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Dear Member,

I suggest that you firm up your arrangements now so as to ensure that you and your ex-PNG friends are able to attend our

1991 Christmas Luncheon on Sunday 1 December 1991 at the Mandarin Club corner Pitt & Goulburn Streets Sydney

The cost is \$20 per head, which has not changed for the past three years, and covers a banquet style meal and a ticket in the door prize. A large Council Car Park is only 100 yds away where charges are very reasonable and the Club is not far from Town Hall, Central and Museum Railway Stations.

Seating arrangements receive special attention to help those attending alone or those who feel that they may not know many people and I can assure you that it does not take very long for ex-PNG folk to get acquainted. Special meals can also be arranged for those who require them provided we receive prior notice of their requirements. Likewise, transport can be arranged in most cases for those unable to use public transport because of age or disability.

Our luncheons are the friendliest and most enjoyable functions you could attend, enabling members and their friends to renew old friendships and walk down memory lane in extremely pleasant and congenial surroundings. If you have not been before come along and be made most welcome.

Full details will be included in the next issue of *Una Voce* which you will receive mid-November.

POSTAL ADDRESS

Members are reminded that the Post Office Box at Mosman is no longer in use. All mail should now be addressed to the Association as follows:

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1992 AGM AND LUNCHEON

The 1992 Annual General Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Sunday 26 April 1992. This is to enable members, who would like to attend Anzac Day celebrations on Saturday 25 April, to make it worthwhile to travel to Sydney to attend both functions on the same weekend. It would be very much appreciated if Sydney members could offer accommodation to country and interstate members who would like to visit Sydney at that time. Any member able to provide accommodation please notify the Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

VISIT TO BLUE MOUNTAINS

Another visit to the mountains is planned for Monday 30 September 1991 and with a little luck all the beautiful gardens should be in full bloom by then unless the very extended dry period has decreed otherwise.

For those who have senior citizens travel concession passes, the return fare by train is still only \$2.00 and the train leaves Central Station at 9.20 am, but members should make certain to check this time a day or two beforehand.

We will endeavour to arrange a visit to one of the gardens and members and friends interested in the proposed trip should contact Doug Parrish (02.416.8966), Pamela Foley (02.428.2078) or in the mountains, Ken Gorringer (047.57.1488).

AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS

The following is an extract from a letter I recently received from Eric Ross of Springwood, Qld:

"A thing that happened to my son a few months ago may be of interest to members who had children born in the Territory prior to Independence. Christopher had been working in Fiji for three years then went to the Middle East to work in Oman, and all that time he had an Australian Passport. This period would have covered about fifteen years. This year or late last year he went to renew his Passport and was told he would have to produce his Birth Certificate. When he did they asked him for his Australian Naturalisation Certificate. He told them that his father was Australian, his mother was English but had an Australian Passport, he was now a resident of Australia and did not think that he would have to be naturalised, also at the time that he was born, 1947, Australia was running the Territory.

This did not cut any ice with the Passport Authority, who told him that unless he was a Naturalised Australian he was not going to get an Australian Passport, and that he may be in the country illegally. He went to the Immigration Department and they told him that if he could produce \$30 and the necessary forms there would be no problem and he would be made an Australian citizen. So he is now an Australian citizen and has the Certificate to prove it.

I wonder how many others are in Australia not knowing that they do not comply with the Passport Authority!!!!!!!!!!"

Our Assistant Secretary, Pamela Foley, also reports that her son, Peter, had exactly the same experience when he wished to travel to Singapore last year. Because he lives in Cairns and she had the relevant

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certificates here, she carried out the Citizenship formalities on his behalf and obtained the appropriate Certificate to send to him. But she was charged \$50.00!!!!

Members will perhaps remember that I wrote at length concerning this matter in the December 1988 issue of *Una Voce*. Any member requiring a copy of that article please telephone or write to our Secretary and he will forward them a copy. Or, if enough members request it, I will deal with the matter again in detail in the December issue of *Una Voce*. (Ed.)

WORD OF CAUTION!!

The Tax information that follows in this issue is taken from either *Super Time* or *SCOA Bulletin*, the official journals respectively of SCOA Federal Council and SCOA NSW Branch (SCOA - Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association. Inc.) and is included in good faith believing it to be correct at the time. However, members should not act on this information alone but should check with the Tax Office or their Tax Agent.

TAXATION RATES AND THRESHOLDS

Amendments to the tax rates to be used for 1990/91 and tax rates and thresholds proposed for use in 1991/92 have been announced since our last issue. The table below provides simplified data for calculating the tax due if you multiply taxable income by the appropriate marginal tax rate and deduct the amount given in the table.

1990/1991			1991/1992		
<i>Taxable Income (\$)</i>	<i>Marginal Tax Rate</i>	<i>Deduction (\$)</i>	<i>Taxable Income (\$)</i>	<i>Marginal Tax Rate</i>	<i>Deduction (\$)</i>
under 5251	Nil	Nil	Under 5401	Nil	Nil
5251-17650	0.205	1076	5401-20700	0.20	1080
17651-20600	0.245	1782	20701-30600	0.38	4806
20601-20700	0.295	2812	30601-50000	0.46	7686
20701-35000	0.385	4675	over 50000	0.47	8166
35001-36000	0.425	6075			
36001-50000	0.465	7515			
over 50000	0.470	7765			

Thus if your taxable income in 1990/91 is \$20,000, the tax due to be paid is:

\$20,000 times 0.245 less \$1,782, i.e. \$3,118.

In 1991/92, the tax due to be paid on a taxable income of \$20,000 will be:

\$20,000 times 0.20 less \$1,080, i.e. \$2,920.

Any Medicare Levy would be additional.

AGE PENSION "DEEMING"

The high cost of Social Security pensions has caused the Government to try to reduce the total payout on pensions. *Super Time* May 1991 contained a report on overseas pensions. In this issue they looked at another Government move to reduce the social welfare budget.

From March 1991, the Government changed the eligibility tests for part or full Age Pension in what has become known as "the deeming provisions".

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Without going into the details, for income test purposes, a pensioner or applicant is deemed to receive a specified minimum rate of interest on any amount totalling over \$2000 which is held in cash, bank accounts or similar.

Initially the Government deemed the minimum interest to be 10%. After the decline in interest, the deemed rate was reduced to 8% from June 1991.

PENSIONER INCOME TAX

People on the "full" age pension and with no other income pay no income tax.

Single age pensioners can have up to \$40 per week (\$2080 p.a.) of non-pension income and pay no income tax. For married pensioners the corresponding amount is \$70 per week (\$3640 p.a.) combined between the two partners. Pensioners with non-pension income above those levels have their income tax reduced by a rebate of 12.5 cents for each \$1 of income, up to a specified maximum.

For a single person, the maximum rebate of \$912 applies to income not exceeding \$9699 in 1990/91. Above that level of income, the rebate reduces by 12.5 for every extra \$1 income and thus cuts out at \$16,995.

For a married couple the maximum rebate is \$599 each and applies to income not exceeding \$8172 each. The rebate reduces by 12.5 cents for each extra \$1 of income and cuts out at \$12,964 for each partner (total \$25,928 between them). One partner may be entitled to use the rebate unused by the spouse.

The Government has promised that by 1995 no person receiving even a part pension from Social Security will pay any tax.

PENSIONER GIFTS AND LOANS

People who do not qualify for a part Social Security pension sometimes think of giving away some of their cash assets or making an interest free loan to their children. By doing so they hope to reduce their interest income and qualify for some pension or perhaps qualify for a full pension and fringe benefits.

Under the "deeming provisions", plans such as this can now become unstuck. Since 6 June 1991, Social Security assumes an income of 8% p.a. on assets over \$10,000 (single person or combined married couple) which have been given away by pensioners after that date. The only exception is gifts relating to accommodation for life.

Amounts of gifts in excess of \$10,000 will continue to be treated as if they are still in the hands of the pensioner for five years after the amounts were given away.

The deeming rates also apply to loans made by pensioners. Since 6 June 1991, Social Security assumes that the *total amount* of any loan made by a pensioner is receiving interest of at least 8%, whether or not any interest is being received.

The interest rate of 8% in the case of both gifts and loans is the general "deeming rate". That rate is subject to review twice a year and may change from time to time.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS - PNG

Amongst the Awards announced were:

Knights Bachelor:

Mr Paliau Maloat OBE (Birthday Honours 1970) for long and outstanding community service;

Mr Harry Pelgen MBE (New Year Honours 1984) for outstanding community service.

Ordinary Commander of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE):

Mr Christopher Sambre, for service to politics and the community.

Ordinary Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE):

Hon. Sinai Brown, MPA, for public and community service;

Mr Leo Morgan, for public and community service;

Hon. William Wili, MP, for service to politics.

Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE):

Mr Rem Buitendam, for loyal service as the High Commissioner's driver, Papua New Guinea High Commission, Canberra, Australia;

Mr Lyn Foster, for more than 40 years of public service;

Mr Erich Grahl, for outstanding community service;

Mr Vimuru Iagata, for devoted public service;

Mr Reuben Kaiulo, for public service;

Mr Willee Hambogosi, for service to local government;

Mr Gau Pako, for long service to promotion of local businessmen and the community;

Dr Nivriti Gajnan Patil, for outstanding service to medicine and the community;

Rev. Sister Nedi Tariowai, for long service to community health extension work;

Senior Inspector Huitona Tohua of the Royal PNG Constabulary, for service to the Office of the Governor-General and the constabulary;

Mr John Yangumei, for long community and public service.

Queen's Police Medal (QPM):

Matthew Minok, Assistant Commissioner of Police, for loyal service to the Royal PNG Constabulary.

The Association congratulates Lyn Foster who, because of the many years of very dedicated service to Papua New Guinea, is a most worthy recipient of an award. Our very best wishes, Lyn, and I guess that you should just about be due for a well earned retirement. We all hope that it will be a most enjoyable and relaxing time for you because you have most certainly earned it.

MADANG & PNG ANNUAL REUNION

The annual Madang and PNG reunion will be held again this year on Sunday 10 November 1991 at Brennan Park on Bribie Island Qld.

This function is now held every year on the second Sunday in November and all ex-Madang and ex-PNG residents are most welcome.

For further details contact Mrs. Isobel Pert Tel. 074.47.3967

PORT MORESBY HIGH SCHOOL

Reunion of Former Students

Prompted by the Port Moresby High School reunion on the Gold Coast last year, a similar function is being held in Sydney on the weekend of November 16 & 17, at Bundilla Scout Camp in Reilly's Road at Winston Hills in Sydney.

The organisers are hoping to get together as many people as possible who attended PMHS after its opening in 1960, including the Correspondence students and staff members. The venue for the reunion, Bundilla, is set in several acres of bushland and provides full commercial catering facilities and a large dining room which is linked by a courtyard to 10 simple, motel-style units. Each unit has three single beds and an en suite bathroom which it shares with the next room.

The cost for the weekend is \$70 per person. This covers checking in on Saturday and the opportunity to meet with others (afternoon tea will be served), pre-dinner nibbles and a sit-down, three-course, dinner on Saturday night, and brunch on Sunday. The cost also includes a copy of the booklet which will contain autobiographical information and contact addresses for as many PMHS ex-students and staff as possible.

Accommodation is NOT included in this cost. However, you can book on-site share accommodation for an additional \$15 per person, or they can book you into the Wesley Lodge Motel (about 10 minutes drive away, and they will arrange transport) in single, double or twin-share accommodation for about \$70/room (about \$25-35 per person). Please note that as there is on-site accommodation for only 30 people, it's a case of 'first in, first served'. Some people in Sydney have also offered to put people up in their homes.

For further information contact:

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HELP WANTED

Dr. Fred Damon, an anthropologist who has conducted extensive field work on Woodlark, is interested in tracing anything he can about the island's history. He would appreciate corresponding with anyone who had experience on Woodlark Island, Milne Bay Province and his address is:

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419 Cabell Hall, University of Virginia,
Charlottesville, Virginia. 22903
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HAVE YOU HEARD ????

Alex ZWECK of Henty wrote to me earlier in the year and the following are extracts from his letter:

"I was sorry to hear of the death of Chere Bell. I knew the Bells at Maprik in 1949 when I was stationed there. Dick (Robert Richmond) was working a mining lease known as Haus Kapa which he owned with a partner prewar - cannot recall the name of the partner, but he did not return. The name Haus Kapa came from the fact that there was an iron roofed dwelling on the claim - probably the only such building in the District then. Chere and small daughter - I think her name was Judith, then about 3 years old - lived with Dick on the claim which was, I think, over an hours walk up the Screw (or Amogu) River from Maprik. Too much NG and not enough gold plus high costs and Dick abandoned the claim and took a job with DASF. I lost touch with the Bells after they left Maprik but think they retired to live in the Manly area.

There were, in fact, three claims being worked in the Maprik area after the war. Bill Royal was on the Parchee about an hours walk from Maprik station on the road to Yamil Village and airstrip. Bill was one of the "Big Six" - original discoverers of Edie Creek. Wife Ethel (Effie) was there with him. Not much gold either and they also ran a trade store. Anyhow they left the mine and I last saw the Royals at Wau where they had a job with NGG.

The third claim "Numbawan Gold" was worked by Tom Ellis, who needs no introduction - sadly Tom no longer with us. However his wife Freda lived on the claim with him - with three small children the youngest of whom was born while Freda was living on the claim. The same problem - not enough gold and costs too high so Tom also abandoned the claim and returned to work for the Admin. Incidentally, Numbawan Gold was reputedly the richest claim in the Maprik area prewar....."

"....there is another ex NG Lutheran Missionary in this area - strangely enough his name is also Zweck - Dr Dean Zweck, we are distantly related. He went to NG in 1971 and spent some time in Bougainville. Have only met him briefly and hope to see more of him later. Just in passing he told me that he thought he was the first of the Zwecks to go to NG but he was greeted by the query 'Any relation to Alex Zweck?' "

(Nice hearing from you Alex and hope to see you at the next AGM. Ed.)

Geoff BASKETT of Castle Hill NSW recently advised me that he was planning to go to PNG last month, as Kwato Mission would be holding celebrations marking the 100th year since its founding by Rev. Charles Abel in August 1891. He wrote as follows:

"...I plan to go to PNG in August, as Kwato Mission will be holding the celebrations marking the 100th year since its founding by Rev. Charles Abel in August 1891. I hear that two of the ex-Kwato staff are to receive Queen's Birthday honours - Mrs Garoinedi Tariowai who was a Kwato nurse for many years and is now nearly 100 years old herself. (the oldest Papua New Guinean woman?) and Arthur Swinfield who was the first Kwato boat-builder and who trained many PNGeans in that trade. I imagine the Governor General will be at Kwato for the Investiture, but haven't heard this definitely yet. I can tell you when I get back at the end of August! After leaving Kwato, I plan to fly to Lae to attend celebrations there marking the 25th year since I founded Kristen Redio. So it will be good meeting up with many friends in that area, seeing how the work is progressing (it is now known as Kristen Media Productions as it has spread to include puppets, journalism, television and video), and also meeting with many friends in

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the Uniting Church. I shall probably leave about the 12th August, train to Brisbane, fly to Moresby and Alotau, then to Lae and return about the end of August. I just hope the S.E. Trades don't get too rough in the Milne Bay area nor deluge us with rain as they did during the Japanese invasion of Milne Bay!

(Geoff, we will look forward to hearing from you when you return. Ed.)

At a Buckingham Palace investiture on 16 July 1991, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth installed Dennis BUCHANAN as a Knight Bachelor. Lady Buchanan and their two youngest children, Carolyn and Anthony, were present.

Dr Philip SPRADBURY, CSIRO, Canberra, formerly OIC CSIRO Screw Worm Fly Research Project, Kila Kila and prominent Port Moresby yachtsman, was recently interviewed by Channel 10 TV (27/5/91) in relation to his present work on the European Wasp. He warned this wasp is on the increase in Australia and it is only a matter of time before someone is attacked and dies here. Such deaths have occurred in New Zealand and in USA. The mild winters in Australia have contributed to a rapid increase in the numbers of the wasps. They are capable of building nests of enormous proportion. Not long ago the ceiling of a house at Bathurst NSW collapsed under the weight of a nest estimated to weigh half a tonne. Keep a lookout for wasp activity around your house or buildings and if you notice anything unusual call your Government Entomologist.

Peter and Jean BYRNE, ex DASF Keravat are enjoying retirement at the Brisbane seaside suburb of Wynnum.

Colleen NEVILLE of Beachmere, Qld., just before setting off to Melbourne recently to attend the birthday of her youngest son, Rob, wrote as follows:

"I have had 3 trips to PNG this year - at Christmas to be with two eldest sons Tim and Peter and their wives and five children who live at Alotau - again in March to babysit, and in May for the opening of Kiboru Lodge on the banks of the Mendi River by the Governor General Sir Vincent Eri. The following day I unveiled a plaque for Ron which the family has had in Mendi for five years waiting for permission from the Provincial Government to be placed on the Government station. Eventually Francis Awesa asked if he could place it in the grounds of the Lodge beside a beautiful lake on the banks of the Mendi River. It is in peaceful surroundings and I feel sad that this wasn't Ron's final resting place which he would have chosen, but because of the suddenness of his death and his parents being in Australia we didn't have a choice.

Tim and Peter have a construction company and are following in Ron's footsteps by starting in Milne Bay, where Ron did in 1948, and are now working at Lake Kutubu, in the Southern Highlands Province, for Chevron Oil. They have also become citizens of Papua New Guinea.

I have recently had nine PNG school teachers staying for the weekend as they are studying in Brisbane for a year, and they cooked a delicious mumu and helped fly the PNG and Southern Highlands flags from my new flagpole. It was a great weekend!"

Joe SHAW of Rochedale, Qld, previously PNG Public Trustee, recently wrote as follows:

"This is our first summer in Australia since 1983 as my international squash coaching came to an abrupt halt due to Saddam Hussein's ambitions. Lots of European tournaments were cancelled and we lost our sponsor. So now we are at Townsville and touring Australia. Have been down to South

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Australia and Victoria then home with the kids and grandkids for Christmas, then on to Mt. Isa, Darwin etc. At Darwin I was to look up Graham O'Dea, a printer at Post Courier in Moresby. He was super fit and known as The Road Runner, and involved with DCA and Aviat Rugby League. He worked in Darwin and drove taxis part time. He was murdered in Darwin by an 18 year old fare dodger (he was stabbed many times and died as a result). That was on 18th December 1990, as the Public Trustee of PNG I thought he had made a Will but none can be located. This, as usual, has caused problems. His estranged father, a virtual unknown, received a half share of the estate.

When Dave Goodger died, he had made out a Will but left the Public Trustee PNG as the Executor and Trustee of his estate. It may be timely to suggest to our members to check that they do have a Will and have a local Executor and Trustee appointed."

Florence COHEN of Port Moresby PNG wrote recently to our Secretary advising that she would be returning to Australia at the end of this year. Quoting from her letter "...and sadly, I look forward to that now (her return). Seven break and enters is enough - time to go - 43 years here. Janetta Douglas was not wrong! I've lost all my jewellery, my mother's, my great grandmother's - mine including my engraved Anzac Medal!! The last robbery was all my Bangkok orchid plants - unreal!!!" (Florence, all your friends down here are looking forward to meeting with you again and we hope you will get down in time for our Christmas Luncheon on 1 December. Ed.)

Len CHAMPNESS, who has practised as a physician in Geelong since leaving Port Moresby, and wife June called in at the Pulsfords on their way through Sydney. They have just returned from some months with the United Nations in Nepal, working in Kathmandu and environs on medical and educational problems and found they were not dissimilar to those they had encountered when working in Rabaul, Madang and Port Moresby, although the population of 17.5 million was a lot larger. While there they met Prof. Tony Radford who now spends several months a year with the World Health Organisation in various continents.

Wally SIDEBOTTOM of Carrara Qld was recently back in hospital again with a recurring problem and we do hope that by the time you receive this, Wal, you are back home again and enjoying life. Kindest regards and best wishes from all your friends here in Sydney.

Robert (Bob) PIPER of Higgins ACT is a new member having spent some six years in PNG (1966-71) with Taxation, CDW and elsewhere and spent a lot of time around Milne Bay. He reports "A lot of my time in PNG was spent looking and exploring. Just loved it, Hula, Marshall Lagoon, Amazon Bay, Orangerie Bay etc. Magnificent country, had a 16' half cabin cruiser and used trail bikes. Spent time with AOG (Australian Oil and Gas) at Amazon Bay Margarida." He has, however, now spent some 20 years in journalism and has been writing on PNG and SWPA World War II, articles with PARADISE, aviation magazines, The Canberra Times and even material translated and published in Japan. He has been RAAF Historical Officer in Canberra for 12 years and his latest book, *Great Air Escapes*, is written up elsewhere in this issue. He writes "...While browsing in the Ela Beach library around 1970 I was shown some old material, possibly relating to the early Abel family at Milne Bay. It was certainly by missionaries in that area in the early days. It stated that a remote coastal valley had been explored and found to have an abandoned, but highly complex, irrigation system. Rocks nearby had hieroglyphics carved in them in addition to the sign of a "sunburst". It all appeared very ancient Egypt related. The source of the material (1970) is now not known but perhaps readers know more?"

Quondam staff and students of ASOPA are delighted that Dick Pearse, now a professor of education at Macquarie University, has been appointed team leader of the Indonesia-Australia University Project, which is funded by AIDAB and will run over the next five years. The project's specific aim is to improve teaching at an undergraduate level.

Harvey and Val BOOTH of Bundaberg Qld, and a number of other members, wrote to us as a result of our enquiry concerning Ray Weidenhoffer. (Refer Vale section in this issue.) Many thanks to all those members who did respond and thanks also to Harvey and Val for your very kind remarks about our office bearers.

M. J. WALSH of 20 Seagull Avenue, Coolumb Beach, Qld, wrote recently as follows "I live alone at this address and there is a spare room which may be used gratis by any of our members in transit."

Richard HENNELL of Mt. Gravatt Qld, ex DDA Madang, wrote recently taking me to task for the spelling of Edinburgh in the Doug Joycey article in the June issue of *Una Voce* and my apologies to the Duke and all our Scottish readers for the misspelling. My only excuse is that I did not have a "proof reader" for the June edition.

Rick's wife, Margaret, worked with DASF in Madang whilst they were there and they both had the honour of meeting and speaking to the Duke of Edinburgh at the Residency in Madang in 1971.

Barry BOND of Labrador Qld, together with his wife Jean, attended our last Christmas Luncheon with surprising consequences. To quote from a letter received from him ".... The main purpose of my writing is to advise that after 20 years in the same location, following my heart attack after that wonderful banquet and "re-union" last 2nd of December, and three weeks ill in hospital a couple of months ago, Jean and I decided it was time we moved into smaller quarters than a large house with a large garden, so we have relocated in a Town House, one in a small complex of only 9, just 2 miles away, at Labrador. We still haven't received all our new furniture, we were fortunate to sell the old house fully furnished, but we are getting by and enjoying the change of lifestyle, and the feeling of being "compact". Barry and Jean, we do hope that by now you are well settled in your new surroundings and that you, Barry, have no further health problems.

Lal HENDERSON of Benona Qld has joined the Association and a very big welcome, Lal, to our ranks and I am sure that you will enjoy your membership. In reply to a letter that I sent her, Lal wrote to me and the following is a quote from her letter "The news contained in the Newsletter was most interesting and of course I knew many of the folk mentioned therein.

We have quite a number of ex Madangites on the G. Coast and I play Mah Jong each Thursday with Margie Duncan, Nan Briggs, Hilda (Ferguson) Watson and Joanne Willis. Also keep in touch with Elizabeth Sowerby and Gwen Collins and meet up with Evonne Fell and Pat M ? at Victoria League functions of which I am a member." Lal, fondest regards from Candy and yours truly.

Stan BASEDEN of Cottesloe WA is warmly welcomed to the Association as a new member. He will be remembered by his colleagues in DASF in PNG from the 1954-60 days for his work as an Agricultural Chemist in the newly commissioned laboratories at Port Moresby and Keravat.

After leaving Keravat, Stan and his wife, Joan, moved back to Perth for a few years, then on to Darwin where he worked for the Animal Industry and

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Agriculture Branch for eleven years and played a key part in establishing a new laboratory complex at Berrimah. Stan and Joan returned to Perth after missing cyclone Tracy by a matter of days to take up an appointment with the Chemistry Centre of WA.

He retired as Chief of the Agricultural Chemistry Laboratory in April this year and he and Joan are enjoying a more leisurely lifestyle between Cottesloe and Mandurah, the reward after forty three years service in Federal and State agricultural research organisations.

Stan tells me that Don Drover, with whom he was working in WA, will also retire within the next year and will then move back to his home in Sydney.

Bill PECKOVER of Jindalee Qld, who features in a "Help Wanted" re Pratt the Naturalist elsewhere in this issue, provided me with this additional story about Pratt: An article of his in the London Illustrated News (1st Oct. 1904) included - "About eighteen months ago His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, when on a tour of inspection, discovered a peculiarly interesting tribe living in a swamp some distance east of Port Moresby. The amphibious life had produced the most wonderful exemplification of the law of adaption and these people are actually web-footed." It seems the old time Kiaps too enjoyed leg pulling innocent tourists. Bill was off to Moresby at the end of June for about eight weeks field work and bird photography in the Eastern Highlands and hopefully some time on Mt. Strong.

The University of Papua New Guinea has conferred the title of Emeritus Professor on Jim GRIFFIN. Jim was one of the early academics on the staff of the University in 1968 in the History Department. He was highly regarded as an entertaining and stimulating lecturer and many of the people now prominent in government were amongst his students. After periods at Townsville College of Advanced Education and the Australian National University, Jim returned to Papua New Guinea to serve for two years as Professor in charge of Extension Studies at UPNG. He was responsible for establishing the first University Centres which opened up university education to thousands who previously had not had that opportunity. He had a further period in Papua New Guinea from 1985-87 working on the PNG Dictionary of Biography. He was recalled to UPNG again in 1989 to serve for two years as Professor of History. Jim is now with the Department of Prime Minister in Canberra as an analyst. Those who know Jim and his wife Helga will join in congratulating them on this honour.

(A few letters written to Bill Johnston in March this year went astray enroute from Bill to me and were not received by me until I had despatched the June issue of *Una Voce*. The news that follows is from some of those letters. Ed.)

Fred KLECKHAM of Seaforth Qld wrote saying "I have just returned from 4 months in Vanuatu where I stayed with daughter Betty - Foreign Affairs - and son Fred in Santo. Betty and I both dived on the "President Coolidge" a wartime U.S. troop ship. Betty went down to 231 feet and I went down to 150 feet inside the ship! very satisfying. Met a number of ex PNG people there. I will be returning shortly having obtained a residency permit. Having children in foreign affairs and aid projects is handy for exotic holidays. Betty has been in Vietnam and Thailand and Fred in Burma. Who knows where the next posting will be."

Gwen BRUYERES of Broadbeach Waters Qld wrote and quoting from her letter "My son Gary was sent to Porgera last year by his employers. It was an eye opener for him, his first visit since we left in 1969.

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My brother Ron Wynn was in Moresby at the same time working on a project for Rotary and he and Gary were able to find Harry's grave. Hanuabada Cemetery was so overgrown with grass, they required the help of a family of Papuans to help find it. Ron did a tour of PNG with Rotarians, but he said it was marred by fear from all he met on the trip. Its not the same enjoyable place any more."

Patricia WINKLE of West Tweed Heads NSW advised that she was off to Canberra to visit old friends Lorna and Mervyn James, ex Crown Law, Port Moresby.

Rose ALLEN of Lota Qld sent us a brief note saying "...certainly enjoy reading the Newsletter, names and places bring back lots of memories, happy ones. Had a phone call from Nan and Bob Bunting and Ian and Marie Skinner, all well at the moment." Rose, all your friends down here send their kind regards and best wishes. Ed.

June FIELDING of Tingalpa Qld advised that she was enjoying life in the Sunshine State and was being kept busy. "My sons are all well, 2 living in NSW, Duncan at Hervey Bay Uni and Geoff, my youngest, living in Surrey U.K. Only Peter married, but have high hopes that Geoff will "tie the knot" shortly!"

Les CASS of Nambour Qld wrote "I was at the Popondetta Education from 1953 to 57 and at the end of 53 I climbed Lamington with David Hook, then CPO, and two policemen. No one else would go with us and spend the night in the prohibited area. The next year half the school population wanted to go with me - I was still alive, the mountain hadn't blown up, so it must be OK! The villagers had also kept an eye on events and had moved part way in to garden again."

Kay TRIGGS Of Crawley WA advised that Perth was beautiful at that time "I am looking out from my patio onto the Swan River where all the yachts are out - and in the park people are flying their colourful kites, seems to be the craze here at this time of the year." I agree Kay, Perth is now a very attractive city and I have enjoyed my visits there. Ed.

Jack PAGE of Linden Park SA wrote "....We seldom get across to the eastern states, and when we do, we always seem to be strapped for time; so the bulletin is a great help in letting us know how the other half is fairing. Last year we managed another overseas trip, which I should think will definitely be our last. This time we started in USA and Canada - something new - where we met our youngest son, William, and we drove through Vancouver Is., Canadian Rockies, Yellowstone Park and then right across America to Chicago, Toronto, Washington, New York etc. Then on to UK, Scotland, where William had rented a farmhouse close to Gleneagles, so we had to stay with him for a couple of weeks and do a few golf courses around Scotland. Then to Spain, Hong Kong and Perth where I stayed with my brother for a couple of weeks." Jack was subsequently laid up for some time with an infected knee joint but is now fighting fit again. Last month he and Phyl visited Sydney spending some time with the Symons and Williams and was able to meet up again with a lot of old friends.

Bruce DUNN of Mooloolah Qld wrote noting that "the Vale column is becoming longer and longer, I guess that's inevitable as we all age somewhat. I went to Dave Goodger's funeral here last year and someone remarked
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that the only time we seem to meet up are at funerals and that the meetings will be getting more and more frequent. Such is life!!! Sally has finished her Arts Degree in Journalism and is working in Parliament House in Canberra. Greg finished his degree, is now a qualified valuer and working at Mooloolaba and Rick is a Stock Inspector working in Darwin. I'm overdue for Long Service Leave with the Fire Brigade here but I'll save it up. Its a little bit of insurance."

Bill and Heather SEALE of Mosman NSW celebrated 52 years of marriage on 20 June 1991. Belated but nevertheless very hearty and sincere congratulations from the Committee and members of the Association.

Bill TEBB of Terrigal NSW recently underwent a serious operation in Sydney and is now back home recuperating. Bill, all the very best wishes from the Committee and all your many friends for a speedy and complete recovery.

COINCIDENCES!!

Almost 32 years ago, Mick and Pam Foley's daughter, Mary, was born prematurely on the "M.V. Malekula" as they were returning to New Guinea. The ship was still four hours away from port and it was said it had never moved as fast as it was pressed to do that day to reach Wewak. Mary weighed about three pounds and had to remain in the Wewak hospital for many weeks until she was allowed to join her parents in Mt. Hagen.

Recently a phone call on a business matter put Pam in contact with Betty Lawes (formerly Mason) who was a nurse on the staff of Wewak hospital and who helped care for the baby. Betty and Pam had not had any contact in the intervening years and only a chance remark led them to discovering the connection. Betty was pleased to learn that the fragile infant she had nursed is now a healthy young triple-certificate trained nurse - about to head off to work in New York.

And Peter Foley, who lives in Cairns, recently reported that when in a casual conversation there with two young men, whom he thought he was meeting for the first time, discovered in the course of chatting that all three had spent their early years in Mt. Hagen but had not seen each other since. The two were Jim Collins and Ben Hiatt.

HELP WANTED

Anyone who can provide information about the following is asked to please contact the Secretary, ROAPNG, or the person whose contact address is indicated below.

The full name, whereabouts, birthplace and birthdate, date and place of death, names and whereabouts of descendants or next of kin of J.A. TODD, an anthropologist financed by the Australian National Research Council who worked in the Mowehafen islands in SW New Britain from 1 April 1933 to 1 April 1934. Todd departed Sydney on Feb. 2, 1933, on the "Macdhui", remained in Rabaul for a month, and was hosted by E.W.P. Chinnery, Commissioner for District Services and Native Affairs, Mr and Mrs C.H. Maclean of Rabaul, and Captain F.W. Mantle, Sub-District Office, Gasmata. Returning to Sydney, he disappears from view in about 1936.

Contact Dr Jim Specht, Head, Division of Anthropology, the Australian Museum, 6-8 College Street, Sydney South, NSW 2000; (02) 339-8209.

NEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS

Brisbane (Doug Franklin - Tel. 07 289 4496)

Boom gates may be installed permanently in PNG on highways leading out of main towns. A trial of police check points on major highways is proving an effective deterrent to vehicles being used in robberies.

Sir Michael Somare is reported to have a good chance of becoming the next President of the United Nations, following the election for this one year term post due on 17 September 1991. He has been travelling in Africa and Asia and won support from 71 nations in Western Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. Four candidates are running for the job and the next President is due to come from the Asia Pacific region under a UN convention which rotates the areas from which the President is elected. (Source of information: Post Courier 28 June 1991).

Pam and Doug Franklin are visiting relations and friends in England from the end of August 91 to January 92. They are travelling via Honolulu and USA and coming back via Hong Kong. It will be their first visit to USA and they will be staying at Charleston, West Virginia with Father Roy Schuster of the Capuchin Mission, who was based at Kagua when Pam and Doug were there in 1968-71. Noel and Genny Cavanagh, ex DDA and now Nambour, have given the Franklins photos and messages to take to Father Roy.

Northern Territory (Jim Toner)

Brilliant photographs of the so-called 'Lost City', one of the scenic but isolated wonders of this continent will have delighted readers of the Weekend Australia Magazine over 3-4 August. They may not have known that the oft-quoted author of a report on the future of this curious area (near Boroloola, NT) was a wantok.

Graeme Hockey went to PNG in 1967 working with DASF in East New Britain before moving on to Kagua and Popondetta. Along the way he married a daughter of the Coote family from Vunapau Plantation, near Rabaul, and the couple finished up in Darwin in 1977. Here Graeme found that his new boss was his old boss from Vudal College - and that Syd Saville was known to staff of the Department of Primary Industries as El Cid.

The Australian Magazine described Graeme's report as "brutally frank". With a Didiman, was it not ever thus?

Two other migrants from DASF to Darwin are Rex and Colleen Pyne. Rex was at the fisheries research station, Kanudi, in 1969 when he met Colleen O'SHEA at the DASF library. She later worked at UPNG but since 1979 has been in charge of the North Australia Research Unit library. Dr. Pyne is Director of Fisheries Development for the NT Government.

A photograph in Darwin's paper revealed Lucille KUSTER alive and well at the Yacht Club. She hammered a typewriter at Nataff HQ Kone in the early Sixties before moving to the Sub-District Office, Rabaul. Her mother, Annie Kuster, was an artist, the pioneer painter of Gazelle Peninsula scenes.

Bribie Island (Geoff Masters)

Was nice to catch up with you and others for luncheon whilst in Sydney. Motoring to and from Melb. was surprised at the lack of motor traffic on roads - are all the people flying Compass?

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Doug - in June issue of *Una Voce* mention is made of Joan Sullivan publishing *Sinabada: My Life in P.M. 1946-1955* also in the same issue is a book review *Sinabada 'Woman Among Warriors'* are they connected or two different books using similar titles? (I believe them to be two entirely different books. Ed.)

Whilst in Melb. have caught up with old time PNG-ite George WOODWARD. 1946 arrivals back in POM would recall George who came up to set up the DCA office at RAAF HQ Konedobu. George went on to a distinguished career as Asst. Director General Dept. of Works and Housing.

Bob HANNAH was another early arrival, not long after George, and was Chief Clerk in the DCA Office and went on to become Director of Social Security in Victoria. Also contacted Charlie BOAL who was Communication Officer, DCA Lae 47-49 and later OIC of various DCA outstations. Chas went on to be member of the International Civil Aviation Authority representing DCA - unfortunately Chas does not enjoy the best of health these days.

Heard from Bob Hannah of the untimely death of Heather Kelly (nee Murray). Heather was the daughter of DCA aircraft surveyor Rub. Murray - understand she died about 12 months ago. Heather worked in the DCA office at Kone in the 40's and 50's and was the centre of attraction wherever she went. She visited Finsch to type up some documents during my stay there.

After leaving luncheon went to see Ern Sharp who as I said had been in hospital - all now seems OK. Ern is now Office Services Manager for Clayton Utz Attorneys.

LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS

As the following memberships lapsed in 1990 and we have not heard from the members concerned for some considerable time, we regret that we have had to delete their names from our mailing list:

ALLEN, Mr. R.	(Cheltenham)	ANDERSON, Mr. F.W.	(Mollymook)
ANDERSON, Ms B	(Kingsford)	BARNES, Dr. R.	(Green Point)
BITMEAD, Mrs. A.	(Alfred Cove)	BOURKE, Ms.C.	(Potts Point)
BROWN, Mr. W.T.	(Woolahra)	CHENOWETH, Mr. D.	(Thorneside)
COEHN, Mr. H.	(Darwin)	CONNOLLY, Mr. K.	(Concord)
DIXON, Mr. B.	(Terrigal)	DOERR, Mr. F.C.	(Bribie Is.)
FITZHERBERT, Mr J.	(Burwood, Vic)	FYFE, Mr. D.	(Kingston, Tas)
GREY, Mr. B.	(Hamilton)	GRIFFITH, Mr. E.	(Sorrento, Q)
GURN, Mrs. E.	(Scarborough)	HARRISON, Mr. R.A.	(Dysart)
HITCHCOCK, Mr K.	(Turramurra)	HOENKE, Miss V.	(PNG)
JAMESON, Dr.T.	(Auckland)	JAMESON, Mrs. T.	(Bribie Is.)
LETFORD, Mr. A.	(North Sydney)	LORENTSON, Mr. O.	(Bribie Is.)
LOWA, Mrs. M	(Deakin, ACT)	MACDOUGALL, Mr. G	(S/Paradise Q)
MCCRICKARD, Mr. R.	(Kingston, Tas)	MCLAY, Mr. A.	(PNG)
ORCHARD, Mr. B.	(Palm Beach Q)	PRITCHARD, Mrs. R.	(St. Huberts Is)
READ, Mr A.E.	(Surrey, U.K.)	SNEP, Mr B.	(Toowoomba)
STAM, Mr. R.	(Innisfail)	STEWART, Mr. E.J.	(Bribie Is.)
VINES, Mr F.M.	(West Chermide)		

It would be appreciated if anyone is in contact with any of these members that they inform them of what has happened and ask the member to get in touch with the Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

**HISTORY OF
NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES (NGVR)
and
PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES (PNGVR)**

The following is extracted from a letter I recently received from Bill McGrath, Proprietor of the "Pacific Press" and "Pacific Book House":

"I wish to advise you that, on behalf of Pacific Press and Pacific Book House, I have commissioned Dr Ian Downs, O.B.E. to thoroughly research and write the HISTORY OF THE NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES (NGVR) and the HISTORY OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES (PNGVR) 1951-1973.

The research and writing of these two histories will take about 12 months and the production and printing of them into a single book will occupy a further 5 months. The book should be available in December 1992 and it is pertinent that 1992 is the 50th anniversary of the Japanese landings at Rabaul, Lae, Salamaua and Madang, towns where NGVR units were based.

PNGVR was an unusual CMF unit and has the distinction of being the only CMF unit established in Papua New Guinea. Initially the Army in its wisdom only permitted Europeans to enlist in the PNGVR but pressure from within the ranks of the PNGVR finally forced the Army in the 1960s to open it up to Chinese, Mixed Race and PNG Indigenous men. NGVR and PNGVR rated as the most unique units in the Australian Military Forces and the writing of their unit histories is long overdue. The ranks of the NGVR veterans have thinned over the years and publication of the NGVR unit history must be completed without delay.

Fortunately I have (and I have access to) a considerable amount of data relating to both units but assistance will also be appreciated from surviving members, their families and official sources.

Dr Ian Downs, O.B.E. is a highly esteemed and wellknown former Patrol Officer, Coastwatcher, District Commissioner, Coffee Planter, Parliamentarian and Author.....

Ian currently lives at Uki in Northern New South Wales. His postal address is:

P.O. Box 189
Murwillumbah. N.S.W. 2484. Telephone No. 066.795.310

I am sure that Ian would be delighted to hear from persons associated with either the NGVR or the PNGVR who are interested in recording the definitive history of these two battalions. I know Ian will be working closely with the NGVR/PNGVR Associations established in New South Wales and Queensland and perhaps elsewhere."

Both Ian and Bill hope to attend our Christmas Luncheon on 1 December '91. Ed.

TELEVISION CURRENT AFFAIRS

The following is the text of a letter written by John Howard of Stanmore NSW in April 1991 to the General Manager, Channel Nine, Sydney. John returned to Australia late last year after spending some 27 years in PNG and prior to his departure was Principal of the Administrative College Regional Training Centre at Madang.

"I write concerning the sixty Minutes item on 7th April 1991 on the law and order situation in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea.

While this purported to be an up-to-date description of the situation in the Highlands, the footage, which showed large scale looting, was taken in Lae in 1989. That seems to me to be dishonest and misleading. It was old footage, it was not in the Highlands, and it related to a particular situation in the Morobe Province at that time which involved provincial politics and the businessman whose department store was being looted. Would you think it reasonable to do an item on the law and order situation in Sydney today and, without explanation, use material nearly two years old from Melbourne?

There were many other things to criticise in this segment but I restrict myself to one other. You inferred something sinister in an Australian management consultant company being involved in the training of "riot police", the suggestion was that this was hiding the Australian Government's involvement. Firstly, it is now quite common for the Australian Government Aid Agency, AIDAB, to use management consultants to administer overseas aid projects, secondly, this project involved a lot more than training of riot squads. I am aware of detective, prosecutions, traffic and forensic science training which has been taking place under this project.

Surely your staff who researched this item were aware of these facts but they choose to slant this segment of the item to give a sinister inference.

This item on your programme raises serious questions about its credibility. I hope that in the next programme there will be some remedial action. An apology would seem appropriate."

Copies of the letter were sent by John to the Chairperson, Australian Broadcasting Tribunal, His Excellency P. Song, PNG High Commissioner to Australia and Mr. W. Nindim, the PNG Consul-General in Sydney.

In his letter to me John commented "Things are bad enough in PNG without misleading reporting. Not surprisingly, I got no joy from the Channel Nine Management, they basically seem to think that they can do what they like!"

To date there has been no apology nor any contradiction of the points raised by John in his letter. The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal has advised him that they could only take action if this had occurred in a "News" broadcast. The PNG representatives in Australia, although most indignant concerning the matter, were also able to do very little.

I let Members be the judge! Ed.

MOUNT LAMINGTON BEFORE AND AFTER

The following is the text of a very interesting letter I received early in the year from R.N.B. Stevens of Chatham, NSW:

"I appreciated the Mount Lamington article - I had two stints at Higaturu, firstly in 1946 immediately after I returned from overseas flying with the RAAF and then again in 1948 until I was posted to Wau.

Oliver John Atkinson was the D.O. and John Joseph Murphy was the A.D.O. Higaturu was a real garden of Eden with Mt. Lamington looming above it. There were five peaks to the mountain with several lakes (one warm with rusty coloured water). Folk law has it that many many years previously a native from the mountain trekked to the coast where he kidnapped a young girl and raced with her from the coast up to the mountain, hotly pursued by the girl's parents. On arriving at the warm lake he and the girl jumped into a canoe and paddled for the opposite side, however whilst in the centre of the lake a huge crocodile came from the depths and attacked the canoe and its occupants crushing and killing the two natives and staining the water with their blood. We know that the reason the water is rusty is due to the red ochre deposits around that particular lake.

I was at Misima on the Sunday morning that the mountain blew and returned immediately to Samarai with the thought that I may be required to go back to Popondetta and assist in the rescue and rehabilitation.

It was some three months later when I finally returned to Popondetta where the full extent of the devastation hit home. I had the opportunity to fly over the area with Vulcanologist Tony Taylor and prior to flying up to Kokoda we flew into and out of the crater where Tony pointed out to me the cone within the crater was building up and a more horrible sight I have never seen.

The crater was tremendous - the five peaks which had previously been evident were gone. The whole top of Mt. Lamington had been blown out in what Tony told me was a Peelee eruption - that is the explosive forces instead of going straight up had blown in a direction towards the surrounding countryside thus contributing to the devastation all around the base of the mountain. I lost many good friends in the eruption, both local and expatriate, Government and Commercial. The whole station of Higaturu was now non-existent. This garden of Eden certainly had it's snake - in the form of a towering, forbidding mountain which finally blew its top."

HELP WANTED

For his *LITERATURE OF THE BIRDS OF NEW GUINEA THE BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS* Bill Peckover is anxious to learn all he can about A.E. Pratt who wrote -

TWO YEARS AMONG NEW GUINEA CANNIBALS

A Naturalist's Sojourn among the Aborigines of Unexplored New Guinea
With Notes and Observations by his son Henry Pratt
which was published in 1906 (Pratt the Naturalist); and about Alfred Ernest Pratt who was appointed Govt. Field Surveyor from July 11, 1909 in the Papuan Gazette for Year 1909. (Pratt the Surveyor).

Pratt the Naturalist was a self described "Butterfly-collector" who said his work in New Guinea was a quest for "additions to the great natural

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history collections, both public and private of England and to a lesser extent of France".

Pratt spent ten days in Merauke, Dutch New Guinea, two periods of five and nine months respectively of 1902 and 1903 in the foothills and mountains northeast of Yule Island and the remaining time of his "two year sojourn" in Port Moresby, except for a journey "rather of observation than of exploration down the coast 75 miles to the south east" of Port Moresby.

He was back in England in September, 1904. Was reported to be collecting live Goura Pigeons in the Aru Island for overseas Zoos in 1907. The "Three Pratt Brothers" (maybe the Naturalist and two sons) were in Dutch New Guinea (Weyland Mountain by way of the Wanggar R. Geelvink Bay) possibly from Oct 1909 to Jan 1910 but those may well be the wrong years.

Pratt the Surveyor is mentioned by Gavin Souter as Surveyor on the Mackay Purari Coal Expedition in 1907. He was also with Staniforth Smith on his abortive 1910-1911 Purari Expedition. Ivan Champion remembered this Pratt from his school days and advised Pratt's daughter Ruth married Tom Sefton of Koitaki. Ian Stuart mentions that Tom Sefton was married at Pratt's Sogeri house in 1917.

Any responses should be direct to Bill - 14 Balanda Street, Jindalee, Queensland, 4074. (Phone [07] 376 5465).

DEAKIN AUTHORS' BOOK HONoured IN U.S.

David Wetherell and Charlotte Car-Gregg's biography of C.H. Wedgwood, *Camilla*, published last year by the NSW University Press, has been honoured by the Association of College and Research Libraries which has listed it amongst the top eleven Anthropology titles published in 1990.

The Association's 'Outstanding Academic Books and Nonprint Materials' annual list for 1991 appears in its monthly magazine, *Choice*, which cites altogether 540 titles including the eleven anthropology titles selected from 5,500 reviews; the list is stated to be 'a tribute to the quality maintained in scholarly publishing'.

In a review of *Camilla*, the magazine says 'This excellent biography expands our understanding of anthropology as it took shape in England and Australia'. The reviewer adds: 'Clearly written, the book is strongly recommended for undergraduates and graduates with interest in the history of anthropology, women's studies, cross-cultural education, or area studies concentrating on Australia and New Guinea'.

The book is available from the publisher, University of NSW Press, 32 King Street, Randwick NSW 2031.

Members will remember that we published a review of *Camilla* by Robert L Pulsford in the March 1990 issue of *Una Voce*. Soon after this review was published I received a letter from Graham Taylor of Adelaide. Graham was a Kiap in PNG, later Manager ABC Port Moresby and later still Manager ABC Adelaide. The following is the text of his letter:

"The review of Bob Pulsford's book about Camilla Wedgwood struck some familiar chords.

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My maternal family is the Colclough China dynasty; they married into the Wedgwoods in the early days of the Staffordshire Potteries about 300 years ago and so I have always felt a bit of an affection for anything Wedgwood. I didn't know much about this, however, when I first struck Camilla.

I have just been reading about the visit to the Women's College of Sydney University of Lord Wedgwood where he met some of those who had worked with his great-aunt Camilla. As the Review so rightly says, she will always be remembered as a quite remarkable woman and a very gifted teacher.

Along with perhaps yourself and certainly many other emerging Kiaps I first came upon Camilla at ASOPA where she introduced us to the Neanderthal Man and other delights of social, cultural and physical anthropology.

Clear in my mind - more than 30 years later - are her accounts of life in Manam and in particular her exhortations to do with the need for all of us to live good and saintly lives when the day came for us in turn to follow her into primitive society.

In this latter context I am further reminded of the speech impediment which made it difficult for Camilla to get the "r" and "w" sounds right. Leading by example, her account of how "every morning I would ask a young Manam man to sweep out my room with a broom" lingers on as part of my affectionate memories of this quite marvelous lady the like of which, in stature, appearance, and intellectual capacity, I had never met before."

(For anyone who knew Camilla Wedgewood, I believe the book is essential reading. Ed.)

PORT MORESBY RE-VISITED

by Eric Flower

On our recent visit to Port Moresby we hired a car and drove almost 100 Km in the Moresby, Boroko and Waigani areas. We were advised not to venture beyond the town area because of 'rascals'. There are road blocks on each road entering the area and they seem to be having some effect.

Our ship berthed at the new container wharf which is an earth filled wharf between the old Small Ships wharf and the Yacht Club. The club is going strong and the Marina in front would be the envy of many mainland Yacht Clubs.

The high-rise buildings dominate the landscape, with the Travelodge at the end of Mary St. most prominent. Molony's Building has given way to a high-rise along with so many others too numerous to mention. The old District Office complex, library, Post Office and the 'Top Pub' are as ever, though the last is now a shambles. The Ela United Church, built in 1874 and the oldest building, is still in good repair, though shut in by High-risers. The Bowling Club, RSL etc. have all been demolished to give way to an attractive park extending the whole length of Ela Beach from the road.

Houses and buildings generally appear to be well painted and in good repair, though, of course, all are surrounded with high wire fences. Konedobu offices are well preserved and painted, with Sir Donald's office and verandah as ever.

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KOKI area has changed - there has been a lot of reclamation and the road to 3 Mile Hill is well clear of the KOKI crowd. A large cluster of local houses has been built over the water where the canoes used to frequent.

Traffic in Boroko is unbelievable though generally courteous. The old busses we knew have been replaced by hundreds of Mini-Busses which seem to go everywhere. Traffic lights are at most intersections.

A huge new hospital complex - not yet opened - has been built further down Taurama Road with a large Service Station beyond it on the same side. Roads and housing throughout which are permanent appear in fairly good repair.

Settlements of locals abound on the periphery of the town area. We stopped and talked to lots of groups from different areas - it was surprising that most spoke English but were much happier with Pidgin or Motu and wanted to talk all day. I was surprised I was still reasonably fluent in both.

The new Parliament House is certainly a tribute to its designer, Ces Hogan. It is magnificent!! We were thrilled to see so many families visiting to see their 'Haus of Govament'. We talked to a number and they were most enthusiastic.

We certainly enjoyed our short stay and especially talking with the people. They were all most friendly and pleasant. No, we had no encounter with any 'Rascals', though our ship did have to leave port early to enable the Pilot and workers to comply with the Curfew.

ALASKA THE ABSOLUTE

by Roma Bates

During August/September 1990 I flew from Amsterdam to Anchorage over the Arctic - the Pole was somewhere around. It was a brilliantly sunny day not a cloud in the sky, the luminous iridescence bounced back from the ice cap and it was like flying through blinding shimmering light, quite extraordinary. 'Twas an anti-climax to sight Mt McKinley 18,000 haughty feet high and majes-tically robed in eternal snow, to land at Anchorage, a smart modern town with an excellent air terminal which made our Mascot look shabby and provincial.

Everywhere there was water and everywhere there were seaplanes, and this was the pattern throughout Alaska. A country like PNG with too many mountains and few roads; so, like PNG, the people take to the air. All airports had private parking for planes as well as cars and, similarly at seaports, there were plane marinas and separate boat marinas plus carparks. In Ketchikan I was titillated to see a seaplane taxi rank, and wouldn't you know, they were painted yellow, with a touch of orange. I guess there were similar at all seaports.

You've all read about the glories of the scenery in Alaska - it is magnificent and no account of it is exaggerated...I shall tell you of other things that charmed, fascinated, amused and excited me.

Anchorage with its brilliant outsize flowers landscaping most streets and all parks and its lawn-roofed log cabin of a Tourist Centre (blazing log fire inside) is a very attractive city. I was intrigued by the size and depth of colour of all flowers and asked how - with only 3 months of summer - the petunias were as big as bread and butter plates, fuschias dripped from hanging baskets with flowers as big as apples and all other

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flowers in the same ratio. Of course! They have 3 months of sunshine 24 hours a day, was the reply.

Next stop was Denali National Park in the direction of the Arctic. A huge park of 6 million acres (but not the biggest in Alaska), which is home for 37 species of mammals and many birds. Tundra stuff. To give you some idea of its size, it was 90 miles from the park gates to the Lodge I stayed at. Ninety miles of majestic scenery - and at sunset over the mountains, psychedelic snow!!!! Denali consisted of about 150 one-roomed wooden dongas (mine was named "Forty-Miler") which housed 2 people. Old-fashioned gas mantles for illumination and a wood-fire stove for warmth - here my age was a bonus...my companion being only 67 years old was not as familiar with operating such refinements as I was. I rather enjoyed showing off my prowess. Gas from a cylinder outside, chopped wood, replenished every morning. The 'loo was down a goat track on the edge of a cliff - and had no door so that one could contemplate the magic of Mt. McKinley unimpeded....thunder-box type of course. Huge log cabin type buildings housed dining room which seated (when I was there) about 250 people, and down the hill a bit was a similar type building of ablution block - as modern as tomorrow - Swedish style - a further large building was the socialising centre with films, books, souv-enirs, etc. Had a great three days there and despite the frequent "precipitation" as the Americans say, we sallied forth each day watching beavers so busily at work damming streams and culverts (much to the annoyance of the local authorities) also checking on the large Dall mountain sheep (always too far away for good pictures from my inadequate camera). I loved the beavers and didn't tire of watching them. The caribou with unbelievably branched horns, moose with huge horns that looked like fringed bull-dozer blades, stacks of birds. On various forays we saw foxes, brown bears (from the safety of a conveyance), grizzlies too. We were lectured not to walk around alone in the bear country and to make noise (talking, bell on backpack etc.) so that the bear would be aware of our presence, and if we did come across bears ... WALK, not run, as unobtrusively as possible. The bears seemed harmlessly domesticated with their young at heel foraging for food or just playing with each other; seems they are unpredictable if startled, hence the "noise" advice.

A fabulous place was Portage - a special highlight. Lake ringed by high mountains (what else!) with a glacier feeding into it, I should say "calving" into it; glaciers are hundreds of years old, building annually, and the incredible pressure of this ancient ice crumbles the rocks in the valleys to a fine powder as they inch along to water (sea or river or lake) where they take the form of a high wall, tall as a 15 storey building perhaps. The force and pressure of the glacier behind causes it to groan, creak and eventually crack with an almighty roar as a huge piece the size of a big building crashes spectacularly into the water. Glaciers move an inch or two a day, so I was told. I found this "calving" process fascinating to watch. But to get back to Portage, on the lake were icebergs of varying sizes and the sun shone through, as well as on, them, turning them into exquisite transparent blue objet d'art. If you have visited the Blue Grotto on Capri, you will have a good mental picture of this example of Nature's Wonders. Took one's breath away.

From Portage our two mini-buses drove to a nearby railway line and boarded an open-platformed train (with about 150 other cars) for the journey through two mountains to the port of Whittier. Each tunnel was a very slow mile long and of course no light to alleviate the stygian darkness. Very few words were spoken just the slow rhythmic rumble of the train broke the silence. Very eerie. 'Twas a relief to see the sun again, but almost immediately we were into the next tunnel of similar length. We

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emerged at Whittier, a forgettable township, where we all boarded the waiting ferry (big and luxurious like the Cross English Channel types only better) for the cruise up Prince William Sound (where the oil spill was last year) to Valdez, a front-ier town. No sign of oil on the water but vestiges could be seen on the rocks.

The waters of the Sound were so placid and beautiful with mountains reflected and I was enjoying it all as I sat at table - and then! I saw a magnificent glacier coming into view...it was of incredible size and I was so excited by it I left my dinner on the table and rushed out with my permanently attached camera. The ferry anchored. The Columbia Glacier! It wound for miles along a valley between mountain peaks, its length lost in distance, curving eventually on a broad front MILES wide, into the Sound. Icebergs of every size confettied the Sound, bumping the ferry as they went. I stood entranced, hardly believing the beauty of it all. After about half an hour the ferry moved on and velvet darkness descended on Valdez as we pulled in. The Columbia Glacier is 66 kms long.

Kenai Fjord National Park was, I'm running out of adjectives. Beautiful and different entirely. Wildlife is prolific - harbour seals bask on icebergs calved from the glaciers, sea lions sun on rocky ledges while the darling sea otters floated on their backs with arms folded across chest, or held a shell, or a baby otter...always on their backs - they were really "laid back; they fascinated me, only as big as a fox terrier. Whales and porpoises are common, thousands - nay, millions of sea birds filled the air with their cacophany and white-wash the cliffs. I was told as many as 20 thousand puffins on a single rock, I believed it. This day cruise was a fabulous experience...although a warm sunny day it was truly freezing anchored in front of the glacier; we had been warned and had donned all our thermals layer upon layer - and needed it all. I didn't dally on deck too long - much warmer on the inside looking out. Much calving from the glacier kept us entertained. Seward is another frontier town trying to preserve its past history with its old-style shopping and a horse-drawn tram to take us around.

Every town we visited had its own personality and I wish the same enthusiasm for preserving our heritage, which is unique, existed throughout Oz.

No two towns were alike. Juneau the capital is a charmer. It hugs Mt. Juneau and consists of a score of narrow streets criss-crossing old shops, slanted houses, "streets" of staircases connected one level with the next up the mountainside. The bustling seafront in front of all this is where the cruiseships, tankers, fishing boats anchor and float-planes buzz in and out like flies. There was a famous saloon on the waterfront "The Red Dog" which everyone visited to slush through the sawdust and peanut shells on the floor. It looked like a Wild West movie set and had a stuffed grizzly bear climbing up its central pillar, for added interest. A visit to the Russian church was interesting, but the Russian connection was not emphasised here at it was at Sitka.

(When Roma returned from her trip I asked her if she would write something about it for the Newsletter and the above is half of what she produced. I think that it is such an interesting account of a most unusual journey and so well written that I did not have the heart to do anything to it other than some minor editing. The remainder will be included in the December issue. Ed.)

BOOK REVIEW

EXPLOITING THE TROPICAL RAIN FOREST

An account of Pulpwood Logging in PNG.

"Man and the Biosphere" Series - Volume 3

Author: D. Lamb, Botany Dept., University of Queensland.

Publishers: UNESCO Paris, and Parthenon. RRP \$40.00. pp259.

Review by: Norman Endacott.

Obtainable from D.A. Books & Journals, Box 163 Mitcham, Vic 3132 or University Bookshops.

In this publication, David Lamb takes us through the Gogol Timber Project - its background, its planning and execution, the difficulties, and an objective audit of the results from the vantage of 15 years' hindsight.

He traces the rapidly accelerating moves throughout the 1960s towards independence and increasing emphasis on economic development. The World Bank report of 1964 identified the timber industry as a prime source of development, and the Department of Forests enthusiastically accelerated its forest survey program and began an extensive international marketing exercise to attract overseas forest industries.

Gogol seemed a logical starting point, and the interest of the Honshu Paper Co. in woodchips from Gogol confirmed this choice. The author outlines the setting up of the operation, including the involvement of Wewak Timbers as the complementary sawmiller. He describes the Gogol timber area in scientific detail and gives us a very clear picture of the people, their social structure, traditions and economic circumstances.

The Administration (and later the Government) tried valiantly to win the support of the land-owners and villagers for the creation of a long-term timber development, with reforestation after logging as a vital component. It tried to sell the attractions of a land-leasing system. Despite all this effort the people generally were unimpressed. The acquisition of leases for tree-planting fell far short of targets. Hence the follow-up reforestation remained small scale.

Perhaps the most valuable section of David Lamb's account is his assessment of success and failure, after the lapse of 15 years. His findings indicate a patchy outcome, with successes and failures more or less in balance. The greatest disappointment has been the inability to reforest adequately after logging, and this defect seems likely to lead to exhaustion of wood supplies within a few years. If the operation were terminated, the whole exercise would be labelled by posterity as an extractive operation, which conferred little enduring benefit on the Gogol people, Madang, or PNG.

On page 201 the author turns the clock back 25 years and canvasses 5 alternative policies the Administration/Government could have considered for Gogol. He goes on to set Gogol in the context of overall PNG forestry development post-1970. It would have been interesting if he had pursued this line a little further by suggesting alternative overall forestry strategies which the Administration could have adopted in response to the World Bank Report. It is noteworthy that all the timber projects planned in the late 1960s and 1970s have fallen short of expectations.

David has put together a comprehensive account which will be invaluable to historians, PNG policy-makers, foresters and others concerned with the environment in tropical countries. His treatment of the scientific aspects is impeccable, yet he is clear and readable. His style is to be admired. Above all, he deals with a controversial subject in a reflective, fair and balanced way.

GREAT AIR ESCAPES. A superb new book on Aussie war heroes who beat the odds and survived.

Author: Robert Piper

Publisher: 'Pagemasters Books', P.O. Box 12485, MELBOURNE, Vic.3000
Price \$23.50 (\$19.95 plus \$3.55 postage and handling.
Semi-stiff cover, 160 pp.)

Courage and kindness for fellow man, narrow escapes from death - these are themes that recurred hundreds of times throughout the Allied air campaign in the South Pacific. As the 50th anniversaries of many of these episodes come and go, they deserve better than to moulder away in some official file. In his research over the past two decades, RAAF historian Robert Piper has come across story after story of everyday heroism and determination. In every squadron, some act of selfless bravery, or the overcoming of a seemingly insurmountable difficulty, has become legend.

From the hard-to-handle Beaufighter, to the humble Auster, the lumbering Avro Anson, the outclassed Kittyhawk, the spectacular Spitfire, the ponderous Buffalo Brewster, the Australian pilots who flew them all displayed the same qualities when it came to facing danger. RAAF pilots took to the skies in many aircraft - and in the chapters of this book, Piper, for the first time, has matched a deed of heroism, daring or grit with 19 different planes. And some of these pilots not only flew, but they walked, even swam and sailed. Some of them enduring unbearable hardships in jungle treks across some of the worst terrain in the world.

There's the incredible story of the pilot who was shot down twice and fired on for a third time, all in the same afternoon. What's more he survived. Or the pilots who were playing Santa Claus for the frontline troops but ended up crashing in their airborne 'sleigh'. Then there was the Spitfire pilot who crashed at full speed during a spectacular dogfight with a Japanese Zero. His plane somersaulted end over end, lost its wings and tail.... but he just walked away. And then there was the Hudson pilot who, while attempting to jump from his crippled and burning plane, accidentally stepped on to the controls, plunging the Hudson into an even steeper dive. He, too, eventually survived.

These stories are uplifting. They picture the men who beat the odds. With them comes many never-before-published pictures and facts that have remained locked into the minds of the pilots themselves. Piper's research has taken him to America, Japan, New Zealand and all parts of Australia.

The facts he has unearthed are indisputable - but in the end it's the pilots themselves who make the pages of this book so memorable.

(The above is from a brochure printed about the book and describes its contents far better than I could. I have read the book which is in large format and very easy to read. Of the 19 stories in the book, 11 relate to incidents in Papua New Guinea. Ed.)

VALE

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.

Mr. MacKendrick Charles William (Mac) RICH (20 July 91 aged 87 years)

As a child Mac lived in Papua with his missionary parents, Rev. Charles and Caroline Rich of the London Bible Society, and his brothers and sisters at Fife Bay. He later went to school in North Sydney as a boarder at Knox College with his brother Clem (other brother Mick was only a baby) and attended the Congregational Church at Milsons Point, where he met Mab (Mabel) at Sunday School, little realising that they would marry many years later.

Mac joined the Papuan Field Service in 1924 aged 21 years as a Patrol Officer and in 1932 spent six months at Kokoda building the first landing ground with the help of the local people. When Civil Administration ceased in February 1942 he was a Senior Assistant Resident Magistrate. He served in W.W. II with ANGAU and was at Milne Bay prior to and during the Japanese landing; he was at Goodenough Island where the U.S. Forces staged prior to assault on Gasmata; and was on special duty with advance party up N.E. Coast prior to assault on Buna.

Post-war Mac served as District Officer Port Moresby 1946/47 and then as Assistant Director Department of District Services and Native Affairs until retirement in 1952, after 28 years service. As Assistant Director, he relieved the Director and the Assistant Government Secretary when they went on leave.

Mac and Mab then moved to Sunshine Street, Manly Vale and Mac worked for the Manly Council until he again retired. He was a member of the Manly Vale Bowling Club, Balgowlah R.S.L. and the Harbord Diggers. He was predeceased by his wife, Mab, and their only child, a son MacKendrick (Ken), who died early this year.

Daughter-in-law, Marie, writes "Mac was a fine person and very talented, his great sense of design and beautiful handwork built boats at Manly Vale. He loved his radio, which was of great interest and kept him in touch with his PNG colleagues and friends via weekly sessions. He was held in high regard by those with whom he came in contact, fondly remembered by his family and friends, he loved his family and was one of nature's gentlemen." Mac is survived by his daughter-in-law, Marie, and grandchildren Kerri, Victoria and Craig.

Mr Johannes Petrus Coenradus BURGERS (9 June, 1991, aged 76 years).

John went to PNG in the early 50's with his wife and eight children. He spent his first year on the island of Buka, working on a coconut plantation. Then he took his family to Rabaul, where he worked for Chipper & Co. for a year. At this time he kept his study up for accountancy and passed all his exams.

He then worked with the Public Works Department for a number of years in Rabaul. In 1966 he went to Port Moresby to work with Trade and Industry. At the end of 1967 he was transferred back to Rabaul. Late in 1968 he was transferred back to Port Moresby and continued working with Trade and Industry there until he retired in 1972.

John and his wife then settled at Ebbw Vale in Queensland. He is survived by his wife, Arnolda Albertha, eight children and twenty-two grandchildren.

Rev. Ian McAuslan FARDON (18 August 91)

At the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, the Rev. Gordon Trickett on 21 August paid tribute to the life of Ian McAuslan Fardon saying he was "a man of vision, who had his feet grounded in reality".

Ian was born and grew up on the Atherton Tablelands and was the eldest of a family of four boys and three girls. His father had a small tobacco farm and also worked a wolfram mine. Ian missed periods of schooling assisting his father at the mine and timber getting. In WW II he joined the RAAF and went to Canada for training where he gained his "wings". The war came to an end before he had the opportunity to see any action.

After discharge in 1947 he was accepted for training as a Methodist minister and entered Wesley College at the University of Sydney where he gained a B.A. degree and became a joint President of the Australian Student Christian Movement (ASCM). When he had completed his theological training at the Uniting Faculty and Leigh Theological College, he became a travelling secretary of the ASCM. Trickett continues; "People with an ASCM background continue to comment on what an inspiration Ian was to them during this period of their studies. Ian was able to open their minds to new ways of commitment to the Gospel".

In 1956, Ian, having married Gwenyth Wyndham, took charge of the Rabaul Methodist church for five years. "While there Ian gave leadership in the building of a great modern church and attracted into it a large and vital congregation drawn from the European, Chinese, and town dwelling PNG Nationals." His energy and initiative was unbounded. "He visited the hospital each day [and met every arriving] plane, as a means of keeping in touch with people's movements. He would be at the air strip at 6 am. He would visit the market on Saturday morning simply to talk with people". In Rabaul he developed a transit Hostel, and a School Hostel so village children could attend High School. To finance all this a group of Church people, led by Alex Hopper and Ian, acquired a plantation in Bougainville.

After a term at Gaulim, "his final appointment in PNG was in the United Church at Port Moresby. With church union Ian was able to build up a strong multicultural church, preparing its people for independence, and building up skills among the indigenous people for the responsibility of the continuing life of the Church. He gave support to politicians and community leaders as they looked forward to independence."

He returned to Australia in 1974 and conducted a vital ministry at Rooty Hill, Armidale and Uralla. He retired to a block out of Armidale and built with his own hands a beautiful retirement home which he and Gwenyth surrounded with a magnificent garden of Australian and other plants. He kept bees, ran sheep, was an assistant postman with a 200 km run, promoted exhibitions of paintings for Rotary and was a member of the CSIRO Ethics Committee and much more. He will be greatly missed by Gwenyth, his family and a wide diversity of friends from every walk of life. At his request Gwenyth is floating a fund to support the education of United Church ministers in PNG.

Mr. Paul SOWENI (15 August 91)

Paul died in Port Moresby of a heart attack. He was Superintendent of Operations in the Technical Education Division, Department of Education. He will be known to many through his long work in technical education including terms as Principal of Madang and Iubada Technical Colleges. He was also very active in soccer affairs and served as national coach.

Dr Charles Ernest BERESFORD (6 June 1991, Aged 73 years)

Dr Beresford was born in Manchester, England on 19th August 1917. He showed signs of great determination and a strong will at an early age, when at 14 he had to leave school to supplement the family income. He did not allow this to hinder his ambition to become a teacher, and worked at anything available during the day whilst attending night school.

He graduated in his early 20's from Didsbury College in Manchester as a teacher. He used to organise activities for children during the school holidays as he was concerned about the ones with working parents being left unattended.

During the war he was so badly injured that he was to receive a pension for life. He refused and once again his incredible willpower came into play, and he went on to lead a full and very useful life.

In 1950 he migrated to Australia where, with his wife and 4 young children he was assigned to a small country school in Richlands NSW. A measure of the respect that he received is that some of the students still contacted him until recently. A few years later, Dr Beresford took up a position as District Education Officer at Lorengau, Manus Island in New Guinea. He left the family in Sydney, which was as well as when he arrived there was no school - no buildings, let alone equipment. His first lessons were held on the beach with shells for equipment.

Six months later when his family arrived, he had organised, with the assistance of the local natives, the erection of Quonset huts as a house and school. He had even made ice-cream for his 6 children.

Whilst he was stationed in Lorengau, Dr Beresford started a Teacher Training School. He staffed the schools in the surrounding villages with his trainees. He was always interested in the Scouting movement and introduced Scouting in Lorengau.

He was most concerned about the lack of formal education for girls on the island and convinced the local village chiefs that it would be beneficial to educate them. With the help of his wife, Sally, he introduced the girls to education and had them board at the Lorengau Education Centre under the supervision of older women from the tribes.

Dr Beresford's 2 youngest children were born whilst he was stationed in the Territories. At his last posting there, he noticed a marked deterioration in the relationship between the indigenous population and the whites, and it saddened him greatly.

His final posting before retirement was as Headmaster to the Nightcliffe Primary School in Darwin, where Cyclone Tracey devastated his school. He retired, with his wife and 2 youngest children, to Malanda in North Queensland where they bought a small property that backed onto the Johnson River. He set about planting hundreds of trees. The perimeter consisted of several rows of pine trees which became a landmark in the area. As with all of his previous homes, this one was named 'Kibble Kift'. Dr Beresford was never really retired and he completed a doctorate in preventative medicine in 1984. He loved studying and up until 2 weeks before his death he was studying to keep abreast of the law in his role of Justice of the Peace. His wife, Sally, passed away on 20th June, 1983.

He is survived by his 8 children, Wendy (Wodonga, Vic), Norman (Perth, WA), Leslie (Canberra), Thomas (Rockhampton, Qld), Gaye (Jilliby NSW), Robin (Ipswich, Qld), Jennifer (Raymond Terrace, NSW) and Janet (Toowoomba, Qld), and their families.

Mrs. Grace EVANS (20 May 91, aged 91 years)

Widow of Thomas Evans who joined the New Guinea Service in 1929 as a Technical Assistant and passed away in 1942 whilst, I believe, still in the Service.

Mr Francis Michael (Mick) BURNS (15 June. 1991, aged 68 years)

Mr Burns passed away at Selangor Private Hospital, Nambour, after a long illness. A service was held in a small Catholic Church at Kandanga, outside Gympie, attended by some 200 mourners - very few expatriates. Noreen Aldridge, Geoff Masters, Tom Durkin (no notice of death or funeral placed in papers).

Mick Burns served in PNG during the war and returned in 1946 as Works Supervisor for the Commonwealth Department of Works. Around 1950 he married Lexi Segar and they divorced in the 70's. He married Pat Neville (no relation to Ron Neville) around 1977. Upon leaving PNG they settled on a small property at Kandanga.

He is survived by his wife Pat and daughter Michelle (13).

Mr Reay Thiselton WEIDENHOFER (5 February 1984. Aged 73 years).

Reay Weidenhofer joined the New Guinea Administration in 1937. He was stationed first at Rabaul. A member of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles, he was in Wau at the time of the Japanese invasion there and was one of a group of men who walked across the Owen Stanley Range by way of 'Dead Chinaman' to Port Moresby. In about 1944 he was transferred from the Australian Army to American headquarters in the Pacific.

Post-war he was with Treasury at Madang with his family from May 1946 to 1952. At the end of 1952 he moved to Moresby with Treasury, later joining the newly established Department of Posts and Telegraphs (probably on its formal 'inauguration' on 1 July 1955). When he retired in 1967 he was the Executive Officer with Forestry.

Retiring to his home State, Tasmania, and to the family home, 'Avalon Gates', Taroona, which he and Joan had established at Hobart many years before, Reay joined NAMCO in Tasmania as an accountant. He much enjoyed working with NAMCO, and obviously the feeling was mutual because each time he talked of retiring he was persuaded to stay 'a little longer.' When he did leave, he worked part-time with private accountants Wilson Woods till 1981.

Suffering a series of small strokes during 1981, Reay was hospitalised after a more severe stroke. To his great distress he was there the week Joan, who had been ill with cancer for several years, died. (Joan was well known for pioneering and compering the ABC womens' session for 9PA from Port Moresby from the early 1950s).

Reay made a slow recovery, sufficient for him to live quietly at home alone - thanks to son Wally, relatives nearby, and to regular visits by daughter Margaret (now Mrs Bryan Reid) from Melbourne.

Joan and Bill Peckover visited him at Easter 1983 when, though still handicapped, he was enjoying a quiet, reasonably independent life. The following year he died suddenly at home on the day he had been looking forward to yachting with Wally. Margaret wrote: 'Dad seemed to be coping quite well at Christmas, though he was slowing down a little, so we thought we would have him with us for a few more years'.

(The above details were provided by Reay's daughter, Margaret, and Bill Peckover as a result of our enquiry in the last Newsletter. Ed.)

Mrs. Audrey KRUGER (2 September 91)

Audrey was a keen golfer and would be better known to many members as Audrey Woodlands of Madang, who at one time was the PNG National Associate Champion. I understand that she died on the Caloundra Golf Course whilst playing a round of golf. Her son, Geoffrey, is an outstanding Professional Golfer and flew home from the U.S. for his mother's funeral.

Audrey is survived by her husband Eddie and son Geoffrey.

Keith Edwin (Nobby) NOBLET (20 June 91, aged 82 years)

The following details have been kindly provided by Bob Bunting of Paradise Point Qld:

"Nobby was born in Adelaide and trained as a woolclasser. He joined BGD Bulolo as a Clerk in 1936. Joined NGVR at its inception and was evacuated with malaria to Brisbane in 1942. He hurried to Adelaide to marry Ethel Patricia Payne and returned to PNG on secondment to the RAAF, serving as an Air Liaison Officer with the 5th U.S. Army in PNG and the Phillipines. Returned to Bulolo in 1946 and was joined by Pat and children, Tony and Susan, in 1947. BGD Port Manager Lae 1951 when he left to become Manager of Wanaru Cocoa Plantation outside Lae, but when dieback wiped out cocoa in the Markham Valley in the early 60's changed over to cattle raising. Sold Wanaru 1974 and joined Morobe Bakery, where he remained until 1979 when he came south to the Gold Coast.

Nobby was a keen golfer and was Lae B Grade Champion (in 75 I think). He spent his retirement gardening and playing golf. Keith Noblet was a meticulous man in appearance and manner. For the last six years he and I rode buggies around the Gold Coast golf courses singing snatches of airs from Gilbert and Sullivan and proclaiming A.B. Patterson, Lawson and Kipling. Keith kept leaving his sand wedge in every bunker he went into and I and our mates kept picking them up. Anyone finding a club in a bunker automatically declared it "Nobby's" and stuck it in our bag. We were the club mommies of the Gold Coast and he loved every minute of it. The Southport Golf Club is a sadder place because of his death."

Mrs. Joyce GAULT (10 July 91)

Joyce was one of Rabaul's most colourful personalities and died after a long illness.

Before going to New Guinea, Joyce was a famous model, swimmer and cyclist. She lived with her husband, Richard, at Kokopo New Britain on the family plantation growing coconuts and cocoa. They later became involved with the timber industry and Japanese interests.

Joyce was well known for her beautiful golden hair and large shady hats. She was a great gardener and had an impressive collection of orchids. For awhile she ran a tourist agency and took overseas visitors on delightful all-day picnics with morning coffee and champagne lunches served at secluded beaches and German historical sites. She was a member of the Country Women's Association, Rabaul Art Society and the Red Cross.

She is survived by her husband Richard, son Richard, daughter Roslyn, son Roland and granddaughter Kiera.

Mr Martin NEEDHAM (28 December 89, aged 53 years)

Martin was appointed a Livestock Officer in 1969 and served DAS, DPI and Dept of Agriculture and Livestock for 20 years. In his early service he was involved with rural development and extension, being based at Kundiawa, Moitaka and Rabaul. When Livestock Training became an important function under a World Bank aid funded project to make PNG more self sufficient in livestock products, Martin assumed full time training duties. For many years he took a leading part in training both Government staff and farmers in livestock husbandry at 3 Mile Lae and from Kila Kila, Port Moresby. He was a member of the DPI Senior Training Officers Conference.

Martin was a big man but a gentle one. He was absolutely loyal to those who governed him and devoted to his task as a Training Officer. His early death from cancer aged only 53 and while still on rec. leave was a great loss. He is survived by his wife Dawn, who lives at Withcott near Toowoomba, and two sons, Michael and Matthew.

Dr. Peter ROOKE (26 April 91)

The following notice appeared in the PNG Post-Courier on 24 May 1991: "ROOKE, PETER (DR) at Mareeba, Queensland on 26th April, 1991. "An Outside Man."" And that brief notice aptly describes him, Peter worked as a Medical Assistant in the West Sepik area and was well known for his almost constant patrolling. He later studied at the University of Papua New Guinea to qualify as a Doctor and later also qualified as a Specialist Obstetrician, in which capacity he worked in Madang and Port Moresby.

Mr. Leo Robert MORGAN OBE. (31 July 91, aged 45 years)

Miss. Angela Marisse MORGAN (31 July 91, aged 17 years)

Leo and his daughter Angela were killed in a road accident on the Gold Coast. His wife Angela and five other children were also involved in the accident and all ended up in hospital. Wife Angela is expected to be in hospital for some time as she is suffering a broken pelvis.

Leo was very highly regarded in PNG for his achievements as the first High Commissioner to New Zealand, head of numerous government departments, founder of the nation's first radio station and recipient of an OBE earlier this year.

It was his determination that his children receive the best Christian education that sparked his resignation from the Government and the move to a home in Ormeau, outside the Gold Coast.

A family friend, Paul Nerau, who travelled to the funeral from PNG, read a message of condolence from the PNG Prime Minister, Mr. Rabi Namaliu, a close friend of Leo. Mr. Namaliu's message was sent to the family on behalf of the PNG people. It detailed a personal friendship since he and Leo attended the University of Papua New Guinea and were among the nation's first graduates.

Miss. Phyllis Amy CLARKE (Kennedy-Clarke) (July 91)

Phyl will be remembered by ex-residents of Madang PNG where she served for a number of years in the Madang Hospital. It is hoped to obtain more details concerning her for the next issue of the Newsletter.

HELP WANTED

Anyone who can provide information about the following is asked to please contact the Secretary, ROAPNG, or the person whose contact address is specified below:

Peter Peplei, Magistrate of NUSA Court, Kandrian, ex-luluai Apugi (Iangbon) village, ex-councillor, would like to know the name and whereabouts of the Patrol Officer (liklik kiap) in charge at Kandrian in 1963. On December 14 1963 the officer in question sat as magistrate, under the direction of Lands Commissioner William John Read and the ADO Gasmata, in a lands claim case involving the ownership of the Aweleng Islands. Villagers recall that the name of the kiap was "Brian" (first name?) or "Bryan" (surname?). Reportedly, the file on the case has gone missing from the Kandrian Government Office.

Contact P. Peplei, c/o Anglican Mission, Apugi Village, P.O. Kandrian, West New Britain Province, PNG.

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Take care and keep smiling.



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