



Una Voce News Letter

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Dear Member -

I have had several enquiries from Members as to just what claims we made in June 1978 and now recently approved by the Minister for Finance, so these are set out below -

- " 1. For Orphans: to ensure that orphans' benefit is based on a percentage of the former pensioner's entitlement, that is -
 - 45% for one eligible child
 - 80% for two eligible children
 - 90% for three eligible children
 - 100% for four or more eligible children
2. For student children: to have the maximum age eligibility provisions for student children raised from the present 21 to 25 years of age.
3. For eligible children: to raise the present benefit for eligible children (other than orphans) from the present fixed \$208 per annum to
 - 11% of the former parent's pension for one child
 - 22% of the former parent's pension for two children
 - 33% of the former parent's pension for three or more children
4. For widows:
 - (a) to raise the pension payable to widows of pensioners from the present 5/8 of the pension payable to the late husband at the time of his death to 67%.
 - (b) also to raise the pension of widows of pensioners who elected to contribute for a 50% widow's pension to 54%.
 - (c) further, that these rises should apply not only to those whose husbands have died since 1/7/76 but to all pensioner widows, with effect from 1/7/76 or the pensioner's death, whichever is the later
5. For widows who re-marry after the death of pensioner husband: that their widow's pension be continued on re-marriage.

6. For defacto wives: that their relationship (under conditions similar to those applying to Commonwealth Superannuants) be recognised for pension purposes.
7. For single pensioners who marry after retirement: if the marriage has lasted five years, his widow be entitled to the usual widow's pension. "

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Mostly these are self-explanatory, but based on superannuation of say, \$10,000 when the officer died this means in relation to -

Para 3. - the \$208 per annum rises to \$1,100 (\$2,200 and \$3,300 respectively)

" 4 (a) the present widow's pension would rise from 62½% to 67%, or from \$6,250 to \$6,700.

" 4 (b) the widow would receive not \$5,000 but \$5,400.

In relation to -

Para 6 - the de facto wife must have lived with the officer for at least 5 years. ...

" 7 - The relationship could be as a married wife and a de facto wife as long as the total period was at least five years.

Although these changes take effect from 1/7/79 rather than the 1/7/76 we requested they are nevertheless a very important step forward, and will mean greater benefits for all widows and all eligible children. In addition I understand the Commissioner will be given discretion to look at cases prior to 1/7/79.

No action can be taken until the Regulations have been drafted and approved by the Executive Council. The Commissioner will then notify each person affected of her/his entitlements.

The benefits outlined above are some examples of the advantages of belonging to this Association. Widows can now re-marry without fear of losing their superannuation; officers who married after retirement can be assured that their wives are now eligible for payments should the husband die; all widows will receive more, orphans and eligible children will receive much more.

The name of the game is solidarity - and we should have a 90%+ membership ! Help us to help you by persuading any non-members who are receiving superannuation or widow's payments to join your Association. The more members we have the stronger our voice !!

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Our annual list of Members has been compiled but is still being checked, so it will appear in the next issue. Sori tumas !

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++++++ REMEMBER ++++++

- WHAT : The Annual Luncheon of the Association.
- WHERE : The British Ex-Services Club, 541 Kent St., Sydney.
(See map below)
- WHEN : From 12 noon Sunday 19th October, 1980.
- WHO : All Members, their spouses and friends - bring a party !
- COST : \$9.00 for a very good three course luncheon, with three choices for each course, and coffee.
Liquid refreshments extra, at very reasonable prices.

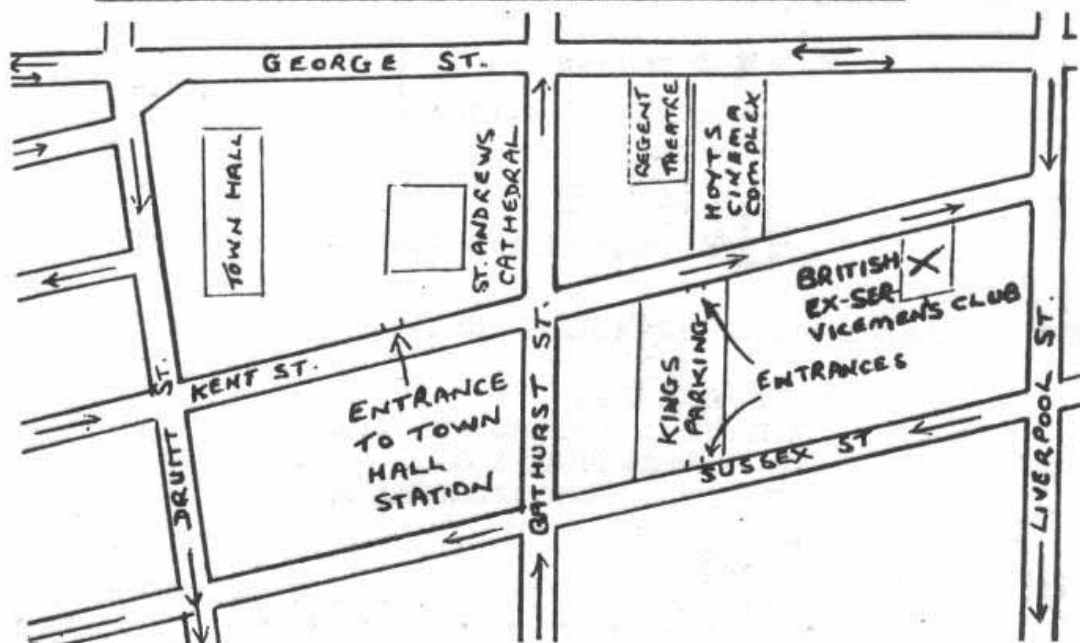
PLEASE ring -

Bill Seale (02) 428 3357
David Marsh (02) 938 3501
or Doug Parrish (02) 467 2966

and let us know you are coming so that we can arrange the catering accordingly.

- NOTE - there will be no official business/meeting but President Bill Seale will make two announcements.
- parking will definitely be available at Kings Parking Station, only three doors away, from 12 noon.
 - no access problems, there are lifts, not steps, so you have no excuses.

ROLL UP AND MAKE THIS SOMETHING TO REMEMBER



V A L E

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing on 14/9/80 of -

John Arnold Crockett

12 Whelan St, Surfers Paradise.

On behalf of all in the Association, the Committee extends our sympathies to his relatives.

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Jack (or 'Davey') Crockett was a P.O.W. in two wars, an accountant in Sunshine Gold Development pre-World war II. Joining the Administration in 1946 he was Chief Clerk in many towns. Famous for his copperplate handwriting, his work in Freemasonry, his willing help when younger officers couldn't balance the books (!), Jack will be long remembered for his good humour and his likeable eccentricities.

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Hope to see you at the Luncheon, but if not, remember -

Smile and make a friend !

Sincerely,

Freddie Kaad
Honorary Secretary

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