



Welcome to your May 2024 Newsletter

John Lane

ANZAC MEMORIAL

Wow! How good was our recently conducted tour of the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park? I must admit, I wondered what the heck I would get for a \$20 tour. It was beyond my expectations. The tour guide was knowledgeable, and his ability to recall his knowledge was excellent. I loved the soldiers' poems he was able to recite. Then we had an actor who played four different roles. She portrayed four nurses who were on the front lines. The actor was equally as good at her craft.

The ANZAC memorial is a heritage-listed site on the south side of Hyde Park near Liverpool Street. Bruce Dellit designed the memorial. Fundraising for the memorial began on the 25th of April 1916. The opening was on 24th November 1934.

I must also mention the extension that was completed in 2018. It was tastefully done, and the seamless integration with the original memorial was most impressive. All nineteen of us who attended had nothing but praise for the whole experience.

After we visited the ANZAC Memorial, we went to the City of Sydney RSL. I give them a big rap for the quality food and reasonable prices.

AUTUMN LEAVES LUNCH

Autumn Leaves is our next venture, the annual Springwood trip for lunch at the Springwood Bowling Club. I hope to see the Mountain and Outer West boys come along for a catch-up. The lunch is on Thursday, 16th May 2024. Complete details, including train timetables, are in this newsletter edition.

ANNUAL TRIP AWAY

Perhaps many members have been awaiting an announcement about this year's trip away. I know we can usually provide details much earlier in the year. I can now advise that we have chosen Coffs Harbour as our base for this year.

Why the delay? We have had so much trouble arranging accommodation with many people touring after the pandemic. As a result, we have had to move the date out to the 10th November 2024. At this stage, I have a proposed itinerary for you to read in this edition. You will notice from the itinerary that we will be mainly touring the hinterland around Coffs Harbour.

I am still unable to provide you with a final price. Accommodation and restaurants are two items that have increased significantly in price. Please bear with me; I am trying to keep the cost down. If you are interested in booking now, please email me so I can start putting numbers together.

MAY GENERAL MEETING AT WOY WOY

A reminder that our May General Meeting will be at the Woy Woy Hotel in Woy Woy. The meeting is on Thursday, 23rd May 2024 and commences at 11 am.

I look forward to seeing many of our Central Coast and Newcastle members at the meeting. Of course, for our Sydney members, it is a great day out, made better with the excellent dining area and meals at the Woy Woy Hotel.

The newsletter has all the details, including train timetables.

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Arthur McCarroll - Medal of the Order of Australia: Livestream Details for the Investiture Ceremony

Members will recall our February 2024 newsletter issue, which reported that member Arthur McCarroll was honoured with the Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day.

Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, will present Arthur with his Order of Australia Medal at an Investiture Ceremony in Government House Sydney on Tuesday, 28th May 2024, commencing at 2 p.m.

Just to let you know there will be a livestream of the event, enter the following web address in your browser to view the Investiture:

<https://www.governor.nsw.gov.au/honours-and-awards/investiture/>

Arthur has been a member of our Association for over thirty years and serves on the committee. He is also a proud 1958 Technician in Training. Indeed, many of you will want to view the ceremony.



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Vale Warren Bernard Grant



The Retired Telecommunications Employees Association is sad to report the passing of Warren Grant on Thursday, 25th April 2024. A Requiem Mass for Warren was held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Grafton, on Thursday, May 9th, 2024.

Warren was born in 1942 in Lismore.

Warren was a member of our Association for twenty-six years (Membership No: 415).

Warren had suffered from ill health for several years; however, his sudden passing was unexpected. Warren was a 1958 Technician in Training. After an initial year of training in Sydney, the PMG would assign trainees to various locations throughout NSW. The NSW North Coast was a very popular location, and there was much demand among the many trainees who hoped to be assigned there. While not making it back to his hometown of Lismore, Warren received an appointment in the Grafton area. Warren immediately liked Grafton, where he was to spend his career.

Warren married Pauline in 1963, and they had four children: Kathy, Bernadette, Larissa, and Paul.

Warren was very generous with his time supporting many organisations within the Grafton community. These included his work with the Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Sailing and Aero Clubs. Warren was president of the South Grafton Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was the society's regional president, and during his time as president, the society was able to fund the construction of an aged care home in Coffs Harbour.

Warren was involved with the local branch of the Union and also represented the Union at a State and National level.

The Retired Telecommunications Employees Association extends its condolences and deep sympathy to Warren's wife, Pauline, and children Kathy, Bernadette, Larissa and Paul, their respective families and his many workmates on the North Coast and fellow 1958 trainees.

The Association thanks Allan Crouch for informing us of Warren's passing. Alan and Warren and their families were neighbours and friends for many years. Warren and Allan had worked together at Grafton from 1961.





Retired Telecommunications Employees Association

The May 2024 General Meeting on the Central Coast (Woy Woy)



The Meeting will be available via Zoom. Members will receive an email with access details prior to the meeting.

Thursday, 23RD May 2024
Meeting starts at 11 am

WOY WOY HOTEL
33 Boulevard,
Woy Woy

See train timetables below this notice

Sydney to Woy Woy

Central	Strathfield	Epping	Eastwood	Hornsby	Woy Woy
9.15 am	9.28am	9.40 am	-	9.53 am	10.28 am

Newcastle - Gosford to Woy Woy

Newcastle Interchange	Hamilton	Wyong	Gosford	Woy Woy
9.24 am	9.27 qm	10.19 am	10.37 am	10.45 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
1.01 pm	1.13pm	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



Welcome to your May 2024 Newsletter (Cont'd)

HISTORY AND HERITAGE FERRY TOUR OF BRISBANE WATERS

Last month's newsletter announced a ferry tour of Brisbane Waters on Thursday, 20th June 2024. Details are also in this month's newsletter.

As this social event draws closer, we need your ferry tour booking. Last year, the same ferry tour took members on a tour of the Hawkesbury River. Members who attended were surprised at the amount of history of early European settlement in the area. Brisbane Waters also has a fascinating history.

We will have the same tour guide, a historian of the waters of the Central Coast. Images of early settlements on a large-screen TV accompany his presentation.

If you wish to be on this tour, please contact Barry Robinson by email at: barryrobbo@bigpond.com. Please, as soon as possible. We will confirm whether the event will go ahead by the end of this month. We need 40 people attending to secure the tour.

VALE TERRY TIERNEY

Our newsletter gave an account of Terry's career in the April edition. I want to add my personal words as Terry was a personal friend. I think it must have been way back in the early sixties that I first met Terry. I was working on exchange maintenance at City East Exchange, and Terry was working on Subscriber Installation located in the basement of the exchange building.

It was not until later, when I started work in the City, that I struck up a friendship with Terry. At the time, Terry was second in charge at Haymarket installation depot; he later became the Officer in charge.

Our friendship really blossomed when Terry and wife Judy started coming along to RTEA socials. They particularly liked the trips away, that was, of course, until Terry found it too difficult to travel.

I will certainly miss Terry, but the one person who will find it so difficult will be fellow friend and member Sam Caltabiano. Sam, Terry and their families were so close.

I am pleased to report that the Church service was impressively personal, which you do not always see.





The RTEA is having its traditional Autumn Lunch once again. Each year at this time, we move away from our coastal lunch sites up to the lower Blue Mountains. The lunch at Springwood provides an opportunity for our members in the Blue Mountains and Western Sydney to join together over lunch.

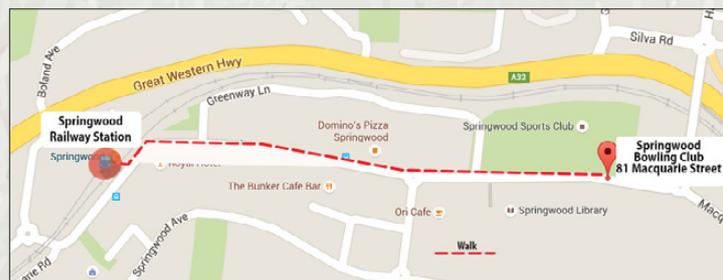


RETIREE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
Autumn Leaves Lunch
Thursday, 16TH May 2024
 We meet between 12 and 12.30pm at the club.
Springwood Bowling Club
81 Macquarie Road,
Springwood

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, 16TH May 2024		
<i>Penrith</i>	11.08 am			
<i>Springwood</i>	11.38 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 **1.47 pm**, then arrives *Katoomba at 2.27 pm* and arrives *Lithgow at 3.16 pm*. Other trains departures from Springwood to Katoomba are at **2.47 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*





RETIREE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

BRISBANE WATER RIVER FERRY TOUR HISTORY & HERITAGE FERRY TOUR

THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE 2024

The ferry departs Woy Woy Wharf at 9.35 am and will return around 12.45 pm

The Association will arrange a table for lunch at the Woy Woy Hotel.

For members travelling from Sydney, a train leaves Central at 7:45 a.m. arriving at Woy Woy at 9:02 a.m. The walk from Woy Woy Railway to the wharf terminal is 350 metres (see map below)

The ferry 'Sorrento' has a large screen display with specially prepared graphics, historical photographs, video of working models and animations throughout the tour with expert live commentary.

We will travel throughout the Brisbane Water, where we will learn about:

- Governor Phillip arrived on the Brisbane Waters only weeks after establishing the colony.
- shipbuilding in the area
- When waterways were the highways
- the Woy Woy tunnel - longest in Australia
- Timber getting from the once great forests
- the 1900's thriving tourist industry

ADULT \$45

CONCESSION \$40

The minimum number we will need for the tour is 40. If you would like to go on the tour, please email Barry Robinson: barryrobbo@bigpond.com.



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Coffs Harbour Trip Away 2024

SUNDAY, 10 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024

Day 1 - Sunday, 10th November 2024

We will begin our travel to Coffs Harbour and have morning tea alongside the coach. We will stop at Taree for lunch and have time to enjoy a stroll along the Manning River.

Continuing our journey, we will call into the Maria River Distillery to listen to a talk and have an opportunity to purchase from their range of gins and rum. Finally, we arrive at Coffs Harbour and settle into our rooms before dinner.

Day 2 - Monday, 11th November 2024)

Grafton and Woolgoolga

Today, we journey up the Pacific Hwy to visit the City of Grafton. Grafton is named the Jacaranda City because of the Jacaranda trees throughout town. Grafton celebrates a Jacaranda Festival every year.

We will stop at a sea park for morning tea alongside the coach. We will do a town tour of Grafton, including a stop at the old Grafton Jail, built in 1893 and now heritage-listed. Then, visit the Christ Church Cathedral, constructed in 1894.

On our return to Coffs Harbour, we will stop in the beautiful seaside town of Woolgoolga, and there we will have an afternoon before our return to our motel. Our visit to Grafton is just one week after the Jacaranda Festival, so all the trees should be in blossom.



Day 3 - Tuesday, 12th November 2024

Dorrigo & Bellingen

During the morning, we drive up into the hinterland of the Coffs Harbour coast. Then, we drive across to Dorrigo Rainforest Centre, explore the information centre, and stroll on one of the walks, including a skywalk.

After working up an appetite, we head back to Bellingen, visit the old butter factory, and listen to a talk about the factory's history, which dates back to 1906. We will enjoy lunch at the factory and then have some free time to explore Bellingen before returning to the motel.

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COFFS HARBOUR TRIP AWAY (Cont'd)

Day 4 - Wednesday, 13th November 2024

Coffs Harbour

We will have a local day in Coffs Harbour, driving up (depending on road conditions) to the Sealy Park Lookout, 310 metres above Coffs Harbour. There, you will see spectacular views from the sky pier.

On our return, we will visit the Coffs Harbour Wildlife Sanctuary to learn about their work rescuing wildlife and enjoy the Dolphin show after a short drive to the Coffs Harbour jetty for lunch and a stroll around the harbour. We will take a walk along to the mutton bird lookout.

In the afternoon, we visit a piece of Holland in Coffs Harbour. Known as the clog barn, we explore this unique attraction that is not found anywhere else in Australia. Have the chance to explore the shop and see how they make clogs.

Day 5 (Thursday, 14th November 2024)

Urunga and Bowraville

This morning, we will take a drive down to Urunga. This town is the meeting point of the Kalang and Bellinger Rivers, where both empty into the Pacific Ocean. We take in these views while wandering along the elevated Urunga boardwalk.

Next, we visit today's sweet spot: the Urunga Honey place. We will see the world of the honeybee with the glass viewing area and have an opportunity to sample the local honey.

After lunch, we take a short drive up to the small town of Bowraville. We have the afternoon to explore the folk and military museums or the township before returning to the motel for our last night away.



Day 6 (Friday, 15th November 2024)

Return travel to Sydney with a refreshment break at a service centre. Lunch at Nabic at the hotel or one of the other cafes before arriving back in Sydney in the late afternoon, after a thoroughly enjoyable trip away.



The Henry Sutton Story

Paul Rewhorn

A few months ago, I wrote an article for our newsletter about the introduction of telephony. While researching the article, I came across Henry Sutton, an Australian inventor from Ballarat. I mentioned his central contribution to introducing the new telephony technology in Australia. However, Henry Sutton's inventions went far beyond telephony.

Henry Sutton was born in a tent on the Ballarat goldfields in 1855. Until the age of ten, his mother Mary educated him. After, he attended a state school and college between 1860 and 1872. He trained as a draftsman at the Ballarat School of Design where he won many prizes for drawing.

Since the article, I have done further research into Henry Sutton and came across a transcript from ABC's *Science Show*, which was broadcast in 2012, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of Henry Sutton's death. *Robyn Williams*, the show's presenter, played a talk by *Professor Mark Dodgson* from Queensland University.



Professor Dodgson described Sutton as perhaps Australia's greatest inventor and claimed there are grounds for calling Sutton one of the greatest inventors of all time. Alexander Graham Bell when he visited Australia and Sutton's town of Ballarat was undoubtedly impressed with Sutton's telephony system that Sutton had installed in his Ballarat Music store and another at the Ballarat School of Mines, where he worked. Bell and Sutton became lifelong friends who often corresponded.

Professor Dodgson described Sutton's interests as broad and eclectic, mirrored by his many types of inventions. Apart from inventions, Sutton's achievements were the establishment of *Victoria's Scientific Instruments* and the foundation of the *Automobile Club of Victoria*.

Before focusing on Sutton's major inventions, it is essential to understand range of Sutton's inventions across a range of technologies, many at their early stages.

Batteries – In 1861, Sutton developed a new rechargeable battery, which he patented the following year.

Microscopy – in 1865, after cholera on a ship in Queensland. Sutton obtained a slide and managed to photograph the slide of the germ at 1000 times magnification.

Photography – in the 1880s, Sutton also devised a colour photography process.

Television - In 1865, Sutton designed, but did not construct, a mechanical television apparatus to see the Melbourne Cup in Ballarat.

Sutton published his **telephane** (the name Sutton referred to his TV system) designs in 1890. According to the global history network of the *Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers*, the **telephane** was a forerunner to television, developed three years before its inventor, *John Logie Baird*, was born.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
A PUBLIC TRIAL and Exhibition of Henry Sutton's invention intituled "An Improved Process of Converting a Photographic Image on a Gelatine Surface into a Relief or Intaglio Printing Surface," for which New Zealand Letters Patent No. 2615, bearing date the 1st November, 1887, were granted, will be held TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock, at the Works of J. E. Hayes, Lambton Quay. Wellington, N.Z., 24th October, 1889.

Facsimile – Sutton used his **telephane** system to demonstrate facsimile transmission with the help of *Nicola Tesla* in England.

Lifts - For the benefit of his paralyzed mother, he designed a new hydraulic mechanism to drive the lift in his Music Emporium.

This design was subsequently used by the Austral Otis company and exported for use in America

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The Henry Sutton Story (Cont'd)

Automotive. – Sutton produced several automobiles of his design (somewhere between six and eight) in 1897. From 1898, he held patents for improvements in combustion engine carburettors. In 1899, Sutton built and drove the *Sutton Autocar*, one of the first motor cars in Australia.

Professor Dodgson concluded his talk by describing Sutton as a rare genius who dances to their own tune. He quoted the Australian Dictionary of Biography, *which explains how Sutton worked tirelessly, with 'daylight sometimes surprising him every morning for a week'.*



A Sutton Voiturette Pedal Car, built in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, in 1900

RTEA SOCIAL CALENDAR June - November 2024



Tour of Manly Museum and Lunch at the Manly Club

There will be more details in the June 2024 Newsletter.



Annual Trip Away to Coffs Harbour

This month, the newsletter announced details for the annual trip away to Coffs Harbour. More information to follow.



Lunch at the Sydney Rowers Club

The Sydney Rowers is one of our popular lunches. After a tranquil ferry trip to Abbotsfort, we will have lunch at the Sydney Rowers Club located adjacent to the wharf.



Christmas Lunch: Petersham RSL Club



August General Meeting at Emu Plains

Our August 2024 General Meeting will be at O'Donoghues Hotel, Emu Plains