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The April Lunch gathering attracted 43 members with President Mike welcoming all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while: Peter Dawson, Dick Hughes, Tony Knight, Rino Mariani, Wal Pendleton, Neil Rowland, and Tony Schembri.

Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Ron Booth, Noel Bottrell, Bob Cunningham, Wal Hardy, Denis Lickley, Brian Liebert, John Mair, Bill Martin, Bob McEwan, Angela Vallender, Doc Wilson, David Wright,

Peter Dawson, a member for many years has finally been able to attend a lunch and gave a "potted history" of his time with the Bank. Peter joined the Bank at Elizabeth St South, Sydney Branch in 1968, he then moved to 137 King St Sydney where there was a trial of extended trading hours to 6:00 pm was being instigated, which Peter says did not add a lot of joy to that posting. Peter then went to Sydney (M & G) where he spent 8 years in the Bill Dept. where he met and married his wife Joy, a union that produced 4 daughters. Peter reflected on a period during this stint where a select few were preparing the "Overseas Banks Return" for which they were allotted a 4 week time frame. The job (after hours) was completed in 2 weeks, and some serious celebration occurred in the remaining two weeks involving smuggled alcohol (a taboo on site) and some fond memories. Peter then spent time at St Leonards and then North Sydney Area during Peter Gilbert's time as Area Manager, and then to Hornsby with Ken Keen, which was his first experience outside the Overseas Bills area, followed by a stint with Lance Phillis at Gordon and 2 years as the "SAO" at Hornsby where John Nicholson was instrumental in correcting some of Peter's enduring spelling issues, (Anyone that spells occasion with double "s" is an ass!). Peter then successfully applied for a post in a Building Society while at S (P & H) but to his amazement was talked out of it and took up a post at Canberra in lieu. Then a period in Lending Dept and a clean up job with a heavy "INC" content of accounts at Glen Innes Branch and then 12 years in Tamworth, and finally retiring from Batemans Bay. Peter spoke warmly of the Bank as his second family, the good friends and people he met along the way, and was pleased that two of his mentors and long term colleagues were at the lunch today in the form of Phil Newsome and Col Bartrim.

Dick Hughes who was at the lunch after a long period away due to ill health also spoke briefly of some of his Bank experiences. Dick joined the Union Bank at Orange and had many postings in the country and in Sydney. He had a couple of firsts in his career as he was the Manager who started BANKCARD for ANZ Bank in New South Wales. He was also the first Area Manager in New South Wales when he opened South Sydney Area Office at Alexandria. He was also privileged (his words) to be the Manager of Pitt and Hunter Streets Branch a position which Dick says was the highlight of his career. Another interesting phase of Dick's career was as the ANZ Senior Representative in China. This held many challenges, not least being the language barrier, but the role was to build a relationship with the Chinese and as a clearing point for documentation etc. A strong relationship did result, and has been sustained despite Dick's departure to Hong Kong when the political situation became unstable during the Tiananmen Square incident. Dick was astounded by the expansion of this relationship in recent weeks whereby the ANZ and Westpac have been appointed as the principal Foreign Exchange dealers in the new arrangement of direct dealing of the Rmb¥; this previously required a third leg USD conversion as well.

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.....

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

OUR PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

Last week I spoke to Reg Tuxford, our longest surviving Past President, having held the position of President of our club in 1990 and 1991. Sadly all the Presidents prior to Reg (and 2 since) have now passed on. Reg says he is in pretty good health given his age and he still plays golf fairly regularly. He does not come into town very much these days and doubts that he will be able to attend one of our lunches in the future. I did ask him to please try and join us for a lunch if ever he thinks he can.

I also spoke to Arthur Bown who was Secretary of our Club when Reg was President and who was then President of our Club in 1994 and 1995. Arthur hopes to be able to join us for a lunch in the next few months. Arthur is the senior member on our Life Members list, the only other 2 living Life Members being Barry Smith and Noel Bottrell.

It was good to chat to these 2 senior members of our Club and they both asked me to pass on their very kind best wishes to all our Members.

It was also great to see Dick Hughes at our lunch last week after quite a long absence due to ill health. Thanks Dick for coming and we hope to see you again in the months ahead.

We have been told that the Bank is moving to 161 Castlereagh Street commencing this month. The Staff Club will be on level 6 (I think) and we will let you all know when the new building is occupied.

We hope to be enveloping the May ANZROC (NSW) Newsletter in the new building on 4 June.

That's all from me this month.

Kind Regards
Mike C.

NEW MEMBERS

David Steele of Albany Creek Qld, the former Secretary ANZROC (Qld). David served 10 years of his ANZ career in NSW.

WELFARE

Our Welfare Office Ken Dighton reports.....

- Bob Cunningham – sent apologies. He has a rehab. appointment at Gosford Hospital today . His health is not particularly good – approx 30% lung capacity only. Hopes to get to a lunch meeting soon.
- Wal Hardy – email: “Could you please note my apology for Monday 15/4/13 as I have a specialist appointment for 12 Noon. In the past 10 days I have been to hospital for separate operations, Carpal Tunnel release, stitches come out Tuesday, Hand now working well. Wednesday night they had to put me under again to remove kidney stones, now feeling well again.
- Denis Lickley – sent apologies for April lunch but feeling OK. However, had 12 days in hospital with a serious infection in his foot and he is still receiving daily care at home from a district nurse (we assume the care is to do with his foot!).
- Mike Gray – Ian Jarratt said he understood that Mike wasn’t well. Unable to make contact but left a telephone message.
- IPP Alex Morgan – still having his regular treatment which knocks him around for a few days each time (however he’s being well nursed at home!).
- Wal. Pendleton – having a knee operation soon (but looking spry today).
- Dick Hughes – still in recovery mode after illness, but really nice to see him at lunch today.
- I made contact with the following people who enjoy the esteemed title of Honorary Member to check up on them in their birthday month, (unfortunately I was unable to make contact with all the HONS having a birthday):

Betty Hickman (86) – quite well, apart from not-so-good eyesight. Happy to be mobile and enjoyed a family outing at Carss Park yesterday.

Stuart Allan (95) – He’s been retired 35 years. “Not going far nor fast but getting by”

Arthur Bown (88) – No complaints. In good hands at home (and I believe like all good husbands he does what he is told!).

Terry Gatty (81) – he is seeing a heart specialist (dodgy valve) and he has monthly injections into his eyes to help keep his sight from deteriorating. Not particularly mobile these days. Sent regards to members and his former work mates.

John McCrudden (83) – Had prostate cancer surgery some time ago and still receiving day treatment at Prince of Wales Hospital. But he is happy!

Bruce Rider (88) – Had shingles 2 years ago, and still suffering the consequences. No joy in sight unfortunately. Not very mobile and unable to play bowls (which I gathered was irking him a bit!). Sent regards to all.

John Scott – has had non-Hodgkins lymphoma for quite a while and receives regular doses of chemotherapy. However, life is OK. John retired in 1983.

BEREAVEMENTS

Wayne Smith emails.....”Brian Bennett, who was not an ANZROC member, who worked for some years in Esanda NSW, passed away on Good Friday, 29 March 2013 after a year long

battle with pancreatic cancer. Brian was a young 69 years and was a well known and liked character at Esanda. Brian will best be remembered for his many years spent in Esanda, he joined the ES&A prior to the merger with ANZ in 1970. Brian was an all round good bloke and committed family man with a passion for motor sport and sailing.”

INTEREST RATES

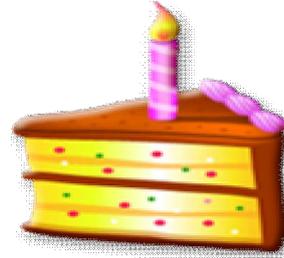
From 01/04/2013

Less than \$20,000

1.94%

Greater than \$20,000

2.48%



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

THE ‘HONS’

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
Ken	WHITE	3 rd

We congratulate Ken WHITE on joining the ‘HONS’ this month.

During the Lunch birthday wishes were extended by VP Graeme Bool to those present, Neil Rowland, Alistair Johnston, and John Turnbull.

Murphy: "What ya talkin to an envelope for?"
Paddy: "I'm sending a voicemail ya thick sod!"

Just got back from my mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball.
It was a lovely service.

SOCIAL/SPORTING

NEWCASTLE "CHAPTER" GET TOGETHER AND LUNCH THURSDAY 2ND MAY

"Doc" Wilson reminds us that the Newcastle Luncheon is on again at the Cardiff Leagues Club (Panthers) on Thursday 2nd May 2013, any members, partners, visitors or any former Bank contacts wishing to attend will, (as usual), be made very welcome. Please send acceptances by phone to "Doc" Wilson 02-49486936 or by email to Jim Richardson jimcher@exemail.com.au It is always a great day and well worth the trip.

Fort Denison (Pinchgut) Outing. 27th May, 2013.

Alex Morgan, our Minister for Good Times announces that our next Social Outing is planned for Monday 27th May. We will meet at Number 6 Jetty, Circular Quay at 10.00 am, in good time to catch the 10.30am Ferry to Pinchgut.

Cost of the return Ferry trip, and entry to the Island, is \$20. Once on the Island, admission to the Martello Tower is additional. When we have seen enough...and maybe experienced the 1.00 pm Gun firing...we can then do one of two things. If the day is glorious, grab the Watsons Bay Ferry which we can catch at Pinchgut for fish 'n chips at the Bay, OR, we can return to the Quay and lunch in the City.

In keeping with our theme "tourists in our own town", we shall be flexible!!! Hope to see you there. Please ring Alex (9970 8668) with questions or comments..all welcome!!

Alex also advises that..... "a tentative date has been set for 16th September 2013 for the Member and Partner lunch to again be held at the Ultimo TAFE, further information will issue on this proposed function."

MAY LUNCH

Our next monthly Lunch will be at our usual venue, CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 20th, May 2013. Pre Lunch drinks from 11.45am, Lunch 12.45 pm. Meal cost is \$15 with you buying your own drinks from the bar. If it is the month of your Birthday you will be the guest of ANZROCNSW to cover the cost of your meal.

Just come along, no booking required, socialise & enjoy yourself. You will be made very welcome. These get-togethers are relaxed fun and a great link with friends & acquaintances. If you haven't been for a while, do yourself a favour and join in.

At the monthly Lunches 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.

ANZROCNSW Blog site

The ANZROCNSW blog is now set up as blog site, <http://anzroc.blogspot.com.au> , this has many Newsletters from the past therein, together with function & and other photographs, plus other items of interest; new material is being added often so while in the blog have a browse around.

In the future all members on the internet will receive their Newsletter via an email from the Editor advising that the Newsletter has gone up on the ANZROCNSW Blog; you then simply click on the link which will be listed in the email and will be able to view the current Newsletter etc.

OTHER MATTERS

Photos from Illawarra Golf Day Feb 2013 are now on the ANZROC NSW blog site.....

Ray Manning emails....."This photo might be of interest to some.

I was attached to Newcastle, Brown St. at that time, but was away relieving in Stroud when photo was taken.

I married Jeanette Reid who was transferred to Sydney 7 Macquarie Place as Ledger Examiner in February 1964. Dawn Thomas moved to Sydney and married Ian Robinson, a one time employee."



-My grand daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

-I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

-I was driving this morning when I saw a parked NRMA van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.

-Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

-I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice!! At least I presume she was poor - she only had \$1.20 in her purse.

-My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

-A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back. He says what do you expect? You're in a wheelchair.

-I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said I would like to come back as a cow. I said you're obviously not listening.

-The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

-Two Muslims have crashed a speedboat into the Thames barrier in London. Police think it might be the start of Ram-a-dam.

-The wife was counting all the 5c's and 10c's out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

**-When I was in the pub I heard a couple of plonkas saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman.
What a pair of sexists. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the bloody thing!**

-Local Police, hunting the 'knitting needle nutter', who has stabbed six people in the rear in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.

-Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!

-A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked!!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ella King (nee Smith) widow of John King sent a Thank You Card"Could you please convey my thanks to the many members of the retired officers who sent messages & phone calls to me on John's passing. It was great comfort to me & the family so many people cared. Because of the number of acknowledgements to make I hope you don't mind me passing this on through the Newsletter. Kind regards to all."

John Wellburn phoned to say...."in the Tamworth & Mobile Bank photo recently the person identified as me is not so. I was in Tamworth about that time in the company of Ken Durrant & Jack Jones, as we passed through Tamworth the closest we got to the branch was the Federal Hotel!!!"

Jim & Cheryl Richardson write...." I have enclosed an Obituary for the Late John King which appeared in the Brisbane Courier Mail. This was sent to me by Max Dunstone. Max was Accountant Cessnock in the late '70s & from memory he went from there to Acct. Murwillumbah, from where he resigned from ANZ around 1982. His late father Ben Dunstone was a UBA/ANZ manager. Max & Beverly now reside at Buderim Qld. we keep in touch during the year, & we catch up with them when we holiday in Caloundra, also with Graham Pope. While Max is not a member of ANZROC NSW I usually email him the Newsletter which I know he enjoys. We hope to get to a Sydney Lunch sometime soon. Best wishes & kind regards to

all.” (Our photographic Dept is working on reproducing the newspaper article & if we are successful we will run in a future edition. We also had a letter & that cutting from Ken Keen who had worked with John in his Bank careerEd)

Barry Smith emails re the identity of the people in the S P & H photo in the blog..... “I have never been so handsome as the bloke listed as Barry Smith in row 9 of the S(P&H), he was in Travel, I was in Advances at the time but was absent as Foreign Exchange Officer at the old Mascot International Terminal, Wales Nab & ANZ took turns in manning those duties, once a month on a rotating basis. Later I was in the Bill Dept under the great Ron McKinnon. Barry listed an update on names & these have been amended in the ANZROC blog so go & have a look & you may be able to update further names to help us get to 100%, Barry says he thinks we have got 99.9% correct.

Allen Burrige writes....”Some further faces in the Tamworth Show Mobile Bank photo in the January Newsletter.1st from left is Jack Lewins ex Bank A/asia, previously Accountant Tamworth & then Manager West Tamworth, which he opened in approx 1953 for a 10 years stay. Ken Bargallie 4th from left (who was my Best Man in 1976), 8th from left is Brian Jones, originally from Gunnedah Branch. I left Tamworth for Acct Teller Canowindra Branch in 1955. Regards to all.”

Betty Gemmell writes...”It was sad to read of the death of John King. He & Ella were Staff Club Committee members and sporting Clubs stalwarts over a long time. We had many happy (& constructive) get togethers. My sincerest sympathy to Ella & her family. Was interesting to read in the Newsletter recently the names of 6 former colleagues I had not seen for over 35 years- and they were all mentioned in the one issue of the Newsletter-as well as Ella & John there was Marion Sinclair, Heather Riach, Elaine Cobcroft & Sandra Kemmis, my Best Wishes to them all. I had just finished reading of the above when I received a phone call from Charles Rennie. We spoke of the yesteryear & recent years- a lot of memories for 2 oldies (100 & 95 years) to touch on especially our years at 377 George St Branch. I look forward to getting to an ANZROC function before too long.”

Laurie O’Brien emails...”recently I was in McDonalds Gosford where my 16 year old son who is on his Ls & I were having some Maccas. A police officer walked past and I asked him if a learner driver gets booked does the licensed driver with him also get booked? The constable was very courteous in replying no but he added the L plater has only 4 points to play with. I noticed from his name tag his name was Gavin Webber and I proceeded to tell him I worked with a Les Webber in the ANZ Orange in 1971. Gavin replied “that’s my father!” He could not wait to get home and phone Les who has retired and living in Sydney with his wife; Les is in good health. It was 40 years ago that I last saw him.”

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

Cheers

Noel