

Welcome to your April 2021 Newsletter

John Lane

IN THE MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER, I INFORMED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL TO INCORPORATE OUR ASSOCIATION UNDER THE NSW FAIR TRADING ACT. JUST TO REMIND MEMBERS, INCORPORATING AN ASSOCIATION PROVIDES AN ASSOCIATION WITH ITS OWN LEGAL IDENTITY APART FROM ITS MEMBERS.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that incorporation gives legal protection to a member acting on behalf of the association. I gave an example where either the newsletter editor or webmaster published an article that offended or allegedly breached copyright. In response, the offended person or business could take legal action. Incorporation means that the legal action would be against the association, not the individual member (in this example, the editor or webmaster) of the association.

I also mentioned that the association gives a legal entity for us when dealing with public and private organisations.

A proposal to proceed with incorporation went before the March General Meeting. It would be reasonable to say that members had a few questions about incorporation. Questions were around the cost of public liability insurance, the public officer's role and responsibilities, and whether it was necessary for an association of our size to consider incorporation.

I mentioned earlier a public officer. The Incorporation Act will require us to have a public officer who must be over 18 years of age and reside in New South Wales. The primary roles for a public officer are:

- *notifying Fair Trading of any change in the association's official address within 28 days*
- *collecting all association documents from former committee members and delivering the documents to the new committee member*
- *returning all association documents to a committee member within 14 days upon vacating office*
- *the official contact for the association, including taking delivery of documents served on the association*
- *custody of any documents as required by the association's constitution.*

**MAY DAY MARCH
and Family Fun Day**

**Saturday,
1ST May 2021**

**Assemble at 10.30am
at Prince Alfred Square,
Church Street, Parramatta.**

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REMINDER
Central Coast &
Newcastle Members

Retired Members Association

**The May 2021 General Meeting will
be held on the Central Coast at the
Woy Woy Hotel**

Directions and Train Timetables are on page 4

Thursday, 27TH May 2021
Meeting starts at 10.30 am



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2 The Boulevard,
Woy Woy

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Welcome to your April 2021 Newsletter (cont'd)

I consider the general meeting took the wise decision for the Association's committee to investigate the issues mentioned above and report back to the general membership. At his point, *I must thank Bob Speer and Chris Cartledge, who have done their own follow-up and forwarded the information to the Association.*

I have reported to the April General Meeting that we do not have sufficient detail at this time to proceed with incorporation. Over the next month, the committee will have a careful look at insurance, the name of our Association for incorporation purposes (*we do not have to use the incorporation name, when we refer to our Association*) and further weigh the pros and cons of incorporation. I will continue to update you on this matter.

Sydney Trades Hall Tour

Well, with the heavy news out of the way, I would like to tell you about our visit to Trades Hall on the 14th of April 2021. Twenty-five members attended; they went away from the visit impressed with the history and heritage of the Trades Hall. Our guides displayed a wealth of knowledge about the history of trades unions.

The guides had even had on display in the Trades Hall library past copies of the tele-technician magazine. Chris Cartledge spotted a poem from a 1942 edition of the magazine. A copy of which is in this month's newsletter.

Autumn Leaves

A reminder that we will be having our Autumn Leaves Luncheon this year **at the Springwood Bowling Club on Thursday, 20th May 2021. We meet for lunch between 12 and 12.30 pm;** a special function for members who live in the Western Suburbs and the Blue Mountains. Of course, our Sydney members can catch a train for a great day and enjoy the late autumn weather before winter arrives.

You will find the train timetables to Springwood in this month's newsletter.

Central Coast General Meeting

Next month, we will be leaving the Petersham RSL to hold our **General Meeting at Woy Woy on the Central Coast. The meeting is on Thursday, 27th of May 2021 and commences at 10.30 am.** A welcomed return to the Central Coast after a two-year gap. I would like to see many of Central Coast and Newcastle members in attendance. I would also like to see many of our Sydney members in attendance.

We have a new venue for the meeting at Woy Woy, the Bayview Hotel which is closer to the train station. *You can find directions and train timetables on page 4 of this month's newsletter.*

Current Arrangements for General Meetings

I would like to mention for the interim, we are holding our meetings in person from the Petersham RSL. Also, of the committee's intention to continue with the meetings held over Zoom. The meeting over Zoom does present us with challenges. Our major problem is not the video but the audio. With the number of microphones in the one room at the Petersham RSL, annoying feedback sometimes occurs. Evident at the March General Meeting. At the April General Meeting, we were successful in overcoming the feedback problem. We can still make improvements; some we hope to try at our next general meeting.

Now, as COVID19 health restrictions ease and we can gather in more significant numbers, there is the opportunity for you to attend in person. It would be fantastic to see you in person over lunch and drinks following the meeting. We are staying at the Petersham RSL for the present, given we can easily set up Zoom, and there is more spacing available for more members to attend and still comply with the COVID restrictions.

Newsletter Arrives Late

You will have noticed your newsletter is late this month. Unfortunately, Paul, our editor, is dealing with illness in his family, his mother and sister. He has been away often near Bathurst, where his mother and reside. He tells me he is already working on the May newsletter.

Until Later

We have a lot happening over the next couple of months; our Association is gradually coming out of hibernation; I hope to see many of you at our meetings or social functions.

Regards,
John Lane



Central Coast General Meeting 10.30 am - Thursday, 27TH May 2021

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

Train Timetables

Sydney to Woy Woy

Central	Strathfield	Epping	Eastwood	Hornsby	Woy Woy
8.45 am	8.58 am	9.10 am	-	9.22 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
12.45 pm	1.20 pm	-	1.35 pm	1.46 pm	1.59 pm
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	2.52 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

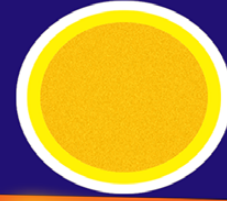
Woy Woy	Gosford	Wyong	Hamilton	Newcastle
12.28 pm	12.36 pm	12.54 pm	1.46 pm	1.51 pm
1.07 pm	1.18 pm	1.39 pm	2.39 pm	2.43 pm
1.29 pm	1.38 pm	1.55 pm	2.48 pm	2.52 pm
2.07 pm	2.18 pm	2.39 pm	3.35 pm	3.35 pm
2.28 pm	2.36 pm	2.54 pm	3.59 pm	4.02 pm



Retired Members Association

2021 TripAway

10th to 16th October 2021



We have had over 45 members have already booked this trip away. We still have vacancies, to avoid disappointment, please let John Lane know ASAP.

MURRAY DARLING TOUR
Wentworth - Mildura - Riverland

\$950 per Person

7 Days/6 Nights

Twin Share Price

Single supplement is \$192

Tour Includes

Accommodation Twin Share
Two Course Dinner each night
Daily Cooked Breakfast
All admissions as per itinerary (See February 2021 Newsletter)
Bus Charter
One Light Lunch

Bookings are now open

Deposit is \$100 per person

You can make your deposit payment as follows:

In person at a general meeting

Post a cheque (payable to the Retired Members Association) to the Secretary. address shown on page 2 of the newsletter

Electronic transfer - Credit Union Australia (CUA) BSB 814-282, eSaver Account No: 10642769. Make sure you add your surname as a reference.

Please contact John Lane to confirm your payment.

Contact: Mobile 0417 238 687 or email: a-lane@bigpond.com





Retired Members Association

The Autumn Leaves Lunch Returns in 2021

Thursday, 20TH May 2021

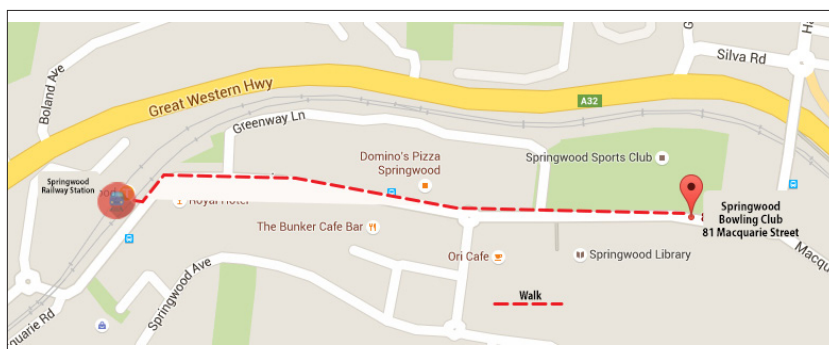
We meet between 12 and 12.30pm at the club.

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 2021		
<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**





Dine & Discover NSW



THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE REMINDS RMA MEMBERS THAT THE NSW GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED “DINE & DISCOVER NSW”.

Members who have a “**MyServiceNSW**” account can apply online or via the Services NSW app on their smartphone. In my case, I received an email from Services NSW advising of the vouchers and encouraging me to apply online. I completed my application via my smartphone. I then had the vouchers on my Services NSW app within two hours.

If you already have a “**MyServiceNSW**” account, log in and go to the “Highlights” on the website’s opening page. Find “**Dine & Discover NSW**” towards the bottom of the page, select and you will find details about the vouchers and the option to apply online. After you have read the details, at the bottom of the page is a button for you to apply online.

Please note the online application will not allow you to proceed unless you already have a “**MyServiceNSW**” account. However, the application form will provide an option for you to create an account. Once you have application approval, you find the vouchers under the “Vouchers Section” on your smartphone app for Services NSW. If you cannot apply online, you can call [13 77 88](tel:137788) or visit a [Service NSW Centre](#) with your proof of identity documents (two proof of identity documents such as your NSW driver licence, Medicare card, Australian passport).

The vouchers on your smartphone have a Q-code for the business to scan. If you are without a smartphone, you can print the vouchers.

Vouchers

- 2 x \$25 *Dine NSW Vouchers for dining in restaurants, cafés, bars, wineries, pubs or clubs.*
- 2 x \$25 *Discover NSW Vouchers for entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues.*

You can only use the Dine NSW vouchers with a participating NSW business. You can view a participating business online. Another essential point, if your bill is less than \$25, the remaining balance is given up and cannot be used later. Here the option is to share your voucher, perhaps when paying your bill or be prepared to go over the \$25 and pay the balance.

Finally, the vouchers are not just for seniors or concession holders; they are available for all NSW residents over 18. The voucher scheme will end after the 30th June 2021.



THE PSALM OF LIFE

CHRIS CARTLEDGE

On Wednesday, 14 April 2021, around 25 of our members did a very interesting tour of the historic Sydney Trades Hall. The two guides did a great job explaining the history of the heritage-listed building and told many stories of what has gone inside the building since it opened in 1895.

When we got to the library, we found they had dug out early Tele-Technician newsletters from the archives. Many of you will remember reading Tele-Technician at work (it was published nationally). Following is a poem from one of the war-time newsletters

Tele-Technician Vol XXV, No5 24 June 1942
Official Journal of the Australian Postal Technicians' Union

THE PSALM OF LIFE

(Tele-Technician' Version)

*Tell me not that 'Phones and numbers
Makes our lives a pleasant dream;
Faults, alas, our slumbers,
And subs. are not what they seem.*

*Lives of great men all remind us
We must test on Loop and Leak;
And departing, leave behind us
Finals that will Ring and Speak.*

*Preselectors that work truly,
Groups that hunt like busy bee,
Ringers that run sweet and coolly,
Valves that function to a "T".*

*Maintenance and Installation,
Both our services require.
Lift the voices of the nation
Farther yet, and even higher.*

*Not great wealth nor yet great glory
Do we get for our reward;
Never in an epic storey
Do the scribes our deeds record.*

*Braid-less are our shabby dustcoats,
Neither stars nor crowns have we;
Not for us to sink the U-boats,
Nor high deeds of chivalry.*

*But communications urgent
On our competence depend;
Ever does our skill resurgent
Link the Empire, end to end.*

*North and South must never sever,
All must hear the spoken word.
Flash it to the Never-Never,
See that it is clearly heard.*

*So a modest path pursuing,
Nature's laws we act upon.
Little of the limelight viewing,
Steadily we carry on.*

**-- "Auto.," S.A.
(With acknowledgement to Longfellow.)**