



Welcome to your April 2022 Newsletter.

John Lane

Murray Valley Trip Away

The Southern Highlands Trip is now behind us; we turn our attention to the Murray Darling trip away in October. Preparations are well underway for our Wentworth, Mildura, and the Riverlands (South Australia) tour.

The tour starts on Sunday, 9TH October. This newsletter shows the entire itinerary and inclusions. You may recall the original tour date was for October 2021, postponed because of COVID-19.

I must report there has been some price change. The tour operators had increased the tour prices. However, the tour operators have agreed to maintain the costs for twin share accommodation. However, they would not agree to carry the cost for a single supplement that rose by \$42. So, the prices are now \$950 twin-share, and a single supplement will add \$270. The package will cover almost everything except for some lunches.

Most members intending to go on the trip away have already paid their \$100. If you have not paid the deposit, please pay now. One month before the tour commences, it will be necessary to pay the balance. The payment will be made directly to the tour operator. I will explain how to make the payment closer to the due date. Tour cancellations due to health issues will result in a full refund.

Social Events for 2022

The following are our social events for 2022. They are at locations used before and have been well satisfied. We are still looking to fill a spot, and I am open to suggestions.

The socials events for 2022 are:

Thursday, 28th April	General Meeting: Guest Speaker: from Senior Rights
Thursday, 19th May	Autumn Leaves: Springwood Sports Club
Thursday, 26th May	May General Meeting – See notice in this month's newsletter
Thursday, 16th June	Lunch at the Manly Wharf Hotel
Thursday, 21st July	Lunch at the Sydney Rowers Club Abbotsford.
Thursday 18 th August	Join us for lunch at the new Petersham RSL
Thursday, 25th August	August General Meeting at O'Donoghue's (Emu Plains)
Thursday 15 th September	Social: To be announced
October Sunday 9th to Saturday 15th	Trip away: Wentworth – Mildura – Riverland SA
Thursday 17th November	Christmas Lunch: Petersham RSL Club

The newsletter will provide full details for each event as a social event draws closer.

This month, we have a speaker from Senior Rights at the April General Meeting. **During May, we have the General Meeting at Woy Woy and the traditional Autumn Leaves Lunch at Springwood. You will find all the details including train timetables in this issue.**

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REMINDER
Central Coast
Members

Retired Telecommunications Employees Association

The May 2022 General Meeting will be held on the Central Coast at the Woy Woy Hotel on the 27TH May, commences 10.30 am



New Venue

Woy Woy Hotel
33 The Boulevard,
Woy Woy

Local map directions and train timetables are inside this newsletter

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Federal Elections

I fully appreciate that we are an 'A' political Association, but I feel compelled to convey a personal view. I strongly feel the Country needs change. As a parent and grandfather, there are important issues for me. Foremost are integrity and honesty in our political system, dealing with climate change, and many overdue social reforms.

I see the continued problems and personal suffering in Aged Care and Health, I believe nothing will improve unless there is a change in government. I see two main problems with the current government: the first is their complacency which leads them to their second problem: dependence on crisis management solutions. They throw money and resources at a problem simply to make it go away for a while and deflect media and public attention. However, more crises manifest and older ones reappear. As a result, we see a government often overwhelmed, and unable to develop a long-term plan, just relying on band-aid remedies.

I will offer you some examples. We do not have go beyond COVID, where we had several months delay in vaccinations for most Australians. We now know that an overseas vaccine manufacturer approached the government soon after their vaccine development, only to be ignored. They repeated their failure by not ordering sufficient RAT (*rapid antigen testing*) kits. Still on the subject of COVID, let us remember that we relied on State governments to provide leadership throughout the pandemic,

Turn to Aged Care. The government has had close to ten years to resolve Aged Care; there have been numerous inquiries over the past twenty years, the most recent, a Royal Commission. All the investigations have recommended improved staff numbers and skills, a registered nurse at each aged care home, and better nutrition. What has the government done recently? Offered staff a once-off \$800 payment and brought in defence personnel to deal with the staffing crisis, "*kicking the can down the road*". We are having a growing problem in housing, the trouble growing in magnitude that no government will be able to address unless we deal with it now.

Nothing is going to happen without a change in government. You will hear people say that things will be the same no matter who governs the Country. I do not subscribe to this view. I look at all the Country's past major social reforms: Medicare, NDIS, PBS, Gonski reforms in education and superannuation. It took a labor government to implement all these reforms. On climate change, the current opposition can demonstrate they introduced a carbon tax while in power only to have the coalition later dismantle it.

I just ask people to think about what they want for our Nation when they vote. We can all agree nothing will change unless we implement long-term solutions instead of relying on temporary (Band-Aid) fixes. If you are yet to make up your mind about how you will vote?

if you believe I have overstepped the "A" political position of our Association; please excuse my frustrations.

Support for our Vice President

Our VP, Col McQueen, has been a director of Petersham RSL for several years. We have utilised the club for our monthly committee and general meetings with Col's guidance and assistance. We have also used the function room for our Christmas Lunch. The recently produced annual report from the club shows \$2,300 as an in-kind donation to our organisation. That means it didn't cost us a sausage. So, it was a no brainer that we show support for our mate when we found out he was under challenge for his director position in the club's annual election. We emailed all our Sydney members, who we suspected were members of the RSL. We received the response we wanted. Many of the contacted members found the time to vote, and Col; got re-elected. He thanks everyone for their support.

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Brian Cole



The Retired Telecommunications Employees Association is sad to inform members that Brian Cole passed away peacefully on Sunday, 3rd April 2022. A funeral service for Brian was held on Wednesday, 13th April 2022, at the South Chapel, Woronora Memorial Park, Linden Street, Sutherland.

Brian was a member of the Association for close to 24 years and served on our committee.

Brian was born on 4th October 1943 in Yorkshire, England. He was the first and only son of parents Jack and Blanche's four children.

Brian's parents decided to emigrate to Australia in 1949. Eventually, Brian's parents saved to purchase a block of land at Condell Park. Where Brian's father, friends and Brian himself first built a garage and then the family home. During the construction, Brian acquired handyman skills that were in demand throughout his life. During the new home construction, Jack and Blanche completed their family with three daughters, Joyce, Catherine, and Elizabeth.

Brian left school at fifteen to become a technician in training with the PMG. Brian worked in Country Installation, which involved much travel installing exchanges. During this time, he met his future wife Lyn while on assignment in Griffith in 1970. Brian and Lyn married on 18th September 1971 (Grand Final Day – Souths v St George) at Liverpool's St Luke's Anglican church.

Brian and Lyn welcomed their first child April in 1974, followed by Alison, Amanda and Mandy.

Towards the end of his career in Telstra, Brian worked at Telstra offices in Elizabeth Towers in Sydney and later Burwood. He and his colleagues had the idea to produce an Engineering Review Weekly cartoon. After that, Brian would produce satirical cartoons drawing on confidential information that people keenly shared with him, to the chagrin of the senior managers. After that, however, his reputation grew, and he also drew for other people and institutions, including his children's primary school and the local hospital.

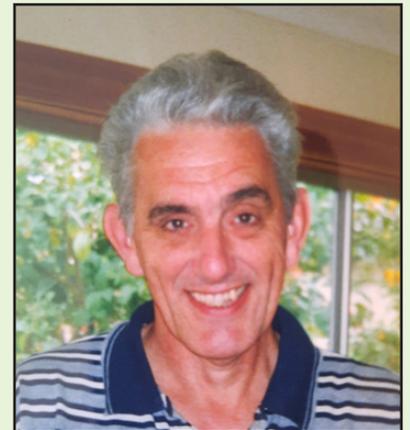
In 1997 after 38 years of service, Brian could retire and spend much more time with Lyn and gardening. So, in 1999, they had their big retirement trip to England and Europe. More trips to England followed to visit daughter April, who settled there in 2000.

Brian spent a lot of time volunteering with neighbourhood watch and helping at Roseland's swimming club. Then there were the home renovations helping daughters and sons-in-law.

Brian's only grandson Alexander Ian came along in 2016. Brian happily spent the next few years walking Alexander down to the local parks.

About ten years ago, Brian received a diagnosis of two forms of leukaemia. He put up a gallant effort undergoing many rounds of chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgeries. However, Brian never failed to present a good-humoured front and never lost his pride. He secured his wish to pass away in his home on 3rd April, with the family by his side.

The Association extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Brian's family, wife Lyn and daughters April, Alison Amanda and Mandy, together with his sons-in-law, his grandson Alexander and finally but not least, his many former workmates.





Col Wilson



The Retired Telecommunications Employees Association is sad to report that member Col Wilson passed away in the early hours of Thursday morning on 21st April 2022. Col had been very ill and under palliative care for several weeks.

President John Lane has the following tribute to Col:

I first met Col when I became the City South Mini District manager. Col worked at City South exchange, in charge of the Main Frame and Special Services. He carried out these tasks alongside his close friend Dave Morgan. No easy task in a Sydney CBD exchange, particularly when you consider the thousands of special services within the network in those days. It was not until my retirement that I became a much closer friend to Col, his wife Helen and daughter Ann.

Col in the days, when he enjoyed good health; he attended most general meetings, social events, and the annual away trip.

His wife Helen loved the socials too, especially our trips away. Daughter Ann would also join them for a few days, juggling her work roster. Ann works as a Flight Steward for Qantas Regional Services. We have missed Col over the past couple of years after he entered aged care. We are also grateful to Ann for accompanying Col to our general meetings in later years. Col enjoyed being in the company of other members, and they enjoyed and valued his company.

Col had impeccable manners; he would listen carefully to others and speak his mind. We are going to miss Col.

I will leave it to Paul Rewhorn to talk about their shared passion for Rugby Union and their beloved Eastwood FC.

Paul Rewhorn:

Col was a Retired Telecommunications Employees Association member for nearly twenty-eight years (membership number: 284). Col was born on the 11th June 1931. As John mentioned, he attended our General Meetings whenever he could. Therefore, he would have to have one of the best attendance at a general meeting.

Col joined the then Postmaster General Department (PMG) in 1954. Col heard about technical job vacancies in the PMG. Together with fellow typewriter mechanics at a company he then worked, they made their applications at the GPO in Martin Place. Within days, Col and his workmates were PMG employees.

For most of his career, Col worked at City South Telephone Exchange.

I recall often seeing Col in the lift at City South Exchange, and our paths would cross when we were locating a fault somewhere between the local exchange and the carrier terminal (mostly tracing jumpers).

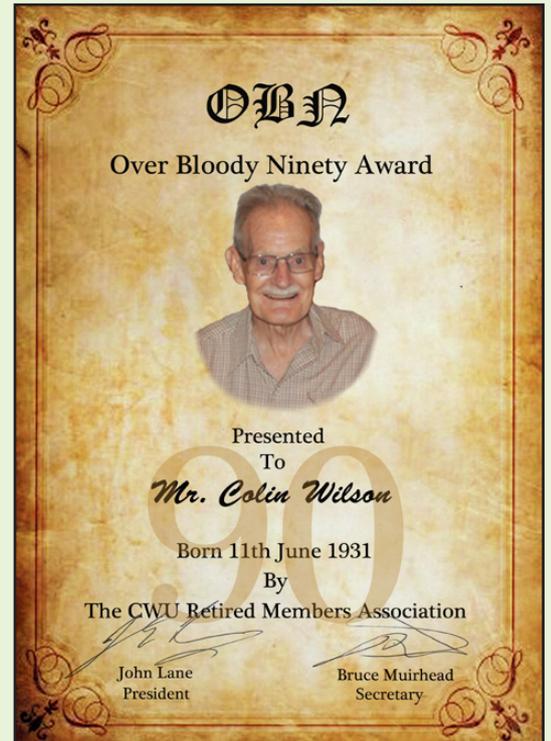
Like John, I came to know Col better after retirement, enjoying a conversation with Col and Dave Morgan over lunch at the Castlereagh Club (formerly the Catholic Club). We all originated from around Eastwood and shared a passion for the Eastwood Rugby team. Occasionally, I would join Col and Dave on a Saturday afternoon at the TG Milner Oval. I continued watching the rugby with Col after Dave sadly passed away.

John has mentioned Col's wife, Helen. Helen tells me she met Col at a Scottish Dance in North Sydney. After the dance, Helen and Col walked about North Sydney. She remembers sitting with Col on the boundary of St Mary's Catholic Church. I reminded Helen it would have been a sandstone fence, and our family lived with our grandparents just 200 metres away.

Col and Helen had three children, Bruce, then Donald (married to Dianne) and Ann. They had four grandchildren Blake, Shaun, Samantha and Nikki.

Col will have a private funeral service on Friday, 29th April 2022. Then, later in May, we have an opportunity to join Helen and family to remember Col formally.

The Association extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Col's wife Helen and children Bruce, Donald and Ann, daughter-in-law Dianne and grandchildren Blake, Shaun, Samantha and Nikki.





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More on Petersham RSL

The April general meeting to be held on Thursday 28th April will be the last meeting in the old club. The club will soon close for two weeks and reopen in its nice new premises just across the road, which is even closer to the station and has underground parking facilities. So, if you are feeling nostalgic, maybe you should attend the April General Meeting to case the old joint out one more time.

General Meetings

With the return to normality, we are confident we will hold our regional meetings at Woy Woy (next month) and Emu Plains (August) in the coming year. Both of those meetings will have Zoom Video Conference capability for those unable to attend physically. We will also see the return of a guest speaker from Senior Rights at the April General Meeting. However, there will be a twist; the guest speaker will be attending via Zoom. I must say, I am looking forward to seeing how that works.

Woolwich Pier Hotel

The Woolwich Pier Hotel luncheon was held last Thursday and was well attended. It was great to meet Denis Larkin, who travelled all the way from The Shoalhaven. Denis has attended numerous general meetings via Zoom Video conference, and he thought it was time to meet us in the flesh. The only disappointment he had was that he had not realised that these events were open to wives, partners and friends. He said his boss would have come for sure had she known.

I will use this as a reminder that you are welcome to bring whoever along to our socials, including our trips away. Great effort Denis; I enjoyed your company.

Anzac Day

I cannot allow the month of April to pass-by without mentioning Anzac Day; a most important day on the Australia calendar, when we remember all those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. Such brave men and women. Many of our members were ex servicemen. I always think of my close friend Max Wright. Max fought in New Guinea. He loved nothing better than to be in an Anzac Day march. Max was also a long-term committee member of our Association. I am sure many of you have similar memories of friends and loved ones.
Lest we forget.

Information session



Seniors Rights Service



April General Meeting

Thursday, 28th April 2022

The information session will discuss:

- About Seniors Rights (Who we are and what we do)
- Planning Ahead
- Documents for the future
- Wills, Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Advanced Care Directives



The meeting will be available via Zoom. The speaker from Seniors Rights will present via Zoom. There will be a large screen projector for members attending the General Meeting at Petersham RSL.



Retired Telecommunications Employees Association

The Autumn Leaves Lunch

Thursday, 20TH May 2022

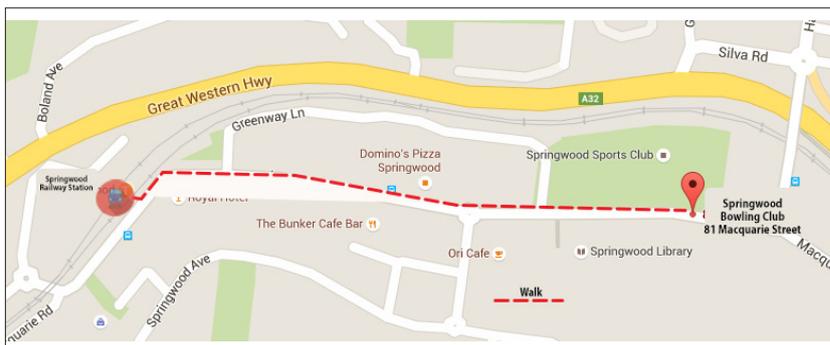
We meet between 12 and 12.30pm at the club.

Springwood Bowling Club
81 Macquarie Road,
Springwood

Central to Springwood		Lithgow - Katoomba - Springwood		
<i>Central (Country Terminal)</i>	10.18 am	<i>Lithgow</i>	9.24 am	
<i>Strathfield</i>	10.31 am	<i>Katoomba</i>	10.14 am	11.14 am
<i>Parramatta</i>	10.43 am	<i>Springwood</i>	10.54 am	11.54 am
<i>Blacktown</i>	10.52 am	Autumn Leaves Lunch Thursday, 20TH May 2022		
<i>Penrith</i>	11.06 am			
<i>Springwood</i>	11.37 am			

Going home from Springwood towards Central, the first practical departure from **Springwood to Central leaves at 1.54 pm**, stopping at these main stations; **Penrith 2.24 pm, Blacktown 2.40 pm, Parramatta 2.50 pm, Strathfield 3.02 pm**, then **Central 3.15 pm**. **Later departures** are at **2.36 pm, 3.00 pm, 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm**.

Going home to the west of Springwood a train departs Springwood at 1.37 pm, then arrives **Katoomba at 2.17 pm and arrives Lithgow at 3.05 pm**. Other trains departures from **Springwood to Katoomba** are at **2.37 pm and 3.37 pm**. Finally a train leaves **Springwood at 3.37 pm** for **Katoomba at 4.17 pm** and arrives at **Lithgow at 5.05 pm**



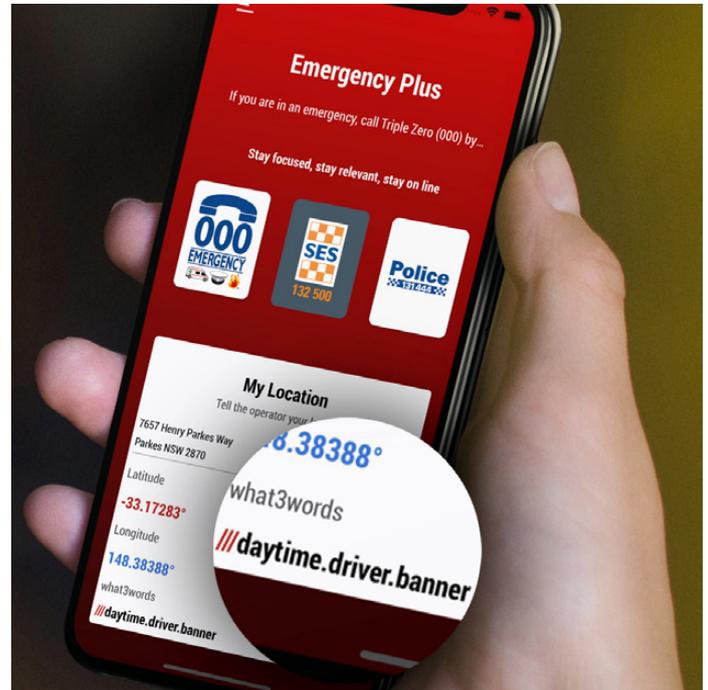


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What is what3words?

what3words in the Emergency + app is the easiest way to tell Triple Zero (000) exactly where you need help. It has divided the world into 3 metre squares and given each one a unique three-word identifier.

How it works

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KNOW A FORMER WORKMATE WHO IS NOT YET A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION?

WHY NOT EMAIL HIM/HER OUR NEWSLETTER?

INSIDE THE NEWSLETTER, THEY WILL FIND!

A PRINT COPY OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM - THEY CAN POST TO US.
THE EMAIL THAT DELIVERED YOUR NEWSLETTER HAS AN ATTACHED PDF VERSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM. SEND THEM THE PDF FILE WHICH THEY CAN COMPLETE FROM THEIR PC AND RETURN VIA EMAIL BACK TO

REMINDE THEM THERE IS JUST A ONCE ONLY PAYMENT OF \$20 ON JOINING. - NO ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE -





EXAM TIME

Barry Robinson recently joined the RTEA committee. Barry has informed his fellow committee members that he wants to bring change to our Association. In his opinion, Barry, a former technical instructor, has noticed a disturbing decrease in the membership's knowledge of "Step by Step" exchanges, Crossbar Exchanges, Radio, mail exchange sorting equipment, and analogue transmission. While the committee fully supports Barry in this endeavour, they ask you not to email back to them your responses; they are busy these days trying to understand their smartphone and smart TV. Answers will appear in next month's issue.

Questions for mungos (SXS)

Name the following selectors/relay sets/frames

- U/S
- G/S
- F/S
- LGF/S
- TEST/S
- DSR
- RSR
- MDF
- IDF

What was the function/use of the following

BROWN BOVERI regulator

Piano wire

Fuse alarm fuse

List the order of subs line tests, (min 6)

What causes a rectified loss on subs lines

What is the frequency and periodicity of:

- Ring tone
- Busy tone
- NU tone

Questions for XBAR Installers

What was the function of the following exchanges :

ARF
ARM
ARB
ARK
CUDN

Name the following

LR-Br
SLV
SLM
GV
GVM
REG
REGLP

Questions for Radio

List the frequency bands for the following :

LHF UHF
MF SHF
HF

When is wave guide used

List two methods of Diversity Reception

Do Sydney TV stations uses Vertical or Horizontal polarization

What paint colour was used on all ducting

What was the height allowance working on towers up to 100 feet and over 100 feet

Questions for the Mail Exchange

What was the Pitney Bowes machine, Twin band riser, OA machine used for:

Questions for Transmission

What was the channel capacity of the following:

SOS Sydney to Melbourne
Z12 Coaxial Cable Systems

What was the channel capacity of the following modems:

GM SMG
SGM SGAM

How was power fed to under ground coaxial cable repeaters

What is the formula to calculate the Zo of a coaxial tube

What are the following systems used for:

LRD
TRAC



May General Meeting

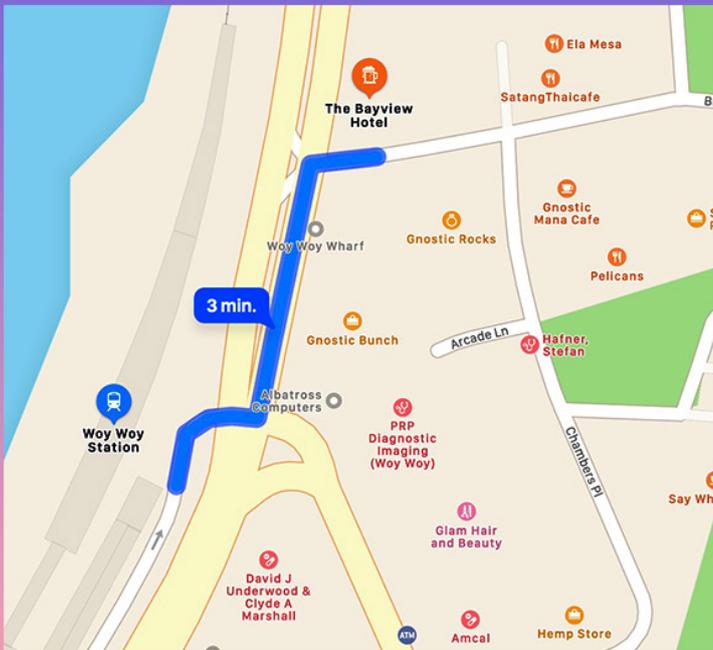
Location Map and Train Timetable

Central Coast General Meeting

10.30 am - Thursday, 27TH May 2022

Bayview Hotel, 2 The Boulevard Woy Woy

Directions



Woy Woy Railway Station

-  Start on Blackwall Road
-  **40 Metres**
Turn Left onto Brisbane Water Drive
-  **85 Metres**
Turn Right onto the Boulevard
-  **20 Metres**
The destination is on your left:
The Bayview Hotel
2 The Boulevard
Woy Woy

Sydney to Woy Woy

Central	Strathfield	Epping	Eastwood	Hornsby	Woy Woy
8.45 am	8.58 am	9.10 am	-	9.24 am	10.01 am

Newcastle - Gosford to Woy Woy

Newcastle Interchange	Hamilton	Wyong	Gosford	Woy Woy
8.35 am	8.38 am	9.41 am	10.02 am	10.13 am

Woy Woy - Return to Sydney

Woy Woy	Hornsby	Eastwood	Epping	Strathfield	Central
1.13 pm	1.52 pm	-	2.05 pm	2.16 pm	2.29 pm
1.45 pm	2.20 pm	-	2.35 pm	2.46 pm	2.59 pm
2.13 pm	2.53 pm	-	3.05 pm	3.16 pm	3.29 pm
3.45 pm	4.21 pm	-	4.33 pm	4.46 pm	4.59 pm

Woy Woy - Return to Gosford - Newcastle

Woy Woy	Gosford	Wyong	Hamilton	Newcastle
12.28 pm	12.36 pm	12.54 pm	1.46 pm	1.51 pm
1.01 pm	1.13 pm	1.34 pm	2.37 pm	2.41 pm
1.28 pm	1.36 pm	1.54 pm	2.46 pm	2.51 pm
2.01 pm	2.13 pm	2.34 pm	3.37 pm	3.41 pm
2.28 pm	2.36 pm	2.54 pm	3.59 pm	4.02 pm





Password Managers

Letter to the Editor



Reference the article headed "Online – Identity Safety" in the March 2022 RTEA Newsletter, I wholeheartedly endorse the recommendation to use a password manager when operating online. I have used a password manager app for years; it makes life easy and safer.

Not only do password managers keep your passwords safe, but they also store the website addresses (URLs) and the account usernames. If you want, this can be done automatically each time you log onto a 'new' site.

Because the URL, username and password are stored together, access to your various online accounts can be accessed with one/two clicks (no typing, apart from the master password for the app). This facilitates using a bigger range of

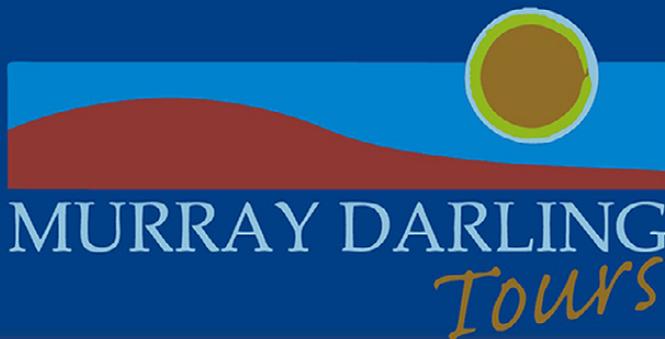
passwords, further increasing security.

There are free as well as commercial password managers. Read c/net's recommendations for 2022 here: <https://cnet.co/3x9rn20>

PS: I have used various password manager apps over time, I currently use the Choice recommended 1Password Families which I share with my family on multiple devices (not synced) and my mobile phone (synced).

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Wentworth - Mildura - Riverland SA



Day 1:

Leave destination and make your way towards Wentworth with Morning and Afternoon Tea and Lunch stops along the way.
Overnight stay with Dinner at Hay.

Day 2:

After breakfast continue along the way to Wentworth with a stop along the way for Morning Tea. Arriving in Wentworth for lunch which will be available at the Bowling Club. After lunch you will be visiting the Historic Gaol and Rotary Pioneer Museum, then a thorough tour of Wentworth, visiting the Perry Sandhills, the Junction of the Murray and Darling Rivers and taking in all the sites.

Book into your Motel. Dinner this evening will be at the Crown Hotel.

Day 3:

After a cooked breakfast you will make your way to Orange World near Buronga for a Train Tour which includes Packing Shed, Displays and Tastings. Purchases can also be made here. Next stop is Woodsies Gem Shop in Mildura where you will be able to see jewellery making, gem cutting and a huge range of items available for purchase. Lunch stop is free time in Mildura Mall area.

After lunch you will board the Paddle Steamer Melbourne at the Wharf and enjoy the cruise and experience going through the lock. Back to the Motel for some relaxing and then Dinner at the Crown Hotel.

Day 4:

After a cooked breakfast you leave for South Australia's exciting "Riverland". The first stop is the Historical Village in the town of Loxton. Here you will take a trip back in time and see how district settlers lived in the early 1900's. There is time for morning tea here. You then reboard the coach and make your way to Berri for your lunch stop.

After lunch you will visit the Almond Hut on the outskirts of Renmark where you can make purchases if you wish.

Next stop is to Angove Winery prior to reboarding the coach and continuing on into Renmark a drive through the main street, before making your way back to Wentworth and the Motel.

Relax and freshen up for Dinner at the Crown Hotel.

Day 5:

After breakfast depart Motel and make your way to Rubys Cargo & Wentworth Military Museum. Great local collection of Crafts and Militaria. Next stop is to Buronga to the award winning Varapodio Estate to hear about the Olives, prior to your lunch with some free time.

After lunch make your way out to Red Cliffs to visit "Big Lizzy". Last stop on way back to Motel is at Curtwaa to visit the Big V - Motor Museum where you will enjoy a light Afternoon Tea.

Then back to our Motel for some relaxation prior to going to Dinner and an evening cruise aboard the Mundoo or Rothbury Paddleboat cruising the Murray River.

Day 6:

After another cooked breakfast board coach and depart Motel and head for Narrandera for your overnight stay and Dinner, enroute for home.

Morning and Afternoon Tea and Lunch stops will be along the way during the day

Day 7:

Depart Motel and continue your journey home with stops for Morning Tea and Lunch.

Tour Includes

- Accommodation Twin Share
- 2 Course Dinner each night
- Cooked Breakfast Daily
- All admission as per itinerary
- Bus Charter
- Light lunch



Technician in Training Reunion (Class of 1957)

Even though the extreme weather conditions had not abated and the Transport network was very unpredictable, a crowd of fifteen former Technicians in Training (Class of 1957) and four wives made it to the Revesby Workers Club on the 9th March.

Some travelled as far away from Queensland, Tweed Heads, Temora and Wellington and others from Sydney and nearby.

There were 33 acceptances from the Technicians in Training and 51 apologies.

The lists of attendees and apologies are below. For more information contact Bob Speer.

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In Attendance

Bill Broadfoot	Lane Cove
Barry Chapman	Heathcote
Brian Charlton	Wellington
Peter Hack	Temora
Mike Manning	Cromer
Graham McKew	Tweed Heads
Bob Nance	Panania
Marj Nance	Panania
Bob Phillips	Padstow
Wally Reilly	Ryde
Sue Reilly	Ryde
Albert Ribbons	Nerang
Marge Ribbons	Nerang
Geoff Saul	Baulkham Hills
Margaret Saul	Baulkham Hills
Bill Seldon	Miranda
Albert Smith	Lennox Head
Bob Speer	Bomaderry

Those who indicated their attendance but could not attend on the day.

Harry Battam	Engadine
Jim Buchan	Bathurst
Geoff Dark	Gosford
Terry Gravolin	Scone
Bob Korff	Bolwarra
Dick Laney	San Remo
Dennis Logan	Wyong
Kel Martin	Manning Park
Trevor Mayhew	Oatley
Ron Parker	
Brian Passlow	Liberty Cove
Bill & Judy Tindale	Castle Hill
Dennis Tonkin	Bokarina

Apologies

W=Weather, H=Health, T=Travel, D=Deceased, O=Other

Margaret Begeni	John, D	Manley
Dave Binskin	W	Wallsend
Barry Byrne	H	Bass Hill
Jim Buchan	W	Bathurst

Apologies Cont.

Barry Castles	H	Cardiff Heights
Ron Cottam	H	Chatswood
Don Crutcher	T	Tacoma
Len David	H	Condell Park
Ray Dean	H	Adamstown
Colin Death	O	Asquith
Mike Dezius	O	Engadine
Ken Dimmock	H	East Gosford
Bill Dyson	T	Varsity Lakes
Roger Egan	O	Mayfield
Nevlyn Farrar	O	Bellingen
Barry Forbut	O	Ashmore
Dick Gilchrist	T	Orange
Bernie Gorman	T	Orange
Bill Goss	O	Rooty Hill
Alan Hagney	W	Ross Glen
Bob Gunner	O	Bella Vista
Barry Harvey	H	Windang
Gabby Hayes	O	Cape Hawk Est.
Sherwin Hensby	W	Yattalunga
Dennis Holgate	O	Bidwell
Barry Jordan	H	Crookwell
Peter Jordan	W	Collaroy
Ron Kavanagh	H	Baulkham Hills
Dick Laney	H	San Remo
Tony Le Breton	H	Penrith
Rex Lewis	H	Wauchope
Baden Lovering	H	Tullera
John Macey	O	Moss Vale
Noel Mc Beth	H	Nunderi
Len McDermott	H	Wamberal
Corby McDonagh	H	West Wallsend
Graham McKellar	O	Dee Why
Arthur Moreland	O	Sydney
Chester Morris	H	Blacktown
John Murray	H	Blackwall
Maryanne O'Connor	Bill, D	Maitland
Maria Reynolds	Ray, D	Panania
John Sheehan	H	Wyoming
Duchy Stalenberg	T	Strathalbyn
Ray Stubbs	O	Lakewood
Bill Tindale	W	Castle Hill
Garry Whiteman	H	Gynea
Derrick Wilkinson	O	Gynea Bay



Southern Highlands *Trip Away* John Lane

WE HAD FORTY-ONE MEMBERS TOGETHER ON OUR TRIP AWAY TO THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS. I HAVE RECEIVED COMPLIMENTARY FEEDBACK. PUTTING TOGETHER THE TRIP AWAY, TO SAY THE LEAST IT WAS CHALLENGING. WE ALWAYS HAD THE SPECTRE OF COVID-19 JEOPARDISING THE TRIP. HOWEVER, MORE CHALLENGES WERE TO COME OUR WAY. THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS HAD ONE OF THEIR HIGHEST RAINFALLS DURING THE WEEK BEFORE OUR TRIP DATE. IN THE MIDST OF THIS RAINFALL, SUDDENLY, I HAD TO CHANGE THE ITINERARY EITHER BECAUSE OF VENUE DAMAGE OR ROAD CLOSURES. ITINERARY CHANGES OCCURRED AS LATE AS THE PRIOR FRIDAY BEFORE THE TRIP COMMENCEMENT.

However, our luck was to change. First, I secured replacement places of interest that worked out just fine. We also experienced pretty good weather for the duration of our tour despite some morning drizzle and overcast skies.

The tour commenced with a tribute band to Fleetwood Mac on Sunday evening. Our itinerary included **Fairground Follies** to see vintage fairground carousels and attractions, the **Bradman Museum, Shrine of Lady of Mercy** (*I am pleased to report there was structural damage to the Church or shrines as a result of our visit*), and we also visited **Retford House and Gardens, Fitzroy Falls, Red Cow Farm Gardens and the Aviation Museum at Albion Park.**

We had two excellent bus drivers who knew the district; they pointed out places of interest and navigated around road closures.

The change of venues threw out our budget somewhat. So, I sent out a rescue email asking people to contribute an additional ten dollars per person. The response was immediate and most appreciated. You are terrific members.





RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION: APPLICATION FORM

Step 1 - Application	
First Name	Last Name
Spouse/Partner Name <i>(the Retired Members Association has regular social functions to which Spouses and Partners are welcomed).</i>	Date of Birth (Optional). <i>You may wish to only provide year and/or month of your birth details.</i>
Address (First Line)	Suburb/Town/City
Address (Second Line)	Postcode
Contact Phone Number	State
Email Address	Monthly Newsletter Preference (Except December and January) Email <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>
I would like to purchase a name badge at \$15 (includes postage). Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Name on Badge

Step 2 – Work History

Brief Description of your work history in Telecommunications Industry

Step 3 – Payment

A membership payment together with postal edition of the newsletter and badge payments (only if later two items are applicable) can be made by posting a cheque to the Secretary, or via electronic transfer.

Cheque payments are payable to CWU Retired Members Association and post to:

Secretary, CWU Retired Members Association
22 Cameron Avenue,
Baulkham Hills
NSW 2153

Bank Transfers (electronic payments)

Great Southern Bank
BSB 814-282,
eSaver Account No: 10642769.
Please include your surname on the electronic payment reference.

Payments preferences are:

- Membership plus free Newsletter via email \$20**
(Note this is a once only membership payment)
- Membership plus the current year's Newsletter via Post \$35**
- Membership plus Name Badge \$35**
- Membership plus Name Badge plus the current year's Newsletter \$50**

I wish to apply for membership of the Retired Members Association. I understand that by completing this application form and making payment, I agree to abide by the constitution of the Association. Please tick if you agree.

You can read and download (pdf) the Retired Members Association's constitution at:
<http://www.cwuretired.org/docs/CONSTITUTION.pdf>

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