



Una Voce News Letter

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Dear Member -

For once I'm not complaining! Here in Sydney as I write we are having perfect Indian Summer weather, cool nights and sunny days. I can only hope that, wherever you are, you are enjoying similar weather.

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C.P.I. Adjustment: The Consumer Price Index rose some 9.2% for the four quarters ending 31 March. The increase in our superannuation which will take effect on the first payday in July should be about that figure.

For those interested in the C.P.I. - just what it is, how it is measured and where, I suggest you call into, phone or write the Bureau of Statistics. There is an office in every capital city, the people are very helpful and there are pamphlets and figures about the C.P.I. readily available.

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YOUR COMMITTEE is looking at various matters apart from particular ones raised by individual Members. These include monitoring any developments arising from the Government's intention to discontinue the C.P.I. rise in wages by 2% - i.e. from 9.2% to 7.2%. There is some talk - and that's all it is at the moment - that pensions may be discounted as well as wages.

Also:

- looking at the possible benefits of affiliating with the Retired Persons Federation of Australia, which is a national coordinating body for some 23 organisations of pensioners, superannuants and retired persons;
- exploring what can be done to overcome "fiscal creep" - the erosion of the purchasing power of our superannuation. One possibility may be indexation of the income tax barriers - this would at least help Members who find that the C.P.I. rise puts them into a higher tax bracket.

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REVIEW OF SUPERANNUATION DECISIONS

The Commissioner for Superannuation has supplied the following for the information of members:-

The initial or original decision affecting a person's superannuation rights is usually made by the Commissioner for Superannuation. A person affected by the original decision who is dissatisfied with the decision has a right under Section 54 of the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act 1973 or Regulation 8B of the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) (Superannuation) Regulations, depending whether the decision was made pursuant to the Act or the Regulations, to request that the decision be considered by the Commissioner. It is the practice of the Commissioner's Office to inform a person of this right if the decision is considered unfavourable to the person.

A request for reconsideration must be in writing and include the reasons for making the request. The legislation requires the request to be made within thirty days of the date of receipt of advice of the decision unless the Commissioner allows an extension of time.

The reconsideration process involves a comprehensive investigation of all aspects of the case by officers not associated with the original decision. On completion of this investigation the Commissioner reconsiders the original decision and may confirm or revoke the decision or may vary it as he thinks fit.

When informing a person of the result of his reconsideration the Commissioner also provides his reasons. If the result is unfavourable to the person information is provided about the right to seek a review by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Only original decisions that have been reconsidered by the Commissioner can be reviewed by the Tribunal.

The following table sets out the steps listed in the foregoing paragraphs:

- . Decision of the Commissioner for Superannuation
- . Advice to the Person of the Commissioner's Decision
- . Person may within 30 days of receipt of advice or within such further period as the Commissioner allows, request reconsideration by the Commissioner for Superannuation
- . Request for Reconsideration made
- . Comprehensive investigation by officers in the Australian Government Retirement Benefits Office not associated with the original decision
- . Reconsideration of decision by the Commissioner who may confirm revoke or vary the original decision
- . Advice to the person of Commissioner's decision together with reasons
- . Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- . Federal Court
- . High Court.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.A.P.N.G.

HELD AT THE MANDARIN CLUB, SYDNEY ON 20 APRIL, 1986

The Meeting opened at 10.55 a.m. with 46 Members present.

All apologies received are noted in the Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting which immediately followed this Meeting.

The President, Mr Marsh, asked how the Meeting wished to discuss the proposed amendments to the Constitution as printed in the Notice of Special General Meeting. Mr Rudge suggested that the first three points could be dealt with together and the fourth separately. There was general agreement to this.

The President explained that points (a) and (b) were designed to give Associate Members a stronger voice in the Association whilst still safeguarding the rights of Members. Point (c) was designed to overcome any doubts as to the Association's right to elect Patrons.

Mr Les Williams then formally moved that Clauses 6 and 10 of the Constitution of the Association be amended as follows: (seconded by Mr Rudge)

(a) Amend Clause 6 (j) by deleting '25%' and substituting '30%'.

(b) Amend Clause 10(b) by deleting 'but may submit resolutions' and substituting 'on any matter affecting superannuation or superannuants but otherwise shall be eligible to vote and submit resolutions'.

(c) Insert a new Clause 10A as follows:

10A. The Association may, at an Annual or Special General Meeting, appoint one or more Patrons'.

Mr Clifton-Bassett asked whether the aim of point (a) was to raise the percentage of Associate Members on the Committee or the percentage in the Association as a whole. Mr Parrish explained that the amendment referred to the Committee. The present limit of 25 per cent had been exceeded all last year by two or three percent. The amendment would legalise this situation and give Associates a better representation.

There being no further discussion the motion was carried.

The President then turned to point (d), explaining that in view of the expanding amount of work of sub-committees, it was desirable to formalise their authority.

Mr Burfoot moved, seconded by Mr Kaad, that Clause 6 of the Constitution of the Association should be amended by adding "(k) The Committee shall have power to delegate (subject to such conditions as it thinks fit) any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such members of the Committee and other members of the Association co-opted for that purpose as it may determine and to make such regulations as to the proceedings of such sub-committees as may be considered desirable".

Mr Kimmorley said that all organisations working through subordinate groups needed some such clause. He felt that the wording was suitable but asked whether it varied from that normally used. Mr Parrish replied that it followed general usage and had been drafted by Mr Clay.

There being no further discussion the motion was then carried.

The Meeting closed at 11.05 a.m.

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NOTE: The amended Constitution is printed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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OPEN INVITATION:

For anyone interested, particularly from out of town, several Members meet informally for lunch on most Thursdays at noon at the North Sydney Anzac Memorial Club, corner of Miller and Ernest Streets, North Sydney. Buses from Wynyard Park, York Street in the City go right past the Club. Just ask at the Miller St. entrance for the New Guinea group.

Over the last fortnight Pat Mollison and Harry Jackman have dropped in -- why don't you come and join us sometime? A warm welcome also to wives or friends.

Just in case we are attending a wake somewhere else you could ring Les Clout on 419-8357 or Harry West on 498-2271

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BUNDABERG PNG CLUB

A community of Territorians is centred around Bundaberg. They get together to quench their thirst, appease their hunger and pound each other's ears about every 10-12 weeks. Visitors would be most welcome. For details of such meetings or of individuals living nearby, contact Col Gould at 40 McCracken St, Bundaberg or phone (071)72-3688 business or (071)72-0214 home.

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HOW'S YOUR HEART?

"Guide to Healthy Eating, Vol.II" has just been published by the National Heart Foundation. Containing over 200 mouth-watering recipes, it shows how to revise old favourite recipes so that they are far healthier, gives hints on basic nutrition, how to shop for the best food and how to prepare and cook food high in enjoyment but low on fat. The pictures are so good you feel like eating them! Copies available at any branch of the Foundation at \$7.95 plus \$1.50 postage. Don't say I didn't tell you!

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MINUTES OF THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE MANDARIN CLUB, SYDNEY, ON 20 APRIL, 1986

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Meeting opened at 11.07 a.m. with 63 members present.

Apologies received from:

Alan Pollard	E.M. Williams	Harry West	Nancy Johnston
Peter van Hoeckel	Peter Clay	Eileen McAdam	Bill Johnston
Bob Cole	Lorna Wintle	Barbara Elliott-Smith	John Ryan
J.C. Reilly	Bill Tebb	Mary Grahamslaw	Mike Neal
Roma Bates	Lois Tebb	Lillian Whitchurch	Jean Jackson
C.E. Beresford	Joan Hay	J.J. Janousek	Don McIntosh
J.C. Williams	Ted Hicks	Mary Troyanousky	Sandy Sinclair
			John Lewis

The Minutes of the 34th AGM which had been published in "Una Voce" were confirmed on the motion proposed by Mr Seale, seconded by Mr Clout.

The President welcomed all present, including wives and friends. A special welcome was given to country and interstate visitors and our guests from the PNG Consulate and the PNG Club. After informing late-comers that the Special General Meeting had endorsed the proposed changes to the Constitution, as set out in the Notice of that Meeting, the President went on to present his report for the year. In summary, he said that to meet the changing and increasing needs of Members and make the work of the executive officers - particularly the Treasurer - less onerous, five sub-committees had been formed and the chairperson of each would shortly say a few words. However, he would strongly commend the Keep in Touch (KIT) Sub-Committee which has received a very favourable response from the members it has contacted. It would be a wonderful thing if similar groups, formal or informal, could be set up wherever there are few ex-Territorians.

We hope to develop further our friendship with the PNG Club and perhaps arrange an extra lunch, harbour cruise or some other social activity. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

We are also strengthening our ties with the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association (SCOA) whose executive is always ready with information and advice. In the possibly difficult times ahead we may need all the friends we can get.

The 9.2% rise in superannuation payments in July will be most welcome and we are grateful that we are not on fixed incomes. However those in the higher tax bracket will have realised that the nett value of the rise is a long way from covering the true cost of living increase.

The President went on to thank the members of the Executive Committee and the Sub-Committees for the excellent job they have done, as he believed that with their help the Association was developing in a way which will make it more meaningful to us all.

In closing, the President said "I would again thank you all for coming here today. We are a group with memories of work and play shared in Papua New Guinea, memories which far exceed the usual experiences of those who have worked only in Australia. I believe these are something we should cherish."

The President then asked the chairpersons of each Sub-Committee to briefly say something of its activities.

Mr Speer spoke of the work of the Keep in Touch committee contacting Members or their spouses in hospital, by home visits or merely by telephoning. The KIT committee did not want to intrude on anyone's privacy, but rather to offer friendship, advice or other help. For instance, some Christmas cards were sent out to older Members and widows and the response had proved them well worthwhile. The many visits made and the variety of assistance provided had proved the need for such a service.

Mr Parrish said that the Legal and Administrative Sub-Committee had been formed to follow up any queries of this nature raised by Members or the Committee. These had included complaints of delays in receiving cheques and requests for advice on how to proceed with requests and appeals.

Mr Burfoot said that the Social and Membership Sub-Committees had only recently been formed, with the aims of strengthening our membership, including Associates, and arranging the social side of the AGM and Christmas luncheons. It would also try to ascertain the feelings of members about the nature and number of extra functions, if any.

Mr Kaad said that the Editorial Sub-Committee had been formed to try to get more news material, to proof-read and generally help to print, wrap and mail the Newsletter. He thanked Mrs Foley for her help in preparing 'Una Voce' and Mr and Mrs Clout for getting it printed and posted. He then repeated his request to Members for more news items.

Mr Nitsche proposed that the President's Report be received. This was seconded by Mr Clout, and carried.

The Treasurer (Mr Keleny) presented a summary of the detailed Financial Report which had been circulated to Members via the March Newsletter. He quoted membership statistics for the benefit of the Meeting, and acknowledged several donations.

It was proposed by Mr Keleny and seconded by Mr Les Williams that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and carried.

In speaking to the motion, Mr Seale complimented Mr Keleny on the detailed and precise manner in which he performed the function of Treasurer and presented his Report, a view which was endorsed by all present.

The Election of Office-Bearers followed, and scrutineers were appointed.

Mr Marsh advised that he would not be available for nomination, and as there had been no other nominations for President of the Association, Mr Doug Parrish was duly elected.

Before proceeding with further elections Mr Parrish moved a vote of thanks for Mr Marsh, noting that he had been a dedicated President, responsible for a number of new initiatives. This was carried with applause.

The following Executive Committee were elected:

Vice President	Mr Fred Kaad
Secretary	Mr Harry West
Treasurer	Mr Gabriel Keleny
Auditor	Mr Tom Aitcheson
Assistant Secretary	Mrs Pamela Foley
Editor Newsletter	Mr Fred Kaad.

REPRINTED CONSEQUENT UPON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1986

THE RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

C O N S T I T U T I O N

NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be:

"Retired Officers' Association of Papua New Guinea".

The motto shall be "U N A V O C E "

INTERPRETATION

1A. In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

"Association" means Retired Officers' Association of Papua New Guinea;

"Associate Member" means a person described in Clause 4(a)(2) who has been admitted to membership of the Association;

"Committee" means the Executive Committee referred to in Clause 6(b);

"Former Services" means the previous public services in Papua New Guinea established by or under:

- (i) the Papua Act 1905 and the Public Service Ordinance 1907 (Papua),
- (ii) The New Guinea Act 1920 and the Public Service Ordinance 1922 (New Guinea),
- (iii) the Papua New Guinea Provisional Administration Act 1945, and the Public Service Ordinance 1949, and
- (iv) the Papua New Guinea Act 1949 and the Public Service (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance 1963;

"Member" means a person described in Clause 4(a)(1) who has been admitted to membership of the Association;

"Office Bearers" means the members of the Committee referred to in Clause 6(c);

"Officer" means an officer of one of the former services;

"Retired Officer" means a former officer who has retired from one of the former services and is entitled to a pension consequent upon such retirement;

"Statutory authority" means a body (other than a public company) established by or under a law of Papua New Guinea (including the Police Force).

References herein to Acts are to Acts of the Commonwealth of Australia as amended from time to time.

HEADQUARTERS 2. The Association's headquarters shall be in Sydney, or as the Annual General Meeting decides.

OBJECTS 3. The objects of the Association shall be:

- (a) to safeguard and foster the retirement conditions of all members, including conditions applicable to widows and dependants;
- (b) to promote friendly association among all former officers;
- (c) to act on behalf of members, their widows and dependants, either collectively or individually, in negotiations with the Commissioner for Superannuation and such other Commonwealth, State or other authorities and organisations whatsoever, in any or all matters affecting the interests of the said members, their widows and dependants;
- (d) to co-operate on all matters of mutual interest with associations representing other pensioners or superannuants (e.g. superannuants of the Commonwealth Public Service) having similar objectives;
- (e) to assist members to establish themselves in Australia and to advise them in social, legal, medical or other problem they may have.

MEMBERSHIP 4. (a) Membership of the Association shall consist of the following categories:

- (1) Member - a retired officer or widow or dependant of a deceased officer entitled to pension as a result of the officer's service in one of the former services;
- (2) Associate Member - a former officer (other than a retired officer) of one of the former services, of one of the statutory authorities or of the Australian Staffing Assistance Group constituted by the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act 1973, who terminated his

services by processes not conferring pension rights, or a former resident of Papua New Guinea expressing an interest in the objects of the Association.

- (b) A person eligible for membership, under Clause 4(a), shall lodge an application with the Honorary Secretary on the form prescribed, enclosing the necessary fees. Membership shall not become effective until confirmed by Committee.
- (c) A Member or an Associate Member may at any time resign his membership upon notification in writing to the Honorary Secretary. No membership fees are refundable upon resignation. Any such Member or Associate Member resigning shall nevertheless remain liable for and shall pay to the Association all monies which were due to the Association at the time of his resignation. Membership may be revived at any time upon application by the person concerned and upon payment of all arrears of subscriptions existing at the time of resignation.
- (d) Membership shall cease or lapse upon written resignation served on the Honorary Secretary or automatically on non-payment of any subscription which is more than twelve months in arrears.
- (e) Expulsion from membership may be effected upon a three-quarters majority of the votes of members present in person or represented by written proxy for that purpose, only at a General Meeting, provided that the notice convening such Meeting includes a statement of intention to submit a resolution for such an expulsion. Such a notice shall not be given unless the President is satisfied that the conduct of the Member or Associate Member in question falls within the category of criminal conviction and or gross misbehaviour of a public nature likely to bring the name of the Association into contempt, and then only on written requisition of not less than five members.
- (f) The Secretary shall maintain a register containing the names, addresses and other details of Members and Associate Members as determined by the Committee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 5. (a) Subscriptions shall be due on the first of January each calendar year.

- (b) The annual subscription payable by each category of membership shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting on recommendation of the Executive Committee. If no

motion is passed at an Annual General Meeting setting dues, then they shall remain at the same rate or rates as during the preceding year.

- (c) A Member or Associate Member may commute his annual dues by becoming a Life Member of the Association by the payment of ten years' subscription in advance. Past membership subscriptions shall not count or be taken into consideration for the purpose of obtaining Life Membership.
- (d) Persons joining the Association before the 30th June shall pay the full subscription, while those joining after that date shall pay half the annual subscription.
- (e) Payment of a subscription may be remitted at the discretion of the Committee.

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
AND OFFICE
BEARERS

- 6.(a) The management and control of the Association's activities and its funds and property shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall exercise in relation thereto all the powers, rights and objects of the Association.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Deputy President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Editor of the Newsletter and five Committeemen. All members of the Committee shall be elected each year by a majority of the members present in person, or represented by written proxy, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (c) The Office Bearers shall be the President, Deputy President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
- (d) Five Committee members, of whom one must be either the President or Deputy President, shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Committee and the presiding officer shall have a deliberative and casting vote.
- (e) The Committee shall deal only with such matters as are included in the Agenda of the meeting, of which each Committee member received advance notice.
- (f) The Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary at the request of the President, or in his absence the Deputy President, or at the request of a majority of the Committee Members.

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- (g) The Committee shall have authority to fill any vacancy that may occur on the Executive Committee between Annual General Meetings.
- (h) The Committee shall have authority to appoint delegates of the Association in States other than New South Wales.
- (i) The Committee may co-opt additional members to join the Committee, until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (j) Associate Members may be elected to the Committee but must not in numbers exceed 30% of the total strength of the Committee.
- (k) The Committee shall have power to delegate (subject to such conditions as it thinks fit) any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such members of the Committee and other members of the Association co-opted for that purpose as it may determine and to make such regulations as to the proceedings of such sub-committees as may be considered desirable.

FINANCES

- 7. (a) The Honorary Treasurer shall receive and handle all income of the Association and make all payments. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep such records (including cash book, receipts and payments, and membership lists showing details of financial status of members) as may be deemed necessary for the orderly management and recording of the Association's finances.
- (b) The Honorary Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Financial Statement and Accounts, which shall truly reflect the financial position of the Association. The Association's audited Annual Accounts and Financial Statement shall be submitted for confirmation to the Annual General Meeting of each year.
- (c) The Association's accounts shall be audited at least once a year by an Auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting, or in the event of a vacancy occurring, by an Auditor appointed by the Committee. The person so appointed shall not hold any other office in the Association, but may be a member of the Association.
- (d) All offices shall be honorary, and the funds of the Association shall be used only to defray the legitimate expenses of operating the Association.

- (e) The funds of the Association shall be deposited with a recognised bank, building society or other financial institution, as determined by the Committee. All monies received shall be banked. The Office Bearers shall be signatories for withdrawals and cheques. Any two of the Office Bearers shall sign all cheques and withdrawals.

ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING

8. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the thirtieth day of April in each year. A notice convening such Meeting shall be posted to the registered addresses of each member and associate member at least fourteen days previous to the date set down for such a Meeting. Twenty members or associate members, of whom one must be the President or the Deputy President personally present, shall form a quorum at an Annual General Meeting.

SPECIAL
GENERAL
MEETINGS

9. (a) A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary on the authority of the President or Deputy President or on the requisition of not less than ten financial members or associate members of the association. Notice convening such a Meeting shall state the business to be dealt with, and shall be posted to the registered address of each member and associate member at least fourteen days previous to the date set down for such Meeting. Twenty members or associate members, of whom one must be either the President or Deputy President, personally present, shall form a quorum at General Meetings.
- (b) No other business, except that listed in the notice convening that Meeting may be determined at a General Meeting.

VOTING

10. (a) Only financial members (as described in Clause 4(a)(1)) shall be qualified to exercise a vote at any meeting of the Association.
- (b) An Associate Member shall not be eligible to vote at Annual or Special General Meetings on any matter affecting superannuation or superannuants but otherwise shall be eligible to vote and submit resolutions.
- (c) Voting at all meetings of members shall be by members present in person or represented by written proxy. Unless otherwise set out herein, all resolutions shall be declared carried if approved by a simple majority.

- (d) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is called for.
- (e) In the event of equality of votes a resolution shall be declared lost.
- (f) A member may appoint a proxy for any meeting. The Chairman of the Meeting or any other member may be appointed as proxy. Such appointment of a proxy must be signed by the member making the appointment and his signature must be witnessed. A proxy shall be valid only for the Meeting specified in the appointment.

PATRONS 10A. (a) The Association may, at an Annual or Special General Meeting, appoint one or more patrons.

AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF CONSTITUTION 11. (a) This constitution may be amended or repealed only by a three-fourths majority of votes of members present in person or represented by proxy at an Annual or Special General Meeting of members and only after due notice of such intention has been given to members, as set out in Clauses 8 and 9 above.

DISSOLUTION.12. (a) The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this Constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Association provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association or to any member of the Association or its members, nor prevent the payment of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Association.

(b) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other association, institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least

as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue of this Constitution. Such association, institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution.

Constitution Approved at Inaugural Meeting, held on 19th March, 1951.

Amended: on 31st January 1952.

Amended: on 21st January, 1960.

Amended: on 4th February, 1972.

Amended: on 20th January, 1980.

Amended: on 18th April, 1982.

Revised and Amended: on 20th April, 1986.

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, (full name - please print)

of (full address & post code)

.....

hereby apply to join the above Association as a MEMBER / ASSOCIATE MEMBER(*)
(delete one)

I support and subscribe to the objects of the Association, the promotion and protection of superannuation rights, the fostering of friendship and good fellowship among all former Papua New Guinea residents.

ENCLOSED MY CHEQUE / CASH \$5 (Member) - \$3 (Associate Member) (Delete one.)
Superannuant (*) Non-superannuant (*)

DETAILS PNG SERVICE (Signature)

Year of arrival

Year of departure

Last position held.....

Localities

Date of Birth (Optional)

RETURN TO HONORARY TREASURER - P.O.BOX 199, MOSMAN NSW 2088

As from January 1987 the subscription for both will be \$5.

7.

The following Committee Members were elected:

Mr Geoff Burfoot
Mr Bob Pulsford
Dr Stan Wigley

Mrs Christina Downie
Mrs Christine Grant

The following Members agreed to be co-opted when required:

Mr Joe Nitsche
Mr Les Clout
Mr Gus Smales
Mr Jim Rudge
Mr Bert Speer

Mrs Candy Parrish
Mr David Marsh
Mrs Marcia Lightfoot
Mrs Roma Bates
Mr Bill Johnston

While the election votes were being tabulated and checked by the scrutineers the President introduced Agenda Item 8 to the Meeting, namely :

"Annual Subscriptions to be \$5.00, Members and Associates, from 1 January, 1987".

Mr Keleny spoke on this matter and explained the financial reasons for proposing the increase in fees.

Previously Associate Members did not have voting rights, but as this amendment to the Constitution had been approved by the Special General Meeting, Associate Members now had voting rights, thus their membership fees would be in line with other Members.

This was put to the vote by the Meeting, and carried.

Mr Kaad proposed that the appointment of Sir Horace Niall and Mr Bill Seale as Patrons of the Association be officially confirmed, and this was carried.

Sir Horace Niall responded on behalf of Mr Seale and himself, saying that they had always had great interest in the Association, thanked past Executives for benefits gained and congratulated the incoming Committee.

The President closed the Meeting at 12.17 p.m. again asking Members to support the KIT sub-committee, and asked for suggestions for any ways in which the Association could give better service to its members.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY : EVERY END IS A NEW BEGINNING.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....

8.

Max Allwood (D.D.A.) has just had a heart by-pass operation and is recovering very well. Wife Dorrie complains that he's too well and won't do anything he's told - especially rest. Must be all the hard work at City Hall, Max!

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I understand another to have successful heart surgery was Orme Mathieson (D.D.A.), now of Port Macquarie. Also in the vicinity is Johnny Williams, who has been a regular visitor to the local hospital. Hope the nurses give you lots of TLC, Johnny!

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Pat and Geoff Littler (D.D.A.) are among the avocado aficionados (how's that for alliteration?). In their spare time they have been gliding -- yes you heard right! Pat is also a windsurfing fan, but she says Geoff's getting too old for that kind of sport!

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Laurie Doolan (D.D.A.) has been seen getting about on crutches after ruining a ligament or tendon in his ankle whilst celebrating his youngest daughter's 21st birthday. "Doolan's done it again" was the cry. Would you like to borrow a wheelchair, Laurie? (Ed.)

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Many Members are finding their houses too big or the garden too much for them and have moved into units, or, looking ahead further, into units within a retirement village. Hear tell that Tom and Freda Ellis have done just that, and moved to Buderim.

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Dr Bill Gammage who was a lecturer in history at UPNG is now at an Adelaide university. Bill was the author of "The Broken Years" a book on which the movie "Gallipoli" was largely based, and on which he acted as advisor. Bill is a keen stamp collector and would like everyone to know he's in the market for pre-war New Guinea and Papua stamps, envelopes and cards. He can be contacted at: C/- Department of History, University of Adelaide, Adelaide City, S.A. 5000.

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Bill Kelly (Lands Titles) and Harry West (DDA and our Secretary) have just returned from a month in the NG highlands. It's a pity that the Hagens let these "intrepid adventurers" escape alive, but they have promised a par and a story about a monument for the next Newsletter.

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The peripatetic Roma Bates is off overseas again until October. She says the hijackers are more frightened of her than vice versa. Roma was recently in Adelaide where she saw Lorna Hosking, Ina Meares, John and Jean Millar, Nancy Edwards (widow of Murray and who now has 14 grandchildren), and a wireless operator who was on the Montoro before joining AWA in Rabaul - possibly named Taylor but Lorna Hosking would know.

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ALSO HAVE YOU HEARD:

Two well known identities celebrated their 70th birthdays in March -

LES JOHNSON (former Administrator) at his home in Canberra, and

LES WILLIAMS (former Dept. District Administration) in Sydney.

(I must remember to write and ask them what it feels like to be really old.Ed)

GEOFF MASTERS recently ventured from Bribie Island, but north instead of west and sent back news of Territorians he visited. Some of them were:-

In Gympie - The Garry Parkers ex Alotau - The Mayohs ex Popondetta.

In Bagara - Molly Driver (widow of Bill ex Dept.District Administration) who is about to retire after some 40 years teaching and is still operating Bill's Stamp Business.

- The John Ryans (ex Health in Kavieng and Morobe).

In Sarina near Mackay - Lindsay Litchfield Inspector of Police Morobe.

In Townsville - Mal and Liz Gray, Surveyor in Alotau and the Highlands;

- John and Mary Ellis P.W.D.Painter also in Alotau ; both are still following their old vocations .

In Bowen - Roy Eisemann pre-war and post-war manager of Steamships Hardware Moresby , and wife Mary of Production Control Board. They left in the 50's to settle in Bowen where Roy is with railways and Mary has a Florist Shop.

Trinity Beach, north of Cairns - Jim and Gayle Beasley (ex P.W.D.Alotau, Rabaul and Kavieng) now operating a business called "Trinity Shells".

Cairns: Graham and Muriel Lever (ex Radio Milne Bay) - the former is News Editor for FNQ 10 TV.

Phil Maguire (ex 9PA) has retired but helps out at 4CCR, the new Community Radio Station at Cairns .

Ray and Louise Batz (ex PWD Lae), Arch and Sue McArthur (ex Alotau and Port Moresby) with house guests Roy Avenell from Misima Gold Mines, which are doing nicely, and Allan Didlick (ex D.D.A.Alotau) who is now one of only two europeans living on Samarai and runs the slipway. Many will remember when there was nothing at Alotau and everything at Samarai.

Betty Eakin, widow of Mick and herself ex DCA were mentioned.

Ravenshoe: Tom and Noreen Mc Indoe ex DCA Alotau were seen.

Edmonton: Ross Emmerick (ex Samarai) contacted.

OBVIOUSLY GEOFF MASTERS must have been in the Milne Bay area - Ed.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome you all !!!!

Mrs E.BARNARD, "Stonebak", Main Street, Blidworth, MANSFIELD, NOTTS OGL 21 U.K.
Mrs. Barnard would like some information about the creation of Wom Park and the Wewak Yacht Club. Anybody with information about these might write direct to Mrs Barnard, and certainly she would be grateful.

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THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

As mentioned some years ago, all former police officers, or kiaps as officers of the Field Constabulary are entitled to admission into the Association. The I.P.A. promotes friendship between police throughout the world and membership gives particular and interesting advantages whenever you go to overseas countries.

Contacts are: Queensland - Syd Loane, Secretary General, 10 Winifred Street, Clayfield QLD 4011 - Phone 07/282-5101.

NEW SOUTH WALES - Herb North, 11A The Crescent, Hurstville Grov
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AMONG THOSE HONOURED IN THE PNG NEW YEARS HONOURS LIST BY HER MAJESTY:-

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Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

Commander: C.B.E. Brian Amini, Gauera Rea, David Tasion Q.P.M.

Officer: O.B.E. Francis Borok, Ila Gemo Q.P.M., Donald Sigamata.

Member: M.B.E. Dr James Ferguson.

Queen's Police Medal: Paul Tohian (Asst.Commissioner) and
Roy Tiden (Chief Superintendent)

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

Mrs Nan Fleming
19 March

Widow of Bill, architect, who retired 1960 and died in 1983.

Mrs Fleurette Macdonald
25 March

Widow of Reg, pathologist, PHD, who died 1952.

Arthur C. Ewing
9 May

Went to NG in 1934 in Health and saw service in Middle East and ANGAU as a captain. Post-war was in DDA in lae and Moresby, retiring as Lands Titles Commissioner 1968. Honoured by RSL as Life Member. Leaves wife Yoshimi and 3 children.

Verdun (Vern) McNeil
18 May

Joined Police in Moresby 1948. Superintendent Hagen 1966, Lae 1968, retiring as Chief Licensing Inspector 1971. Survived by wife Amy and three children.

Edward H. (Ted) Booker
31 March

Went to Territory 1946 as radio engineer DCA. Retired early fifties to Adelaide to open a manufacturer's agency.

R.S. (Mick) Eakin
12 April

Was one of the first post-war DCA officers in Moresby. Resigning in late 50s he opened the garage at the Konedobu end of Lawes Road. Survived by wife Betty, also ex-DCA, now in Cairns.

James Irwin (Jim) Cromie
30 April

Very well known pre- and post-war solicitor in Rabaul and Moresby. Captain in NGVR and ANGAU. Later director many companies, including Chairman of South Pacific Brewery. Leaves widow Delphine.

Peter Williams
27 May

Age 33. Younger son of Les and Margarette. Les was formerly D.C. Madang and was Secretary of this Association for 6 years.

R.T. (Ron) Neville
31 May

Killed in car accident near Mt Hagen. Age 56. Went to PNG 1948 in DDA and resigned as ADO Mendi in 1964 to go into business and politics. Was elected to first three Parliaments from 1964 to Independence - the only Australian to achieve this. Renowned for their hospitality and hard work, the Nevilles built a thriving business which supplied much of the infrastructure for Southern Highlands development. Ron is survived by wife Coleen and six children.
(see obituary article Sydney Morning Herald 3 June.

MORE HAVE YOU HEARD !

JOHN HUON de NAVRANCOURT is in the news again. Attending a Regional Meeting of the Queensland Justices Association in Cairns in April. He was pleasantly surprised to be made a Life Member. He was also elected Honorary Secretary of the Far North Sub-Region of the International Police Association - (see separate para about this organisation) He also recruited two more new members for the Association.

HERBERT WALSH (Health) and JIM VAN Der CAMP (Malaria Control) has given us another possible member to contact - Many thanks John.

The old "Papuan Theatre" in Port Moresby has been wrecked. It is to be replaced by a high rise hotel and office block. On the other hand the main street CLOCK at the intersection of Hunter and Mary Streets, which has been out of service for years, is now working again. Hip - Hip !

IVAN CHAMPION has not been so well lately. Best wishes for a speedy recovery - BOSS !

AIR NUGINI headed by Brian Costelloe has moved to "Somare House, 100 Clarence Street. Sydney. Not to be outdone Nuigini Tours has done the same.

That's all for now. I'm past the Printer's deadline. With very best wishes and follow the old saying - WINTER MAY BE ON MY HEAD BUT SPRING IS IN MY HEART !!!!!

Freddie
Freddie Kaad (EDITOR)

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