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Dear Member,

This issue of the Newsletter is divided into two sections as follows:

- The Newsletter itself with pages numbered *2*, *3*, *4*, etc totalling 32 pages.
- The Membership Address List together with the minutes of the 1998 AGM and the Financial Statement, with pages numbered 2, 3, 4, etc totalling 24 pages.

 We hope this will assist you if you wish to retain sections for future reference.

<u>CPI</u>: There was no increase in the Consumer Price Index for the twelve months ending 31 March 1998. In fact the change was a decrease, -0.2%. Superannuation pensions will not change. ComSuper will be writing to individuals in early July to confirm this.

VISIT TO THE MOUNTAINS - ADVANCE NOTICE

This year the trip to the mountains will be on Thursday 1 October. Lunch will be at the Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Please note in your diary that the Christmas Luncheon will be on Sunday 6 December. (This function is always held on the first Sunday of December)

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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Distribution of surplus books to interested members: On pages 18-19 you will find a list of books from the old ASOPA/ITI library at Middle Head. Your Committee is disposing of them as a service to members, the only cost to members being a fee of \$10 to cover postage and handling. (The \$10 is a flat fee, irrespective of the number or size of the books.) We will close off on 22 July, so please write to the Secretary before that date stating the book/s you are interested in (in order of preference if more than one). After the books have been allocated we will send you an invoice for \$10.

Guest Speaker at AGM: A member suggested that we have a guest speaker at the next AGM luncheon - someone who would speak to us for about 20 minutes while we have lunch. The Committee felt that the 70-or-so people who attend the AGM would have ample time to socialise before the meal, and might enjoy listening to a good speaker while eating. The Committee would like members' views, and would welcome suggestions for a suitable speaker.

Membership status: Your financial status is now printed at the top of the address label on your envelope - please check this regularly. We remind you that all items, including membership renewal, should be addressed to the Secretary.

"THE HISTORY OF THE NGVR"

Adrian Leyden (President of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles - ANGAU Association) has advised that The History of the NGVR has been written but it will take a lot of money to have it published. His Association has come up with a means of raising the money the idea is that all who send \$50 to the Trust Fund will receive a receipt and when the book is finally published this will cover cost of the book and postage to each donor. (It will be in Hard Cover - Pacific Bookhouse advised that for a small print run, there is not much difference in cost between hard and soft covers.) Adrian said that the book is a historical record of the early days of the PNG war and will be of interest not only to NGVR members but to all ex-citizens of PNG and their relatives. If for any unforseen reason the plan does not come to fruition, the \$50 will be refunded to all who subscribed, and any funds left from other donations will be dispersed to suitable charities or projects of the Association. Adrian added, "Fundraising has begun in Melbourne as well as Sydney, and two corporate donations have been received in Melbourne. We especially request donations from Corporations and Institutions with an interest in PNG, but all donations, however small, would be welcome". Cheques should be made out to "NGVR BOOK FUND" and posted to: NGVR-ANGAU Association, 7 Belair Close, Hornsby NSW 2077. Phone enquiries to Adrian Leyden, (02) 9477 3795.

NEWSLETTERS RETURNED: The following newsletters have been returned to us. Does anyone have information regarding these members?

Mr C Inkster, 15 Elizabeth Street, Blair Athol SA 5084 (we believe he moved 2 yrs ago)
Mr R Riddell, Locked Bag No 6, Haymarket NSW (was readdressed to Greenwich, but returned)
Mr M & Mrs J Munro, 'Namanula', Lusatia Park Rd, Launching Place VIC 3139 ('left address')
Mr J Proud, PO Box 341, Narrogin WA 6312 ('left address')

HELP WANTED: Pamela Virtue, daughter of Amalia and Cecil COWLEY would love to be in contact with anyone who knew her mother and/or father. Pamela's address is: 19 Valley Park Cres, Turramurra NSW 2074.

HAVE YOU HEARD???

Bob HORNER, formerly of Toowong Qld, wrote, "I have recently retired from Qantas Airways and joined a real estate agency in the Northern suburbs of Perth, to keep myself active. The company is David Evans Real Estate at the Lakeside Shopping Centre, Joondalup."

Roma BATES of Dulwich Hill NSW has been asked to launch the book, Malaguna Road - 1921-37, in Canberra on 10 July. Malaguna Road has been compiled from the diaries of Mrs Sarah Chinnery, wife of E.W.P. Chinnery, Director of Native Affairs and Government Anthropologist in the Mandated Territory Administration between the wars. Sarah, also an anthropologist, met her husband-to-be in England. (He had originally gone to New Guinea about 1910.) Sarah maintained her interest in anthropology during her time in New Guinea and kept detailed records. Sarah's daughter, Sheila, placed the diaries in the care of the National Library.

Ray THURECHT's company, H R Holdings Pty Limited of Port Moresby, has just celebrated its 30th anniversary. Ray went to PNG in 1954, aged 18, to work with South Pacific Post. He took PNG citizenship in 1976. In addition to running a business, Ray has played an active part in numerous business, government and sporting organisations - this work was acknowledged in 1982 when he received an OBE. The company has two twin engine planes to enable it to deliver urgent stationery and office supplies. Ray is the pilot.

Kit HYDE of Caloundra Qld sent her thanks to the Committee - "Bob and I came on leave from Wewak in 1942 and didn't return - almost a lifetime ago. This lapun (90 this year) thanks all for the opportunity to revive memories of life in the Territory."

Following the death of her husband Bill three years ago, and the failure (almost complete) of her eyesight, Helen COX of Kippa Ring Qld has had to enter a nursing home. Helen lived in Rabaul in the 60s - she was the Deputy Crown Solicitor's secretary for some years. She is now 89 and her once busy social life has stilled. If anyone who knew Helen happens to be in her area she would be delighted to hear from them. Helen is at: Peninsula Nursing Home, 111 George St, Kippa Ring Old 4021.

Carl MAYOH of Hemmant Qld recently returned from a campervan trip around Australia. The trip took just over nine months. His comment - 'wonderful trip'.

Bruce DUNN wrote, "I am on promotion and transfer to Charleville as Area

In This Issue Have You Heard??? and News from Correspondents Mission Influence - Cuckoo Style by Adrian Geyle 9 Noelle Mason and The Mystery of the Medals by Stuart Inder 10 A Contribution by Women in PNG 1951-75 -The Country Women's Association Inc. by Nancy Johnston 16 The Crocodiles of Lake Murray by Adrian Geyle 18-19 Books ex ASOPA 20 The Burns Philp Garage Sale by Pat Hopper 21 Book News and Reviews 24 Reunions 26 The Franklin in Rabaul - Some B4s Reminisce 27 Vale 32 New Members, Change of Address (There will be another story by Chips Mackellar in our next issue.)

Director for Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority. Based in Charleville I am responsible for supervision of fire services from Quilpie (West), Cunnamulla (South), Augathella (North) and others in between."

Max HAYES of Doncaster Vic. wrote, "On the return journey over Easter on the 'Devil Cat' (a huge aluminium catamaran which plies between Melbourne and Georgetown, Tasmania and which takes 750 passengers and 204 cars), I found myself sitting beside an elderly gentleman who had been in PNG as a pilot for Missionary Aviation Fellowship flying out of Wewak and Banz between 1952 and 1955. After this he remained with MAF for some 27 years largely in an administrative capacity, though he did have several short stints piloting in PNG throughout that period. He was Vic AMBROSE, a former WW2 RAAF pilot who flew over Germany in Lancaster bombers. Now a fit looking person of 79, he lives with his wife at Alexandra, Victoria."

It has recently come to light that former Medical Assistant, Bill RACE, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on 26 January 1996. Bill joined Dept of Public Health in 1951 following the Mt Lamington eruption and was posted to Saiho Hospital to work alongside Lon Tomlinson, Bert Speer and Dr H G Brown. After numerous other postings he left PNG in 1973, and shortly afterwards joined the Sunnybank branch of the RSL. He became the branch's welfare advocate and began visiting elderly war veterans in their homes or in nursing homes, offering them companionship as well as advice on their pension rights. He visited at least 50 veterans a month. The award was in recognition of the 22 years he spent caring for veterans. He said he saw the work as a continuation of his work in the nursing profession. More recently, Bill was awarded the RSL Gold Badge and Life Membership of the RSL.

Bob BLAIKIE of Mt Gravatt Qld wrote that he is still at Griffith University and continuing to enjoy it. Last year he took a holiday to Europe and Britain and spent about ten days with his brother Bruce who has a canal boat on the canals and rivers of Eastern France. Bruce was with Steamships in Port Moresby for many years - he is at present on a consultancy in Cambodia where he expects to remain for the next few months. Bob spent 3-4 weeks in Britain and had dinner with David and Ann SPEAKMAN in London. He added, "Trouble with this sort of a holiday, it gives one itchy feet."

John O'BRIEN of Hackett ACT has recently returned from a month flying the Rocky Mountains in a Cessna 182 - "Obviously didn't get enough of mountains in PNG," he said. On this trip, ice and snow had to be cleared off the wings in the morning.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY: Jim Toner writes, "It is many moons since most of us took our last ride to Jacksons Airport but a few hardy souls keep returning for another bite at the cherry. Norm OLIVER, ex-Land Titles Commission, has a consultancy at Kimbe WNB relative to expansion of the oil palm project while Colin CAMPBELL and Graham POPLE, former kiaps, are back in the Highlands - where they distinguished themselves at Lufa and Gumine respectively - sharing an office on the Porgera goldfield.

In the last edition I mentioned that **Des PIKE** who became a CPO in April 1956 was still submitting patrol reports. A fellow cadet on his intake, **Otto ALDER**, despite being retired to Queensland has just submitted a different kind of report to the Northern Territory Government. The former deputy under-treasurer at Darwin was asked to look into the taxi industry here and recommend improvements. No doubt he will be expecting the same type of response as his 1993 report on the NT racing industry received - eg, "Cabbies outraged ...".

David LEA who did his doctoral research near Maprik in the early 60s and subsequently became Professor of Geography at UPNG has also found that there is life after retirement. He was asked by AusAID to lead a team to examine the performance of that agency and the Defence Forces in the provision of food to the drought stricken areas of PNG. That problem no longer gets mentioned in the Australian media so let us hope that the \$30 millions allocated has been effectively used.

Max CORLISS, one time Police inspector and then boss of Bomana gaol, made his first visit to the UK in May. Although shouted the trip by his son Johnny, he is sure to have lots to say on his return about the 'wounded bull' prices in Cool Britannia. En route London Max was to visit Jean and Terry Daw in Perth, also former Commissioner Normoyle.

Another former Commissioner, although of considerably briefer tenure, is enlivening his retirement in Adelaide by studying for a Ph.D. Ray WHITROD, now 83, can, if successful, add that to an honorary doctorate in Laws awarded by ANU last year. As a replacement hip prevented him from travelling to Canberra, the Vice Chancellor flew to Adelaide for the presentation.

Peter PLUMMER, teacher and lecturer in PNG and now chief executive officer of the NT Health Service, chose the wrong week to fly to Jakarta. It took him four and a half hours to drive from its airport to the city and he wisely returned to the safety of Darwin with minimum delay."

NEWS FROM PORT MORESBY, from Bet Whitten:

Renovations to St. Johns Cathedral, Port Moresby - Extensive renovations to St John's Cathedral, earlier described as 'a derelict building', were undertaken during the two-year term of the outgoing Dean of the Cathedral, Father John Hunter. An organisation, The Friends of St. John, was specially formed to oversee the renovations. Donations and assistance came from overseas and local supporters and from the PNG Prime Minister, the Governor and the National Capital Development Commission. The interior was refurbished with the best of modern PNG Christian art. All that now remains to be done is to replace the windows and repolish the fine rosewood floors; also to replace or repair the altar which was badly damaged by the years of water heaped upon it when the Cathedral roof was leaking.

National Capital Botanical Gardens - The Botanical Gardens in Port Moresby were established in 1971 by the late Mrs Andrée Miller. After her departure in the late 70s, the gardens deteriorated. In 1993, they were taken over by the National Capital Development Commission and a regeneration programme was put in place by the newly appointed curator, Justin Tkatchenko BEM. The centrepiece of the gardens is the Orchid Haus, which has been designed in the shape of PNG with each of the country's 19 provinces. A walk through the 'provinces' brings the visitor in touch with the many varieties of orchids from each region. When finished, the Orchid Haus will display over one hundred thousand orchid plants from throughout PNG and the Asian Region. A Scientific Research Centre has been established within the gardens to undertake research into PNG orchids which will lead to their preservation, cultivation and classification. Visitors to the gardens will find: a walk-through aviary, over 40 species of other native fauna housed in natural surroundings, a florist shop offering cut flowers including orchids. a Bird of Paradise aviary, a wedding garden, a heliconia garden, a tropical fruit tree garden, 'Pandanas Valley', a bromeliad garden, a palm garden, 'The Royal Pond', PNG parrots, cockatoos, the Sir Allan Mann Green Haus, a rain forest, plus a picnic area.

Port Moresby (Jacksons) Airport Redevelopment Project - The airport has been redeveloped in five stages, four of which have been funded by the PNG Government and the fifth by a loan from the Japanese Government. Work on the project commenced in early 1991 and was completed early this year. No more will travellers have to walk across the tarmac - airbridges will take them to their destination. In the lounges, artwork by PNG artists is a feature. There is a backup power plant to ensure an uninterrupted power supply and bore water keeps the surroundings fresh and green.

CHANGES AT AIR NIUGINI: As a cost-cutting measure, Air Niugini's flights into Sydney and its twice weekly service to Hong Kong have been suspended. The service to Japan has been cancelled. Air Niugini's Sydney Sales Office will be moving from the ground floor to Level 3 of Somare Haus in Clarence Street in the next few months.

THE SHRINKING PLANET

The media have kept us generally informed on current controversies such as the republic vs the monarchy, Wik, the flag, and further afield the Euro dollar. Well it appears from the following communique that an official European language is near at hand.

DATE: 07/07/97 SUBJECT: Official Language of Europe

The European Union has announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year plan to phase in what will be known as 'Euro-English'.

In the first year 's' will replace the soft 'c'. Sertainly sivil servants will resieve this news with joy. Also, the hard 'c' will be replaced with 'k'. This should klear up konfusion and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome 'ph' will be replaced by 'f'. This will make words like 'fotograf' 20% shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double leters which have always ben a deterent to akurate speling. Also al wil agre that the horible mes of the silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful and they would go.

By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing 'th' with 'z' and 'w' with 'v'.

During ze fifz year, ze unesesary 'o' kan be dropd from vords kontaining 'ou', and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

After ze fifz yer ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer.

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(From the Superannuant Vol 11 No 2 Autumn 1998) □JOE NITSCHE(Also FREDDIE KAAD)

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MISSION INFLUENCE - CUCKOO STYLE by Adrian Geyle

The Kiwais of Daru, the Gogodalas of the Trans-Fly and the Bamus of the Bamu Delta had been evangelised by the London Missionary Society, the Unevangelised Fields Mission and the Bamu River Mission respectively by late 1952. Patrolling out from Gaima Patrol Post at the end of my term in the Western District (now Province) as a cadet patrol officer I visited the 'areas of influence' of the latter two. The missions each respected the others' areas as laid down in the early days of Administrator Sir Hubert Murray (1908-1940).

I visited several Gogodala villages between Gaima and Tirere village to the east, along the north bank of the Fly River, and later many Bamu Delta villages where the most obvious evidence of mission influence existed in the form of church-cum-school structures built from bush materials (the map in March 1998 issue, p. 13, shows locations).

According to Mrs Standen of the Bamu River Mission (BRM) some 'out of nowhere' Pacific Islander catechist from yet another mission - the Seventh Day Adventist Mission (SDA) in this case - was put ashore at Maipani village when the BRM catechist-teacher was temporarily absent. She was away at Iowa village visiting BRM headquarters. Mrs Standen was very excited and indignant as she related to me how this SDA catechist interloper "took over" the Maipani school which her own mission had built up, slates, chalk, boards and books, seats and all. Everything was back under BRM control however when I called and I was invited to visit the 33 children in their classes under their regular catechist.

Mrs Standen's account was supported by some Village Constables complaining about a strange motor boat dropping off Pacific Islander catechists at several villages on weekend days when schools were closed. "Just like cuckoos," claimed Mrs Standen, "stealing other birds' nests and eggs when they're away." On the evidence I could only agree that, if true, it was all 'a bit rich'. However the matter could not be properly investigated during my short visit - the complaints were serious and accordingly recorded for investigation later on.

These SDA intrusions into the lower Bamu Delta area were not altogether a surprise to me, but the quick spread of their influence was. The Gogodala villages on the north bank of the Fly were not far apart; the foot tracks that linked them and the short distances between them suggested that it was better to visit them by foot rather than canoe. Therefore carriers from village to village were needed. At each village where my small patrol complement stopped for census-taking, medical inspections and hearing of

complaints, replacement carriers were engaged for carrying the light patrol boxes, chair and table, stretcher bed, trade goods and little else.

Saturday morning, it was, when I saw 'influences' working! When I asked for carriers to get me and my contingent (cook, interpreter and police) moving, the local Village Constable said that was hard - all his young men couldn't work because it was their Sabbath. It wasn't Sunday and I hadn't yet heard of the SDA adventurers into the Bamu Delta area, so I asked the Village Constable to call the villagers up. (I think I still had the census to call, before we left.)

I chose about twelve young men to carry the patrol gear and was told by them all, individually, that they were Seventh Day Adventists now and couldn't work on a Saturday. "How long have you been converted from Sabbath on Sundays?", I asked, and each one said, "A few weeks". Unconvinced and unimpressed, I selected the fittest of those men the Village Constable was able to line up and we moved off, all of us grumbling somewhat!

As mentioned, the carry distances were not long and the loads were not heavy. Payment for the carriers was made with small trade items such as tobacco, matches, mirrors, small knives etc, but tobacco ('kuku', pronounced 'cuckoo') was the firm favourite. This was twist tobacco, *Emu* brand from the USA, good quality and acceptable even to patrol officers on many a patrol, in many an emergency!

The first carrier asked for kuku as did the second. The payment proceedings slowed down when I wondered what their new SDA catechist could have taught them about smoking tobacco. I gave them tobacco and asked if they weren't SDAs? "Lasi" ("No") was the reply, so the next two I asked early, "Are you SDAs?" They said yes, and asked for matches and mirrors. Down the carrier line at about number six they reverted to "No" and I sensed I was about to witness a mass apostasy movement out of SDA ranks, close on the heels of what had appeared to be a mass conversion to a religion that disavowed, and disallowed, smoking!

"Lasi," I said to the next man that asked for kuku. "You're SDA and there's no smoking for you. No dancing and no meat either." "It's not for me, it's for my sister," he said, and I was beaten by a better man. Not by an 'instant apostate' but by a truly generous brother who was not thinking of himself first but his sister! What followed just had to come:

Q. "Next?" A. "Kuku. I want it for my father."

O. "Next?" A. "Kuku. I want it for my mother."

and O. "Next?" A. "Kuku. I'm not SDA. I want to smoke."

I couldn't resist the chance to give them a 'serve', a mini-sermon, on hypocrisy and the evils of smoking. "You all know how bad tobacco smoking is for you, from your new catechists, is this so?" They all nodded yes. "And yet you don't care if your parents and brothers and sisters carry on smoking?" "Idia sibona" (It's up to them), was the reply. I rubbed it in until I could be serious no longer. A grin came over my face and that was it. It was laughter and kuku all round, even to the ones who had said they were SDAs and had accepted matches and mirrors with pain. They had suffered the sin of envy for too long, for thinking too slowly, and deserved a break!

I never did expect to get any mileage out of a harangue saying "Don't do as I do, do as I say", as at that time I smoked heavily myself. But I did enjoy a kind of sadistic pleasure in having around me tortured nicotine addicts with whom I could identify, having tried many times to shake off the habit, religion or no religion.

Sunday followed Saturday - another Sabbath. Whether Saturday was the 'real' Sabbath, or Sunday, at least as victims of the filthy weed we had learnt to unite!

NOELLE MASON AND THE MYSTERY OF THE MEDALS by Stuart Inder

Noelle Mason shared the same kind of steely but understated determination that made her celebrated husband, Paul Mason, such a successful wartime Coastwatcher in occupied Bougainville. Some of us saw it demonstrated in Sydney in the matter of "The Mystery of the Medals".

It was 1986 and David Marsh and I were at the city offices of the respected firm of medallists, Spink & Son (Australia) Pty Ltd for the launch of *From Cowrie to Kina*, Dr Bill Mira's detailed history of PNG currency and medals. For the launch, Spinks displayed a selection of coins and medals of PNG interest.

The group that got the attention of David and me was the full set of Paul Mason's medals and decorations, together with his naval officer's cap badge. These comprised both the Distinguished Service Cross and the US Distinguished Service Cross, the 39/45 Star, the Pacific Star, the British War Medal and the Australian Service Medal. Paul died in 1972. I was told the set was owned by a private Sydney Collector who had bought it at a Spink auction in 1983.

It was one of those twists of fate that not long afterwards David and I both happened to be among the guests at one of the hospitable Noelle's famous annual Christmas get-togethers in her Killara apartment, and I mentioned the medals. Noelle was aghast. She hurried from the room and came back with the full set of Paul's medals, together with his cap, with badge attached. She said they were never out of her personal care even in Paul's lifetime.

In subsequent months, Noelle fought to establish the legitimacy of the medals, horrified by the thought that people would think she cared so little about her husband's decorations that she had sold them. "I know Paul would want me to continue fighting all the way on this," she said.

Spink had apparently bought its set from a dealer in the '70s. They fetched \$11,500 at Spink's auction. The respective medals themselves were genuine. The question was, were they the medals and cap badge issued to Paul Mason? Noelle knew that they weren't, and that no replacement medals had ever been issued to Paul.

Finally Spink agreed that it was "all most unfortunate". It reported the owner of the set was "very disappointed"; that he was retaining the collection, "but of course would not be able to resell them under the circumstances." As far as I know, the origins of the auctioned set were never discovered.

Meanwhile Paul's original medals remain in the family.

Noelle died in Sydney on 15 August 1997 at the age of 85.

She and Paul married in 1947, and lived on Inus Plantation, Bougainville, until his death. Before her marriage she had been a feature writer with the Sydney Daily Telegraph group and a wartime cypher officer with the RAN.

Paul Mason Jr said in his eulogy that his mother "was immensely happy at Inus and had a wonderful romantic and adventurous life with her war-hero husband." Inus had become a virtual garden under Noelle's influence. Paul and his sister Ingrid survive her.

HELP WANTED: Bert Speer is trying to discover the location of the observation tree which enabled the Australians to gain information for attacks on the Japanese forces prior to the recapture of Lae and Salamaua. The tree is described in Ron Garland's Unit History of the 2/3 Commandos, *Nothing is Forever*, on p.99. If you can help, please contact Bert at 'The Top End', Woodhouse Lee Rd, via Goulburn NSW 2580. Ph 02 4843 2240

A CONTRIBUTION BY WOMEN IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA 1951-75 THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC. by Nancy Johnston

(In 1954, Nance Johnston had first-hand experience of CWA support and friendship in both Port Moresby and Madang when she and her husband suffered a great personal tragedy. She said, "When I tried to thank Mrs Foldi (the Director's wife) for 'mothering' me, she told me to reciprocate by looking after any young woman in time of need." Nance said that thereafter she always did; she went on to become National President of the CWA in 1971 and 1972, was made a life member in 1972, and was a National President in 1975.)

I would like to pay homage to past members of the Country Women's Association of Papua New Guinea. On reading the book, "Grass Roots to Independence - The Contribution by Women in Papua New Guinea 1952-1992", published in 1996 by Dame Rachel Cleland, I realised that the contribution made by the members of the Country Women's Association of Papua New Guinea was not included.

Founded in 1951 and accepted as a Constituent Member of the Associated Country Women of the World, CWA of PNG was recognised for its dignity, integrity and balance by the Administration and other organisations in Papua New Guinea. Besides assisting women and children in need of friendship in the early postwar years. a tremendous contribution was made to PNG by the tireless work of the members. Many thousands of dollars were raised, transit cottages built and furnished, dozens of scholarships provided for indigenous students, money was given to hospitals, schools and other worthwhile institutions and 'healthy' donations were made to sundry appeals in Papua New Guinea, Australia and worldwide - all done, of course, in a voluntary capacity. Members worked for the hospitals, schools, Legacy, Red Cross, Girl Guides, Cheshire Homes, the Handicapped Children's Home, Indigenous Women's Clubs, to name some, while still supporting the Aims and Objects of the Association and the activities of their own branches and maintaining an interest in everyday happenings, taking action whenever necessary; and ultimately, a lot of work was done for, and with, the indigenous women. In 1967, Mr. Reg Thompson from the Department of Social Development and Home Affairs in Papua New Guinea wrote to CWA, "May I express my personal appreciation and that of the Administration for what your members are doing now and for the example you set in providing service to, and links between, the women of the Territory."

The efforts of the members of CWA of PNG resulted in a legacy to indigenous women when money from the sale of CWA cottages and other assets was distributed to their organisations and towards their education just prior to and after independence.

THE CWA'S RISE & FALLI

Mrs. Doris Groves, founder of the Country Women's Association of Papua New Guinea, was holidaying in Australia when she met a representative of the Country Women's Association there and told her about postwar shortages and conditions affecting women, children and babies in Port Moresby, and the lack of suitable rest and tearoom facilities. The CWA member asked if thought had been given to starting a branch of the Country Women's Association in Papua New Guinea.

Opposite: Delegates and Observers at the 9th Annual Conference, Lae 1971



On returning to Port Moresby, Mrs. Groves discussed this with several ladies and shortly afterwards, on 31 May 1951, at a meeting held at the Ela Beach primary school, a branch was formed by the expatriate women to help other expatriate women in need of friendship and help at a time when life could be lonely and difficult.

Soon after, the Port Moresby Branch provided a rest room in the Ela Protestant Church hall. The use of the hall was given by the Church authorities because they also saw the need for a place for women from Port Moresby, and others visiting from outstations, to find a nook to rest in, have a cup of tea or tend to their children. Painting and repairs were attended to, items for the tearoom donated and a section curtained off to provide a 'mother's room'; as funds grew, other necessities were purchased. The first fund-raising activity was serving morning teas and filling the orders placed by business houses for sandwich lunches.

All members worked within a Constitution and adhered to the Aims and Objects of the Association, one Object being, "To improve the welfare and conditions of life for women and children by drawing them together and fostering a community spirit". Papua New Guinea was recovering from World War II and young women were arriving to face a different world from what they were used to. They had no one to turn to in time of need having left behind their family, relations and friends. The CWA members filled this vacuum and without their help and understanding some young women would not have survived the situation they found themselves in.

Because of the prevailing circumstances, there was a need for transit accommodation for women. People who have not experienced 'pioneer' living may find it hard to understand the consequences of such a lifestyle. Outstations throughout Papua New Guinea were staffed by Administration officers with their wives and young families; in many of these places, there were plantation and commercial people as well. Hospitals, with qualified doctors, maternity and other facilities, could only be found in the 'towns' which meant pregnant ladies or mothers with small children, living outside the larger centres, needed to travel for medical purposes. Often this was by a coastal cargo boat, small plane or canoe. Because of the airline policy in the early postwar years, when women in the latter stages of pregnancy and mothers with babies under six weeks old could not travel on the unpressurised planes, women often endured a forced stay away from home of two or three months. There were hotels in some of the larger centres but, being unaccompanied, most young women had no desire to patronise them; furthermore, the accommodation was expensive.

To meet the needs of the women, the fund-raising activities we all know so well got under way to raise money towards the building of a cottage in Port Moresby. In 1956 the Branch made a request to the Federal Minister for Territories in Canberra for a subsidy towards the building fund and, as a result of their efforts being recognised, a donation was given. By 1957, the members had raised the required balance and in October 1958 the first CWA cottage was officially opened in Hunter Street, Port Moresby. (In 1968 the building was named "The Doris Groves House" in honour of the foundation President.) This Branch then acted as a parent body until the governing body, the Territorial Council (later National Council) was formed.

Sogeri Branch, at the foot of the ranges outside Port Moresby, also started in 1951. In 1953 branches were formed at Madang and Samarai and in 1954 at Sohano. Enthusiasm spread and branches were established at Popondetta (1956), Goroka and Wewak (1961), and Buka on Bougainville Island (1962). A second branch was opened in Port Moresby in the suburb of Boroko, made possible by money raised and donated by Port Moresby members being given to a group of breakaway members enabling

them to form a new branch. And so it went on until there were eighteen branches and, like the Australian dream of owning a home, the members' aim was to build a cottage. Subsequently, one way or another, a dozen or so cottages were established. This was a tremendous effort by a small, usually transient, group of women. The PNG Administration had recognised the need for the cottages and subsidised the building fund of some branches, dollar for dollar.

The tradition of CWA was to provide a meeting place for women in friendly and pleasant surroundings. Before the advent of a cottage, members used their homes. With people coming and going on outstations on transfer, a kindly interest was taken in welcoming them with 'getting to know you' get-togethers and activities organised to include those who were lonely.

When established, the cottages provided a meeting place for branch members and a halfway house for women in transit; sometimes an outstation wife, living an isolated and lonely existence, came in to stay at a cottage to enjoy the company of other women whilst her husband was on official field duties. The cottages were maintained to a high standard and provided good, clean accommodation at a nominal cost with the added advantage of friendship from the host members.

The members also supported other projects and community work. Some examples follow:

- in the absence of professional caterers, they catered for weddings, balls, conventions and club events, and provided teas, lunches and dinners for visiting dignitaries to outstations and passengers from visiting ships;
- · they made sandwiches for pilots and spotters searching for missing aircraft;
- · the Port Moresby Branch provided morning tea for 200 during the Royal visit;
- their fund-raising activities were phenomenal. In one lamington drive, Boroko Branch made 900 dozen lamingtons and in the days before disposable nappies, they had a nappy hire service for ladies visiting from outstations;
- members went to police barracks and other compounds to teach sewing to local women;
- schoolchildren flying to and from school were often offloaded and consequently
 missed connecting flights. Members met and accommodated these children at no
 cost to the parents.

Within ten years, the original purpose for the formation of CWA of PNG had been fulfilled. Friendship had been extended to lonely expatriate women and leadership qualities and skills drawn out. Some members had come a long way in working with indigenous women but many now felt it was time to expand the Aims of the Association to meet the needs of the developing nation, believing it would be a way of helping local women adjust to their changing role in an emerging society.

Until 1962 the membership was made up of expatiate women; at the National Conference it was decided more attention should be given to indigenous membership so the drive to involve local women was stepped up. For true success, interest must be on both sides. The concept of our Association was foreign to them and little interest was shown - they had their own way of life, there were differences in languages and dialects and, in many cases, they had inadequate formal education. Added to this, the Administration had established successful women's clubs in some villages, supervised by their Welfare Officers, where the women could mix with their own kind and 'do their own thing' and so it was difficult to interest them in a 'sophisticated' Association. With the formation of these women's clubs it gave many members more opportunity to work with indigenous women, skills were passed on to each other and the void, felt by

some members who were concerned at indigenous women's lack of interest in our Association, was filled.

Two village women joined the Port Moresby Branch and a few joined other branches and it was thought perhaps indigenous women might now be ready to be taken a step further. In 1969 provision was made in the Constitution for sub branches (later renamed associate branches) to cater for women who felt they wanted the ideals of CWA but considered they were not ready for full integration - they were to hold this status for two years and then, if they felt they were ready, a request could be made to National Council for full membership. During this interim period, all the benefits the 'full' members enjoyed were extended to associate members, including the use of CWA facilities and accommodation. The Motto and Creed were simplified, membership fees reduced, and a solicitor consulted for the modification of the Constitution for the minimum requirements needed under the Associations' Incorporation Ordinance. It was believed that the formation of associate branches would be a stepping stone towards gaining the interest of indigenous women in our Association.

In 1969 associate branches were formed in Hanuabada, Elevala and Rouna villages under the guidance of the Port Moresby Branch; they became 'full' branches in 1973. Consideration was also given to a group of local teenage girls who had requested membership. As they were under the required membership age, the Constitution was altered to provide for 'younger sets'. Some members thought that if older, educated girls were encouraged they might possibly, in the future, step into the shoes of the expatriate women. Two younger sets were formed at Hanuabada and Elevala under the guidance of the Port Moresby Branch and later, by mutual agreement, the responsibility was transferred to the village branches. We, at National Council*, felt justified in thinking the future of CWA in PNG could be with these girls and thought that, with patience and goodwill, it could lead to a successful unification of all women.

After a lot of encouragement and fund-raising towards sending eight younger set girls to Australia for a leadership course and two others to a pre World Conference Seminar and four associate branch members to the 1974 Triennial World Conference in Perth, problems began with their branches. The simplified records, including minutes and financial reports, were not kept and many members were unfinancial. Netball playing, for young and old, appeared to be the main interest and it seemed the women did not want to inherit the complexities of an expatriate club. Perhaps we had been too hasty in expecting them to conform and assimilate but Independence was looming and time was running out. With the acceleration of the localisation programme, expatriates were losing their jobs, unrest became prevalent and many members of long-standing left the country.

It was 'back to the drawing board' with further discussions on how CWA could be made relevant to the needs and interests of indigenous women, perhaps by blending our Association into their framework of existing social and community development. Whatever the result, to be successful, it needed to be free of strain on both sides.

Opinions were divided. There were harsh criticisms, some members said the associate branches and younger sets were utter failures and the latter, in particular, should not have been taken on when, week by week, our membership was dropping. Others thought what we had tried to do for the women and girls had been worthwhile, including the expense of sending them to Australia because, even with limited CWA experience, it could be of benefit to them if they wanted to start an organisation in the

future with similar ideals to those of CWA.

Other members believed CWA would 'die' and spring up again in a simplified form, probably with a different name, as a national body of women's clubs affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World. Two women, Elti Kunak and Yana Doa, wanted to form a national group of women's organisations with similar Aims and Objects to CWA. A breakaway movement became a reality with the New Ireland Women's Association becoming a Corresponding Society of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Many members were adamant that CWA should remain a sophisticated organisation. No matter what it was called, some felt there should be an organisation for expatriate women to have the outlet that was often needed by people who are temporary residents in another country. Australian women had been the dominating force in the expatriate community but, after Independence, with foreign embassies opening, that could change, and there would be women of different nationalities needing companionship and 'get-togethers' at regular meetings to talk over their problems. It was hoped, in the future, women would come to realise this and be inspired to carry on.

In the period between Self Government and Independence, with membership dwindling and the need for some cottages no longer there, many branches were forced to close and the sale of the cottages began. The founding branch, Port Moresby, with a depleted membership, remained 'alive', but the cottage was sold and a contribution made towards an extension to the nearby Boroko Branch, to be named "The Doris Groves Wing"; this was to give the remaining Port Moresby members, who had decided not to amalgamate with Boroko Branch, a place to meet and for National Council to have somewhere to transfer its registered headquarters. The few remaining members were fighting to keep the Association together. That was the situation when I left soon after Independence.

An entitlement of a Life Member of CWA of PNG was 'to be kept up to date' but this was not done and it was difficult to find out the situation. I read in the "Times of PNG", dated 16.5.91 - "Lapun journo, Paul Cox, has a legitimate claim for inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records. A few days ago he became the first male in Papua New Guinea history to become a member of the CWA, the troop of charitable ladies who do so much for the Port Moresby hospital." I wrote to the newspaper for information but got no reply. I wrote to the National President in PNG and two other sources for information but no replies were received. A personal letter in April 1992 from a senior government officer provided the following unofficial details: "The branch at Boroko is still going, membership fluctuates, at present there are about thirty financial members, mostly made up of women from the United Kingdom, two Papua New Guineans, a few from India and Australia; and their cottage is thriving although every year, before the Annual General Meeting the talk is 'Will CWA keep going and, if not, what will become of the cottage?' But it seems to survive." He mentioned they had had, in the near past, a National lady as their President. He also thought there could be two or three other branches functioning.

This letter, from an officer with the best part of forty years' experience in Papua New Guinea expressed the opinion, "Not many National women joined CWA because they have their own women's groups, church groups, village groups etc. and, in my personal opinion, the NEED to join CWA was not there".

Before leaving the country, unlike a lot of my fellow members I, too, believed, that for the majority of indigenous women, the need for CWA was not there. Their

interests were different from those of the expatriate women, they had their own clubs and I felt, at their stage of development, it was too soon to expect them to accept the sophistication of our Association. I left with the hope that all the women of PNG would someday unite - strength lies not in numbers, but in unity. No doubt there has been a great change in the development of the National women since that time and it would be interesting to know if the Country Women's Association of Papua New Guinea has managed to survive. In September, 1997 I wrote to Port Moresby for information but again, no reply was received.

*NATIONAL COUNCIL WAS BASED IN PORT MORESBY HEADED BY A NATIONAL PRESIDENT WITH AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE THE PRESIDENTS AND ONE DELEGATE FROM EACH BRANCH. THESE COUNCIL MEMBERS, HAVING KEPT IN TOUCH WITH THE BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY MINUTES, OBTAINED THE OPINIONS OF THEIR BRANCH MEMBERS AND JOINED THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE AT AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE WHERE MAJOR DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE AND DECISIONS WERE MADE.

THE CROCODILES OF LAKE MURRAY by Adrian Geyle

Lake Murray is a Shangri-la for crocodiles and water snakes. Fish and freshwater turtles abounded too when I was there in the early 50s, and the local Suki people lived well on fresh food the lake provided, and on sago from the surrounding swamps.

Lake Murray is over 60km long, connected by the short Herbert River to the larger Strickland which flows fast into the mighty Fly (map in March 1998 issue, p13, shows location). Sometimes the Herbert would bring water back into the lake, when either the Fly or the Strickland was in flood. When both these big rivers ran high the level of the lake would rise considerably.

A supply vessel used to bring people and cargo to our Lake Murray patrol post at Mava and to the Unevangelised Fields Mission base about 30km down the lake every three to four months. For a few short months a Qantas Catalina flying boat landed once a fortnight with a load of repatriated labourers. These were men returning to their villages after completing two-year contracts with oil search companies, on copra and palm oil plantations, and for the government administration.

The plane would land pretty much on schedule, and tie up at a buoy far out from the station where the water was deeper and clear of reeds. Our station canoes would collect these men and bring them ashore, under paddle-power. (We had no outboard motors in those early postwar days at Lake Murray where the only internal combustion item was a Briggs and Stratton battery charger - a cantankerous one at that.)

On plane days I would get out to the buoy early to be ready to assist in the tying up of the ex-WW2 workhorse, the Catalina, and always took my single-shot Lithgow rifle to pass the time when the plane was late. Crocs would surface a short distance from the stationary canoes and it was a bit of a worry (to me, if not the locals!) sitting there on the glassy surface being eyed-off by these semi-submerged saurians. There were monsters among them which could overturn canoes. One fourmetre giant came up onto the grass near our patrol post's hospital one night and was shot by spotlight by the police night guard. Another came up under the house my OIC and I lived in - it was after our chooks. At least during daylight hours they preferred to remain in the lake. Their eyes and the ends of their snouts could be seen as they

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MINUTES OF ROAPIG FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE MANDARIN CLUB, SYDNEY on 26 APRIL 1998

Meeting Opened: 11.17a.m.

Present: Frank & Betty Smith, Harry West, John O'Dea, Pat Hopper, Ross & Patricia Johnson, Roma Bates, Alison Marsh, Marie Bassett, Pamela Foley, Joe Nitsche, Heather Seale, Betty Wood, Meg England, Bill & Nancy Johnston, Alan Johnston, Margaret Wallace, Sandra Tracy, Les & Margarette Williams, Marie Day, Isobel Ireland, Don Drover, Phyllis Cox, Ian Reardon, Flora Nitsche, Barbara Burns, Gabriel Keleny, Clarrie James, Adrian Leyden, Elma Holmes, Albert Speer, Doug Parrish, Gerry & Pamela Virtue, Wilhelm & Gaye Speldewinde, Margaret Clarence, Linda Evans, Muriel Snell, Ailsa Ryan, Pat Smith, Norma Aiken, Elaine Kimmorley, Nita Whiteley, Joan Stobo, 'Sno' Halpin, Jade Campbell, Grace Brownlie, Rita Griffith, Dulcie Munro, Margaret Bishop, Ron Bishop, Stuart & Jo Inder, Paul Ryan, Peter & Ivy Stanmore.

Apologies: Freddie Kaad, Joan & Ron Carne, Audrey Young-Whitforde, Bob Blaikie, Irene Schultz, Bob & Mary Pulsford, Nita Whiteley, Frank Baldwin, Dimmen & Pat deGraaff, Dorothy Shaw, Joy Henderson, Vlasta Janousek, Clarissa de Derka, Bruce Rigby, Maria Szent-Ivany, Roly & Peggy Beech, Mac Jamieson, Alan Charles, Andy & Pat McCullough, Neville & Jean Thomson, John & Chris Downie, Neil & Christina Grant.

It was moved by Mr. Parrish, seconded by Mrs. Bates that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 27/4/97 be confirmed. Carried. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

The President, Mr West, welcomed all members, and proceeded to deliver his report:

"It is now 46 years since the Association was formed in 1952 to safeguard the superannuation rights of Papua New Guinea government officers. It is two years since the major overhaul of the Constitution and its aims, with incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act (1984). At that time the purpose of the Association, beyond the preservation of superannuation rights, was expanded and spelt out in more detail than formerly in the Statement of Objects then adopted.

Now that we have had two years of consolidation following Incorporation, these must bear mention as a reminder to members who are present or who will read of these proceedings in *Una Voce*. We aspire to:

'promote friendly association among all members and associate members; foster and encourage contact and friendship with Papua New Guinea and an interest in Papua New Guinea affairs; encourage the preservation of documents and historical material related to Papua New Guinea, and encourage members and associate members to contribute to the production and recording of oral and written history of Papua New Guinea.'

It is the prerogative of individual members to think of these and to pursue them as he or she sees fit, in individual circumstances. However, they are the basis of the Committee's interests and activities. Our Caring Sub-Committee keeps in contact with as many of those with health and ageing problems as possible. We have always kept in close touch with the P.N.G. Consul-General in Sydney, and various members of his staff, and our Secretary Joe Nitsche is the liaison officer with the New Guinea Wantok Club, which is the social and community organisation for the 800 or so Papua New Guineans living in and around Sydney. (It was suggested by one of our members that we should organise a special fund-raising lunch for the P.N.G. drought victims, with a simple one course rice meal, but this was not practical and we urged direct donation to existing funds, through *Una Voce* articles, and had the Consul-General speak on the subject at our 1997 Christmas luncheon). There are on-going items in *Una Voce* on the existing provisions for the preservation of documents and historical material and the production and recording of oral and written history of Papua New Guinea. I particularly draw attention to Paul Ryan's article "Memories of the Past" in the March issue of *Una Voce*.

We maintain contact with the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles-ANGAU Association, the Australia/New Guinea Friendship Association, the Papua New Guinea Chinese Catholic Association of Australia Inc, the NSW branch of the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association, and exchange newsletters with them.

Our dealings with Commonwealth Superannuation administration continue amicably and as necessary. In the current fairly difficult economic times, superannuants are facing some loss of comparative purchasing power, partly because some of the commodities that go into the assessment basket are not particularly relevant to their circumstances.

The Australian Council of Public Sector Retiree Organisations was inaugurated in 1995 and we are one of the 15 member organisations. They pursue issues of importance to superannuants with the Commonwealth Government. Our representative on ACPSRO, Peter Clay, has been elected Vice-President and our position strengthened by the appointment of Keith Ross, a Canberra lawyer and Association member, as a councillor.

We organised a very successful day train trip to Wentworth Falls last October and this will be repeated in 1998 -- watch *Una Voce* for details. I would also like to remind you that there is always an informal lunch time gathering of members in the rooftop lounge of the Mosman RSL Club on Thursdays. Everyone welcome, especially visitors to Sydney from other parts.

The 16-strong Committee continues to meet at intervals of about 10 weeks, and attendances are excellent. Once again I cannot speak too highly of this band of workers who put so much time and effort into the smooth running of this Association. We continue to work through the five sub-committees – Editorial, Social, Finance, Legal, and Caring. The current Committee comprises Pam Foley, Joe Nitsche, Elma Holmes, Marie Bassett, Doug Parrish, Fred Kaad, Roma Bates, Don Drover, Pat Hopper, Frank Smith, Bill Johnston, Ross Johnson, Paul Ryan, Isobel Ireland, Marie Day and myself. We are frequently joined on the four *Una Voce* wrapping days each year by Heather Seale, Meg England, Nancy Johnston, Linda Evans, Bob & Mary Pulsford and more recently by John O'Dea and Anne Smith. Apart from the work involved these gatherings are enjoyable social occasions, keeping old friends in touch. I won't single anyone out for special mention, except to say that we are all very happy and relieved that Marie Bassett has settled in so well as a replacement for Doug Parrish in the onerous *Una Voce* editorship position. Elma Holmes is stepping down after eleven years as an outstandingly hardworking and efficient Treasurer. Special thanks to Peter Clay for legal assistance, Len Bailey for Auditing, and Dr. Peter Cahill for archival work.

I would like to pay a special tribute to our much loved friend Candy Parrish, who passed away

suddenly and unexpectedly last October. Candy worked unobtrusively but tirelessly for the Committee and the Association for many years.

Finally, a great welcome to our Patron, Les Williams, and his lovely wife Margarette."

Financial Report:

The Treasurer, Mrs. Holmes, tabled copies of the Balance Sheet to 31/12/97 and the Statement of Income and Expenditure to 31/12/97, duly audited.

Motion to receive the Financial Report moved by Mr. Parrish, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Carried.

Correspondence:

The Secretary, Mr. Nitsche, reported as follows:

"During the year I received 1,126 items such as cheques for membership and luncheon payments, new member applications, items for our editor, and letters. I despatched 356 items such as letters, newsletters etc. for new members, and posted items to other committee members.

It appears that the workload is ever increasing. There was one request from a member which I could not handle, and is still under consideration by a Membership Records Sub-Committee.

Last year I mentioned in my annual report that I requested committee members to record the number of hours they spent on ROAPNG work. These results were published in the March issue of *Una Voce* newsletter. We worked 1,896 hours and all on an honorary basis. This figure is conservative, as hidden factors such as phone calls, travel, small tasks, research are not included, and we are going to record the hours again for 1998. Finally would you kindly direct all correspondence to The Secretary." Motion to accept the Secretary's report proposed by Mrs. Bates, seconded Mrs. Bassett. Carried.

At this stage the Patron, Mr. Williams, rose to advise the Meeting that despite not assisting the Committee in any capacity, on his last birthday he reflected on how proud he is to belong to this Association, and asked for a vote of thanks and never-ending gratitude for another year of work done.

Mr. West said the Committee appreciated the sentiments. He also advised of the death of Mr. Tony Newman.

The election of office bearers then proceeded. Mr. West announced that all positions on the Committee, including his own, had become vacant, nominations had been received, seconded and accepted. Thus the Committee for 1998 will be:

 President
 Harry West
 Assistant Secretary
 PamelaFoley

 Deputy President
 Pamela Foley
 Treasurer
 Ross Johnson

 Secretary
 Joe Nitsche
 Editor Una Voce Newsletter
 Marie Bassett

Roma Bates, Marie Day, Don Drover, Elma Holmes, Pat Hopper, Isobel Ireland, Bill Johnston, Fred Kaad, Doug Parrish, Paul Ryan, Frank Smith.

Patron: Les Williams

Motion to confirm the election to the above positions proposed by Mr. Keleny, seconded by Mr. Halpin.

Carried

Motion to confirm the election of Mr. Len Bailey to the position of Auditor proposed by Mr. Parrish, seconded by Mr. Levden. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Roma Bates that Mr. J.J. Nitsche and Mr. E.R. Johnson be authorised to sign the annual statement for Incorporation returns on behalf of this Association. Seconded Mr. Clarrie James.

Mrs. Margarette Williams proposed a vote of thanks to those people who have taken the above positions.

Mr. Ross Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Treasurer, Mrs. Holmes.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.50a.m.

At the first meeting of the Committee after the AGM, it was decided that the Sub-Committees for 1998 would be as follows: (Names underlined are the conveners.)

Editorial: Marie Bassett, Doug Parrish, Pamela Foley, Ross Johnson, Don Drover

Social: Joe Nitsche, Pamela Foley, Pat Hopper, Isobel Ireland

Finance: Ross Johnson, Elma Holmes, Doug Parrish, Paul Ryan, Joe Nitsche

Legal: Doug Parrish, Freddie Kaad, Bill Johnston, Don Drover, Ross Johnson, Paul Ryan

Caring: Pat Hopper, Frank Smith, Roma Bates, Isobel Ireland, Marie Day.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1997

	Notes	1997	1996
INCOME			
Subscriptions Subscriptions in Advance Transferred Donations Incidentals: Raffles AGM and Christmas Lunches Interest: Commonwealth Bank Colonial Mutual Funds Police Credit Union Advertising (Una Voce) and sundries Video sales	(1)	3094.00 6345.00 342.50 413.00 4850.00 76.39 389.52 1640.17 100.00 30.00	2664.00 5210.00 369.00 319.75 5718.00 161.83 498.02 1762.01 300.00 200.00
		\$17280.58	\$17202.61
EXPENDITURE			
Una Voce Costs: Printing and stationery Postage Incidentals: Raffle Expenses Video costs CPSRO levy Caring Committee Expenses AGM & Christmas Lunches		6079.00 2448.56 53.85 0.00 0.00 45.13 4913.25	5798.35 2340.14 52.00 175.00 100.00 326.00 5316.50
Administrative Expenses: Bank Charges/FID/GDT Computer maintenance General Postage General Printing	(2)	39.49 256.70 508.70 95.89 230.70 28.93 44.00 221.15 296.46 360.18	41.40 64.00 359.10 418.68 1383.00 22.40 40.00 36.67 325.08 599.29 714.96
Income Surplus(Shortfall) to Accumulated		16246.59 1033.99	18112.57 (909.96)
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E Holmes Hon. Treasurer

24 RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA INCORPORATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1997

CURRENT ASSETS	Notes	1997	1996
Cash - Commonwealth Savings Bank Stock - Flags, videos, stationery		8319.73 1794.70	5955.19 1227.55
		10114.43	7182.74
INVESTMENTS		*******	******
Colonial Mutual Funds Police Credit Union Share Police Credit Union		8007.00 10.00 20018.40	8007.00 10.00 20018.28
		28035.40	28035.28
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Equipment at WDV 1/1/97 Less Provision Depreciation	1	1200.68 360.18	1799.97 599.29
		840.50	1200.68
TOTAL ASSETS		\$38990.33	\$36418.70
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Subscriptions in Advance 1/1/97 Less transfer current income	(1)	18944.50 6345.00	17866.50 5210.00
Add advance subscriptions paid 1997		12599.50 7973.00	12656.50 6288.00
Provision for Income Tax	(2)	20572.50 624.60	18944.50 714.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES		21197.10	19659.46
NET ASSETS		\$17793.23	\$16759.24
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Balance B/Forward 1/1/97 Add Net Surplus(Shortfall) for Year		16759.24 1033.99	17669.20 (909.96)
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		\$17793.23	\$16759.24

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1997

- These are subscriptions paid in previous years which relate to this year.
- (2) Income tax is payable on our investment income after deducting minor related expenses. The tax liability is now 36 per cent of the net investment income.

23 April, 1998

E Holmes Hon. Treasurer

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly the position of the Retired Officers Association of Papua New Guinea Incorporated as at 31 December, 1997 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, and with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales.

L W Bailey CPA

23 April 1998

eyed us, out there on the placid water.

One slug which I fired at a pair of eyes about 50m away seemed to skip off the water, and I was surprised to see a leg rise into the air as the animal turned on its side and sank slowly out of sight. There was the usual excitement among the paddlers when a shot was fired - whether it hit its mark or missed. I assumed I'd missed because no-one said I'd hit the croc ... funny though, the way the leg lifted and then scarcely moved as it disappeared below the surface.

Three days later a large village canoe came in to the station towing the bloated body of a 3m crocodile. It was found floating among reeds, out along the edge of the 'airstrip' not far from where we sat waiting for the plane to arrive. It was mine, they said. I'd shot it, no doubt about it.

There were no holes or cuts in the skin, much as we scrutinised the carcase. A crocodile's ears are just narrow slits along the side of the head, and here we found a very slight abrasion to the skin, just a few millimetres in. I was not convinced that the bullet entered there, and rather illogically demonstrated the toughness of a croc's skull by firing a .22 long rifle bullet into the forehead of the skull. It flattened out like a five cent piece.

We cut the skull wide open with an axe - and there was the lead slug, almost unmarked. It had entered through the ear alright and apparently caused instant death as the croc sank without any violent reaction whatsoever. There had been no shouts of "Oi pidia, Taubada, oi pidia vadain," (You shot it Taubada, you shot it), just a lot of laughter at the way the croc's leg lifted and slowly disappeared like a nonchalant salute!

A dance was organised for some reason - it was not just an excuse to eat the crocodile - and after dark the drums were still beating to give unison to the stamp of feet and the dirge-like chanting of the dancers. As the 'big white hunter' guest, I had pride of place in a deckchair in front of the dancers, alongside several village elders and in the light of a single pressure lamp hung on a tree. As guest of honour I was offered a choice bit of cooked crocodile, the section where the body becomes tail - and it stank to high heaven. It was cooked alright, but it was rotten. After three days dead in the tepid water of Lake Murray any animal would be rotten!

To refuse the offering would have been downright rude. I put it - a sizeable chunk of the grey, rank stuff - to my mouth as if to take a bite. The lamp light was pretty dim and in a shadow from some standing people I kept up the pretence of munching away on the 'treat'. The gesture seemed to suffice as no-one asked me if I liked it or if I wanted another piece, maybe from a 'wing' or the 'breast'!

My little dog Woe was hanging around and I coaxed him near, pushing him and the chunk of putrid meat under my chair when no-one appeared to be looking. To my surprise he stayed there, helping me to solve the problem of what to do - as long as he didn't throw up in front of my seated hosts.

Sacrificing himself on the altar of loyalty, he cleaned it up, bone and all. Next day I was okay, but my dog was crook. He had broken out in little white pustules all over his tender belly. Being the brave little stalwart that he was, always nearby to protect his master, he rallied - but with somewhat of a jaundiced look in his eye. He got over it - and I promised him I'd never accept another piece of cooked or uncooked crocodile meat again.

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THE BURNS PHILP GARAGE SALE

On Wednesday 25 March 1998, No. 7 Bridge Street Sydney was the site of the final demise of the once great trading firm, Burns Philp & Co.

Founded in 1883 for trading in the Pacific, the company went on to own many large stores, trading posts and plantations throughout the islands. It also ran a very successful shipping company plying between Australia and Pacific ports. Just after its centenary, the company ran into financial difficulties and the entire contents of the beautiful old headquarters went to auction. It was hard to believe that the company once employed 13,000 people around the world.

The auction included polished cedar and oak furniture, books, stamps, paintings, photos of past directors, office equipment and even plastic chairs. There were over 1,000 registered bidders; Lawsons, the auctioneers, provided a comprehensive catalogue and a large staff to help prospective buyers. Some of these were ex-employees and people with past connections in PNG; there were also the usual wheeler-dealers. The bankers who are owed many millions were in the front rows noting the objects which went for twice the estimated price. There were also a lot of old shareholders and several fund managers obviously wanting to see where the money went. Among the items were a large stuffed 19th Century turtle, company seals and gun-metal plaques inscribed "hands that never leave the tiller". The Burns Forsayth and Mauri Bros' seals went for \$500 each and the gun-metal ones for \$600 and \$1,200.

Mr Mark Johnson bought a 51cm coconut for \$1,800. This was grown in Fiji and presented to Burns Philp in March 1961 by W.G. Johnson who was head of W.R. Carpenter there and Mark's father. Peter Stobo, son of Monty, a former director, bought the huge *Bulolo* photograph. The grandson of one of the founders, Mr J.D. Burns, acquired a Norman Lindsay cartoon of his grandfather and the Kaiser, *Knocking around the Pacific*. Other items included some old notes, £5 and £1 ones, plus some of Burns Philp's own notes which would have been paid out in return for copra or gold dust and subsequently cashed in for goods at Burns Philp stores. The auctioneer's estimate for the notes was a couple of thousand dollars but a dealer paid \$39,600 for them.

The painting, Merchant Vessels, Men of War in a Romanticised Italianate Harbour Setting seen from the Foreshore, previously ascribed to the Dutch Jan Both but catalogued as European School, 18th Century, caused a stir. The bidding began at \$25,000 and it sold for \$240,000; it was purchased by Mr Doug Moran. It features an elaborate Florentine gold frame and was too big to be taken away by the stairs. The next day an old-fashioned first floor window was removed and a cherry picker lifted it out. Three paintings by Fred Garling exceeded the estimates of \$2,000-\$3,000 to sell at \$16,000, \$18,000 and \$21,000.

The building is to be strata-titled and sold to 14 lucky tenants. The impressive entrance hall with its marble rolls of honour from two world wars will be retained.

HELP WANTED: Jim Ridges of Kavieng, New Ireland, is gathering information on the early development of New Ireland and offshore islands. He would be grateful if members could help him by providing copies of photos and information, or could write their own recollections; stories, particularly any involving New Ireland 'bigmen' or others would be appreciated. He said, "While anything pre WWII would be great, the rebuilding of New Ireland after 1945 is now little known, and stories or photos during the war are rare, except for Mary Murray's two books." Jim's address is PO Box 86, Kavieng, New Ireland Province PNG Ph (675) 984 2133. Jim will be overseas from late August for 4-5 mths if you are able to help, please contact him before then.

NEWS FROM PACIFIC BOOK HOUSE, 17 Park Avenue, Broadbeach Waters, Gold Coast Qld 4218. Ph 07 5539 0446, fax 07 5538 4114. Email pacbook@ozemail.com.au TO FIND A PATH - The Life and Times of the Royal Pacific Islands Regiment by James Sinclair. Volume I - Yesterday's Heroes 1885-1950, and Volume II - Keeping the Peace 1950-1975. Volume one deals with the origins of the armed forces and draws on the historical role of the Royal Papuan Constabulary and the Territory of New Guinea Police Force. Volume two covers the postwar years, from the raising of the Pacific Islands Regiment in 1950 to the formation of the Papua New Guinea Defence Force, and beyond, to independence (illus, index,maps, hardcover). Books are normally \$55 each, \$110 the pair, but there is a special 30% discount for members, ie \$77 for the pair.

OCEANIC ART by Anthony J.P. Meyer. Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. Perhaps the most important new publication on Oceanic Tribal Art in recent years, printed in full colour and duo-tone on heavy art paper. All artifacts are accompanied by detailed annotations, each area is introduced by a short well written essay. Text in three columns, English, German, French. The set consists of two volumes, large format, 640pp, maps, 731 plates in colour/duo-tone. Set usually costs \$150, but is \$100 for members.

PLUMES FROM PARADISE - Trade cycles in outer Southeast Asia and their impact on New Guinea and nearby islands until 1920 by Pamela Swadling. This is an account of the Bird of Paradise trade from early times - it involves New Guineans, Indonesians, Chinese, Europeans, hunters, traders, natural historians, officials, missionaries, planters, miners and adventurers of every kind. The plumes provide the connecting thread as the complex economic and political processes of the past 400 years are described. Historical photos, quality art paper, 352pp, bibliog, index, hardcover. \$40

LIGHTNING MEETS THE WEST WIND - The Malaita Massacre by Roger M. Keesing/Peter Corris. The authors, an anthropologist and an historian, have produced a powerful account of the events leading up to the 1927 punitive expedition and massacre of the Kwaio people in the Solomon Islands after the murder of a government magistrate and his police. 219pp,index,illus,maps,hardcover. \$25

RABAUL 1942 bt Douglas Aplin "The tragic story of the 2/22nd Australian Army Infantry Battalion AIF, the men and women of Lark Force, including units of the RAN, RAAF, New Guinea Volunteer Rifles, 1st Independent Company, etc., and New Guinea residents who were all caught up in the terrible calamity following the January 1942 Japanese invasion of the New Guinea Islands." 295pp,illus,maps,heavy card cover \$24.95

ADVENTURE TRAVEL GUIDE TO IRIAN JAYA. Indonesian New Guinea. Text and Photos by Kal Muller, edited by David Pickell. Includes travel tips, articles, detailed maps of every town and district with personal recommendations on how to get around, where to stay and eat and how to get the best value for money. Illus, maps, index. \$30 NOTE: Pacific Book House offers a 10% discount to members of ROAPNG please mention your membership when ordering. (Postage extra)

TWO NEW CATALOGUES FROM PACIFIC BOOKHOUSE

No.46, May 1998, Pacific War, Army-Navy: Contains 336 titles of new and out-of-print/scarce books, prices from \$12 (for *Darwin Sayonara* - about the raids on Darwin),

to \$120 (for War Posters, 1920), but majority under \$50/\$60.

No.47, June 1998, Aviation Civil and Military: Contains 309 titles, including several books of selections from Air Niugini's in-flight magazine *Paradise* (\$35-40 each), numerous books on famous aviators, books by J. Sinclair, histories of flight, books on the war in the air. Catalogues are free.

PATROL IN THE DREAMTIME by Colin Macleod, Random House 1997, 254pp \$17.95 Reviewed by Jim Toner

I had thought that Bob Welsh was the sole two-Territory kiap - having transferred from the NT to TPNG - but this autobiography identifies another. It seems that Alan Pitts moved in the opposite direction in 1955 and when Macleod met him was in charge of an Aboriginal settlement. At that time Beenleigh rum was a staple beverage in the outback but Macleod notes that Pitts described it as kerosene and staunchly adhered to the New Guinea favourite, Rhum Negrita. I know exactly how he felt because after I came South the single supplier of 'Buka Meri' in Darwin had my patronage until blown away by Cyclone Tracy.

The author served only four years as a cadet and patrol officer but did see the NT from top to bottom working with Aboriginal people in the desert, on islands, and along the streets (Darwin town patrol ...). This was of great interest to him; perhaps less so for Wantoks. However, Macleod also spent a year at ASOPA and some comments are worth recording.

In 1956 an inaugural intake of five NT POs joined twenty-one PNG POs at Middle Head. The former, says Macleod, glumly acknowledged that the latter were the glamour boys, out exploring and pacifying, whilst his group were really welfare officers. The only time the NT mob needed a firearm was to shoot camp dogs. Nevertheless, the two groups merged as they absorbed wisdom from Elkin and McAuley and imbibed congenially at the Buena Vista (Clifton Gardens), Ushers, etc.

A fellow student is described as 'not to be trifled with' but Macleod expresses his gratitude towards him, 'the fearsome Tom Ellis', for devoting his valuable time to teaching him something about aero-navigation. The author freely admits his modest educational qualifications and ignorance of much outside Williamstown Vic., when appointed at the age of 21. He recalls that his selection committee prised a few answers from him and then asked if he had any questions. The best he could come up with was, "What's the weather like up there?".

Happily for some of us, people can be late bloomers and Macleod moved on to a Law degree, a pilot's licence, and eventually a judgeship in Victoria. His book is a straightforward account of an urban naif transplanted to a part of Australia where the administration of Aborigines was rather different from what it is today, and it may prove enlightening to readers. Discussion of the separation of mixed-race children from their mothers by someone actually involved indicates that it was more cautiously humane - at least in the NT jurisdiction at that time - than popularly portrayed.

Patrol Officers ceased to be appointed in the NT from 1975 and the definitive study of their work since 1936 has been compiled by Jeremy Long, son of Gavin, our war historian. It is titled *The Go-Betweens*, 187pp and published by the Australian National University, 1992, at \$20. (In it Long, who also attended that 1956 course at ASOPA, notes that when examinations were sat the NT quintet accumulated ten Credits whereas the 21 'kiaps' managed only five Credits between them...)

A COASTWATCHER'S DIARY COMES TO LIGHT

Dick Horton, a former Coastwatcher now living in England, has just published his final book on the war in the Solomons: *Between the Thunder and the Sun* describes the war on Bougainville and is dedicated to John Keenan, Paul Mason and Jack Reid.

And in Australia we have a remarkable 'find' - the diary kept by Jack Keenan on his first Coastwatching mission on the island of Vella Lavella, 125km south-east of Buin, Bougainville. The diary was written from 14 October 1942 to 28 February 1943, and covers the day-to-day activities of Jack and his companion, Henry Josselyn, from when they left the US submarine *Grampus* in a canoe and two rubber boats, to when Jack was taken off the island by an amphibious aircraft and arrived in Brisbane 15 days later, 'looking like a tramp'. The diary was sent to Phyllis Keenan by the Navy in December 1943 - Phyllis put it in their deed-box' and both she and Jack forgot about it. It came to light in 1996 when their granddaughter asked for their assistance with her family tree and they discovered the diary in the deed-box.

This diary is not dramatic - it contains statements such as, "I only hope we are far enough back to cut out all engine noises from the Japanese observation post", "On the way round to Paramata [by boat] had to hide from a couple of low flying aircraft" - and the reader has to imagine the dense jungle and proximity of the enemy, the continuing difficulties such as the lack of regular supplies and accessible medical assistance, the mosquitoes and sandflies, incessant rain and mist, and the isolation. Jack received valuable assistance from the local people but would have been aware of the danger of pro-Japanese locals. The diary is a matter-of-fact account of an extraordinary situation.

Simple things like a shave and a haircut were worthy of a mention, as was any special local food which came their way (a bullock kill provided a treat). They constantly had trouble with their radio transmitter and Jack undertook a trip to the southern end of Vella Lavella, some 30-35 miles, by canoe, launch (which they had found earlier and repaired) and on foot, to try to get replacement equipment. If one of the pair was away from their post, or sick, the other had to stand watch practically all day, code the messages and work the radio. The diary gives details of all aircraft and shipping movements, and of heavy gunfire and bursting of bombs at places such as Buin and Munda. It also describes the rescue of two American pilots brought in by the locals - Jim Feliton and Jeff De Blanc, both of whom are alive in the USA today.

The early warnings allowed the Americans to prepare to meet the attack, transports were got underway and destroyers were disposed with guns at the ready. Japanese attacking aircraft were reported by post after post, so that the Americans had a more accurate estimated time of arrival than the Japs did themselves.

Once Guadalcanal was in allied hands, Jack was replaced. He was sent on two Coastwatching missions on Bougainville, but by this time keeping a diary was not permitted in the field because of the ever-present risk of capture. The original diary is now in safe keeping at the Australian War Memorial and will form part of the permanent collection.

HELP WANTED: Brian Jinks, former kiap and later Administrative Staff College lecturer, is assisting a researcher who seeks information on "an episode in Manus in 1948 when police under Commissioner Grimshaw were sent to arrest some Chinese labourers for assaulting a villager. The Chinese had apparently been brought from home, under the supervision of troops, to dismantle the American naval base which had been bought by the Nationalist Chinese government." If any reader has information on this, please write to: Dr Brian Jinks, PO Box 227, Gulgong NSW 2852.

REUNIONS

Papua New Guinea Reunion. SING SING 98

ANA Hotel, Surfers Paradise 22 August 1998

The response to the announcement of this reunion has been overwhelming! So far the organisers have received 417 expressions of interest. They advise that the ballroom of the ANA Hotel can comfortably take 540 guests - over that number and it gets crowded. The cost of the evening which includes a buffet dinner is \$35 per head (drinks are not included). There will be NO ticket sales at the door. Special offers on airfares and accommodation are available. The first 540 who pay their fees for the Reunion Buffet Dinner will be guaranteed acceptance. Payment is needed by 30 June.

The Reunion starts at 6pm (buffet dinner at 7pm) and continues to midnight. Dress - Tropical Formal or the PNG Reunion shirt. (Reunion shirts and Reunion caps will be posted to you - payment for these to be made at time of applying for your ticket.) Booking forms are available from Hans Sander on Ph. 07 3229 5785/fax 07 3221 9731 or by writing to him at 40 George Street, Brisbane Qld 4000.

The information you will receive contains details of

- accommodation available at nearby hotels/motels/resorts;
- the official meeting place for the Reunion weekend this is the SAR Club (The Search and Rescue Services Club) which is only a short stroll from ANA Hotel and the other hotels in the area; also 'What's On' at the SAR Club;
- · the Reunion shirt and matching cap;
- · free bus from Tiki Village to Broncos Leagues Club in Brisbane on Thursday;
- races at the Gold Coast Turf Club on Saturday (some free tickets are available);
- door prizes 2 tickets to PNG with compliments of Air Niugini and 2 to Proserpine with compliments of Flight West.

KAINANTU REUNION, 19 September 1998

The organisers of this reunion have had a great response - they have gathered names and addresses of 380 families/individuals, and have received mail from nine countries around the world! The venue will be the Aspley Leagues Club, Kirby Road, Aspley at 6.30pm. Cost of the evening including dinner is \$35 (drinks not included). The brochure lists three local motels offering discounts for those attending.

'Decade' signposts will be arranged so people who were in Kainantu at the same time can find their friends more easily. For application forms or other info. please contact: Stefanie Evans, PO Box 311 Virginia Qld 4014, ph 07 3265 1957/fax 07 3265 1767 or Rosemary Reeves, 14 Goldwyn St, McDowall Qld 4053, ph 07 3353 3837.

Please send ticket orders, plus payment for the evening, by 31 July.

SAMARAI AND MILNE BAY AREA REUNION, Brisbane, 3 October 1998:

Organiser of this function, Ron Osborne, writes, "With the success of the Samarai Reunion in Sydney in October '97 it was suggested that it would be great to hold the next function interstate, more local ex-Samarai folk could enjoy the experience and interstate folk could combine the reunion with a short holiday break. Brisbane was immediately suggested ..." The organisers are Graham Goodman (a close friend of Mike Walke and former resident of Samarai), Ron's brother Hugh and his wife Jean, and Ron's wife Jan.

The venue will be a four or five star hotel offering sufficient room to gather and mix before lunch (cold buffet) to be followed by a full afternoon of reminiscences and for those who wish to continue into the evening, a restaurant and also accommodation for out

of town visitors. The cost of the function itself will be around \$39 per person. The organisers are endeavouring to obtain special offers on accommodation and airfares. During the afternoon Ron hopes to have a series of short anecdotes from past residents of humorous incidents which occurred in or around Samarai.

The main item with organising the function is numbers. This also applies to accommodation. If you are interested, please contact any of the following asap:
Ron & Jan Osborne, 31 Illowra Street, The Gap, Brisbane Qld 4061 ph/fax 07 3300 1312
Graham & Theresa Goodman, 28 Mansfield Place, Mansfield Qld 4122 ph 07 3219 4898
Hugh & Jean Osborne, 14 Parkmore St, Boondall, Brisbane Qld 4034 ph 07 3265 1229

TREASURY AND FINANCE REUNION, 16 September 1999:

Ron Storer of Teringie SA wrote: "Former officers of Treasury and Finance will be holding their 25th Independence Day dinner on 16 September 1999 at a venue yet to be finalised. 'Hey, you are a year early,' I hear some say. Not so. Our first dinner was held in Adelaide on 16 September 1975. This is therefore our 25th dinner which will be celebrated on the day on which Papua New Guinea enters its 25th year of Independence. The coordinator of this event (not necessarily in SA) is David Martin, Box 50, Oakbank SA 5243 ph..(08) 8388 4354." Further details will be provided closer to the event.

REPORT-BACK on ELA/BOROKO UNITED CHURCH REUNION held early April '98.

The Ela/Boroko United Church congregations recently held a very successful reunion at the Wollongong Surf and Leisure Resort. Over 80 people attended over the three days. It was organised by Judy and Max Edwards - those attending were people who had worshipped at the Ela/Boroko United churches over a period of 50 years or more. Eileen Kemp took the honours for the longest association with PNG, having been born there when her parents were Methodist missionaries in Papua, and marrying Rev Fred in Misima. Some folk had not met for over 30 years.

People came from as far as Tasmania (Ken and Gwen Clezy) and northern Queensland (Beth and Eric Ireland) and all places in between, including Rev Andrew and Margaret Dunn and daughter Lynn from New Zealand. There were people from government departments and private enterprise as well as mission workers. The reunion included some local sight-seeing, shared meals, lots of talking, and evenings reminiscing on what PNG had meant to them. All agreed that their time in PNG had been a special and important part of their lives, and that the fellowship they had shared was something they had not experienced elsewhere.

Members of the Retired Officers Association of PNG who attended included Bob and Mary Pulsford, Marie Day, Len and June Champness, Alison Gough, Jim and Pauline Gould, Edna and George Oakes, John and Margaret Rumens (and children and grandchildren), Maria Szent-Ivany and daughter Ildi Wetherall, Jean and Neville Thomson, Mike and Jean Trinick, and Marjorie and Phil Head. Bob Pulsford did a great membership 'commercial' for the Association.

HELP WANTED: Prudence Bartlett Bailey who lived in Lae for 13 years asked if anyone has information (or can recommend books) on the Japanese ship, the *Tanemaru*, beached at the end of Lae airstrip, which 'stuck out like a sore thumb' - it eventually disappeared beneath the water in late 1974. Prudence said it was a cargo ship in WW2. If you can help, please contact Prudence at 61 Wentworth Drive, Capalaba Qld 4157.

THE FRANKLIN in RABAUL - SOME B4s REMINISCE

Several B4s wrote to confirm that the yacht pictured on p.37 of the March *Una Voce* was indeed the yacht which was based in Rabaul and belonged to the Administrator.

Jack GOAD wrote, "It was a very pleasant surprise to see the photo of the *Franklin* in the U.V. Magazine. I was (with my brothers and the other children at Kieta) the guest of General Wisdom (Administrator) and Mrs. Wisdom on board the *Franklin* on Kieta harbour on the day after Melbourne Cup day ... in the year 1927 or 1928.

After having the run of the ship searching for hidden peanuts, we went in the ship's boat for a fast run around the harbour - no doubt to get us out of the way whilst our parents paid their respects. There would have been sixteen or so people, made up of the District Officer and wife, the ADO and wife, Chief Clerk and wife, Clerk and wife, Policemaster and wife, Medical Officer and wife, Medical Assistant and wife (my father and mother), Storekeeper, Wireless Officer AWA and there may have been one or two plantation folk.

On tour the Franklin I think would have been under the command of Captain Webb, Rabaul Harbour Master. Prior to departure from Rabaul the ship would bunker coal from a lighter anchored in Rabaul harbour. BP's Maiwara, Foad's John Douglas, Carpenter's Durour (which was on Vulcan slipway at the time of the 1937 eruption and is still there) are some of the other island vessels that bunkered coal from the lighter... On the Franklin's trip around the islands it would top-up its coal from its coal dumps situated in various parts of the Territory.

In the 1930s when I was at Kavieng, staff from the Kavieng workshops collected pieces of coal out of the kunai and sand from a dump that was situated near the wharf on the foreshore on the Bagaib Village side of the Customs Shed.

The Franklin had a native crew, of no doubt, in those days, Manus or Mortlock Islanders. There was a structure that went from the back of the bridge to the stern, covering the whole ship. In quite a large covered area in the stern were cane chairs around the sides of the ship, and it was in this area that the Administrator entertained his guests. All this has brought back a flood of memories."

Frank Smith wrote that Jess ROSS remembered the ship when a young lady in Rabaul. Jess recalled, "The Franklin was the Administration ship in Rabaul, and my father, Captain Duncan, was Harbour Master - they had to go and meet people and Dad was sent on various trips. One trip he went down to Buka and Mother and I were invited to go along. We went down to Kieta and coming back it was a pitch dark night, absolutely black. Halfway between Kieta and Rabaul there was a sudden cry 'man overboard'. My father stopped the engine, then slowly reversed exactly on the course he had been on until he got a certain distance, then he sort of waited, moving very slowly ... there was a shout from the darkness, the boy came over to the side and they pulled him aboard, and we continued on to Rabaul. That's how I remember the Franklin."

Ken JONES wrote, "As a lad growing up in New Guinea I saw the ship on a number of occasions. My father, Bert Jones, was ADO Madang 1927-28 under DO (Affable) Alf Hunter. On two occasions during that period the *Franklin* visited Madang and I was lucky enough to go on board."

Roma BATES remembered that Mrs Sarah Chinnery, wife of the Director of Native Affairs and Government Anthropologist in the Mandated Territory Administration, stationed at Rabaul, went up the Sepik a couple of times on the *Franklin* and wrote about it in her diaries. She, also, was an anthropologist (her diaries are about to be published).

Ken HUMPHREYS (not a B4) said the B4s were disgusted at the running costs of the steam yacht.

VALE

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

Mrs Judy TUDOR (24 March 1998, aged 87 years)

Ethel Ellen (Judy) Tudor, who died at Erina on the NSW Central Coast, was a New Guinea B4 who exchanged goldmining for a long writing and publishing career in Sydney, during which she edited the *Pacific Islands Monthly (PIM)*, the *Pacific Islands Yearbook*, the *Handbook of Papua New Guinea*, the *Pacific Who's Who* and many books on islands subjects. She published her autobiography, *Many a Green Isle* (Pacific Publications), in 1966. Judy was widely known and respected in the islands, PNG probably being her favourite.

Born in Granity, New Zealand, she arrived in Canberra in 1927 and took a job as a statistics officer with the Commonwealth Public Service. In Canberra she met Len Tudor, whom she married in Melbourne in 1934. From 1936 they spent about three years gold prospecting in the Sepik with a party that included her father-in-law, Harry Tudor, Jack Thurston and E.T. (Ted) Fulton. After prospecting east of what is now Dreikikir and north of Maprik for months they ended up on the Harry Tudor/Thurston gold sluicing lease, No 1 Gold, on the headwaters of the Ulahau. The five day walk-in from the coast was from But, where the Boram schooner landed cargo. This was before Ray Parer made an airstrip at Maprik and, a year later, the Maprik patrol post was established.

Judy was in Rabaul working for Colyer Watson when, after the outbreak of war in 1939 she returned to Melbourne, where she and Len later divorced. In mid-1942, while working as a statistics officer with Shell in Melbourne, she received a job offer from the NZ-born Sydney publisher R.W. Robson to help bring out a new edition of the *Pacific Islands Year Book*, needed urgently by the American forces in Australia. The offer changed her life.

After they produced the edition in record time, Robson put her to work on *PIM*. They began a close personal relationship that ended only with Robson's death in 1984 at the age of 99. They never chose to marry.

An indefatigable worker to whom writing came easily, and with a good business head, Judy was indispensable to the expansion of Pacific Publications Pty Ltd, especially following the company's purchase of the Suva Fiji Times group in 1956, which occupied a lot of Robson's time. She directed publishing activities in Sydney while continuing to co-edit PIM, compile and edit new editions of the various handbooks and other publications and established and ran a successful general book publishing division.

She became a director and part-owner of the company. We colleagues admired the firm but even-handed management style of a boss who never for a moment believed that being a woman was a handicap in business, or in anything else she might choose to do.

Judy travelled widely, particularly when compiling editions of the *Year Book*, and the regular reports and commentaries on islands affairs she sent back to *PIM* were penetrating and fearless. She could employ a caustic wit and her sense of irony to devastating effect, particularly when aimed at some of the bureaucratic or political incompetencies of the colonial administrations of the day.

Nevertheless, she pushed no personal barrows and on her island visits she was invariably a welcome guest of governors, administrators and senior civil servants because of her obvious integrity and objectivity, and her wide and sympathetic understanding of island problems. *PIM* readers also relished her entertaining, no-nonsense travel pieces and perceptive book reviews.

Judy never formally retired from Pacific Publications, but from 1974 she and Robson, who was then approaching 90, spent decreasing time there after selling a controlling interest in the group to Wilke and Co of Melbourne. We who were left wished she could stay on and direct the company through the next few years, which she would have liked to have done, but she was loyal

to Robson and put his personal welfare first. She busied herself in writing a popular history (unpublished) of the world's more famous goldrushes, visiting all the old fields from the Rand to the Klondike.

Pacific Publications and the Fiji Times are today parts of the Murdoch empire and PIM is published from Suva.

Judy is survived by her sister, Mrs Sheila Hunter, of Avoca Beach, and her two brothers, Keith and Lewis.

The foregoing was written by Stuart Inder, onetime editor and publisher of PIM, and includes some material from the obituary he wrote for the Sydney Morning Herald of 28 March 1998.

Mr Graham John DELANEY (aged 55 years)

Graham Delaney was an outstanding student, skilled in debating, with an interest in current affairs. He became a lawyer and in the late 60s was appointed secretary to the Public Service Union in PNG. While in Port Moresby he was an active member of the Pangu Pati. It was while he was in PNG that he found he was becoming progressively deaf - the condition was incurable. Graham returned to Australia and took up a position in Perth, in the Crown Law office - he later became Deputy Crown Solicitor in WA.

Graham is survived by his wife Jo, and sons Jacob and Keir.

Mr Barrington (Barry) Gerald READE (9 April 1998, aged 59 years)

Barry Reade was born in Surrey, England, and came to Australia at an early age. He joined the Victoria Police in 1958 and remained in that force until the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary beckoned in 1963. He remained in the RPNGC until terminated under the former E.S.S. on 9-8-1974. He then moved to Melbourne where he joined the Commonwealth Police for a short time before moving into the Commonwealth Employment Service where he remained for 20 years. He retired in 1996 to take up a small property at Nerang and pursue other interests.

Barry was a keen cricketer and played in and coached teams in PNG particularly the police team. He was awarded the Commissioner of Police 'Certificate of Commendation' in 1970 at Lae for the apprehension of a Goilala person involved in the gunshot murder of a German and shooting of others at Lae. He separated from RPNGC with the rank of Inspector (First Class).

Barry is survived by his widow and sons. (The above was written by M.R. Hayes.)

Sgt Major (also known as Sgt First Class) ERIMAS TOLIK, MBE (November 1997)

Erimas Tolik died at his village at Raluana, near Rabaul ENBP. Erimas joined the New Guinea Police Force (Native Constabulary) some time around 1939, and showed a special aptitude for music, in which he spent a major part of his police career. However he also had other fine police skills and gained commendations for his service during WW2. Perhaps he was best known for his leadership of the Rabaul police band for some years, before going into regular police duties at Lae in which he excelled in leadership qualities. He retired in the late 70s after some 35+ years' police service. He was guest of honour at a dinner at the Kaivuna Motel in early September 1997 at which he was presented with Life Membership of the RSL. Sadly this was not to be for long, and he died some two months later. Anyone wishing to contact his widow can do so through Gerry McGrade, Hamamas Hotel (previously Ascot), Mango Avenue, Rabaul, ENBP, PNG.

(The above was written by M.R. Hayes.)

Mr Thomas FLEMING (10 December 1997, aged 79 years)

Tom was born in Cleish, Kinross, Scotland on 25-1-1918. He was a tropical-tree planter and consultant, working for Harrison Crossfield in Malaya and PNG. He formed Harrison Fleming and was the founder of the Oil Palm Development at Kimbe, West New Britain. He died peacefully at his home at Duns, Berwickshire. (The above was written by Pat Hopper.)

Mr Frank HOLLAND, MBE (March 1998, aged 91 years)

Frank migrated to Australia under the Empire Settlement Scheme. He married Mabel Kennedy in mid-1938 and the newlyweds travelled to New Guinea for their honeymoon on the MV Montoro. They loved Rabaul and did not return to Australia. Frank worked as a timber cutter in the Wide Bay and Open Bay areas and was at Pondo when the Japanese landed at Rabaul. His family was evacuated but Frank stopped at Pondo and was given the task of finding as many of the escaping troops as possible and returning with them to Talasea. This he did, picking up 22, including two from the Tol massacre.

For his effort he was awarded the MBE. After arrival in Australia he joined Z Special Unit and was sent to Timor. He gave the Japanese such a hard time that they posted a reward of 1,000 patachas for his capture. He was then evacuated by the American submarine *Gudgeon* and taken to Perth. After training he was dropped into Borneo spending the rest of the war there. After the war Frank returned to Rabaul to resume his timber cutting on the Warangoi River.

Frank returned to Australia in 1964 to take up citrus farming and retired in 1974 to Hervey Bay. In his retirement he was involved with the RSL - he was invited to return to Rabaul with the 2/22nd for the 40th Anniversary of the Fall of Rabaul.

Frank is survived by his wife Mabel and family.

Mr Edward (Ted) Ernest FOAD (13 January 1998, aged 89 years)

Ted Foad was born in England in 1908, travelled to Australia at the age of 20, then proceeded to New Guinea to join his father's fishing business. Subsequently he got his master's ticket for coastal vessels, and later acquired his own boat and began trading. When the copra trade slumped he took up gold prospecting, at times in uncontrolled territory. With the outbreak of war, Ted joined the NGVR, but soon found himself back in small ships supplying the forces around the NG coast - which earned him numerous medals and a US Presidential Citation. After the war, still in PNG, Ted built up a coastal transport business and in the 60s started a helicopter business to service the goldfields. In all, Ted spent 41 years in New Guinea. Later he transferred his helicopters to Queensland to undertake aerial cattle-mustering. He retired in 1969 and settled in Atherton. Doug Parrish described Ted as 'one of nature's gentlemen'.

Mrs Peggy Edith FORD (16 April 1998, aged 73 years)

Peg Ford passed away at Palmwoods Qld. Sadly she had been widowed for almost thirty years; her husband, Max, then Administrative Officer of the Department of Native Affairs, died in November 1968. Peg and Max had been in the Territory since the early Fifties, serving at Samarai, Popondetta, Goroka and Port Moresby. Their daughter, Narelle, predeceased her.

(The above was written by Jim Toner.)

Mrs Christine DROVER (25 May 1998, aged 58 years)

Christine Hudson came to Port Moresby in 1967 as secretary to the Professor of Economics, John Williams, at the University of Papua New Guinea. In 1969 she married Don Drover who was then the Professor of Chemistry. They lived at Waigani until leaving for Darwin in 1981 and later Sydney. Christine was also secretary to the Japanese Ambassador in Port Moresby and in the administration of Air Niugini.

Christine is survived by her daughters Alison and Camilla, son Angus and husband, Don. (The foregoing was written by Don Drover.)

Mrs Amalia COWLEY (11 April 1998, aged 93 years)

Amalia Cowley was the wife of Cecil Cowley (deceased). Mother of Erl (deceased) and daughter Pamela, she is survived by Pamela, son-in-law Gerry and three grandchildren.

This information was supplied by Pamela who would love to hear from anyone who knew Amalia and/or Cecil - please write to Pamela Virtue, 19 Valley Park Cres, Turramurra NSW 2074.

Mr Ken GORRINGE (29 May 1998, aged 88 years)

Ken's interests were many and varied. In his early years he studied commercial art, but began his working life as a clerk. He was working for W R Carpenter, Madang, in the early days of the war and then joined the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. In 1944, along with Nep Blood, Bill MacGregor and Rhys Healy, he spent over eight months on patrol in the Highlands, until advised by radio of the capitulation of Japan. During this period the patrol collected a number of Birds of Paradise, which are now in the Sydney Museum. All told, Ken spent 30 years in PNG, much of this time working with the Department of Agriculture as a project manager. He spent 10 years working with the Tolai Cocoa Project, six years as its manager. Ken retired to Wentworth Falls in 1971. He became an active member of the Blue Mountains Wildlife Society, going on regular walks. He had a love of photography, was a member of the photographic society and developed his own work in his darkroom. The house Ken purchased in Wentworth Falls was about 500 yards from his parents' home in which he was born and lived. Ken had a wide variety of friends and will be remembered as a generous host and loyal friend.

(The foregoing is taken from an obituary by Reg Collins and biographical notes.)

Mr Karl Kurt WAGNER (27 March 1997, aged 77 years)

Karl spent four years with the Police Department at Mt Hagen, departing in 1974. He is survived by his wife Marjorie. (No further details available.)

Mrs Emily Louisa CHAMPION (28 May 1998, aged 88 years)

Emily was born in Essex, England, the younger of two daughters. She was interested in the theatre, ballroom dancing and music - she played the piano all her life. She met her future husband at a party, when Alan was a young ship's engineer travelling the world and she was just 18. They wed six years later. After their marriage Alan decided to give up his life at sea and join his father as a patrol officer in Papua, planning to have Emily join him as soon as possible.

These things took time; however in 1936 Emily, who had never been out of England, set sail for Sydney and then travelled to Port Moresby in the *Macdhui*. Papua was largely unexplored and Alan and his two brothers, Ivan and Claude, often went on long and dangerous foot patrols into the mountains to explore and make contact with as many local people as possible. Emily stayed on her own while Alan was away. For most of the time the only people around her were a few Papuan prison guards and prisoners from the local jail. She later moved to Daru when Alan was transferred to Goilala, a place considered too dangerous for a white woman. Alan and Emily had numerous postings including Mapamoiwa, Buna, Kokoda, Higaturu, Daru, Samarai and Port Moresby. While living at Samarai, their only son, Peter was born.

When WWII came, Emily and Peter spent five years in Australia. The family had a close shave with death when Mt Lamington erupted killing many Europeans and thousands of local people. The Champion family had flown out of the area and back to Port Moresby the day before the eruption. Alan was a senior Administration official when he reached 55 years of age and retirement. Emily and Alan retired to Brisbane in 1960 and, as fate would have it, they moved into the house next door to Bill and June McGrath. The two families became very close - a loving relationship which lasted for nearly 38 years.

In their later years, Emily and Alan moved to a retirement village. When Alan passed away in 1988, Emily stayed on at 'Villa La Salle' surrounded by many photographs and memories of their life together. Emily always spoke of her life in PNG with love and affection. She told many interesting tales of those times but her friends never did succeed in getting her to write her life story. Emily is survived by her son Peter and two grandchildren, Shona and David.

(The foregoing is from an obituary written by Bill McGrath.)

Mrs Peggy WEBB (March 1998)

Peggy, late of Caboolture Qld, was originally a Gilmore from Madang. No further details available. (From Garamut, with thanks.)

Mr John BIDDLE (15 March 1998, aged 70 years)

John went to PNG in 1954. He worked for Department of Works in Port Moresby, Wewak and Madang. John was a keen golfer, and was known in PNG as 'sweet singing John Biddle'. In 1957 he won the Territory Championships at Goroka and the following year was runner-up. He partnered Jack Page and won the Territory Foursome Championship in 1964. John married Muriel Asmussen in 1958 and their only daughter, Leonie, was born in Wewak. The family returned to Brisbane in 1972 where John worked at Amberley Air Force Base until he retired in 1988. (From Garamut, with thanks.)

Mr Anthony (Tony) Philip John NEWMAN (9 April 1998, aged 80 years)

Tony went to Port Moresby in 1946 to work in Treasury when W N M Chester was Treasurer. He served in Treasury for a number of years, then took over the job of Treasurer from Harold Reeve. Later he became Assistant Administrator Economic Affairs and Deputy Administrator. Tony and his wife Joyce left PNG in 1973 to settle in Portugal and later England before returning to Australia.

Tony is survived by his wife Joyce and children Anthony, Shane and Jaqulin.

Mr William (Bill) Frederick CARTER OBE (27 May 1998, aged 74 years)

Before going to PNG Bill was a telecommunications engineer with the PMG Department in NSW, responsible for an Engineering Division with headquarters in Parkes. He was chosen by Paul Hasluck, then Minister for Territories, to create a Department of Posts & Telegraphs in PNG. Bill was then 30 years of age. Most of the postal and telecommunication services in PNG at that time were inefficient and were heavily subsidised by the Government, and there was no in-service staff training for Papua New Guineans. By the time he retired in 1975, both services were operating in a healthy profit position and about 98% of postal staff and 80% of telecommunications staff were Papua New Guineans.

Bill's interests extended well beyond the running of his Department. He was an avid bushwalker, surfer, skier, a family man, he helped build the Kone Pre-School and was aTrustee for many years, he was active in the Apex movement and was made a Life Member, he became Chief Commissioner in the Scouting movement. He was an Official Member of the PNG Legislative Council (1959-64) and the House of Assembly (1964-68) (he requested not to be appointed to the Second House of Assembly as he wanted to concentrate on his own Department). He was a senior member of numerous high-level advisory committees. After leaving PNG Bill did some consultancy work in connection with the building of Black Mountain Tower in Canberra.

Bill's wife, Anne, predeceased him. He is survived by daughter Beverley, and sons Andrew, Stuart and Bruce. (The above is taken from biographical notes.)

Mr Geoffrey BENTLEY (27 April 1998, aged 73 years)

Geoffrey Bentley worked as a Health Extension Officer with Public Health. No further details available.

Mrs Eileen Alexandra McADAM (8 April 1998)

Eileen McAdam of Nundah Qld was the wife of the Late James Bannister McAdam. No further details available.

HELP WANTED: Peter Cahill would like to find out the name of the book containing a photograph of a 32ft crocodile killed by some American troops in the Fly River area in late 1945. Please write to Dr Peter Cahill, 7 Wynyard St, Indooroopilly Qld 4068, if you have any information.

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