

WELCOME TO YOUR JUNE/JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

John Lane

WE NOW FIND OURSELVES IN LOCKDOWN FOR OUR SYDNEY, WOLLONGONG, CENTRAL COAST AND BLUE MOUNTAINS MEMBERS. IT HAS BEEN ABOUT THREE WEEKS NOW, BUT IT SEEMS A LIFETIME. I TRUST MEMBERS ARE COPING WITH THE ISOLATION, AND WE MUST STAY THE COURSE AND HOPE OUR FELLOW CITIZENS FOLLOW THE HEALTH DIRECTIONS.

The lockdown has thrown our social function planning into disarray. We had to cancel our plans for lunch at the Sydney Rowers Club at Abbotsford. I intend to reschedule this popular lunch for later in the year. Of course, this depends on the situation with the current health crisis.

Jim Spencer – Life Membership

Last month, the Association bestowed *life membership* on Jim Spencer. You may ask why it has taken until now. I can only tell you there has been an oversight by past committees and the current committee up and until May of this year. Once we realised the omission, we asked the general membership to endorse “*Life Membership*” to Jim. The endorsement was unanimous.

Before retirement, Jim was a manager over a very long period with Network Design and Construction (*known as Installation*). So, it is reasonable to say there was little in installation without Jim’s involvement.

Jim has been an active member of our Association for close to thirty years. Until poor health, Jim regularly attended our general meetings. In addition, Jim and wife Ann were always at our social functions and trips away. Jim served on our committee until this year.

Jim is best known for his “*Spencer Report*” at our general meetings. Jim would speak on a range of current affairs subjects, spanning age care, health, superannuation, federal politics and privatisation. Jim would carry a briefcase full of documents and press clippings to prove his points. A cherished memory I have of Jim.

I congratulate Jim on his “*Life Membership*”, and most of all, I thank him for his friendship over these many years. Finally, I wish him the best of health and happiness in the coming years.

Donation: Alzheimer’s Australia

I have reported that Mary Kovacs donated six large bottles of her late husband Tony’s Johnny Walker Scotch Whiskey collection. To date, at our general meetings, we have raffled three bottles of this golden liquid. **The raffles raised \$425.** We asked Mary to nominate a charity for us to donate the money. Mary has chosen *Alzheimer’s Australia*.

The committee will recommend to the general membership that we round the raffle amount up to \$500. Therefore, at the July General Meeting, there will be a formal motion together with the committee’s recommendation for the Association to donate an additional \$75 (*total of \$500 to Alzheimer’s Australia*).

I would also like to thank everyone who has generously purchased raffle tickets when we have had the opportunity to attend a general meeting in person. Finally, it would be remiss of me not to thank Mary for her generosity and kind heart. **I am hopeful of an additional opportunity to raffle a bottle of Scotch at our Emu Plains meeting in August.** Fingers crossed.

Trip way to Murray & Darling Rivers

A reminder that the Murray River trip away is from **October 10th - 16th**. At this stage, we have 44 members going on the trip. There is an opportunity to take a few more. Please contact me if you are interested. This month, I will need to forward the deposit money. **Therefore, if you have not already paid the \$100 deposit, please do so.** The payment of deposits will not prevent me from taking extra bookings later.

Name Change and Incorporation

At the March General Meeting, the committee sought an opinion from the general membership on whether our Association should be an incorporated entity. Members who attended the meeting raised several questions. We reported back our findings at the April Meeting. Further, on behalf of the committee, I recommended that the incorporation proposal goes on hold for the interim. Reasons being in part, developments underway within our old Union, and the possibility the Union may go through some form of amalgamation and therefore a name change. Other reasons were our public liability obligations and its insurance cost.

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**Retired Members Association****The July 2021 General Meeting****Thursday, 22nd July 2021, starting at
10.30am**

Due to NSW Government Health Regulations with regard to current COVID19 outbreak in Sydney, Wollongong, Central Coast and Blue Mountains areas, there will be no in-person attendance at the General Meeting. The meeting will take place via Zoom Video Conference only

Joining the general meeting via video conference? You can join using a PC; most PCs have an inbuilt camera and microphone.

You can also use your smartphone (iPhone or Android) but first you will need to download the Zoom Video Conference application. Android: Google Play Store. iPhone: App store. The application is free. You can also attend using your home phone or just dial in with your mobile. Of course, there will be no video. You will be emailed a dial-in phone number together with Meeting ID and passcode (access via phone's keypad).

Members who receive their newsletter via email, will receive a prior invitation, you need to reply to the email (details inside the email). When you reply, you will receive an email with Zoom link to access the General Meeting. The email is sent to you on the prior Wednesday afternoon or evening.

The Zoom Video Conference will open at 10.15 am to allow you setup your PC and have a brief chat with other members before the meeting starts.


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WELCOME TO YOUR JUNE/JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER (CONT'D)

The committee is conscious that some three months have elapsed since we raised the subject of both incorporation and a name change. While still a possibility for the Union, there has been no name change or amalgamation. The committee at its July meeting decided that it was prudent for us to begin the process of a name change regardless of developments and outcomes with our old Union.

Our Association has no legal ties to the Union, we share in part their name, and it was members of the then ATEA that formed the *Retired Members Association*. Given this background, the committee considers it prudent we explore an appropriate name. In addition, our Association should select a name unaffected by organisational changes other than our own.

Therefore, going forward, we need to search for a possible new name. The committee has some suggestions, and we also want to hear suggestions from the general membership. I will raise the subject at our July General Meeting as well, and **it would please us to receive your recommendations. Please email Secretary Bruce Muirhead (Bruce's email address is on page 2 of the newsletter)**. The committee hopes to have a report on a name change and incorporation for the August General Meeting.



I Have Had a Haircut

You may recall in a previous newsletter; I was to have my head shaved as part of a Cancer Council donation promotion. My head shave was being in my capacity of President of my local football club, the *Loftus Yarrawarrar Rovers* (soccer, that is). There are twenty-six clubs within the Sutherland Shire. Of these clubs, nine of their presidents took part in the head-shaving exercise. The Cancer Council has advised me that my head shave received the highest donation amount, \$3,600. I must emphasise this was not a contest.

If it were a contest, I would have had an unfair advantage because I belong to another magnificent organisation called the *CWU Retired Members Association*, whose great members contributed \$1,000 towards my total. Of the twenty-six clubs within our shire, my club is a small to medium one, which I guess puts things into perspective. Thanks, heaps.

The Echo is Gone

In February of this year, the *Retired Members Association* began holding its general meeting with members either attending in person or over a Zoom video conference. I believe they use the term hybrid meeting. We soon discovered having a hybrid general meeting presented technical challenges, one being echo.

The committee wants to improve the quality of our meeting for the members present and those on Zoom. Col McQueen and Paul Rewhorn have invested a lot of time researching possible technical solutions to overcome the echo problem and improve overall quality. At our last general meeting, we trialled a "speakerphone conference" unit. The unit solved our echo problem, and those in-person reported being able to hear members on Zoom. Given this success, the committee authorised the purchase of two "speakerphone conference" units. We have purchased two units for catering to more numbers at our general meetings when COVID restrictions ease. We hope to use the units at the August General Meeting, subject to ease in restrictions. We are also investigating better means of viewing members in person at the meeting and identifying persons speaking.

August General Meeting – Emu Plains

The NSW Government has extended the current lockdown until the end of July. After that date, I cannot predict whether there will be a further extension of the lockdown or restrictions around gatherings after lockdown. However, we are still planning to hold the General Meeting at Emu Plains, subject to government health restrictions at the time. We will advise you once we know more.

July 2021 General Meeting

We are going ahead with the July General Meeting; we return to full participation via Zoom video conference. **The meeting is on 22nd July 2021 and commences at 10.30 am.** I look forward to seeing many of you.



**NOTICE OF MOTION
JULY GENERAL MEETING
22ND JULY 2021**

The *Retired Members Association* donates an amount of \$75 to Alzheimer's Australia. This donation will bring the total donation to value of \$500 for Alzheimer's Australia.

Note: The Association raised \$425 from raffles of scotch whisky, kindly donated by Mary Kovacs.

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



1992 Barcelona Olympic Games

Technician Ingenuity

John Lane



WITH THE TOKYO OLYMPICS ALMOST UPON US, I WAS REFLECTING, AS I DO WHENEVER THE SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES ARE UPON US, ON AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE IN 1992 WITH THE TELEVISION TRANSMISSION OF THE BARCELONA OLYMPICS. THIS ARTICLE TELLS A STORY OF A DEDICATED WORKFORCE, AND I BELIEVE IT IS TYPICAL OF WHAT ANY GROUP OF TECHNICIANS WOULD ACHIEVE GIVEN A SIMILAR SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES. INDEED, I HAVE WITNESSED SEVERAL SIMILAR ACTS FROM STAFF IN A CRISIS THROUGHOUT MY CAREER, BUT THIS ONE IS PROBABLY THE MOST INTERESTING ONE I EVER EXPERIENCED. IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE INGENUITY OF TECHNICIANS AND THE LENGTHS THEY WILL GO TO GUARANTEE SERVICE DURING AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC EVENT.

At the time of the Barcelona Olympic Games, I was The National Manager of Media Services. The primary role of Media Services was to provide quality Television and Broadcast services to both public and commercial media organisations.

The overwhelming responsibility was to collect television and sound transmissions from sporting venues and distribute them to the television operations centres, located in Sydney. I had a staff in each capital city that controlled the Television Operating Centres (TOC's) and Sound Operating Centres (SOC's) to achieve this. The television bearers in 1992 ran at frequencies of 140Mbits over various technologies: radio, coaxial cable and fibre optic cable.

The Seven Network had the right to broadcast the entire Barcelona Olympics event. The Seven Network had their own television network leased from Telecom linking the capital cities. Our task was to receive the signal from Spain and then switch it through to Seven Network to their Sydney studio for editing and then airing the transmission to homes.

Satellite brought the television signal into Australia. The signal coming from Western Europe gave us only one option; we would need to receive the signal at Gnangara OTC (Overseas Telecommunication Commission) Tracking Station in Western Australia. Gnangara, a Perth suburb, was within the satellite footprint

The Seven Network, the customer, were demanding through Telecom's Commercial wing how we would "guarantee" the network would be foolproof for the duration of the games. Our solution to this was to provide a second bearer from Gnangara to the Channel 7 studios in Sydney. However, neither the customer nor Telecom's Commercial wing was willing to pay for the installation of an expensive second bearer. In addition, the Seven Network was unique in that

they were the only broadcaster to have its own nationwide network. As such, they had greater expectations when it came to protecting their infrastructure.

My technical staff knew full well the consequences to Telecom should an outage occur to any part of the Channel 7 bearer on the route from Perth to Sydney during such a major public event. They were adamant that the only answer was to construct a second network on an entirely different route as a backup. It was not just the integrity of Telecom that was at stake, but indeed the joint butts of all those employed within Business and Media Services. They were asking via a wink and a nod from me. A wink and a nod were all I could give them.

There was no authorisation to build this expensive second network. Instead, they called on the help of fellow technicians in Transmission and construction branches. Together they provided the alternative bearer on a completely different route to cover all contingencies. The Seven Network from Perth to Sydney was over an optical fibre cable, while the backup bearer went via a radio route. All done under the lap with no paperwork whatsoever. The technicians had provided as close to a full-proof system as was possible.

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1992 Barcelona Olympic Games: Technician Ingenuity (cont'd)

With added security of a backup route from Perth to Sydney, you can imagine my surprise when Perth TOC staff woke me in the early morning hours during the middle of the games. They informed me that we were about to lose the television signal from Spain. The network route between Perth and Sydney was not the problem. Instead, we were experiencing a problem at the OTC tracking station at Gnangara. Perth TOC learned that the satellite dish needs to move relative to the satellite's movement constantly. The tracking equipment senses the movement and automatically turns the dish using an electric motor. Unfortunately, the tracking motor had burnt out.

When understanding the problem, the Perth TOC technicians dispatched themselves to Gnangara to see what they could do to help. The OTC technicians knew the direction where the dish should be moving using their instruments to measure the signal strength. Both TOC and OTC staff manually moved the huge dish with crowbars they lodged in the large teeth of the gear cogs. All this occurred in torrential rain. We lost no television from Barcelona. The event was never made public, and even our superiors did not know about the event. Note: these were the days when Telecom and OTC were different entities.

I have worked in many diverse disciplines throughout my career. The ingenuity of the technical workforce and the lengths they would go to service their customers never ceased to amaze me. Never more evident than when they were faced with a crisis. I felt so proud of my staff on this occasion, and I always reflect on it every Summer Olympics. I hope you enjoyed the story, and it was worth sharing with you.

HELP US FIND CHRISTOPHER GEORGE MARTIN

John Loudon is trying to get in touch with an old mate from way back. The person is Christopher George Martin. John has made several inquiries around the traps without success. Chris Martin was a 1965 Technician in Training.

John worked with Chris on Metro Exchange Installation from the late 1960s to the early 1970s at Redfern and Lakemba. Chris became part of an elite group to maintain the PITT 10C Trunk Exchange in the early 1970s.

John has tried contacting Telstra Alumni to find Chris is not a member. So, John is asking RMA members, particularly members who were 1965 trainees. If you can help John, please contact a committee member or me (our contact details are page 2 of the newsletter). We will put John Loudon in touch with you.



AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST 2021

THE MEETING COMMENCES AT 10.30 AM

O'Donoghues Irish Pub, Emu Plains

The Retired Members Association plans to hold the August General Meeting at O'Donoghues Irish Pub at Emu Plains. The Emu Plains location gives our members from Blue Mountains and outer west Sydney the opportunity to attend in person a general meeting.

Please note the NSW Government health restrictions due to the current COVID19 may prevent the meeting going ahead. We will confirm the meeting or otherwise by email.

O'Donoghues is located at 99 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains, and only 350 metres from Emu Plains Railway Station (see adjacent map)

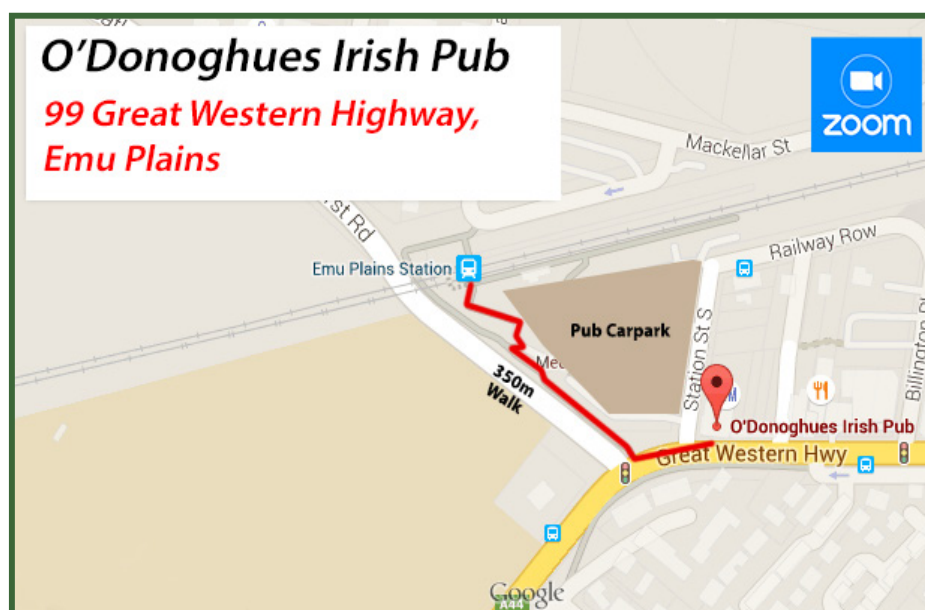
We hope to see as many as possible and a warm invitation is extended to our regulars at Sydney CBD General Meetings to attend. The meeting will also go via Zoom Video Conference for our country members.

Train Timetables

Members travelling from Sydney can catch a train from **Central Station** departing at 9.18am, **Strathfield** at 9.31 am, **Parramatta** at 9.43 am, **Blacktown** at 9.52 am and **Penrith** at 10.06 am. The train arrives at **Emu Plains** at 10.09 am.

Members traveling from **Katoomba** can catch a train departing at 9.14 am and **Springwood** at 9.54 am. The train stops at all stations between Katoomba and Emu Plains. The train arrives at **Emu Plains** at 10.21 am.

Both train services arrive at Emu Plains in sufficient time for the short walk to O'Donoghues Irish Pub for the meeting's 10.30 am start time.





Welfare News

Peter Hack

I would like to extend my condolences to **Bruce Muirhead and family** on the passing of his 98-year-old mother.

Des Hooler has had a hip replacement six weeks ago and is recovering well. Good news, **Alan Gilkes** is considering returning his oxygen bottle. He has not had to use it for weeks. **Tom Watson** still recovering from ankle surgery

Ross Keys is experiencing shortness of breath. I told him if he wants a break when we phone to tell us, he needs a break. I told him; we will not mind. An update on Ross, he is now unable to talk on the phone and not allowed visitors only has TV; no papers, books or magazines; we think we are doing it tough. **Dick Javes** is still hanging in; he suffers from dizzy spells.

Keith McReae is to have having a biopsy. Keith is now waiting on medical advice for possible treatment.

Dan Wright recently underwent a medical procedure. **Kath Hickey** has had both covid shots and is sick of lockdown

Alan Fairburn still waiting for heart valve replacement and **Barbara** is having a day medical procedure.

Dick and Betty Orchard are surviving the Queensland lockdown.

Ron Milosh suffering foot infection and is home on an antibiotic infusion drip. He has to change the infusion every 12 hours. He has leg raised and he is bored watching the television.

I have spoken with **Tom Brown, Irene Clifford, Margret Thomson, John Loudon, and Jim Cheeseman** - all are hanging in there but are like the rest of us bored and sick of lock down

May Kovacs continues to volunteer providing meals for those less fortunate during lockdown well done! Mary.



Flu Vaccination Reminder

Now we are in the flu season together with a Covid-19 epidemic; it is important to have the flu vaccine.

For seniors to experience both the flu and Covid-19 virus within a short timeframe of each other; a weakened immune system could have a serious consequences for you such as pneumonia or longer recovery times for both infections.



Vaccine Rollout

WELL, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF ANOTHER COVID-19 OUTBREAK AND, FOR MANY OF US, ARE NOW IN LOCKDOWN. IF MEDIA REPORTS ARE CORRECT, IT COMES DOWN TO ONE INDIVIDUAL. A LIMOUSINE DRIVER WHO WAS UNMASKED AND NOT VACCINATED CONTRACTED THE VIRUS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT CREW.

I could go off on a tangent and ask where our quarantine was? a federal government responsibility. Why has the federal government has not moved earlier to provide fit-for-purpose for quarantine accommodation. Why was the limousine driver who regularly encounters overseas arrivals, not already vaccinated? However, the Federal Government's failure to rollout a national vaccine plans, is the subject the of the article.

Right now, only 13.6 per cent of the Australian population (over the age of 16) have received the two doses needed to be fully vaccinated. (Source: Department of Health); way behind in comparison with comparable countries. However, the Prime Minister continues to remind us it is not a race. At our current pace of about 969,477 doses a week, the eventual 40 million doses needed to vaccinate the Australian adult population fully will not occur until the middle of February 2022.

The vaccination rate is higher among seniors, but far more needs to be done; for a good reason, they have more to lose if they contract the virus. However, the younger population deserves better; they are more mobile, moving through the population and inadvertently spreading the virus. With the delta variant of the virus, more susceptible to severe symptoms and in need of hospitalisation.

We owe much to our contact tracers that have put a ring around the virus infections in the past. The delta variant is proving to be more of a challenge for them. The *delta* variant spreads more quickly; a person infected often without symptoms is within two days spreading the virus themselves. Much different from the previous virus strain. There is some good news on the horizon; the current vaccines, while marginally declining in their effectiveness in preventing infection, still show excellent results reducing the virus' more severe symptoms.

Federal Government Rollouts Vaccine Plan Mk1

When the federal government announced their vaccine distribution plan in February, they told us that all residents and carers in aged care would have begun their vaccinations within six weeks. Yet, six months on, we learn of **only a 30 per cent vaccination rate among carers in aged care**. Sadly, we know of the hundreds of residents who have died in aged care.

The *Australian Nurses Federation* informs us that about six companies carry out the vaccination for residents in aged care. While they are onsite, only if a few vaccine supplies are left over will they be offered to the carers. The Australian Nurses Federation also informs that many aged carer providers tell the carers to have a vaccination in their own time. Faced with this news, the PM plays the "blame game", and he distracts. After a National Cabinet meeting, he announces that it is likely before the end of the year, vaccinations will be compulsory for those who work in aged care. He wants us to believe that too many carers are refusing vaccinations, hence the low vaccination rate. When there is simply not enough vaccine. Nothing is being done to ensure aged care proprietors enable staff to receive a vaccination.

More Targets, Revisions and Updates

ABC analysis has found the government has announced more than a dozen targets, revisions or updates to the vaccine rollout table since January 2021, even before the advice concerning AstraZeneca from the *Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation* (ATAGI). The federal government has missed every goal set for its vaccination campaign. I suggest members visit the following ABC website (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-05-28/untangling-australia-s-covid-vaccine-rollout-timetable/100156720>). You can see each one of the target revisions). I will show a few of these revisions later in a table on the following page.

As the Federal Government continues to miss their rollout targets, it relies on vague and contradictory responses. For example, Prime Minister Morrison claims the vaccine rollout **"this is not a race" or "we are a victim of our own success"**. I will let you try to understand what he means.

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Vaccine Rollout (cont'd)

Shifting The Focus

During the pandemic, the State Governments have done the heavy lifting in combating the COVID19 pandemic. Generally, they have communicated well with the public and are prepared to take the often-challenging decisions concerning lockdowns and other restrictions. Yet, at the same time, Prime Minister Morrison and Treasurer Frydenberg and other usual suspects within the federal government have indulged in taking cheap political shots. Here are two examples.

Just weeks ago, Mr Morrison proclaimed the NSW government as the “*gold standard*”, saying NSW had not rushed into lockdowns with each breakout of COVID-19. He was making a not too subtle dig at Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews for the frequent lockdowns in Victoria.

Mr Frydenberg came up with his very own key performance indicator comparing days lost in lockdowns between States. But, again, he was having another cheap political shot at the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews because of the many lockdowns in Victoria.

With current lockdowns in New South Wales, we all know how ridiculous and out of touch the Prime Minister and Treasurer remarks were.

The PM also shifts the focus, blaming its own government department, the *Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation* (ATAGI). He attributes a portion of the blame to ATAGI's for its press releases on the safety of the *AstraZeneca* virus. ATAGI is simply following the continual updated evidence with respect to the various vaccine side-effects.

Just Get On With it

So, the only pathway out of the pandemic and continued lockdowns is through vaccination. My GP explained to me that the primary aim of the vaccine is first to prevent complications leading to severe symptoms and hospitalisation and, second, the prevention of infection.

We certainly do not need to see our televisions government ministers and a “army general” (no intended disrespect to him) playing supposed wargames around a pending mass immunisation - an example of Government propaganda, not information. **We just need the Federal Government willing to put its head down and just complete the vaccination, delivering on just a single plan without a shifting target and to go easy on the excuses.**



Vaccination - Changing Targets, Revisions and Updates

January 7	<p>We would hope to start the vaccination with around 80,000 vaccinations a week. That's what we are targeting.</p> <p>Prime Minister Morrison</p>
January 25	<p>The events of recent weeks, I think, will mean that 4 million position will be something that is going to be achieved in early April as opposed to late March.</p> <p>Prime Minister Morrison</p>
January 31	<p>Our goal is very clear and our advice is very clear that we aim to have the country [20 million adults] vaccinated before the end of October.</p> <p>Health Minister Greg Hunt</p>
February 5	<p>Initially, when we had more certainty over the international suppliers, we had a target of close to 4 million by the end of March. As the Prime Minister said, that's likely to be more into middle April now.</p> <p>Health Secretary Brendan Murphy</p>
February 15	<p>It is expected that ... at least 60,000 [doses] will be administered by the end of February.</p> <p>Prime Minister Morrison</p> <p>Note: The PM is now talking in the thousands not millions of doses.</p>
February 15	<p>It is anticipated that the rollout to aged care facilities will take approximately six weeks ... [and reach] more than 183,000 residents and 339,000 staff.</p> <p>Health Minister Greg Hunt</p> <p>Note: as of two weeks ago only 30 percent of staff are vaccinated.</p>
March 15	<p>CHAIR: This 4 million target – do you know when 4 million people will be vaccinated? Ms Edwards: We don't have a figure, or a date.</p> <p>Health Associate Secretary Caroline Edwards</p> <p>Before a Senate Select Committee on COVID19</p>
April 6	<p>We're working to two major targets at the moment. One is to get all of phase one done [14 million doses], which is the vulnerable people in the community, by the middle of the year.</p> <p>And the second target is to get ... every adult Australian allocated a first dose by the end of October.</p> <p>Health Secretary Brendan Murphy</p>
April 6	<p>Now, I've been asked a bit about what our targets are. One of the things about COVID is it writes its own rules ... so rather than set targets that can get knocked about by every to and fro of international supply chains and other disruptions that can occur, we're just getting on with it.</p> <p>Prime Minister Morrison</p>
May 11	<p>The assumption [in the budget] is that every Australian who would like to get two shots of the vaccine will be able to do so by the end of the year.</p> <p>Treasurer Frydenberg</p> <p>Note: The next day, PM tells parliament, the budget refers only to doses by the end year.</p>
