



# WATERY SAUCES OLDIES & BOLDIES

(Officially known as Q.W.R.C. Retired Officers Association)

## NEWSLETTER NO.3

MAY, 1990

Greetings from your new Committee for 1990/91 (see Annual General Meeting Minutes for details), and we hope you can participate and enjoy the Association functions for this year.

### RETIREMENTS

Since the December/January Newsletter the following officers have retired or announced their imminent retirement:

D Phie	Brisbane	19 February
N Smith	Brisbane	29 January
R Wyvill	Brisbane	7 February
M De Hayr	Brisbane	9 February
G E Smith	South Western Region	29 March
C Paolucci	Far Northern Region	2 March
D McCulloch	Planning Division	17 June
A Muller	Bundaberg	7 June
M Townsend	Admin. & Finance Div.	27 June

### VALE

Bill Catling who retired in June 1984 died on 28 April 1990. Our sincere sympathies go to his family.

### SICKIES

Since last Newsletter I've heard of Dan Rowley having a nasty bout of Shingles on his head and affecting his eyes. Dan was in hospital in mid-January. Hope you've got rid of that lot Dan, and are fully fit again.

New President-ess, Joy Beattie, is recovering in stirring fashion from a major op.

Saw Henry and Lottie Hannam a couple of times on their re-visit to Greenslopes, and I received a note of appreciation from Henry in March for the Newsletter news and I quote, "Congratulations on the production of Watery Sauces Oldies and Boldies last December. Following the inclusion of a par on my sojourn in Repat. Hospital, Greenslopes, I received a Get Well Card from Morrie Ochert and a visit from Joe Purcell. Thanks chaps and thanks to all the others who visited me or sent messages. Lottie and I returned home on 20 February and I've been picking up slowly since. I expect to return to Greenslopes in 6 to 12 months time for a check-up and perhaps more surgery".

Thanks for that, Henry. It's pleasing that the Newsletter has been of service.

## ACTIVITIES

### (a) Past:

With the enjoyable but very wet trip to St Helena on 4th April, and the dampish trip round the SE dams last year, the WRRQA Executive are seriously considering the setting up of a drought-breaking unit, with Alan Wickham seconded as organiser and chief rain-maker, with raindance choreography by that "old-time and modern" expert Col Tangletoes Taggart. Thanks, Alan for organising the boat trip. We enjoyed it despite the rain.

The only other event of note was the Annual General Meeting on 19 April, faithfully recorded and brought to you by Noel along with this paper.

### (b) Future:

Noel has listed these for you in his letter covering the Minutes. Just a couple of further points:

1. Please note that the nominations for the Chinese Dinner are relatively urgent - by 13 June, for Wednesday 20 June.
2. The Toowoomba "Carnival of Flowers" gardens inspection tour is booked for Tuesday, 25 September.
3. The Christmas Lunch booking has been firmed up for Thursday 29 November, at the Petrie Mansions. Noel expects the cost will probably be in the order of 10% up on last year.
4. The drinks and buffet following the Annual General Meeting is usually, predominantly a male affair, but of course, wives and partners are quite welcome to attend. The scheduled February Buffet (smoko) does not follow a general meeting, unless one is necessary at the time, and we would encourage all attending members to definitely bring your wives, husbands, partners, etc.

## NOTES FROM TRAVELLERS

Had a note from John B Squire following mention last time of seeing him in London. The conference mentioned below is to do with Mr Baden-Powell - they've been heavily into guides (and probably scouts) for years.

"Our trip was based on a conference in Aalborg in Denmark, and we had to arrange tours to fit around it". First, three weeks tour of Scandinavia - Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, and up to the northern most part of Europe and saw the midnight sun and experienced nearly two weeks of no darkness. Then down through Norway and the wonderful fjords. Back to London, then Scotland, at Inverness and northern areas, very picturesque. Then London and to Denmark for the conference. Stayed with a Danish family for 3 days which was most enjoyable. Back to London - train to Plymouth for a few day's with relations. Back to London and a six day tour of England and Scotland including Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the "Mouse Trap" in London. Then a few days in Bangkok including a day trip up to the River Kwai which was fascinating. Marvellous weather for the two months away.

Thanks Jack for the note.

They say - See Australia first - and so says Morris Ochert in this note:

"I journeyed to Jindalee where I've often enjoyed the adrenalin - evoking thrills of the water slides. This time I also went on the Toboggan Ride. One's sled suddenly drops down a long, straight and alarmingly steep slide, at the bottom of which it shoots across a pond at an incredible speed. Wow! At the bottom of my fifth descent something went wrong. Torn back ligaments. Nothing that couldn't be fixed by 2 days in hospital, heaps of pain pills and lotsa other medications of every colour and with esoteric names, weeks of physio, x-rays, pathology, heat rays, rest, heat lamps, hot fomentations, cold packs, adequate sympathy and appropriate wifely fulminations (you can't blame her - good husbands don't grow on waterslides!) Well, the bottom line is, I won't do it agen. All of which goes to prove that you don't need to travel far afield to experience an interesting and instructive trip!"

Thank you, Morris.

#### PHILOSOPHY CORNER

Came across this little gem stuck on a filing cabinet in head office recently.

NOTHING in the world can take the place of persistence.  
Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.  
Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.  
Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.  
Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.  
The slogan "Press on" has solved and will always solve the problems of the human race.

CLASSIFIED ADS

President Don received a letter from  
"Sherwin Financial Planners Pty Ltd"  
Subject: Retired WRC Officers, Financial Portfolio Monitoring

They have launched an "Investment Checkup" campaign, "free of charge" for updating investments. They provide:

- (a) analysis of present portfolio
- (b) presentation of options
- (c) a review of your present and expected future lifestyle
- (d) evaluation of tax situations

Anyone interested can contact Brad Sherwin or Keith Hamley on 832 6677. They followed up with a phone call and Don said he'd let the members know.

Your executive neither endorses nor rejects this communication, and would prefer not to handle any more of them unless members would like such information distributed. We're in your hands.

If you want any further information, Don's on 263 2091 or me on 353 1145.

CALL FOR ITEMS

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