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Ivankovich and her partner. Kevin is in the Eastern States involved in a major purchase of assets by Ramsay Health Care that will have very positive implications for the health care of the veteran community in Western Australia. We look forward to a mutually rewarding association with our sponsors.

This Association can be justifiably proud of the input that has been made to the RAN in Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Hill in Fremantle in conjunction with the Australian Navy Vietnam Veterans Welfare Association. This Association donated financial and physical support toward the project on an equal share basis. We will maintain our commitment by ensuring that we will be involved with the maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial for as long as there are veterans able to maintain this association. In cooperation with ANVVWA we will contribute to a trust account set up in the name of the Fremantle City Council in order that maintenance will be maintained long after we cease to exist. The Memorial is the only one of its kind specifically dedicated to the RAN involvement in Vietnam in Australia. We urge you to visit the memorial as often, as you are

able and when you have visitors from the country or the Eastern States take them along as well.

There has been an advocacy office established at Wanneroo. We would like to thank the City of Wanneroo for their support in getting this important project of the ground. The office is located in the old City Offices on Wanneroo Road close to transport and good parking. The office will be opened on Thursdays in the initial stages with the ability to expand to other days as interest develops. This will be attractive to veterans in the area that have a problem commuting to the City of Perth for whatever reason.

The office is in what is now the Senior Citizens Club Rooms and there has been an interest shown by their members in our service. There will be a feature article printed in the Local Paper in the near future.

It would be remiss of me not to place on public record the outstanding effort that all of the Committee have put in to ensure the construction of sound strong footings on which to build our Association for now and the future. There is at times robust discussion among members at meetings and this is a good

positive sign that everyone has the future of the Association and the welfare of its members at heart. Everyone is encouraged to put forward their point of view however at the same time they accept the voice of the majority. I would particularly like to thank the long-suffering wife's for their patience and understanding.

As for the future, discussions have been held with Kindred Associations regarding combined functions. It is not intended that these be grand occasions but more for the respective members to socialise. Tom will announce tonight an event planned for later in November. Our website whilst very much in its infancy is up and running and the Web Master is looking for input. This is a very efficient way of getting information to our members and others.

In closing our special thanks to Jim and Connie Gucih and staff for their hospitality and the presentation of the venue tonight.

Finally I would like to restate what was said in the opening. We extend a big warm welcome to you, sit back relax and enjoy yourself. Thankyou.

Funny English Signs

Here are some signs and notices written in English that were discovered throughout the world. You have to give the writers an 'E' for Effort. We hope you enjoy them.

In a Paris hotel elevator:

Please leave your values at the front desk.

In a Tokyo Hotel:

Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not a person to do such thing is please not to read notis.

In a Bucharest hotel lobby:

The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

In a Leipzig elevator:

Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.

Outside a Paris dress shop:
Dresses for street walking.

A very big "thankyou" from the Executive Committee.

The Association has been traveling some rough seas recently but due to the overwhelming response and loyalty of our members we have been able to weather the storm and emerge from these troubling times a more strong and viable association which is now, more than ever, able to assist and help our members in times of need. The commitment by you the members has enabled our Association to

re-organise and go economically from the red into the black. This will ensure that the V.L.S.V.A. will not only survive the troubles but will grow and prosper in the future.

The response to the new initiative of Gold and 2 year cards has been a spectacular success and once again the members have not only supported this concept but embraced it. One third of our members are now Gold Card

holders.

The encouragement and support of all members has made the job of the committee a lot easier and what sometimes can seem a thankless task is made enjoyable and rewarding by being associated with an enthusiastic and sometimes vocal group of people.

We thank you for all your support and input.

Hi once again Members and Friends,

Again your committee has come to the fore with an outstanding list of Social Events for the future.

We realize that it is a full book and this has been purposely done so that as many of our members and friends may be able to attend a couple of these functions and catch up with old friends and mates.

Even though there are numerous events planned it is hoped that

most of you can attend as many of the events as possible this will bring us together thereby creating comradeship, friendship and mate ship as this is what we all require in our aging years. The committee knows that we all haven't got endless burrows and so it becomes a little costly but if we stick together in time we will create our own financial table there by allowing our social events to be low cost affairs.

Remember we are all the financial bankers of the V.L.S.V.A. and all members are most welcome to

put suggestions to the committee re social events, so please don't hesitate to make contact at anytime during business hours 0800-1800 daily.

On closing the president and Committee extend to you and your families a very merry festive season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Best regards to all

Tom McLaren

See social calendar on next page

MORE ENGLISH SIGNS

In a hotel in Athens:

Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily.

In an ex-Yugoslav hotel:

The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

In a Japanese hotel:

You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:

You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists, and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:

Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

On the menu of a Polish hotel:

Salad a firm's own make; limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion.

Outside a Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

Proposed Social Program To June 04

General Meetings at Chapman Street

17 th Feb	East Perth	Sausage Sizzle
19 th April	East Perth	Chinese Chinky Knosh
22 nd June	East Perth	A.G.M.
17 th Aug	Soup Kitchen B.B.Q.	
19 th Oct	East Perth	
14 th Dec	East Perth	Christmas get together B.B.Q.

Other Social Functions

26 th Jan	Australia Day get together. 1600 – BYO platters etc, Tom and Jenny's
20 th Mar	Pre Anzac Day Luncheon R.A.A.F. Bullcreek. Venue to be decided \$26-00 per head 1300- 1500 Numbers requested by February 04 Payment by 22 nd Jan-04 2 Course sit down meal Roast beef Roast Vegetables Apple Pie and Cream Cheese Platter Tea and Coffee White and Red carafe wine Jug Squash Beer \$2-50 Spirits \$1-80 30ml nip.
25 th April (Sun)	Anzac Day parade and get together Kings or Horse Feathers Venue hire \$500 - \$400
11 th May (Tue)	Jack Tar's Day. Dress in old Naval Regalia. Venue to be decided. Cost ? OR Chittering Family Day.
4 th Jun (Fri)	Chooks night out. Venue to be decided.

Advanced Positive Social Events

16, 23, 30 Nov or 6 Dec	Annual Ladies Dinner Dance Kings Hotel or Caversham House
3 rd Mar (Wed)	Old girls "enjo???" party 1300-1700. Naval Association Chapman Street East Perth
1 st Apr (Thu)	1300-1700. Wine tasting. Naval Association East Perth.
4 th Mar (Thu)	Quiz night. Toby and George to M.C. B.B.Q. following.
12 th Jun (Tue)	Quiz night. Toby and George to M.C. B.B.Q. following.

STILL MORE ENGLISH SIGNS

In a Bangkok dry cleaner:
Drop your trousers here for best results.

In a Rhodes tailor shop:
Order your summers suit. Because

is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

A sign posted in Germany's Black forest:
It is strictly forbidden on our black forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one

tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose

In a Zurich hotel:
Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose.