

# WATERY SAUCES OLDIES & BIDDIES

(officially known as Water Resources Retired Officers Association Inc.)

## NEWSLETTER NO. 6 APRIL 1992

The "drinks and snack" function in the Mineral House Cafeteria on 6 February was enjoyed by about thirty members plus half a dozen associates. This venue has now closed, and we have arranged the use of the Multi-purpose Room on the 4th Floor for the function following the Annual General Meeting, and we hope, for future gatherings, with catering provided from the Works Department Cafeteria. We'll see how it goes.

**RETIREMENTS** (including Voluntary Early Retirements) since No. 5 Newsletter plus a few I missed in November.

K.M. Donges	29.11.91	J.W. Crutcher	29.11.91
P.G. Harris	29.11.91	K.W. Kennedy	29.11.91
E. Phillips	29.11.91	P. Meyer	13.12.91
R. Breadsell	13.12.91	J. Francis	13.12.91
J. Francis	13.12.91	R. Lucy	13.12.91
J. Mylne	13.12.91	W.H. White	20.12.91
G.M. Deighton	20.12.91	P.M. Howard	20.12.91
E.J. Compton	21.02.92		

### VALE

We regret to note the passing of Association member Walter Peak, and also Dan Rowley's son, Neil, from a heart attack, both in March.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to their families.

Walter Peak died on 6 March 1992 and his funeral service held in the Holy Spirit Anglican Church at Kenmore on 10 March was attended by many friends and people prominent in the local government, engineering and public service fields.

Walter was born at Inverell on 30 January 1907, the son of a marine engineer then working on a tin dredge. The family moved numerous times before settling in Brisbane where Walter obtained his early education at the Coorparoo State School and the Brisbane Grammar School.

He joined the Irrigation Commission in 1925 as a cadet and began a Civil Engineering Diploma at the Central Technical College which he completed in 1929.

Until the start of World War II Walter was occupied mainly in the investigation, design and construction of urban water supplies but did have some involvement with hydrographic work and the Dawson River Irrigation Scheme. His work with town water supplies extended from Cairns to the New South Wales Border and from the coast to Cloncurry.

In 1942 the responsibility for urban water supplies and sewerage was transferred to the Local Government Department and Walter moved to the new Department.

Until 1954 Walter was closely associated with almost every new urban water supply in the State including a new scheme for the Gold Coast. In that year he resigned from the Department to become project engineer on the scheme which included Little Nerang Dam. This job was finished within budget and sufficiently ahead of schedule to deprive Walter of superannuation and long service leave benefits.

He then rejoined the Irrigation Commission as Executive Engineer for Coolmunda Dam. Appointments to Senior Engineer Surface Water and Chief Investigation Engineer followed. While in these latter positions Walter played a large part in updating the collection of hydrographic data, negotiations for the supply of water for mining development and several Irrigation schemes.

Walter retired from the Commission in 1972 and spent a further 3 years with consulting engineers McIntyre and Associates.

With wife Phyllis, who predeceased him, Walter was a keen tennis player and golfer.

All who were associated with Walter describe him as a "perfect gentleman". In 1991, Dr J.M. Powell in his book "Plains of Promise Rivers of Destiny" described Walter as that "ornament to Queensland engineering" Few would disagree.

(Thanks Bernie for the notes)

#### ILLNESS

Joy Beattie is home again after her four months in hospital. Very best wishes for a hearty and happy recuperation Joy.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Once more we remind members of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Conference Room on the 13th Floor of Mineral House at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 16 April, with a "snack and drinks" in the Multi-purpose room on the 4th Floor about 12 noon, if you're so inclined. \$6.00 not including drinks at bar.

All positions on the Executive will be vacant and you are urged to consider and propose nominees to run your Association. These are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two committee members. We will also require a qualified auditor (honorary if possible).

The meeting notice and agenda has been circulated. A nomination slip is printed hereunder, for your convenience, if you wish to mail it to the Secretary or hand it in at the meeting or to any member of the Executive.

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To the Secretary, W.R.R.O.A. Inc., 32 Derwent Ave, Helensvale, Qld, 4210

I, ....., hereby nominate .....  
for the position of ....., on the Water Resources Retired  
Officers' Association, Inc. Executive for 1992/93.

Seconded by ..... (can be obtained at the meeting if not  
available beforehand).

I accept the nomination ..... (signed by Nominee)

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Stan Ross  
EDITOR