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**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014**

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The 14<sup>th</sup> April Lunch attracted 52 members, President Phil welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while: Tony Carter, Greg Croan (on holidays from Queensland) Alan Edmonds, David Fleming, Rino Mariani, Tony Schembri (health issues now resolved) and Doc Wilson.

Phil's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

**APOLOGIES:**

Were received from Noel Bowmer, Ken Byatt, Noel Chie, Peter Dawson (took ill on Sunday and was admitted to hospital, see later), Phil Durney, Alf Evans, Dick Hughes, Alf McDermott, Alasdair Steel, and Geoff Taylor.

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Yes, some grandmothers certainly had genuine knowledge of staying naturally healthy!!!

One grandmother once lectured her grandson about her practical knowledge:

“For better digestion, I drink beer,  
for loss of appetite I drink white wine,  
with low blood pressure I drink red wine,  
with high blood pressure I drink cognac,  
and whenever I have a cold, I drink Vodka.”  
He asked, “And when do you drink water?”  
Her reply: “I have never been that sick!”

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**FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY REG**

Newcastle Luncheon 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014,

“Doc Wilson” at the Lunch advised details of transport available at Cardiff Station on the day if needed, and promised a good day for all. As a special matter, a Bank stalwart of yesteryear Margaret Blackwood will be attending as a guest of the Committee. Margaret is well known throughout the Bank for her key roles in Staff Training and Centralized Salaries, it is wonderful that she is able to attend.

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## Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

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## OTHER MATTERS

A request has been received and actioned from Ruth Gates (widow of Cyril Gates) of Bruce ACT to withdraw from the mailing list. Some discussion took place at the Lunch re Cyril, it was thought that at retirement he was the Head Messenger at S M & G , can anyone help with Cyril's details?

At the Lunch Noel Fox presented David C Fleming with a "blast from the past" photograph evidencing his social skills many years ago at a function with David's wife Heather and Wilhelmina & Barry Smith. Suffice to say he looked young, fit and as mischievous as ever, so nothing has changed over the years!

7<sup>th</sup> July there is a tour of the Rocks Museum followed by a cook your own BBQ lunch at Philip's Foot at a cost per head of \$20.00 plus drinks. Expressions of interest please to Alex Morgan on email [aamorgan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:aamorgan@bigpond.net.au) or phone 9970 8668 so that appropriate bookings can be made.

## WELFARE

Our Welfare Officer Ken Dighton reports.....

Sick List:

- Peter Dawson ó he was hoping to join us for lunch today (14/4) but unfortunately he had a fainting episode yesterday after enjoying a movie at the theatre. We believe he's fine but the cause of the issue isn't known at this stage. All the best Peter. (President Phil since advisesí . Rang Peter on 15<sup>th</sup> April. He was discharged from hospital last night, after doctors could find no reason for the fainting. Says he is feeling a bit woozy but otherwise fine. Somewhat embarrasses as it occurred outside Fox Studios just as thousands were leaving the Swans game and an equal number were going into the Sportsground for the Soccer match.
- John Tier ó at lunch today, but looking more like Stevie Wonder, or for the older folk Ray Charles, or older still folk The Phantom. John is having treatment for eye cataractsø
- Betty Gemmell ó while not officially on this month's sick list, the rumour mill has it that Betty is getting a new kitchen. There are probably not too many 96 year-olds who would willingly go through the trial of a new kitchen installation. We hope it goes well Betty.

Don't forget that I rely on feedback from all members about those who are not doing so well ó so please let me know if you hear of anyone in that situation.

I made contact with the following people, who enjoy the esteemed title of **Honorary Member**, to check up on them in their **birthday month** (and of course to extend best birthday wishes):

- Betty Hickman (87) ó Ongoing eye sight issues, but she is still able to read the SMH, on her new iPad (good on you Betty!). She recently had an enjoyable trip to Mudgee with her Probus club.
- Arthur Bown (89) ó Doing OK, with a bit of help from a few people. Unable to join us for the April meeting but will get along to another one as soon as possible.
- Terry Gatty (82) ó Not particularly well ó recovering from new heart valve and triple by-pass surgery. He said he's lost enough weight to apply for a job with Gai Waterhouse. He is still living independently at Forestville but utilises community- care services.
- John McCrudden (84) ó he's getting along pretty well. John received some very good news from his oncologist recently who told him he didn't want to see him for 12 months. He said he had an excellent birthday lunch of seafood (and the obligatory glass of wine) with 8 of his family members.
- Bruce Rider (89) ó it seems to Bruce sometimes that he's going one step forward and 6 backwards. In some pain and lack of mobility still an issue. The DVA is installing a lift in his home which will be a big help. However, he's positive, and sends best wishes to former colleagues and members of the old ANZ grand finalists in the Metropolitan Business Houses Rugby League competition, as the curtain raiser match prior to the annual City v Country NRL match at the SCG. He said he still enjoys a beer from the pewter mug presented on that occasion.
- John Scott (88) ó travelling reasonably well. He has had no chemotherapy for the past year. John said they've had some good rain in the Batemans Bay area (spoken like a true country bank manager!)
- Barry Thompson (80) ó a few aches and pains which go with the territory (welcome to The Hons. Barry!). He previously had two knee replacements and may be facing a re-run for one knee. He is hoping to get to our May meeting (with Peter Bradford) ó and we look forward to seeing him there. Wife Beverley said Barry's birthday celebration was more like a festival ó it lasted a week!

I was unable to make telephone contact with Don Davis and Aub Walker. We hope they are in good health, and we send best wishes for their birthdays and the year ahead.

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### Texting Codes for Seniors

Young people have theirs, now Seniors have their own texting codes:

- \* BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth
- \* CBM- Covered by Medicare
- \* CUATSC - See You at the Senior Center
- \* DWI - Driving While Incontinent
- \* FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
- \* GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- \* GHA - Got Heartburn Again
- \* HGBM - Had Good Bowel Movement
- \* LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out
- \* LOL - Living on Lipitor

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## INTEREST RATES

From 1/4/2013    Less than \$20,000 1.69%

Greater than \$20,000 2.16%

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The 2014 Subscriptions are now due so if you haven't sent in your renewal subs to Treasurer Mike please do so with the payment slip at the end of this Newsletter. **Please note that any member who has not paid their Membership renewal subscription by the end of April will sadly have their name removed from our contact list.**

**YOU CAN NOW PAY YOUR SUBS BY INTERNET BANKING TRANSFER. DETAILS ARE ON THE PAYMENT SLIP AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SHOW YOUR NAME ON THE TRANSFER TRANSACTION.**

## MAY LUNCH

The May monthly Lunch will be at our usual and very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Pre Lunch drinks from 11.45am, Lunch 12.45 pm, Booking is not required, just come along, socialise & enjoy yourself. You will be made very welcome. These get-togethers are relaxed fun, well worth the effort to attend, and a great link with friends & acquaintances.

If you haven't been for a while, do yourself a favour and join in.

It is traditional for new members to give a "this is my life" talk at a Lunch as soon as convenient after they join. This is entirely voluntary & there is no pressure to do so if the new member is not comfortable with this custom.

## OTHER INTERESTING MATTERS

**APT OFFER for ANZROC MEMBERS for APRIL**

**APT offer the below Luxury Small Ship deal, this is exclusive to ANZ including ANZROC members only.**

**16 Days of Sunsets over the Pacific**

**Offer: Save \$6,000\* Per Couple, or Pay No Solo Supplement PLUS an additional 7% discount\* ANZ Price \$7,399 per person, twin share\*. (Normal price from \$10,995)**

**Departs 2 September 2014**

**Book by 30 April 2014.**

**Step back in time and trace the path of the Allied Forces on this historic cruise throughout New Guinea and the South Pacific. Visit significant World War II sites in Wewak, Rabaul and Buka, and relive the Battle of Guadalcanal.**

**Includes:**

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- Delve deep into local culture and history with included shore excursions
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- A dedicated Expedition Team
- All port charges and tipping included
- 44 meals

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*Conditions apply. Prices are per person (pp) twin share. Prices are correct as at 27 March 2014 but may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currency change. Prices include ANZ 7% discount and savings. Available until sold out. Offers are not combinable, available on new bookings only and subject to availability. Offers may be withdrawn at anytime. A surcharge may apply to payments made with credit card. Prices based on NOBCWL16: 2 September 014. Save \$6,000 per couple offer available until 30 April 2014 unless sold out. All Superdeals are strictly limited and are subject to availability at the time of booking. Only one Superdeal per person may be applied to each cruise. The offer may also be applied to any subsequent Small Ship cruise booking, subject to availability. Savings figures shown are the maximum saving available and are based on one couple travelling together. Pay no solo supplement offer: Price is based on the per person, twin share amount as shown. Solo supplement and discounts included in the price.*

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Cool message by a wife.

Dear Mother-in-law,

"Don't teach me how to handle my children, I'm living with one of yours."

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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Trevor	AULD	11 <sup>th</sup>	Greg	LANCE	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine	SKETCH	6 <sup>th</sup>
Bruce	AANENSEN	17 <sup>th</sup>	John	LE GRAS	8 <sup>th</sup>	Wilhelmina	SMITH	18 <sup>th</sup>
Chris	BOORER	16 <sup>th</sup>	Peter	MABER	30 <sup>th</sup>	Alasdair	STEEL	17 <sup>th</sup>
Betty	BROWN	14 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth	MACHADO	20 <sup>th</sup>	Joan	STORCH	20 <sup>th</sup>
John	CLARK	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mal	MATTHEW	16 <sup>th</sup>	Evan	SUMMERSON	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Noel	COOK	20 <sup>th</sup>	Neville	McKINNON	21 <sup>st</sup>	Paul	TOOHEY	25 <sup>th</sup>
Tony	DALTON	8 <sup>th</sup>	Pixie	McPAUL	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Denis	WILLIAMS	7 <sup>th</sup>
Peter	DOUGLASS	26 <sup>th</sup>	Phil	MINETT	26 <sup>th</sup>	Ross	WILLIAMS	5 <sup>th</sup>
Bob	DYER	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ann	MORGAN	1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve	WILTON	16 <sup>th</sup>
Ron	FREEMAN	4 <sup>th</sup>	Clive	NEUTZE	6 <sup>th</sup>	David	WRIGHT	14 <sup>th</sup>
Rod	GALLAGHER	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil	NEWSOME	15 <sup>th</sup>	Eric	YACOEL	6 <sup>th</sup>
Geoff	GILL	8 <sup>th</sup>	Ann	PEREIRA	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sebastian	ZAMMIT	30 <sup>th</sup>
Ron	HARGRAVE	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Maree	SHANNON	8 <sup>th</sup>			
Mick	HOWARD	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian	SHEPHEARD	18 <sup>th</sup>			
Col	JEFFERIES	9 <sup>th</sup>	Alan	SINGLE	18 <sup>th</sup>			

**THE "HONS"**

Frank	BLINMAN	16 <sup>th</sup>
Ian McA	FRASER	12 <sup>th</sup>
Betty	GEMMELL	11 <sup>th</sup>
Barry	HENNESSY	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ian	HISCOCK	27 <sup>th</sup>
Colin	MALONE	19 <sup>th</sup>
Morrie	MILES	27 <sup>th</sup>
Carl	OWENS	30 <sup>th</sup>
Dan	PAWSON	6 <sup>th</sup>
Terry	STAPLETON	20 <sup>th</sup>
Dick	WALKOM	18 <sup>th</sup>
Ken	WHITE	3 <sup>rd</sup>

We congratulate Barry HENNESSY on joining the 'HONS' this month

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Birthday wishes were extended by VP Phil Cohen to those present at the April Lunch: David C. Fleming, Alistair Johnston and John Turnbull.

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A blonde chick gets a job as a physical education teacher of 16 year olds.  
She notices a boy at the end of the field standing alone, while all the other kids are running around having fun, kicking a football.  
She takes pity on him and decides to speak to him.  
'You ok?' she asks.  
'Yes,' he replies.  
'You can go and play with the other kids, you know,' she says.  
'It's best I stay here,' he says.  
'Why's that, sweetie?' asks the blonde.  
The boy looks at her incredulously and says: "Because I'm the goal keeper !!!"

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## **SOCIAL/SPORTING**

"Doc" Wilson reminds us that the Newcastle, Central Coast & Hunter Valley plus mid year lunch & get together is on again at Cardiff on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014, so those interested, if you have not already done, should mark their calendar & contact Doc on 02 4948 6936 or Jim Richardson on 02 4943 8031 urgently to book in. Several members from Sydney etc are travelling by train & car to this popular Lunch.

Our Minister for Good Times Alex Morgan advised the monthly Lunch ...

### **Social Events for Members, Friends, Partners et al.**

#### **Rocks Adventure – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

As mentioned elsewhere, and at the last couple of meetings, we have a wander in the Rocks planned.

We meet at the Rocks Discovery Museum, 28 Kendall Lane (via Argyle), at precisely 10.30 am for a browse around. We should then be the full bottle on Oz/Sydney history, so will retire to Phillips Foote Restaurant on George Street (follow me), where the food is do it yourself BBQ. There is a huge variety of tucker to select from (sausages, steaks chops, fish, chooks, and salads, veges, breads and whatever else you need. We will have a sort of private area, with a BBQ nearby.....

Those who know the Foote will be able to find the Bar. Cost for the Day will be \$20 per head for Lunch. If you decide to enjoy some liquid refreshments, buy souvenirs, or need to keep wandering to other Museums which I will tell you about on the day, you will probably spend more than that.

PLEASE let me know on email [aamorgan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:aamorgan@bigpond.net.au) or phone 9970 8668 if you are planning to attend. I will write your name down and harass you for \$20 sometime between now and then.

#### **Hawkesbury Riverboat Postman.**

Planned for late Winter/Spring, cost is \$44 for us oldies, which includes morning tea and a Ploughman's Lunch on board. Voyage is on a modern multihull these days, and takes about 100 minutes. More details later...yell (as above) if you plan to come along. There is a rumour that the Committee may recommend a subsidy for this trip.

Both of the above are social events and we encourage the participation of partners where possible, it is not restricted to members only.

### **Dates of interest to be noted in your Diaries:**

-Newsletter posting day (for the Committee) will remain as scheduled 6th May.

-On the 21st July there will be our normal lunch, at which John Morschel is to be presented with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate, subject to his ability to attend on that day.

- Patrons Day will be on the 2nd Sept 2014, at 242 Pitt St Sydney with Warwick Smith again generously agreeing to host our Lunch.
- 1st December is to be the Christmas function at ANZ 242 Pitt St. subject to concurrence of the Bank.
- In the Pipeline: SCG Tour

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## MURPHY'S LESSER KNOWN LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
10. The good things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
11. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day with mates drinking beer.
12. Torch: A case for holding dead batteries.
13. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
14. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

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## BEREAVEMENTS

Esteemed Honorary Member of ANZROC VIC and former CEO of ANZ Bank Charles Rennie passed away on 11th April, 2014 aged 101. Charles's funeral service is on Thursday 24th April at 2pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 251 High Street, Kew and afterwards at Kew Gardens Aged Care, Kew Vic.

ANZROC members around Australia extend sincere condolences to the Rennie family.

From Ron Adams ANZROC Vic.....

Gordon Paulett has just advised me that Rod Hill our great mate, Honorary member and staunch supporter of ANZROC events passed away on Sunday 13th April.....

Gordon said the funeral will be at 1pm on 24th April ..... no further details at this time....

A sad month for ANZROC members.....

Ron Chillingworth advised that Paul Gannon aged 79 of Lismore NSW died of a heart attack on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014; Paul is survived by his wife Marie, children Stephen, Michael, John (a member of ANZROC NSW & now living in Brisbane), Cathy & Maryanne. Paul & Marie were both born in Newcastle, Paul joined ANZ at Hunter & Brown Sts Newcastle branch, saw service in Sydney, moved to Murwillumbah in 1966 & to Accountant Lismore in 1969 before leaving ANZ to become Accountant & then Deputy CEO at St Vincents Hospital in Lismore, & then to Accountant for the Bishop of the Lismore Diocese until his retirement

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A painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist.

Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Doolin in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude.

This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, and she was willing to pay up to \$10,000.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife.

In a few minutes he returned. "T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay.

"I'll paint ya in da nude alright, but I have to at least leave me socks on so I have a place to wipe me brushes.".....

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Warren Riedel emails....." have been advised by Graeme Austin's wife Debbie that Graeme passed away in Queensland recently. Graeme was not a member of our Club but would have been known by many in N.S.W. before he moved to Brisbane as Zone Chief Manager. He is survived by Debbie, & his 2 sons, Malcolm who works in ANZ Bank in NSW, Phillip, and seven grandchildren."

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A man was telling his neighbour, ' I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbor . 'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty.'

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'Till next month

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