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The April Lunch saw 42 members present who were welcomed by President Mike with a special welcome to those not seen for a while, Vic East, Alan Single and Barry Wileman

Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

During the Lunch Peter Maber gave a very amusing and interesting potted history of his banking career spanning much of NSW from Crookwell to Tullamore where he met his wife and Boorowa where his three daughters were born, to the City and then to Tamworth. Stories of close encounters with his manager Alan Gilchrist over a prank and a motor vehicle mishap, together with a tale of a missing Mobile Bank van (with cash) and the sadly poor system of cash escort of the time were the source of much mirth to the audience.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Col Bartrim, John Becroft, Ron Booth, Alf Evans, Noel Fox, Bill Martin, Phil Minett, Ann and Alex Morgan, Clive Neutze, Jim Nicholson OAM, Geoff Taylor, and Angela Vallender.

RETIRED STAFF INTEREST RATES

From 1/4/2012	Less than \$20,000	2.79%
	Greater than \$20,000	3.58%

OUR PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

Thank you to all the members who have contacted me and wished me well as your President for the next 12 months. I really appreciate that you have spoken to me and wished me well for my term. Thanks.

We were fortunate to have a new member Peter Maber at our lunch on 16 April who gave a great (and humorous) talk on his service with the Bank. Thanks Peter.

We are happy to provide time available to any new members who may want to give us a short history of their service in the Bank, Please let me know if you would like to talk to us. This is entirely a voluntary exercise and if new members don't wish to chat to us then there will be no pressure for you to do so.

Our Member for Good Times Ian Jarratt is looking at a number of options for functions that we will explore during the next 12 months. He is looking at booking the Ultimo TAFE Catering

School for our Partners lunch in September and also to arranging a visit to a near Country racecourse in the next few months for a day at the races.

Ian is keen to hear from any member that have any thoughts/suggestions for activities that we can arrange for our Members and their partners through the year. So please if you have any thoughts/suggestions that you think we should investigate please give Ian (or me) a ring or send us an email. Ian's phone number is 4342 4028 email:

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We are really open to any suggestions....e.g. Just an example....Are any of you interested in doing a Harbour Bridge Climb? I did it some years ago and it was great fun....Are any of you interested in doing a tour of Victoria Barracks Paddington? I did a tour some years ago and I found it very interesting. Perhaps we could make enquiries about having lunch at the Officers or Sergeants mess after the tour?

Kind Regards

Mike C.

Wife by text, to husband at work "Windows at home frozen - what should I do?"

Husband - "Spray some de-icer or pour warm water on them" Wife a few minutes later - "Done that - now computer won't work at all"!

BEREAVEMENTS

Jessie Horner of Lane Cove at 101 years of age on 18 Jan 2012, as advised by her daughter Elizabeth Price. Jessie had survived her husband Bernie Horner who passed away in 2004. Bernie was a senior and much respected Banker during his career with the bank and fondly remembered by those members present at the April luncheon who knew him.

A period of silence was observed for Jessie, and in light of the approaching ANZAC Day for those who have fallen as a result of combat over many years, past and present.

FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY REG.

I am writing on behalf of my mother Dorothy Horne (Colin Horne's wife) to advise her new address. She always looks forward to receiving the Newsletter & keeping up with what's happening. Mum has moved to a retirement village at Wyoming & her address is:-
Villa 728/150 Maidens Brush Road Wyoming NSW 2250.
Regards Viv Lawler (Dorothy's daughter).

NEW MEMBERS

Judith Wallis (Nee Brown) of Oatlands Tasmania. Barry Smith advises that Judith is Ex S(M&G) and widow of Ken Willis Ex Methods Dept. Ken's brother was also former staff, John Willis Ex S(P&H) and the brothers hailed from Tingha NSW.

SOCIAL/SPORTING

Phil Newsome was able to blame Brian White for the poor weather that caused the cancellation of the recent Port Kembla Golf Day, as Brian was the person designated to control the weather!! The day has been deferred until 25th June 2012. Please see full details on the next page.

RETIRED OFFICERS OF ANZ

Golf Day



RESCHEDULED TENTH ANNUAL

FRED BANNISTER MEMORIAL TROPHY INCLUDING DICK KOSTRUBIEC MEMORIAL SHIELD

To be held on the Monday 25th JUNE, 2012

Location: Port Kembla Golf Course

Entry Fee \$40, for Lunch only \$20. Competition: 4 man Ambrose

Hit off: 8.00am Registration and coffee 7.15am

ENTRIES CAN BE FROM INDIVIDUALS, OR FROM TEAMS.

BOOK EARLY WITH BRIAN IF YOU WANT A GOLF CART (12only).

Those wishing to take part in this event please contact the following.

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Brian White Phone 42 849488 Email: brianjoanw@yahoo.com.au



NEWCASTLE BRANCH.

The Newcastle half yearly Lunch is on Thursday 7th June at Cardiff Panthers Club (Silver Dolphin Restaurant) Munibung Rd. Cardiff from 11.45 am. Transport from Cardiff Railway Station will be arranged as required. Wives, partners & all visitors are very welcome. Acceptances to "Doc" Wilson on 02 49486936 before 5th June please.

- 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.-
- If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.

NEXT LUNCH

The May monthly Lunch will be at our usual very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 21st May, 2012. Pre Lunch drinks from 11.45am, Lunch 12.45 pm, meal cost for members is \$15; as an added bonus, if it is the month of your Birthday you are the guest of ANZROC for the meal. 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 throughout the year.

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.

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS-"Last year, I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He complained that the work had been completed a year ago. and I still hadn't paid for them.

Hellloooo,.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year...that these windows would pay for themselves in a year. Helllooooo? It's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot."

WELFARE

Owen Isaac was operated on recently for colon cancer and we were advised by Jim Corrigan that Owen's prognosis is good.

Jim Nicholson's apology is mainly due to his role as a carer for his wife Joan, who requires a continuous supply of home oxygen, and while he hopes to attend the occasional meeting, his wife's condition and the demands on his 90 year old frame are proving a little too much for the trip to town.

Peter Goerman emails...."I've just tried to phone John Burke as I hadn't heard from him for a week or two. His companion Margaret answered his mobile and told me that John had a stroke a week ago, went into intensive care, and is now at the Greenwich Rehab Hospital. His left side is affected but not his sense of humour as he can still crack a joke."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I just wanted to pass on the news that I have resigned from my position within ANZ, and will finish up in this role next Friday 20th April 2012. It would appear that the word has got out prior to this announcement of my departure, so I thank those who have sent kind wishes.

The reason for my resignation is my wife and I have decided to return to Tamworth in regional NSW (where we are both from) to be closer to family and for a lifestyle change. I have enjoyed my role here immensely, particularly my interaction with ANZ Retired Officer Clubs. I am pleased to see the relationship between ANZ and ANZROC's has continued to stay strong, and am proud to have been a part of this.

One of my regrets in leaving this role is that I will not be here to see the implementation of a more robust and smoother process for the application of Staff Banking benefits for eligible retired officers. I have spoken to some of you about the move towards a new process, and whilst it has been an incredibly drawn out saga I am confident a finalised solution is approaching. What would appear to be a fairly straightforward process creation has truly

turned into a cast of 1,000's, with a myriad of obstacles, however we have over the last few months made some significant headway.

I am pleased to announce Parik Dhody will be stepping into the role of Acting National Manager, and I am confident Parik will be a fantastic liaison between ANZ and ANZROC going forward.

Thank you all for your support, humour and patience throughout the last few years, and I wish you all the best for the future.

Kind regards, CHRIS WOODS National Manager | ANZ Staff Club Australia



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Trevor	AULD	11 th	Mick	HOWARD	23 rd	Wilhelmina	SMITH	18 th
Bruce	AANENSEN	17 th	Col	JEFFERIES	9 th	Alasdair	STEEL	17 th
Chris	BOORER	16 th	Greg	LANCE	4 th	Joan	STORCH	20 th
Betty	BROWN	14 th	John	LE GRAS	8 th	Evan	SUMMERSON	23 rd
John	CLARK	11 th	Peter	MABER	30 th	Paul	TOOHEY	25 th
Noel	COOK	20 th	Mal	MATTHEW	16 th	Greg	WATSON	1 st
Tony	DALTON	8 th	Neville	McKINNON	21 st	Ken	WHITE	3 rd
Peter	DOUGLASS	26 th	Pixie	McPAUL	23 rd	Denis	WILLIAMS	7 th
Toni	DOWD	16 th	Phil	MINETT	26 th	Ross	WILLIAMS	5 th
Bob	DYER	1 st	Ann	MORGAN	1 st	Steve	WILTON	16 th
Ron	FREEMAN	4 th	Clive	NEUTZE	6 th	David	WRIGHT	14 th
Rod	GALLAGHER	3 rd	Phil	NEWSOME	15 th	Eric	YACOEL	6 th
Geoff	GILL	8 th	Ann	PEREIRA	4 th	Sebastian	ZAMMIT	30 th
Ron	HARGRAVE	22 nd	Brian	SHEPHEARD	18 th			
Ralph	HAWKINS	10 th	Alan	SINGLE	18 th			
Barry	HENNESSY	1 st	Lorraine	SKETCH	6 th			

THE "HONS"

Eric	BLACK	19 th
Frank	BLINMAN	16 th
Ian McA	FRASER	12 th
Betty	GEMMELL	11 th
Ian	HISCOCK	27 th
Colin	MALONE	19 th
Morrie	MILES	27 th
Carl	OWENS	30 th
Dan	PAWSON	6 th
Terry	STAPLETON	20 th
Dick	WALKOM	18 th

We congratulate Carl OWENS, and Dan PAWSON on joining the 'HONS' this mont.

(As our Newsletter is now posted online in some other State ANZROC sites in Australia, your Committee has decided to refrain from including members' year of birth, in the interests of privacy & security).

Birthday wishes were extended to David C Fleming, Alistair Johnston, John Turnbull and Barry Wileman.

An 80-year-old Scotsman went to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor was amazed at what good shape the old fellow was in and asked: 'How do you stay in such great physical condition?'

'I am Scottish and I am a golfer,' said the old fellow: 'and that is why I am in such good shape. I am up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways. I have a wee glass of whisky, and that's it.'

'Well,' said the doctor, 'I am sure that helps, but there has to be more to it. How old was your Dad when he died?'

'Who said my Dad died?'

The doctor was amazed. 'You mean you are 80 years old and your Dad is still alive? How old is he?'

He is 100 years old,' said the old Scottish golfer. 'In fact he golfed wi' me this mornin', and then we went to the topless beach for a walk and had anither wee dram and that is why he is still alive. He is a Scot and he is a golfer, too.'

'Well,' the doctor said, 'that is great, but I am sure there is more to it than that. How about your Dad's Dad? How old was he when he died?'

'Who said my Grandad is dead?'

Stunned, the doctor asked, 'You mean you are 80 years old and your grandfather is still living! Incredible, how old is he?'

'He is 118 years old,' said the old Scottish golfer.

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point: 'So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?'

'No. Grandad couldnae go this mornin' because he is getting married today'

At this point the doctor was close to losing it. 'Getting married!! Why would a 118 year-old bloke want to get married?'

'Who said he wanted to?'

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Treasurer Noel advises that as at 31.03.2012 quite a few of our members have not paid their annual subs of \$5.00.

If you have not paid your subscription (If not sure please check with Treasurer Noel) please pay your subs. as soon as possible. Our cut off date for Newsletter cancelations for unpaid dues is fast approaching & we would be very sad to lose you.

A subscription slip can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

ANZROC WA.

Ray Galliot Webmaster for ANZROC WA advises "I have created a new web page for ANZROC-WA - the URL is <https://sites.google.com/site/anzrocwa/home>."

THE WAY THINGS WERE



Sydney Stadium 1908-1970 ... people streaming in to see Frank Sinatra 1960.....
(I remember it well I even attended this show, Frank Sinatra had darkening on his scalp to mask his hair lossEd)

What looks like half an apple?

* **The other half**

Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?

* **it will simply become wet**

Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping ??

* **No problem, he sleeps at night.**

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

* **You will never find an elephant that has only one hand..**

Some more Branch photos from the album of the Late Roy Cladingbowl, taken of various Branches at which Roy relieved or served.



ZETLAND



WEE WAA

A Irishman wants a job, but the foreman won't hire him until he passes a little maths test. "Here is your first question," the foreman said. "Without using numbers, represent the number 9."
 "Without numbers?" The Irishman says? "Dat is easy." And proceeds to draw three trees.
 "What's this?" the boss asks.
 "Have you ain't got no brain? Tree and tree plus tree makes 9" says the Irishman.
 "Fair enough," says the boss. "Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99.
 The Irishman stares into space for a while, then picks up the picture that he has just drawn and makes a smudge on each tree... "Ere you go."
 The boss scratches his head and says, "How on earth do you get that to represent 99?"
 "Each of da trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree, and dirty tree, plus dirty tree. Dat makes 99."
 The boss is getting worried that he's going to actually have to hire this Irishman, so he says, "All right, last question. Same rules again, but represent the number 100."
 The Irishman stares into space some more, then he picks up the picture again and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and says, "Ere you go. One hundred!!!!
 The boss looks at the attempt. "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!"
 The Irishman leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and whispers, "A little dog come along and poop by each tree.
 So now you got dirty tree and a turd, dirty tree and a turd, and dirty tree and a turd, which makes ONE HUNDRED!"
 Is that Irishman now head of Qantas?

THE LAST WORDS

I just read an article about a lady who makes ice cubes from left over wine.
 I am so confused!
 What the hell is left over wine?
 Cheers
 Noel

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