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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thirroul Railway Institute, May 2018

The TRIPS Management Committee met recently and planning for internal painting of the building has commenced.

TRIPS is seeking a grant from the NSW Government's Community Building Partnerships Program to assist us with the cost of painting.

At the time of the painting we will be asking for available members to assist with packing away the photo exhibits and then restoring them once the painting is complete. TRIPS is also obtaining quotations for replacement of all our curtains due to deterioration of their backing.

Some minor maintenance issues were recently finalised by our dedicated members. Work undertaken included securing some battens in the ceiling, toilet maintenance and window sash repairs.

Our membership renewals are in full swing and I would invite all outstanding memberships to be paid as soon as you can. You will have been advised of your membership status by Heather Hill.

Thank you for your continuing support of TRIPS and our priceless heritage building.

The Institute turns 100 on December 6th, 2020, and planning has started on celebrations. Mark Saturday, 12th December 2020 in your diaries!

Our regular tenants of the Institute mean that almost every day of the week there is somebody utilising the hall. That's great for community recognition and the value it holds for people who attend the plethora of activities: bridge, dancing, art, worship, meetings, social events and family celebrations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Members are invited to mark the following dates when we will be offering two special activities:

1. Sunday, 28th October
The Macquarie
Lightstation Tour
2. Saturday, 24th November
End of Year Celebration
with music and supper.

We are also speaking with local director, Geoff Sykes, to arrange a special screening for TRIPS members of Geoff's film on Australian War Memorials.

Check *The TRIPS Times* for the fine details and booking arrangements on all of our activities.

*John Tuckerman,
President*

VALE

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of the following TRIPS Member:

Veronica Algie
October 24, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Macquarie Lightstation Excursion for TRIPS Members and Guests, Sunday 28th October

Join us in touring Macquarie Lightstation, Australia's first and longest operating navigational light.

The excursion will involve train, bus and ferry travel between Thirroul, Macquarie Lightstation and Watson's Bay. It should be noted that the tour of the Lightstation is optional as it will involve climbing ~100 steps, but there are many other things to enjoy on this trip.

Bookings are essential as tours of Macquarie Lightstation are conducted in groups of ten and must be booked one month in advance. Please contact Heather Hill, by phone/SMS on 0404936087 or email h.hill2519@gmail.com. The final date for Lighthouse tour bookings is September 28.

Excursion Cost: Travel and lunch will be by own arrangement. Macquarie Lightstation Tours cost \$5 per adult and \$3 concession/child. The cost for non-members is \$10, plus the cost of the Lightstation Tour.



The proposed excursion details are as follows:

| <i>Sunday, 28th October 2018</i> | |
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| <i>08:51</i> | <i>Depart Thirroul Railway Station</i> |
| <i>10:27</i> | <i>Arrive Edgecliff, change to bus departing from Stand D</i> |
| <i>10:38</i> | <i>Bus departs Stand D</i> |
| <i>10:56</i> | <i>Bus arrives at Macquarie Lightstation</i> |
| <i>11:00 – 11:30</i> | <i>Tour of Lightstation for those booked</i> |
| <i>11:30-12:00</i> | <i>Walk to Watson's Bay</i> |
| <i>12:00-13:00</i> | <i>Lunch</i> |
| <i>13:35</i> | <i>Ferry departs from Watson's Bay for Circular Quay.</i> |
| | <i>Change to Platform 1, Circular Quay Railway Station for train to Town Hall. Arrive Platform 1, Town Hall, and change to Platform 4</i> |
| <i>14:24</i> | <i>Train departs Town Hall for Thirroul</i> |
| <i>15:54</i> | <i>Train arrives Thirroul Railway Station</i> |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Working Bee**
Saturday, June 16
8 a.m.
- Committee Meeting**
Saturday, June 16
9 a.m.
- Final date for booking Macquarie Lightstation Tour**
Friday, September 28
- End of Year Celebration with Music & Supper**
Saturday, November 24