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NSW MEMBERS NOTE
While I am in NSW, our office is located in Melbourne. Our Vic based Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday for Cup Day.

VALE GARRY NEWBERY
We have posted an obituary for Garry on our website at **CWU Garry Newbery**

ALL MEMBERS – VIP NOTE - SOCI
If you have access to critical infrastructure, then you are likely affected by the requirements of the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act (SOCI). To keep across these, follow the Telstra stories below and in future Bulletins. **More**

TZV LAST MINUTE ATTEMPTS FAIL
With the Vic Government moving into "Caretaker" mode on this Tuesday, there was a flurry of movement on Friday. TZV (or was it Government?) made a last minute bid to fend off the industrial action. TZV advised that it was offering a 6% pay rise. As we were dealing with this, we got a message at 2.30pm Friday, from the Department, that all offers were withdrawn.
What was this all about? The Ballot for industrial action is still under way. **More**

TZV DISPUTE – VOTE ASAP
We urge members who have ballot papers to vote asap. We not only have to get a majority "YES" vote, we also need 50% of the eligible voters to vote.

BAI EBA – MEMBERS MEETING
The negotiations with BAI hare not proceeding smoothly. CWU is arranging a Teams meeting of all members this Wednesday at 6.30pm AEST to brief members and seek feedback. As our bulletin is out of sync you will need **to email me (reply to email) on Monday to get the lin**k and confirm the times.

OPTUS SIGN ON APP
We wrote to Optus this week re the new App. We received the following reply. *For employees based at Belrose who do not wish to use a personal device for the purposes of completing time sheets, a communal device will be made available.* **More**

AUS POST CEO BONUS ON DEPARTURE
Retiring CEO of Aus Post, Paul Graham, was paid a $1.2m bonus on top of his $1.64m base salary in the last financial year.
Without the sale of property, Post made a loss of $108 million. We note that letter volumes fell by almost 15%. **More**

TELSTRA OPTICAL FIBRE CLAIM
We recently wrote to Telstra seeking an explanation of several apparent "upgrades" of Optical Fibre staff. Telstra responded as follows: *The employees referred to in your correspondence were not "upgraded"… Telstra advertised new CFW5 positions* **More**

TELSTRA RDO AND LSL
We are receiving inquiries about the "forfeiting" of an RDO when directed to take LSL. The issue is complex because LSL is measured in calendar days, not working days. There is a complication when taking any leave, LSL included, and an RDO. **More**

TELSTRA SOCI INITIATIVE
Members would be by now aware of Telstra's proposed implementation of a new workforce screening regime under the Security of Critical Infrastructure (SOCI) framework. Under the proposal, members identified as "critical workers" would be subject to expanded background checks, periodic re-screening and additional compliance requirements. **More**

SOCI - ISSUES RAISED BY CWU
How Telstra determines who is classified as a "critical worker"; The scope and intrusiveness of the proposed screening checks; Members' rights to challenge decisions affecting them; **More**

SOCI – CHALLENGING YOUR CLASSIFICATION
One of the CWU's key concerns was how members would be determined as critical workers, and whether they would have any ability to contest that classification. Telstra has now confirmed that employees can raise the issue with their leaders **More**

SOCI SOCIAL MEDIA CHECKS ARE NOT PROPOSED
Many members expressed concern that the screening process could involve scrutiny of personal social media activity, and we have advanced this concern quite strongly. Telstra has confirmed that social media screening **will not occur.** **More**

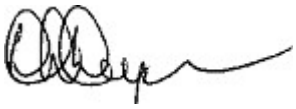
SOCI SCREENING OUTCOMES WILL NOT BE AUTOMATIC
Telstra has also confirmed that a screening result raising concerns will not automatically result in disciplinary action or termination. **More**

SOCI - SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS REMAIN
While some clarification has been obtained, the CWU believes substantial issues remain unresolved and are pushing Telstra specifically on the following matters: **More**

SOCI - TELSTRA RESPONSE FOLLOWING CWU MEETING
Will social media be screened as part of the checks conducted by Certn. If not, can you please ensure this message is clarified to employees. … social media will not be screened through these checks. We have clarified this with our field leaders. **More**

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