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DEAR MEMBER,

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on Sunday 4th December. Be sure to see the full details set out on the last page. There are also announcements about a PNG Club function on Sunday 2nd October, a Blue Mountains visit on Monday 10th October and special PNG events at Expo on Friday 16th September.

THE RESTORATION OF THE 2% DISCOUNT TO OUR SUPERANNUATION PENSION.

The Association is grateful to those few conscientious Members who continue to pursue this matter individually with their local Federal Members of Parliament. The Government continues to say it will be restored "when economic circumstances permit", and "will ensure that the discounting is confined to a specific period and that the pensions are not discounted in perpetuity". This last sentence is an improvement and comes directly as a result of a query by a Gold Coast Member. When we finally have the discounting counting restored, all Members should spare a thought for the Associations and individual Members who pushed and pushed until the Government gave in.

BUDGET MATTERS

The May Statement made most of the major announcements whilst the remainder appear to have been dealt with rather fully by the Press, including the changes to sales tax and excise - especially on beer. (Many people feel that the normal beer should have remained the same and the low alcohol beer should have been reduced even further). The threshold above which you will have to pay the Medicare Levy has been raised from \$9,560 for a single person and to \$16,110 for couples.

SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION ENTITLEMENT.

To try and catch those who may have been "double dipping" there has been a major clamp down on the income test used to assess eligibility for SOCIAL SECURITY PENSIONS. As from December 1 the capital growth on a wide range of share-market linked investments will be treated as income. These include share-market linked insurance bonds, friendly society bonds, approved deposit funds, deferred annuities and unit trusts which are growth oriented. The new rules will apply to both existing and new claimants. Details of the exact way in which the new rules will operate were not available when we went to press but it APPEARS that if you have over \$14,000 (single) or \$24,000 (married) assessed income then you will lose \$1.50 of your SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION for every \$1,000 in excess of that amount. Remember that this does NOT apply to PNG superannuation payments. If you do receive a full or part SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION and you have investments in insurance bonds, friendly society bonds or any of the others listed you should check your position with your financial adviser, or bank manager in, say, mid-September when the final details will be available. The trouble is that in trying to catch "double dipper" the Treasurer will also catch some pensioners who have saved all their life so they will be independent.

TAXATION - UNDEDUCTED PURCHASE PRICE (U.P.P.)

Every year we have complaints from some Members that the Taxation Office has disallowed their U.P.P. claims. We've had two good suggestions from Members:

Jim Keogh found that telephoning the nearest Tax Office, giving his Tax file number and telling his tale was sufficient. In a couple of days he had a call back and then a week or so after that he received his amended assessment. Your phone directory will show a 008 number through which, for the cost of a local call, you will get the phone number of your nearest Tax Office. This method saves time for both you and the Office.

Norman Endacott had his U.P.P. deduction disallowed some years ago and this caused so much hassle he now attaches a letter along the following lines to his return:

File No: 123 456 789

Reference Item No relating to Undeducted Purchase Price of an annuity. This refers to superannuation contributions paid to the PNG Superannuation Fund whilst I was in PNG and which attracted no Australian taxation concessions.

A total sum contributed of..... divided by a life expectancy of..... gives an annual undeducted purchase price of.....

Yours faithfully -

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED that the Association has a Caring Committee which wants to keep in touch with those who might enjoy a phone call or a visit, or need advice - or perhaps some other assistance. The members of the group are caring persons, not "nosey" or inquisitive, and want to do something for fellow members. If you would like to hear from one of them - or perhaps know someone who would appreciate a call - please ring Pat Jones (02) 969 9093, Roma Bates (02) 560 2648 or Frank Smith (02) 80 1767. (These names and numbers were published in our June issue).

FROM THE PRESIDENT:**Payment of pension to widows and children of superannuants.**

Recently we received an enquiry from a member with respect to the payment of superannuation to the widow of a superannuant who remarries. Our reply for the benefit of other members follows:

Under Statutory Rules 1981 No 387 of the Commonwealth of Australia the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) (Superannuation) regulations were amended to provide for increased rates of Pension to widows, childrens' and orphans' pensions and that a widow's pension did not cease on her remarriage.

Under the Papua New Guinea Scheme the rates of pension payable were increased from 50% and 62.5% to 54% and 67% respectively, of the rate that would have been payable to the deceased husband, to take effect from the first pension pay day after 1 July 1979.

Under the New Guinea Scheme the rate of pension was increased to 67% of the rate that would have been payable to the deceased husband, to take effect from the first pension pay day after 31 July 1979.

Under both Schemes as from 1 July 1979, entitlement to a widow's pension does not cease after her remarriage. In respect to widows who remarried before 1 July 1979, the Commissioner for Superannuation is empowered to restore a previously cancelled pension where the widow is in necessitous circumstances or the restoration is otherwise warranted having regard to her general financial circumstances.

Eligibility for widow's pensions was extended to include de facto widows under certain circumstances. (Members are reminded that your Association worked very hard to get these extra benefits!)

Membership of the Association:

Members are again reminded that membership of our Association is not restricted to retired officers, but Associate Membership is also open to any former resident of Papua New Guinea expressing an interest in the objectives of the Association.

Of the objects of the Association the most significant are:

To safeguard and foster the retirements conditions of all members, including conditions applicable to widows and dependents;

to assist members to establish themselves in Australia and to advise them in social, legal, medical or other problems they may have.

Associate Members are entitled to be elected to the Executive Committee in proportion to the percentage they represent of the total membership of the Association. They are also entitled to submit resolutions and vote on all matters except those affecting superannuation or superannuants.

We would appreciate it if you would advise all your ex-Papua New Guinea friends accordingly.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION together with donations amounting to over \$500.00, including two of \$100.00 each, have been received. These make your Committee and myself as Editor - to whom may of the letters were addressed - feel that our work is worthwhile and appreciated. On our behalf -- thank you!!

WORKERS' COMPENSATION (COMCARE). At least one of our Members and possibly several others have been receiving both superannuation and compensation payments. The Government wanted several significant changes to the legislation covering compensation and the Parliament on 2 June passed the Commonwealth Employees Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 1988 to be effective from 1st December. The changes made are complicated and hopefully will not affect you, but if you are receiving both superannuation and compensation benefits the Secretary can forward to you details of the changes. These have also been reported in the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association Bulletin (NSW) for August, and very probably by the State Associations. If you find you are adversely affected let us know so that we can help. This is another case of retrospective legislation which could affect people who have made their life plans on the basis of the law - only to find that it has later been changed.

HELP WANTED:

David Bowden, ex-kiap and now of Grantham, Muston Street, Port Macquarie NSW 2444 (065) 83 2171, has sent an S.O.S. for a copy of the First Edition "Departmental Standing Instructions General Field Administration" published about 1954.

Lindsay Wilson, ex-New Ireland and now of 4 Narelle Close, Yorkey's Knob, Qld 4871, (070) 55 7379, is seeking contact with people who may have been in New Ireland immediately before the Japanese landed, during the occupation or when hostilities ended. These would probably include members of the Catholic Church, including Sisters, and Coast Watchers, plantation and government people.

Lindsay and his wife, who is a New Irelander, are developing an autobiographical account of her girlhood at Medina. She was born during the occupation when her family fled to the mountains. They have a lot of material but it needs extending and verifying. They would be most grateful if any of the people mentioned above would contact them.

(LINDSAY: I know Harry Murray is very much alive, and I believe he can be contacted in Kavieng or C/- Returned Servicemens Club, 719 Military Road, Mosman NSW 2088.....Ed.)

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON !!

HELP WANTED:

Alan Powell is a Professor of History at the University College of the Northern Territory. Two of his recent books are Far Country and The Shadow's Edge, which are eminently readable. Alan is an academic certainly, but not that sort of academic. He's a very down-to-earth man who realises that old timers don't like their recollections being used ineffectually.

Alan is working on a history of the Allied Intelligence Bureau, and laments, like us the recent death of Sir Kenneth Wills, its former Director. However there are many F.E.L.O., Coast Watchers, Z and M Special members and others from ANGAU who came under AIB control from time to time who may be able to help. Alan would be most grateful if any of those mentioned would, in the first place, just let him know that you would be willing to assist and he'll take it from there. C/- University College of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT 6790 will reach him.

THE AUSTRALIA - PAPUA NEW GUINEA SOCIETY, GPO BOX 2900 BRISBANE QLD. 4001, advises that Friday 16th September - PNG Independence Day - will be a special time at Expo.

10.15 a.m. at the Amphitheatre - Flag raising ceremony in the presence of the Governor General of Papua New Guinea, Sir Kingsford Dibela, Sir Ed Williams and Sir Llew Edwards.

8.00 p.m. at the River Stage - Evening show will feature several PNG bands including the Royal Papua New Guinea Band, and stage production by the Raun Raun Theatre.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....?

Eric Stewart of P.O. Box 101, Bellara, Bribie Island, Qld. 4507 would like to contact:

1. Margaret Featherstone, ex Treasury Rabaul during the 60s, and possibly of Lae in late 60s;;and
2. Dr Ken Pike, ex Wabag Hospital 1959.

Joseph O'Donnell of 12 Robvic Avenue, Sylvania NSW 2224 would like news of his friends:

Thomas and Eileen Chalmers, formerly of Wau. Tom was a mechanic with N.G. Goldfields, later transferring to a government department, possibly in New Britain. (No dates were given. Ed.)

Many thanks to those who responded to the inquiries made in our June Issue by the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau, and August Beach Estates.

THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA CLUB had its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 14 August, 1988, at the Manly Civic Club, where the supper and drinks provided for the members were much appreciated.

The lack of interest and support from current members and the effect of these problems were discussed at length and it was finally decided to wind up the Club.

A last celebratory function will be held shortly. Any money left over will be donated to the Salvation Army in PNG. See separate paragraph for details.

Our President, Doug Parrish who is a foundation member of the Club and was present at the Meeting, issued an invitation to all Club members to apply for membership of our association. Many have already done this, the latest being Graham Peters, Frances Kerr, Keith Versace, Anne Sneddon and Bruce Shaw. Welcome to our ranks !

ANOTHER BLUE MOUNTAINS VISIT has been arranged for Monday 10th October for Members and friends. Lunch at the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls, the same venue as the last visit. An excellent meal for a very reasonable price, and accommodation is available for any who wish to stay overnight. All welcome, and remember it will be blossom time. Whether you're coming by car or train (at the reduced fare!) would intending visitors ring Doug Parrish on (02) 467 2966 by 30th September so that adequate bookings can be made. Mountain men and women who will be joining us should contact Ed Hicks on (047) 54 1709. I'm sorry interstate and country Members can't join us.

A very pleasant visit to Gosford was made by a group of Sydney Members, which included Doug and Candy Parrish, Les and Margarete Williams, Bill and Nance Johnston, Pat Hopper, Harry West, Nari Watkins, Gabriel Keleny (our ex-Treasurer), Fred and June Kaad and Ed Hicks. From the coast were Bill and Anne Carter, Bill Tebb and Neil Desailly. Lunch was taken at the huge Leagues Club.

Harry Jackman's book: Copra Marketing and Price Stabilisation in Papua New Guinea, a History to 1975 has been published as the Australian National University, National Centre for Development Studies' PACIFIC RESEARCH MONOGRAPH No. 17. This book is based on Harry's thesis for his M.A. Degree. This is a most scholarly work and will hold a permanent place as an authoritative reference in libraries throughout the world. It's well written and direct presentation should make it of great interest to all who have shared in some part of the development of Papua New Guinea. It gives insights into many facets of his experience, gleaned from involvement in the development of PNG, from wartime when he was in ANGAU through to 1975 when he was Special Projects Officer with the Copra Marketing Board, and from his exhaustive reading. (Reviewed by Bob Pulsford.)

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THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA CLUB OF MANLY.

A Barbeque will be held to mark the winding up of this Club, as reported elsewhere in this issue. This will be at Lane Cove National Park, Area 12 on Sunday 2nd October. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. - but come as early as you please.

Present members -- free.

Visitors \$10 and children under 12 -- \$5.00 (to cover cost of food)

Drinks -- B.Y.O.

For further information please ring Bruce Shaw 451 1543, or Irene Cordukes 451 5937.

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From Mr Rick Giddings of the Magisterial Service of the Simbu Province, PNG we have received advice of a list of unclaimed personal effects which was published in a June issue of the Post Courier.

Mr Giddings hopes that some of our Members may know the whereabouts of the people listed, and urges that they should be advised to contact:

Mr Steven Vaira
Secretary
Department of Administrative Services
Box 1207, BOROKO N.C.D.

If there is no response from the people concerned the effects will be disposed of.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address shown as</u>	
Mr M. Denehy	DDC Konedobu	1 crate
Mr K.R. Yates	Dept of Lands	1 crate
Mr R.C. McDonald	218 Albert St. Queensland	3 crates
Mr S.C.F. Smith	Education Konedobu	1 suitcase
Mr C. Morgan	Education Port Moresby	1 suitcase
Dr A Foreman	Dept of Health	1 case
Mr Burgess	Fisheries Lae	2 cases
Inspector Kirby	Dept of Police Bulolo	1 case
Mr J.R. Handcock	18 Yango Street NSW	
	c/- Sydney Supply	1 crate

Mr Giddings is endeavouring to find out if any more details of the addresses are available, and we are grateful to him for the concern he has shown. If any Member can help, and let the owners know, it would be appreciated.

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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 our sincere sympathy to their families.

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| Mrs Gwenneth Kennedy<br>14/10/87   | Widow of Bill Kennedy, former Patrol Officer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Alfred E. Hughes<br>3/6/88         | Senior Supervisor with Electricity Commission until retirement 1972. Leaves wife Julia, Second Avenue, Atherton, Qld.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Dr Joseph Szent-Ivany<br>8/6/88    | Former entomologist with Agriculture, who retired in 1966. Joe was respected for his knowledge and work and liked for his friendliness. Survived by wife Maria, daughter Ildiko and two grandchildren.                                                                                                                             |
| Mrs Jessie A. Willis<br>11/6/88    | Widow of Dick Willis, former Health Inspector in Port Moresby.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Ian Hamilton Lightfoot<br>11/6/88  | Aged 58, after long illness. Was Medical Asst. from 1957 - Wewak, Goroka, Saidor, Karkar, Madang, Mendi. Married Marcia at Minj 1968. In '73 won WHO scholarship and returned to head the Papuan Water Supplies & Sewage Unit. He and Marcia have been strong supporters of the Association and members of your Committee.         |
| Mrs Kathryn Hilda Smith<br>19/7/88 | Widow of "Snow" Smith, former clerk in District Services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Bernard Ryan<br>3/8/88             | Well known Territory identity and senior manager in Burns Philp. Leaves widow Gwen, 2 sons and a daughter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Mrs Beatrice Sirko<br>8/8/88       | Widow of Dr Alex Sirko - ex Buin, Manus and Wau.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Mrs Doris Carpenter<br>20/8/88     | Widow of Colin. Went to New Guinea in 1937. - pre-war lived on plantations in Kokopo area, post-war on Karkar. Following period at Sogeri they took up soldier settlement block at Popondetta, returning to Sydney in mid 1960s.                                                                                                   |
| Carl Schuler<br>20/8/88            | At 92 Carl was one of our oldest Members and his tall figure a familiar sight at our Meetings. He went to Papua in 1928, and was Government shipwright/boatbuilder, looked after navigation beacons in Papua, built the Wairopi Bridge crossing the Kumusi river between Kokoda and Popondetta. Survived by daughter Norma Wright. |
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**VALE** (continued)

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| Ralph Neville Bulmer<br>July 1888 | In New Zealand. Aged 58. former Foundation<br>President of Anthropology at University of PNG.                                                                                                                                       |
| John Ellis<br>June 1988           | Formerly with PMF, before becoming an independ-<br>ent car repairer at Boroko. Leaves wife Joy,<br>a long time secretary to D.C. Moresby who now<br>lives at 1/27 Pangarinda Place, Mooloolaba Q4557                                |
| Mrs Inez Jamieson                 | Wife of W.C. (Mac) Jamieson, for many years<br>Senior Stock Inspector, DASf, stationed mainly<br>at Sogeri and Port Moresby. She is survived by<br>husband Mac at Nerang in Southern Q'land and<br>relatives in Brisbane and Perth. |

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**Dr Joseph J.H. Szent-Ivany**  
 3/11/1910 - 8/6/1988

After a distinguished career in Hungary, including Associate Professor of Zoology at the University of Szeged and Curator of Lepidoptera at the Museum of National History at Budapest Joseph Szent-Ivany came to Australia after W.W.II and to PNG in 1954 as entomologist with DASf. He carried out field work in many parts of the country and became well known not only for his professional competence, but also for his cheerful, friendly personality. He established PNG's National Insect Collection - about 100,000 specimens - and through his world-wide scientific contacts PNG was visited by many outstanding scientists. He published some 72 articles and papers on his work in PNG. He retired in 1966 to live in Adelaide where he continued his scientific work and maintained his contact with PNG. For 22 years he was Honorary Associate of the South Australia Museum. Among the honours bestowed on him were: President of the Royal Society of S.A., the "Szent-Ivany Laboratory" named after him at the Wau Ecology Institute, Golden Diploma of the University of Budapest, Honorary Member of the Hungarian Academy of Science. He was awarded the Order of Australia (AM) in 1985 for his work in entomology in PNG and in the South Pacific.

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HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

- Elizabeth Sowerby, formerly Matron Kiernan of Madang Hospital, has been in hospital seriously ill but thankfully has now returned home.
- Talking of ex Matrons of Madang Hospital reminds me that Vi Hoehnke is still holding the fort at Mount Hagen and sends her regards to all her friends.
- Doug and Pam Franklin who at various times brightened up Goroka, Popondetta and Moresby, are now living at Closeburn, near Samford, Queensland.
- David Wetherell, formerly a high school teacher in Popondetta and Moresby from 1963-70, and now a senior lecturer in history at Deakin University has been collaborating in writing a book about the Honourable Camilla Wedgewood, whose work at the School of Civil Affairs and A.S.O.P.A. influenced so many D.D.A. and Education officers. It will be published about the end of the year so watch our next issue and your local bookstore for details.
- The Murphys just can't keep out of trouble. First John Joseph tries to fly on a sun umbrella, but like Icarus of old he plummeted to the earth, and ended up in a body cast. No sooner better than wife Marjorie went shopping at Southport where she fell and broke her hip, but is now well on the mend. John is filling in as cook, nurse, housekeeper, cat feeder, keeper of the purse, tradesmen liaison officer, scavenger, general factotum and so on - day after day, week in week out and his work is never done! (Where have I heard that kind of thing before?)
- Another one to recover from a recently fractured neck - but in a car accident - was Graham Mathieson, pre-war Government Surveyor at Rabaul. He is married to Kerry Lammerton who was Keith McCarthy's secretary, and apart from survey trips to Malaysia, they now live in Brisbane.
- Our Secretary Jo Nitsche and others ventured north to visit Expo on three day passes to see the biggest event in Australia's history. Jo reports that of course the queueing to see the various exhibits was a bit of a bore, in sun and rain, but they endured the experience, along with the thousands of other visitors at any given day, and were very glad they went.
- Whilst in Queensland Jo took the opportunity to catch up with friends ex Papua New Guinea and saw Eric and Ede Gane and their daughter Ora Smith, and Doug and Pam Franklin on their lovely property along with their prize stock. Also saw Aub Schindler, while Ancie was enjoying her favourite pastime, bowls; John and Jane van Griethuysen at Tambourine on their avocado farm, and Maurice Wilson at Landsborough on his tropical and exotic plants estate. On the Gold Coast hinter-land Pam and John Brooks are settling into their beautiful home and Barry and Beverly Bell are working hard on their farm, growing snow peas and other cash crops and running a vegetable stall. John and Pam Norman enjoy life not far away on the coast itself.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

- Jo also visited Pat Grey (Tudor), who had one of the first coffee plantations at Kainatu in the early days. Caught up with Tom and Marge Mulder ex Steamships and Public Health, also Rod Pearce and family ex Lae. He was fortunate in staying with Bart and Tia Gaffney while in Brisbane, and had the pleasure of catching up with a few other friends -- and some who really did not want to see him, he says.
 - Ron and Joan Carne had lunch recently with Flora Nitsche en route to Expo and Vanuatu to visit one of their daughters who is with S.I.L. at Vila.
 - The Kumuls, the PNG Rugby League team, had their ups and downs while touring New Zealand and Australia. In eight matches they lost four and won four. Unfortunately, the Kumuls did not get much publicity with the Australian press and television, but the tour gained the players a lot of experience and the skipper Bai Numapo has signed a contract to play with Canterbury next year. Assistant Commissioner for Police in Moresby, Graham Ainui, was the referee for the game and was praised by commentators for his excellent handling of the game and control of players. Who knows, we may see him more often at major events in the future.
 - We welcome John and Chris Downie back to good old Aussie, after their year away in Botswana. Chris, how about coming back to our Association Committee - you have lots of good ideas to guide us along, and plenty of get up and go!
 - Dinner suits and glamorous gowns were the order of the day at the wedding of Joanne Colman (daughter of John and Joan Colman) and David McCarthy (son of John and Laurel McCarthy). The ceremony was held at the Sacred Heart Church, Surfers Paradise, followed by a reception at "Palm Meadows". There were about 100+ guests, including New Guinea friends David and Margot Faulkener, Ann Stokes, Ross and Noelene Allan, Ann Collins, Bill and Mooreen St. George, Jan Beirne, Pamela Foley, Jill Dawkins, Will and Noni Manton (and a lot of catching up on each other's news went on among that group of former "Highlanders"!) Among the many interstate friends and relatives were the bride's brothers Robert and Peter, down from Mount Hagen.
A touch of deja vu for Pamela - who was present with husband Michael at the wedding of Joan and John Colman at Banz in PNG almost thirty years ago!
- JoAnne made a beautiful bride in cream Thai silk embroidered with tiny pearls and crystal beads, and bridesmaids Leanne and Sarah were dressed in a most striking shade of lapis lazuli. Joan Colman, in jacaranda blue, looked radiant and Laurel McCarthy was elegant in jade green.
- After attending the wedding, Pam Foley overnighted with the St. Georges, then spent a few days in Brisbane visiting Expo while staying with Margaret and Heidi Ekeberg in their lovely St. Lucia unit.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

- Dr Isi Kevau, FRACP, of the Faculty of Medicine UPNG, is the only PNG national holding this prestigious fellowship. He is attached to the Cardiac Unit of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on a year long research project during 1988.
- Roger and Sue (Wookey) Philpot and son Nicholas passed through Sydney on their way from Perth, where Roger is employed at Curtin University, to England for leave. Since leaving PNG they have held positions in Saudi Arabia, Malawi, Swaziland and England.
- The Talair office in Brisbane has been moved to 333 Adelaide Street, where the ground floor sales office represents all Talair of PNG, Flight West Airlines of Queensland (flying to western and north-western airports), and Air Melanesia of Vanuatu. You will find 10 friendly faces there - the owners of all having spent some years in PNG.
- Kay Cole has recently undergone surgery and has returned home for a short period before further treatment. With Kay's fighting spirit and Bob's strong support we know it won't be long before Kay is back swinging a golf club again. In the meantime we all send her our best wishes.
- The Jim Cavanaughs retired from Forests in 1982. They have found the "delights" of Surfer's Paradise so tempting they seldom leave -- but they have managed to tear themselves away to visit Expo.
- The indefatigable and peripatetic Geoff Masters has been back to Milne Bay with a group of ex-soldiers and airmen for the formal unveiling of commemorative plaques. With them were Squadron Leader Peter Turnbull's sister and the daughter of a merchant seaman lost on the Macdhui.
- Bob Hoad is still in Moresby acting as an adviser to the Provincial Government.
- Dan Duggan, kiap from 1957 to '75 in Morobe, Highlands, Gulf and Bougainville, retired to Alstonville, northern NSW, to grow avocados. He's taken this year off to work with the Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community, P.O. Box 634, Broome WA. With him is wife Judy, nee Peters, who from 1961 was a teacher at Wau, Lae and Mendi, later Welfare/ Community Development Officer at Bougainville and Rabaul, leaving to marry Dan in 1975. Both will return to Alstonville at Christmas, and send greetings to old friends.
- Bob Tebble has reduced his accounting practice to have more time to do other things. Among these is visiting Expo -- he says that with a season ticket the more time he goes the cheaper each visit becomes! On his first visit he and Iris met up with Gerry and Pam Robinson (Elcom). Come October he will have met up with all of us! Bob very kindly sent me a very informative pamphlet "Brisbane Mobility Map" which is available free from the Lord Mayor's Office, Brisbane City Council.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

- Catherine Smith, who first went to Rabaul in 1925. and left Kieta in 1941, is now at Judge Book Village, Elsham, Victoria. At 89 Catherine is one of our older members - but she has some time to go before she becomes our oldest!
- Southport residents please note that Jackie Batten (husband Clive was with W.R. Carpenters) will this month be presenting an exhibition of her own paintings at a new restaurant soon to open on the Gold Coast.
- One of our older members, Doug Joycey, has published a small book which tells of his experiences as a Canadian soldier in World War I., his work as a Medical Assistant in Rabaul during the 1937 eruption and his time with the A.I.F. in World War II. All this makes very interesting reading and throws a different light on those times. The booklet is commended. It was privately published - interested Members could contact him at 1/39 Durham St., St. Lucia Qld. 4067.
- Helen Cox from Woody Point Qld. is envious of the NSW example of reduced fares for all retired people over 65, and has written to her local Member seeking a similar concession in Queensland. Not much success so far, but you never know what might happen if others were to follow her example. Why don't you organise a committee of our Members in the Brisbane area and the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association Queensland Branch, Helen? We can get you information if you need it.
- John Huon de Mavrancourt and his wife have just become grandparents. Daughter Carmen and her husband Graeme Westbrook of Brisbane have a son Caius Andrew. John has also just been made a Life Member of the Justices Association of Queensland - the first in the Cairns and Tableland area. He was also elected President of the Alliance Francoise d' Atherton Inc., which he founded 15 years ago.
- Lindsay Wilson, formerly of Education has published a book Thathilgaw Emeret Lu, Handbook of Torres Strait Traditional Culture (Qld. Dept. of Education), \$20.00. With more than 300 line drawings of artefacts, the book has been favourably received in the Press.
- John Toguato, Police Commander (Superintendent) in Rabaul, recently gave a series of lectures in the Innisfail area. His deeply Christian talks were appreciated by the large audiences, including Helen de Navrancourt, Mrs Singhe Carver, sister of Sir Barry Holloway.

CANBERRA NEWS

- Toll free line. It is understood that the Commissioner for Superannuation is arranging for a 008 telephone number which will allow superannuants from anywhere in Australia to ring his office for the price of a local call. This should save a lot of time and writing for both sides, expedite the Commissioner's work and cut out unnecessary "red tape". The line will not be ready for some time - possibly November. You will be notified individually by the Commissioner and given all details by letter before the line is opened.

- A combined meeting of pensioners and senior citizens will be held, probably in Sydney Town Hall, about 10th October to protest about possible rises in fares and other basic needs and, I imagine, the Budget item which says that capital gain on insurance bonds (details under the BUDGET heading) will be regarded as income for social security purposes. Full details will be published in the press in early October. I don't think any of us are great activists but we should have some representatives to make our voice heard and lend support where it is deemed warranted.

PNG TITBITS

- The Lae City Council has banned betel nut chewing in its area.

- The Customs Service celebrates it's centenary shortly. On 25 September 1888 Customs Offices were opened in Moresby and Samarai.

- The re-development plan for Jackson's Airport has finally been approved by Cabinet. Not before time, did I hear someone say?

- Mount Hagen will be the first centre outside Moresby to have a commercial high-rise building. A six-storey office block and apartment complex will be built near the old Post Office.

- The gold processing plant at the mine on Misima will be operating in July next year. The project will cost K180M and is expected to produce at least 77 tonnes of gold and 1175 tonnes of silver over 10 years.

- The Mount Victor goldmine near Kainantu has started regular production. Annual production should be between 12,000 & 15,000 ounces with reserves of 3.2 tonnes. (Why didn't I know about this when I was in Samarai and Goroka??.....Ed.)

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With best wishes -

J. Kiddie

PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DETAILS
AND BOOKING SLIP

THE ASSOCIATION'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

will be held on

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, at 11.45 a.m for 1 p.m.

at: THE MANDARIN CLUB

cnr Pitt and Goulburn Streets, Sydney.

BRING YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS !

Cost will be \$20.00 per head for which you will get a very tasty and satisfying seven course banquet, and a free ticket in the door prize of a bottle of Black Label Whisky. Drinks will be at Club prices e.g.

\$6.50 for a 2-litre carafe of wine

\$6.00 for a jug of beer.

These and non-alcoholic drinks will also be available by the glass.

The City Council car park on the corner of Goulburn and Castlereagh Streets, 50 metres away, will be open all day - \$2.00. The Club is close to Central, Town Hall and Museum railway stations -- . Would any one needing assistance with transport please ring Harry West on 498 2271 or Pamela Foley on 960 9525(B) or 908 4614(H), and we shall endeavour to arrange a lift.

We have booked the Lotus Room for the luncheon and the adjoining room for pre-luncheon drinks -- both will be appropriately decorated for Christmas. The Club has a new Functions Manager who has been very helpful, so this promises to be the best Christmas function we have arranged.

Special attention will be paid to seating arrangements to help "singles" and those who feel they may not know many people. If you wish to be seated at the same table as your friends, please let us know who they are. Remember that it is most important that we know in advance how many are coming, because if we book for, say, 100 and only 90 come, then the Association has to pay for the extra 10!. **PLEASE BOOK EARLY.** If it is necessary to cancel, a full refund will be made if Bill Johnston is phoned on 529 4974 by noon on Friday 2nd December. Make your cheque payable to ROAPNG, and send with the tear-off booking slip below to Treasurer Bill Johnston at 25 Hillview Street, Sans Souci, 2219 as soon as possible.

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LUNCHEON BOOKING

NAME:.....(Please print Christian & Surname)
I will be attending the Luncheon at the Mandarin Club on 4th December 1988.

I will be accompanied by.....

.....
Please print Christian and Surnames (for name badge)

Enclosed please find my cheque/money order for \$.....