

INTERMEDIATE LEGACY CLUB

MELBOURNE

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

At the end of what, I feel, has been a happy and successful year for I.L.C., I wish to thank the members in general for the support accorded to me during my year of Office.

As is so often the case in a club such as this, there are a few members who stand out from the others, per medium of the job they are doing at the moment, so I trust that the members will not take umbrage if I thank these persons in particular.

Firstly, I wish to make mention of the fact that Ken Herron, in spite of a period of ill-health, has carried out his duties as Treasurer in a most efficient manner.

Another worthy of mention is Bill Johnston, who, with the aid of a strong committee, has done a particularly fine job in connection with Don Esses. Unfortunately Bill has also had domestic worries to contend with, which adds further to the value of his service.

In an organisation such as I.L.C., there is always room for improvement in any job being done but I feel that this depends mainly on a subject which has been one of our main themes of discussion this year; and that is the increasing of our membership so that our service rendering potential will be greater.

I sincerely hope that these discussions will bear fruit during the coming year and that in 1951, the club will go on to greater things.

I feel sure that the incoming President will have the same wholehearted support of the club as I have enjoyed and I wish him a happy and successful year of office.

Kind regards to all,

JOHN M. SUGGETT.

## MEMBERSHIP.

The numerical strength of the club at the moment stands at 51, but the actual working strength would be in the vicinity of 30 and, as the latter figure seems to suggest, there is a definite need to increase the size of the club.

With this in mind, steps are being taken to contact the various J.L.C. groups with a view to exploring the possibility of gaining some new members from this most logical source and it is pleasing to be able to report that several really excellent contacts have already been made.

## ATTENDANCE.

Average attendance at meetings has been around the 28-30 mark, this low figure being attributable to the fact that so many members are permanently out of town whilst others, due to their callings, find it almost impossible to attend.

As increasing numbers have sought leave of absence during the year, your Committee of Management has decided that, in future, all such applications will be reviewed by the Personnel sub-committee, who shall make recommendations in respect of each particular application.

## COMRADESHIP.

This Committee arranged several functions during the year and, although not supported as well as they might have been, each has been successful.

The half-yearly dinner, held at the Engineers Depot, was a grand night and much of its success was due to the efforts of a well-known member, to whom we express our sincere thanks.

A small group of members continued to dine together prior to each general meeting and it is regretted that there are not more members availing themselves of this excellent opportunity to experience and enjoy the comradeship of others.

A feature of recent meetings was the provision of a light supper at the conclusion of the evenings business and it is generally agreed that this fills a long felt want as it enables members to gather in small groups for informal chats on matters of common interest.

On November 27th, a presentation was made to Alan Lawson on the eve of his departure on an extended trip abroad.

Alan, who has always been a tower of strength in the club, will be missed by many and the Committee of Management trust that his trip will be beneficial in many ways, more particularly his state of health.

The President and a party of members visited Geelong in July when the local club held its Annual Meeting and it is pleasing to see that this young club is continuing to gain strength and is doing some really fine practical work.

## ANZAC DAY.

As has been the case for many years, a party of members assisted the Anzac Fellowship of Women with the distribution of Coffee, Biscuits, etc., to those ex-servicemen who attended the Dawn Service at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Later in the morning a party of members assembled with the Legacy Club groups and wreaths were placed in the Inner Shrine.

## DON ESSES.

This club is still our main job of service and, in spite of transport difficulties, changes of instructional staff in the girls group, and other minor set-backs, it continues to hold its interest for the children.

Average attendances have not been as high as we would wish them but the keenness of those who do attend, more than warrants the continuation of the classes.

The Don Esses item at the recent Legacy Demonstration was exceptionally well presented and the manner in which it was received reflects great credit on the Instructor, Instructors, and District.

## DON ESSES. (Cont'd).

Camps were held during the year for both Boys and Girls Groups and these were most successful.

As it is proposed to hold camps again early in 1951, members will be called on to assist with the staffing arrangements and, as this appears likely to be something of a problem, members are urged to assist the Committee wherever possible.

Behind the scenes in the successful operation of the Don Esses Club several ladies, wives of some of our members, have been putting in a tremendous amount of work and we express our sincere appreciation of a job that has been well done by them.

The "Carry On" Club has continued to take an active interest in the work of the Don Esses Club and again assisted us by providing considerable financial backing and we are extremely grateful for this practical interest.

## PROGRAMME.

Those concerned with the programme have done a really fine job throughout the year for, thanks to them, we have been privileged to hear from quite a sizeable list of speakers, their subjects being many and varied.

Without wishing to individualize, we had the pleasure, at various times, to hear L/Sir Stanley Savige, L/tees Brain, Tonkin and Greenway; Messrs Barney Ewell, World Sprint Champion, Mr. Russell Mockridge, Empire Games Cyclist, and many others whilst the subjects chosen ranged from "Current Affairs" to "Foxes", from "Heard Island Expedition" to "A trip to England" and so on, each delivered in a most interesting manner by speakers who obviously knew their particular subject.

In addition we were also treated to some entertaining listening by several of our own members whose names will not be mentioned but who, nevertheless, did a fine job.

The Committee of Management extends its sincere thanks to all who came along and so willingly gave our members the pleasure of being able to listen to so many interesting tales.

## BULLETINS.

Fortnightly Bulletins have been published regularly and continue to be a handy medium for broadcasting information to members, more so to those unable to be present at meetings.

We offer our sincere appreciation to the staff of the Legacy Office for their whole-hearted co-operation in this matter and, without their help, we would have to face up to a considerable problem in this regard.

Bulletins are sent to other clubs and it is pleasing to be able to report that several other clubs reciprocate and their news-sheets are read with interest.

## FINANCE.

That the financial affairs of this club have been in most capable hands will best be seen by reference to the statement appended to this report.

## ROOMS.

As has been the case since the very inception of I.L.C., we have again had the almost unrestricted use of the Legacy Club's rooms, together with all facilities, and the Committee of Management extends its sincere thanks, for without this valuable co-operation, this club could hardly continue to exist.

## I.L.C. WELFARE TRUST FUND.

Once again we have to report that there has been no claim on this fund but there has been one slight change in the disposition of the funds.

During the year your Trustees met and decided to convert certain monies into Commonwealth Bonds and, as this necessitated a change in Banking policy, the change was made and the result should be a slight financial gain in the fund, which has lain dormant for years.

"CARRY ON".

It is pleasing to be able to report that we still maintain a close liaison with the "Carry On" Club and that, whenever problems of mutual concern have arisen, these have been handled to the complete satisfaction of all concerned.

Their interest in Don Esses continues and we take this opportunity of thanking them for their co-operation and willing assistance at all times.

GENERAL.

The gardens at the homes of Mesdames Stanbridge and Dey have continued to receive our regular attention, together with any little odd jobs which have needed attention.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Stanbridge Snr. who is well known to most members, has been in hospital for several months and a few members have made it a practice to visit her at regular intervals and these visits are very much appreciated. All at I.L.C. will wish her a speedy recovery.

Several painting jobs were undertaken during the year, one at Middle Park being a fine piece of co-operation and to those Legatees concerned we offer our sincere thanks.

In conclusion, the Committee of Management takes this opportunity of wishing each and every one of you the Compliments of the Season and we look forward to seeing you again early in 1951.

For the Committee of Management.

Yours fraternally,

NORMAN A. SMITH,

Hon. Secretary.

16th December, 1950.

