

NEWSLETTER

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I CAN START HIS MONTH'S REPORT WITH SOME GOOD NEWS, OUR TRIP AWAY TO CRESCENT HEAD WILL GO AHEAD. I THANK ALL THE MEMBERS WHO PUT FORWARD THEIR NAMES FOR THE TRIP AND FOR THEIR PATIENCE. OF COURSE, WE WILL BE COMPLYING WITH GOVERNMENT HEALTH REGULATIONS, AND WE WILL BE TAKING FURTHER STEPS OF OUR OWN TO ENSURE IMPROVED SAFETY.

LATEST UPDATES

John Lane

Our trip was initially fully booked. However, some members have had to withdraw. We have five vacancies, therefore if you are interested in joining us, please give me a call on 0417 238 687. If you go back to the March 2020 issue of the newsletter, you will find all the details about the trip away to Crescent Head. There may be some changes to the tour's itinerary because of COVID-19's impact.

For the rest of my fellow travellers, I look forward to once again seeing you. It will be over a year since I have met with many of you. Perhaps, we will need name badges for the first couple of days.

I still cannot confirm the Christmas Party yet. Rest assured we are doing our best to make it happen. Santa Clause tells me he is on standby and for the first time will show at the party without glasses. Please look out for the next newsletter. Also, we will send you an email as soon as we can confirm the party will go ahead.

Last month, I reported that a sub-committee was undertaking a review of our constitution. The sub-committee has completed the work. The meeting of the committee reviewed the draft; the study will continue at the next committee meeting. There will be a document published along with the constitution document to explain the changes. I look forward at the end of the process when we can present a constitution that is easier to understand. There will be no big surprises; you certainly will not end up with yours truly as "President for Life".

Retired Members - 2020 Trip Away

Crescent Head Resort

Sunday, 8TH November through to
Friday, 13TH November.

The price of the tour is \$845 per person

**FIVE
CURRENT
VACANCIES**

You will find full trip details in the Newsletter's March 2020. If you are interested or need to know more, please contact John Lane on 0417238687.

Please note COVID-19 precautions will apply during the trip away.



Retired Members Association



October 2020 General Meeting

Thursday, 22nd October 2020
Meeting Commences at 10.30 am.

The General Meeting will take place via Zoom Video Conference Please note there will be no in-person meeting at the Financial Sector Union (FSU) office.

Members can join the meeting using your PC with a camera and microphone. You have a PC without camera you can still join, just no one will be able to see you.

You can also use a smartphone (iPhone or Android) by downloading the Zoom application. You can also attend using a home phone or dial in with your mobile. Of course, there will be no video.

Members who receive their newsletter via email, will receive an invitation, you need to reply to email (detailed in the email). Members who have replied will receive a Zoom link to access the General Meeting on the Wednesday afternoon/evening prior to the General Meeting.

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Welfare News

Peter Hack

TREVOR ANDERSON ADVISED ME THAT KEVIN PARISH IS IN WOY WOY HOSPITAL. KEVIN HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION FOR OVER 22 YEARS.

Heather Loudon had a medical procedure in hospital on Tuesday, 6th October and is now in recovery

John Hickey recently celebrated his 93rd birthday with his family at Lane Cove. I wished him a happy birthday on behalf of the membership of the *Retired Members Association* and the City North gang. John still suffers from a bad itch that has plagued him for a long time.

Jim Spencer returned home to Sydney last week. The heat and humidity in Darwin proved too much for him. He now has daily help but is alone for the rest of the day. He would appreciate a phone call after 10.00 am.

Alan Gilks visited Temora on Monday, 5th October. Alan invited me to have a coffee with him. Sadly, I had to decline as I was in isolation, awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test. I had developed a cough and a sore throat and running nose on the previous Friday. I had just conducted visitors from around the state at the museum. Fortunately, the result came back negative, so I was able to make the movie job on the same day.

Mick Byron has an appointment for another visit to the skin cancer clinic.

Diane Cutting informed me that the Salvo's and Vinnies know **Ian** and her by name, as they prepare to move home. I have warned her not to overdo it. If she were to sprain her wrist, she would not be able to open a twist top for Ian.



A Note from the Editor

Last month the newsletter included the first of a series of articles showing our archives for a past year. Unfortunately, I overlooked crediting our Secretary, Bruce Muirhead, who has been researching our records over the years. I offer my apologies to Bruce for this oversight.

Bruce has painstakingly gone through our past election results, meeting minutes, correspondence and newsletters to produce a snapshot of each year of the *Retired Members Association's* history.

Bruce has done a fantastic job which deserves better than just been placed in our files. Future issues of the newsletter will include a past year of our history. I trust members will enjoy going over the archives.



RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION



Bruce Muirhead

MEETINGS

General meetings are held at CEPU Conference Room 1st Floor 741 George St Sydney except for May which was held at Central Coast Leagues Club Gosford at 10am
Committee meetings are held at the Union Office, 3rd Floor, 741 George Street, in the city at 9am

New Members

Warwick Lake, Don Blakey, Bob Moore, Ken Graham, Warren Woodcock, Brian Coote, Nicholas Bylos, John O'Brien, Barry Everett, Jennifer Scofield, Patricia Teagle, Brian Bennett, Jim Hodgins, Richard Cook, Peter Clarke, Les Ziolkowski, Ray Dean, John Davidson, Peter Sutton, Barry Forbutt, Philip Reed, Steve Flynn, Robert Noonan, Peter Hoskins, Bob Noonan, Shawn Higgins, David Tremlet, Ian Hollick, Doug Milne, Bill Richardson, Bob Maxwell, Donald Richard Charles, Barry Forbutt, Philip Reed, Steve Flynn, Robert Noonan, Peter Hoskins, David Tremlett, Shaun Higgins, Ian Hollick, Doug Milne, Robert Maxwell, William Richardson, Ronald Charles, Phil Barry, Lawrence Brown, Grahame Anderson, Terry Buckley, Michael Clarke, Bob Grant, Rod Hoye, Robert Hoye, Robert Kerr, Terry Livingstone, Malcom MacKenzie, Colin Mortimer, Peter Sonter, Chris Wilson, Andy Hurst, Peter Campisi and Philip Andrew.

Elected Committee

<i>President</i>	Vince Haywood
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	Allan Fairbairn Bruce Coxall
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Hamblion
<i>Welfare Officer</i>	Peter Connell
<i>Secretary</i>	Peter Hack
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Ralph Britten
<i>Social Co-ordinator</i>	Denzil Fogarty

Committee
Harry Collins, Jim Spencer, John Hickey, Bob Clifford, Denzil Fogarty, Stan Large, John Bryce, Isobel Kemp, Bert Parkes, Max Wright, Dave Levit, Ron Milosh, Dick Orchard and Frank Ingersole.

Returning Officer: John Loudon

Delegates

CRUMA: Phil Orchard, Peter Hack and Jim Spencer
Aged Care Alliance: Jim Spencer and Phil Orchard
ACPSRO: Ralph Britten and alternate Bob Hamblion

Those Who Passed

Jack Sibley, John Arnold, Stanley Williams, Jack Lynch, Rex Barrett, Charles Struck, Harry Dinham, Syd Brynes, Bert Parkes, Jack Lynch, Rex Barrett, Charles Struck and Rhys Alexander

Guest Speakers

- Mary Yeager and Linda Everingham spoke regarding industrial relations and the fight against new laws.
- Bernie Banton regarding Asbestos.

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YEAR IN REVIEW 2009 (CONT'D)

Social Events

- Tour of Opera Centre,
- April Fools Day Lunch - Kyeemagh RSL,
- Visit to NSW Mounted Police Premises,
- Newcastle trip,
- Horses birthday lunch at Kyeemagh RSL,
- Cockatoo run to Robertson on vintage train,
- Coffs Harbour Trip,
- Ex Telstra get together at West Port Bowling Club,
- Christmas get together at Combined Services Club and
- PMG/Telecom/Telstra Christmas drinks

Reunions

2006 Training School,
55Year 1951 TIT, NDC,
60th Anniversary Class of '46,
50th Anniversary 1956 TIT Reunion,
Newcastle Country Install,
Class of '51 Reunion,
City North/CBD and City South Exchange
and Friends of South Christmas Reunion.

Points of Interest

Notice of Motion if you have been a member of RMA for fifteen years be declared a member for life

Life membership was presented to Peter Hack and Bob Hamblion

Bob Hamblion sent a letter to the credit union regarding unfair fees added to our account since the merger with CUA

The Outside World

During January, **Bushfires grip parts of the Central Coast and the Riverina in New South Wales** and the Wimmera in Victoria. On New Year's Day, Sydney CBD's daytime temperature reaches 45 °C.

During March, the **WorkChoices** industrial relations reforms come into effect.

On ANZAC Day, a **small earthquake causes a rockfall in a gold mine in Beaconsfield**, Tasmania. Eleven miners escape, but three are left inside. One of them is found dead on April 28. Rescuers free two miners on the May 9.

The water crisis in Australia worsens. Toowoomba (Australia's second-largest inland City) holds a referendum on the issue of using water recycled from the city's sewerage as a source of drinking water.

It is an acrimonious campaign watched throughout Australia. Other Australian cities raise water restrictions in the face of record low dam and river levels.

In September, **Steve Irwin dies** in an accident when he is struck in the heart by a stingray barb off Queensland's coast

On the December 4, **Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard successfully challenge Kim Beazley and Jenny Macklin** in a caucus ballot for leadership and deputy leadership of the Australian Labor Party.

Pressure continues on the Federal Government to help South Australian **David Hicks**, who has marked his fifth year in December in US detention in Guantanamo Bay.



THE INVENTION OF THE CAR RADIO



Member John Hart emailed an article about the invention of the car radio. The article starts with the line that states: *“it seems cars have always had a radio, but they didn’t”*.

I am sure many members will remember that their first car came without a radio. I remember my parents buying a new Ford Falcon in 1963. The addition of car radio was too much of a stretch for their budget. The same went for a heater and automatic transmission. My first car, a Corolla in 1969, did not have a radio. It did have a two speed automatic transmission.

The car radio was probably an important factor as to why Japanese cars established a foothold in Australia in the early 1970s, Japanese manufacturers sold even their base models with a car radio and a heater as standard equipment in their vehicles.

The car radio has managed to outlast the car cassette player, the eight-track cartridge and the DVD player.

The Beginning of the Car Radio

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear, and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset.

One of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during the First World War). It was not too long before they took apart a home radio and tried to get it to work in a car. However, the task was not going to be easy, cars had ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment; all a source of noisy static interference. Listening to the radio was impossible when the engine was running. Eventually, the two identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took their car radio to a radio convention in Chicago. At the convention, Lear and Wavering met Paul Galvin, owner of the Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. Galvin made a product called a “battery eliminator”, the device allowed battery-powered radios to run a household’s A.C. current. However, as more and more homes had electrical wiring, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture.

Car Radio Goes Into Production

When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention with the car radio, he had found it. Galvin set up Lear and Wavering in his factory. There they perfected their first car radio; they installed it in Galvin’s Studebaker.

Galvin believed a mass-produced and affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business. Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. As a deal sweetener, Galvin had his men install a radio in the banker’s car. A half an hour after the installation, the banker’s car caught on fire. **They did not get the loan!**

Galvin did not give up; He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention. Unable to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing crowds could hear it. That idea worked; he received enough orders to put the radio into production.

Galvin decided that since his radio was for use in a motor vehicle, he would call it the Motorola. Galvin still had problems; the car radio was expensive. It cost about \$110 uninstalled at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650. It took two men several days to install the car radio. They had to take apart the dashboard to install the radio and speaker.

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THE INVENTION OF THE CAR RADIO (CONT'D)

The installers had to open the car's ceiling to install the antenna. If that was not enough; holes had to be cut into the floorboard to install the radio's battery, as the radio used its own battery.

Galvin was losing money in 1930, and he continued to struggle for a couple of years. Then in 1933, Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at their factory. The next year, Galvin struck a deal with the B.F. Goodrich tyre company to sell and install them in their chain of tyre stores. The price of the car radio, including installation, dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. In 1936, was the introduction of push-button tuning.

Galvin changed the name of his company from Galvin Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947. Motorola went onto invent and produce many communications technologies that we take for granted today.

- ◆ *Produced the first televisions for under \$200 in 1947.*
- ◆ *Introduced the first pager in 1956*
- ◆ *Developed the radio and television equipment used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon in 1969.*
- ◆ *Invented the first handheld cellular phone in 1973*

As for Elmer Wavering and William Lear, they ended taking very different paths in life. Wavering stayed with Motorola. He went on to develop the first automotive alternator, replacing the inefficient and unreliable generators; the invention that led to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning.

Lear also continued to invent. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system. His significant achievement was the invention of the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. **Not bad for a person who left school in the eighth grade.**