrender and never wavered. In 1994 the diary was accessioned into the Archives Section of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

This absorbing diary is available from The War Book Shop, 13 Veronica Place, Loftus NSW 2232. Fax 02 9542 6787, Ph. 02 9542 6771, Email: warbookshop@bigpond.com \$22 (incl GST & postage in Aust.)

THE NEW GUINEA CLUB, by Peter Lyons

Peter Lyons was a Patrol Officer from 1960-1970. Peter wrote, 'The New Guinea Club is a story about today, a summary of people's feelings and a statement about what people in Australia really want. The book is fiction and the characters ... bear no relation whatever to any real-life people who ever served in PNG - I hope.'

225 pp., s/cover, \$21-95 (incl GST & postage in Aust.) - available from the author at: 36 Colorado Drv., Glenalta, SA 5052, ph/fax 08 8278 3713 Email plyons@chariot.net.au

HELP WANTED: Bob Piper of Higgins ACT would like any details on what happened to Captain John Stanley COLHOUN who was harbour master at Rabaul in the 1930s. Bob is at ph/fax 02 6254 8376. His address is 7 Brazel Street, Higgins ACT 2615.

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WE ALWAYS GET OUR MAN (OR MERI) - A TRUE STORY

The Canadian Mounties have a motto 'We always get our man'. Following a recent incident the Sydney PNG Wantok Club might like to adopt this motto too, except we need to change it to 'We always get our meri'.

A few months ago a PNG man heard his sister, who lived in Sydney, was in trouble. He did not know his sister's current name, address or phone number, just her village name. He figured he would just ask a policeman to help find his sister when he got to Sydney. The police at the airport took him to Mascot Police Station, and they contacted the PNG Consulate. The Consulate asked the Wantok Club for help. The Wantok Club president rang the police station and talked to the visitor, and asked him a few more questions such as which province his sister came from. Much to the amazement of the police, the Wantoks found his sister's full name and location, and a business address of a Wantok just down the road where they could drop the intrepid traveller off, all in under an hour.

The Wantok President rang the police back later to thank them for their efforts, and the police thanked him back, saying this was probably the fastest finding of someone they have seen. Let's add our thanks to Kila Karo, Winnie Widdup, Daniel Luke, John Leonard and the Mascot Police for their efforts which helped achieve a seemingly impossible task so swiftly.

(Our thanks to the Sydney, Papua New Guinea Wantok Club for the above.)

SYDNEY SWANS PLAYERS WALK THE KOKODA TRACK

Six members of the Sydney Swans walked the Track recently. The venture was the idea of Swans' chief executive Kelvin Templeton. Kevin said, 'We decided to set it up to broaden their outlook on life. Today's athletes tend to be kept in cottonballs ... We also hoped to impress on them how lucky they are and to understand what a lot of young men without all the opportunities they have had were prepared to do.' Kelvin is planning to send another group later in the year - his goal is to have every player on the team list make the journey. Those who took part were Rowan Warfe, Leo Barry, Andrew Schauble, Gerrard Bennett, Ryan O'Keefe and Brett Kirk. Rowan Warfe said the Track was the hardest thing he had done and that afterwards nothing ever seemed too hard at training.

HELP WANTED: Alma Blake of Seaforth via Mackay Qld would like to hear from anyone who served with, or knew anything about, her uncle, Bill MILKINS, whose death was given as 4-2-1942 at Tol. He was Private William Milkins, QX 64934, possible nickname 'Milko', enlisted 14-3-1941, undertook training at Frasers Paddock, Enoggera Qld, embarked on MV *Macdhui* transferred to 8MD 27-9-41, disembarked and transferred to IMD Rabaul 8-10-1941, detached to 8 Div supply col AIF Rabaul, Missing 25-1-42. Official purposes, died Rabaul 4-2-1942. Alma believes he was a driver. If you can help, please contact Alma Blake at PO Box 16 Seaforth via Mackay QLD.

Re the hanging of Ludwig Schmidt in Rabaul - Correction

'In my item on p. 25 of the March issue of *Una Voce*, I may have inferred that the task of hangman was sometimes the role of the district officer. This was the child in me speaking, for, of course, such tasks were the province of the Police Service. I regret this carelessness and am indebted to Maxwell Hayes for drawing my attention to the fact that Chris Normoyle was the officiating policeman at that event.'

Geoff Melrose

REUNIONS

EX KONEDOBU CLUB MEMBERS CIRCA 1969 - Townsville, 3-5 August, 2001

The reunion commences on the Friday night at the Picnic Bay Surf Life Saving Club on The Strand. Saturday night will be at the North Queensland Club in the city. Accommodation is available at 'Seagulls Resort on the Seafront', reference 'Kon 1'. Other accommodation is available. If you have any special interests, eg a visit to Magnetic Is., or a game of golf, please let the organisers know. Contact Christine Baulch, Box 1755, Townsville QLD 4810 Ph 07 4771 2622 (H), 0418 716 266 (Mob) Email: cbaulch48@hotmail.com or Tony Fraser, Unit 4, Breakwater Villas, Sir Leslie Thiess Drive, Townsville QLD 4810, Ph 07 4772 1679 (H), 0418 770297(Mob.)

ADELAIDE ROAPNG REUNION LUNCHEON - Sunday, 4 November 2001

Following the successful first reunion luncheon last November, the above date has been set for this year's reunion. Members of the organising committee are Ron and Josette Storer, Peter Thomas, Robin Radford and Jan Kleinig. If you wish to add the names of PNG friends or former colleagues to the Adelaide mailing list or if you would like further information, please contact Jan Kleinig on 08 8339 8314.

SAMARAI REUNION 2001, Report Back by Derek Baldwin

A highly successful third Samarai Reunion was held in Canberra over the weekend of 3/4 March. The formal reunion consisted of a lunch at the picturesque Southern Cross Yacht Club on the Saturday, and breakfast in the PNG High Commission's *Haus Tambaran* on the Sunday. In addition many private arrangements were made to coincide with Canberra's multicultural festival.

About 110 attended the luncheon with slightly fewer fronting up for the breakfast. The PNG High Commissioner, His Excellency Mr Renagi Lohia CBE and Mrs Patti Lohia and Dr Tony and Francesca Deklin attended as official guests at the luncheon. Tony is Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Canberra and his wife Francesca is responsible for consular matters in the High Commission. Francesca rendered invaluable assistance to the organising committee throughout.

At both gatherings the High Commissioner gave warm welcoming speeches and commended the contribution which Australians had made to PNG prior to and post independence. In particular he praised their high values and work ethos.

Ian Poole, who is currently resident in Samarai, gave a very interesting talk at the luncheon on present-day conditions in Samarai and the surrounding district. Ian, who came to PNG in 1971 as a geologist, has established business interests in the area. He said that the economy of the Eastern Province faces many challenges with much of the infrastructure that existed at independence gone, and rubber and copra no longer viable as export commodities. Palm oil, which attracts a higher export price and can be harvested and extracted more efficiently than copra, is now a significant source of income. Ian considers that Samarai and Milne Bay have great tourist potential but feels that a national policy for this industry is needed before the benefits can be realised.

The organising committee collected about \$1000, by way of a raffle and donations, for a gift for the people of the Province.

The organisers of the reunion were Una Douglas, Onu Palm, Laurie Le Fevre and Derek Baldwin. Frank Hoeter has volunteered to organise the next reunion at Hervey Bay, Queensland, and has indicated that he can mobilise sufficient resources locally to make something special happen in about 18 months' time.

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SNAPSHOTS FROM THE EARLY '50s from Paul J Quinlivan

No. 28 - R. v. IKUAR (Madang, 18th and 24th March 1952) was about a government patrol being attacked. IKUAR was only charged with 'unlawful wounding' but he could easily have killed the policeman he speared and J.K. McCarthy (who himself had been grievously wounded in a similar spearing) told me he liked my report because it highlighted the fact that 'signs of peaceful intention' may be misunderstood. His Patrol into Yesterday is hard to get but John Cooke's Working in Papua-New Guinea 1931-1946 (1983, Lara Publications) describes, at page 59, how McCarthy, Eric Feldt, and a large party of carriers and police were attacked. The point is that they were being extra careful because they were there to investigate reports that Bill Naylor, an experienced prospector, had been clubbed to death along with his partner Emile Clarius and a large party of carriers! Because of Geoff Melrose's fascinating 'This and That from My Father's Mouth' at page 26 of the last Una Voce, IKUAR's case is once again relevant because, after Melrose Senior had listened to the experts of Canberra for several days he said, 'I have never heard so much concentrated bull dust in my life...' After all - and in addition to skirmishes which, like IKUAR's, were not reported by the newspapers - IKUAR's case was followed by headlines such as, 'Goilalas Attack Patrol - 1 Dead, 2 Wounded' (South Pacific Post of 24 December 1952), 'Savage Attack in New Guinea - Patrols Slaughtered by Hostile Natives' (SPP of 11 November 1953). And yet we also had, 'Hasluck Wants All Areas Opened Up By 1955' (SPP of 5 December 1952)!

The case was important in its own right, firstly because it was another instance of 'defending an innocent man' (see No. 27, Mar. 2001, which was from the same patrol). It was also a cautionary tale, for things are not always what they seem. Here, the Prosecutor at the committal hearing was a Police Inspector so, since the police only dealt with 'town cases', the Magistrate assumed that the case came from behind Madang where all the people had, since German times, been 'under control'. (The Magistrate was merely passing through Madang and had been roped in to assist because Monte, the Chief Justice, wanted to clear up the backlog and leave a clear slate.) And since the evidence was not only plentiful and clear, but the Accused admitted his guilt, he was committed for sentence. Actually, the case was from a unique patrol into the Adelbert Ranges and the Police Inspector was only helping out because the Patrol Officer who had conducted the patrol had been called away.

In all of these Snapshots I have been reporting as a person who merely happened to be present. In this one, however, I must intrude a bit of 'me'. But it is not really boastfulness. When it is one's duty, day in day out, to 'think on one's feet' one develops a sixth sense that something is not quite right. We have already seen, in No. 11, an

example of what I mean because, although there were two highly qualified lawyers against me, I won, not because I was clever but simply because they had fallen into the trap of following their hunch without investigating first. In this case the feeling became overwhelming after (in accordance with the invariable custom in those days) I had read out all the evidence taken in the Committal Hearings and it had all been translated to IKUAR through two interpreters and he had agreed that that was what had been said. The depositions showed that the Accused kept talking about the injured policeman's rifle, and vet there was no rifle with the papers; a lapse which was most unusual because all courthouses were cluttered with all sorts of things brought in simply because the Accused had mentioned them and the trial judge might ask to see what he was talking about. My feeling was also due to the fact that I could have sworn that I heard the word 'boanarra' from the Accused's mouth but it was not being translated - presumably because the middle interpreter knew that policemen did not use bows and arrows. So after I closed my side of the case, I applied for a 'smoko adjournment' and got it. I then asked one of the kiaps in the back of the Court if he could get me as many rifles as possible and, when he produced eight or ten, we laid them out on the bar-table.

In an earlier Snapshots I mentioned the speech which Monte - and all the other judges - traditionally gave to new prosecutors. I should have reproduced it long ago because it was the Ground Rules under which we operated in those days. Nowadays it would be unheard of for a prosecutor to do what I did, but The Speech said that the duty of the Crown Prosecutor was not only to see that justice is done from the Prosecution side, but also to assist the Defending Officer as much as possible. Because of this I had no qualms about saying to the Defending Officer, who had been watching what I was doing, 'I'd like to conduct an experiment. Could you ask your client which of these rifles looks like the one the wounded man had that day?'

This he did and the Accused, with a beaming smile, jumped out of the witness box but, instead of going to the bar-table to look at the rifles, he made for the door. In those days the Accused usually had the run of the place so nobody was disturbed and, when he stopped at the doorway, we all gathered around him, Monte included. Not too close because, although he was a most engaging personality, he was covered from head to foot with grille. I said 'Well?' and the Accused said, gesturing towards the bar-table with its array of rifles, 'None of them is anything like what he threatened me with. But that man has one!' and he pointed to the Flag Lowering Party which had just arrived at the flagpole some twenty yards away.

We all stood to attention as the Australian flag was lowered and then my friend the kiap went and brought the whole of the Flag Lowering Party over. Except for one, they all had rifles like those on the bar-table. The exception was that one of the rifles had a sling on it.

The Accused, still with his intelligent smile, said, 'He wasn't holding it like that' (the policeman held it resting on his shoulder). 'He threatened me like this.' And he gently took the rifle from the policeman and held it butt down and muzzle into the air. But as soon as he took it in his hand, his whole arm dropped a little and a puzzled look came over his face and he said, 'How does it work?'

His self-assurance had left him. It was, in a tragic sort of way, quite comical because he twanged at the strap as if it was a bow-string, but it was an empty gesture and he repeated, 'How can this thing kill?'

Monte said, 'I think this makes it clear that we will have to hear all the evidence!' and we took our official places in the Courtroom and he adjourned the case until the Court returned from Manus. That was on 18 March 1952. We returned from Manus on

24 March and the case went to trial with Royce Webb (who joined the Field Staff on 3 February 1947) as Defending Officer. To cut a long story short, Webb showed that the patrol had entered an enclave which had had no contact with white men before, or with any man of any colour dressed in trousers, shorts or a laplap. But they had heard about the fearsome weapon these foreigners had which went BOONG and you were dead.

It also became clear that the patrol had gone out of its way to show that its intentions were peaceful. The police had carried their rifles in front of them, held vertical, so that everyone would know that they could not fire them without changing their grip, lowering the muzzle and aiming. But it was a case where the intentions of the one side to show that they were peacefully disposed had the reverse effect on those on the other side. It augured ill for people trying to show they were peacefully inclined when entering Uncontrolled Areas.

Monte officially 'found' that IKUAR thought that the sling was the propelling mechanism and that he felt that he was being threatened. And that, because of this, he got in first with his spear. It was not until he held the rifle and saw how useless the sling was for firing purposes that he realised that these BOONGS worked some other way!

Monte convicted him but he then cited his 'brother Gore's statement of many years ago' (see No. 29 below) about how reactions such as IKUAR's were only to be expected in situations which the patrol had created. He said that we could not afford to have people throwing spears at policemen but, on the other hand, we could not punish a person for doing what we should have expected might happen. So he asked the doctor how long it would be before the *grille* was cleared up and ordered that IKUAR be imprisoned for two months or until such earlier time as his *grille* was cleared and a patrol could be mounted to take him back home.

No. 29 -Paper by Mr Justice R. T. Gore on 'Punishment for Crime'

I forget when I made this precis of Judge Gore's classic paper (referred to in No. 28 above) but it was circulated several times. I also re-issued the full text on a number of occasions - it can be found in *Papua Annual Reports* for 1928-1929 at pp. 20-22.

'The paramount object of punishment in any community is the prevention of crime. The difficulty (in the Territory) is to carry out the paramount object while at the same time to guard against a result which would be detrimental to the preservation and advancement of the people. The punishment .. (must take) into consideration all the matters essential to the preservation and civilisation of the native races of which the Court can properly take note. ...

... the punishment may not entirely effect the paramount object, ... but it is considered that such a contingency is to be borne rather than that the native races should perish through a failure to take into account those matters which appear to be essential to their preservation and development. ...

The Native becomes criminal only because of the law which somebody, of whom he has never heard, has imposed upon him. In justice the Court cannot award any punishment at all. The mere conviction without penalty is not without beneficial results for it has a certain civilising value from the enforced visit of the distant tribesman to a government centre. What he has seen and what he has experienced is carried back with him and remains with him, at least, even if he does not influence others of his tribe by his impressions. ...

The Native can scarcely be expected to refrain from resorting to his own primitive method of redressing wrong merely because somewhere to his knowledge there is a Government existing. If his tribal district is hemmed in by other hostile tribes through

which he would have to pass in order to lay his complaint, or if the innate fear of the world beyond prevents his seeking the aid of the Government at a distance, and the visits of a government official to his district can be but rare, his tribe cannot be considered within the ambit of effective government control which postulates a strict adherence to the law. It is impossible to preserve constant contact with many tribes owing to the physical features of the country ... but until such time as the inability to seek the aid of the law can be negatived, the courts cannot award punishment for crime. Crime is never countenanced and arrest and trial follow as a necessary sequence but the delinquent cannot receive punishment for following his natural bent when nothing has been effectively provided to supplant it.'

THE PEANUT VENDOR OF RABAUL

In 1938, the Rabaul Recreation Reserve, separated from Chinatown by Kamarere Street, comprised a baseball field, cricket grounds, tennis courts and, I have since learnt, bowling green facilities. The area was about 210 m x 460 m and was pretty busy most weekends.

Every Rabaulite of that time would be aware of the very small, wizened, brownskinned Chinese man with his green-painted 4-gallon kerosene tin containing packets of peanuts wrapped in newspaper. Memory tells me the price was threepence a packet. Like a perennial shrub he was always there. He spoke some Pidgin English.

However on the night of the annual fancy dress ball in 1938, he appeared to overstep his welcome, demanding entry once festivities were under way. Thrusting his tin of peanuts at those guarding the door, he was most insistent he be let in.

Before the contretemps really got out of hand, he suddenly switched to perfect English. 'Let me in you silly buggers. I don't want to miss the judging.' Or words to that effect. He was, in fact, Judge Frederick Beaumont Phillips of the Supreme Court otherwise known as 'Monty'- in full disguise.

He, also, was a shortish tanned man. Like all good legal men, he was part actor, and successfully managed the peanut vendor's sales approach. This was to make you feel sorry for the little bloke and buy his goods.

My parents were still cracking up over the episode weeks later. ☐ Geoff Melrose

HELP WANTED: Michael Waterhouse is doing research for a book on the HISTORY OF THE MOROBE GOLDFIELDS UP TO 1942, with emphasis on the stories of people who were there - prospectors, miners, pilots, dredge hands, officials, incl. patrol officers and their families; also accounts of indigenous people or their descendants - in villages or employed as indentured labourers. He is interested in letters, diaries, personal reminiscences, photos etc on life in Salamaua, Lae, Wau and Bulolo and at more remote locations. He would also like information on some of the 'characters' - Ma Stewart, Tiger Lil Bennett, Joe Burke, Alice Bowering, Alice Innes and others about whom there are interesting stories. Also humorous anecdotes that provide a 'feel' for the times. Michael is happy to interview people with stories that haven't been written down. Michael is at 82 Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill NSW 2023. Ph/fax 02 9363 0247, Email mwaterhouse@bigpond.com.

HELP WANTED: We are still seeking information on **Brian PROCTOR** who was a kiap stationed at Kaiapit during the 1950s. If you have any information which could help us locate him or his family please write to The Secretary, ROAPNG Inc, PO Box 452, Roseville NSW 2069 for attention of the editor, or ring her on 02 9958 3408.

MINUTES OF ROAPNG FIFTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE MANDARIN CLUB, SYDNEY ON 29 APRIL 2001

Present: Graeme Baker, Roma Bates, David Bates, Mauricio Biscocho, Bob Blaikie, Margaret & Bernië Carrick, Margaret Clarence, Marie Clifton-Bassett, Florence Cohen, Joan & John Colman, Anne Collins, Marie Day, Micheline & John Dewdney, Don Drover, Patrick Ferry, Pamela Foley, Sarah Groves, Pat Hopper, Clarrie, Cristine, Peter & Phillip James, Patricia & Ross Johnson, Nancy Johnston, Freddie Kaad, Gabriel Keleny, Elaine Kimmorley, Jeanette Leahy, Adrian Leyden, Alison Marsh, Mavis Nicholas, Joe Nitsche, John O'Dea, Doug Parrish, Beth Price, Helen & Ian Reardon Glenda & John Schofield, Shane Schofield, Betty & Frank Smith, Pat Smith, Albert Speer, Joan Stobo, Harry West, Wendy & Eric Young.

Apologies: Alan Neilsen, Jean Mulholland, Greta Ryan, Flora Nitsche, Ron & Joan Carne, Stuart & Jo Inder, Andrew Williams, Margo Williams, Ivy & Peter Stanmore, Bill Johnston, Alan Johnston, Ian Downs, G. Hamilton.

Minutes of the 49th AGM held on 30-4-2000 were confirmed. Motion proposed Mr. Parrish, seconded Mrs. Bates.

Carried

The President Mr West welcomed Mr Kila Karo, PNG Consul General, and Mrs Judy Karo, also Miss Winnie Ugava from the PNG Consulate, and all present, and delivered his report:-

"Once again welcome to what should be a fairly short meeting, before we adjourn to some socialising and luncheon. Throughout the year members have been kept abreast of Association activities through our quarterly newsletter, and we have been fortunate enough to have single nominations for all committee positions, thus avoiding ballots.

This AGM is something of a landmark, being the 50th since a small group of retired officers from the pre-World War II separate Public Services of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea met in Sydney 51 years ago. The initial purpose was to present a united front - one voice to deal with the Commonwealth Government on matters relating to superannuation and entitlements. Things were tough for these early retirees, with the war following the long depression and low salaries of the thirties. For example, there was no provision whatsoever for pensions for widows of officers of the Papuan service. Another landmark was Papua New Guinea reaching its 25th year of Independence towards the end of the year 2000, and our Association celebrated this event at our Christmas luncheon with attendance topping 200. We also joined the Wantok Association - the focal organisation for the 800 Papua New Guineans living in the Sydney area, and the Papua New Guineac Chinese Catholic Association with a membership of over 400, mostly Chinese ex-residents of Rabaul, in their celebrations at Botany and Willoughby respectively.

Our membership continues to grow and now exceeds 1,200, and with Associate Membership defined as 'a former resident of Papua New Guinea or other person subscribing to the objects of the Association' an encouraging number of younger people are joining our ranks.

We were all saddened at the passing of our patron, Les Williams, on 19th March last. Les had a distinguished war record and was awarded a Military Cross for his work behind enemy lines with the Coastwatchers. After retiring from Papua New Guinea as a District Commissioner he served on our Committee for many years, notably as Secretary.

Our rules provide that 'The Association may, at an Annual General Meeting, appoint one or more patrons' and following the death of Les, later in the Meeting it will be proposed that Roma Bates and Fred Kaad be appointed as Patrons, in recognition of their distinguished service to the community, to Papua New Guinea, and in particular to our Association.

Most of all I want to thank the Committee and all those people who give up their time and make invaluable contributions to the ongoing success of our organisation. Len Bailey has been made an Honorary Life Member in recognition of his lengthy service as Honorary Auditor. Dr. Peter Cahill continues to preserve documents and historical material related to Papua New Guinea received from members in the research archives of the University of Queensland. In Canberra Peter Clay represents our Association on the Australian Council of Public Sector Retiree Organisations

formed in 1995, and designed to bring together a large number of bodies operating to safeguard the interests of Commonwealth, State, Territory and other public sector retirees. Stuart Inder - a former Editor of Pacific Islands Monthly - is editing our forthcoming publication of selected contributions from past issues of UNA VOCE to the end of year 1999. Jim Toner (Northern Territory) continues to lead the regional representatives who provide interesting news about members in their areas and also fascinating recollections of Papua New Guinea experiences. In Adelaide Jan Kleinig has very successfully inaugurated an annual Christmas luncheon to mirror the Sydney function, and we hope this initiative will be followed in other capitals.

I pay tribute to Bill Johnston, a long-term committee member and Treasurer, who has had to retire because of ill health. Bill, Nancy, and their children Margaret and Alan are amongst our strongest supporters. Thanks also to Alison Marsh who is retiring after two terms on the Committee. Fortunately we have been successful in recruiting two younger members, Andrea Williams and Graeme Baker to take the places of Alison and Bill.

We continue to work through our five Sub-Committees: Social, Editorial, Financial, Legal & Constitutional, and Caring, and I would like to thank on your behalf all the Committee members for their contribution of time, energy, expertise and considerable personal expense: Ross Johnson, Joe Nitsche, Roma Bates, Marie Clifton-Bassett, Marie Day, Don Drover, Pamela Foley, Ann Graham, Pat Hopper, Freddie Kaad, Alison Marsh, Doug Parrish, Ian Reardon and Frank Smith.

Last, but certainly not least, a very special acknowledgement of the sterling work done by Joe Nitsche over the past 14 years as Secretary. Joe is stepping down from the Secretary's position but will remain on the Committee. Thank you, and a happy day to you all."

The Treasurer Mr Johnson circulated the audited Financial Report, containing Balance Sheet and Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31/12/2000, accompanied by membership statistics. (The Financial Statement is printed below.)

Motion to accept the report proposed Ms. Day, seconded Mr. Parrish.

Carried.

The Secretary Mr Nitsche presented the Correspondence Report, detailing 1126 items received and 317 items despatched.

Motion to adopt correspondence proposed Mr. Kaad, seconded Mrs. Foley. Carried.

As part of his report Mr Nitsche advised of his retirement from the position of Secretary, as follows: 'I feel my time has come to retire from my position as Secretary of ROAPNG Inc., which I have now performed for 14 years. I am due for "long service leave". When I first took over from Harry West we only had about 500 members - today we have over 1200. The workload has increased accordingly.

I would like to thank all Committee members and those special volunteers who have assisted me over the years. And thank you to all our members in Australia and overseas with whom I have had dealings.

A special thank you to Pamela Foley, always available when required, you often took over as Secretary when I needed leave of absence, as well as all the other work you perform for the Association. Without you, Pamela, ROAPNG would be badly off. Thank you also to Doug Parrish who introduced me to the world of computers and away from the old-fashioned typewriter. In the beginning you had to visit me often at home, until I sort of understood the computer a little better.

Thank you also to Harry West, Marie Clifton-Bassett, Frank Smith, Pat Hopper and all you others, and to Ross Johnson who was always pleasant when I made a "mistake or two" in my records, and also to the late Elma Holmes. No doubt I will miss being Secretary, but life will be easier in not having to worry "because I have not cleared the Post Office box, or written those letters". I will remain on the Committee and assist where and when necessary.

I wish the incoming Secretary all the best for the task ahead. Thank you'

The Election of the Executive and Committee followed. Mr West explained that nominations had been received for all positions but as there had been no duplications there was no need for a ballot. He announced the positions for the coming year to be as follows:

President: Harry West, Secretary: Ann Graham, Treasurer: Ross Johnson,

Editor Newsletter: Marie Clifton Bassett, Assistant Secretary/Deputy President: Pam Foley

Committee: Graeme Baker, Roma Bates, Marie Day, Don Drover, Pat Hopper, Fred Kaad, Joe Nitsche, Doug Parrish, Ian Reardon, Frank Smith, Andrea Williams.

Mr. West announced that following the sad loss of our Patron, Les Williams, it was proposed that Mrs Roma Bates and Mr. Freddie Kaad be asked to become Patrons of the Association. They agreed, and this was endorsed by all members present.

Motion proposed by Ian Reardon that Ross Johnson and Joe Nitsche be appointed Public Officers, as required by law, seconded Don Drover.

Carried

Mr West invited discussion of any matter of interest. Mr James expressed appreciation of the work carried out by Joe Nitsche during his years as Secretary. Mr. Speer congratulated new committee members, those continuing, and the new Patrons. Mr. John Colman asked about the preparation of the volume of items selected from 'UNA VOCE' and was advised that work is progressing, with the valuable advice of Mr. Stuart Inder.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 12.22pm and members adjourned for lunch.

Report of the Treasurer, Mr Johnson for Year Ended 31 December 2000

A look at the bottom line of the Balance Sheet will show that net assets, that is, the funds available to further the objectives of the Association, were reduced by \$3,100 or 12.5% as a result of the year's activities. A significant part of this reduction was caused by the transfer of \$2,000 from the General Reserve to provide for preliminary expenses associated with preparing a book containing the 'Best of Una Voce'. Further details are contained in note 4 to the Balance Sheet. The balance, \$1,100, is the deficit or trading loss incurred as a result of normal operations during the year. This was foreshadowed at our last AGM and led to a 20% increase in the annual membership subscription (from \$10 to \$12 p.a.) effective from 1 January 2001.

In the main, this excess of expenditure over income can be attributed to significantly increased costs in the printing and distribution of Una Voce - an increase of \$1,625 or approximately 17% over the previous year. GST of course had a significant hand in this, however increased printing costs and an increasing membership base also played its part. As an example, the December 2000 edition of Una Voce was distributed to 1,160 members for a total cost of \$3,124, or \$2.69 per copy. Extrapolating this to four issues a year gives a cost per member of \$10.76. Compared with the December 1999 edition of Una Voce, the unit cost of printing and distribution has increased by 25%.

There are no other significant variations in the remaining income and expenditure items and any aspects of interest, or deserving of comment, are documented in the notes to the accounts.

As Membership Officer, I am continually amazed and of course pleasantly surprised at the continued growth in membership numbers - to the uninformed, the reverse should be the case. This reflects the change that has been occurring over many years in the direction of the Association, from being an organisation originally set up to protect the interests of the PNG Administration superannuants to an organisation truly representative of those who have a deep and abiding interest in Papua New Guinea. The year saw a net increase in membership of 56, a trend that is continuing in the current year. Your Committee is committed to maintaining the annual membership subscription rate at levels necessary to ensure the continued viability of the organisation and this may require a further increase in membership fees within the next three years. The one area of concern I have lies in Advance Subscriptions. You will see from the analysis of the current membership that we now have an advance subscription to 2013. I can say with all certainty that subs will not be \$12 p.a. in 2013 and it begs the question whether the membership as a whole should be expected to subsidise such cases. The matter of restricting advance subscriptions to say a period of five years will be discussed with the incoming Committee.

Again may I place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to my colleagues on the Committee for their assistance and cooperation during 2000. A very special thank you to our retiring Secretary, Joe Nitsche, for a job well done. To Len Bailey our honorary Auditor, who at some inconvenience to his practice carries out our audit and is our go-between with the ATO, may I extend the thanks of a grateful Committee.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2000

1999 (\$)			Notes	2000	2000 (\$)	
17,483.57		Current Assets			20,069.85	
	7,488.29	Commonwealth Bank of Australia		8,107.11		
	8,427.69	Colonial First State Cash M'ment Trust		11,289.24		
	1,545.59	Stock - Flags & Stationery		673.50		
	22.00	Accounts Receivable				
20,028.52		Investments	1 1		20,025.75	
	10.00	Police Credit Union - Shares		10.00	20,02017	
	18.52	Police Credit Union - Easy Access A/C	1	15.79		
	20,000.00	Police Credit Union - Term Deposits		20,000.00		
T		Fixed Assets	Т		-	
2,714.91		Written-down value - 31 December	2		1,802.09	
40,227.00	00 TOTAL ASSETS				41,897.73	
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8,639.29	211.20	Current Liabilities (inc. Provisions)	-	261.01	11,430.64	
	311.29	Provision for Income Tax	3	361.04		
	9 129 00	Provision for "Best of Una Voce"	4	1,821.60		
	8,328.00	Subscriptions in Advance (Year 2001)	5	9,248.00		
		Long Term Liabilities				
6,804.00		Subscriptions in Advance	6		8,784.00	
15,443.29	TOTAL LIABILITIES				20,214.64	
24 783 71		NET ASSETS			21 693 00	
24,783.71	NET ASSETS				21,683.0	
		Represented by:				
7,222.50		General Reserve			5,311.75	
17,831.27		Balance forward from previous year			17,561.21	
(270.06)		Net Surplus (Deficit) for Year			(1,189.87)	
24,783.71	,783.71 TOTAL MEMBER FUNDS				21,683.09	

E R Johnson (Hon. Treasurer)

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales and other mandatory professional report requirements the financial position of the Retired Officers Association of Papua New Guinea Incorporated as at 31 December, 2000 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

L W Bailey CPA Hon. Auditor

Explanatory Notes to Accompany Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2000

- 1 The decrease of \$2.73 represents an incorrect fee (\$2.75) levied during the year (to be adjusted in January 2001) and interest (\$0.02) credited during the year.
- 2 Fixed Assets comprise an assortment of computer and facsimile equipment. The following schedule lists that equipment, together with accumulated depreciation thereon. Note that items marked with an asterisk (*) show estimated original cost.

Item	Original Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	W.D.V	Comment
#Printer *	699.00	610.88	88.12	Purchase date not known
#Printer Components *	1,204.09	1,162.97	41.12	Purchase date not known
Facsimile (Editor) *	630.00	580.49	49.51	Purchase date not known
Pentium 200 & Printer	2,130.00	1,594.29	535.71	Purchased 01/04/98
Facsimile (Asst. Sec.)	598.00	433.20	164.80	Purchased 01/06/98
Facsimile (Sec.)	598.00	433.20	164.80	Purchased 01/06/98
Pentium 366 (Editor)	1,175.00	578.94	596.06	Purchased 13/08/99
Zip Drive (Editor)	200.00	38.03	161.97	Purchased 10/07/00
	7,234.09	5,232.00	1,802.09	

- Provision for Income Tax: Tax payable is calculated by deducting 25% of total Admin Expenses (\$2,205.79 x 25% = \$551.45) from investment income (\$1,613.36 \$551.45) and applying the current company tax rate of 34% to the result (\$1,061.91 x 34%).
- 4 Provision for "Best of Una Voce": An amount of \$2,000 was set aside to provide for necessary expenditure preparatory to publishing a book containing selected articles from the "Una Voce" journal. Expenditure to 31 December 2000 has been \$178.40.
- 5 Current Liabilities Subscriptions in Advance: These are subscriptions related to the year 2001 and as such will be brought in as income on 1 January 2001.
- 6 Long Term Liabilities Subscriptions in Advance: The following is a summary of subscriptions paid in advance (ie., in advance of the year 2001 –

Year Paid to	Value (\$)	Year Paid to	Value (\$)
2002	4,642	2008	78
2003	2,182	2009	46
2004	986	2010	36
2005	472	2011	12
2006	182	2012	12
2007	124	2013	12

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1999 (\$)		INCOME		200	0 (\$)	
4,980.00	1,328.00 3,652.00	Functions AGM Luncheon Christmas Luncheon		1,518.00 4,752.00	6,270.0	
1,389.94		Interest Received			1,613.3	
44.00		Donations		1	141.3	
497.85		Raffles			683.0	
10,770.00		Membership Subscriptions			11,796.0	
17,681.79						
		EXPENDITURE				
8,883.80		"Una Voce" Journal	1		11,011.6	
8,883.80	6,127.21 2,711.59	Printing & Stationery Postage Other	1 2	7,934.69 3,066.94 10.00	11,011.0	
112.65		Caring Committee Expenses	70.00	- in symmetric	- 21.2	
300.00		Computer Allowance			200.0	
4,519.90	1,159.00 3,360.90	Functions AGM Luncheon Christmas Luncheon Other	3 3 4	1,622.00 4,630.00 180.00	6,432.0	
2,100.98	52.66 152.00 473.25 35.00 211.85 33.68 45.00 780.90 316.64	Admin Expenses Bank Charges inc. FID/GDT Equipment Maintenance General Postage Business Registration Expenses Insurance (Liability) Photocopying PO Box Rental Stationery/Office Requisites Telephone/Facsimile		50.07 157.52 633.20 37.00 243.04 176.60 48.35 482.76 377.25	2,205.7	
200.00		Subscriptions	5		200.0	
255.95		Software Purchase	6		149.0	
1,312.28		Depreciation of Fixed Assets			1,112.8	
311.29		Income Tax Assessed			361.0	
18,501.85	1.85 TOTAL EXPENDITURE					
(270.06) Surplus/ (Deficit) - transferred to Members Funds				(1,189.87		
17,681.79	*				20,503.6	

NOTES ACCOMPANYING THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1	"Una Voce" Journal - Printing and Stationery: ROAPNG receives a nominal fee for advertising. Amounts received (2000 - \$200; 1999 - \$550) are off-set against printing & stationery expenses.
2	"Una Voce" Journal - Postage: Overseas members of the Association subsidise the cost of airmail postage. Amounts received (2000 - \$778.50; 1999 - \$626.10) are off-set against postage expense.
3	Functions: Charges for Functions held by the Association are assessed on a "break-even" basis. The year 2000 AGM showed a net deficit of \$104 (1999 a surplus of \$169). The year 2000 Xmas Luncheon showed a surplus of \$122 (1999 a surplus of \$291).

4	Functions – Other: ROAPNG, in supporting the Sydney PNG Wantok Club agreed to take 10 tickets (1 Table) at \$45 each for their Independence Ball 2000 during September. Four tickets were unable to be on-sold, resulting in a shortfall of \$180.
5	Subscriptions: ROAPNG is a member of the Australian Council of Public Sector Retiree Organisations (ACPSRO) – annual subscription being \$100. Subscriptions paid during 2000 relate to the 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 fiscal years. NB: At balance date, the corporate membership subscription to the Australia Papua New Guinea Friendship Association for the year ending 31 March 2001 remained unpaid. Membership is currently \$200 pa.
6	Software: Covers the purchase of the Windows98 SE (upgrade) operating system.

VALE - With deep regret we record the passing of the following members and friends.

On behalf of the Association the Committee extends sincere sympathy to their families.

Mr Jan VANDERIET (22 March 2001, aged 80 years)

Jan joined the Department of Agriculture in 1955 as a Registrar. In 1958 he was appointed Organisation and Methods Officer with the Public Service Commissioner. From December 1972 until he left in 1975 his duties concentrated on staff training and development. Apart from his job, in the late '50s he conducted classes for mixed-race teenagers who at that time were not catered for, and assisted as interpreter and translator when there was an influx of West Irian refugees. Along with Bert Byworth, he revived the Hiri and Dugong dances which had not been performed for about 40 years, and was involved in providing a basic course in music reading, composition etc for Papua New Guineans interested in promoting local musical through string bands. Believing that English was the key to advancement, he taught oral English to disadvantaged groups as a part solution, and supported debating clubs.

In 1975 Jan joined the Dept of Administrative Services in Brisbane as registrar of Commonwealth properties, staying till 1980. During this time, and continuing on until 1990, Jan worked for radio station 4MBS-FM as recordist and producer/announcer of classical concerts and operas. Jan was a regular blood donor - the Red Cross gave him an award for making over 100 donations of blood. He survived his wife Genie by three years. He is survived by his sons Edward and Bill, their wives, and grandchildren.

From Bill Vanderiet, and ROAPNG records

Dr Kitty FISCHER (7 May 2001, aged 73 years)

Kitty Fischer was born in Slovakia. She and her sister were sent to Auschwitz concentration camp where they managed to survive with the help of another internee who happened to be gay. After the war she studied sociology and in 1948 she came to Australia where she met and married her husband Kurt - they had a son, Paul. In 1965 she went to New Guinea as a business advisory officer helping to develop the country's textile industry, and stayed there until 1972. In later years she was involved in human rights activities and, remembering the help given her in Auschwitz, fought for gay and lesbian rights in Australia. She is survived by Paul.

Mr Ronald James PRIOR (7 March 2001, aged 82 years)

Ron spent many years in PNG with the Education Department in New Britain and Port Moresby. Further details in next issue.

Mrs Ruby Beatrice THECKSTON (6 April 2001, aged 99 years)

Ruby was the wife of Joseph Henry Theckston dec'd, who was with the Department of Police. She was in PNG from 1937 to 1962 and lived in Lae, Rabaul, Wewak, Bougainville, Wau and Port Moresby.

From ROAPNG records

Mr Thomas McClelland WESTON (9 January 2001, aged 81 years)

Tom Weston went to PNG in 1947. He held various positions in Posts and Telegraphs and later worked in the Office of the Economic Adviser (later National Planning Office). He retired in 1978 but returned for two years in 1982-84 as a Senior Project Officer in the Dept of Finance.

Tom helped start the first baseball team in PNG, and was one of the first expatriates to introduce the game to Papua New Guineans. He then turned his interest to birds and was a founding member of the Bird Society in Port Moresby. This interest took Tom and his wife Inez to many countries in the world. After his retirement in 1978 he and Inez travelled around North America for nearly 18 months in a VW Campervan before returning to Australia. They moved to Canada just before Tom's last term of service in 1982, after which they continued travelling and birding throughout North America. Tom was a member of the Victoria (BC) Natural History Society and founding member of the British Columbia Field Ornithologists' Society.

Over the years Tom maintained his staunch support for PNG and after retirement he continued to follow the progress of many of the people he had known while serving there. He is survived by his wife Inez, sons Don and Neil, and two grandchildren. From Neil Weston

Mr Henry Leslie (Les) WILLIAMS, MC (24 March 2001, aged 84 years)

Les Williams was born in Melbourne in 1916. He had a distinguished school record and also developed as an exceptional athlete who represented Victoria in both tennis and athletics. Before deciding to accept a cadetship in New Guinea, Les seriously considered a career as a professional footballer in the Victorian Football League (now the AFL). He was appointed a Cadet Patrol Officer in the Department of District Services and Native Affairs in what was then the Mandated Territory of New Guinea on 31 October 1938. His first District was Madang.

Like many other officers, his career was interrupted by World War II. He enlisted in the AIF and was in the newly formed Armoured Division when he was transferred to the Inter Allied Services Department (ISD) for special duty in New Guinea and then to the Allied Intelligence Bureau (AIB) for Coastwatching inside Japanese occupied territory. Les had a distinguished war record culminating in the recapture of New Britain when Coastwatchers emerged from hiding to direct a New Guinean uprising against the Japanese during the final assault on Rabaul by the AIF in August 1945. Les was awarded the Military Cross for a 'high disregard for personal danger ... in a dangerous undertaking'.

After the war, Les returned to Papua New Guinea and served as a District Officer and District Commissioner in several districts.

Les and Margo retired to Sydney in 1971 and Les was the secretary of the Retired Officers Association of PNG for many years. He became our patron on the death of Bill Seale in 1992.

Friends and companions of Les Williams will remember him as a man devoted to his family with an authentic religious experience and a 'duty of compassion' that was a real part of his daily life. Les is survived by his wife Margo (Margarette) and children Garry, Susan, Jennifer and Patricia. A son Peter predeceased him.

From Ian Downs

Mr Tim BANNISTER (16 December 2000, aged 57 years)

Tim Bannister was a member of the Dept of Agriculture, Stock & Fisheries. A didiman, he went to PNG aged about 21, and served from 1964 to 1983 at Henganofi, Hagen and Moresby. In his early years he was part of a team pioneering the tea industry in the Highlands. In the '70s Tim was one of those selected to form the inaugural staff of the new Highlands Agricultural Training Institute close to Mt Hagen, later to become the Highlands Agricultural College. By this time the Bannisters were an important element in the community, Ellen at the Hagen High School, and Tim quite senior in the district hierarchy. The family moved to DASF Headquarters (the Training Section), Konedobu, some years before they returned to Australia. Tim is survived by his wife Ellen and sons Sean and David.

Mr John Peter REYNOLDS (12 May 2001, aged 76 years)

John was a former principal of ASOPA, later the International Training Institute, at Mosman.

Mrs Madge KENNY MBE (10 November 2000)

In 1943 a tall, slim 23-year old sergeant in the British Army WATS swapped her khaki battle dress for a probationer nurse's uniform at London's Hammersmith Hospital. Did she then have any idea that in a few short years time she would be the only European nurse responsible for the care of many thousands of families in one of the least developed countries on the other side of the world? Whatever the answer to that question, in 1947 Madge bade farewell to England for a nursing position at Rotorua, New Zealand, and the following year joined the surgical unit at Melbourne Hospital headed by the renowned surgeon, "Weary" Dunlop, not long returned from his years in Japanese prisoner-of-war camps.

In 1949, equipped with her army background and her nursing experience in world-class teaching hospitals, she took up a post at the TPNG Public Health Department's Port Moresby Hospital. This was the beginning of some twenty-five years' dedicated service to the people of PNG. Within months she was sent to Misima to assist European Medical Assistant (EMA) Jim Kenny in coping with the 1950 polio epidemic. The same year Madge married Jim and shortly after that the couple moved to Abau, Jim as OiC and Madge looking after the clinical activities. While at Abau, son Michael was born, and accompanied his parents throughout their postings until old enough to be sent to school in Australia.

The fifties saw the Kennys move from Abau to Losuia, then on to Sohano and in 1961 to Saidor, where Madge had a particular responsibility for establishing the infant welfare service. In the early sixties there were postings to Mount Hagen Hospital, Yangoru and Maprik. In 1965 Madge was posted to the New Ireland District where, during the next ten years, she was to be in charge of the maternal and child health service based in Kavieng and to become, as EMA in Namatanai, the first and only woman to be appointed in charge of a sub-district health service.

Sadly, with the coming of independence in 1975, Madge left PNG. The award of the MBE was a splendid, yet all-too-inadequate recognition of her immeasurable contribution to the provision of health care to so many of the country's people, and to the training of both indigenous and expatriate health personnel.

Returning to Australia, Madge pursued a distinguished career in nursing and health service management as matron of Caville House and then Montefiore Homes in Sydney, and later on the staff of the Baulkham Hills Baby Health Centre. Retiring in 1980, Madge continued to live in Sydney, and died peacefully while visiting Michael at Bogancar, northern NSW.

Those of us who had the pleasure and privilege of working with Madge in PNG will never forget her quiet and calm authority, her resourcefulness, her clinical acumen and procedural skills (far surpassing those of some of the raw young doctors with whom she so generously shared her experience), her insistence that things be done the right way (shades no doubt of her army training and her years at the Hammersmith Hospital Nurse Training School), and yet her eagerness to be involved in trials of new methods of preventing and treating diseases, her tremendous energy and capacity for work – she was one of the very few women, perhaps the only one, who patrolled 'kiap-style' with patrol boxes, Tilley lamps, and tobacco sticks for a line of carriers. Above all, we remember her unfailing concern for her patients, her ability to gain their confidence and trust, to support and comfort them, to be, as she was so widely recognised, truly 'Mama bilong ol'.

From John Dewdney

Mrs Bernice Marie DESAILLY (1 March 2001, aged 69 years)

Bernice was teaching school in Victoria when she married Neil Desailly of the Dept of District Services and went to live with him, first in the Southern Highlands at Koroba and Tari (1961-1964) and then for seven years at Kundiawa where Neil was appointed as Resident Magistrate (1966). For much of her time at Kundiawa Bernice taught at the Primary A School. In 1971 the Desaillys moved to Port Moresby where they remained until they left PNG in 1975. From then until her death they lived on the NSW Central Coast (Gosford area). Bernice was very involved in the local Art and Craft Centre where her main interests were pottery and painting. For a time she did voluntary work at a school for the hearing impaired in Sydney.

Bernice is survived by her husband Neil, daughter Peta, and three grandchildren.

From Neil Desailly

Mr Alven POWELL (17 March 2001)

Alven Powell died at his home in Glendalough WA. He worked for Burns Philp in Port
Moresby for some years and will be remembered for his contribution to the Arts Theatre.

No further details available.

From Ray Watson

Mr Gerry DETMERS (9 March 2001, aged 74 years)

Gerry was born in Holland and trained in tropical agriculture. After working in Indonesia and Tanzania, he and wife Anne migrated to Australia in 1964. They soon moved to PNG where Gerry worked on plantations at Kudjip and Minjingina in the Western Highlands. He joined Dept. of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries in 1969 and worked as an Agricultural Extension Officer in the Chimbu and Eastern Highlands. He and Anne left PNG in 1978 and operated several newsagencies around Brisbane until he retired in 1987. For Gerry, retirement meant working from dawn till dusk developing a macadamia nut plantation at Blackbutt. It was at a productive stage when ill health intervened. He died after a short illness. He is survived by Anne, sons Herman and Maarten, daughters-in-law Dawn and Cheryl, and eight grandchildren.

Mr Boleslaw (Bob) KUDRYCZ (12 April 2000, aged approx. 79 years)

Bob was born in Poland and during WWII was a fighter pilot for England, flying Hurricanes. Postwar, he became one of the New Australians who built the Snowy. In 1953 he moved to PNG as a *rotmasta* with Comworks until recruited into the Native Labour office at Rabaul in 1960. Harry West then a District Officer thought Bob could do better than supervise road gangs and was vindicated when he was assigned to deal with the complexities of Workers Compensation at Konedobu HQ. Before going finish in 1980 Bob was in charge of the Labour Department in New Ireland. He retired in 1981. In Sydney Bob always marched on Anzac Day with the Polish Eagles and even after moving to Beenleigh QLD, travelled down for that reunion. Bob had two children and one grandson from his first marriage. In 1984 he married Sol, a Nursing Sister (now retired) who survives him.

Mr Alan Morris RAPSON, (early 2001, aged approx 89 years)

Morris Rapson was educated in New Zealand. His first major job was as Research Scientist on the vessel *Discoverer 2*, studying ocean currents, work which proved vital for submarine operations in WWII. After the war he married Alison and not long afterwards the family moved to Sydney where he worked for the CSIRO Oceanographic Research Unit. In 1952 he was appointed head of the Department of Fisheries at Konedobu. Later Alison, and by now three children, joined him there.

The job in PNG was a tourist's dream - visits to the Highlands, to lakes perched on the side of mountains 4,000 metres above sea level, to Bikini Atoll to study the effects of the atom bomb tests, to the Fly River to check for deer possibly suffering from foot and mouth disease, to the Solomon Islands, to Indonesia, to Japan - the list is almost endless! Morris became an accomplished writer, completing a diary of every trip, writing official reports and presenting papers to scientific meetings.

He was able to retire in 1971 at the age of 59. On retirement he moved to Airlie Beach where he spent the next 30 years and continued to write, travel, photograph and stir. He joined local clubs, and became passionate about the environment, especially foreshore development about which he often wrote to the media. Morris was a lifetime tourist, and a hoarder of books and memorabilia from all over the world. There isn't a continent he didn't set foot on, very few countries he didn't visit, and no one that he didn't try to understand. His mind was quick and alert until his death. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Morris's wife Alison predeceased him. He is survived by a daughter and two sons, and grandchildren.

From Fred Kleckham

Mr Thomas Hung LAM (31 March 2001, aged 79 years)

Thomas was born in PNG in 1921 and left in 1973. He was a clerk in Treasury Department at Rabaul. Further details in next issue

Mr Virgil Baden (Bert) COUNSEL (19 February 2001, aged 70 years)

Bert Counsel spent his entire adult working life in PNG. He began his career as a Cadet Patrol Officer in 1948. He later established a business network in the Gulf Province and in 1968 won the Gulf & Western seat in the House of Assembly. He soon earned a reputation as a battler for his area and for Papua overall. He had business interests embracing trade stores, sawmilling, shipping and other ventures. He co-founded the company Trans-PNG and his sons Julian and Brendon worked with him from their Boroko base.

Bert was granted citizenship after Independence. He and his late wife Ganiga had nine children. The funeral was held in St. Joseph's Church, Boroko. From Garamut

WELCOME	TO NEW	MEMBERS:
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MR. P.T. BAILEY	2 WOODWORTH ST.	BLACKWOOD	5 A 5051
MR G.J. BELLIS	15 EDGE ST.	MURARRIE	QLD 4172
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