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Newsletter

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Aged Care Employee Day

Thanks for caring

Thursday, 7 August



Aged Care Employee Day is an initiative of the peak body for the aged care sector, **Ageing Australia**. It is an annual celebration supporting and honouring Australia's residential, home and community aged care workers.

From the calls and messages, we receive at Silver Memories, we see the dedication to caring which exists across a large number of aged care providers throughout Australia.

Busy work supporting residents requires commitment which should be acknowledged regularly and in particular during the week of Aged Care Employee Day on the 7th of August.

To all aged care workers, we say,
"Thanks for Caring!"



The First Parliament of New South Wales

There are several notable milestones in Australia's history which have occurred in August. Going back just over 200 years to the 25th of August, 1824, the first meeting of the New South Wales Parliament was held at what is now known as **Old Government House in Parramatta, Sydney**. Photo above courtesy of sv1ambo.



This was the first meeting of a legislative body in Australia. It was preceded by an Act in the United Kingdom Parliament which established the **Legislative Council**. **Sir Thomas Brisbane** (painting by F. Schenck), was the **Governor of NSW** at the time with five people appointed to the first council to advise the Governor.

The first five principal officers appointed to the **Legislative Council** as advisers to the Governor were **Francis Forbes** as **Chief Justice**, **Frederick Goulburn** as **Colony Secretary**, **William Stewart** as **Lieutenant Governor**, **John Oxley** as **Surveyor-General**, and **James Bowman** as **Principal Surgeon**. The first Act passed allowed for transactions to be made in unofficial currencies which were already being used, such as Spanish dollars.

In 1828, the Council moved to the **Surgeon's Wing of the General Hospital**, known as **Macquarie's "Rum Hospital"**, which forms the façade of the present-day New South Wales Parliament building. This move was needed as the Council had been expanded to include up to 15 members.

"LOVING THE PROGRAMS, THANK YOU!"

Silver Memories BLOG

Times have definitely changed with so many technological advancements.

We have experienced continual improvements in telephones and home telephone handsets are now being used less and less.

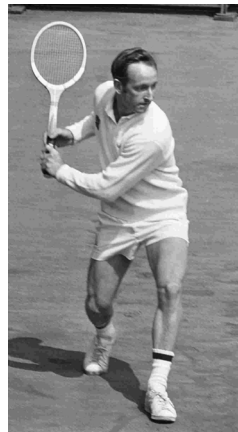


Silver Memories Announcer, **Michael Goodwin**, has written about his experiences with telephones which we can appreciate and many of us have similar experiences.

To read the article, visit the Silver Memories website in the articles section or click on the link below if you are reading via a screen:

[Telephone Calling](#)

Famous Australians



Rod Laver AC MBE, was born in Rockhampton, Queensland, on 9 August 1938.

Nicknamed "Rocket" by coach Harry Hopman due to his slowness on the court, Laver is one of the greatest tennis players to have played with a long list of achievements.

He is the only player to win a Grand Slam (all four tennis major tournaments in a single year), and he did this twice. Laver was the number 1 ranked player from 1964 to 1970.

Laver won 11 major tournaments from just 16 attempts before retiring. Respected by players and fans around the world, the Laver Cup tournament has been created in his honour.

The Year That Was

Broadcast Thursdays at 10am (AEST) and 9.30am (ACST) **through to the 2nd of October**, *The Year That Was* presents an excellent opportunity to reminisce about past happenings from a specific year. There are a variety of programs available on the App as well.

We remember the following years:

[1964 on Aug 7](#)
[1966 on Aug 14](#)
[1968 on Aug 21](#)
[1980 on Aug 28](#)
[1957 on Sep 4](#)
[1940 on Sep 11](#)
[1979 on Sep 18](#)
[1947 on Sep 25](#)
[1954 on Oct 2](#)
[1959 on Oct 9](#)
[1971 on Oct 16](#)
[1975 on Oct 23](#)
[1976 on Oct 30](#)

Activity Session plans for the programs are available from the Silver Memories website.

The Sound of Music

Songs from the musical, *Sound of Music*, will be broadcast on Thursday, 21 August at 2pm (AEST) & 1.30pm (ACST)

The Sound of Music was originally a 1959 Broadway musical based on the memoir of **Maria Von Trapp**. The film adaptation of the musical, starring **Julie Andrews** and **Christopher Plummer** was released in 1965 and subsequently won five Academy Awards. The broadcast features the following songs – *The Sound of Music*, *Sixteen Going on Seventeen*, *Climb every Mountain* and *Edelweiss*.



Fiddler on the Roof will be the featured musical to be broadcast on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (AEST) and 1.30pm (ACST), 18 September.

Girl Crazy will be broadcast on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (AEST) and 3.00pm (AEDT), 16 October.