

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

16th July 1971.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the Air Force Cross to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 15th July 1971)

Flying Officer Nicholas William HOBSON, D.F.C. (0116949), Royal Australian Air Force.

Flying Officer Nicholas William Hobson enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force on 18th October 1966, and graduated as a pilot on 23rd February 1968. Since graduation, Flying Officer Hobson has flown 1,600 hours. He has been employed primarily as a helicopter pilot. He completed an operational tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam in 1970, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for the professionalism and courage he displayed during that tour. He subsequently completed a qualified helicopter instructor course in the United Kingdom.

During February and March 1971, Flying Officer Hobson, an Iroquois helicopter captain, was a member of a No. 5 Squadron detachment sent to the flood stricken Darling River area of north-western New South Wales, to participate in rescue operations.

On 7th March 1971, a cyclone over central Queensland brought additional heavy rains to south-western Queensland. The Paroo and Bulloo Rivers flooded, and homesteads and settlements in the north-western corner of New South Wales were quickly isolated. Continued bad weather prevented civil air rescue operations being mounted from Broken Hill. At about noon on 9th March 1971, Civil Defence Headquarters Sydney requested urgent assistance in rescuing a group of people seen on the roof of Yancannia Homestead, situated in the centre of rapidly rising flood waters, some 130 miles north-east of Broken Hill.

Flying Officer Hobson departed from Bourke and followed the flooded Darling River to the south-west, in conditions of deteriorating weather, with a lowering cloudbase, failing light, and reduced visibility in heavy rain. He refuelled his aircraft at White Cliffs and proceeded to Yancannia where he located a family of five clinging to the roof of a homestead completely surrounded by rising flood waters. He lowered his crewman by winch to the roof to explain his rescue plan to those marooned, and then skilfully hovered his aircraft with one landing skid on the ridge of the roof to facilitate their rescue. The family of five, two adults and three children, who had spent 36 hours on the roof of the homestead were assisted into the aircraft, and flown to the White Cliffs Hospital.

In his skilful and hazardous rescue following a long period of duty in the flood area, Flying Officer Hobson's careful appraisal of the situation and expert airmanship saved the entire family who otherwise might have perished but for his determination and ability to get through the adverse weather and then carry out a very successful rescue operation. By this action Flying Officer Hobson brought great credit to himself, to his unit, and to the Royal Australian Air Force.

HOME OFFICE

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

5th July 1971.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date 5th July to appoint Conrad Frederick Heron, Esq., C.B., O.B.E., to be Deputy Chairman of the Commission on Industrial Relations from 12th July 1971.

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
London S.W.1.
14th July 1971.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSIONERS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Treasury hereby give notice that in accordance with the powers conferred upon them by the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) the following rates of

interest shall be charged on loans made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners on and after 17th July 1971.

Loans to local authorities as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the said Act.

<i>Period of Loan</i>	Per cent. per annum			
	<i>Lower</i>		<i>Higher</i>	
	<i>Loans Repayable By Instal- ments</i>	<i>At Matur- ity</i>	<i>Loans Repayable By Instal- ments</i>	<i>At Matur- ity</i>
Up to 5 years ...	6½	6¾	7½	7¾
Over 5 but not over 10 years ...	6¾	7¼	7¾	8¼
Over 10 but not over 15 years ...	7¼	8¼	8½	8½
Over 15 but not over 25 years ...	7¾	9¼	8¾	9¼
Over 25 years ...	8½	9½	8¾	9½

The amount which an authority borrows within its annual quota as determined by the said Commissioners will bear interest at the appropriate rate in the lower set of rates. Where authorities borrow further sums these will attract interest in the higher set of rates, unless the said Commissioners agree that they should be offset against the following year's quota. Different rates of interest apply according to whether the principal of a loan is repaid by instalments or at maturity.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS FROM THE NATIONAL LOANS FUND

The Treasury in pursuance of section 5 of the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) hereby give notice that on and after 17th July 1971 the rates of interest determined by them as the lowest rates under that section (being rates which satisfy the conditions laid down in subsection (2) thereof) shall be:

<i>Period of Loan</i>	Per cent. per annum	
	<i>Loans By Instal- ments</i>	<i>Repayable At Maturity</i>
Up to 1 year ...	—	5¼
Over 1 but not over 5 years ...	6½	6¾
Over 5 but not over 10 years ...	6¾	7¼
Over 10 but not over 15 years...	7¼	8¼
Over 15 but not over 25 years...	7¾	9¼
Over 25 years ...	8½	9½

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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Companies House,
55-71 City Road, London E.C.1.

16th July 1971.

In the Brighton County Court
No. 5 of 1971

In the Matter of SEAFIELD PROPERTIES (HOVE) LIMITED and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made on Wednesday 16th June 1971 upon the petition of the above named Seafield Properties (Hove) Limited and of Margery de Brissac Bernard of Garden House, 53 Sloane Gardens London S.W.1 a member of the said company on the 7th day of May 1971 preferred unto this Court

And upon hearing the solicitor for the petitioners and for the Registrar of Companies (the respondent)

And upon reading the said petition and the affidavit of Margery de Brissac Bernard and the affidavit of Andrew Matthews filed respectively the 7th day of May 1971 and the 16th day of June 1971

And there being no opposition on behalf of Her Majesty to the relief sought by the said petition as appears from the said affidavit of Andrew Matthews and the exhibit thereto

And the petitioners by their solicitor undertaking within one month of the restoration of the name of the above named company to the register of companies to forward to the Registrar of Companies as required by sections 124 and 126 of the Companies