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Season's Greetings

to ALL MEMBERS

from

THE PRESIDENT and COMMITTEE



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From the President -

Dear Members and Friends,

The Committee joins with me in wishing you a most enjoyable Xmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 1988.

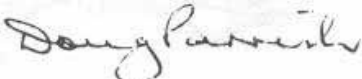
1987 has been a good year for our Association in that we gained an appreciable number of new members and we did not suffer again at the hands of the Commonwealth Treasurer.

Our "Vale" lists have not shown any significant increase in numbers and for this we are most grateful. Nevertheless, our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who have lost loved ones during the year.

To Sir Horace Niall, Ian Lightfoot and all our other members and friends who suffered health problems during the year our most sincere good wishes for a very substantial improvement in health during 1988.

Finally, I once again make the plea to any member who knows of another member who is distressed or in ill health please let my wife Candy know so she and her Caring Committee can be in touch.

Sincerely,



President.

P.S.

Recently I have received a number of enquiries concerning eligibility for membership of our Association.

I would, therefore, like to remind members that Associate Membership is open to any former resident of Papua New Guinea expressing an interest in the objects of the Association. Associate Members now have full voting rights on all matters excepting those affecting Superannuitants and Superannuation. They are also entitled to representation on our Executive Committee in numbers proportionate to their membership of the Association.

The Association now has a large number of Associate Members who were previously resident in Papua New Guinea and they come from all walks of life, businessmen, bank officials, planters, miners, Commonwealth public servants, merchant seamen, missionaries, religious etc.

It is a great way of keeping in touch with old friends from Papua New Guinea and finding out where they now reside. The Association publishes a complete list of all members (including Associate Members) and their current addresses every March.

So please encourage all your ex Papua New Guinea friends to join.

President.

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It's very nice to get a note of thanks for the Association's work, and sometimes a donation to our funds. Such welcome news is read out at Committee meetings and I assure you that your appreciation makes whatever we may have to do all seem worthwhile. When donations total \$562.00 in 12 months, it's like getting cream in the coffee !

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The C.P.I. Increase for the September quarter was 1.7%. This brings the increase for the half year from March to 3.9%.

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Congratulations go to three of our Members -

- Ian Downs was recently honoured by Deakin University when he was awarded a Doctor of Letters. The novel "The Stolen Land", 1970, the official "The Australian Trusteeship Papua New Guinea 1945-75", 1980, and his autobiographical "The Last Mountain: A Life in Papua New Guinea", 1986, are among his post-war writings.
- Joe Szent-Ivany, that rotund jovial bug hunter, has also been awarded a rare distinction, the gold diploma of EOTVOS LORANT University, Budapest. In his acceptance speech Joe stressed that the largest butterfly in the world is found in PNG. We understand that Hungarian representatives present may have put that along with the stories of crocodiles in the Danube!
- Ray Sheridan has received an Honorary Diploma from the USSR. Geographical Society for his published research on the scientist-explorer Nikolai-Maclay.

It's very nice to see the work of old friends given such recognition.

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The Annual Christmas Luncheon was held at the new YWCA building near the corner of Wentworth and Liverpool Streets. The trepidations of some of our Members who had fears of a 1900s style YW were dispelled by the modern building and the 1980s facilities, and especially by the clink of wine and beer glasses (special permission is granted by the management in this department!). Some 118 people attended, including at least 6 families with sons or daughters, the Aitchisons taking the prize with three generations, - Tommy, daughter Kaye and her son Peter. Things were a little noisy, which can be blamed either on the polished floor or the amount of gossip going on, but everyone present seemed to find it a very happy and enjoyable occasion.

It would be appreciated if any of those present would ring Pamela Foley (960-9525 or 908-4614) with any comments they may care to make about the function.

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It is with deep regret that we record the passing of the following Members and friends. On behalf of the Association the Committee extends sincere sympathy to their families.

Alexander Bell Retired 1972 as Health Extension Officer.
29/9 Leaves widow Lily, 12 Wunulla St. Thornside Q.

Albert Johnstone Retired 1974 as postmaster P & T. Leaves widow
20/10 Evelyn, 56 Greenwood St. Brighton Q.

James Palmer Retired 1957 as Inspector of Police. Leaves
 widow Olive, 28 Mitchell St. Sunnybank Q.

Donald Moodie Retired 1965 as Field Supervisor in DASF. Leaves
 widow Molly, 174 King St. Caboolture Q.

Kenneth Jamieson Retired 1972 as Senior Technical Officer, X-ray
16/11 Section in Health. Heaves widow Teresa, 27 Pumice-
 stone Street, Bribie Island.

Cecily Sloane Widow of Kevin, former Administrative Officer in
5/11 Lands Dept.

John Baldwin Former Assistant Controller Customs and member of
11/11 the old well known Papuan family.

Dudley McCarthy, MBE A diplomat/historian, he was a patrol officer pre-
--/11 war; became a major in the AIF; wrote a volume of
 the Official History of World War II on the first
 year of fighting in PNG; then held several important
 posts in Territories and External Affairs, including
 Special Representative to the Trusteeship Council
 and Minister to United Nations. Always took a
 special interest in Papua New Guinea.

Professor Peter Lawrence (We only learned of this as this issue was going to
12/12 print. Details will be in next Newsletter.....Ed.)

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SOME MOUNT HAGEN HISTORY -
From John Colman

The Lions Club of Mount Hagen was established on 29 June 1966 and the 22nd anniversary of its charter was celebrated recently.

As a Charter Member I can recall some of the early details of the Club. After a number of initial meetings in the Mount Hagen Hotel (now known as the Highlander) the following members were inducted:-
(PE is short for Private Enterprise)

John Colman (PE - Coltra)	Robert Cheung (PE - Trade Stores)
Edward (Ted) HAY (Accountant)	Frank Mollinger (P & T Dept)
Jack Hilster (PE - Coltra)	Paul Anderson (PE - Bakery)
Karl Aschoff (Lands Dept)	Frank Bowman (Government ?)
Jeff and son Ken Broomhead (PE - Baglaga Plantation)	
Steve Brady (PE - first taxi service in town)	
Rudi Boskovic (Lands Dept)	Norm Filstoff (PE - Coltra)
Helmut Frelinger (Lands Dept ?)	Max Hallett (Transport Dept)
Rick Hearne (Kiap)	Graham Hocking (?)
Tom Ingledew (Government)	Frank Jelley (?)
Ken Jensen (?)	Graham Kendall (PE - Electrician)
Bob Lesar (?)	Steward Lewis (Gov Stores ?)
John McDonough (?)	Murray McNaught (Police Dept)
Archie Murdoch (Ansett)	Joe Murohy (PE - Builder)
Ron Myers (?)	Phil Pyne (PE - Coltra)
Trevor Pearson (?)	Don Rankin (PE - ANZ Bank)
Bob Riddell (Kiap)	Frank Robinson (Primary Industry ?)
Ian Watson (?)	Paddy Watts (Public Works Dept)
Bryan Peters (PE - Ansett)	David Sullivan (?)

The Charter President was, I think, Frank Mollinger - I was President from 1966-67.

The opening membership was 39 - the highest number of Members during the year was 57 and the membership at the end of the first year was 45. Now we have a membership of 17 with an equal mixture of Private Enterprise and Government members, with 95% Papua New Guineans. Since 1976 all of our Club Presidents have been from this Independent Country.

Initially meetings were held fortnightly in the Mount Hagen Hotel and then at the Hagen Park Motel for a number of years. The changeover dinner for my term as President was held in the Mount Hagen Country Club, which was later closed down, sold to the Government and is now the Offices for B.M.S. and the Education Department.

There have been understandably many changes in the town and the Province over the past 21 years and I consider it a great effort by the past and present Members to guide the Club through this period and no doubt there will be other challenges in the future.

Thank you for your attention, and keep roaring (as all Lions do).

John Colman
Charter Member

(Maybe someone could let John Colman know about the ones with question marks ? Ed.)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS :

Mr. M.C.WILSON, P.O. Box 91, LANDSBOROUGH. QLD 4550
 Mr. R.BELL, 9 Union Street, MEADOWBANK. NSW 2114
 Mr. D.BUCHANAN, Talair, P.N.G.
 Mr. D.P.FRANKLIN, Edenglassie, Aberfeld Rd. CLOSEBURN via
 SAMFORD. QLD 4520
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 Mrs. J.GIBBES, 11 A Beach Road, COLLAROY. NSW 2097
 Mr. R.GIBBES, 11 A Beach Road, COLLAROY. 2097
 Mrs. N. WATKINS, 83 Adelaide Street, WOOLLAHRA. NSW 2025

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 NSW 2430)
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 Mr. W. NESTEROFF, Van Alkemadelaan 163 - 2597 - AE, The Hague
 HOLLAND.
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 Mr. D. STEWART, 3 Eastern Road, BATEAU BAY. NSW 2262
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Members are reminded that our annual subscription of \$5.00 is due on January 1st. Please save our Honorary Treasurer time and stamps in chasing you and send in your money NOW.

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HAVE YOU HEARD THAT.....

- Rhum Negrita, that favourite beverage of PNG residents in the early post-war years, is again available in Australia. All the way from Martinique, it is sold at Camperdown Cellars, Wahroonga Cellars and Menzies Holiday Inn in Sydney, and will soon be stocked in Brisbane and Melbourne. Keep a look-out for the "Buka Meri".
- Professor Peter Lawrence - that great friend of PNG, is in Royal North Shore Hospital.
- Geoff Masters' trip to Milne Bay with 50 veterans, some of whom were accompanied by their wives, was most successful. They were at the Bay for the 45th commemorative service of the Battle for Milne Bay - which was the first time in the war the Japanese land forces were defeated. The party was given every assistance by local people and a group of PNG Defence Force men who were nearby, while local ex-servicemen also laid wreaths. The service was taped and later played over Radio Milne Bay.

Transport and the trawler for a trip around the Bay was laid on by Provincial authorities. Alatau now has 2 Banks, 10 stores and 3 more being built -- a far cry from my memories of the Bay in 1948!

In Moresby there was a trip to Owers Corner, finishing at the South Pacific Brewery (!!!) then on to the Galley Restaurant for dinner. The Galley is the new name for the old D.C.A. Mess at Konedobu, run by the enduring Lexi Burns.

- From our last issue some may have thought that Trevor Downes was working for the OK Tedi mines, but not so - he's still with Provincial Affairs (the old DDA) at Kiunga. Jeff Rand and Bob Lock also work in the Western Province and other kiaps include Tony Friend in West Sepik, John Corrigan in Chimbu, Des Fitzer at H.Q. - and Fred Haynes who was formerly Secretary of the Department is now floating somewhere around the corridors of power at Waigani.
- Among the changes noticed in Moresby by a recent visitor are the transformation of the old PMF garage and Noel Moloney's building into multi-storey office blocks, the Burns Philp store into a supermarket, the Papua Hotel into a disco called the "Pink Pussy Cat" (!!) while the Moresby Hotel has all been demolished except for the tower section.
- As reported earlier Ela Beach is being transformed into a park area, the only building remaining on the beach side are the old Sub District Office, now the local Court House, and the pre-school next door.

On the town side the far corner of Ela Beach Road and Musgrave Street is being used to construct another high level block, and next door is the 3 storey building of the Credit Corporation. Mrs Jewell's old house is being replaced by a 24 apartment block and similar buildings are going up or planned right along Ela Beach Road.

The old Papuan Hotel and Papuan Theatre is to be replaced by the Royal Papuan Plaza Project, which will consist of 2 wings of 10 floors and a central hotel building of 17 floors -- something to write home about in anybody's language.

AND HAVE YOU HEARD

- Changes also at Boroko. The Nita Theatre has become a six-storey office block, and near the end of Angau Drive is the New Garden City shopping complex with FM TV on the 3rd Floor and staff accommodation on the 4th. The Boroko R.S.L. is out of business and up for sale.
- Moresby now has two TV stations, two cable TV stations, and by satellite ABC Channel 2.
- Mrs Ernie Moa'itz was recently elected as Premier of Morobe Province and on doing so became the first woman premier in PNG.
- Robert Suckling elected from a Moresby ward was the fifth European member elected in the last PNG national elections.

With best wishes for the festive season. May 1988 be both a happy and healthy year for us all, -- and a memorable bicentenary year.

FREDDIE KAAD
Editor

Remember - subscriptions are due on 1st January !

