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2016 Christmas Function



The Annual Christmas function of the Overseas Telecommunications Veterans Association will be held on **Thursday, 24th November 2016** at Bass Function Room, Level 2, NSW Bowlers Club, 99 York St, Sydney NSW 2000.

Doors will be open at 11:30 am for the 12:00 noon Function

RSVP to The President by Thursday 9 November Email: president@otva.com

or [SMS to 0411 260 542](sms:0411260542)



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Coming Events:

Xmas Function Thursday 24/11/16
At the Bowlers Club
99 York Street Sydney

Message from the President

Fellow members of the OTVA,
Our Treasurer, Robin Tuckfield, is now a real professional in relation to the management of the OTVA finances. Robin is working well with Allan Hennessy, our membership subscriptions officer, to manage the OTVA incomings and outgoings.

Our September Social was held on Sunday 25th September at Kissing Point Park at Putney between 10am and 2:00pm. There were with less than 10 attendees which was disappointing especially as some members asked for a gathering on the weekend as they work during the week. Those who turned up enjoyed the conversation and associated nostalgia. This was evident by the fact that most of us were still there after 4 hours. Your Committee will try a weekend social event again in 2017 to see if we get a bigger turn out which will determine whether we will persist with a weekend event.



L-R Jim Simpson, Peter Bull, Robin Tuckfield, Robert Brand, Neil Yakalis, Mike Elliott, Jan Eades, John Eades

We do not have a Newsletter Editor and this is evidenced by the lack of newsletters this year and the lack of content in this one. Kevin O'Brien has volunteered to perform the function until a volunteer offers her/his services at which time s/he will need stories that s/he can print. The OTVA Newsletter cannot survive without an editor and without stories. Please consider the enjoyment that you have received from the OTVA Newsletter stories over the years and offer either your stories or your services as editor or both.

Enduring Membership continues to be attractive but as a result it has limited the amount of new revenue into the coffers of the OTVA. Nevertheless the OTVA is financially sound for the foreseeable future.

The OTVA continues to promote itself, its member's achievements and the history of OTC through the <http://www.otva.com> and <http://www.otva.com/blog/> web sites which unfortunately were affected by a platform failure on 1 October 2016.

Thanks to our web master, Chris Bull, who worked tirelessly with the web hosting company, the web site has been reinstated to its former glory. Please take a few minutes to review the content for yourselves.

The library of employment history of ex-OTC personnel continues to grow. If you have not yet provided your employment details please email me at president@otva.com and I will send you a template for you to complete and return to me for retention in the OTC Staff Library. These documents are being collected to enable members to reflect upon the impact of our members on OTC and the history of communications in Australia.

The DVD containing the OTVA's collection of 293 Transit and 42 Contact magazines circulated by OTC since 1948 has been completed and is available to members upon request. If you are a financial member of the OTVA and have not received your DVD please email me at president@otva.com and I will email back the details on how to get it.

We are approaching our Christmas social event that will take place on 24 November 2016 at the Bowlers Club in York Street Sydney. I will email our members in the next few weeks to gauge how many members will want to attend this year. Last year there were a few members who advised that they would attend but who, unfortunately, were unable to attend on the day. The Bowlers Club charged the OTVA for their meals at a cost of \$42 per person. Your Committee would like to avoid that situation this year and avoid having Committee members collecting money at the door so if you would like to attend the XMAS function we request that you pay electronically in advance to secure a seat at a table. I wish you and yours well until we meet again.

Warmest regards,
Peter Bull

OTVA Christmas Function



- This year the subsidised Cost is \$35pp - Payment in advance to **BSB 802155, ACC# 102081862** would be appreciated.
- RSVP is required.
NOTE: The OTVA is required to pay the Bowlers Club for all booked guests so **if you cannot attend please don't RVSP that you will attend.**
- The members & Committee of the OTVA would like to avoid losing money for this years function. **On previous occasions some members have RSVP'ed and not attended and not paid.** We have to pay the Bowling club for the numbers given a few days before the event regardless of the actual numbers that do attend on the day.
- Peter Bull will email a list of those planning to attend together with an indication as to whether they are financial members of the OTVA. This action is taken in support of our members.
- Membership fees will not be collected on the day and your Committee would appreciate it if membership payments can be made in advance of the date of the function.

David Richardson

David Richardson has been awarded Life Membership of the Overseas Telecommunications Veterans Association. This award recognizes his dedication generously donated to the OTVA and its members through deeds and support during his tenure on the Committee of the OTVA since 2001.



L-R Robin Tuckfield, Peter Bull, David Richardson, Col Kelly, Alan Hennessy

Newsletter Editor Required

You will notice the lower standard and much shorter issue of this Newsletter. That is be cause of our editor's current circumstances as outlined in the president's message. Please give some thought to how you might help!

The OTVA Newsletter Editor is responsible for:

- The active collection of material from members and other stakeholders for publication in the OTVA Newsletter;
- The editing of material collected to ensure that it is suitable for publication and will appeal to a wide cross section of OTVA members;
- Ensuring that the OTVA Newsletter promotes the OTVA Objectives as approved by Committee Members from time to time;
- Preparing a draft newsletter when required by the OTVA Committee for final approval by the Committee before release to members;
- Assisting with the distribution of the newsletter to email and hard copy members;
- Censor comments posted against BLOG content

Full assistance will be given from our Committee members. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated by all of our OTVA members. For more information and description of duties please contact Peter Bull on 0411 260 542 or Email president@otva.com

Financial Member?—One Easy Transfer and that's it Forever!

Secure your “Enduring” Membership of the OTVA for the one off payment of \$50.

The OTVA is dedicated to organising reunions to maintain valuable friendships forged while working in the telecommunications industry. The regular meetings provide a great networking opportunity for those still in the workforce. Our 250 plus members have a common desire to preserve the history of international telecommunications in Australia.

To ensure that the OTVA can continue to preserve your part in Australia's history—become a financial member it is easier than ever!

Enduring Membership—One-Off \$50 Transfer!

Enduring Membership is open to any person wishing to join the OTVA. You will secure a full membership for the rest of your days or as long as the OTVA exists as an association without having to pay any future membership fees.

Two Easy Steps:

1. Transfer Funds from your bank account to:

ACCOUNT NAME: **OTVA**

BSB NO: **802155** (Bankstown Credit Union)

ACCOUNT NUMBER: **102081862**

Remitter: '**SUBS: your name**'.

2. Email the Treasurer and President

If possible, take a screenshot of your transfer confirmation and send it to:

treasurer@otva.com cc president@otva.com (If you can't take a screenshot—please email the treasurer (cc President) anyway to let them know that you have paid your subscription.)

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Annual Membership remains at \$10—please use the steps above to transfer your annual membership fees.

If you do not have access to funds transfer you can mail a cheque to OTVA 2 Tirrabeena Place, Bangor, NSW 2234 .