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Today's gathering attracted 45 members with President Phil welcoming all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while: Reg Elliott, Clive Lennon, Bob McElroy, Peter Murray, and John Ryan.

Phil's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

APOLOGIES:

Were received from..... Noel Bottrell, Peter Bradford, Phil Cohen, Mike Cunneen, Alf Evans, Paul Jepson, Alistair Johnston, Alf Mc Dermott, Phil Minett, Alex and Ann Morgan, Clive Neutze, Barry Thompson and Angela Vallender



WELFARE

Welfare Officer Ken Dighton reports.....

Sick List:

- John Grant – has had a spell in hospital with a heart problem, and Karl Mizens reports that John is progressing well.
- Rod Prosser – Rod says his medical issue was cancer of a kidney (not prostate), and he has part of a kidney removed and is now well on the mend.

- Apologies today from Mike Cunneen and Alf McDermott, both of whom have succumbed to the dreaded lurgy

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 to extend birthday wishes of course):

- Ron Booth (84) – His AF slows him down but generally he is OK. He is, however, looking to move into some assisted care accommodation somewhere close to shopping and preferably along the coast. If any of our readers know of such a place Ron would be pleased to hear from you. Nice to see Ron joining us for lunch today.
- Alan Brown (83) – Alan has had a few things to contend with recently but on the whole he is feeling good. Last week he was visited by his son (from Thailand) for his birthday (it was actually a dual celebration because Alan’s wife Viva celebrated her 80th a few day earlier).
- Gary Brown (81) – he’s hale and hearty. Playing golf 2 days (sometimes 3) a week, and still without a cart.
- Allen Burrige (82) – welcome to another lunch meeting Allen – still looking fit and well, (and soon heading off for a month at South West Rocks).
- Bill Chapman (80) – another “old fella” attending our meeting today, and looking well (including plenty of black hair!). Recently spent a week in Queensland to celebrate his and his daughter’s birthdays.
- Bob Cunningham (80) – He said he is “doin’ alright”, but getting to our lunch meetings from the Central Coast (particularly in winter) is a bit of a challenge.
- Carl Fleming (81) – I had to leave Carl a phone message (no doubt a busy social life!). Best wishes for the 29th Carl.
- Keith Johnson (81) – I again fell foul of the phone system in Keith’s unit complex (same as last year!). We hope you are well Keith and enjoyed your birthday on 16th.
- Brian Maddison (82) – unfortunately I was unable to make contact with Brian (phone # not connected). In one of my reports last year we had heard that Brian wasn’t enjoying good health, and we’ve heard nothing since. We hope he is faring well and has an enjoyable birthday later this month.
- Keith Nunn (93) – Unfortunately I was unable to make contact with Keith, but I did leave him a message expressing the hope that he is well.

As an addendum to last month’s report I can now report that Bruce Dickinson is well. He is still playing golf (but his handicap is confidential!) and enjoying life on the Sunshine Coast. He passed on his best wishes to everyone.

Bereavement: Jo Lee, daughter of ex-Anzedder Norm Lee, passed away earlier this month after a protracted illness.

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to John Ireland of Banora Point NSW, and Anthony Lewis of Chinchilla Qld.

INTEREST RATES

From 01/08/2014

Less than \$20,000 1.69%

Greater than \$20,000 2.16%

SEPTEMBER LUNCH

The Partner's Lunch at Ultimo TAFE will be on Tuesday 16th September 2014.

NOTE THIS IS IN LIEU OF OUR NORMAL MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER LUNCH AT THE CTA!!!

Refer to Social on page for full details of the Partners Lunch

OTHER INTERESTING STUFF

Karl Mizens is in the process of organizing a get together of ex Martin Place & George St. staff who were there in the 60's & 70's. Any ex S(M & G) staff who would like to attend please get in touch with Karl on kmizens@bigpond.com

One of the staff, Bernadette Mickle (nee Gaughan) lives in Canada and will be visiting Australia in November. She expressed her desire to attend the November lunch so she can catch up with a few "mature" faces from S(M&G) Bank days. Bernie was also involved with the Staff Club during her Bank years and would also be known to Ann Morgan (nee Randell-Smith) & Betty Gemmell.

This initiated the interest of other S(M&G) staff of that era to attend, being those she had been communicating with whilst living in Canada. A list too long to cover here, but they will all get a mention in the Newsletter after the event.

It is expected our numbers will swell by at least twenty at the November lunch, and possibly more as members learn of the added motivation to attend and catch up with old colleagues not seen for a long while.

Allen Burrige and Tony Schembri are also planning a reunion for all Bankcard Dept. staff. It is only in its formative stages at present, but they are keen to locate any former Bankcard staff to get the ball rolling. Any one that can help, please contact Allen Burrige on 9977 5374 OR Tony Schembri on 0433 891 000 or 4733 0520 or tonys.email@bigpond.com

Staff Club changes to a managed service as of Friday 22 August 2014

The ANZ Staff Club has been a separate legal entity from ANZ for many years. In that time ANZ staff have been seconded to manage and be accountable for the day-to-day running of the Staff Club. The main focus and objective over the past two years has been to ensure that the Club is fully self-sustainable for the years to come, without any financial assistance from ANZ.

As of Friday 22 August 2014, the ANZ Staff Club will be fully accountable for its employee base as a separate legal entity. There will be no impact on members during this transition.

John Morschel attended the August lunch and was afforded ANZROC (NSW) Honorary Life Membership. John has been very supportive of ANZROC NSW in so many ways during his Chairmanship of the ANZ and has always made himself available when possible to attend any

special functions, despite his very full calendar. John's support has made the Committee's role so much easier than it otherwise may have been and he has our sincerest gratitude. Regrettably for John there is no such thing as a free lunch so he gave us a potted history of his very successful career:

Pre 1995 John developed his career in the building and construction/development industry culminating in a Directorship with Lend Lease which led to an Executive Director role at Westpac with the Australian Banking Division, with the IT and Property Portfolios. John filled this role from 1988 to 1999 when he was then appointed as a Non Executive Director until 2001. John also had Directorships with CSR and an associated company Rinkler, as well as Comalco and subsequently Rio Tinto based in the U.K. Directorships followed with Layton Holdings and Simtel. In 2004 John joined the ANZ as a Non Executive Director and Chair of the Risk Committee before ultimately becoming Chairman of ANZ in 2010 from which he retired on 1st May 2014. John stated that he enjoyed his time with ANZ and has good memories of the people, their good company, dedication and loyalty and is deservedly proud of his role which involved 46,000 employees. John continues to keep busy with a Directorship for a private Singapore company involved in electrical services, reticulation, maintenance and construction which he has been associated with for many years. Now when he has the time he is searching out what he has been missing over this very full career and attempting to improve his golf handicap. John says he is a poor golfer but the Pro sees some potential. Not sure if the potential is as a constant source of revenue or as a golfer with some skill!



The Wit of Phyllis Diller

- Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: Eat out.
- A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.
- I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.
- Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

- Aim high, and you won't shoot your foot off.
- Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.
- We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve telling them to sit down and shut up.
- Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.
- You know you're old if your walker has an airbag.
- I'm eighteen years behind in my ironing.
- What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.
- The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally put gin in the steam iron.
- Old age is when the liver spots show through your gloves.
- My photographs don't do me justice - they just look like me.
- There's so little money in my bank account, my scenic cheques show a ghetto.
- My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor.
- Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kevin	ALCHIN	7 th	Peter	GILLIGAN	21 st	Annette	OSMOND	17 th
Noel	ARMITAGE	21 st	Peter	GOERMAN	16 th	Terry	PARKER	29 th
Garry	ATTEWELL	23 rd	Evelyn	GOLDSTEIN	30 th	Kate	PIETRACCI	14 th
Eamon	BERNE	10 th	Bob	HAENEY	29 th	Trevor	REES	11 th
Tony	BROWN	15 th	John	HICKEY	13 th	Les	RENNIE	13 th
Paul	BURGE	22 nd	Barry	HUMPHREYS	26 th	Craig	RICE	21 st
Mark	BURNS	17 th	Terry	HUTCHINSON	23 rd	Peter	ROBISON	9 th
Paul	CARROLL	1 st	Dorothy	JOHNSTON	16 th	Peter	RUTLEDGE	25 th
Neville	CHIE	16 th	Allen	JOHNSTONE	4 th	Don	SHEATH	30 th
Mike	CUNNEEN	24 th	David	KNOBLE	12 th	Peter	SIMPSON	20 th
Deborah	DIMMOCK	28 th	Karl	MIZENS	28 th	Brian	SOWTER	7 th
Stan	DOYLE	12 th	Ray	MOONEY	15 th	Geoff	THOMAS	29 th
Terry	FERGUSON	21 st	Spencer	MYERS	13 th	Rupe	THOMAS	24 th
David G	FLEMING	5 th	Laurie	O'BRIEN	14 th	Brian	TIMMS	23 rd
Graham	GILLARD	4 th	Albert	ORSZACZKY	17 th	Peter	WATSON	19 th

THE "HONS"

Norman	BRAIN	24 th
Kevin	COULTER	30 th
Reg	ELLIOTT	9 th
John	HEATHWOOD	29 th
Keith	JACOBS	19 th
Howard	NISH	4 th
Noel	PLUSH	4 th
John	ROBSON	20 th
Roy	VOCKLER	4 th

We welcome Keith JACOBS to the 'Hons' this month

Birthday wishes were extended by VP Graeme Bool to those present at the August Lunch with birthdays in August; Albert Ben Mayor, Ron Booth, Allan Burrige, Bill Chapman, Vic East, and Garry O'Meara,

SOCIAL/SPORTING

British 'phlegm' was never better illustrated than during 1940; as witnessed by this calm notice.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB

TEMPORARY RULES. 1940

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
2. In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

Patron's day will be on the 2nd Sept 2014, at 242 Pitt St Sydney with Warwick Smith again generously agreeing to host our Lunch.

The Partner's Lunch at Ultimo TAFE Tuesday 16th September 2014. NOTE THIS IS IN LIEU OF OUR NORMAL MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER LUNCH AT THE CTA!!!

Please contact Alex Morgan on aamorgan8@gmail.com (ph 9970 8668) or Reg Smeaton on 02 42286951 or reg.kini@bigpond.com.au if you wish to attend. As usual numbers are limited, so an early booking is essential to ensure a place. \$25 for Members, all guests or partners will be no charge. Widows or widowers of former members also no charge. Refreshments are extra on a per table basis.

Cheques/Cash/EFT (BSB 012-006 Account 8906464- quote your name on the transfer) with details of sender to Treasurer Mike.

This is always an enjoyable day with good company, good food and in a lovely environment, so for those who are wavering, give it a try!!

The 1st December Christmas function is on at ANZ Centre 242 Pitt St.

In the Pipeline:
-SCG Tour

Bowls Day at Umina:

Phil Newsome and Ian Jarratt are working towards a bowls day at Umina Bowling Club as a similar event to the Illawarra Golf Day. There would be a 2 hour game of bowls rolling off at 10:30 followed by a lunch at the Club at a cost of \$10.00. Bowls would be free to participants. Dress would be casual and flat soled shoes are essential to play (i.e. no defined heels) or bare feet are also acceptable but perhaps not desirable from a health view point. The Bowls Club has a bus that could shuttle guests from the station at Woy Woy to the club. Could you please advise Reg Smeaton on 02 42286951 or reg.kini@bigpond.com.au of your expression of interest so that Phil and Ian can assess the merits in arranging the event.

BEREAVEMENTS

Gloria Bowmer aged 73 of Ryde, the wife of Noel Bowmer, passed away on 21st July 2014 after a long battle with cancer. Gloria is survived by her husband Noel, mother and mother in law of Peter and Lisa, Jennifer and Stephen, and Anthony and Natalee, and 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Graham (Doc) Wilson passed away suddenly on 17th August 2014, aged 78, after suffering a severe stroke 10 days earlier, from which he could not recover. In keeping with Doc's true nature he was working as a Volunteer at the Samaritans at the time. Doc's funeral was held at the Pettigrew Family Funeral Services at Hunter Street Newcastle West on 22nd August at 2:00 PM. "Doc" had a direct involvement with ANZROC through his efforts with the Newcastle Satellite. He enjoyed a high profile as a frequent visitor to our Sydney meetings to report on or invite those who wished to attend the Newcastle functions, where he always laid on a very hospitable welcome. A toast was raised in his memory at our gathering.

A period of silence was observed in memory of "Doc" & Gloria.

ANZROC members were well represented at "Docs" funeral.

Condolence letters have been sent where appropriate.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paul Jacka advises:.....“I believe that Retired Officers may be better served as regards concessional enquiries by emailing retiredofficers@anz.com.” This was a result of the coverage last month of Retired Officer Benefits.

Our blogmaster Peter Boerman emails....”Just rang John Burke to tell him that Graham Wilson has gone to the Big Bank in the Sky. We both worked with Graham at the ANZ in Alinga Street in Canberra. Graham was a thoroughly all-round nice guy and liked by everybody. It gets a bit depressing belonging to a Club with a dying membership :-) Cheers to all.

A farmer died leaving his 17 horses to his three sons.

When his sons opened up the Will it read:

My eldest son should get 1/2 (half) of total horses;

My middle son should be given 1/3rd (one-third) of the total horses;

My youngest son should be given 1/9th (one-ninth) of the total horses.

As it's impossible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, the three sons started to fight with each other.

So, they decided to go to a farmer friend who they considered quite smart, to see if he could work it out for them.

The farmer friend read the Will patiently, after giving due thought, he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17. That increased the total to 18 horses.

Now, he divided the horses according to their fathers Will.

Half of 18 = 9. So he gave the eldest son 9 horses.

1/3rd of 18 = 6. So he gave the middle son 6 horses.

1/9th of 18 = 2. So he gave the youngest son 2 horses.

Now add up how many horses they have:

Eldest son 9, Middle son 6, Youngest son 2

TOTAL IS 17

Now this leaves one horse over, so the farmer friend takes his horse back to his farm.

Problem Solved!

Moral:

The attitude of negotiation and problem solving is to find the 18th horse i.e. the common ground. Once a person is able to find the 18th horse the issue is resolved. It is difficult at times. However, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution. If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any!

That's what I call clever Mathematics.

'Till next month

Noel