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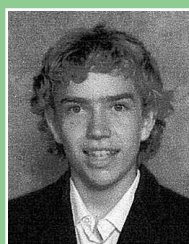
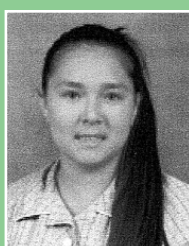
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*Rechabites:
People who enjoy an
alcohol-free lifestyle*



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**Peace and Plenty
the reward of
Temperance**



Editorial

THE poem below was sent in for publication. I ask you to read every line. Having run out of space I was faced with either leaving it out or rattling on myself. Frankly, what could anyone say that could improve on the message this poem presents?

It sums up our whole cause and the need to reach out to our youth of today, because what this poem describes is too often the stark reality that exists not only in our country, but around the world.

Vivian A Belcher
Editor

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**CLOSING DATE FOR
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15th January 2014

Why, Why, Why?

I went to a party, Mom,
I remembered what you said,
You told me not to drink, Mom,
So I drank a soda instead.

I really felt proud inside, Mom,
The way you said I would,
I didn't drink and drive, Mom,
Even though the others said I should.

I know I did the right thing, Mom,
I know you are always right,
Now the party is finally ending, Mom,
As everyone is driving out of sight.

As I got into my car, Mom,
I knew I'd get home in one piece
Because of the way you raised me,
So responsible and sweet.

I started to drive away, Mom,
But as I pulled out into the road,
The other car didn't see me, Mom,
And hit me like a load.

As I lay there on the pavement, Mom,
I hear the policeman say,
"The other guy is drunk", Mom,
And now I'm the one who'll pay.

I'm lying here dying, Mom,
I wish you'd get here soon,
How would this happen to me, Mom,
My life just burst like a balloon.

There is blood all around me, Mom,
And most of it is mine,
I hear the medic, Mom,
"I'll die in a short time".

I just want to tell you, Mom,
I swear that I didn't drink,
It was the others, Mom,
The others didn't think.

He was probably at the same party as I,
The only difference is he drank, and I will die,
Why do people drink, Mom?
It can ruin your whole life,
I'm feeling sharp pains now,
Pains just like a knife.

The guy who hit me is walking, Mom,
And I don't think it's fair,
I'm lying here dying,
And all he can do is stare.

Tell my brother not to cry, Mom,
Tell Daddy to be brave,
And when I go to heaven, Mom,
Put "GOOD BOY" on my grave.

Someone should have told him, Mom,
Not to drink and drive,
If only they had told him, Mom,
I would still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter, Mom,
I'm becoming very scared,
Please don't cry for me, Mom,
When I needed you, you were always there.

I have one last question, Mom,
Before I say, "Good-bye",
I didn't drink and drive,
So why am I the one to die?

Author Unknown.

Members of Friendship Tent No.20, Strathfield on Tour

LAST April we had an outing to the State/Mitchell Libraries. It was a very informative guided tour. The guide was interested in our society having never heard of us before. She said she enjoyed our company and so extended our tour to a fantastic photographic exhibition, The Holterman collection.

Holterman was the prospector who found the huge nugget at Hill End, NSW. He employed two photographers to record Hill End, Gulgong, Melbourne, and Sydney, as well as having portraits taken. The quality of the photos is excellent having been taken on glass plates.

All thoroughly enjoyed the tour and finished the day with a pleasant lunch. ■

The Fountain

SISTER Marcia Pidgeon sent in the cutting, right, from *The Express* with the comment, "I wonder if anyone knows what I.O.R. stands for?"

She then sent an e-mail to the Canterbury Library, which resulted in a phone call and a request for more information. They don't have any information about Friendly Societies.

The Historian is very interested in learning more about our society, particularly as next year will be the centenary of the beginning of the First World War, and that the IOR provided the fountain.

She is particularly interested in Campsie and all the IOR Tents that existed in the Canterbury municipality.

She asked for history of the society, memorabilia, photographs etc. for the Canterbury archives. ■

New South Wales *News*

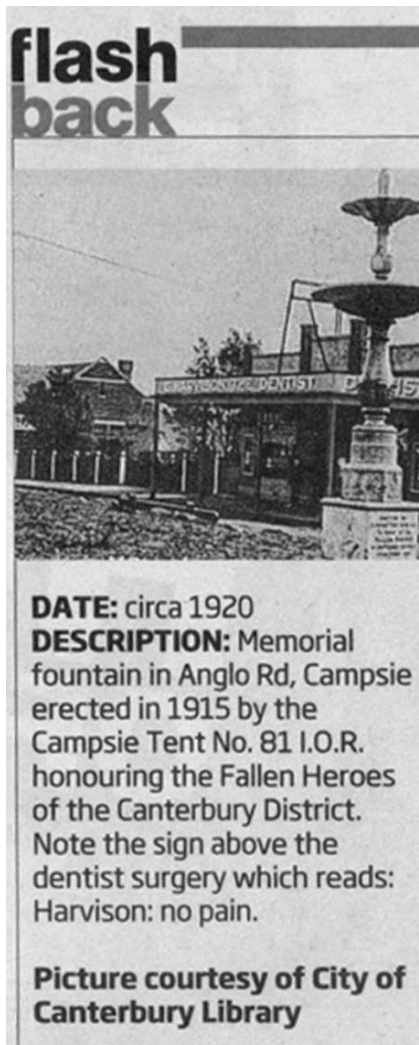


Friendship Tent No.20

Members attend First Meeting for 2013.

Officers of Friendship Tent No.20

Left to Right **John Dixon, Secretary;**
Jennifer Terry, Chief Ruler;
Dorothy Cubban, Past Chief Ruler;
Lorraine Allerton, Deputy Chief Ruler.



DATE: circa 1920
DESCRIPTION: Memorial fountain in Anglo Rd, Campsie erected in 1915 by the Campsie Tent No. 81 I.O.R. honouring the Fallen Heroes of the Canterbury District. Note the sign above the dentist surgery which reads: Harvison: no pain.

Picture courtesy of City of Canterbury Library

Friendship Tent No. 20 Strathfield

held on 3rd Tuesday of the month
Uniting Church Hall,
Carrington Street, Strathfield

15th October - Outing

19th November Christmas Lunch
at Dooley's, Lidcombe.

2014

18th February Meeting, 10.00am

18th March Meeting, 10.00am
State Committee visit.

15th April - Outing

20th May - Outing

17th June - Outing
to Carisbrook House, Lane Cove.
\$10 includes morning tea.

15th July Meeting, 10.00am

19th August Parramatta Museum

16th September
Eden Gardens, Macquarie Park

21st October Meeting, 10.00am

18th November
Christmas Lunch

For information ring
Marcia Pidgeon, 9645 3458 or
Dorothy Cubbin, 9816 1805

Jottings from Malcolm Campbell

FROM time to time the Chief Ruler of *Campsie Tent No. 81*, Sis Irene Carder has preached at the Service of the Hurlstone Park Uniting Church, thus Sister Carder attended the Centenary Celebrations of this church held in November 2012.

State Executive Officer, Sis Marcia Pidgeon rang recently to advise that an article which appeared in the local paper had referred to the gift of a fountain that had been made to the people of Campsie through the Council (now Canterbury City Council) by the Independent Order of Rechabites, *Campsie Tent No. 81*. The fountain had been located in Anzac Square, Campsie and understood to have been gifted following World War One.

Although changes to the square and park means that the fountain is no longer there the Council, through the Chief Librarian at Campsie, is seeking some memorabilia for the centenary of the commencement of the First World War next year. At the time of writing I have not seen the article and Council have not contacted me.

Excelsior Tent No. 8 has lost another former Tent Officer in the recent passing of Bro Vic Manning (wife Rae deceased) who had been active over a long period of time. His son, Bro Glen Manning, gave the Eulogy. Of the relatives and friends attending I was able to greet Bro Ted Francis (wife Adah deceased) there with daughters Ann and Mary.

I was unable to attend arrangements following the death of the State Secretary, Brother Paul Sheldon, PDCR/PSCR, but marvel at the record that was his since first becoming District Chief Ruler in 1979. (It was the same year I became Secretary of *Excelsior Tent No. 8*)

Malcolm Campbell
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The Bateman's Bay Trek

*Arranged by Sis Jeanette Sheldon,
members of IOR Friendship Tent
No. 20, Strathfield, are invited to
accompany members of the
Friends of Guiding on
their annual adventure trip.*

*This year, from Friday 3rd May to
Monday 6th their trek took them to
Bateman's Bay. The following is an
extract from F.O.G. News Letter.*

Friday:

IT was a crisp morning when Gail picked me up at 6.30am to head to Morvyth and Ross' to meet the bus. We arrived 5 minutes late but Norm, the driver, Morvyth and Ross were waiting patiently. After loading our luggage, and Ross parking Gail's car, we headed towards Glengarry to pick up the next group of people. Then on to Narwee to pick up the rest of our passengers. With all aboard, we headed south to Sublime Point for morning tea.

After a stretch and a cuppa we travelled south again to Bateman's Bay with a stop for lunch on the way.

At Baywaters Resort we were met by Yvonne Kusi-Appauh and Sandi, the Motel Host, who helped us to our rooms. As we settled in Frank came to visit asking if we had an extra bag as he had misplaced his CPAP machine.

After settling in, we gathered in the private dinning room for a nice dinner, then retired for a welcome sleep. (The CPAP machine was found at Narwee and returned to Frank's home by a passer-by.)

Saturday:

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast – so hearty that the next day we were asking for half as much – we set out at the reasonable hour of 9.30am for Mogo Zoo. Only a short drive through a beautiful wooded area and we were being received like visiting royalty by two great volun-

teers, Jan T. and Graeme at the entrance gates.

For those of our "Girls" who are physically handicapped, an enclosed area with tables and chairs and bearing the sign "Private Function" had been arranged. This was right alongside the chattering Silver Gibbons, who were performing acrobatic feats and generally entertaining those who chose not to walk around. It was also the site of our eventual lunch break.

The most informative volunteers took us through the reptile section, with snakes of all sizes and shapes, iguanas and frogs. The whole purpose of the Zoo is the proliferation of endangered species, so they have many valuable pairings, with which they endeavour to breed.

Then we were off to the smallest monkeys – about the size of a guinea pig, with a tail. Then the cottontop monkeys with their white heads. The tiger was a great attraction, being fed by a keeper whilst she told us of the problems the handsomely marked fellow was facing in his homeland.

The white lions proved a great attraction and we heard that a cream male has been introduced to help overcome inbreeding, as there are so few left in the world.

We saw the otters being fed. The Red Pandas and the Golden Tamarinds were just spectacular, and for \$5.00 per person, you could climb up to the platform and feed a giraffe.

We visited the dingo paddock, the meerkats and the green frogs, as well as deer and marmosets. By this time we were all ready for a cuppa and the lovely sandwiches our motel supplied for us.

We made a quick stop at Mogo Village and bought them out of ginger ice cream and made a dent in their stocks of ginger chocolate. Then we took a beach road to the Bay, dropping off Jeanette's parent's friend, Nancy, at her retirement home en route. She had joined us for the day. We passed Surf Beach, Corrigan's Beach and Batehaven, riding over the Clyde River Bridge, which was built in
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A Message from the Victorian State President

Victorian News

It is a fact that young people are starting to drink at an earlier age, and at a rate that puts their health and other's lives at risk. This is largely due to smart advertising in films, TV and print media.

Did you know you can buy liquor flavoured lollies and lipsticks, beer flavoured crisps, vodka flavoured fruit drinks? And the list goes on!

Even Homer Simpson on TV has a can in his hand! Our national cricket team openly advertises CUB on their shirts and on the reverse side of the sight board.

Alcohol still features in the daily press and on TV, both in advertising and reporting the tragic results of its use. I am not sure the suggested use of another drug, namely marijuana, to curtail the consumption of alcohol, will achieve much. I know the Government gains much revenue from alcoholic beverages and I cannot see them wanting to lose this revenue, even though the cost to the community, both in damaged property and lives, is increasing.

The advertising companies often present alcohol as being sexy or smart. They suggest you need alcohol

to enjoy yourself or to be successful.

In conclusion I quote from the World Health Organisation European Charter on Alcohol (1995) "All children and adolescents have the right to grow up in an environment protected from the negative consequences of alcohol consumption and, to the extent possible, from the promotion of alcoholic beverages."

I urge you to be aware of what the advertisers are doing and voice your concerns to the authorities, or to the companies that are advertising.

Don Legge
Victorian State President.

Win \$100 Gift Voucher (of your choice)

The Victorian State Committee is having a Competition with a \$100 Gift Voucher prize to be given to the Victorian Member who introduces the most new members from 1st January to 11th October 2013. The winner will be announced at our next Annual Conference in Shepparton.

Help your Order grow! Invite family and friends to become members.
Nomination forms available from Gwenda Martyn, call (03) 5177 8144

►► The Bateman's Bay Trek

1871 and caused the township of Bateman's Bay to spring into existence - replacing Nelligan. We made a quick detour to look at what remains of Nelligan today - only a handful of houses and a shop or two.

Then it was back to Baywaters Motel for another daintily served dinner, and another night's sleep.

Sunday:

Another beautiful day and after breakfast we boarded the coach to make our way to the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens. A short walk from the parking area we set up a circle of chairs where Dulcie conducted our Guides Own, starting with a brief reflective moment to remember our dear Vonnie. Morvyth then proceeded to induct our newest member,

Eileen Flannigan.

Most of us went in groups to explore the lovely native gardens which flanked the well laid out paths. Some returned for morning tea and then everyone came in for lunch. There were souvenirs also to be bought.

The gardens are really a credit to the gardeners and volunteers who have restored them after they were burnt six years ago.

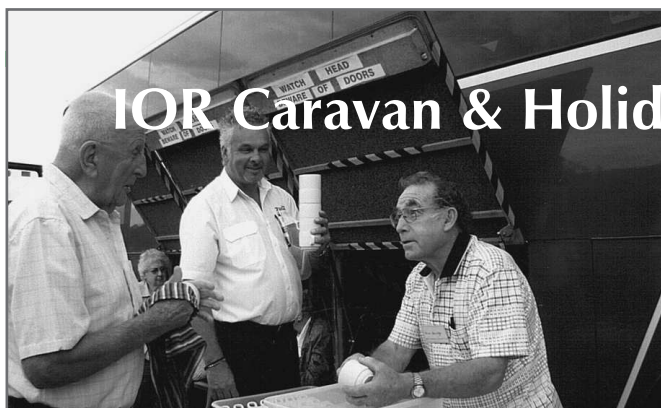
We followed the beach road back to the motel where we held a brief meeting to discuss next year's trip. No decision was made other than we will travel north. Suggestions will be explored further and discussed at the next Committee meeting before making a decision. Another delicious dinner brought a lovely day to a close.

Monday:

With an early start we said, "Goodbye", to the motel staff and Yvonne after another hearty breakfast only to return 5 minutes later to pick up our sandwiches. On the road again, we headed north to Ulladulla for morning tea. Ulladulla was bitterly cold and windy, so it was a short stop. Then on the road again up through Wollongong and over the Sea Bridge to Stanwell Park for lunch. At lunch we were entertained by a number of Hang-gliders flying down from Stanwell Tops.

After lunch we headed home to Narwee, Glengarry and Oakville, which finished an enjoyable weekend trek. ■

Taken from the
Friends of Guiding News Letter.



IOR Caravan & Holiday Club

Bill (left) and Allan (right) with Bus Driver, David (centre), washing up the dishes after morning tea.

SETTING out on Monday 18th March 2013, 29 members travelled on a Coach Tour to Bayside Geelong and the surrounds staying at Belmont for four days.

Our first stop was at the Point Cook Homestead. Here we enjoyed morning tea and a guided tour of this historic homestead and stables. The Homestead was built in 1852 by Thomas Chirnside, who, along with his brother Andrew, developed a hugely successful pastoral empire and is a name well known in Melbourne's history. It was in this area that rabbits and foxes were first introduced so they could be used for sporting, but later on it was realised that they would be classed as vermin. Horse breeding in the stables here produced some prominent wins at the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups. There is also a nudist beach handy if you so desire to swim nude. After lunch we continued on our journey.

We travelled on a scenic route through the Brisbane Ranges National Park. At Letherbridge old bluestone quarried was used for the stones in building a paper mill in that area near the Buckley Falls, which had a minimum supply of water. In the 1870s a water course was built to supply the mill's water needs. Buckley was an escaped convict, but later pardoned. The old building still stands as do old tracks and roads for the transport needs.

Then we moved on to our accommodation where we spent the next four days.

Tuesday 19th, Day 2, began with an orientation tour of Geelong, Victoria's largest provincial city. We then made our way to The Heights Heritage House in Newtown. Built in

1855, it is the largest prefabricated house in Victoria. The house was owned by three generations of the one family and bequeathed to the National Trust in 1975. We toured the inside of this beautiful house, with many rooms still furnished with its original fine furniture and original wallpaper still on the walls. We also walked through the well kept gardens and stables, which still has Louis Whyte's 1957 Daimler parked in the stables.

After lunch we visited Narana Creations in Grovedale, where we learnt a little more about the Aboriginal culture. Our time there included a talk, boomerang throwing and didgeridoo demonstrations. We also saw a marvellous collection of all kinds of Aboriginal artefacts whose origins and uses were explained to us.

Wednesday 20th, Day 3, we visited the National Wool Museum, which is located in a century-old refurbished bluestone woolstore. The museum showcases the wool industry from early settlement to the present day. One bale of excellent merino extra fine wool fetched \$1M in 1995! We also saw carpet being made and marvelled at all the different coloured spools of wool that were used.

Geelong eventually became known as a "textile town". This has been extended to an industrial city with many large industries becoming established, for example; Avalon Airport, wood chipping and tourism.

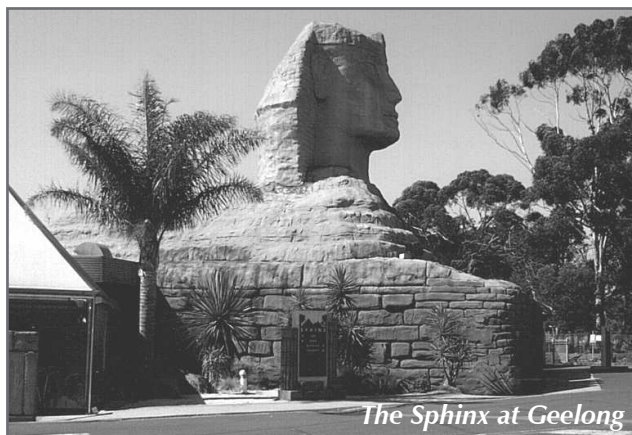
Lunch was at the Sphinx Hotel, with a large sphinx rising up outside the Hotel. You could just imagine that you were in another world.

After lunch we made our way to Cunningham Pier for a delightful scenic cruise of Corio Bay. Following the cruise we had some free time to visit the many shops in the area.

Thursday 21st, Day 4, was spent on the Bellarine Peninsula. We travelled through the coastal villages of St. Leonards, Indented Head and Portarlington, where we made our way to Drysdale, the end of The Bellarine Railway, formerly The Ballarine Peninsula Railway that originally ran from South Geelong. Today, it is the only true Australian National Narrow Gauge (3'6") Heritage Railway Collection. (For those interested, the railway has a working collection of locomotives from all four state government-run 3'6" gauge railway bodies in Australia; Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland; as well as from a number of Australian industrial railways. Ed.)

Boarding the train we journeyed from Drysdale to Queenscliff, now the home of the preserved railway, travelling along the southern shoreline of Swan Bay and through grazing land, with an intermediate stop at Lagers Siding.

Queenscliff has always been a working town with modest 19th century stone and timber fisherman's cottages, a working wharf, boat-builders and anglers galore. After lunch we visited the Queenscliff Maritime Museum whose varied exhibits include the



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restored lifeboat "Queenscliff", artefacts from wrecks and historic diving equipment.

From here we made our way to Fort Queenscliff, which was built on Shortlands Bluff, strategically overlooking the commercial shipping lanes to Melbourne and Geelong. For many years the Fort was an Officer Training College, but has been shut down in recent times. The Fort was

originally built, like in many other parts of Australia, to "keep out the Russians". We visited the small Army Museum, which had all kinds of weapons and clothing on display. heading

On Friday 22nd, Day 5, our last day, we made our way to Torquay – a popular tourist destination with it's quiet front beach for families and world famous Bells Beach just down the road. Next is Barwon Heads, which was put on the map by the hugely successful ABC-TV series, "Sea Change". We had some free time to visit "The Bluff", which extends out from the south-eastern corner of town beyond the river mouth and out into Bass Strait.

We continued on through Ocean Grove to Point Lonsdale. Point Lonsdale is on an outcrop, which forms the western head of Port Phillip Bay. Then 3 km east is Point Nepean. In between is the entrance to Port Phillip Bay, where the calm waters of the bay meet the turbulent waters of

Bass Strait. This stretch of water is, for good reason, known as The Rip, which with its turbulent cross-currents and variable depths, is recognised as one of the most dangerous stretches of water on the Australian coastline. We then caught the ferry at Queenscliff and travelled to Sorrento where we had lunch. Our final stop before heading home was at a Chocolate Shop where we purchased our Easter Eggs ready for Easter.

All agreed that a wonderful time was had by all, and without travelling very far from Melbourne.

A big "Thank You" to Joyce Wallace and her "crew" for all the work which they undertook in the planning and execution of this trip. Our coach driver, David, has also to be thanked for all his patience with everyone on the trip. He was only too willing to get the "walkers" on and off each time we stopped. He was also a wealth of information. ■



At the Fort

AMA Seminar on Alcohol Marketing

*A report by Bro David McGee
State Committee Member
IOR Fraternity (Vic)*

Alcohol Policy Reform in the UK – Lessons for the Australian situation.

THE Australian Medical Association sponsored a lecture by Professor Sir Ian Gilmore at Parliament House, Canberra on Monday 18th February 2013. I was pleased to attend representing the IOR Fraternity (Vic) gleaning information from the Professor's slides shown.

The UK Government has recently proposed a range of policy measures to 'turn the tide' on irresponsible drinking and reduce the significant levels of harm caused through excess

alcohol consumption in the UK. Many of these reforms hold promise, he suggested, but policy gaps and challenges remain. The major focus of the presentation was the need for Australia to work more strongly on curbing alcohol marketing particularly to young people. "New" alcohol consumers are women and affluent young people encouraged by a University debt culture, delayed marriage, mortgage and motherhood, underlined by an extension of (clubs) trading hours, combined with inner city regeneration – the investment in the night time economy.

The UK House of Commons Health Committee in a report on "Alcohol" in 2010 said, "... we are concerned that Government policies are much closer to, and too influenced by, that of the drinks industry and supermarkets than those of expert health professionals such as the Royal College of Physicians. The policy emphasis in England in 2011 regarding alcohol

was 'personal choice', nudge theory, local determination not central control – and partnership working with producers and retailers e.g., a responsibility deal!"

There is a competing framework for alcohol policy:

- a. Alcohol is normal – problems arise when misused – the solution is to change the behaviour of the minority.
- b. Alcohol is not an ordinary product – the problem is with the individual – the solution is to make the environment less pro alcohol and reduce consumption.

What the UK needs?

A new approach to regulation of marketing – not just advertising but design, promotion, product placement and point of sale advertising. This can only be achieved by an independent body with public
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2013 Scholarship Winners

THE State Committee is always heartened by the very high standard of the students who apply for the scholarships, and it promises well for the future of our Society with these young adults. This year's scholarship winners are:



James McKenna

Grandson of Frank Bristow

School: Footscray City College

IAM at Footscray City College and my interests include; writing and producing music, playing guitar, playing football and cricket, fishing, road bike riding and snow skiing.

Playing guitar I especially enjoy and perform regularly at school concerts and special performances. In 2012 I was selected to perform in a music project supporting the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra at Hamer Hall. I composed a solo guitar piece as part of a musical interpretation of 'Romeo and Juliet'.

I have obtained the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the Scope Young Ambassador Award and the Footscray City College "Parliamentarians Award". I enjoy contributing to my school and helping people in the community.

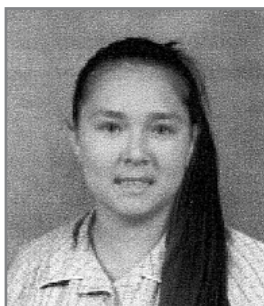
Working at Scope, helping disabled people with recreational activities as well as being involved with in fund raising activities to fund the purchase of an iPad for a disadvantaged child, I found most rewarding.

I play Australian Rules football at the Spotswood Football Club (under 16's) and senior and junior cricket at the

Yarraville Cricket Club. In 2011 I was selected to train in the Western Jets Development Squad until I sustained a ruptured ACL and had to have a full knee reconstruction in June 2012. Successfully rehabilitated, I am now training and playing again. As a skilful fisherman, I really enjoy teaching other people to catch fish in a sustainable and responsible manner.

The study of music performance and production at school is on going this year as I wish to peruse further music studies in the future.

I would like to thank the IOR for selecting me for a Scholarship and hope to live up to the faith you have shown in me. ■



Louise Whimpey

Granddaughter of John Whimpey

School: Our Lady of Mercy College - Heidelberg

AT THE moment I am studying Year 11 at Our Lady of Mercy College in Heidelberg. The subjects that I have chosen are: English Language, Mathematical Methods, Studio Arts, Food & Technology and Music Performance. I am also studying Chinese Mandarin and Psychology as Unit 3 & 4 subjects.

My aim is to work hard over the next two years, so that I can achieve excellent grades and a high ATAR score. This will enable me to attend a reputable university in either Australia or overseas.

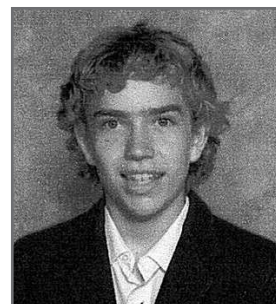
A large part of my time is spent participating in music related activities. I play euphonium in the school

symphonic band and the school brass ensemble. I also play with the Darebin City Brass – Northern Brass, competing in state and national level competitions each year.

My greatest music achievement to date was in the Under 19 Slow/ Sacred Melody section at the Victorian State Solo and Ensemble Championships, playing "How Great Thou Art" and being given 3rd place against older and more experienced players. Currently I am studying for my 6th Grade Euphonium exam.

Another interest of mine is to spend time with my church friends and go to Youth Group, to learn about God, and all the things that He has done for us. This year our Youth Group is participating in an annual youth event called State Youth Games, run by the Churches of Christ Victoria/ Tasmania, where youth groups from all over Victoria get together and have a mini Olympics.

Thank you for giving me an IOR Scholarship, it will help me out a lot with my education and what I want to do in life. It is an exciting opportunity and it will continue to hopefully open doors of opportunity for me as it will be put to good use towards my studies. ■



James Wyatt

Grandson of John Pinches

School: Bayside Christian College

CURRENTLY I am in Year 11 and attend Bayside Christian College in Langwarrin South. The VCE subjects I am studying are: English, Maths

Methods, Philosophy, Chemistry and IT (Units 3 & 4).

The challenge VCE provides I enjoy, and I love being stretched to my limit in both Maths and Sciences. It's so amazing to see the enormous amount of complexity in everyday life through Physics and Chemistry; God really does like to show off His glory!

I have a few hobbies. One is teaching myself computer programming. This began in early 2011, and I have progressed over the two years since. I have gone from simple command line scripts, to creating my own Sudoku Solver, Tetris Game, and even my own encryption software. In the future I hope to work in an area that will utilise my IT skills, especially if it includes programming or software development.

Also, I love music; especially playing it myself. Taught keyboard in primary school, I have continued to teach myself. I'm certainly not the best, but I get by, and I find great enjoyment from this creative side of my personality. In another extension of my love for music, I also help out at church with the sound each week.

I received my musical passion from my mother. However, she sadly

passed away in December 2004. Her passing shook my faith, not so much at the time of her death, but some years later. I really had doubts about God, and wondered why He would do such a thing. Eventually I learnt though, that this life is short, that I don't know the full scope of the plan God has for me and my family. I can see, however, that God has brought many blessings into my life and my family since my Mum's passing.

This IOR Scholarship will greatly contribute to me achieving my goals as I could put it towards a Laptop or a Tablet I can use during school currently and University in the future. ■



BECAUSE of the high standard of the applicants, the State Committee decided to award two (2) "one off" awards for \$150.00 to the following:

Nicole Pratt

Granddaughter of Dorothy Pratt
School: Girton Grammar School

Louise Ward

Granddaughter of Keith Dickson
School: Catholic School –
Bendigo

2014 Victorian Scholarships

THE IOR Fraternity (Vic) is offering three (3) Scholarships valued at \$500.00 each per annum for two (2) years to the Children, Grandchildren or Great Grandchildren of our Victorian Fraternity Members.

Students in Year 10 this year (2013) who are attending a State or Registered Secondary School and who do not hold any other award, are eligible to apply.

The Scholarships will be awarded after consideration of the applicant's scholastic results and school reports.

Application Forms for these Scholarships can be obtained after **1st November 2013** from

**IOR Fraternity (Vic) Inc.
Post Office Box 4532
KNOX CITY CENTRE VIC 3152**

AMA Seminar on Alcohol Marketing *Continued from page 7*

involvement. The Science Committee of the European Union Commission in 2009 reported, "the evidence linking under-age drinking and advertising shows . . ." alcohol advertising increases both the uptake of drinking and consumption by young people.

In the context of the UK position What Australia needs?

Advocacy.

Advocate for a population / public health approach . . .
Advocate for protection of the vulnerable, especially children . . .
Advocate that there is a product not a people problem . . . and
Advocate to policy makers, the public and through the press.

It was pointed out that in the UK advocacy, the strongest anti-lobby

exists across the channel – Brussels in the power seat of the European Union of Nations.

In Conclusion:

"Sobering" thoughts for Australia.

The second quarterly report 2012 from the Australian Alcohol Advertising Review Board shows that children and young people are continually being exposed to a wide range of inappropriate Alcohol advertisements. In the same report from the AARB, one in five Australians aged 14 and above drinks short term at sky high levels at least once a month. This equates to more than 42 million occasions of binge drinking each year.

Reference: Professor Ian Gilmore, ex President of the Royal College of Physicians, continues Royal College special advisor on Alcohol – chair of UK Alcohol Health Alliance and European Alcohol Health Forum Science group. March 2013. ■

A Losing Bet?

***Alcohol and gambling:
Investigating parallels
and shared solutions.***

AREPORT jointly published by Alcohol Concerns Wales and the Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPsych) in Wales breaks new ground by considering alcohol and gambling, and the harms each can cause, side by side. The report takes a close look at gambling and its parallels with alcohol, including how the rules governing both industries have been liberalised in the UK in the last few years, the growth of female-targeted marketing and the links between problematic gambling and heavy drinking.

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Region News

Region 6 (Gippsland)

OUR region had another successful meeting in May this year. Our meeting President is Bro Ron Pratt and we meet at the Morwell Neighbourhood House, which is a modern building with equipment suitable for most of our speakers. The ladies of the House also provide us with a very delicious lunch as well as morning tea and afternoon tea. All in all we have a great social time together with lots of chatter and laughing. The meeting commences at 11.00am, lunch at 12 noon (approx) and a speaker in the afternoon.

We are lucky to have our State President, Deputy State President and of course myself as State Secretary, who all belong to **Region 6**. We also had 2 new members join us for the first time. At the end of the day we also had 6 new members for the Caravan & Holiday Club.

Sadly, we have lost members from our Region. Early this year Ada Wilson from Yarram passed away, and her husband Harry passed away last March. Both of these members were very active in the Yarram Tent when it was in existence and attended nearly all of the Region meetings until recently when the trip to Morwell was just too long. Another member, Ian Moore who lived close to Warragul died suddenly having just sold his farm and was looking forward to enjoying life without work. Ian was always in attendance at the Moe Tent meetings and also the Region meeting. We will greatly miss these members.

After lunch we had a talk from a representative of Centenary House who told us about the House and how it came to be built. It is a house built very close to the Latrobe Hospital in Traralgon and has accommodation for people from outside the area who need to be close to somebody in the hospital. Traralgon Hospital now treats cancer patients and those people

from outside of the immediate area now have somewhere to stay whilst having treatment.

Our next meeting for October will be on a different date to our normal date being **Saturday, 5th October 2013 at 11.00am**

Our meeting is open to all members in the area, but please ring me on (03) 5177 8144 so that catering arrangements can be made.

Gwenda Martyn
Secretary Region 6

Region 7 (Central Victoria)

OUR March Meeting was held in sunny Harcourt on 17th starting with a lovely catered lunch, but sadly with attendance down on our usual number.

We were favoured with visitors, this time being both the State President and Deputy State President; Bros Don and Geoff Legge with their spouses. Bro Don gave us an update on his effort this year to increase our membership numbers and a challenge for all of us to get involved. He also noted with concern how alcohol flavoured lollies and biscuits are still available in some shops and just what can be done to counter their availability.

He also spoke on the good trip he and Mrs Legge had to Phillip Island with the IOR Holiday Club. The tourists certainly visit some "different" attractions, one of those was a Snail Farm. They were going the next day on their trip to the Geelong Area.

Several members reported on the very interesting Conference that had been held in Shepparton and Bro Flett reported on the Annual meeting of the Ancient Order Foresters, which he was pleased to attend and also meet with Chris Henderson, one of their Directors.

It was noted that this meeting was the only one for this year as our October one was cancelled. The Secretary reported that 8 inward correspondence items had been received. There had been 11 outward items including reports for the Annual Conference paper and reports for *The Australian Rechabite*. I wonder sometimes if they are really read by many who receive the magazine.

A time of quite respect was shown when the names of our late departed members were noted,

Sis Win Cordy
Sis Nancy Flett.

Within our Region, in particular Eaglehawk,

Bro Max Hammer
Sis Dot Hammer
Sis Dorothy Major-Thomas

have also died.

We will fondly remember all our member friends.

It really was a very pleasant and informative afternoon at Harcourt and note our next 'get-together', will be on **Sunday,**

20th October at 12.30pm

for lunch first and I ask that your intention to attend be advised to me by 14th October please. My contact telephone numbers are:

5446 8439 or 9306 4968.

John Flett
Secretary Region 7

Region Meeting Dates for 2013-14 - Victoria

Date	Region	Secretary	Tel. No.	District
September	Wednesday 18th	9 L Jukes	5762 5584	Kyabram
October	Saturday 5th	6 G Martyn	5177 8144	Morwell
October	Sunday 20th	7 J Flett	9306 4968	Harcour
November	Sunday 3rd	4/5 N Robilliard	9580 8614	Mordialloc

2014 (Dates to be confirmed)

February	Sunday 9th	4/5 N Robilliard	9580 8614	Mordialloc
March	Sunday 16th	7 J Flett	9306 4968	Harcourt
March	Wednesday 19th	9 L Jukes	5762 5584	Kyabram
April	Saturday 26th	6 G Martyn	5177 8144	Morwell

The District Chief Ruler's Report

RECENTLY I've been spending time preparing the records of various IOR Tents for delivery to the John Oxley Library as a way of preserving the history of the Order in Queensland. It's a time consuming task made longer because I'm easily distracted as I pause to read old minute books, membership lists and financial records. What a fascinating heritage we share.

Times have changed and the glory days have passed. But, I am pleased that we can still seek to contribute to a better society as we uphold and advocate the message of temperance. In March, a panel of experts gathered at the Queensland Parliamentary Annex to present a workshop for parliamentarians to inform the Queensland Government's discussion paper on "Red tape reduction and other reform proposals for regulation of liquor and gaming". This workshop was organised by DRUG ARM in response to the proposed legislative changes and I was privileged to attend on behalf of the District Executive.

The information provided by the public health and community experts should strengthen the resolve of everyone to eliminate or at the very least, reduce the tragic consequences of the use of alcohol.

I am proud that the District Executive took the initiative to make submissions to the Queensland Government regarding the discussion paper and the subsequent Bill introduced into Parliament, only days after the closing date for submissions on the discussion paper!

Our thanks go to the National Alliance for Action on Alcohol (NAAA), of which IOR Queensland is a member, for its assistance in providing comprehensive information to support our submissions.

Although our voice has not been heard, I believe it is important for

each of us to use every opportunity we have to speak out about the damaging effects of alcohol. We can be encouraged that doctors, journalists and other media personalities are increasingly highlighting the dangers of alcohol.

Perhaps it's no longer good enough to look for social reform or cultural shift in community attitudes to the use and abuse of alcohol. It may be time for all levels of government to respond to community concerns through legislative changes. You may like to review the NAAA's policy statement to the major political parties ahead of the 2013 Federal election at <http://www.actiononalcohol.org.au/downloads/naaa-election-policy-statement.pdf> and then express your opinion to your prospective parliamentary representative.

In the past month, I've been personally encouraged to "fight the good fight". May I likewise encourage you? Congratulations to *Annerley Tent No. 67* for its celebration of 100 years as an active Tent. We are grateful for the faithful members of the past as well as the present. See adjacent for more information about the celebration.

Every blessing until I write again.

Cynthia Kilah DCR

Queensland News

Happy 100th!

IT'S not often we get to celebrate a Tent's **100th Anniversary**, but that's what **Annerley Tent No.67** will be doing very soon. Records show that No.67 commenced on 17 September 1913.

To celebrate this important occasion, a special luncheon and programme will be held on -

Saturday, 12 October 2013 in the **Yeronga Uniting Church Hall, Kadumba Street, Yeronga.**

Cost for the luncheon is \$10.00 per person.

(Note that the Annual District Council meeting will follow this event.)

If you would like further information please contact: Bro Peter Henderson on 0419 640 493 or e-mail to:

pghenderson@powerup.com.au

Or Sis Cynthia Kilah on 07 3392 9431 or email to: **the.kilahs@bigpond.com**



Queensland Donations

ONCE again, the Queensland District Executive recently resolved to provide some financial assistance to organisations working in the fields of temperance education and other related activities.

The following grants were made;

Drug Arm Australasia	\$3,000.00 towards the Resource Centre.
Teen Challenge Queensland	\$1,000.00 general purpose donation, and
Life Education Queensland	\$1,000.00 general purpose donation.

These grants are made in the recognition that temperance education is a specialist field and that neither the Executive members nor general membership has the expertise necessary to carry this out.

By financially supporting the organisations who have this expertise, we remain true to our constitutional objects and personal values. ■

Drug Arm Resource Centre

THE Drug Arm Resource Centre is the only free public library in Queensland that provides specialist information on alcohol, other drugs and mental health. Many clients, family members, students and professionals visit the Drug Arm Resource Centre, located at Annerley to gain helpful information.

The Resource Centre receives minimal government funding and therefore, relies heavily on donations from organisations and individuals. Donations to the Resource Centre go towards the provision of vital alcohol, other drug and mental health resources such as books, journals, brochures, pamphlets and DVD's.

Membership is free and gives access to loads of materials, updates and current awareness services, consultation with library staff, and access to online materials via the library catalogue. **The Resource Centre is open weekdays from 9.00am until 5.00pm and is located at 473 Annerley Road, Annerley.** If you would like to find out more information about the library please contact Claire Gardner on (07) 3620 8800, email library@drugarm.com.au or visit our website www.drugarm.com.au.

We thank the Independent Order of Rechabites (IOR) Queensland for their most generous donations of approximately \$20,000 toward the Drug Arm Resource Centre over the past 10 years. The ongoing relationship Drug Arm has shared with the IOR is greatly valued. IOR Director, Peter Henderson currently serves on the Drug Arm board as Treasurer, and IOR Secretary, Robert Cook also served as a Drug Arm Board Member. The IOR continues to support Drug Arm in our vision to Reach Out and Reduce Harms associated with alcohol and other drug use. We thank you for your support and look forward continue working with you in the future. ■



*Librarian,
Teresa Hayward
with a
general view
of the
Resource Centre*

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Notice is hereby given of the **Annual District Council** and **Annual General Meeting** to be held on

**Saturday 12 October 2013,
Commencing at 3.00pm**

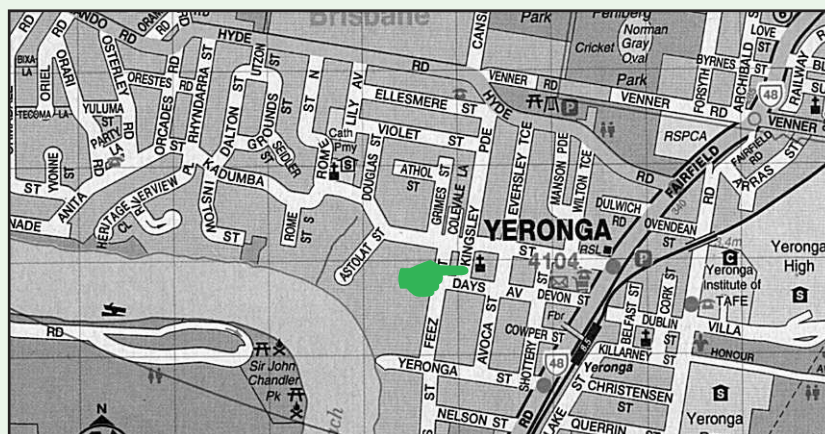
Uniting Church Hall
58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga

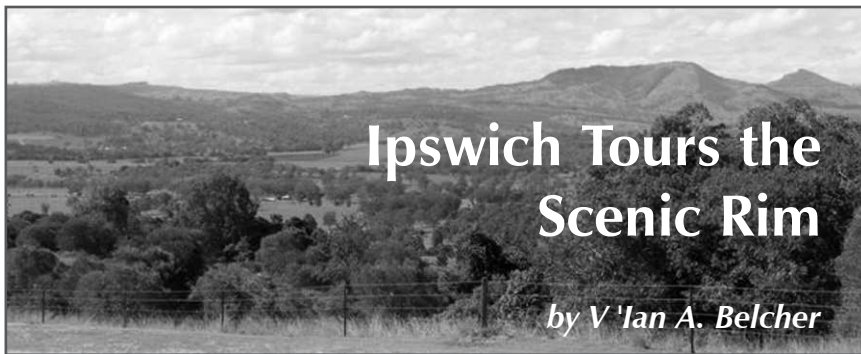
1. Adoption of Financial Statement and Auditors Report
2. General Business

Note: There are no matters requiring adoption by special resolution.

A copy of the Financial Statements is available by sending a stamped (\$1.80), self addressed standard envelope to the above address. Also available by e-mail or download from:-
<http://www.australianrechabites.org.au/states/qld-rechabites/>.

Robert A. Cook
District Secretary.



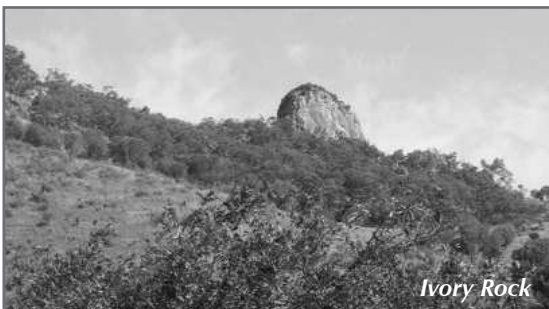


Ipswich Tours the Scenic Rim

by V 'Ian A. Belcher

WITH a total of 41 members and friends of *Hope of Ipswich Tent No. 2* on board, after our final pick-up at Ebbw Vale, our Highway Coach driver, Gordon, drove on down to join the Cunningham Highway and proceeded to Yamanto turning into the long Ipswich-Boonah Road at Loamside.

Soon Mt Flinders came into view as did Ivory Rock, a great rock that dramatically pierces the skyline. On through a much restored Peak Crossing, following the floods. Lots of new cultivation could be seen as we passed through.



Ivory Rock

Driving on we were directed to the blue hills in the distance wrapped in low cloud. Then Cunningham's Gap was pointed out to us as we passed many water holes either full or nearly so. It was so wonderful to see the rich green countryside at its best.

Leaving the Ipswich-Boonah Road at Roadvale Road, Gordon took us down some "back roads" through Roadvale and on down to Kents



Morning Tea Stop

Pocket where we stopped to enjoy our morning tea/coffee break at 9.55am. Boonah could be seen in the distance.

Refreshed, we continued on to our destination, Mt Alford Lodge, nestled not too far from the peak of Mt Alford. Here we were to experience



some wonderful views from different parts of the Lodge as we were shown around this beautiful property, a popular Christian Convention Centre.

We were served a hearty lunch in the dinning room where on one wall the following words have been painted.



A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.

Leaving soon after lunch our descent down the mountain took us westward towards Lake Moogerah and to the camping area and where an outdoor stage is to be found. After driving around the permanent camping units we continued down to and around Haig Park adjacent to the Moogerah Dam Wall.

Having checked out the water level we drove on down through Charwood and Fassifern Valley, where we turned right into the Boonah-Fassifern Road. Then we left turned into the Kalbar Connection Road and through Kalbar.

As we were moving into farm land area just beyond Kalbar one of our company showed us the farm and home she grew up in. This lady and her husband have been travelling with us now for a number of years and I must share this amazing little bit of history.

When my wife and I returned to Queensland at the beginning of the century we linked up with *Hope of Ipswich Tent No.2* and began coming

on the bus trips George and Cora Williams arrange. A few years into the decade on one of these wonderful trips I spied this lady and was sure I knew her, but how could that be possible?

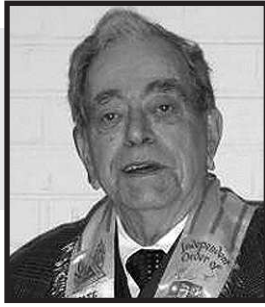
Plucking up courage to speak to her we found that yes, we had met before, she was not a figment of my imagination. It was at the Christian Endeavour Easter Convention held in Kalbar in . . . wait for it - **1949!** Teenagers at the time, who would ever have expected that we would met up again or that if we did that we would remember each other nearly 60 years later. Amazing!

Without further ado we made our way back to Ipswich at the end of another most enjoyable and informative day's outing. ■

Our next bus trip is on Tuesday, 24th September 2013

to Strathgordon Clydesdales, Woodford For details contact Sis Cora Williams on 3201 5946.

(Our usual reporter Bro Norm McIvor was unable to be with us on this trip.)



In Remembrance



Bro Graeme Hicks, PSP

IT IS with deep regret that we have to announce the sudden death of **Bro Graeme Hicks** on Sunday 7th April 2013. Graeme was born in Echuca in 1932 and is survived by 5 children.

Bro Hicks had been IOR Vic. State President in the years 2000, 2006 and again in 2009 and was our Past State President at the time of his death. Although Graeme lived a day's travel from where we hold our State Committee meetings, he was always in attendance. He had been a member of the State Committee for several years and had also been Secretary of *Campaspe Tent*, a position he had held for many years.

He was involved in his community in various ways, being a member, until his death, of the Victorian Emergency Service where he served for over 34 years.

He was involved in his local Anglican Church, serving as a Lay Preacher, on the Parish Council and in other roles in the Church's Services. He had been Parish Treasurer for 17 years.

State Committee Members and many local IOR members were present at his funeral in Tongala on Friday 12th April. He will be greatly missed.

26/04/1932 – 07/04/2013

Sis Edith May McPherson

LIVING to the grand age of 98 **Sis Edith May McPherson** passed away 1st July 2013. A member for 82 years she received the Victorian IOR Distinguished Service Award in 1981. She was the only remaining person that received the award before 2008 still living. The following was printed in the Victorian Rechabite Magazine in 1981.

"Sister McPherson has been a member of the IOR for 50 years. She has been Chief Ruler of Newmarket Tent on eight different occasions. She was Junior Superintendent of Newmarket Tent for 40 years and has been a member of the Past Chief Rulers Association for over 20 years, being President twice. She has also been a member of the IOR Bowls Association for over 20 years and President in 1977. Twenty years service has also been given to the Musical Group, the Junior Superintendents Association and as a Divisional Superintendent of Juniors, also as Press Correspondent. Sis McPherson is also an auditor from Brunswick Tent."

Here was a dear Sister who certainly served the Order faithfully and well.

08/05/1915 – 01/07/2013



Bro Paul Andrew Sheldon, PDCR, PSCR

SADLY New South Wales Fraternity's Secretary, **Bro Paul Andrew Sheldon**, passed away on Tuesday, 11 June; he was 62 years of age. Born at Lakemba, Paul was introduced to the Rechabite Society as a teenager becoming a Rechabite member at Marrickville *Perseverance Tent No.44* when 15 years old. He joined in Rechabite socials, youth group outings and camps where he met many young people including his future wife, Jeanette Evenden.

He became actively involved in local tent life and served in various office ranks. Not being one to stick to the local scene he represented his Tent at the Rechabite Annual Conference and eventually became an officer on the Society's District Executive serving in various capacities and remained on the New South Wales Rechabite Committee till his death. During that time he represented the Society as its Chief Ruler on six occasions, commencing in October 1979 as District Chief Ruler and then later as State Chief Ruler when New South Wales became part of the national Rechabite Society.

With all of his committee experience Paul was able to guide and steer our New South Wales Fraternity as it became an incorporated fraternal organisation in 2007. He particularly encouraged regular visits to Sydney and Newcastle tents to ensure fraternal unity and gave outstanding support to our State Annual Conference. He leaves a big act to follow.



In addition to his involvement in state Rechabite activities, Paul was also a Communications Officer with the local Rural Fire Service joining as a volunteer in 1992. Due to failing health he had to step down after many years of faithful service.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeanette and family at their loss.

Vale Paul Andrew Sheldon.

01/04/1951 – 11/06/2013



Sis Betty Beehag

BORN Betty Larsen, **Sis Betty Beehag** as she was to become, was born in Brisbane on 11th March 1926. Her early years were spent on the family banana farm at North Arm near Nambour. She started school at the local State school, a walk of 3 miles. At age 10 the depression had hit hard and the family were forced to sell the farm and move to Brisbane where they settled in Fairfield. After finishing school Betty worked at the Egg Marketing Board sizing eggs. When war broke out and Brisbane was thought to be a target, Betty was sent to Tullamore for safety to one of her uncle's for a short time. Returning to Brisbane she attended the local church dances held for the servicemen on leave where she met Bernie Beehag, a young soldier from Sydney. Romance blossomed and on the 3rd of August 1946 they were married in St Ann's Anglican Church, Fairfield, before they moved to Sydney to live and ultimately build their dream home at Revesby. There they raised their family of two girls Elaine and Marion.

Soon lifelong friends were made with many of the families at the IOR *Nil Desperandum Tent No.4*. Betty and Bernie became heavily involved in organising many of the functions of the society (Socials, Picnics, Games Nights and the Annual Ball). As a child growing up I was never short of somewhere to go for entertainment. I can remember one year we were only

home 3 nights in December leading up to Christmas, there were so many socials to attend.

After the war life wasn't easy to bring up a new young family, but Betty was good at making something out of nothing so to speak, using remnant bits of material to produce beautiful dresses for us and learning to cook (which wasn't one of her favourite things) from her sister-in-law. Mum was never one for wasting anything and believed that there was always a use for everything, including using old jam tins for plant pots. Her garden was her pride and joy. We always had fresh vegetables from it.

Retirement took Mum and Dad to Forster as Dad's health was not being helped by the smog in Sydney. Her granddaughters, Ruth and Julie were a joy to her and she loved their holiday visits. As her hearing disappeared her one disappointment was that she could not hear what their little voices were saying to her.

Mum was always willing to help when needed as long as she was in the background. She didn't like being in the limelight. She couldn't stand people who made a big fuss about things either. She was a quiet achiever making a difference without a lot of noise. After a battle with dementia, Bernie was forced to find a nursing home to provide round the clock care for her that was close to home. He went and spent every morning with her, helping her join in the activities there. Betty passed away quietly in her sleep on 24th January just as she lived, without a lot of fuss.

(Extract from the Eulogy given by Sis Marion Allen, Betty's second daughter.)

11/03/1926 – 24/01/2013



Bro Horace Mensforth

BROTHER Horace Mensforth was born in Ipswich on August 2nd 1917. Growing up in Ipswich he went to Blair School and at age 14 he went to work at Cribb & Foote's store where he stayed for 45 years.

After spending some time in New Guinea during the war, he came home and later retired to the Gold Coast. Going to the coast both he and his wife played lawn bowls which they both enjoyed very much.

A member of *Hope of Ipswich Tent No. 2* he always kept in touch with the IOR and went on several bus trips with them. He sadly took sick and had to go to hospital where he passed away on 6th July, almost age 96. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

02/08/1917 – 06/07/2013

A Losing Bet?

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It argues that public health practitioners who specialise in, or encounter, problematic gambling can learn lessons from approaches adopted in the alcohol field to limit alcohol misuse and protect communities from harm, including imposing tougher restrictions on marketing, and decreasing availability. The report also includes the findings of a small snapshot of substance misuse and service users in Wales. One in six respondents who had sought help for alcohol misuse admitted that they had experienced problems with gambling, and 94% agreed that addiction services should consider providing treatment for gambling addiction. ■

Download the report at:
<http://tinyurl.com/cs4bu9p>

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OUR Bro Dennis Quinlan was New South Wales State Chief Ruler in 1996-79 and on retirement from that office he was given a monetary farewell gift that went towards the purchase of a 4



string banjo made in Geelong, Victoria by Pat D'Oole. Fondly called "The Rechabite" it has been his practice banjo since that time and is played daily.

In 2012 Dennis and his wife Judy built a granny flat in their back yard and moved into it last October so that his daughter Felicity and son-in-law Jason could move into their house, together with their children Elizabeth May, who, when you read this will now be 2 years and 8 months old and Cassandra Anne, 1 year and 4 months old. The photo below was taken in February this year on the morning of his 68th Birthday and in the photo below we see Dennis playing "Happy Birthday" to himself on "The Rechabite". Elizabeth May found a microphone and was singing . . . well in truth, it was "Twinkle, Twinkle little Star", with Cassie endeavouring to get into the action.



Dennis plays to the girls daily. Music is a great thing for children. He also plays in the Bridge City Jazz Band and the recently formed Sydney Banjo Band for 4 string banjos. So you see there is life after service on NSW Rechabite Executive. What a great way to share with your Grandchildren.

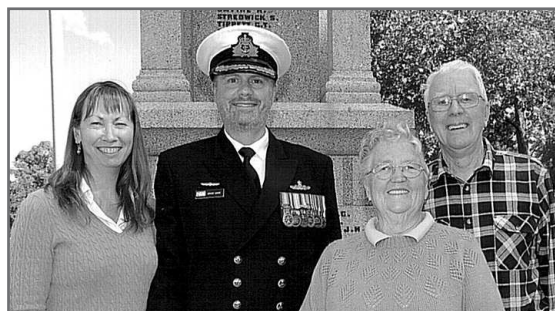
Strictly Personal ...



Since 1960 Dennis has pursued his other passion, motorbike riding and with his wife Judy has toured Australia, New Zealand, USA and the UK. We don't know how many were aware of this. Dennis is a man of many parts.

LAST June, whilst doing voluntary work at a Scout Camp, our Victorian State Treasurer, **Bro Innes Russell**, met with an accident while using a piece of machinery. He cut off, at the first knuckle, the thumb and forefinger of his right hand. The fingers were put back on with surgery. Early in July whilst at a doctor's appointment to check his progress, the doctor noticed that the fingers were infected. He was put back into hospital straight away and it seems the infection has been checked, but he will be under observation for some 5 to 6 weeks. Our thoughts are with him and Margaret his wife as they probably start what will be a long journey back to recovery and getting the use of his fingers back again.

EARLIER this year, a Distinguished Service Cross was presented to **Bro Bruce Legge** by the Governor General in Canberra for the work he did as Captain of HMAS Warramunga and he is seen below with his wife and parents.



Left to right: Bruce's wife, Nancy-Lea, Bruce, his mother Rhondra and his father Don.

The picture was taken at Benalla where Bruce was speaking at the Anzac Ceremony this year. We are very proud to have a Rechabite so highly honoured.

Bruce is the son of our Vic. State President, Don Legge, and brother of our Deputy State President, Geoff. (As someone from Victoria quipped to me recently, "See, we have two Legges to stand on now." Ed.)

ON THE 14th February last, Bro Greg and Sis Marion were pleased with the announcement of the engagement of their eldest daughter **Sis Ruth Allen**, currently the NSW State Chief Ruler, to Tom Culjak.



Ruth & Tom

There is currently no date set for the wedding as the happy couple are currently in the process of organising a new house to be built in Sydney's south-west. We wish them every happiness as they prepare to share their lives together.

MEANWHILE, Ruth's younger sister, **Sis Julie Allen**, is still working as a nurse at Westmead Hospital in the Cardiac Catheter Lab. She is currently engaged in post graduate study through the University of Tasmania doing her graduate certificate in cardiovascular nursing. No eligible partners on the horizon as yet. (We are looking for a quality guy for this quality young lady. Ed.) Both girls are the Granddaughters Bernie and the late Betty Beehag.