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PNGAA AGM & Luncheon

Sunday, 28 April 2019

WHERE:

Hornsby RSL, Boronia Room,
4 High Street, Hornsby, SYDNEY

COST:

\$40pp includes light lunch;
please advise of any dietary
requirements when you are booking
prior to the event

REGISTRATION:

11:00 am

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Raggiana bird-of-paradise
(*Paradisaea raggiana*)

in full display

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2018 Sydney Christmas Luncheon



As well as PNGAA events, members of the Management Committee continue to network on your behalf, attending a wide range of events and activities, and encouraging new members and possible partnerships to keep our association vital and viable—featured here are reports and updates from the committee, other news of interest and a welcome to new members



2019 HAS STARTED with gusto for your committee as we head towards the 68th AGM in Sydney on 28 April 2019. We hope to see many members and friends there as it is always a great social occasion, too.

This year is an election year for the association. PNGAA has committee elections every two years to provide stability, continuity and, thankfully, it happens to ease the workload as well!

Please note that it is intended to move a special resolution at the meeting to alter the association's rules. This is recommended by the Management Committee. The proposed special resolution is provided on pages 7 & 8, and an explanatory memorandum and a proxy form are provided to members as separate inserts with this issue of *Una Voce*. If you are not attending the AGM, please return your proxy by 25 April 2019.

Nominations received by 31 January 2019 did not exceed positions available on the Management Committee and there is no need for a ballot.

I am delighted that **Max Uechtritz** has accepted nomination for president of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia. Max, and his family, are well known to many of us. Max's vast experience, his long PNG/Australian history, his integrity and his ability to relate to all meant it was a privilege to nominate him.

Vicki Long, from Victoria, has accepted nomination for the position of editor and looks forward to your letters, stories, anecdotes, articles and photos, carrying echoes of the past along with current pieces of interest—keep sending emails to:

editor@pngaa.net!

Una Voce keeps members of our far-flung association connected and informed—it is the backbone of the association. Belinda Macartney, from Brisbane, stepped in to the editor's role in May 2016, and quickly and skilfully displayed a special flair that developed *Una Voce* in innovative and creative ways. She liaised with Paul Fanning to produce a visually attractive journal and, importantly, a stimulating read.

Belinda encouraged more input from the committee itself, as well as articles on sport and youth. Belinda actively and thoughtfully considered ways to structure an editorial team—all important in ensuring the association remains



Belinda Macartney and Major-General John Pearn, AO, RFD

relevant into the future. The PNGAA thanks Belinda for her enormous contribution to this association.

The committee has also decided to bring the design work back to the east coast of Australia with Jeannette Gilligan, of Dragonwick Self-Publishing Solutions from NSW's Far North Coast, taking on this role. More on this in 'A New Year and a New-Look', overleaf.

I mentioned earlier that the new year started with gusto. The Christmas/New Year period saw members of your Management Committee working to assist the Country Women's Association NSW (CWA NSW) launch Papua New Guinea as their 2019 focus country.

With a seminar in Dubbo on the first weekend in February, Sara Turner-Carroll and I split the co-ordinating roles—Sara rallied PNGAA members in the Dubbo area to participate (Di and Bob McKeowen, Alison and Kate Kennedy) with speaking and panel participation, and liaised with the PNG Women's Association of NSW and the Sydney Wantok Association to attend and participate with PNG cultural input. We thank all our members for their assistance—including Greg Corner and Roger Carroll!

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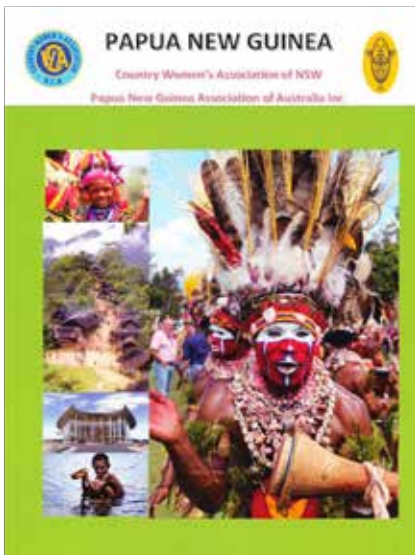
PNGAA Round-Up

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specialised writers coerced on Christmas Eve(!) a forty-eight page booklet about PNG was produced and printed by mid-January. I particularly thank committee members Chris Warrillow, Phil Ainsworth and Steven Gagau along with Murrough Benson, Roy Ranney, Ross and Pat Johnson, Frank Youn, Patricia Chow, Greg Hillman, Greg Anderson OBE and Deryck Thompson for their willing assistance and commitment to achieve this booklet in time (see pages 15 & 16).

There has been a number of celebrations since the December 2018 issue went to press.

PNGAA congratulates PNGAA member, **Sean Dorney, MBE**, for being awarded the Walkley Award in November 2018 for the Most Outstanding Contribution to



Journalism. This award recognises the achievements of a person who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the highest standards of journalism—truth, rigour, integrity, fairness—over a lifetime.

Sean Dorney is a legend of the Pacific. He has been feted, honoured, detained, shot at and deported in the course of a forty-year career as a PNG correspondent and then Pacific correspondent for the ABC. The people of Australia, PNG and the region have been enriched by his insight, intelligence, passion and wit.

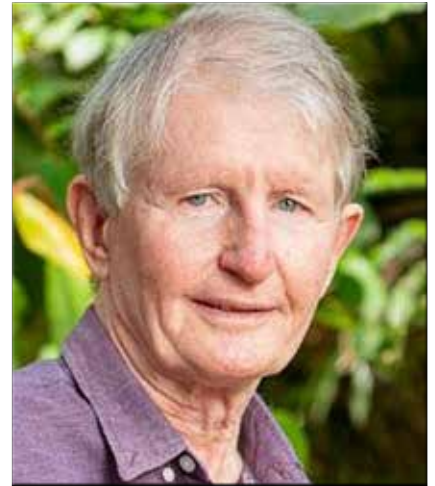
As Michael Field says: ‘Sean Dorney is the representative of Australia across the Pacific in a way few people in Australia know.’

The annual Walkley Awards are the pinnacle of achievement for any Australian journalist.

Former Event Co-ordinator for the PNGAA, **Julianne Ross Allcorn**, has won a Drawing Research Residency and will be spending five weeks of extensive drawing in France with artists from all over the world. Juli collected several awards in 2018 from prestigious art exhibitions and we wish her ongoing success.

Papua New Guinea oil and gas pioneer, **Peter Botten, AC, CBE**, has been recognised for his service to that country and his industry by being made a Companion of the Order of Australia. Mr Botten, who has served as chief executive of ASX-listed Oil Search since 1994, was honoured for his ‘*eminent service to Australia-Papua New Guinea relations, particularly in the oil and gas industry, and to social and economic initiatives*’.

Australia’s history in Papua New Guinea is not well recognised or feted in Australia. We need to change that. Every one of us who

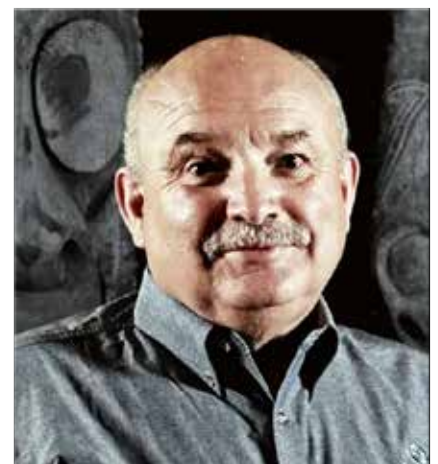


Sean Dorney, MBE

has lived there, worked hard to develop it, or who has an interest in the long connection between the two countries, can speak, write and do something—because, if we don’t, no-one will. Australia could better acknowledge the work of Australians in PNG both before Independence and after—our Australian Government could be more proud of what it achieved in taking a neighbouring country to Independence, and it could celebrate that and the work of so many Australians and Papua New Guineans to ensure this history remains as part of Australia’s significant history.

Wishing all members a healthy, happy and successful 2019!

ANDREA WILLIAMS
On behalf of the PNGAA
Management Committee



Peter Botten, AC, CBE

A New Year and a New Look

Welcome to the first issue of *Una Voce* for 2019, and many thanks to Belinda Macartney for steering the ship for the last three years.

However, when you receive the March 2019 copy of the journal, you will probably be a little confused—not only does it look different (inside and out), but some of the usual segments are now combined with larger sections.

Committee Round-Up has been renamed 'PNGAA Round-Up', and incorporates a section on membership—new members, etc.

'What's On?' is now featured in 'Sing-Sing', so that all the events, luncheons and other functions are under the same banner.

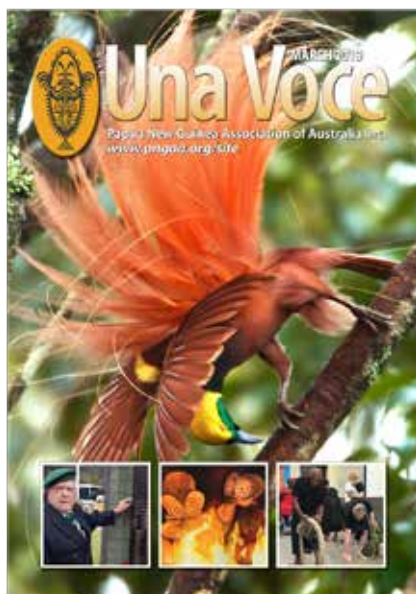
'Help Wanted' for those requiring assistance with research, is now in 'Editor's Mailbag' (previously the 'Letters' section) and, of course, 'Treasurer's Corner' is now part of the journal.

Treasurer's Corner

If you wish to renew your membership, book for a PNGAA function, order one of the books and DVDs on offer, or have a friend or family member who wishes to become a member, then the Treasurer's Corner Membership & Order Form is what you need. We know you're used to having it as a separate insert in the journal but, with the new format, it's now included in *Una Voce* on the last two pages. This will be easy for you to cut out when ordering—and there's no excuse for losing it!

PAYMENTS

Members are able to make payments for services and products from the PNGAA in



essentially three different ways:

Writing a cheque: Cheques are slow and require a lot of manual processing;

Using a credit card: Credit cards cost the PNGAA a fee (approx. 2.5%) for processing, which we must pass on to the purchaser to try to keep our costs to a minimum for our members;

Making a direct deposit (EFT): Direct deposits are fast and efficient. But there is a danger that we may not be able to identify who made the payment or understand what the payment is for, so in the transaction description include the Purpose Code (located in Treasurer's Corner) and member number or surname. Please send a confirmation email to: admin@pngaa.net

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Please help us by keeping us up to date with your membership details, especially your email address, as this will facilitate access to the new website: www.pngaa.org/site, and ensure all our communications are delivered and not wasted.

Our database is kept secure and confidential and your details will never be revealed or traded.

2018 PNGAA Christmas Luncheon, Sydney

One hundred and one people met at Killara Golf Club to have a few laughs, share some adventures, discuss our ailments and encourage each other. There was a mixture of regulars and quite a few new attendees, and each year I find I am able to recognise and remember people and their names.

I always wonder if there could be a better venue for many reasons. but I am pleased to let you all know the refurbishment of KGC and the beautiful table settings, really added to the atmosphere, and this year according to several reports the meal was really enjoyed. A lot of people felt it was a relaxed and social day. So great to receive such positive feedback.

With all the committee taking up roles this year, it allowed me to actually have a chat with people. It relieved Roger and Jane, who always help me and they were able to spend some time with friends, who attended after many years.

Kylie Adams-Collier continues to win awards around the country with her CD, *Little Stone*, which has the song, 'Montevideo Maru' featured. Kylie led us in singing again. Thanks everyone for making the day work so well. ▶





PNGAA Round-Up *editor@pngaa.net*

We didn't have a speaker this year, but we were in good company with our patron, Mr Fred Kaad, joining us as he does every year, and it was lovely to help Libby Cadden celebrate her 102nd birthday (*below*).

Christmas 2018 was the first year the committee put the beautiful quilt, 'Butterflies', up for the Silent Auction online. The quilt was made by Canberra's Broomsticks & Bobbins Quilters group. A good amount was raised to support storage and maintenance of the PNGAA Collection. I believe it will have to be tried a few times so that people become used to the idea.

However, each year many superb artefacts, paintings, memorabilia, books, etc. continue to be donated to help our fundraising. Thanks everyone.

Looking forward to another Christmas luncheon at the end of the year.

SARA TURNER



Libby Cadden and Peter Lloyd



Members receive four issues of *Una Voce* per year, have access to all parts of the website, and are encouraged to explore and become actively involved with all aspects of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia Inc.

Annual membership is \$45.00, and to become a member or renew your membership, please fill in the details in the **Treasurer's Corner Membership & Order Form** at the end of this issue of *Una Voce* or follow the link: <https://pngaa.org/site/members/become-a-member>

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Notice of Annual General Meeting and of Motion for Special Resolution—28 April 2019

THE 68TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia, Incorporated will be held in Sydney on Sunday, 28 April 2019 at the Hornsby RSL, 4 High Street, Hornsby, NSW, commencing at 11.30 am.

Please note that it is intended to move a Special Resolution at the meeting to alter the Association's Rules. The proposed Special Resolution is provided below and an Explanatory Memorandum and a Proxy Form for those unable to attend are provided to members as separate inserts with this issue of *Una Voce*.

If you are mailing your proxy, please ensure that it is received by the Returning Officer, PNGAA, PO Box 453, Roseville NSW 2069 by 5.00 pm on Friday, 26 April 2019. Proxies may also be emailed to the Returning Officer at admin@pngaa.net or may be handed to the Returning Officer prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting.

A luncheon has been arranged starting at approximately 1.00 pm.

AGENDA

1. Members present and apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 67th AGM (circulated in June 2018 *Una Voce*, pages 13–15)
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. President's Report
5. **Special Resolution** for alteration of the Association's Rules in accordance with Committee's recommendation as per Notice published in *Una Voce*, March 2019
6. Treasurer's Report and receipt and adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018
7. Appointment of Honorary Auditor (Refer Rule 37 of the Constitution). Mr Phil Williams offers himself for re-election
8. To note the election (unopposed) of the Management Committee of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia for 2019–20 (refer Rules 16 and 25(2)c of the Constitution)
9. General discussion

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Section A

1. That **Clause 1** of the Rules of the PNGAA be amended by:
 - (i) inserting after the definition of '**member**', the following: *Membership Officer means the member of the Committee appointed by the Committee under Clause 15(7) and designated as Membership Officer and includes any member of the Committee appointed by the Committee to act in the stead of the Membership Officer*—and
 - (ii) in the definition of '**the Regulation**' delete '2010' and insert in its stead: 2016.
2. That **Clause 5: ADMISSION OF MEMBERS** be amended by:

in sub-clause 5(1)(a) inserting after the words 'in writing' the following: *(including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines)*—and

deleting sub-clause 5(1)(b) and inserting in its stead the following: *(1)(b) be lodged (including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines) with the Membership Officer.*

deleting sub-clause 5(2) and inserting in its stead the following: *The Membership Officer shall acknowledge in writing (including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines) the receipt of the application for membership and, after ensuring that all requirements have been met, shall advise the applicant of the outcome of their application*—and

in sub-clause 5(3) deleting the words 'The Treasurer' and inserting in their stead: *The Membership Officer.*
3. That **Clause 6: CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP** be amended by:

in sub-clause (6)(3) deleting the words 'the Treasurer shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members' and inserting in their stead: *the Membership Officer shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members.*
4. That **Clause 8: REGISTER OF MEMBERS** be amended by:

deleting sub-clause 8(1) and inserting in its stead: *(1) The Membership Officer shall establish and maintain a register of members of the Association*

(whether in written or electronic form) specifying the name and postal, residential or email address of each member together with the date on which the member became a member—and

in sub-clause 8(2), deleting the words ‘the Treasurer’ and substituting in their stead: *the Membership Officer*.

5. That **Clause 15: CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP** of Committee be amended by:

inserting a new sub-clause (7) as follows: (7) *The Committee shall from time to time appoint one of its members as designated Membership Officer, and may appoint another of its members to act in the stead of the Membership Officer as required to cover unavailability.*

6. That **Clause 17: SECRETARY** be amended by:

inserting in sub-clause (2) after the words ‘The Secretary shall keep minutes’ the words: *(whether in written or electronic form)*—and

inserting a new sub-clause (4) as follows: *The signature of the chairperson may be transmitted by electronic means for the purposes of sub-clause(3).*

7. That **Clause 18: TREASURER** be amended by:

deleting sub-clause 2 and re-numbering sub-clause (1).

8. That **PART IV: GENERAL MEETINGS** be amended by **inserting new clauses 35 and 36** as follows:

35. POSTAL OR ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

(1) *The Association may hold a postal or electronic ballot (as the Committee determines) to determine any issue or proposal (other than an appeal under clause 13).*

(2) *A postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Regulation.*

36. USE OF TECHNOLOGY AT GENERAL MEETINGS

(1) *A general meeting may be held at two or more venues using any technology approved by the Committee that gives each of the Association’s members a reasonable opportunity to participate.*

(2) *A member of the Association who participates in a general meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.*

9. That **PART V: MISCELLANEOUS** be amended by:

(i) **re-numbering existing clauses 35 to 45 as clauses 37 to 47**—and

(ii) **deleting sub-clause (3)** from re-numbered

Clause 37: FUNDS MANAGEMENT—and

(iii) **re-numbering sub-clauses (4) and (5) as (3) and (4) respectively**—and

(iv) **in re-numbered Clause 39: AUDIT**, after the words ‘A person who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants’ delete the words ‘shall audit the financial affairs of the Association’ and insert in their stead: *shall be appointed by the Committee to audit the financial affairs of the Association.*

Section B

That upon carriage by Special Resolution of the alteration to Rules set out in Section A of this Special Resolution, the Public Officer of the Association shall cause the alteration to be engrossed and consolidated with the Rules as in force after the adoption by the Special Resolution of 28 April 2019 and submit the consolidated copy of the Association’s Rules as now amended for registration by the Director General under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

AGM LUNCHEON DETAILS

The AGM should not take long and there will be plenty of time for mingling.

Members, their families and friends are all welcome—but please let us know if you wish to come to the luncheon by either:

- completing the booking form and payment details on the ‘Treasurer’s Corner’ form included at the end of the March 2019 *Una Voce* and returning it by Thursday, 18 April 2019—or
- by direct credit to the PNGAA bank account, including your surname, member number (if known) and the code ‘AGM’ in the transaction description—and followed up with a confirming email to *admin@pngaa.net* as the full transaction details do not always show up on our bank statement.

The cost of \$40.00 per person does not include liquor or soft drinks but these will be available from a cash-only bar. Payment needs to be made by 18 April please.

Cancellations advised by Friday, 19 April 2019 will secure a full refund. This is the date we need to inform the club of final numbers; after this date there is no refund payable.

There is free on-site parking available to those driving—entrance via Ashley Street at the rear of the Club. The train station is nearby; public transport information available by phoning 13 15 00.

Flying High in Papua New Guinea

PETER ROGERS

It is always hard to describe flying in PNG to someone who has never been there and done that. It is exhilarating, demanding, difficult, and sometimes dangerous.

The wreckage of numerous aircraft still littering the countryside bears witness to the last bit. They stay where they are because after the bodies are got out, there generally isn't too much that's economically salvageable considering the force of the impact (usually into the side of a nearly vertical ridge), and the sheer (excuse the pun) inaccessibility of the site. Having clawed my way up, together with an engineer, on all fours—using fingernails, toes, elbows and knees through a hundred metres of mud and fallen timber on a nearly perpendicular slope—to what remained of an AS-350 Squirrel, only to find even the standby compass was broken, let alone everything else, I can tell you the country is not very forgiving.

IT IS DEMANDING and difficult because the weather changes rapidly, sometimes in minutes. The hills and mountains are usually embedded in widespread cloud (not so much cumulo-granitus as cumulo-limestone, but it still hurts when you hit it), and consistently high-density altitudes (normally International Standard + 25) and humidity. This means that your aircraft is really struggling in an atmosphere effectively thousands of feet higher than that same (pressure) altitude in Australia or New Zealand.

The cloud can be in layers on the same range, making for some interesting trips from coast to highlands and vice versa, and can go from an unlimited ceiling and visibility to towering cumulus topping 15,000 feet in a few hours. And it can get interesting—I was headed for a gap on a day with black clouds all around, and suddenly between me and the gap was a funnel cloud (a tornado that doesn't touch the ground) reaching halfway down. I had seen a few in the USA, but only on flat, open plains, never in the mountains.

At Mount Hagen early one morning, the strip was covered in a light fog. I thought I'd hover around while I was waiting, and found that the rotor wash was actually dispersing the fog, just as traffic does on a highway, and agricultural operators keep icing fog away from fruit at night.

After ten minutes, I had a big hole around me, and I could see blue sky above. There are ways and means of getting the job done—and the control tower passed on the thanks of a couple of fixed-wing operators who were able to get away shortly afterwards.

With helicopters, available landing pads are challenging. They are often tiny level areas dug into the side of a mountain. At some sites, nearly all cargo in was by sling load, which meant you put the load on the pad, and landed beside it. With a sling load, you were usually committed to a landing from about half a kilometre out. There could be no U-turn flying into a re-entrant at high density altitude with a solid wall in front.

No big deal, once you accepted the aircraft was moving faster than indicated by the airspeed indicator and it felt like a tailwind—another peculiarity of high-density altitude—and there usually wasn't much actual wind.

On the other hand, the pads could be made from timber cut down to make a hole in the rainforest—which might well be over 200 feet high. As a result, some pads are vertical tunnels, but because there are so many hills, they are more likely to be a timber platform built out on a horrendous slope. ▶



Mt Hagen Cultural Show

Obviously, the best way to see this rugged, beautiful country is by helicopter—if you get the chance, do it!

This means that you are balanced on the slippery logs, with only a few centimetres of rotor clearance from the cliff in front, your tail stuck out into space, and surrounded by debris and stumps, in which people are moving and loading/unloading your aircraft, while you mentally will them not to move forward of the cabin (just the opposite you've trained for), because they will lose their heads if they do. It's happened.

If you land in a village, often the only place available, you will almost certainly knock down a grass hut or two, which means that your own head is in danger.

With fixed wing it can get interesting, too. The airstrips that are still serviceable can have as much as a 10-degree slope from threshold to the far end, and up to 5 degrees laterally. They are often wet, muddy and slippery. Because maintenance is often non-existent, they can be overgrown with long grass, which conceals potholes and ruts. Fun!

I've always maintained that every hour of flying in PNG is worth three hours in Australia, as far as experience goes.

It is exhilarating because the scenery is breathtakingly spectacular, with deep lush colours of green and blue, dotted with brilliant reds and yellows of flowers and birds. Waterfalls abound, some coming straight out of cliff faces of porous limestone.

In one area of the highlands, a torrent comes out of the side of a mountain in the jungle, pours down a hundred metres, and disappears back into the hillside. The ultimate white-water rafting!

There are razorback ridges that are so narrow at the top that you could not walk along them, with drops of thousands of feet either side, and sinkholes that seem bottomless. Small villages and their nearby gardens dot the countryside with splashes of brown, and smoke rises lazily through the morning mist.

The hamlets in the highlands usually have palisade fences around them, a testament to mistrust of their neighbours. The famous yodelling that you can hear for miles is another indication—if you don't announce well beforehand that you are coming, people think you are trying to sneak up and attack them.

Another is the fact that there are more than 700 languages in PNG, developed through centuries upon centuries of having little to do with one another. Another reason that it is so exhilarating is that in the Highlands, you are often flying so high that you get mild hypoxia. For most people, one of the symptoms is a sense of euphoria!

When you are involved in a ceremonial event, the costumes, complete with bird of paradise plumes, bark belts, arse grass (leaves stuck down the belt at the back to cover the bottom), nose bones, body ochre, bows and arrows are just breathtaking. The hypnotic chants and the incessant beat of the *kundus* (drums) leave an indelible impression. Add the heat, the dust, the smell, and the primitive tension and savagery, and it becomes something very special. The country could be a wonderful tourist destination, but careful planning with a tourist operator is recommended to mitigate potential attacks against foreigners.

Obviously, the best way to see this rugged, beautiful country is by helicopter—if you get the chance, do it! •



KIAP: Stories Behind the Medal

Papua New Guinea Association of Australia & Gum Leaves Productions
Some 2000 young Australian men served as patrol officers (known as Kiaps) in Papua New Guinea between the end of WWII and PNG Independence in 1975. In this film the men, their wives and children, tell their stories of living, working and growing up in Papua New Guinea.

This outstanding DVD provides a powerful and poignant tribute to the world of the Kiaps, and shining through is the close relationship between the Kiaps and the Papua New Guinean Police whose loyalty they depended on.

DVD Cost: \$30 PNGAA members/\$35 for non-members

A short excerpt is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+8C52NlcXD61>

To purchase, please fill in the details in the Treasurer's Corner Membership & Order Form at the end of this issue of *Una Voce* or order from our website: www.pngaa.org/site

Featuring reviews of events, festivals and reunions held throughout Australia and Papua New Guinea, and attended by PNGAA members, as well as a listing of upcoming functions in 'What's On?'



PNGAA Victoria Pre-Christmas Social, 17 November 2018

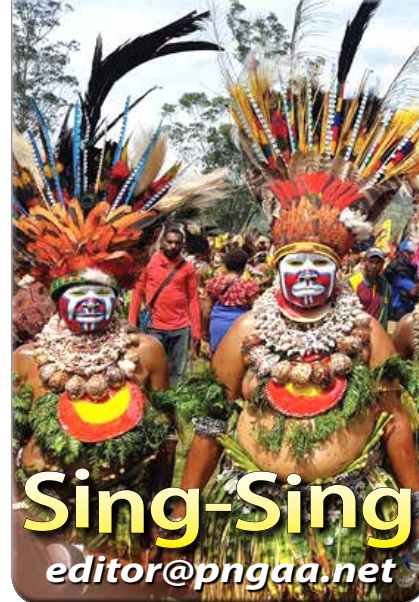
Twenty-nine Victorian members, friends and guests gathered for a pre-Christmas celebration by way of a lunch enjoyed on Saturday, 17 November 2018. It was held at the Caulfield RSL, which now appears to be, by popular acclaim, the permanent venue for such PNGAA events.

A major highlight of the lunch, apart from the social side, was guest speaker John Quinn's talk on the increasing influence of China in and on PNG. Both John and his subject needed little introduction to any members who had read page 11 of the December issue of *Una Voce*, sent out early in November.

Other highlights were visual displays of two artists. A number of paintings (*pictured at left*) by Philemon Yalamu (PNG VIC Wantok Group), PhD student at Deakin University, attracted attention and a buyer. Visit www.artech.com.pg & pyalamu.blogspot.com to see more images of Philemon's body of work.

From well-preserved archives of the 1950s–60s a selection of drawings, sketches and portraits by the late Jim Kent were brought by Jim's son, Lachie, a long-time member but attending his first luncheon. Jim was a kiap for many years and led one of the earliest patrols into the Star Mountains (22 September–22 December 1954).

Lachie, who recently moved from NSW to Raymond Island, and Geraldine Tyler from nearby



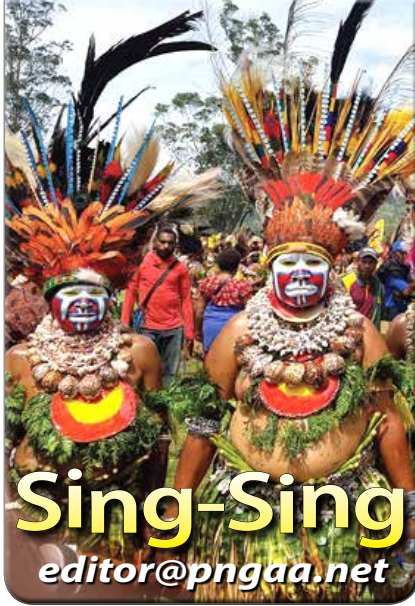
Paynesville were amongst those who had to travel a relatively long distance to attend the function. In fact, it was nearly 11 o'clock when Geraldine arrived home that night.

John and Judy Quinn travelled from Avoca; Maxwell Clarke from Maldon; Terry Larkins from Gisborne; Robyn Tickner from Strathfieldsaye and Murray and Val Anderson from (now not-so-far-away) Geelong.

Once again, the huge success of the event was as a result of the hard work put in by Yana Di Pietro, our co-coordinator in Victoria. Her planning and organisation, including liaison with the RSL sub-branch, ensured that all went to plan, despite Public Transport Victoria's late delivery of John and Judy Quinn!

Once again, final preparations on the Saturday morning were guaranteed by the early arrival of Peter Milburn and his guest, Scott Adams. These two also chauffeured committee member, Chris Warrillow, to and from Caulfield. The trio assisted Yana to ensure that seating arrangements, displays and layouts were well organised prior to other first-arrivals.

Once again, Louise Garetto (Geraldine Tyler's niece), was at the reception desk to greet members and take the entry fees, ▶



hand out raffle tickets, and later take photographs.

Donated PNG artefacts, and other prizes were on offer to raffle



winners drawn by Louise and Scott. A variety of PNGAA books, DVDs and our new PNGAA tote bags were also on sale on the day.

There has been the occasional criticism in the past that the PNGAA does not facilitate more of these events and that some states seem to be ignored or forgotten by the PNGAA. It is not the PNGAA that organises social gatherings, but rather it is individual members who make them possible. The PNGAA management committee is happy to assist.

The gatherings in Melbourne have been successful due to the support and hard work of a core group of people, namely, Chris Warrillow, Peter Milburn, Geraldine Tyler and Yana Di Pietro, all members of the PNGAA.

Other mentions and accolades must go to Graham Taylor, Jan Kleinig and the team in Adelaide; Kieran Nelson in Brisbane; Linda Cavanaugh Manning in Perth and Deryck Thompson in Cairns.

The enjoyment and success of these events around the nation help to keep us all abreast with what is happening in PNG, the PNGAA and most importantly, with each other. We do hope more get-togethers continue to grow and would happily support in any way.

**CHRIS WARRILLOW
& SARA TURNER**
(Photos: Yana Di Pietro)

APT9 Summer Festival

I had a very pleasant day on Friday, 18 January 2019 at QAGOMA Summer Festival in Brisbane taking advantage of a *free* public guided tour of some of the highlights of the current Australia Pacific Triennial (APT9) exhibition in the company of *Una Voce* Editor, Belinda Macartney.



PHOTOS (from top): APT9, GOMA, Brisbane; Veronica Kirin Henderson; Tutana Exhibit, GOMA; Emily (QAGOMA) and Martha Karol



PHOTOS (from top): Bougainville Women's Wealth exhibit and Bamboo Band

This was followed by a visit to the Women's Wealth Creative Circle Drop-In Workshop as part of the Summer Festival, and a catch up with Veronica Kirin Henderson and the Brisbane Bougainville Community, at the basket-weaving extension of the Women's Wealth items on display for the duration of the exhibition (ends 28 April 2019).

The Bougainville community—Women's Wealth and Bamboo Band—also performed traditional dances that afternoon for the enjoyment of those attending the festival.

KIERAN NELSON
Event Co-Ordinator, Brisbane

Women's Wealth Project

Throughout the Pacific, contemporary expressions of customary practice—from weaving and pottery to performance—are thriving alongside explorations of new media and technology. Developed especially for APT9 with co-curator, Sana Balai, the Women's Wealth project explores the ongoing importance and richness of women's creativity within the predominantly matrilineal societies of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville in PNG, and the nearby islands of Choiseul Province and the Shortland Islands in the Solomon Islands Archipelago. See:

<http://play.qagoma.qld.gov.au/womens-wealth/>

Read more about the Women's Wealth exhibit and the eight majestic rings of Tutana and Loloï commissioned for APT9 to reflect the cultural significance of Diwarra (shell money) at:

<https://blog.qagoma.qld.gov.au/author/ruth-mcdougall/>

PNGAA Recognised in Special Minamai Ceremony as Tribute to Gideon Kakabin

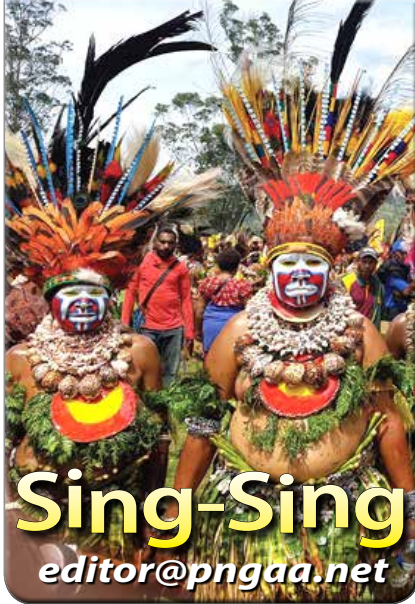
APT9 was launched at the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane (QAGOMA) on 24 November 2018 and it was wonderful to see such a mammoth group of PNG supporters attending!

Everyone there witnessed a unique ceremony, likely the first to be held outside PNG cultural ground—the breaking open of special Diwarra (shell money) rings for gift distribution as a mark of respect for Gideon.

Due to its assistance in ▶



PHOTOS (from top): Tutana Exhibit and Women's Wealth Exhibit



facilitating the late Gideon Kakabin's final voyage home and to his resting place, PNGAA was greatly privileged to be recognised in the special Minamai ceremony, which was a highlight of the launch.

A Minamai is an East New



PHOTOS (from top): PNGAA committee member and president of the Sydney Wantok Association, Steven Gagau, cutting open the shell money rings; Director of QAGOMA, Chris Saines

Britain Gunantuna ceremony to acknowledge those directly involved with handling a deceased body and preparing it for burial. PNGAA was acknowledged as it enabled the repatriation of Gideon Kakabin's body from Australia to PNG.

This meant distributing 'Arip', shell money, being ten fathom lengths to PNGAA (for facilitating fundraising, repatriation costs and coordination), to the PNG High Commission (for Government support); and to the East New Britain Australia Community—ACT, NSW, QLD (as Gunantuna people in Australia representing family and relatives; and for their contribution in supporting local costs and logistics; for the mourning period from the time of death until Gideon Kakabin's departure from Australia to PNG and East New Britain for Gideon's final resting place).

Chris Saines, director of QAGOMA, gave a heartfelt and moving speech in tribute to the late Gideon Kakabin.

Gideon had led the eight PNG artists who created the magnificent and impressive display of Tutana (large shell money wheels used as banks), which greets all visitors who walk in the front door at GOMA—it is exciting to see this special, detailed, PNG Gunantuna cultural display taking a prominent position in this highly-acclaimed exhibition.

Gideon had completed the project shortly before he passed away. The singing and dancing by the East New Britain community was so beautiful, and just transported everyone there.

Huge thanks to the East New Britain Gunantuna community and QAGOMA for honouring Gideon's legacy and sharing it

with us. To Chris Saines, Ruth McDougall (curator, Pacific Art at QAGOMA), Steven Gagau, the artists, and to Judy Kakabin and Gideon's family—thank you.

APT9 is showing at QAGOMA in Brisbane until 28 April 2019.

STEVEN GAGAU & ANDREA WILLIAMS



PHOTOS (from top): East New Britain QLD Community; Ruth McDougall, Curator Pacific Art at QAGOMA, Elsie Lee, President East New Britain QLD Community and Chris Saines, Director QAGOMA; East New Britain QLD Community; PNGAA committee members, Andrea Williams, Steven Gagau & Belinda Macartney.

NSW CWA, PNGAA & PNGWANSW Inc. Connection

What a privilege it was to speak at the CWA Seminar at Dubbo on 2 February 2019 as a committee member of PNGAA.

The connection with Lyn Braico, State International Officer, Country Women's Association NSW, began with my offering to speak at my local branch of Cessnock. Each year the CWA members study a country and work on a project in their various branches aiming to win the 'Best Project on ...' at the end of the year. 2019 is PNG's year to be investigated. Naturally, I love to talk about *ples bilong mi*.

My paternal grandmother, Harriet Augusta (née Evans) Turner was secretary for the Urana Branch for twenty-five years—I don't think anyone else had a chance to take over! I have had a great respect and interest in the CWA, and admire the association's support of country folk at a grass roots level for my entire life. In fact, their influence touches every single person in Australia in just one achievement. The CWA lobby the governments of the day on many issues. One being the implementation of lines on our roads—this was the work of the CWA of Australia.

Since their inception, the CWA have helped with the care of the physical and mental well-being of people—instigating many local support mechanisms for the farmers as they face years of difficulties in the country.

So not only are the CWA women great scone makers, but they are strong contributors to our society. The 'scones' raise money that assists communities and projects throughout Australia and internationally, including PNG.

I would encourage anyone living near a CWA branch to offer to have a friendly chat about your experiences in PNG. It can only benefit both of our associations, and I am sure this relationship will grow past 2019 as we learn more about each other's aims.

PNGAA's involvement with CWA-Dubbo Seminar

As the plans were drawn up between Lyn, Andrea and myself in mid-December, a booklet was undertaken by Andrea and I contacted the PNG Women's Association Inc., Sydney Wantok Association and the Chinese Catholic Association of NSW groups.

After much ado due to the school holidays, a group of PNGAA members (Alison Kennedy, Roger Carroll, Di and Bob McKeowen and Kate Toynton) spoke about their lives in PNG. Plus ladies from the PNGWANSW provided the cultural aspect for the day with talk, dance, drumming and song, and we had an artefacts and book display to encourage sales and membership.

Thank you to all who willingly offered their assistance and participation. Thanks to CWA for this opportunity for the PNGAA and PNGWANSW involvement.

Bob & Di McKeowen

As the CWA conference approached both Di and I were a little apprehensive as the program and the level of PNGAA participation were still being ascertained. As it turned out our apprehension was unfounded, as at the end of the conference we were delighted at being asked to participate and help with the whole day.

Shortly into the program I realised that a lot of PNG place names were being mentioned and that most of the audience had no

idea where these places were or of the geography of our nearest neighbour.

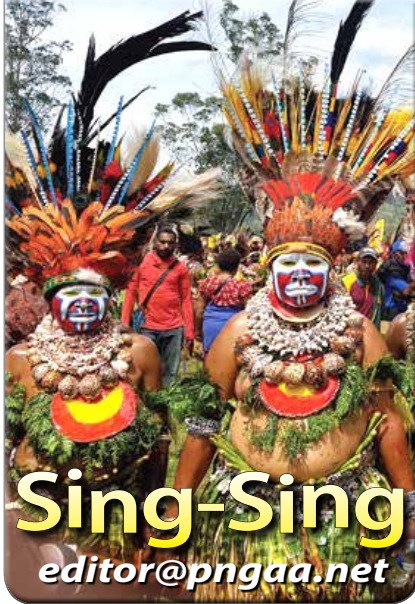
As the program was running a little early, the MC gave me a few minutes to give a quick geography lesson using a large PNG map and a laser pointer. Apart from a couple of minor off-the-cuff errors this was well received and gave the delegates a much better understanding of the places being discussed.

Di led the team, speaking about her childhood in TPNG as the daughter of a kiap moving from outstation to outstation every two years, the outstation life and commenting on life in the different locations.

She also spoke about her father's (Eric Flower) career and his progression from ANGAU to Patrol Officer to Co-Ordinator of Works for the whole country. She went on to her mother, Jean's, involvement in the formation of ▶



PHOTOS (from top): The PNGWANSW Group welcoming the CWA attendees; PNGAA Representatives at the CWA Seminar with Ruth Shanks, AM ACWW World President



the CWA in Rabaul and on to representing the TPNG CWA at the world conference in Oslo. In Port Moresby the CWA ladies collected sewing machines and donated them to Koki national ladies and taught them to sew.

I spoke briefly about the life of a young Aussie being recruited to the Forestry Mapping Branch and the working conditions, taxation, accommodation and social life. I also gave a brief rundown on the workings of Forestry in TPNG.

We were thrilled by the presentations and songs by the PNG Australian Women's Group. They are passionate about both PNG today and their life in their adopted homeland of Australia.

Di was particularly pleased to meet Mali, who won a gold medal in netball at the same South Pacific Games at which Di was a hostess.



Alison Kennedy with PNGWANSW president, Lani Drosd, Jane Hickson (secretary) & Hane Pascoe

The whole day was both delightful and nostalgic. We shared many sentimental moments with fellow PNGAA members and the PNG Ladies, and ended the day with an excellent dinner compliments of the CWA State Conference.

Alison Kennedy & Kate Toynton

CWA & PNGAA Panel Member, Alison Kennedy, also spoke.

Addressing a selection of photos, her talk included reference to the Chinese section of the booklet distributed to attendees, where her grandfather (Major Charles Bates, MC) was named. Alison gave a brief history of Chin Hoi Meen, principally about his role in assisting her grandfather who was then a coastwatcher in New Britain during WWII.

Kate Toynton, RN, also a PNGAA member and daughter of Alison, elaborated on her experiences with a SAN Surgical Team to Port Moresby in 2006. This work continues today.

Postscript!

I hope the photos give members an idea of the interest that was engendered by the display, our comprehensive booklet about PNG that was put into the 200 delegates' tote bags at the seminar, and the speakers, dancers and singers.

The PNGAA and the PNG Women's Association of NSW were a formidable presentation. From the welcome Kundu and singing on arrival, through the fascinatingly honest and amusing speeches, which led into the serious comments from the panel about the concerns that PNG faces today, all were well received.

The atmosphere was friendly and most welcoming. Interest and appreciation was shown to all

our participants. Knowing that some attending on behalf of our associations had chosen to miss work to support the involvement needs to be acknowledged with thanks. All had to set aside regular commitments to be a part of this event. I do not believe anyone regretted their choice and I most certainly didn't.

Roger Carroll and I had the opportunity to meet more of our members and families of people we know. These included our hosts Bob & Di McKeowen, Alison & John Kennedy and Kate Toynton. All of us were well taken care of by Lyn Braico of CWA before, during and after the day and night events.

I can sincerely attest to the marvellous work done by the CWA



throughout the world and especially to PNG. They are one organisation, which recognises that Australia has a huge connection with PNG, and which continues to contribute at a grass roots and political level. The worldwide connections, high profile with major bodies within Australia and internationally, gave me encouragement at what can be achieved.

All would be welcomed to go along to a local CWA gathering to share their experience of living, working and loving PNG.

Finally, thank you to all who willingly offered their assistance and participation. Thanks to CWA for this opportunity for the PNGAA and PNGWANSW involvement.

SARA TURNER

Perth Christmas Luncheon

We had a fabulous day for the Perth Christmas Lunch on 30 November with about twenty coming along. We are getting to be 'old friends' now!

Daryl Binning was the speaker and spoke on 'Kokoda: Track or Trail'. He has been aware of this topic since the sixties when he was with the Department of Information and Extension Services (DIES) and actively researching it for twenty years. It is his opinion, shared by the rest of us, that it was and is a 'track'. Trail is an American word and General MacArthur made the use of the word trail mandatory to describe the Kokoda Track from 1942 onwards.

I'd like to add thanks to Murray Day and Robyne Petricevic, who help with contacting people, doing the book work, handing out name tags and taking the money when we meet.



• Sydney

PNGAA 68TH AGM

Date: Sunday, 28 April 2019

Venue: Hornsby RSL, Boronia Room, 4 High Street, Hornsby

Further Information: Please see full details for the meeting and luncheon on the Inside Front Cover and in the Notice of AGM on pages 7 and 8.

PANEL PRESENTATION: TALES OF PNG— EXPERIENCES OF TWO WOMEN

Presenters:

LIZ THURSTON &
MARIE CLIFTON-BASSETT

When: Sunday, 19 May 2019

Where: Gordon Golf Club,
2 Lynn Ridge Avenue, Gordon

Time: Registration 11.00 am
Talks start at 11.30 am

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Lunch: At your own expense—pre-order meals; reasonable and tasty

Public Transport: Train at Gordon Railway; best to catch a cab

Parking: On street and in carpark

RSVP: Thursday, 9 May 2019

Contact: Sara Turner on 0401 138 246, or events@pngaa.net

Payment: CBA/BSB 062009;

Account No. 0090 7724

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Liz Thurston

Liz Thurston's early childhood was spent on Makurapau Plantation past Kokopo. Her father, Ted Fulton, had arrived in Rabaul in 1926, and before the war was gold prospecting in the Sepik with Jack Thurston.

Liz was educated in Melbourne and graduated from the University

of Melbourne with a degree in English and Fine Arts. She began her career as a book editor with Angus & Robertson in Sydney, under the mentoring of the late Beatrice Davis. She then moved to London where she worked at Bodley Head editing fiction and non-fiction titles. When Methuen Publishers opened an Australian office, Liz returned to Sydney to establish their children's list.

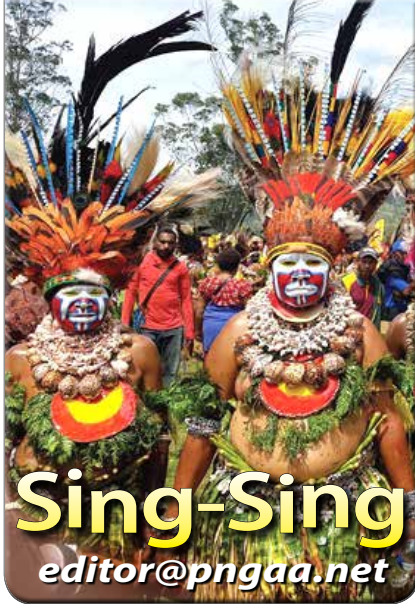
In 1981 Liz married Michael Thurston and this took her to Kimbe where Michael had based his business. After the family, which now included a daughter and a son, left PNG they circumnavigated the world for four years on their yacht, *Drina*. Liz chronicled their voyage in her book, *Dolphins at Sunset*, published by Pan Macmillan. The family has since sailed to many Pacific islands and Liz has written features for AAP, *Cruising Helmsman* and *International Traveller*.

In 2005 Pandanus Books published her father's memoir, *No Turning Back*, which Liz edited and contributed to. During her time as a committee member for the PNGAA, Liz was privileged to work on the DVD, *Walk into Paradise*. She was also on the committee of the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Society as her uncle was lost on the ship.

In 2013 Liz bought an acre of freehold land on Vanua Levu, Fiji, and has built a plantation house that overlooks the Koro Sea. She claims to have the best lime tree in Fiji, and also grows mangoes and pawpaws. The scent of frangipani in her garden and the trade wind sunsets bring back delicious memories of her PNG childhood.

Marie Clifton-Bassett

I was surprised to be invited to speak at the Women's Panel ▶



Presentation on a topic of my choice. At first I thought I would speak about my life as the wife of a district commissioner in Papua New Guinea, but I also like the idea of passing on some thoughts I had about turning ninety. Then, after some input from Sara Turner, I decided to combine the two—so my talk will be entitled ‘Highlights’.

In it I’ll describe what it was like going to PNG in the 1950s, and making a new life in a strange country. How my

husband rose through the ranks of the Department of District Services and Native Affairs (yes, we did use the word ‘native’ in those days), and what it was like being the wife of a district commissioner, plus some of the funny things that happened and the people I met.

I’ll describe my life after Papua New Guinea, when I was fortunate to work at the Australia Council for the Arts—and the twenty-five years since retirement when I enjoyed some overseas travel.

Finally, I’ll fill you in with some of the things I’ve learnt along the way—such as being prepared to ‘have a go’.

Ninety sounds a long time, and it is, and I’m happy to say I’m still enjoying it!

• Melbourne

MAY LUNCHEON

When: Saturday, 18 May 2019

Where: Caulfield RSL,
St Georges Road, Elsternwick

Time: 11.30 am–3.30 pm

To book: Contact Yana:
coordinator@pngaa.net or
0425 771 359

Further details TBA

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

When: Saturday, 23 November 2019

Where: Caulfield RSL,
St Georges Road, Elsternwick

Time: 11.30 am–3.30 pm

Further details TBA

And ... We are on the look out for guest speakers at our events. If you have an interesting topic or story we would love to hear from you!! See you at our lunches—we welcome friends and family, and any donations would be much appreciated for our raffles.

• Perth

PNGAA LUNCHEON

When: Friday, 29 March 2019

Where: RAAFA Club, Bull Creek,
Perth

To book: Please contact Linda
Manning *lindam121@bigpond.com*



Tales of PNG— Experiences of Two Women

Presenters: Liz Thurston and Marie Clifton-Bassett

Where: Gordon Golf Club, 2 Lynn Ridge Avenue, Gordon

Sunday, 19 May 2019: 11.30 am–2.30 pm

Cost: \$15.00 per person—lunch at your own expense

Registration: 11.00 am—Talks start at 11.30 am

Transport: Train at Gordon Railway Station—best to catch a cab from station, or there is parking on street or in carpark

RSVP: Thursday, 9 May 2019

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Didiman's Diary #10

DAVID MONTGOMERY

The story continues from *Una Voce*, June 2018, of new experiences, challenges and developments in the West New Britain District

I FINISHED OFF in June saying there was a need to explain patrol necessities—mattresses, a wood stove, refrigerator, etc. A base camp in the village of Uasilau in the Central Nakanai was set up as this was one of the focal points for development of a cacao industry and in later years, extensive plantings of palm oil throughout the area. In the interest of a little comfort for long-term stays and staff visits, a few extras were added to the patrol equipment inventory. These 'home' extras were a far cry from my earlier patrolling experiences.

Social life at Talasea revolved around the Talasea Club and a tennis court—a meeting place for the administration staff, their families and nearby plantation owners—Humphrey (Volupai); Huygen (Garua Island); Marsland (Lagenda); Searle (Walindi); Desborough (Numundo) and Allshorn (San Remo) the closest and regular visitors. Interesting to note that Walindi today is widely recognised as a first-class, environmentally managed diving centre. Each Christmas Santa Claus arrived at the club to the delight of the children and especially ours. Our first son, Scott, was born 19 January 1963 and Mark 15 April 1964, both at Namanula Hospital in Rabaul.

A United Nations Food and Agricultural Survey was required to be carried out in each of the West New Britain Sub-Districts—Talasea, Cape Gloucester, Kandrian and Pomio. Identification, mapping and recording of representative samples of village gardens was to be undertaken. This required extensive patrolling into villages rarely visited.

My field journal of 19 May 1962 records a patrol commencing at Denga Island of the mouth of the Aria River—between Talasea and Cape Gloucester. 0620 departed for Aria River per MV *Langu* arrived 0750. By canoe to the village of Bagai arriving 1830. 20 May 0930 departed on foot to Aikon village arrived 1715 with only short stops. The patrol covered twenty-one days and important to note that my bride of eight months looked after herself at our new home at Talasea.

Our handyman Tito slept under the house with our dog, Tiffy. Peaceful and untroubled times.

Back in October 1961 on Gillian's first patrol we went to Uasilau base camp. Bed made, we climbed in, tucked in the mosquito net ready for a good sleep. Gillian aroused me and said she had observed something moving under the sheet—with that a large rat appeared and commenced circumnavigating the bed to find a way out of the mosquito net. I lifted the net, the rat departed and I said to Gillian, '*taim bilong slip*'. Next morning, I asked several of the villagers to remove the mattress out onto the lawn and give it a good shake. Mother rat and six offspring departed their overnight accommodation much to the hilarity of the locals. There were no more start-up dramas as Gillian settled into the New Guinea way of life.

Special mention needs to be made of Soa Ubia, who was the Lululai (headman) at Uasilau. A gentleman, a leader and a powerful pro-government influence in the Central Nakanai. I met with him many times and very much respected his intelligence, advice and desire to move his people forward. Some years later, on a private visit with the family, I had an emotional meeting with Soa. Another outstanding leader from the village of Silanga was Maneke, who nominated for and won the seat of West New Britain in the first parliament. I still have a letter he wrote to me at that time thanking me for the direction I gave to him and his people.

In my previous ramblings there has always been an aircraft story, having travelled to and fro over much of TPNG without serious incident in planes old, very old and some not so new. Helicopters were not part of the scene until early 1963 when a Bell 47 helicopter was chartered for an aerial survey of possible resettlement sites. Accompanied by Bill Conroy, Chief of Division, Agricultural Extension we flew the East Coast of West New Britain.

Several memories of that time—the pilot, named Hirst, wore only a pair of shorts and carried a pair of rubber thongs, should the control pedals get hot, ▶

and a toothbrush in his back pocket. The wide-eyed fascination of the children as they gathered around to see us, seemingly, drop from the sky on any cleared area near their villages. The departures from the Talasea school oval were no less frightening for us—under the power lines then out and around Kimbe Bay.

Coastal travel was either by canoes, work boats, speedboats or commercial vessels all variously used, without incident, except for one. With increasing administration staffing, allocation of transport to fit in with patrol schedules was sometimes difficult. I decided (without seeking local expertise) to construct a double canoe. Two hollowed out logs were purchased—funded from patrol allowance—joined catamaran style with sawn hardwood and notched bearers with a *limbom* (sago) bark deck sufficient to hold patrol equipment and a couple of camp chairs. One outboard motor was fitted to each of the canoes.

A patrol to Ewase and intermediate villages on the north coast was planned with this vessel to prove its usefulness. Rex McKenzie, a recently appointed agricultural officer, accompanied me (*and penned the cartoon below*). Some days later leaving Sulu on our return journey, there was a light north-westerly wind and choppy seas. Fortunately, the decision was made to move inside the reef to smoother shallower waters. Without warning the cross members broke and the canoes rolled over. Villagers south of Sulu did a great job in rescue and recovery of waterlogged patrol boxes, outboard motors and numerous other effects.

Unknown to me Rex had written a graphic story of the event to his father in Melbourne, who wrote to the Public Service Commissioner. Some weeks later, the Commissioner wrote to me requesting an

explanation. There was no official reprimand.

Continuing the marine theme, Agriculture owned a new ‘tinny’ and outboard motor. It had been pulled up on the beach at Cape Hoskins to meet the DC3 service from Rabaul. In the interim, whilst unloading the aircraft, the tinny and motor went missing. The TAA pilot agreed to an aerial search en-route Talasea (Volupai airport), flying time normally ten minutes, at the rate of one pound per minute. After ten minutes the search was called off. The boat and motor were never seen again. Another report to the Public Service Commissioner!

Major changes were in the planning stages for coastal resettlement of people undergoing land/population pressures from the Gazelle Peninsular, the Bainings and the Highlands. The DAGI River Resettlement Scheme was the forerunner to these changes. Small at the time of implementation, it set the scene for what was to become major rural development along the east coast and hinterland of West New Britain.

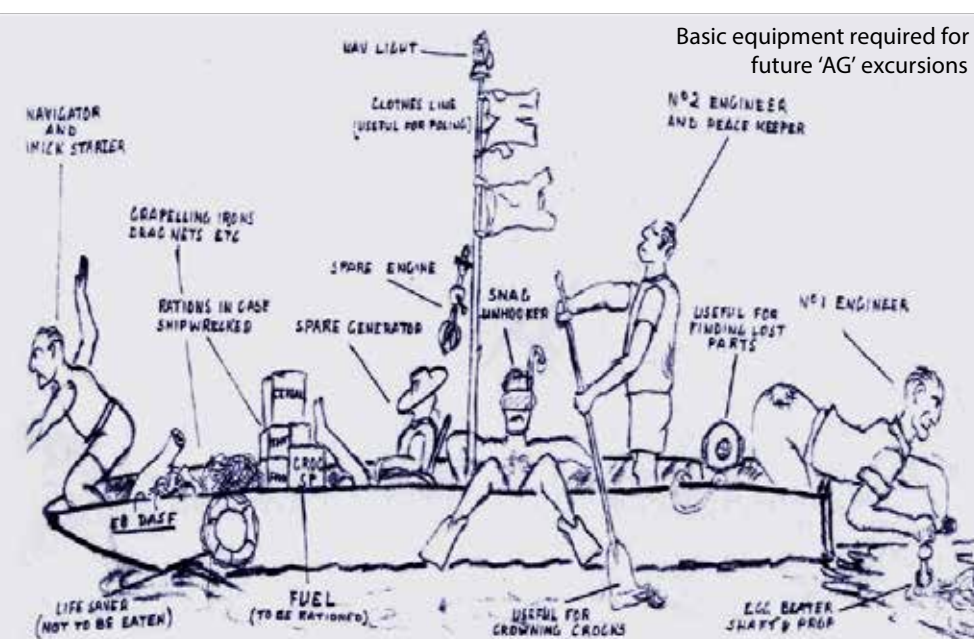
An inter-departmental conference in Port Moresby in December 1962 developed the strategies to move the project forward. There was excellent co-ordination and co-operation at all levels of government; field staff increases were planned and policy on native title and land acquisition finalised.

Recreation leave was due and taken in June 1963. As seemed to happen with my career, extra-curricular activities had been planned by Headquarters, the Public Service Commissioner and the Department of Territories (in Sydney). It was a very happy and productive couple of weeks with Gumia Gitti and Stanley Wuai. To add to the Expo mix we made visits to Nestles; Taronga Zoo and Hawkesbury Agricultural

College and, if I recall correctly, met with the Chief Quarantine Officer (Plants) in Sydney. Interesting to note that Gumi ended up a senior quarantine officer at Port Moresby. Stanley, I lost track of.

Not originally scheduled but a Cessna 172 was chartered (not sure if that was financed out of patrol funds!) and Gumia, Stanley and myself flew to Coffs Harbour to visit sugar cane farms and a sugar refinery. I think the Big Banana was also on the itinerary. Great experience for two of our staff.

Return from leave was planned for October 1963 and there is more to the Talasea story. •



The Air Mail Gets Through

ROBERT (Bob) PIPER



IN 1939 A LETTER carried by a fleeing German pilot, in a stolen aircraft in New Guinea, amazingly reached its destination safely in Melbourne. The now famous correspondence was sent by Patrol Officer Leigh Vial, and is still retained by the family to whom it was addressed. Later, in 1942, Vial became known as the famous ‘Golden Voice’ coastwatcher in the mountains above Salamaua.

Before World War II the German Lutheran Mission in New Guinea operated a number of aircraft throughout the country, linking up their scattered and remote mission stations along the coast and in the mountains. They were flown by German pilots—a few of who had served their country in the First World War. Some of these aircraft crashed in accidents with overloads or due to weather, and a few of the airmen and those on board were killed.

One of the pilots was Werner Garms, who often flew in a German Junkers F13 named ‘Papua’ and carried the Australian registration VH-UTS. His assistant and engineer was a Paul Raube.

In 1939 Patrol Officer Leigh Vial was stationed at Chimbu, in the Highlands of New Guinea—his assistant being Cadet Patrol Officer Webb. A Lutheran missionary by the name of Bergmann was also located at Chimbu with two other Lutheran missionaries at nearby Kerowagi—by the name of Hanneman and Doering—the latter in fact, a Canadian.

The European War was declared on 3 September 1939 and word quickly spread throughout Papua New Guinea by radio. On 7 September the ‘Papua’ arrived at Chimbu with Garms and Raube on board. In the following, Patrol Officer Leigh Vial takes up the story in his recently re-discovered letters to his wife, Marjorie. Extracts from that correspondence

relating to Vial’s story record the drama as it unfolded:

Chimbu Post—7 September 1939

There might be a plane out of here tomorrow, hence this letter. About midday today the ‘Papua’ came in, which greatly surprised us. Garms and Raube, the mechanic, were on it and told me that they had been at Asaloka since before the war broke out—delayed with a broken oil connection. They showed me a note signed by Harry Hamilton giving them permission to leave there and go to Lae.

I said: ‘Yes, quite all right—they must have petrol to get back to Lae [the Junkers was based at nearby Malahang] ... if Mr Garms and Mr Raube would promise me that they would not attempt to leave New Guinea with the petrol so supplied.’

I had a look at the map and found that Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea would only be about five hours’ flying and the plane could just do it with the petrol they would get here.

At the mission I told Garms ... before I could allow it, they would both have to promise me that they would fly to Lae and not try to leave the country.

Garms told me he had a friend in Sydney and wondered if she would be allowed to see him if he was in a concentration camp. [UV: In 1939 the term ‘concentration camp’ did not yet have the severely negative connotation that it acquired after the Allies liberated the German camps in 1945. In 1939 the meaning of the term was closer to that of an ‘internment camp’.]

At this point it should be pointed out that both Garms and his engineer, as well as most of the German missionaries, expected to be sent to internment ▶

ABOVE: The envelope addressed to Leigh Vial’s family in Melbourne, which was dutifully posted by the fleeing German airman.

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camps in Australia for the duration of the war and none were looking forward to it. Australian authorities knew that some of them, despite working in a Christian environment, openly or discreetly supported the Nazis and their new regime.

Vial, in a further letter to his wife from Chimbu four days later continues the story:

Chimbu Post—11 September 1939

I hope this air mail is still running and that my letters via Garms reach you soon. You should get them at the beginning next week. This morning we heard the startling news from Madang by radio that Garms was missing—officers were to search for him and detain him.

Chimbu Post—12 September 1939

Garms departed to Merauke, at the (southern) tip of Dutch New Guinea. He may have posted the mail for us somewhere, but I don't think so. It was funny, he did not shake hands with me before he left—both Webb and I noticed it.

The envelope (as depicted with this story) and letter were in fact received safely in Melbourne by Marjorie Vial. It bore the correct postage of five pence, the air mail rate then to Australia, and was franked at Edie Creek in violet on either 15 or 16 September with the back stamped at Salamaua on 16 September, and then Melbourne three days later. A remarkable delivery in the circumstances, thanks to Pilot Garms, remembered after eighty years for ensuring that it was dropped off with other mail, and not simply discarded or dumped during his flight from the country.

In past years the envelope, but not the letter, came into the possession of Ray Kelly in Australia. He

researched its history and found part of the story. The project had also been carefully researched by Ken Humphreys, who once lived and worked in New Guinea in postwar years. Mrs Mary Vial, Leigh's mother, had written on the front of the envelope 'Posted by Garms German Airman after escaping with plane'. She knew the story from the letter inside to her daughter-in-law, and had endorsed the envelope in her own handwriting accordingly.

In 2013 the envelope was auctioned by Mossgreen Auctioneers for \$2,480 after passing through a number of hands, and as the years pass the envelope increases in value. It must be one of the few articles of mail ever delivered by an enemy pilot in a stolen aircraft.

As regards the remarkable Junkers F13 VH-UTS 'Papua'—it was discovered by Australian soldiers at Merauke, partially dismantled and on its nose beside the Dutch Administrative headquarters. A hazy photo in 1944 proves its fate. Garms must have landed it on a small strip there or on the beach.

These Junkers originally came out in the 1920s and were the first all-aluminium monoplane (single-wing), single-engine small transport aircraft in the world. They usually carried a crew of two and up to four passengers. With an in-line liquid-cooled engine of 158–306 horsepower engine they cruised at a very leisurely 90 miles per hour (140 km/hr) with a range of five to eight hours. With a huge wing area, they were able to lift large weights for their relatively small size.

Junkers F13s also had seat belts for the passengers [UV: Not common at the time], and a heated cabin for their comfort. When production finished some 322 had been built in Germany. Others were built under licence in America and even far off Japan. The last one retired in 1951 in Brazil. A number are now in museums with one replica having been built by Rimowa luxury luggage makers and the Swiss airline JU-Air—it first flew in Switzerland in 2016.

Both Garms and Raube made it back to Germany—by ship from Merauke to Japan, then to Russia, and finally via the Trans-Siberian railway home to Germany. [UV: Russia and Japan had not yet entered the war at that stage.] They are understood to have enlisted in the Luftwaffe where Garms was an officer pilot and went missing in action in a Junkers Ju88 on 2 March 1942, on a mission in the Crimea area. Raube's eventual fate is still unknown though with his background he probably served on the German Air Force's ground staff.

The PNG postage stamp (pictured) was issued in



1930's photo of the Junkers F13 VH-UTS on the ground in PNG with its load. The Europeans in the photo could possibly be Garms and Raube.

Morning in Goroka

**MAJ-GENERAL
JOHN PEARN,
AO, RFD**

ONE AWAKES, the memory of so many similar awakenings afresh, to the sound of rain, rain that is heavy, full and deep-sounding, which itself carries a feeling of timelessness in this mountain place. The rain beats to a cadence. Not the lively rising-falling of the laughing voices which will soon ring out on the road outside; rather an impelling slow waxing and waning. Then the deep inexorable drumming begins to fade, and just when it must needs soften to the point of ceasing, again the rain swells with a force that strikes the listener passive.

The early light is grey and diffused. No sparkling dawn here, but a spreading of the new day through the clouds and mist. A light that is in monochrome. A light that has no shadows. A light that is just there, without source, and which hovers without increasing until the day is well on.

Goroka is at the centre of a valley, with its mountains encircling in the middle distance. Every morning the same scene replays. The grey light reveals the dense cloud-mist which covers all the valley. Clouds so white they appear solid; and which, falling to the surface of the land itself, make one's world simply the diffuse-lit epicentre which is oneself. And in the distance, all around, peak the ring of mountains. Mountains of matt deep grey, here obscured by cloud now changing, there visible as the ring-barrier that is the circlet of this place.

Here, the dawn is the lessening of the dark. Here, the sound-calls of the living world are reversed. Man before nature. Always with the first light come the sounds of humankind.

Men and women on the road, the intimacy of talking, or the startling closeness of a friendly call. Men and women already walking—travelling from who knows where—with a *bilum* of vegetables, or a *pikinini*, or a doublet of two youths on the road—to where? ●



1981 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Lutheran Mission aviation in New Guinea. The Junkers F13 depicted has Swedish registration markings, not Australian. The peak shown in the background is Mt Wilhelm—the highest mountain in PNG with an elevation of 4509 metres.

Coincidental to this story, is the fact that Patrol Officer Leigh Vial carried out the first ascent of Mt Wilhelm in 1938, together with two of his Papua New Guinean staff. He reported patches of snow on the peak.

Appreciation: Lindy Gilham (née Vial) and her family, as well as Ken Humphreys for their encouragement and assistance with this story.

UV: After the start of the war with Imperial Japan, Leigh Vial was commissioned as an officer in the RAAF and served as a coastwatcher, reporting on Japanese military activity from vantage points in the

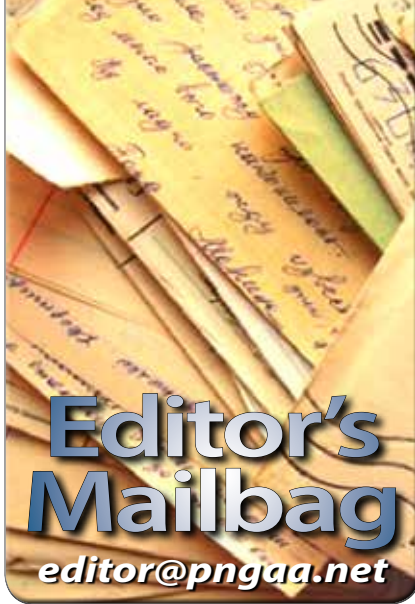
ranges overlooking Salamaua. In 1943 he tragically lost his life at age thirty-four when guiding an American B-24 Liberator carrying supplies for an air drop to a remote Australian Army reconnaissance group in the Highlands of New Guinea. All on board the bomber perished when it crashed short of the drop zone. His remains were subsequently interred in the Lae War

Cemetery.

A fuller version of the story of Leigh Vial's remarkable life may be published in a future issue of *Una Voce*. ●



UV: Sadly, as this article went to press, PNGAA learnt that Robert (Bob) Piper passed away on 19 February 2019



Editor's Mailbag

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In response to 'Opening the Kassam Pass' Issue No. 4, 2018

Reading Bob Cleland's article on 'Opening of the Kassam Pass in 1953' brings to mind my drive from Goroka to Watabung in 1955.

I had just been married to Pat Norton, a sister at the Port Moresby General Hospital and we had decided to go to Goroka for our honeymoon, that is after spending the first night with Woody Troeth at the Rouna Hotel.

We arrived in Goroka and booked into the Goroka Hotel with the famous Mrs Pitt. We decided that we needed some wheels, but were a little dubious as we had noted the complete lack of

Featuring letters about previously published articles and news items, along with opinions of interest to PNGAA members. Also included is 'Help Wanted', for those who require assistance with their research or finding someone from the past.

vehicles on the road. Nevertheless, Mrs Pitt had advised us to check with the local garage as they would know of all the vehicles in the district.

We dutifully fronted to the only garage in town, but noted that there were no cars in the garage. I forget the owner's name but he advised us that, although the road to Lae was now open, it was still necessary to travel in convoy and only with four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Consequently, there were very few vehicles in the area but he suggested that we might try the Catholic church as they had just received a new Jeep mini bus.

We arrived at the half-built church up past Bobby Gibbes' house, which is where the Bird of Paradise Hotel now stands. We introduced ourselves to Father Fontana, advising that we had just been married in St Mary's Cathedral in Port Moresby and were looking for some transport.

We said that we understood that he now had a new vehicle and

asked if it would be possible to obtain a loan of his old Jeep.

Father Fontana replied, 'Well we can't give you the Jeep as I am using it to carry the logs in to mill them to build the church, but you can have the new Jeep that was made to go to Alaska and is bloody useless to me. I can't carry any logs on it!'

To make a long story longer he then invited us to join him at the opening of the new patrol post at Watabung that weekend, to which we readily agreed.

We assumed that we would travel in the new air-conditioned Jeep but no! 'Can't use that, it won't go over the bridges,' he advised.

Sure enough that weekend we rolled up nice and early to find that Father Wallachy, the flying priest from Madang, was to accompany us, all in the old Jeep that only had one seat and that was for the driver. Everything else, including the windscreen, had been removed to carry the



Letter from the Editor

Welcome to 2019! It is an exciting start as we kick off with the first issue of *Una Voce*. After much deliberation by the management committee about the future of the printed journal, we have found a new team of people to keep your much-loved publication coming off the press four times a year, and being packed and mailed to all corners of the world.

Continuing issues will contain familiar and fresh material; always presenting your stories of life and work in PNG and the on-going activities of the PNGAA.

Thank you for your support from 2016–2018, during which time as editor I've enjoyed new and old friendships, and gained a far wider appreciation of this fascinating country! Please continue to send your stories, photographs, news and book reviews to: editor@pngaa.net

BELINDA MACARTNEY

logs, which sat over the bonnet and the back where the back seat used to be. 'Might be a little uncomfortable,' Father Fontana quipped, and that was the understatement of the year.

We set off with him driving, Father Wallachy on a box where the passenger seat should have been, and Pat and I perched on a plank tied across the rear end. I am not too sure that arrangement would pass modern road safety rules.

I was particularly interested to see that the road was still being built, with hundreds of villagers carrying and laying row upon row of river stones across the road, and then covering it with dirt from the side of the road. They did appear to have modern picks and shovels to move the dirt, but not a piece of earthmoving machinery in sight.

It turns out that Father Fontana was right about the new Jeep not being able to navigate the bridges, all of which were made of logs with smaller logs laid across. There was one of these bridges wherever there was a river or creek running down between ridges. To get onto the bridge even the old Jeep had to shunt backwards and forwards to get around the corner onto and off the bridge.

Having navigated over the just-finished Daulo Pass, we descended into Watabung only to find—apart from a couple of thousand villagers laying out what appeared to be hundreds of chopped up pigs—the administrator, Brigadier Don Cleland and his wife and, of course, one young patrol officer, Mr Bob Cleland, proudly showing off his brand-new patrol post.

I hope that this word picture from the past will bring back memories to some of those who were part of that history. I have mentioned this story to Bob who

has no recollection of the event—probably because he was, no doubt, earbashing his father for more money for his next project.

SIR RAMON R THURECHT, OBE

Thanks & Best Wishes

Dear Andrea and Belinda

I am really pleased that you have found someone to help with the magazine, but a little sad to see it go. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be involved in the PNGAA. I have always enjoyed putting the magazine together and working with each of you. I hope the magazine continues for many years to come.

PAUL FANNING

**Una Voce Layout /composer
2015–2018**

UV: Paul's work on the full-colour format has been much appreciated by readers!



Research into Caribou Crash, 1972

On 28 August 1972, RAAF Caribou A4-233 was flying from Lae to Port Moresby, when it went missing in the vicinity of Kudjeru Gap near Wau. On board were the three-man RAAF crew, twenty-three school cadets from De La Salle High School in Port Moresby, one cadet from Popondetta High School, Albert Dakin, an officer of cadets and Captain Bob Loftus, the Ground Liaison Officer based at Port Moresby.

For three days, RAAF Caribou, RAAF Hercules and an Army Aviation helicopter searched the area, finally locating four surviving school cadets.

As a member of the search party provided by the 1st

Battalion, Pacific Islands Regiment, I was in a Caribou search aircraft for three days and recall the great tragedy of this event and the impact on all those who served in the Territory of Papua New Guinea at the time.

Captain Loftus was buried at the *ples mat mat* at Taurama Barracks in early September 1972. Captain Loftus' son, Ian Loftus, has been researching the events surrounding the crash and would like to hear from anyone who could provide information about the following gaps in his research:

- The role played by various army units in the search/rescue/recovery;
- Possible disagreements between RAAF and army on aspects of the search;
- The story that there had been some last-minute changes in passengers in the doomed Caribou, with a couple of Australian WOs staying back in Lae;
- The broader effect of the crash on Australians in PNG—shock, surprise, etc.

Those who were serving in TPNG around this time would be aware that other agencies were involved in the response, recovery and aftermath to this crash, and may be able to contribute to broader perspectives about the event and its impact.

I am assisting Ian Loftus with his enquiries. If anyone is able to contribute, would you please contact Ian on 0417 674 974 or ianloftus@gmail.com, or myself on sunray62holdfast@gmail.com or 0417 021 293.

RUSSELL WADE

If you need assistance with research, please send your enquiry to:
editor@pngaa.net



Sgt Yauwika receiving the Loyal Services Medallion during a native troop parade

The Last Coastwatcher

JAMES BURROWES, OAM

One issue that receives less attention than it deserves, concerns the role of the local troops throughout the islands north of Australia, who played a crucial role in the defence of their own countries and Australia as well. These troops included Papuans, Bougainvilleans, Buka and Solomon Islanders (where they were known as 'Scouts'), Javanese and Timorese.

WHILST THIS ARTICLE is dedicated to the locals, who were recruited and trained to serve with the coastwatchers, there were two other bands of nationals who contributed so much to the Allied war effort in the South Pacific and thus deserve appropriate and well-earned recognition.

First, the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels (with no military status) comprised the untrained volunteers and indeed sometimes conscripted men, who assisted and carried any injured Australian soldier down the Kokoda Track, and retrieved all supplies and ammunition dropped by parachute from the C47 Dakotas. They have been deservedly highly publicised and recognised as heroes, by all channels, including governments, the Australian military forces and the media.

Second, a little-known Papuan Infantry Battalion (PIB) had been formed with 500 nationals (led by seventy-seven Europeans) in early 1940, being recruited and fully trained with weaponry to engage the enemy. When the Pacific War in 1942 eventuated, they became the unsung heroes who gave sterling support to the young and understaffed troops of the Kokoda Track Campaign. This was followed by further missions at Buna, Gona, Sanananda and Salamaua, then further north to the Ramu Valley and Finschhafen, moving forward to push the retreating Japanese towards Saidor.

However, those who served with the coastwatchers were also little known, except for any readers of the book, *The Coast Watchers*, written by their founder and commander, Eric Feldt. Because my own service in New Guinea and New Britain meant that I worked with Papua New Guineans, I would now like to briefly relate some of this contribution here, from a coastwatching perspective.

Our trained Papuan allies performed a range of essential tasks. They carried our radio equipment and all of our other gear, climbed coconut trees to erect the radio aerial, built our thatched

accommodation, and retrieved our food and other supplies dropped in parachuted ‘storepedos’ by Liberator or Catalina. They also performed several functions in relation to our daily living such as cooking, washing and the security duty of maintaining escape routes. Importantly, as recorded in Feldt’s book, *The Coast Watchers*, using their local knowledge and language skills to elicit information, they guided and warned us when on patrol.

The natives also possessed some local medical skills! On one occasion, I had developed a nasty boil on the back of my neck. One of the natives straddled it with two lines of cotton (where he got the cotton from, I don’t know!) and then twisted them with his fingers to grip the edge of the boil. He then pulled the cotton and out popped the boil!

As we literally lived with the local men in the field, we soon learned to communicate with them using Pidgin English. It is a simple descriptive language, for example, the Lord’s Prayer words ‘Our Father who art in heaven’ becomes ‘*Papa bilong mi I stap antap!*’

The three basic components of a coastwatchers’ party were the expatriate leader, the radio operator and the local men so, without our indigenous allies, there would have been *no* coastwatchers!

Consequently, our fully-trained Papua New Guineans were committed, like the other members of our parties, to be non-combatant. We were all under the strict mandate of the coastwatchers NOT to confront the enemy, but to hide from, observe and report enemy movements. Those I can name include Papua New Guineans known to us as Yali, Mas, Buka and Mariba—although I can name many others such as Golpak, his son Kaole, Yauwika, Rayman, Ishmael, Makelli and Oras. Some, including Sgt-Major Simogun, are famous and were duly honoured with the British Empire Medal and/or Loyal Services Medallion for their fighting service.

Eric Feldt’s tribute to two Papua New Guineans following their particularly heroic effort after the Battle of Hollandia fiasco, reflected his own high regard for our indigenous comrades generally, as expressed in his book, *The Coast Watchers* (p. 373):

Throughout the world, there has been divided opinion among the learned and wise on racial virtues. There are those who contend that the pure-bred is superior and that the mixed breed inherits the worst traits of both parents. There are others who hold that the complete mixture of races, once stabilised, is the best; others that the half-breed and all other men are creatures of their environment and training.

Coast Watchers wouldn’t know about such erudite matters. They only know that the half-caste Julius McNicol and the full-bred native Yali can have a place in any party where danger is to be faced and courage and resource are the qualifications.

Julius McNicol was later awarded the British Distinguished Service Medal for his services with the coastwatchers, before and at Hollandia.

It is fitting that the names of the native troops killed in the islands north of Australia appear side-by-side with their fallen Australian comrades on memorials throughout Australia and the Pacific. The names of killed Papuan and Timorese coastwatchers, for example, appear on this memorial at Tidal River, Victoria in Australia (*pictured below*).

Because many of our Papua New Guineans were fully-trained AIB troops armed with Lee Enfield rifles, towards the end they were used as guerrilla fighters and were provided with more lethal weapons to ambush and kill Japanese troops. In this manner, over 200 Japanese troops were attacked and killed by the coast-watching party on the north coast of New Britain.

In return for their expert and indispensable efforts in support of the Allied cause, our Papuan troops received a weekly issue of twist tobacco. ●

Postscript

I exchanged several letters with my indigenous comrades later during, and then after, the war.





Featuring articles and news reports about contemporary Papua New Guinea

support for YWAM Medical Ships.

YWAM managing director, Mr Ken Mulligan, said that the esteemed award is a wonderful acknowledgement that helps affirm and strengthen YWAM's commitment to PNG.

'We receive this honour on behalf of so many people who have worked tirelessly and voluntarily for the people of Papua New Guinea. I am so grateful to our donors, hard-working volunteers, and the many supporters and friends who have helped make this possible. To receive this award beside Daryl yesterday was very special—he is a good friend and one of many who have helped us touch so many lives,' said Mr Mulligan.

Dr Daryl Holmes has supported YWAM Medical Ships since they began their operations in 2010. Dr Holmes' support has included volunteering as a dentist on medical ships on an annual basis, promoting volunteering opportunities to 1300SMILES' staff and dentists, and connecting YWAM with major dental companies—including Henry Schein Halas, who fitted out the dental clinic on board the MV



HRH Princess Anne with Ken Mulligan, at the investiture ceremony

YWAM PNG in 2015. Dr Holmes said the investiture yesterday was a very humbling experience.

'It has been a joy to work with YWAM Medical Ships over the last eight years, the journey has been life-changing for me and for 1300SMILES. When I reflect on the villages I've visited and the patients I've treated—it really is nothing short of a privilege and an honour,' said Dr Holmes.

The MV YWAM PNG is currently on deployment in Central Province. Over 10,000 patients have received treatment and training since the vessel was sent from Townsville in July—one of the patients who received treatment this week was a young mother named Ruth with an advanced case of tuberculosis.

'While it is a privilege to receive an OBE this week, my heart continues to go out to individuals who are suffering unnecessarily. Ruth's story reminds us again why we do what we do, and we are more determined than ever to continue,' said Mr Mulligan.

Townsville Leaders Honoured

Her Royal Highness Princess Anne honoured two of Townsville's own at a very significant and special investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace

Mr Ken Mulligan, managing director of YWAM Medical Ships, and Dr Daryl Holmes, managing director of 1300SMILES, were acknowledged for their service in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Mr Mulligan and Dr Holmes have both been awarded with an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE).

Mr Mulligan received the award in acknowledgement for his services to the community and rural healthcare through YWAM Medical Ships, and Dr Holmes was recognised for services to health through



The MV YWAM PNG Medical Ship

APEC—Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

Papua New Guinea hosted the APEC Summit in November 2018. APEC is made up of twenty-one economies in the Asia Pacific Region including Australia and Papua New Guinea.

APEC ensures that goods, services, investment and people move easily across borders. Members facilitate this trade through faster customs' procedures at borders; more favourable business climates behind the border; and aligning regulations and standards across the region.

APEC works to help all residents of the Asia-Pacific participate in the growing economy. APEC members also implement initiatives to increase energy efficiency and promote sustainable management of forest and marine resources.

Jim Fitzpatrick Architects in Cairns was asked to design an iconic building for the APEC Haus in Port Moresby that would be truly unique, truly Papua New Guinean. For Jim Fitzpatrick



APEC Haus Designed by Jim Fitzpatrick Architects (Cairns Australia)

Architects, the importance of international trade negotiations—already robust within PNG—formed the basis of the architecture of APEC Haus.

The design showcases strong cultural symbolism evident in the traditional hiri trade of the Papuan Motu-Koitabu culture. The dominant sculptural roof form of APEC Haus and the central public art piece are contemporary references to the unique crab-claw shape sails found on traditional motuan *lakatoi* (*lagatoi*) double-

hulled boats used during trade journeys.

The architect also references customary *lakatoi* tattoo markings in patterning throughout APEC Haus as motifs within sustainably-sourced Papua New Guinea timbers.

The intent of the building post-APEC will be a world standard conference, museum and function/exhibition centre. It was formally handed over to the PNG Government by Oil Search Limited on 18 October 2018. ●



PNGAA Collection

Papua New Guinea history is closely bound with that of Australia, and the PNGAA Collection consists of archival material on PNG—photographs, documents, maps, patrol reports, books—reflecting the lives and work of those who have lived in PNG.

The PNGAA wishes to ensure these are readily available worldwide to our members, researchers or those simply interested in the rich history of Australia's relations with Papua New Guinea.

The collection grew from an idea of Mr Doug Parrish, former president of the association. It evolved over the years through the dedication and expertise of Dr Peter Cahill, and from a modest collection of photographs and a handful of letters and diaries, the PNGAA Collection is now a fast-growing compilation and continues to attract local, national and international interest.

If you have items you would like to donate, or you would like to contribute towards the digitisation of items already in the collection, please contact PNGAA Committee Member, Steve Burns, on 0400 423 941 or sburn1@outlook.com or PNGAA Membership Officer, Roy Ranney, at membership@pngaa.net.

Memories

MARK LYNCH

In August 1959, having just turned eighteen, Mark Lynch was at the Australian School of Pacific Administration (ASOPA) in Sydney, undergoing an intense course about a complex and fascinating place, tackling subjects from land use to tropical medicine.



SIX WEEKS LATER, he and twenty-five other young men were in Port Moresby: ‘We were like a bunch of young puppies, wanting adventure.’ Adventure awaited in fifteen districts, each a world unto itself. Lynch applied for, and was sent to, the Eastern Highlands.

As a patrol officer, Lynch was involved in everything from ordering supplies and hearing disputes to medical emergencies. And all the while he was trekking further and further out of his comfort zone. ‘I had to learn very quickly at least to pretend to be capable of a whole lot of things I’d never be able to do,’ Lynch says. ‘You just didn’t know what you were going to confront and deal with from day to day.’

There were confronting moments, as he picked his way through the impacts of tribal fighting. On patrol, he had to bring in carriers from far away, not from a local village, otherwise they’d often be walking into enemy territory nearby. He was threatened with sorcery. But he rarely felt in danger: ‘I only ever had an arrow fired at me once.’

He gradually immersed himself in the different cultures and languages: ‘You didn’t speak English, you spoke Pidgin all the time. In fact, I dreamed in Pidgin.’

And in the Eastern Highlands, he came to know himself. Mark Lynch became a new man in an ancient land. Lynch spent more than five years in the Eastern Highlands then transferred to the Louisiade Archipelago of islands, off the tail of Papua New Guinea, for fifteen months: ‘It was like going to another planet.’

Lynch served as cabinet secretary and was deeply involved in the mechanics of government in an emerging nation. There were many consultations for drafting the constitution, he travelled widely with PNG politicians. Then, in September 1975, when the PNG flag was raised for the first time on independent

soil, he was the first secretary of the National Executive Council. ‘That was the first cabinet meeting.’

After another three ‘very bloody hectic’ years as cabinet secretary and twelve months as Prime Minister Somare’s special adviser, Lynch decided it was time to return to Australia.

Now Lynch has returned to PNG—in words. He joined a writing group at the Newcastle University of the Third Age (U3A) early last year. The group has just published a book, *The Tale Makers*, and it includes three short stories by Lynch, drawing on his PNG experiences, from the tragic to the hauntingly beautiful.

Lynch hopes to write a book based on his time in PNG, and he holds ‘a secret ambition’ to be in Port Moresby for the fiftieth anniversary of independence in 2025. Mark Lynch and PNG remain entwined as tightly as the weave of his *bilum*. As Lynch says, while slinging the *bilum* over his shoulder, ‘Your heart’s still there in many ways.’ ●

Excerpt from ‘Breaking Bread, Mark Lynch, former PNG government official and writer’, [www.theheraldsun.com.au/Life & Style](http://www.theheraldsun.com.au/Life%20&%20Style)



1975 National Executive Council

TOP: Mark Lynch in the Lamari Valley; the radio was ex-army A510



'Indiana Joan' at the Goroka Show

Joan Dwyer turned ninety-two in November 2018. She was a patrol officer's wife in Papua New Guinea for almost two decades —resourceful, friendly and determined, she lived in three countries, but Papua New Guinea was her favourite place. It's where she loved, had children and overcame some amazing challenges. In 1956 she met the love of her life, Patrol Officer Terry Dwyer, who was touring England whilst on leave. They married, and he convinced her to travel 12,000 kms away from family and friends to an isolated 'uncivilised' life in a tropical paradise. Her story is one brave woman's memory of life in a tropical paradise with some unexpected experiences.

'Indiana Joan'

JOAN & COLIN DWYER

OUR TIME IN Sydney was almost over; Terry's course at ASOPA was finished and we had made plans to travel to PNG by ship, namely on the *Sinkiang*, a Chinese cargo ship. I was sorry to leave Sydney—we had arrived early February 1957 and lived near Manly. Apart from studying, we found time to do things with other patrol officers. We played tennis once a week with the Goodyers and Browns, and also travelled to the Blue Mountains and Bowral with Peter Gall, Singleton and Maitland with John Cochrane, and Canberra with Darryl and Ellen Penhail. My first plane trip was over Bankstown in a Tiger Moth with Denis Faithful.

Australia had an abundance of social life, but it was time for us to leave and venture to Papua New Guinea. The *Sinkiang* travelled from Sydney to the Solomon Islands, Rabaul, Madang, Kavieng and Lae, where we disembarked on 2 January 1958. Two days

later we boarded a single engine Otter from Lae to Goroka.

Mr WE (Bill) Tomasetti greeted us at the airport and informed us we would be travelling to Kundiawa, half way between Goroka and Mt Hagen, later that week on one of John Wells' trucks—by road! This road was a basic cutting in the side of a mountain with deep potholes, hairpin bends and in some parts strong water running across it—one false move and we would have gone over the edge. Two years later a John Wells' truck went off this road and many people were killed.

We made it to Kundiawa after a very bumpy and dangerous ride. The acting district officer (ADO), Orm Matheson, showed us to his guest house and invited us to dinner that evening. Halfway through the dinner someone said 'Guria!' Even if I had known that the word meant 'earth tremor' I wouldn't have ▶

noticed as my body was still rattling from the trip up the treacherous mountain road.

The next day I started as supervisor for the local European children—there were eight on the station at Kundiawa. They were doing their schoolwork by correspondence. Terry was away on patrol quite a lot, but my days were always occupied, and it was something I really enjoyed. August 1958 was school holidays and Terry was set to go on patrol in the Upper Chimbu region, and permission was given for me to go along.

Peter Hardy (cadet patrol officer), Terry and I spent the first night camped in Chuave—a beautiful place with dense tropical foliage and a moderate temperature. Terry organised some local people to help prepare an ablution block just for me. They dug a deep hole and surrounded it with a tent. This sort of privacy must have seemed curious to the local people.

Early the next morning we set off for Kau, a village 6,250 feet above sea level. The hike was hot and steamy. I remember seeing some amazing things like a beautiful crackle of cockatoos flying overhead and spectacular rainforest. I imagined the bleak cold weather back in England. This was a paradise. When

we arrived at Kau we set up tables and the locals lined up for the census. After two days of name-taking and listening to their stories, a message came from Kundiawa that had us packing up. Terry was being transferred to Goroka. Terry would be relieving as ADO until December, then we would return to Kundiawa. Time passed quickly in Goroka, but in January 1959 Terry replaced Orm Matheson as ADO in Kundiawa.

We entertained a lot of people, including delegations from United Nations and Lord and Lady Carrington. Lord Carrington was appointed High Commissioner to Australia in 1956, was a member of Churchill's government in the 1950s, and eventually became Foreign Secretary of the UK. He and Lady Carrington were very nice people.

While at Kundiawa I helped establish the native women's club with the help of two nurses, Rita and Shirley. We would meet on a Friday afternoon (after school). The local women enjoyed these gatherings and we discussed many important issues relating to isolated women and developed solutions.

I would teach the women sewing (on my old treadle machine) and cooking, while Rita and Shirley

Former PNG Administrators

Photograph posted on PNGAA Facebook by Ian Johnson in January 2019 attracted some very appreciative comments:

Linda Cavanaugh Manning:

Wow! What a line up. I remember the Clelands and Johnsons and Sir David Hay well, who died just a few days before the Independence celebrations. Lady Cleland lived a long life.

I saw her only a month or so before she moved to Queensland to be near her son. She was selling her unit on the hill overlooking Peppermint Grove. She was as bright as a button talking about the life we knew in POM as well as her view of the WA Liberals.

Ian Johnson: The Clelands were a wonderful couple.

Ally Martell: Great photo!

Cess Bibby: Lady Cleland gave me a handkerchief wrapped around a lolly for my very upset little nineteen-month-old daughter, who had cried



Former Administrators of PNG and Ministers for Territories with their wives at Government House, Port Moresby, early 70s

(Seated from left) Sir Hubert Murray and Lady Murray, Sir Paul Hasluck and Lady Hasluck, Sir Donald Cleland and Lady Cleland; (Standing at back from the left) my mother, Lady Dulcie Johnson and my father, Sir Leslie Johnson, the former Mrs Susan Peacock and her then husband, Andrew Peacock, Mrs Barnes and Charles Barnes, Lady Hay and Sir David Hay

practically nonstop from Brisbane after losing her dummy—we were waiting for the connecting flight to Lae. I was beside myself too by this time. I did return the hanky freshly laundered—August 1972!

John Thomas: I had much to do with Sir Leslie Johnson. I always thought he was a person with vision for the future and encouraged others to participate. I am sure he went to Tasmania after PNG—an absolute gain for that state. ●

would check the babies and provide information on hygiene. Lots of giggling and screams of delight could be heard from that hall on a Friday afternoon—and there was no alcohol involved.

July 1959 and we moved to Kerowagi, a small place with a village atmosphere, but we still had plenty of visitors. I was six-months' pregnant with my first child, and while the doctor would make occasional visits to these smaller places, we were isolated by today's standards. I remember on one occasion I needed to see a doctor. We had to travel to Goroka, over fifty kms away. Terry organised a car and we set off with some helpers. We came to the Chimbu River and the bridge was out. The river was a torrent from recent rain. Terry checked the river upstream and down but couldn't find an easy path across. He decided with the help of many local men to use a flying fox to cross the raging river. People probably wouldn't do this these days, but I was harnessed up after a test run.

Six-months pregnant, but determined to do the best for my unborn child, I started my cross-river journey. Terry went downstream in case the harness broke, and he could attempt a rescue. Really, I wasn't the best swimmer so if the flying fox had failed, I would surely have been washed away. The river below me was raging and while it seemed like a long time, I made it across and Terry followed. A huge crowd had gathered, presumably waiting to help if things went wrong. I remember thinking I would never have done this in England let alone Sydney. Still, we had to be resourceful to survive and on 1 October 1959 my first son, David, was born.

After a short amount of time in Chuave, Terry was transferred to Goroka. I took the job of librarian and loved it. Terry moved to the Local Government Department. We were happy in Goroka—I was pregnant with my second child and was only ten minutes from the hospital. But in January 1963 we were transferred to Finschhafen. Terry became the principal of a patrol officer training centre for young local men.

Finschhafen is on the coast and presented different challenges; the climate was constantly hot and humid, and being six-months pregnant added to them. I got on with life as a patrol officer's wife. We lived in a house that overlooked the Bismarck Sea with a sheer drop in one section. My adventurous three-year-old was a handful, but I had good help.

In April 1963, I hopped on the local transport/cargo boat with several other pregnant women and



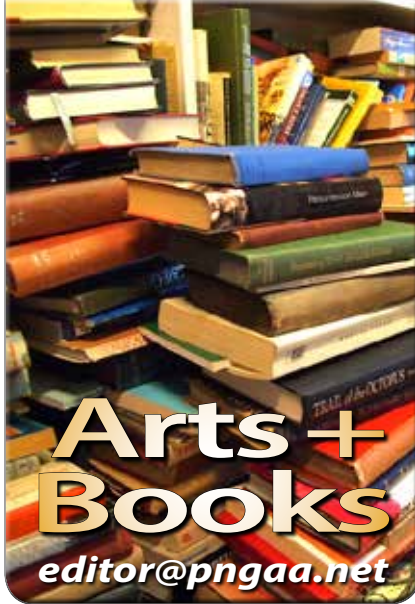
Tracy Cheffins, Joan Dwyer and her son, Colin, after her ninety-second birthday in November 2018

travelled into Lae to have our second son, Colin. So, I had two children, one a baby, isolated from my family in a humid place, and my husband's job took him away for three weeks at a time. I missed my husband but quickly established networks to help with the children and isolation.

After a stint in Goroka, Terry was transferred to Port Moresby and became the Director of the Bureau of Industrial Organisations. I was offered a position at the Ela Beach Preschool and loved the work—just as challenging as crossing a swollen river on a flying fox! My boys went to Boroko East Primary School. They have both been successful in their careers. David runs his own accounting practice outside Brisbane, while Colin prefers the tropics and is a media and economic consultant in Townsville.

Finally, all experiences, good or bad, have an ending. After self-government, Terry trained a local person to replace him and we departed for Australia on 1 May 1974. We decided Brisbane would be our next home and base to explore another beautiful country, Australia. ●

'Indiana Joan' overcame challenges of isolation and survived some extremely risky situations, while pregnant—even Indiana Jones couldn't do that! Seriously, Joan loved every moment of her time in Papua New Guinea. Terry and Joan were a great team (Terry died in 2011) and Joan hopes they made a small difference to the lives of Papua New Guineans, our friends and PNG colleagues.

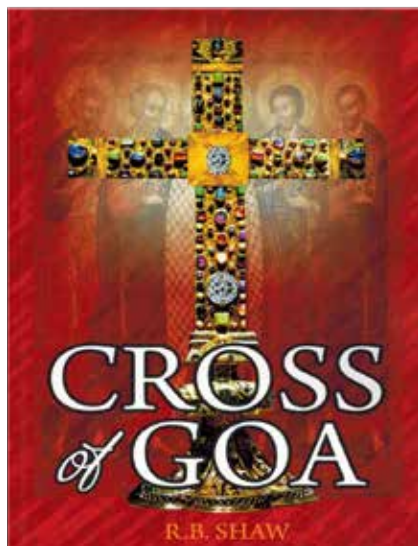


RB SHAW

The Cross of Goa

Bob Shaw is an accomplished adventure storyteller. He does this through the prism of a Port Moresby-based salvage company, which in this story is commissioned to help find the missing 'Cross of Goa' (Goa having been a Portuguese enclave on the west coast of India), being a bejewelled and golden cross of massive proportions, some hundreds of years old. The cross is believed to have been disassembled into five pieces and hidden throughout the world for credible reasons explained early in the book.

The story takes the reader through a rollicking yarn in the very risky process of tracking down the individual pieces of the cross located in former



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Portuguese-influenced areas, and ending up with a search for a piece believed to be located in PNG.

The PNG piece is explained as having been stolen and along with a booty of treasure had been hidden by an enterprising Japanese general in the closing days of World War II.

Shaw is a former aviator, and aviation buffs will enjoy Shaw's detailed flight descriptions in the many aircraft types used in the company's operations, together with their scrapes and mishaps.

The PNG tax office gets a cameo with the seizure of the salvage company's assets (for not declaring an earlier 'cash in hand' secret assignment from the government itself!), thereby making life for the adventurers difficult in general, and paying for aeroplane fuel on a declined Avgas card next to impossible.

Astute readers may also recognise some thinly-disguised real life PNG characters as the story develops.

PJ van der Eyk

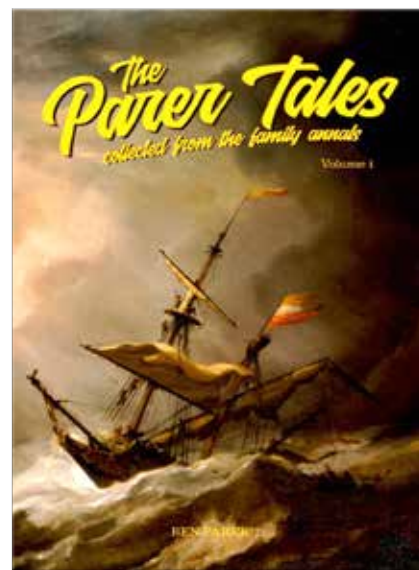
Mr van der Eyk is a retired solicitor, who had recent work experience in Honiara and Port Moresby and was a pre-independence patrol officer in Papua New Guinea.

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BEN PARER

The Parer Tales

A collection of tales of adventures and tragedies from the Parer family history. These tales include new discoveries, fantastic sea and river voyages, shipwrecks, New World gold, bushrangers, savage attacks and battles, terrible deaths,



crashed planes, new empires and savage assaults. But also of new beginnings, great love, fantastic constructions, lifelong friendships, magic, incredible bravery and great risks with great rewards.

Robert Parer

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<https://parerhistory.wordpress.com>

Book Expo Follow Up

Whilst reading *Senior Magazine*, 'Time to get Writing', I came across the following information, and thought you or your group may be interested:

Newcastle Writers' Competition

Entries are now open for the Newcastle Short Story Awards. Short Stories up to 2,000 words are welcome, with the top 30-35 works to be published in an anthology. More than \$7,000 in prizes is on offer!

I am sure other areas will be offering something similar if you are already writing. Also, many areas offer courses to begin writing. So take the opportunity to put your thoughts down on paper to share with family and others. Good luck.

SARA TURNER



Melanesian Art Redux: an Exhibition

An exhibition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Melanesian Art Redux, was held from 17 November 2018 to 17 February 2019. It featured a number of extraordinary art works from Tony Tuckson's travels to New Guinea in 1965 just prior to what was then a groundbreaking exhibition curated by him, 'Melanesian Art'.

During Tuckson's three-week field trip in 1965 he acquired works for the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the National Gallery of Victoria. Tuckson made over fifty purchases on the Sepik River, travelling on a houseboat from Pagwi to Marienberg, under the care of Cletus, a guide from Tambanum Village. Many pieces were bought from villagers, while almost eighty works were sourced through mission stations at Wewak, Maprik, Angoram and Marienberg.

ANDREA WILLIAMS

A Character in PNG

GRAHAM HARDY

Many characters from Australia and other countries were attracted to PNG before and after World War II.

In October 1952 I arrived in Port Moresby together with five other cadet patrol officers, following our induction course in Sydney.

After our presentation to the department headquarters, and going through the formalities, we were let loose to look around Port Moresby in the care of a cadet patrol officer named Paul Kelly-Healy who had arrived about a year earlier. Paul decided that a visit to the Moresby Hotel was high on the list, and so we met our first character on our first day!



AS WE APPROACHED the pub Paul introduced us to a much older gentleman wearing a long grey beard, khaki shirt and long khaki trousers, puffing on a *baubau* or native smoking pipe. His name was Brother George of the Catholic mission based at Yule Island, north-west of Moresby. He was happy to join us at the Snake Pit Bar where he enjoyed his favourite rum. A khaki-clad, bearded and smoking brother, who swore and drank rum was new to me—I had been brought up by Christian Brothers dressed in black with white clerical collars, who kept any swearing or drinking out of sight.

Brother George had been in Papua for many years and had been recruited by the Australian Army during the war to work operating small ships on the Papuan coast. His brother, a priest, Father Tweedy, was to become a bishop in Tasmania and Brother George was granted leave to attend the celebrations in Hobart. The newspaper reporters were so fascinated by Brother George that articles would begin '*Brother George and his brother the bishop ...*' After about a week, the new bishop told George to get back to Papua at once as he was taking the limelight.

At one time, I think after World War II, the Yule Island bishop told Brother George that he was to be transferred to the Goilala District in the mountains north-west of Port Moresby. He had always been on or near the coast, so he set off with a heavy heart. It meant walking all the way. He had only been on the track a day or two when a message reached him that the electric power plant at Yule Island had failed, and he should return to repair it. George was happy to do so. The generator was soon fixed as he had made sure it would break down soon after he left for Goilala. He remained based on the coast for good.

Brother George was a jack-of-all-trades, and early in his time had built and operated a sawmill on the mainland near Yule Island, and also tended to machinery as well as being a skipper on small ships.

As time went on, I heard many yarns about him. An early story I heard concerned an Irish nun who had been in Papua for twenty-five years at the Yule Island Mission. Her brother had been killed in Ireland by the Black and Tans during The Troubles in 1916, and as a result she had little liking for anything English, including the Royal Family.

King George V was on the throne when the sister approached her twenty-fifth anniversary. Brother George conspired with the Resident Magistrate at Yule Island to write to the good sister on an official telegram form, in the name of King George V and Queen Mary, congratulating her for the anniversary and wishing her many years ahead, etc. The good sister was shocked to think that she had held such nasty thoughts about the king and queen, when they had been so kind to think of her in faraway Papua.

I never heard whether Brother George or the RM were game enough to come clean. I met the sister at the Terapo Catholic Mission on the Tauri River in 1954—she was still working and was a very devoted nun.

After my first introduction in Port Moresby I didn't get to see Brother George again until 1954, when I was posted to the Kukipi Patrol Post in the Gulf District, at the mouth of the Tauri River between Kerema Bay and Yule Island.

Brother George would carry goods out to Terapo Mission, or at times

carry freight on his small ship, *St Joseph*, for the New Guinea Resources Prospecting Company, which was surveying the possibility that any of the rivers flowing into the Papuan Gulf had a volume sufficient to perhaps support a future hydroelectric venture, to send under-sea electricity to North Queensland to bring about an aluminium mine and factory. An employee, Bill Schleusner, would also use Brother George's services to take him to inspect automatic recorders from time to time.

During a patrol I undertook on the lower Lakekamu River I suffered a tropical ulcer which required a doctor's attention. Bill happened to be returning to Yule Island from the Tauri River with Brother George so I was able to travel on the *St Joseph*. Apart from the excitement in getting over the high waves on the Tauri bar, it was an uneventful trip except for the constant rolling from the ship which had a narrow hull and a top-heavy cabin which Brother George had himself designed.

We arrived at Yule Island just on dark and Brother George gave Bill and me instructions to jump ashore as early as possible while a deckhand at the same time jumped off the bow carrying a rope. We did as we were told and the following conversation came about: Brother George 'Are you ashore?' Bill 'Yes'. George 'Is the boy ashore?' Bill 'Yes'. George 'Has he got the rope?' Bill 'No, George'. George 'Well, shoot the bastard!' By this time the vessel had drifted into the darkness, so Brother George repeated his approach and tied up without fuss.

I spent a few days on the island, staying with Bill and seeing the doctor. Brother George was returning to Kukipi soon so it was just right for me. I met Bill Tomasetti, the Assistant District Officer, and also visited the mission. The sisters there told me on the

**... he was happy to join us at the Snake Pit Bar—
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who swore and drank rum was new to me**

quiet that Brother George was a bit of a handful because he would never keep new clothes no matter how many they made for him. He insisted on giving the new clothes to anyone he came across—Brother George was a true humble brother.

The day we left there were two nuns, two Papuan girls and a young French layman, working for the mission, on board. It was an uneventful trip until we approached the Tauri bar—there was a westerly wind and considerable waves, and Brother George told everyone to sit tight and hold on. I was standing hanging on to something near Brother George who was at the wheel. The others were seated and the young Frenchman had sat himself between the two Papuan girls—with an arm around each to protect them!

The first wave caught us and lifted us up and we slid down the face of the wave just as a 44-gallon drum of kerosene came adrift in the hold and rolled to the low side. Brother George shouted a loud expletive! At this stage we were on a tilt to port and travelling at about a forty-five degrees to forward. We remained in this position until the wave died away and we slowly reached the landing—I was only too pleased to put my feet on solid earth. I kept my promise to myself that I would never put foot on the *St Joseph* again.

I think it was the last time I saw Brother George, but I recall hearing he died and was buried in Papua after something like fifty years of service in the mission. ●

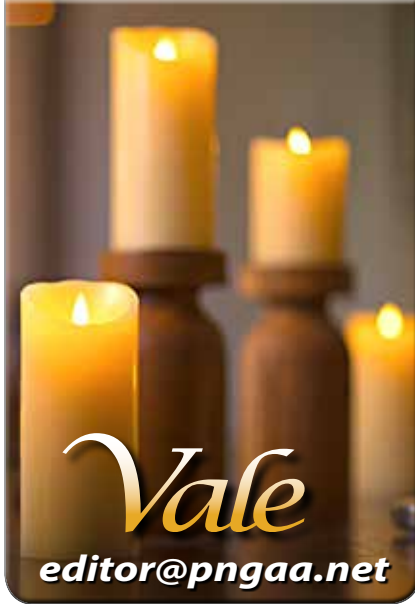


The World Bank has produced an online book titled:
*Systematic Country Diagnostic:
The Independent State of Papua New Guinea*

This identifies the main constraints and opportunities that Papua New Guinea faces in achieving the twin goals of ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/360291543468322518/pdf/127800-28-11-2018-11-12-10-PNGSystematicCountryDiagnosticFinal.pdf>





BARTLETT, Jon Richard
d. 11 January 2019

Jon Richard Bartlett was a country boy, born with Irish and Chinese heritage in Wagga Wagga NSW, on 23 January 1942—the day the Japanese forces landed in Rabaul. Jon grew up with his elder brother, Jim, and elder sister, Joan.

Jon was a smart boy, went to medical school but found it didn't suit him and started with Dalgetys. Jon then decided to be a patrol officer in PNG, and began service at the end of January 1963, in the last intake of *permanent* officers. After a month-long induction course at the Australian School of Pacific Administration (ASOPA), Jon was in PNG.

Jon was posted as a *lik-lik kiap* (cadet patrol officer) to Kainantu, in the Eastern Highlands District. Senior Patrol Officer Peter Broadhurst recalls Jon's first patrol

The recent history of Papua New Guinea is intimately bound up with the people who made PNG their home and, in many cases, their life's work. It is therefore fitting, but also with deep regret, that we record the passing of members and friends.

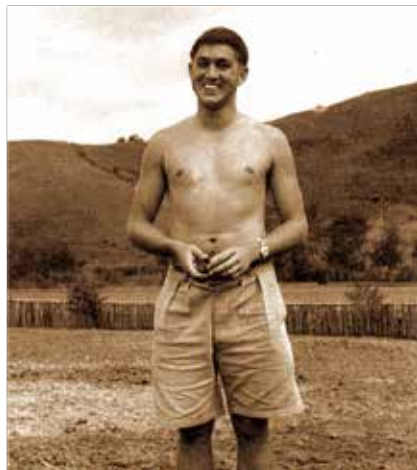
in PNG: Jon had been warned that the area might be dangerous and one night when he had gone out to the pit-latrine an arrow landed between his knees. Imagining an attack, Jon emerged in terror. Peter, the police and interpreters were rolling around with mirth.

The same evening Peter had left a coiled belt and grasshopper in Jon's bed roll as a pretend snake. Jon almost died of fright again but, on both occasions, and with typical good humour, Jon joined in the merriment.

In 1965 Jon did a long course at ASOPA and shared a flat at Fairlight with Murray Tomlinson and Col Boreham. Jon and Murray were then posted to Chimbu, with Jon going to Wandu. He particularly enjoyed the social activities after Sunday rugby league games in Kundiawa. Peter Salmon recalls a moment on a census patrol with Jon in the Waiye-Digibe area of Chimbu: while trying to find out about a possible adoption, Jon was querying a flat-chested elderly-looking lady about her claim to be a new mother. The lady responded by spraying the patrol table with breast milk.

After his time in Chimbu, Jon moved to the East Sepik District and became the OIC of Amboin Patrol Post, where he came to know Joanna, through her interest in traditional art and an adventurous dugout canoe trip. John Blyth recalls that during the early seventies, Jon had been OIC Dreikikir, but then transferred to Maprik as ADC. John had serious trouble with the *Yeliwan* cargo cult, at Marambanja in the Yangoru area, and after Jon subsequently tried and imprisoned the ring leaders the cult faded out.

In 1972 Jon took on the job of welfare officer in Daru, Western District. Jon and Joanna married, but things didn't work out, however, Jon gained many friends in Daru. Whilst there, Jon, carefully mentored by Ray Moore, became a spearfisherman, bringing home fish and crayfish, and having occasional moments of excitement with sharks. Although Jon loved Daru, his work was not satisfying, so he decided to rejoin the kiap service, and was posted to Misima in 1975 as ADC. Most evenings at Misima involved dart-playing at one house or another.



Jon Bartlett during his time as a patrol officer in PNG



Jon Bartlett at the Rossel Island airstrip

Sometimes a pig would be spitted, and on those day-long occasions, alcohol consumption was at record levels. Jon learned to scuba dive at Misima, an air compressor was acquired and dives to amazing locations followed. Jon once sentenced a little old man from Sudest Island to twelve-months imprisonment for sorcery. Jon figured that the sentence probably endorsed the credentials of the old felon.

Jon had a close call while on a reccie of Pocklington Reef, about a third of the way to the Solomons from Rossel Island. On the return flight to Misima, land could not be sighted. Eventually, it was and the aircraft island-hopped back to Bwagaoia. The plane's compass was out, and a tin of powdered milk in the forward locker was blamed. Jon also recalled that the engines were making unusual sounds—the fuel had been contaminated. Jon sent Paul out to find a suitable airstrip site on Rossel Island. A local copra plantation at the south-west end of the island was selected and, using hand labour and a small tractor supervised by patrol officers, the strip was built. At the well-attended official opening, the

airstrip was officially named the *Jon Bartlett Airstrip*.

Jon always liked boats, and James Wharram catamarans. At Misima, Jon almost became the owner of the charming little double-ender, *La Mouette*. The boat had been stolen from Sydney by a member of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist organisation and subsequently impounded. Because of deterioration of the vessel during insurance company deliberations, Jon didn't get it. Soon after, however, *Taholi* sailed into Bwagaoia harbour, under the command of Captain John Robertson, previously commander of HMAS *Melbourne* during the tragic incident with *Voyager*. *Taholi* was a Formosan Sea Tiger CT41. Not long after, Jon purchased *Taholi*, however, as it turned out, Jon was not meant to be a sailor, but he gave it a go and explored the north coast of PNG.

In 1981 Jon returned to Australia and met the true love of his life, Tintin. Soon after was the beginning of their thirty-seven years of marriage. After dabbling in the stock market, Jon joined the Department of Immigration, based in Townsville. Then, son Arnold arrived, followed by Emily.

Jon next won a position as Regional Electoral Officer for the Western Division of NSW, and the family moved to their new home in Narrandera. By this time, other PNG friends had returned to Australia. Every Australia Day Jon and Paul would get together at Narrandera and this became a reason for others to join in. Now and then, all descended on Col Middleton's place on the Darling River. Jon had fond memories of western NSW, and in particular Col's wedding in Bourke.

After many happy years in Narrandera, Jon transferred to Newcastle as the electoral officer. New friendships formed and kelpie, Bonnie, joined the family. Jon enjoyed woodwork, was famous for his home brew, loved rugby and cricket and loved to sing and cook. He preferred warm climates and he and Tin would drive on long trips up north, sometimes as far as Cape York, visiting friends on the way. Jon and Tin loved visiting the Moores on TI, the McArthurs in Kuranda and a catch up with the Becketts at Hervey Bay.

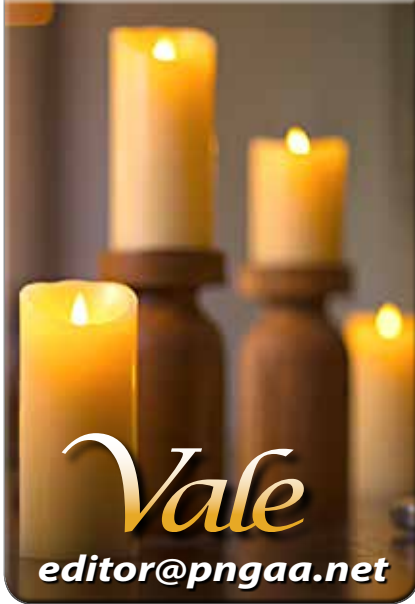
Jon passed away peacefully, and his presence is still with us, with Tin, Arnold and Bec and Emily, beautiful granddaughter Ivy and all his relatives and his friends.

Emily Bartlett

BOTTRILL, Angus, OAM d. 23 January 2019

Following is an extract from the draft of his auto-biography:

'In 1941, Terry Murray and Ted Fitzgerald, my Christian Brothers College mates, and I joined the air cadets. When we turned eighteen they both joined the RAAF and were both later killed as air crew gunners in Europe. However, my parents refused to give their written consent for me to join the RAAF or the AIF, and I ▶



enlisted in the AMF in December 1942.

After Infantry Training at Northam, I was sent to the Australian Survey School in Victoria. First at Burswood then at Darley Camp, Bacchus Marsh. At nineteen, I was allowed to join the AIF. At the Darley Camp there was a Dutch Intelligence School for Indonesians and I was able to learn some Malay from them. One particular soldier, Johannes Rentor from Kei Island, South Moluccas, became a close friend. He told me a lot about his island, his work in the then Dutch Papua as a Catholic catechist and his hopes for self-government for the Moluccas—similar to that achieved by the Philippines prior to the war.

After joining the AIF, I was then sent for further training to No. 4 Field Survey Company that was based at Karrakatta, in Western



WX36764 Sapper AM (Gus) Bottrill in 1944 (Photo: Royal Australian Survey Corps Association)

Australia. I was employed in field work—completing Triangulation at Dwellingup and at Galena. While at Galena I saw for the first time an Aboriginal camp, and it left an indelible and disagreeable impression in my mind.

Also the same situation was at Ajana, in 1943, at the terminal of the Northampton Railway. At the end of the railway line was a vermin-proof fence and there were a number of lean-tos of corrugated iron and other materials. The fence was the lean-tos' support that sheltered several large Aboriginal families.

In 1944, I was then sent as a re-enforcement to the 2/1 Australian Army Topo Survey Coy, which was then in New Guinea. However, I did not join them until the end of the year at Ravenshoe in the Atherton Tablelands, Qld. The Duke of Gloucester, then Governor-General of Australia, inspected 1st Aust Corps, prior to their departure for the Borneo Campaign.

The various units were drawn up in single file along the roadsides of the Atherton Tablelands. I was prepared to be critical of the duke, but was astounded by his military bearing, meticulously speaking to every third or fourth man, when his aide and staff officers with him were puffed, red and untidy trying to keep up with him.

The unit, with the HQ of the 2/1 Aust Corps embarked on the USS General Buttner, a US Navy troop transport ship, from Townsville. We proceeded to Moroptai via Lae, Madang, Hollandia and Biak. A submarine alert occurred and the ship went to full speed, leaving behind HMAS Swan—a slow gunboat escort. On board we learned of the death of Roosevelt. At Morotai our unit made maps of North Borneo and Balikpapan in preparation for the Australian landings there.

When the war ended in September 1945, volunteers were sought for a Liberation Battalion to be formed to go to disarm the numerous Japanese there.

I volunteered and shortly sailed

in a troopship. At Ambon we were camped in the Benteng, a prewar Dutch barracks south of the town. We were received by the townspeople as heroes. They invited us to their houses in the daytime to partake of such things as cinnamon tea, fried sweet potato slices—sprinkled with palm sugar—or fried bananas.

At night we were asked to parties, where gramophones were played outside houses and we danced in the sand. Later we drank sageror or segero—a palm wine.

In early 1946, when the Australian Troops were withdrawn from Ambon, there was a remarkable demonstration from the people of Ambon. The Dutch Military had closed off the wharf area to the public, while we embarked. A crowd of several thousand pushed through the barriers and occupied the wharves and shouted and cried and sang as we pulled away. For the days preceding, we had been stopped by strangers in the streets who made it clear, that we should not leave them to the Dutch again. We could only say that our business was finished and we were going home. I was very young and impressionable, I guess, but I have never felt so moved by such a spontaneous farewell.

After Ambon, I was sent as a re-enforcement to the Engineers, carrying out postwar road re-construction, near Nonga in Rabaul. There, in April 1946, I learned of my father's death and as Rabaul Airport was closed, I returned to Sydney on the frigate HMAS Murchison. I was then flown home to Western Australia on a RAAF DC3, taking about three days. In May, I was hospitalised for malaria in Hollywood Hospital, Perth for three weeks. I was discharged from the Army about a month later, on 18 July 1946.

I applied for jobs in HM Customs and in the Papua New Guinea Provisional Administration as a patrol officer. I was accepted first by the latter and I went to attend the 5th Short Course at the Australian School of Pacific Administration. The school was founded during the war to train army



Gus Bottrill (left) being congratulated by His Excellency Dr Ken Michael, AC, Governor of Western Australia, when he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).



ANZAC Day March, 2010, Perth (Rear) Bob McKenna, Tony Longstaff, Sean Venn, Darren Venn, Brian Firns; (Centre) Cadet Janina Curran, Mike Venn, Leon Griffiths, Peter Bowen, Fred Brown, Chris Dixon, Cadet Carlin Monteiro; (Kneeling) Clive Craddon, Brian Mead, Frank Lenane & Gus Bottrill.

officers for military administration—probably on the advice of Colonels Alf Conlon, John Kerr and JK Murray, advisers to the Australian Government Territories Minister, Eddie Ward. Following the war, the short course was converted into a civil course for the postwar administration of Papua New Guinea.

On successfully passing the course, I proceeded to PNG as a probationary patrol officer, a couple of days after New Year's Day, 1947. A few days after I arrived, the Administrator, JK Murray, invited us all, some thirty or forty men—mainly ex-servicemen, to drinks at Government House, Port Moresby. The single drink provided was one warm gin squash! After meeting us,

he delivered a welcoming and advisory address. I remember clearly a part of his speech said we would be judged as successful in our job if Independence was achieved before we reached eligibility for a pension.

My career by that measure was a success, as my job ended in 1974 as Independence approached.'

It was the beginning of a notable peacetime career in which Gus served the indigenous peoples of Papua New Guinea and Australia with great distinction, and on 12 September 2008, Angus 'Gus' Bottrill was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division, within the Australian Honours System. The citation reads as follows:

For Service to the Indigenous Community, particularly through research and assistance with land title claims.

David Montgomery

BURKE, Dr Clarrie

d. 13 January 2019

Clarrie Burke, known to many former educators and senior public servants in Papua New Guinea during the 1960s and 1970s, died on 13 January in Brisbane. He had incurable cancer.

Clarrie was born in Port Moresby, his family evacuated to Australia shortly after the Japanese invasion of PNG in 1942. The family settled in Brisbane but later moved back to Samarai. Clarrie and his brother, Eddie, completed their primary and secondary education as boarders in Brisbane and Toowoomba.

In 1957, Clarrie worked as a clerk at the District Education Office in Port Moresby and the following year he took up a two-year education cadetship at the Australian School of Pacific Administration (ASOPA) in

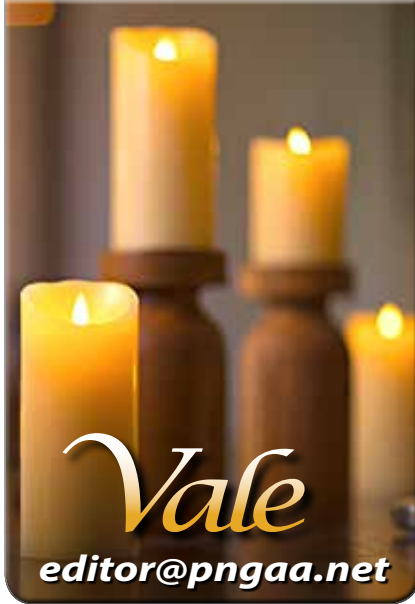
Sydney to train as a primary teacher.

His postings as a teacher were to Lae, 1961–1962, and then Port Moresby as headmaster of the well-known and highly-regarded Hohola Demonstration School (PNG Education Department 1957–75). Clarrie later was appointed principal of the Education In-Service College, which had the formidable task of upgrading teachers' credentials and identifying high-level training for senior PNG administrators in the lead-up to independence.

He mentored and guided many of PNG's early administrators.

It was during his first posting as headmaster, in 1963, that he met and married his late wife, Gail, who was a Grade 6 teacher at the school. In 1974 Clarrie gained his PhD in the philosophy and psychology of education from the University of Michigan in the United States. After independence in 1975, he was awarded the Independence Medal for his services to education. Following Independence, Clarrie returned to Australia and became a senior lecturer in teacher education at the Brisbane College of Advanced Education, where he was later appointed head of education studies.

His final appointment before retiring in 1998 was as associate professor and director of the Research Centre for Leadership and Policy Studies in Education at Queensland University of Technology. After his retirement, Clarrie was a tireless activist in the field of human rights and he was published widely online and in influential publications. Clarrie's humanity, kindness and wisdom will be greatly missed by his friends. ▶



He was a true gentleman and role-model to all who knew him.

Murray Bladwell

And more on Clarrie from PNGAA archives:

Clarrie Burke was a former Port Moresby Kone Tigers Rugby Player—1957 and 1960. Clarrie was asked by Bill O'Brien, the doyen of the Kone Rugby League Football Club for many years, to play for Kone in 1960, following his return from a two-year cadet education officers' course conducted at the Australian School of Pacific Administration (ASOPA). O'Brien also asked Clarrie to join the management committee for the football team.

Shortly after, at Clarrie's second committee meeting of the year, Bill raised an issue which would have short- and long-term ramifications for the future of rugby league in the Territory. He suggested that a young ex-scholarship holder, John Kaputin, known to many for his high-profile careers in business, politics and government service, be invited to join the Kone Tigers. Bill had described John as 'A superb athlete, with a good head on his shoulders, who can run like the wind.' The management committee supported this.

1960 saw the Papuan Rugby League Premiership Final between

minor premiers, the Kone Tigers, and runners up, DCA-QEA. The result: 'Kone Tigers won the 1960 Rugby League premiership at Boroko Oval on Sunday, defeating DCA-QEA 21 points to 17.'

John became the season's leading try scorer as winger for the Kone Tigers in the Papuan Rugby League Competition (1960). He was fresh out of high school and this was his first experience of rugby league—the senior competition at that! All the more amazing was that he made the Papuan 'Firsts' representative team to play New Guinea in the first of two representative matches in his debut season.

Read more on this article in PNGAA archives: <https://pngaa.org/site/blog/2015/09/16/the-times-they-began-achanging-clarrie-burke/>

BUTLER, Peter

d. 1 February 2019

Aged seventy years, in Rabaul.

FAVETTA, Sue

d. 20 January 2019

Sadly, Sue has passed away in Melbourne after being very ill for quite some time. She went to Papua New Guinea in 1968 with her husband, Fif, who was part of the first married patrol officers' intake to the service, and with them was their one-year-old son, Mark.

Their first posting was to the Northern District, living in both Tufi and Popondetta. In



Sue, with son, Mark at Port Moresby in 1968

December 1969 Danielle was welcomed into their family, born in Port Moresby General Hospital.

1972 saw Fif transferred to the Southern Highlands, with postings to both Tari and Mendi until they finally went finish in November 1980.

We first met Sue and Fif when Noel was posted to Tari as ADC and became friends. Sue was always an active participant in all things to do with outstation life. On occasions, Sue and the children accompanied Fif on patrol.

When living in Mendi Sue became a Talair employee for many years and enjoyed her job immensely. Her life in town revolved around the International School where Mark and Dani attended, the Mendi Valley Club and the swimming pool we all worked hard to establish, gatherings at the Clive Steele Club and her work at the airstrip. After going finish, Sue established herself in the travel industry in Melbourne, gaining plenty of happy and loyal clients over many years. She enjoyed very much being a grandmother and loved her garden.

She will be sadly missed by Fif, Mark, Dani and their families and her friends.

Maxine & Noel Wright

GINBEY, Robert Charles

d. 25 August 2018

Passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, 25 August, aged seventy-four years, surrounded by his family. Adored by all of us, his wife Marie, his children Andrew, Peter and Emily, their spouses Casey, Peta and Mark and his precious grandchildren—Ben, Ella, Abby, Oliver, Reuben, Harriet, Hugo, Jack and Jade.

In our hearts forever.

JOHNSTON, Nancy Edith

d. 10 January 2019, aged 97

An edited extract from 'The Life of Nancy Edith Johnston' as presented at her funeral service, Woronora Memorial Park, Saturday, 19 January 2019—the full version can be viewed on the Association's website: www.pngaa.org/site

Nancy, who was born on 7 December 1921, would not have changed her life for any other.

Her first employment was at the Australian Gas Light Company where she met her future husband, Bill. She enjoyed the clerical work and held the position of a 'senior male clerk' until the end of the war. For two years, Nancy and Bill worked together and spent their spare time with each other until Bill, on turning eighteen, was called up for war service and enlisted in the AIF.

When in the army, Bill volunteered for and was accepted for service in the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU). Before volunteering, he had sought Nancy's agreement because of the likelihood of postwar employment with the civil administration in Papua and New Guinea. Bill was discharged from the army in April 1946 to allow him to take up a position as a patrol officer with the postwar provisional administration.

After spending Christmas 1946 with her family, Nancy joined Bill at Misima Island, a typical tropical paradise. A few months later they transferred to Woodlark Island, where there was no communication with the outside world, and a government trawler called every three months or so with food and mail. Because of food shortages, they lived 'off the land' and 'from the sea' and when Bill was on

patrol, Nancy lived alone, with no amenities, in an old dilapidated building that could not be locked or made safe.

Leave in Australia followed, and after rejecting the pleas from their concerned mothers, 'to get some sense and settle in Sydney', they returned to Papua to live first at Sehulea and then Esa'Ala on Normanby Island.

In 1948 Bill was selected to attend the Australian School of Pacific Administration in Sydney. It was during this time their first son, Alan, was born and a daughter, Christine. At the end of the course, with Bill and the two babies, Nancy returned to Papua to live in the Delta region of the Gulf of Papua.

The posting to Kikori was her most memorable time in Papua New Guinea. The prolonged heavy rainfall made it a dank and miserable place with difficult living conditions and unfavourable for two, then three babies, when her second son, Gary, arrived. Like everything that had gone before her, she coped with the situations as they arose. She had the responsibility of three babies, living on an outstation without the usual 'taken for granted' amenities and proper medical care.

She had the anguish of the tragic accidental death of her beloved daughter, Christine. Christine's death was the reason for their transfer from Papua to Madang in the Territory of New Guinea.

Living in the town of Madang meant, for the time being, the end to her 'pioneering' days. It was a great joy, when nine months after Christine's death, their much-loved daughter, Margaret, was born. She has been a lifetime compensation for her Dad and Mum. It was then to Bogia for three years. Their third



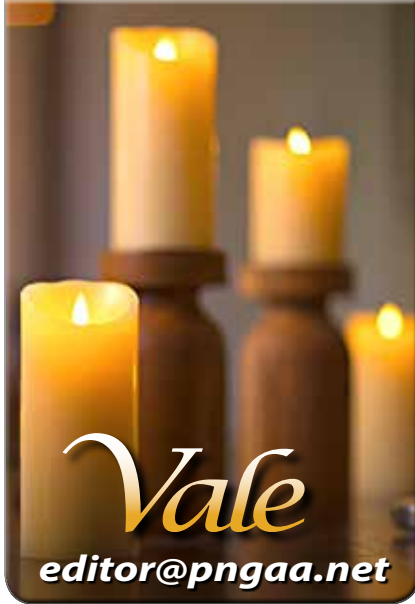
son, Christopher, was born and with four young children, they moved to Manus Island for the next five years.

Nancy began her interest in voluntary work at Manus, first with the indigenous women's clubs and in 1958, when challenged by Lady Baden-Powell to do something about the Girl Guides, she helped to start the movement at Lorengau. Besides her voluntary work, the Director of Education gave her the position of the Home Economics Officer at the local high school.

After nine years in the Territory of New Guinea Bill, with his family, moved back to Papua and was posted to Popondetta which gave Nancy the opportunity to be involved with civic activities, particularly those involving her children.

She became involved with the Country Women's Association, holding the position of treasurer for a short time before being elected to the branch presidency. Her contribution to this branch was recognised when the Loyal Service Badge was presented to her at a function held in her honour.

She taught the 'social graces' to two indigenous teenage girls in the days before girls were formally ►



educated, and this training led to successful futures for them both. One became a diplomat with the Department of Foreign Relations, was crowned Miss Papua New Guinea and represented her country in Australia, and the other lass, after secondary education in Australia, became a successful business woman in Port Moresby.

Bill's promotion to the Director of Civil Defence in 1970 meant a transfer to Port Moresby. It was with regret that Nancy left Popondetta, as she was happy in her job and had many interests. Her only consolation was that, in an emergency, Port Moresby was closer to her children who were, by this time, at boarding schools in Sydney. Nancy's CWA membership was transferred to the Port Moresby Branch.

Without seeking nomination, she was selected as an executive to the National Council, the governing body of the Country Women's Association of Papua New Guinea, and the following year she was elected the National President, a prestige position recognised by the government and the Associated Country Women of the World.

In 1974, she was granted Life Membership, Nancy was the only National President in the history of CWA who had experienced living

away from the 'sophistication' of the national capital of Port Moresby.

Nancy had the conviction in believing in oneself and being able to overcome problems and traumas, and considered the best source for 'counselling' was the support of Bill and her friends.

This was often proved, particularly at the time of her daughter's death. As a woman, in the new age of equal opportunity, she believed in ability, not 'gender' and reminiscing back to the days of strict demarcation in jobs for men and women, she had held three positions designated for men.

For thirty years Nancy watched the growth of Papua and New Guinea and saw the country become an independent nation.

She found it a sombre moment when the Australian flag was lowered for the last time as the official flag, symbolising the end of Australia's control in Papua New Guinea. The raising of the flag at sunrise and its lowering at sunset had been a daily ritual in her life. She realised her life in this country was ending, and it was a sad day when she and Bill left Papua New Guinea for the last time. Nancy felt she had made a worthwhile contribution to the country and realised it had been a privilege to be part of this history-making time.

In spite of the hardships, she kept herself occupied and was never bored, and never did she consider it a deprived style of life.

Living for thirty years in Papua New Guinea was a significant part of her life. When such a lifestyle ends, a person feels empty and lost. She appreciated the ongoing friendship with her *wantoks* (one talks), the members of the Retired Officers' Association of PNG

(ROAPNG—later renamed the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia), the men and women who, for many years, shared a similar lifestyle, and had filled the void she experienced by not having family and relations nearby to turn to in time of need. Nancy dearly loved her children, Alan, Gary, Margaret and Christopher and her thirteen grandchildren—a truly remarkable lady.'

LITTLER, Charles Geoffrey, MBE

d. 7 December 2018, aged 89

Geoff was born in Latrobe, Tasmania on 18 January 1929. He grew up on a dairy farm and decided that this was not the life for him. He headed off for adventure, answering an advertisement for patrol officers in Papua New Guinea.

His patrols took him to many isolated places, which would have been an eye-opener for a young naive man from Tasmania. He experienced walking into the aftermath of the Mt Lamington eruption in 1951 to assist any survivors, no doubt a confronting task given he knew and was friends with many of those who lost their lives that day.

Geoff went on to marry Trish in 1955, who he met on leave when returning from England on the liner, *Orion*. Trish, from Sydney, was returning from her own overseas trip in Europe. They had eight children (three singles, a set of twins and a set of triplets).

Geoff's first posting as a married man was Wewak and he was there when the *Busama* blew up causing great devastation to the swimmers ferrying the 44-gallon drums to shore. From there he was sent to Milne Bay, posted to Misima Island, and then on to Mt

Hagen. He was finally posted to Port Moresby. It was a running joke in PNG that Geoff was the only person whose dependency allowance exceeded his pay.

Some of the highlights of his public service career included his time as Deputy District Commissioner for Mount Hagen and his appointment as a member of the second House of Assembly where he became Deputy Chairman for the Select Committee on the Constitutional Development Committee.

Later when PNG gained its independence and the first prime minister, Michael Somare, was elected Geoff joined him as an adviser in the Department of Prime Minister and Development Administration.

Geoff finally left Papua New Guinea in 1976 as he still had three girls to finish high school, and wanted the opportunity to see them grow up through their teenage years. His service to PNG was recognised by the award of an MBE by the Queen in Port Moresby.

Geoff's commitment to community continued after he left PNG. He was Executive Director of the Red Cross in Darwin upon leaving PNG, he then returned to his agricultural roots and took up avocado farming on the Sunshine Coast. He did, however, want to influence change and stood and was elected to the Maroochy Council for three terms.

Geoff was a frustrated pilot (colour blind) so he became a glider pilot and instructor instead during his free time. His last flight was in 2016 (albeit as a passenger), something he really enjoyed.

Following retirement from council, Geoff continued his community involvement, auditing the books for various organisations,

working with Palmwoods Progress Society, Fire Brigade, Water Watch and St Vincent De Paul.

Geoff thoroughly enjoyed his days in PNG and went back in later years with the Rotary FAIM organisation to build a hospital in Kokoda, and was awarded the Paul Harris medal.

Geoff passed away peacefully on 7 December 2018 surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife, Trish, and children Margaret, Jude, Barb, Kathy, Peter, Helen, Trisha and Frances and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

MILAN, Tony Arthur, Major, RFD Ed d. 14 November 2018

Tony was born 22 February 1935 in Catherham, England where his father Jack was stationed with the Coldstream Guards. During WWII his dad was away for many years in Europe and Africa where he was wounded and lost the full use of one leg.

In 1951 the family moved to Australia, settling in Adelaide, South Australia. Tony matriculated and started his first job with the Adelaide Steamship Company delivering the company mail run in the Port Adelaide area. He completed National Service military training in 1953 and was selected to attend Portsea Officers' Training School. He graduated as a second lieutenant and remained in the regular army until 1956.

Successfully applying for a PNG position, he attended ASOPA and moved to Port Moresby as a health administrator. During his time in Port Moresby he travelled with his work throughout Papua.

Tony's hobbies included hockey, sailing, flying, gliding, fishing, gardening and reading.

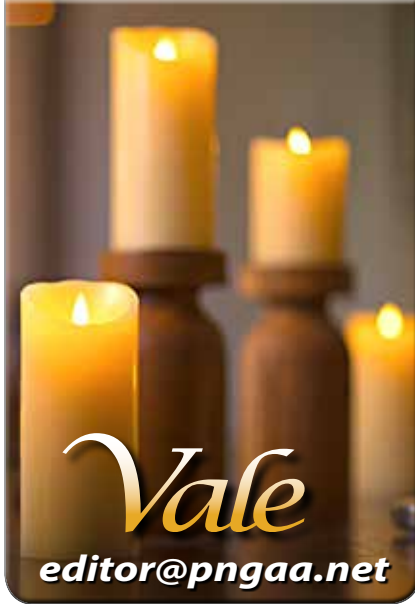
He married Patricia in 1962 and they had two sons, Scott in 1964 and Martin in 1967. Prior to his 1964 move to Rabaul, Tony completed a Certificate of Health Administration at the University of NSW. His Rabaul appointment was as the Regional Health Administrator for the New Britain Region. Further study earned him a Diploma and a Bachelor Degree in Health Administration.

He returned to Australia in 1967 and worked in hospital administration at the Alfred and Royal Women's hospitals in Melbourne until he moved to Shepparton to take up the position as Chief Executive Officer at the Goulburn Valley Base Hospital.

During his career he became a Fellow of the Australian College of Hospital Administrators, Fellow and Board Member of the Australian Institute of Management and Fellow of the PNG Institute of Management.

In 1990 he commenced work as a health consultant working with a number of hospital rehabilitation projects in Fiji, Vanuatu. He returned to Papua New Guinea with AusAID to work in hospital improvement projects until he retired to Shepparton in Victoria in 2003. He also lived at Glass ▶





House Mountains, Queensland for a number of years.

At the time he arrived in PNG he transferred into HQ Coy, Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles (PNGVR) based in Port Moresby as a lieutenant from 10 Infantry Battalion. In 1960 he was promoted to Captain and in 1961 transferred to the Reserve of Officers until returning to HQ Coy in time to attend the 1962 annual camp at Goldie River.

During his time in Rabaul he was promoted to B Coy Company Commander (OC) when Major Harry Green retired. In 1967 Tony completed a two-week 'familiarisation visit' to South Vietnam. He walked the Kokoda Track on three occasions.

Tony was a well-respected soldier, as mentioned in *PNGVR: A History 1950–1973*. Tony was a Rotarian in Port Moresby, Rabaul and Shepparton and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2002 for his contribution to the community.

He suffered ill health for a number of years and moved to Nathalia, Victoria to be closer to family, where he died on 14 November 2018, and his funeral service was held in Shepparton. He is survived by Patricia his wife, two sons and grandchildren.

Bob Collins

SAVILLE, Sydney Preston **d. 31 October 2018**

NAVAL SERVICE 1941–1945:

Royal Australian Navy
HMAS *Warramunga* 1942–1945,
7 Officers, 190 Sailors;
Motto: *Courage in Difficulties*

The *Warramunga* was present in Tokyo Bay during the Surrender Ceremony, 2 September 1945—Syd celebrated his 21st birthday with a hot bottle of beer.

AWARDS & DEGREES

1951: BSc (Agriculture)
1952: Diploma of Education,
Diploma of Tropical Agriculture
(Imperial College, now part of the
University West Indies)
1969: Churchill Scholarship:
Masters in Agriculture Extension,
University of Reading, UK
1976: OBE

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 1952–79

1952–1954: Typical Didiman
1965–1969: Conceived and led the
establishment of Vudal Agricultural
College. He was its first
principal. A memory of that time
is of Syd in long trousers and long
sleeve shirt. Always impeccable
and unflappable.

1970–1979: He was Regional
Director based at Kila Kila. It was
here that his reputation was estab-
lished. He was perceived as more
than a boss, in fact a friend in HQ.

NTH TERRITORY—1979–1989

1979: Departed Papua New Guinea
for Alice Springs to become
Regional Director for Health for
Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

1980: Transferred under protest
to become Secretary of the
Department of Education based in
Darwin.

1984: Appointed Secretary of
Northern Territory Department of
Primary Production.

1987: Appointed Public Service
Commissioner and Secretary of
the Department of Labour and
Administrative Services.
1989: Departed to Brisbane on
retirement and built their home in
Burlingame.

AFTER RETIREMENT

1989–1996: Team Leader
of AusAID Cocoa Quality
Improvement Project.
1989–1990: Short-term
consultancies in the Philippines.
1992: Consultancy on extension for
PNG Coffee Industry Corporation
(three months).
1994: One-year Team Leader of
Agritech Project Philippines.
1995–1996: Four months as
Training Adviser to Oil Palm
Industry Corporation.
1999: Four months as Personal
Adviser to Fiji Sugar Corporation.

To keep himself otherwise occupied
Syd was a regular walker and
participant in camping holidays
with the Brisbane Walking for
Pleasure Group.

Syd was to many people of those
years a boss, a mentor, a leader, an
educator, a teacher, a colleague, a
friend and a motivator. Stories
about Syd are told by many all with
respect and gratitude. *Vale Syd*
Heather Saville

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John Joseph SWEENEY (19 May 2018)

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Fr Adrian MEANEY, MSC
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Rev. Allen TAYLOR (8 February 2019)

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(11 February 2019)

Robert (Bob) PIPER (19 February 2019)

Lord Forster Visits the Western Islands

ROB PARER

I came across a press report from Rabaul/Kokopo, New Guinea of 4 September 1924, and was amazed to learn that the Governor-General of Australia, Lord Henry Forster, GCMG, PC, came to TPNG and, from Rabaul, he and party, accompanied by the Administrator and Mrs Wisdom, visited Manus then to various parts of the Western Islands



Lord Henry Forster, GCMG, PC

WONDERFUL RECEPTION FROM VILLAGERS at Lorengau, Manus Island. The Governor-General of Australia, Lord Henry Forster, GCMG, PC, and party, accompanied by the Administrator and Mrs Wisdom, arrived by SS *Mataram* on Friday afternoon at Lorengau, which is the administration headquarters for Manus. A wonderfully impressive sight was the natives' welcome, consisting of over eighty huge canoes, which sailed out through the passage to meet *Mataram*. Almost at the mouth of the passage the canoes turned round and, with the favourable wind, were able to accompany the ship through the passage and to the anchorage. The Manus canoes are famous for their lines and speed. The Japanese, with the assistance of Manus natives, who are noted for their swimming and diving, gave a wonderful demonstration of turtle fishing, which consisted of the natives swimming along until near a turtle, then diving below the turtle and turning it on its back, making it powerless.

After delivering the mail, *Mataram* went on to Mokareng, which is the head station for the Manus group, and also a copra concentration depot. It was originally the headquarters for the German firm, HR Wahlen and Co., for the Western Islands. The ship left for Maron on Saturday afternoon in fine weather, arriving on Sunday morning.

Maron is the Expropriation Board's headquarters for the Western Islands, and is in the Hermit Group. The Governor-General, on arrival, visited Wahlenberg, the mansion of Mr Wahlen, which originally was fitted with electric light, a freezer and a chilling room. Owing to neglect since the board took over, all have gone, and the house has deteriorated. The natives of Maron have practically died out. Only about thirty old people now survive, and there will be none in another ten years. Wahlenberg is situated on a hill, 280 feet above sea level (*overleaf*).

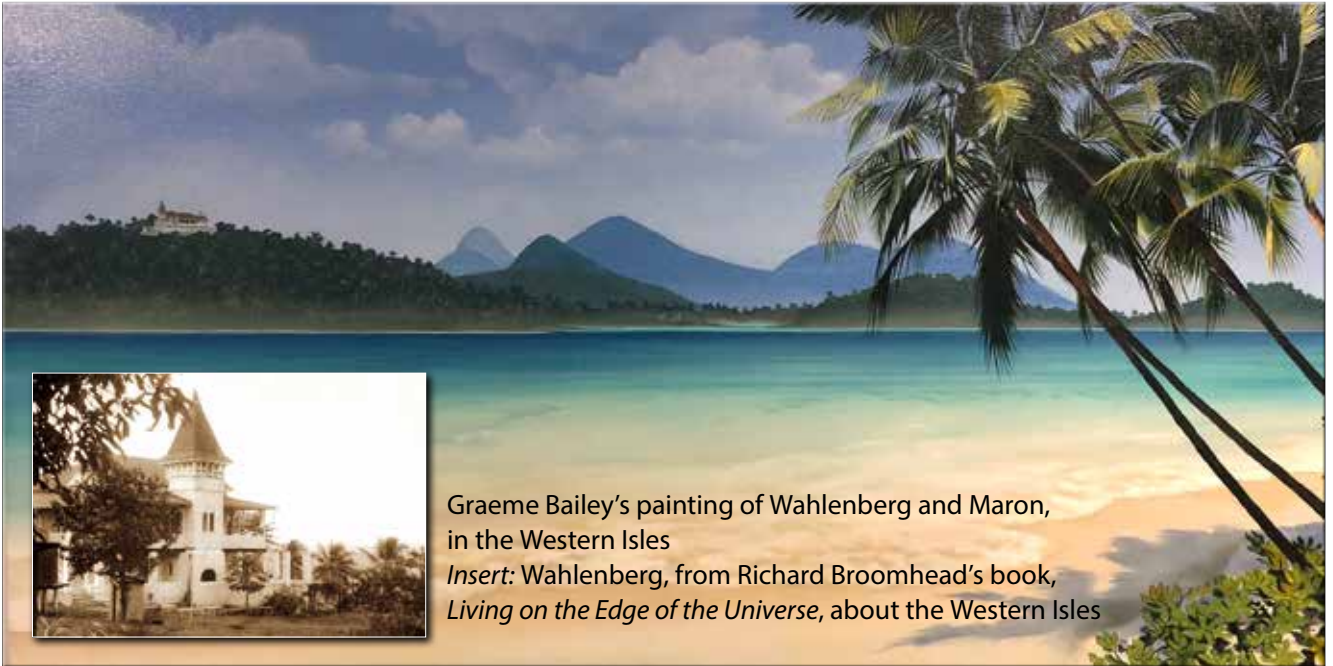
The wharf is situated in the lagoon, and only schooners can go alongside. *Mataram* anchored outside, where the party enjoyed some wonderful fishing and shooting, leaving on Sunday at noon for Longan, arriving at dusk. Longan is in the Ninigo Group, and is a low-lying coral island, and an overseer and a medical attendant are the only white inhabitants.

The native population is small, and is dying out fast. They are large, similar to Lord Howe Islanders, and are noted for their wonderful speedy sailing canoes, one of which was presented to Lord Forster. *Mataram* left at dusk on Monday for Matty (Wuvulu), and arrived at dawn on Tuesday in good weather.

A wonderful sunrise was witnessed. It is an island of eight square miles, with a population of 300 natives and 160 indentured natives. The board owns two-thirds of the island. The output is sixty tons of copra a month. Two whites live on the island. There is no anchorage, and the boat stands off. Right alongside the reef the water is tremendously deep. ▶



SS *Mataram*



Graeme Bailey's painting of Wahlenberg and Maron, in the Western Isles
Insert: Wahlenberg, from Richard Broomhead's book, Living on the Edge of the Universe, about the Western Isles

The party first visited the King of Wuvulu Island, Lului Pato, whose village is three miles from the shore. Then they travelled to Tuauvali Plantation, which is one mile further on the western shore front, and then back again to Agita Plantation. The roads were wonderful, with beautiful ferns and palms growing along the sides. The natives are very light skinned, similar to Malays, and the women have long hair, and are noted for their figure and beauty.

After returning to the ship, it left at dark for Seleo Island near Eitape (Aitape). They arrived at daybreak and anchored a quarter of a mile from shore, where there was a splendid anchorage. Seleo is a small low-lying coral island and is the concentrated shipping centre for Eitape District. There is one white overseer and one missionary. The party visited the Expropriation Board's plantation and went to the Catholic mission on the foreshore.

After inspecting the mission and listening to the school children singing, the viceregal party were provided with an exceptionally fine tribal dance and display of canoeing by the natives of the island. Then everyone boarded the ship, which sailed at dusk en route for Madang.

Madang, in the German period, was known as Friedrich Wilhelmshafen on the mainland of New Guinea. It possesses an excellent harbour with a bold narrow entrance widening to provide safe and ample anchorage for a large fleet of ships.

Mataram berthed alongside a fine wharf that is government property. Practically the whole town welcomed the dignitaries on arrival. Owing to the

ship leaving again just after noon for Alexishafen, which was ten miles down the coast, very little entertaining could be done. Mainly confined to displays of native music and singing and a visit to the town and surrounding plantations. The viceregal party was given a great farewell.

Rob Parer continues:

Stan McCosker, aged twenty-seven, lived on Maron in 1925, as he was the store manager for the New Guinea Expropriation Board. The board had taken over all the German plantations in German New Guinea and was the largest employer of Australians in TPNG—some said that their CEO in Canberra had more power than the Administrator.

He and partner, King, took over Maron in 1952—the plantation had been left for years, and it was in a chaotic condition since prewar, with vines choking the palms. Wild cattle and deer descended from Baron Heinrich Rudolph von Wahlen's herds roamed the island—the cattle had kept the English grass down but had destroyed the young palms. They could be killed for food.

Stan wrote that one of the first jobs was to get rid of the thousands of rats that had taken over. And as the Maron area was teeming with valuable trochus shell, as they had not been collected during the war years, there were fleets of Japanese poaching. He would chase them away by firing at them with a .303 rifle.

What an opulent life style Baron Heinrich Rudolph von Wahlen had on Maron in the Hermit Group! His Castle Wahlenberg was designed, and construction supervised, by a German architect. He imported cattle and deer, had electricity for lighting, a large freezer for meats and kept large stock of French Champagne!

In 1926 about 400 expropriated properties went to tender, many just a few acres—there were trading blocks as well as all the large plantations. •

The Trials of Mangrove Murphy

PHILIP SELTH, OAM

Lieutenant John Joseph Murphy took part in the first Japanese assault on Mubo, where the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles (NGVR) soundly repulsed them, inflicting many casualties. When NGVR was disbanded, he joined the coastwatcher organisation.

On the night of 28 September 1943 three coastwatcher parties were landed by American submarine at Cape Orford in New Britain.

Their task was to give warnings of Japanese air attacks on the American forces landing at Arawe and Cape Gloucester. The parties had to be in place by 1 November, and Capt Murphy's group had barely enough time to reach their position, seventy miles away.

To reach his position Murphy chose to travel along the coast, as to divert inland would lose time. The coast route was by far the most dangerous but Murphy and his men were all above the average in courage, and so he accepted the risk.

Murphy's radio was unserviceable owing to flat batteries. It was arranged to airdrop batteries at a set position en route. His party travelled thirty miles without interruption and then disaster overtook his party. A native sent to fetch carriers brought instead a Japanese patrol, which attacked the jungle camp. In the melee which followed Murphy was captured, and his men and two natives were killed.

Troops from 2/5 Ind Coy and NGVR with Japanese equipment left behind after the attack on Mubo, Lt John Murphy on right

IN EARLY 1946 at Lae, PNG, Captain John Joseph Murphy, a former PNG patrol officer and coastwatcher on New Britain was tried by court martial for having treacherously given intelligence to the Japanese and under Section 40 of the Army Act with 'conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline', in that while a prisoner-of-war he gave to the Japanese more than his name, rank and number. The charges, two of which carried the death penalty, were based on a captured document purportedly a record of Murphy's interrogation when captured, and statements taken by the Allies from Japanese soldiers at the end of the war.

Murphy had spent more than a year as a prisoner of the Japanese at Rabaul. Only seven of the original sixty-three prisoners in the Tunnel Hill Camp survived. Murphy was the only Australian. The court martial arose from information Murphy allegedly gave the Japanese when he was captured in October 1943. At the court martial the defence argued that Japanese documents had been incorrectly translated, and that others had given information to the Japanese under torture.

Defended by his cousin, the Sydney QC Eric Miller, Murphy was honourably acquitted of all charges.

After the war, Murphy returned to PNG, finishing his career as District Commissioner of the Gulf District, based at Kerema.

Attempts have been made to persuade the government to posthumously recognise John Murphy's service as a coastwatcher, and in helping keep fellow prisoners alive in Rabaul.

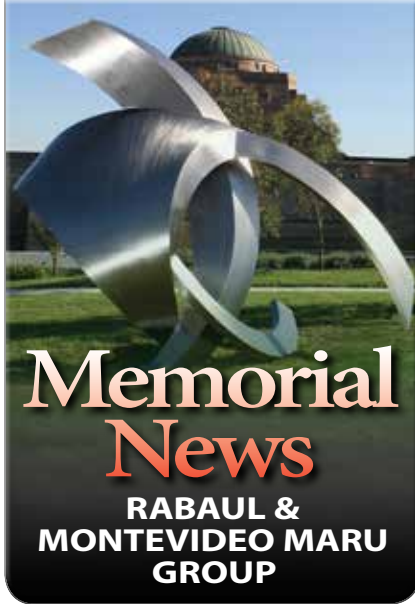
But not everyone accepts the court martial verdict. Murphy was a well-regarded administration officer. His actions in the Rabaul POW camps clearly saved lives. For that alone he deserves recognition. But how can one explain the captured Japanese documents and testimony of Murphy's interrogators? Records now available show the case the defence mounted at the court martial was, in part, flawed. The prosecution and conduct of the case, too, was flawed. Today, it is most unlikely the case would get to trial.

But one cannot simply say the court martial should never have been held. There were questions to be answered (although they should have been addressed by an inquiry rather than by a court martial).

John Murphy passed away on 5 March 1991, aged eighty-two. ●

Edited extract from *Keepers of the Gate: Personal Stories by NGVR Soldiers, NGVR and PNGVR Ex-Members' Association Inc., 2016*





The society was established in 2009 to represent the interests of the families of the soldiers and civilians captured after the Japanese invasion in 1942 in Rabaul, New Guinea Islands and those who perished due to the Tol and Waitavelo massacres and on *Montevideo Maru*. The major objective of the society was to have a memorial erected in memory of those lost. This was achieved when the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Memorial was unveiled in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial on 1 July 2012. The steel structure, designed by James Parrett, is in the award-winning Eastern Precinct. This site commands views across the National Servicemen's Memorial and ANZAC Parade and is positioned not far from the bronze sculpture of Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop. Following this, the society was wound up in 2013, with its assets and remaining objectives being transferred to the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia.

Australian War Memorial Redevelopment

The Australian War Memorial (AWM) has developed a detailed proposal to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia to fund a major redevelopment of the Memorial's galleries and precinct, and create a guiding vision for the next fifty years:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/about/our-work/projects/FuturePlans>

The area appears to surround the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Memorial, so we have contacted the AWM and have been assured that the project is in its earliest days and only just commencing procurement and planning. The design is yet to be confirmed.

It was clarified that all ideas are conceptual at this stage—architects will be briefed soon and can then start to formulate designs.

It is expected that the project will take about ten years and there will be four stages:

1. Anzac Hall
2. Glass Atrium
3. Under the front building
4. Outside Poppies Café
(which is near the memorial)

They acknowledge PNGAA/Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Group as a key stakeholder and that we will be kept informed.

What's On? The 77th Anniversary

This will be held during the Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, 1 July 2019. Please email Andrea Williams (admin@memorial.org.au) if you will be attending and for further information.

WWII New Guinea Islands Education Package

This package encourages students and adults to explore the significance of WWII in the Papua New Guinea islands and what the start of the Pacific War in 1942 meant for Australia, including the massacres at Tol, Waitavelo and Gasmata in early February 1942, and the sinking of the *Montevideo Maru* on 1 July 1942.

It is an outstanding resource that complements the Australian History curriculum for secondary students and can be taught in one or two lessons. All information

is available online through our Rabaul and Montevideo Maru website: <https://www.memorial.org.au/Education/index.htm>

Do you know of a school near you which might be interested? With Anzac Day approaching, schools are finding this story offers a new perspective for them. Let your local school know *your* history!! Encourage their library to purchase the book, *When the War Came: New Guinea Islands 1942*, as a school resource! It is available through the PNGAA: <https://pngaa.org/site/blog/2017/06/14/pngaarmvm-book-when-the-war-came-new-guinea-islands-1942-available-from-1-july-2017/>

Kylie Adams-Collier Wins Heritage Song Award

Another win for touring songwriter on Kross Kut Records, national radio host with Good Morning Country Network and OZCMR feature artist, Kylie





Adams-Collier, for the heritage song 'Montevideo Maru 1942', at the Brumbies Tamworth Country Music Festival. She was also a semi-finalist in the Tamworth Songwriters Salute Awards for Best Anzac Song—'Montevideo Maru 1942'.

What a fabulous ambassador Kylie is for this incredible Australian story and we congratulate her!

Kylie Adams-Collier won Best New Talent in the Stan Coster Memorial Australian Bush Ballad Awards with her song 'On a Sandstone Ridge' at the 2019 Tamworth Country Music Festival.

This prestigious award adds to Kylie's growing collection of awards for her Little Stone album on Kross Kut Records. Kylie recently supported the PNGAA and Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Group with a donation from the sales of the Little Stone CD which includes 'Montevideo Maru 1942'. If you wish to buy it, go to:

http://www.krosskutrecords.com.au/KKR209-Kylie-Adams-Collier-Little-Stone?fbclid=IwAR16uiQ4dTK0o2-aXyn4Z7c6Gj_xYYr_Lh8bB1y-A-At0tK5TSaM7RKAeVn

Memorial Sculptor Wins Prestigious Award

Congratulations to James Parrett for winning the distinguished 2018 Sculptures by the Sea prize in

Sydney in October 2018. James was the sculptor who created the Rabaul and Monte-video Maru Memorial, located at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Parrett's work, 'M-forty six' (pictured) won the Aqualand Award, worth \$70,000, over seventy-six other artworks.

This is the most generous award in the southern hemisphere for sculpture, as well as one of the most sought-after awards in the world.

'Sculpture by the Sea' at Bondi, began in 1997 as a one-day exhibition and was run by volunteers. It featured works by sixty-four artists, and was attended by 25,000 visitors. Since then, the event has grown to become the largest annual sculpture exhibition in the world, featuring numerous esteemed international artists. It is enjoyed by approximately 450,000 visitors over three weeks.

Parrett accepted his award with heartfelt gratitude. The artwork was described by him as 'an examination of circles and how they work together'.

It will be permanently installed in Headland Park, Mosman, near where Ten Terminal is located.

'Receiving an award like this is something that I have allowed myself to daydream about from time to time, but never expected to happen! After getting that call from David Handley and having a surreal and giddy sleepless night, I am just so excited and humbled to be the recipient of the Aqualand Sculpture Award. A big thank you to Aqualand for their generosity,' he said. 'I can't wait to see M-forty six at its new home in Headland Park, and hope the public will enjoy it as much as I enjoyed making it.'



His solo exhibitions include Line and ARC at Gould Gallery (Melbourne), and commissions include the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Memorial at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

War Diary 1942

Written by George Johnson, and published by Williams Collins Pty Ltd in 1984, this is the immediate observations and insights into the day-to-day conflicts and the disease, hunger and conditions faced by individual servicemen.

The existence of this diary only became general knowledge in 1979, when it turned up amongst a gathering of books and papers offered for sale in the United States.

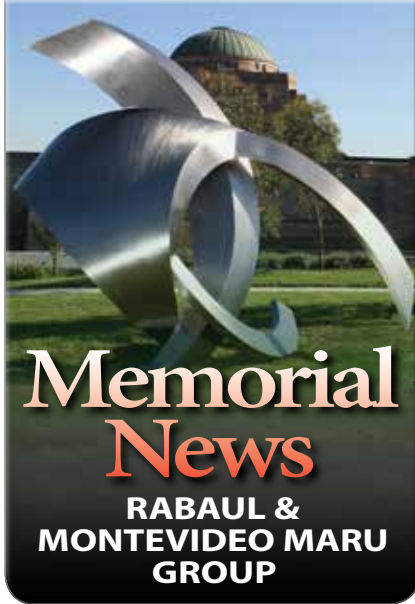
It has found its way back to Australia and joins a collection of Johnson's literary papers in the National Library in Canberra.

The following is an extract:

22 Thursday:

Invasion Force Nears Rabaul

Japanese attacks are increasing in severity. Bombs were dropped on Kieta [on Bougainville], in the Solomons, Tulagi and Bulolo. At Bulolo, Carpenter's Lockheed was on the drome. The junior pilot, Clive Bernard, ran along the tarmac through a hail of machine gun bullets, took the big plane off single-handed through falling bombs and escaped down the ▶



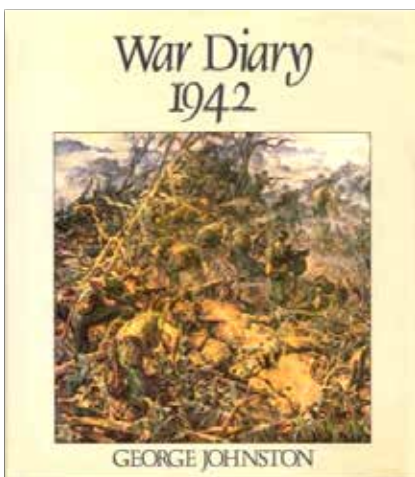
valley with Jap fighters pursuing him for nine miles.

At 9.00 am enemy planes hammered Rabaul. A second attack came an hour later when the Praed Point fort was dive bombed and machine gunned for fifty minutes. The Australians did not give up until every gun and every search light had been blown from the ground.

At 1.00 pm five Japanese transports, three heavy cruisers and three destroyers were sighted north of Wanton Island [ten miles north-west of Rabaul].

In Rabaul itself men of the 2/22 Battalion AIF and Militia and Permanent went to prepared defence positions, while engineer parties worked right through the 24 hours carrying out demolition work in the town and defence installations.

The Japanese ships dropped



anchor in the lee of Wanton Island, but the expected attack did not come. All RAAF machines not destroyed had left for Gasmata. At 4.00 pm Rabaul radio station went off the air.

JOHN REEVES

Evacuees' Appeal to Australian Governor-General

The evacuees treatment by Minister and Prime Minister was bitterly resented because, in their unanimous opinion, they were 'up against a stone wall'. Members of the Pacific Territories' Association (evacuees from New Guinea and Papua), at a largely-attended meeting in Sydney Australia, asked the Governor-General, the Duke of Gloucester for assistance in returning to their homes.

The executive reported that, during the preceding three months, although the ministers and high officials had been appealed to, no reassurance (or even information) could be obtained in regard to the time when they would be allowed to return to the Territories or the probable conditions of their return. Canberra displayed the utmost indifference concerning the plight of the hundreds of people whose homes and interests were in the Territories.

Speaker after speaker reminded the meeting of the events of the past three and a half years. They had assumed that, as the Territories people were the only Australian civilians to be directly affected by Japanese invasion, the Australian Government would have been anxious to assist in their rehabilitation. They imagined that, as soon as the Japs were driven out, civilians would have been encouraged and assisted to return to their homes.



The Duke of Gloucester (right) in Sydney, 1945

Instead, two years after the Japs had been cleared out of the Territories south of the Markham, the Territories still were in military occupation. Instead of the districts, as they were liberated, being restored to the care of civilian government and of civilians generally, all sorts of government instrumentalities had been introduced and had taken control.

Only a few civilians had been allowed to return—the remainder apparently were to be kept out indefinitely. No commercial concerns whatever had been admitted—Canberra's policy apparently was that private enterprise should either be reduced to the utmost or kept out altogether, whilst its place was taken by the government-owned Production Control Board—which controlled not only all production, but all trading, all labour and all transport.

It was pointed out that, for more than two years, Territorians had been appealing to the Minister for External Territories, Mr Ward; but that gentleman had refused to see them, had fobbed off their written communications with assurances that 'the matter will receive consideration'; and finally had ignored their letters altogether.

Then they had appealed to the

Prime Minister, Mr Curtin and, after his death, to Mr Chifley; but all they could get from those functionaries was that 'the matters were under consideration'. Appeals for interviews with the Prime Minister were ignored.

It was recalled that, over a year ago, a section of Territorians had moved for an appeal to Britain and the United States—an appeal that the control of those Territories be taken away from Australia, and placed in the hands of other authorities, with some sense of human rights and justice.

'We Europeans have all lost our homes and the results of a lifetime's work, hundreds of our civilians have been killed, hundreds more have given pretty distinguished service in the armed forces—and yet we are treated this way by Australia. I never believed such a thing was possible.'

Mrs Wilmott (New Guinea) reminded the meeting that on a famous occasion in New South Wales, when a democratically elected government ran amok, under Mr Lang, and seriously interfered with the fundamental rights of the people, the government was summarily dismissed by the State Governor, Sir Philip Game.

Other speakers pointed out that the European residents of the Territories, believing themselves treated with injustice, had tried the few legal and constitutional means available to them to get relief, and had been ignored by the Federal Government. The only course now left open to them was to appeal to the Crown.

The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution, instructing the executive to take all steps necessary to place before the Governor-General, in proper

form, a statement of the present unhappy condition of the Territories evacuees, and an appeal for assistance.

Excerpt from *Pacific Island Monthly*, October 1945

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-317552084/view?partId=nla.obj-317592054#page/n57/mode/1up>

Australia— Where are Kabakaul, Herbertschohe and Bitapaka?

ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney, has recently been refurbished, and one brief tribute to Papua New Guinea includes a very detailed 1905 German map of the northeastern part of New Guinea, with the following description:

German New Guinea consisted of the northeastern part of the island of New Guinea and several nearby island groups and was the first part of the German colonial empire. The mainland part of the territory, called Kaiser-Wilhelmsland, became a German

protectorate in 1884. Other island groups were added subsequently. *Sailors of the RAN saw their first action as part of the AN&MEF in German New Guinea. Landing on the shore of Kabakaul Bay near Herbertschohe on 11 September 1914, they advanced inland and captured the German wireless station at Bitapaka. During the fighting one German soldier and thirty pro-German Melanesians were killed, and the Australians suffered seven killed or died of wounds and five wounded.*

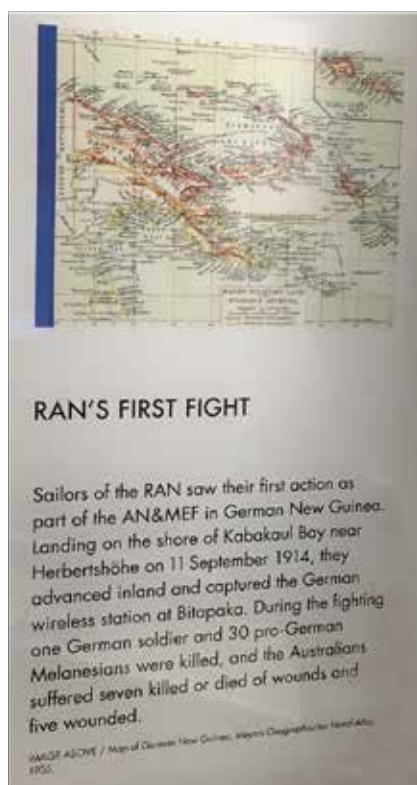
Now, I wonder how many Australians know of this first decisive battle as a nation? How many know it was German New Guinea before Australia sent the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (AN&MEF) to New Britain in 1914 and it became a League of Nations Mandated Territory of Australia? And how many could locate those place names?

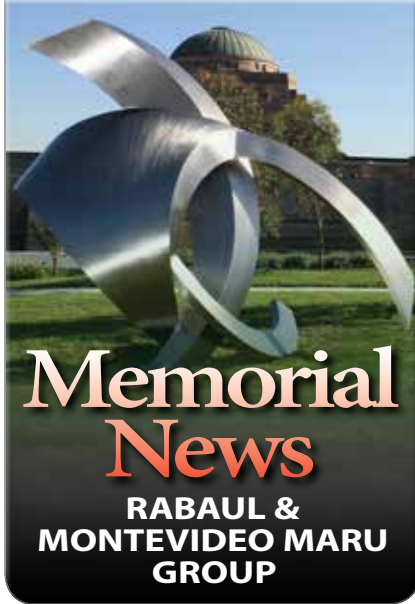
Surely this significant memorial, a place of commemoration and education, is the place to mention that this was Australia's first action as a combined marine landing of navy and army to directly protect Australia in WWI? And that this occurred on 11 September 1914, just a few weeks after WWI commenced? Australia's action at this crucial start of WWI was significant and yet barely known or explained!

There are no arrows indicating where Kabakaul, Herbertschohe or Bitapaka are and, for a bit of trivia, how many of you know the German names of PNG towns?

It continues to surprise how little education there is in Australia's history especially in relation to its nearest neighbour, Papua New Guinea—a country it took to a peaceful independence.

ANDREA WILLIAMS





PNG Documentary

Director of *Hostages to Fortune*, James Nightingale, says: 'I first learnt about this story as a child listening to my grandmother replaying her own memories out loud. Her family being forced from their home and witnessing the death of her father. A story, as a boy, I simply accepted as life.

'It wasn't until I decided as an adult to explore the reasons why, that I realised how little is known and even mentioned about this monumental conflict.

Hostages to Fortune is currently in development stages although some production has begun with a number of primary interviews already shot. Our next step is to



One of the people featured in the documentary is Norm Furness—at ninety-seven is one of two remaining survivors from the fateful 2/22nd Battalion know as Lark Force

tackle our principal photography in Papua New Guinea.

'If you or your business would like to be involved in the project and help tell this important and historic story, contact our team to discuss our sponsorship packages.

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Further information and contact details—James Nightingale: james@nightingalefilms.ca or <https://www.hostagestofortune.com/inside-the-project.html>; www.hostagestofortune.com

Queensland Premier's Anzac Prize

The Queensland Premier's Anzac Prize has included information about the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Education Package. It is included in the Anzac Prize website resources.

The Premier's Anzac Prize provides the opportunity for high school students to experience the Anzac tradition firsthand and how the Anzac legacy relates to modern Australian life.

All eligible Queensland high school students in Years 8–11 can apply for travel the following year. Each state school or accredited non-state school may nominate up to two students.

Each year the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee organises the Anzac Day service for Queensland primary and high school students. The event takes place a few days before Anzac Day and prize recipients from previous years are invited to participate in this event.

For more information on the QLD Premier's Anzac Prize: <https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/scholarships/premiers-anzac-prize/resources>

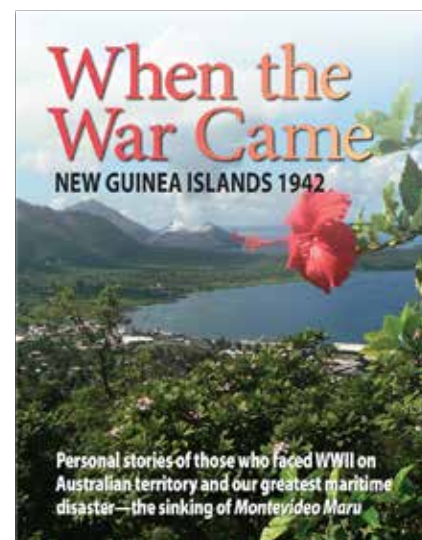
When the War Came: New Guinea Islands 1942

Published to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Fall of Rabaul and the sinking of *Montevideo Maru*, this book brings into focus the actions and characters of young men who left home to willingly serve their country, and then literally vanished off the face of the earth; of nurses and missionaries who volunteered to stay to help both the war effort and the local people; and of civilians—both men and women—caught at home on WWII's Pacific front line. Alongside are incredulous stories of escape and survival in an environment that threw every obstacle in their path.

Foreword by the Hon. Peter Garrett, AM and introductory piece by Max Uechtritz.

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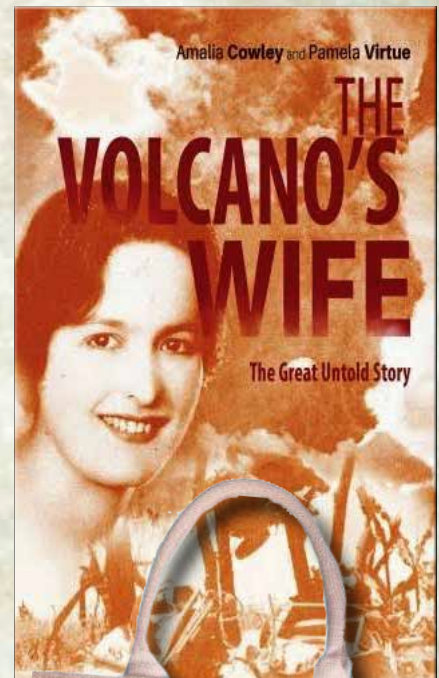
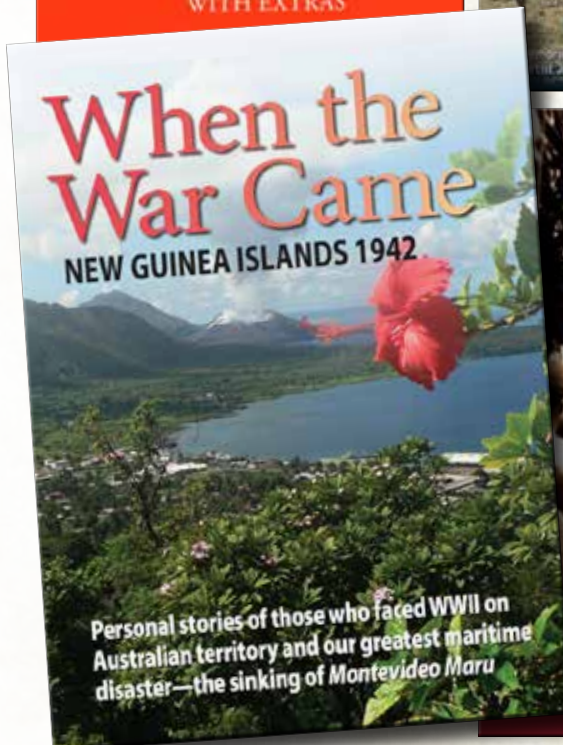
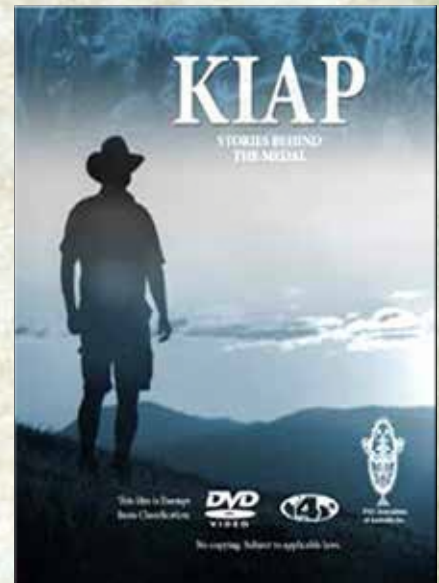
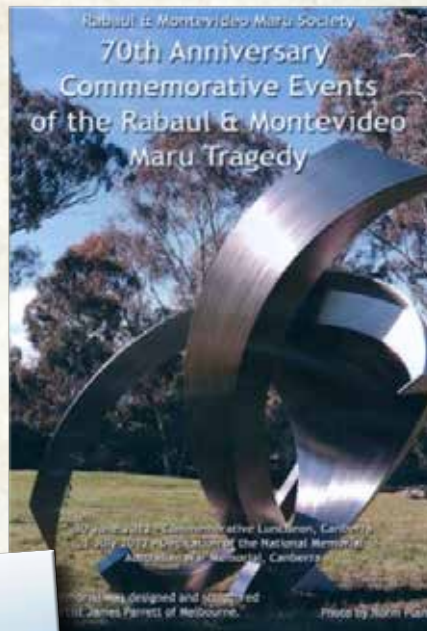
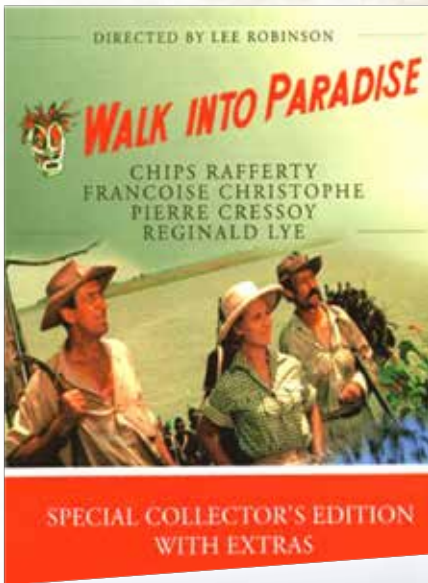
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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM: SPECIAL RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 28 APRIL 2019

COMPARISON BETWEEN CURRENT AND PROPOSED RULES

PNGAA’s current Rules assign to the Treasurer responsibility for a number of key functions of the Association that have for some time been undertaken by the Membership Officer, a role that did not exist at the time the Rules were drawn up. The Rule changes now proposed seek to establish formally the role of Membership Officer and reassign to that member of the Management Committee those functions that should rightfully be their responsibility.

The other changes proposed relate largely to making provision for the Association to use electronic communications and video technology and the like for ballots and meetings, in conformity with the model set under the relevant legislation.

Relevant part of CURRENT clause	PROPOSED amended or new clause (set out using strikethrough and italics)	EXPLANATORY COMMENT
<p>1. No provision</p> <p>“the Regulation” means the <i>Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010</i>, as amended.</p>	<p><i>“Membership Officer” means the member of the Committee appointed by the Committee under Clause 15(7) and designated as Membership Officer and includes any member of the Committee appointed by the Committee to act in the stead of the Membership Officer.</i></p> <p>“the Regulation” means the <i>Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016</i>, as amended.</p>	<p>The new definition is ancillary to establishing the Membership Officer in a role that the Rules currently split between the Treasurer and the Secretary. Membership functions are specialised and time-consuming. The Committee seeks to align the Rules with what has become an efficient system developed by Roy Ranney in his current but informal role as designated Membership Officer.</p> <p>Changes title of regulation to conform with most recent amendment.</p>
<p>5. Admission of Members</p> <p>(1) An application for membership of the Association shall:</p> <p>(a) be made by a prospective member of the Association in writing on a suitable application form; and</p> <p>(b) be lodged with the Secretary.</p> <p>(2) The Secretary shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of the application for membership and, after ensuring that all requirements have been met, shall forward the application to the Treasurer.</p>	<p>5. Admission of Members</p> <p>(1) An application for membership of the Association shall:</p> <p>(a) be made by a prospective member of the Association in writing (<i>including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines</i>) on a suitable application form; and</p> <p>(b) be lodged with the Secretary. (<i>including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines</i>) with the Membership Officer.</p> <p>(2) The Secretary <i>Membership Officer</i> shall acknowledge in writing (<i>including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines</i>) the receipt of the application for membership and, after ensuring that all requirements have been met, shall forward the</p>	<p>The changes establish the Membership Officer as the officer responsible for processing membership applications, matching current practice. The changes divest the Secretary and the Treasurer of some membership processing functions. The amendment also allows for use of email and electronic messaging where determined by the Committee to be appropriate.</p>

<p>(3) The Treasurer upon receipt of the application form together with the appropriate membership subscription shall enter the member's name and details in the register of members.</p>	<p>application to the treasurer <i>advise the applicant of the outcome of their application.</i></p> <p>(3) The Treasurer <i>Membership Officer</i> upon receipt of the application form together with the appropriate membership subscription shall enter the member's name and details in the register of members.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Cessation of Membership</u></p> <p>(3) If a member of the Association ceases to be a member under sub-clause 1(a)(b)(c) or (d) and sub-clause (2) of this Rule and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership the Treasurer shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which such member ceased to be a member.</p>	<p>6. <u>Cessation of Membership</u></p> <p>(3) If a member of the Association ceases to be a member under sub-clause 1(a)(b)(c) or (d) and sub-clause (2) of this Rule and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership the Treasurer <i>Membership Officer</i> shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which such member ceased to be a member.</p>	<p>The change made is incidental to separating the function of Membership Officer from the Treasurer.</p>
<p>8. <u>Register of Members</u></p> <p>(1) The Treasurer of the Association shall establish and maintain a register of members of the Association specifying the name and address of each member together with the date on which the member became a member.</p> <p>(2) The register of members shall be kept at the home of the Treasurer or some other place as determined by the Committee from time to time.</p>	<p>8. <u>Register of Members</u></p> <p>(1) The Treasurer of the Association <i>Membership Officer</i> shall establish and maintain a register of members of the Association (<i>whether in written or electronic form</i>) specifying the name and postal, residential or email address of each member together with the date on which the member became a member.</p> <p>(2) The register of members shall be kept at the home of the Treasurer <i>Membership Officer</i> or some other place as determined by the Committee from time to time.</p>	<p>The amendments implement the switch from Treasurer to Membership Officer of responsibility for maintaining the Membership register and allowing for it to be maintained on an electronic database.</p>
<p>15. <u>Constitution and Membership</u></p> <p>(7) No provision</p>	<p>15. <u>Constitution and Membership of Committee</u></p> <p>(7) <i>The Committee shall from time to time appoint one of its members as designated Membership Officer and may appoint another of its members to act in the stead of the Membership Officer as required to cover unavailability.</i></p>	<p>As the function and designation of Membership Officer will no longer be attached by Clause 18 of the Rules to the Treasurer, ex officio, it is necessary to provide for a mode of appointment and designation of the position. Vesting that duty in the Committee is intended to provide the most expedient and flexible means of filling the position effectively from time to time.</p>
<p>17. <u>Secretary</u></p> <p>(2) The Secretary shall keep minutes of:</p>	<p>17. <u>Secretary</u></p> <p>(2) The Secretary shall keep minutes (<i>whether in written or electronic form</i>) of:</p>	<p>These two amendments implement the enablement of records and minutes being kept in electronic form.</p>

<p>(a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the Committee;</p> <p>(b) the names of members of the Committee present at a Committee meeting or a general meeting; and</p> <p>(c) all proceedings at Committee meetings and general meetings.</p> <p>(3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.</p>	<p>(a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the Committee;</p> <p>(b) the names of members of the Committee present at a Committee meeting or a general meeting; and</p> <p>(c) all proceedings at Committee meetings and general meetings.</p> <p>(3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.</p> <p><i>(4) The signature of the chairperson may be transmitted by electronic means for the purposes of sub-clause (3).</i></p>	
<p><u>18. Treasurer</u></p> <p><u>(1) ...</u></p> <p>(2) Act as Membership Officer of the Association and maintain a register of members in accordance with Rule 8.</p>	<p><u>18. Treasurer</u></p> <p><u>(1) ...</u></p> <p>(2) Act as Membership Officer of the Association and maintain a register of members in accordance with Rule 8.</p>	<p>This amendment deletes sub-clause (2) and re-numbers sub-clause (1). The deletion implements the proposal to remove the automatic attachment of the designation and functions of Membership Officer to the Treasurer's elected office.</p>
<p>After existing Clause 34 (No Provisions)</p>	<p><i>35. POSTAL OR ELECTRONIC BALLOTS</i></p> <p><i>(1) The Association may hold a postal or electronic ballot (as the Committee determines) to determine any issue or proposal (other than an appeal under clause 13).</i></p> <p><i>(2) A postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Regulation.</i></p> <p><i>36. USE OF TECHNOLOGY AT GENERAL MEETINGS</i></p> <p><i>(1) A general meeting may be held at two or more venues using any technology approved by the Committee that gives each of the Association's members a reasonable opportunity to participate.</i></p> <p><i>(2) A member of the Association who participates in a general meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.</i></p>	<p>These two amendments are intended to upgrade the Association's capacity to use electronic communications and video technology and the like for ballots and meetings.</p> <p>The arrangement for postal or electronic ballots is in conformity with the model set under the relevant legislation.</p> <p>The proposed provision for use of technology to hold general meetings across two or more venues extends the existing provision in sub-clause 21(3) for Committee meetings to be held in that manner.</p>

<p>35. FUNDS - MANAGEMENT</p> <p>(1) The funds of the Association shall be derived from annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, such other sources as the Committee determines.</p> <p>(2) All money received by the Association shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Association's bank account.</p> <p>(3) The Association shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any cash, cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other negotiable instruments, raise an appropriate receipt.</p> <p>(4) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two members of the Committee or employees of the Association, being members or employees authorised to do so by the Committee.</p> <p>(5) The Association's bank account(s) may be operated upon online for the Association's purposes by the Public Officer, Secretary or Treasurer, or other person or employee authorised to do so by the Committee subject to the operation for any particular transaction or payment by the respective authorised officer or person having first been approved by any other two officers or members of the Committee authorised by it to give such approvals.</p>	<p>35 37. FUNDS - MANAGEMENT</p> <p>(1) The funds of the Association shall be derived from annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, such other sources as the Committee determines.</p> <p>(2) All money received by the Association shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Association's bank account.</p> <p>(3) The Association shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any cash, cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other negotiable instruments, raise an appropriate receipt.</p> <p>(4) (3) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two members of the Committee or employees of the Association, being members or employees authorised to do so by the Committee.</p> <p>(5) (4) The Association's bank account(s) may be operated upon online for the Association's purposes by the Public Officer, Secretary or Treasurer, or other person or employee authorised to do so by the committee subject to the operation for any particular transaction or payment by the respective authorised officer or person having first been approved by any other two officers or members of the Committee authorised by it to give such approvals.</p>	<p>The insertion of new clauses 35 and 36 makes consequential renumbering of all subsequent clauses necessary.</p> <p>In addition, the amendment to former clause 35 will delete the existing requirement in the Rules for a receipt to be issued for every payment received by the Association. For practical reasons that requirement has become unduly burdensome and costly. It has been overtaken by modes of payment by credit card and electronic funds transfer (EFT) that are self-receipting for the payer and would entail postage and other costs for the Association if applied to all transactions including membership subscriptions. The amendments made to the functions of the Membership Officer should adequately cover notifications, record keeping and accountability obligations that were the rationale for the sub-clause deleted.</p>
<p>37. AUDIT</p> <p>A person who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants shall audit the financial affairs of the Association.</p>	<p>37 39. AUDIT</p> <p>A person who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants <i>shall be appointed by the Committee</i> to audit the financial affairs of the Association.</p>	<p>The established practice has been for the AGM to make the appointment of Auditor from year to year. That process can involve delay and difficulty in completing audits after the expiry of the Association's calendar/financial year and prior to the AGM. Entrusting the appointment to the Committee is expedient; in practice it is a change of formal process not of substance.</p>



PAPUA NEW GUINEA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, INC.

(Incorporated in New South Wales: ABN 35 027 362 171)

PROXY FORM

Special Resolution at Annual General Meeting

Sunday 28 April 2019

I, (Please print full name) **Membership No:**
 (if known)
 of (address)
 being a financial member of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia Inc. hereby appoint
 (full name)
 of (address)
 being a financial member of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia, Inc. or failing him/her, the
 Chairperson of the Meeting as my Proxy, to vote in accordance with the following directions (or if no
 directions have been given, as the Proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be
 held on the 28th day of April 2019 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Please read the explanatory notes issued with the March 2019 issue of *Una Voce*

It is essential that you sign and date this Proxy Form – at the end of the document

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, SECTION A and SECTION B: **FOR** **AGAINST**

SECTION A

- That **Clause 1** of the Rules of the PNGAA be amended by:
 - inserting after the definition of “**member**”, the following:
*““**Membership Officer**” means the member of the Committee appointed by the Committee under Clause 15(7) and designated as Membership Officer and includes any member of the Committee appointed by the Committee to act in the stead of the Membership Officer.”*; and
 - in the definition of “**the Regulation**” **delete** “2010” and insert in its stead “2016”.
- That **Clause 5: ADMISSION OF MEMBERS** be amended by:

in sub-clause 5(1)(a) inserting after the words “in writing” the following: *“(including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines)”*; and

deleting sub-clause 5(1)(b) and inserting in its stead the following: *“(1)(b) be lodged (including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines) with the Membership Officer”*.

Deleting sub-clause 5(2) and inserting in its stead the following: *“The Membership Officer shall acknowledge in writing (including by email or other electronic means if the Committee so determines) the receipt of the application for membership and, after ensuring that all requirements have been met, shall advise the applicant of the outcome of their application.”*; and

in sub-clause 5(3), deleting the words “The Treasurer” and inserting in their stead “The Membership Officer”.
- That **Clause 6: CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP** be amended by:

in sub-clause (6)(3) deleting the words “the Treasurer shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members” and inserting in their stead: *“the Membership Officer shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members”*.

4. That **Clause 8: REGISTER OF MEMBERS** be amended by:
 - deleting sub-clause 8(1)** and inserting in its stead: *“(1) The Membership Officer shall establish and maintain a register of members of the Association (whether in written or electronic form) specifying the name and postal, residential or email address of each member together with the date on which the member became a member.”*; and
 - in sub-clause 8(2)**, deleting the words “the Treasurer” and substituting in their stead *“the Membership Officer”*.
5. That **Clause 15: CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP** of Committee be amended by:
 - inserting a new sub-clause (7)** as follows: *“(7) The Committee shall from time to time appoint one of its members as designated Membership Officer, and may appoint another of its members to act in the stead of the Membership Officer as required to cover unavailability.”*
6. That **Clause 17: SECRETARY** be amended by:
 - inserting in sub-clause (2)** after the words “The Secretary shall keep minutes” the words: *“(whether in written or electronic form)”*; and
 - inserting a new sub-clause (4)** as follows: *“The signature of the chairperson may be transmitted by electronic means for the purposes of sub-clause(3)”*.
7. That **Clause 18: TREASURER** be amended by:
 - deleting sub-clause 2 and re-numbering sub-clause (1).**
8. That **PART IV: GENERAL MEETINGS** be amended by **inserting new clauses 35 and 36** as follows:
 - “35. POSTAL OR ELECTRONIC BALLOTS**
 - (1) The Association may hold a postal or electronic ballot (as the Committee determines) to determine any issue or proposal (other than an appeal under clause 13).*
 - (2) A postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Regulation.*
 - 36. USE OF TECHNOLOGY AT GENERAL MEETINGS**
 - (1) A general meeting may be held at two or more venues using any technology approved by the Committee that gives each of the Association’s members a reasonable opportunity to participate.*
 - (2) A member of the Association who participates in a general meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.”*
9. That **PART V: MISCELLANEOUS** be amended by:
 - (i) **re-numbering existing clauses 35 to 45 as clauses 37 to 47**; and
 - (ii) **deleting sub-clause (3)** from re-numbered Clause 37: FUNDS MANAGEMENT; and
 - (iii) **re-numbering sub-clauses (4) and (5) as (3) and (4) respectively**; and
 - (iv) **in re-numbered Clause 39: AUDIT**, after the words “A person who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants” delete the words “shall audit the financial affairs of the Association” and insert in their stead *“shall be appointed by the Committee to audit the financial affairs of the Association.”*

SECTION B

That upon carriage by Special Resolution of the alteration to Rules set out in Section A of this Special Resolution, the Public Officer of the Association shall cause the alteration to be engrossed and consolidated with the Rules as in force after the adoption by the Special Resolution of 28 April 2019 and submit the consolidated copy of the Association's Rules as now amended for registration by the Director General under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*.

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Signature of Member

...../...../2019
Date

- If you are mailing your proxy, please ensure that it is received by the Returning Officer, PNGAA, PO Box 453, ROSEVILLE, NSW, 2069 by Friday, 26 April 2019.
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