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The February Lunch/AGM was attended by 61 members.

President Alex welcomed all including those not seen for a while: Peter Devoy, John Farrugia, Ken Keen, Les Rennie, Heather Riach, Wal Pendleton and Wilhelmina Smith.

Alex's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

RETIRED STAFF INTEREST RATES

From 1/2/2012	less than \$20,000	2.84%
	Greater than \$20,000	3.63%

OUR EX PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

Our newly elected President Mike Cunneen is making his way back from Bright, and has asked me to fill in for this Newsletter.

At our recent Lunch Meeting and AGM, Brian Burgess made his "Potted History Talk". Just getting to the meeting was a little different.....Brian caught an earlybird flight from Tamworth, and was last seen upstairs at the CTA as we all left, about to set off on a shopping expedition before returning home on a red eye flight.

During Brian's chat, I watched the reaction of his 60 strong audience as he mentioned branch after branch, the staff attached to those branches whilst he was there, and some short but very sweet memories of some things which were done or said during his banking career. The reaction of so many attendees was wonderful to behold. Smiles, grimaces, and overall enjoyment as the years receded, and old memories were re-ignited.

And that is what ANZROC is all about!

Please allow yourself to experience that feeling....attend an ANZROC gathering,.. where ever it may be, perhaps read the Newsletters from each State, which are available on the WWW. Or phone an old work mate and ask "whatever happened to..."?????

But, you must, as they say in the gray nomad community: "Laugh More and Live Longer"! Take care, IPP Alex.

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....

Blonde's Cookbook

**It's fun to cook for Tom.
Today I made angel food cake.
The recipe said beat 12 eggs separately.
The neighbours were nice enough to loan me some extra bowls.**

**Tom wanted fruit salad for supper.
The recipe said serve without dressing.
So I didn't dress.
What a surprise when Tom brought a friend home for supper.....**

**A good day for rice.
The recipe said wash thoroughly before steaming the rice.
It seemed kind of silly but I took a bath anyway.
I can't say it improved the rice any.**

**Today Tom asked for salad again I tried a new recipe.
It said prepare ingredients & lay on a bed of lettuce one hour before serving.
Tom asked me why I was rolling around in the garden..**

**I found an easy recipe for biscuits.
It said put the ingredients in a bowl and beat it.
There must have been something wrong with this recipe.
When I got back, everything was the same as when I left.**

**Tom did the shopping today and brought home a chicken.
He asked me to dress it for Sunday.
I don't have any clothes that fit it,
and for some reason Tom keeps counting to ten.**

**Tom's folks came to dinner.
I wanted to serve roast but all I had was hamburger..
Suddenly I had a flash of genius..
I put the hamburger in the oven and set the controls for roast.
It still came out hamburger, much to my disappointment.**

BEREAVEMENTS

Geoff Peake of Sawtell aged 69 on 13.1.2012 of cancer. Geoff is survived by his wife Denise. Geoff was not a member of ANZROC, but was well known throughout the membership and will be missed, particularly in Sawtell where he was the President of the Bowling Club.

Jean Attwill, on 10th December, 2011 aged 93 of Chapman ACT the widow of Robert Attwill who retired as Manager Bega many years ago. Jean's daughter Susan Scerri advised us of her death and mentioned her enjoyment of the Newsletter, looking out for familiar names & in particular the jokes section. In response to a condolence message Jean's daughter Susan Scerri writes," Thank you for your kind thoughts. I have forwarded your email to my brother Michael who still works and lives in the Bega Valley and to my sister Jan Boydell"

Ken Dighton advises of the death of Rick De Nardi of Wahroonga, aged 71, who passed away on 6/2/12 after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Irene. Laurie O'Brien writes "Many ex Scotty staff as well as ANZ will remember Rick with fond memories during his sterling career with Esanda / ANZ". A Funeral Mass was held at Macquarie Park Crematorium, North Ryde on Tuesday February 14th."

Mary Collings the widow of Lisle Collings, of Hawks Nest NSW passed away on 21.12.2011, as advised by her nephew Peter Collings of Ettrick NSW. Lisle was on the staff as a Driver/Messenger and as noted by Heather Riach Lisle was well known as the driver for Eric Southwood during his service with the Bank.

A period of silence was observed in their memory by all at the lunch.

Condolence letters have been sent as appropriate.

Carol Green has responded to our condolence message for Bob Green with a thank you card from the Green Family.

FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY REG.

Barry Smith advised that Arthur Bown was sighted on Channel Seven during coverage of the Darwin 70th Anniversary, where he spoke of his experiences.

Barry also advised having run into Kim Cottrell – Dormer's son recently and they discussed his appearance in the press in the background of a Darwin anniversary photo. Kim passed away in October last year.

Brian Burgess, again visiting from Tamworth following on his initial lunch last November, gave an informative potted history on his 25 years in the Bank. He spoke of his experiences in both NSW (CBD and Tamworth) and New Zealand. He had good memories of many that he worked with over the time, and the continued associations he enjoyed after he left the Bank. Brian was pleasantly surprised by the number of former colleagues he has met at the lunches, although he did have trouble recognizing some of them after a very long time.

NEXT LUNCH

The March monthly Lunch will be at our usual venue, CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 19th March, 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.

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool." That's interesting." she said. "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Attendance: 61 members

Apologies: Mike Cunneen, Phil Cohen, John McAnelly, Stuart Kitching, Ian Tredinnick, and Peter Willis. In the absence of incoming President Mike Cunneen, Alex Morgan vacated his role as President and assumed the role of “Returning Officer”

NOMINATIONS 2012

Nominations for the positions of President and 2 Vice Presidents were held and in the absence of other nominees were appointed to their positions:

PRESIDENT: MIKE CUNNEEN

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: PHIL NEWSOME

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: GRAEME BOOL

Present incumbents for the following positions have all agreed to make themselves available again, and are

HON SECRETARY: REG SMEATON

HON TREASURER: NOEL FOX

EDITOR: NOEL BOTTRELL

RECORDS OFFICER: DAVID WRIGHT

WELFARE OFFICER: BARRY SMITH

COMMITTEE: ANN MORGAN, DENIS LICKLEY and IAN JARRATT.

All were re-elected in the absence of alternative nominees.

Convention dictates that Alex Morgan joins the Committee as the IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT which was formalised.

Nominee for a new Committee member to assist with succession plans is ASSISTANT TREASURER: COLIN CLARKE and he was also appointed unopposed.

AUDITOR. KEN BYATT has agreed to fill the role again this year.

PATRON. THE HON. WARWICK SMITH has been appointed with his concurrence.

Presidents Report

My sincere thanks to all for the privilege of continuing the wonderful work of previous ANROC (NSW) Presidents, especially PP Ken Dighton, and the Committee members in achieving our primary objectives of fostering fellowship, and supporting the welfare and wellbeing of our fellow retirees.

We are a healthy Club in both members and dollars, and I trust that you have had as much fun as Ann and I at our monthly Luncheon Meetings and other gathering which the Bank’s very welcome annual subsidy helps you to catch up with mates at the regional gatherings, and in reading and enjoying hearing about friends in the excellent Newsletter which Life Member Noel produces each month.

Attendance at our monthly Sydney Luncheon Meetings hovered around a pleasing mid fifties to sixty mark, however that is still only around ten percent of our active members. How do we encourage more retired folk from our various merged arms to participate in ANZROC (NSW), or indeed any of our interstate ROCs? As individual members, you can all contribute to your Club by introducing past associates or old friends from your years of service, to our Newsletter, or to our regular Lunch Meetings.

Inevitably, but sadly we lost twenty one members and spouses this year. The Committee and members again extend our thoughts and sympathy to those whose loved ones have passed on.

Our overall membership stands at 730, with more than two hundred and thirty members enjoying Christmas Celebrations or Reunions at 20 Martin Place, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra, Ballina and Port Macquarie.

We had a fun filled Ladies and Partners Luncheon, enjoyed various social outings, the annual Port Kembla Memorial Golf Day and lots of camaraderie. Thanks go to Ian Jarratt – our M4GT, Phil Newsome and Brian White – Port Kembla Golf Day, Doc Wilson – Hunter/Newcastle, Ann Pereira –Port Macquarie, Albert Orszaczky – Canberra, and Brian Rawle – Ballina, for proactively organising these outings and gatherings.

Let us also acknowledge ANZ Bank, with special thanks to the Chairman John Morschel (who again joined us in Sydney for our Christmas Function), CEO Mike Smith, and our Patron Hon Warwick Smith, who by their ongoing tangible support and encouragement enable ANZROC nationally to continue to function without too many member fee increases.

On that note, a special mention to the following amazing and understanding folk in ANZ Administration who have made a major contribution to the well being of our Club!.. Amanda Clarke and Jas Antonious, for their enthusiastic and most welcome assistance to our Committee. Shona Bruce, Hannah Jones and their helpers on Level 20 for another memorable Christmas celebration and for their hospitality at our monthly Newsletter enveloping mornings..... Renee Elkhoury and Pamela Tann who, on our behalf, have smoothed the way to the Chairman and CEO.

Your Committee has been outstanding these past two years. I have no idea how to acknowledge their selfless contribution. Please join me in showing our appreciation to the outgoing, and incoming office bearers and committee members of ANZROC (NSW). My thanks to you all!!!

Secretary's Report

At the end of December, membership stood at 730, including 93 honoraries and 102 widows/widowers. Bereavements of members or their spouse in the previous 12 months: David Adam, Noel Bedford, Beulah Bragg (nee Dowling), Raymond (John) Burwood, Barclay Carden, Peter E. Chapple, Roy Cladingbowl, Kim Cottrell-Dormer, Ken Davies, Dorothy Gorman, Bob Green, Von Hunter, Mavis Maddison, Russ McDonald, Meralyn (Lyn) Napier, Terry Sheehan, Herbert (Tony) Shrimpton, Eulah Southwood, Glynn Stedman, Alan Stevens, Rip Whelan, and Ken Williams.

A period of silence was observed in their memory.

New Members since last AGM: Trevor Auld, Chris Boorer, Terry Boorland, Brian Burgess, Paul Carroll, Brian Davis, Geoff Duck, George Faddoul, Allan Gibson, Terry Gilchrist, Peter Goerman, Ray Hawkes, David Johnson, Liz Joyce, Col Lucas, Peter Maber, Sue Miller, Digby Milne, Kim Mogan, John Odewahn, Nick Oglesneff, Neil Rowland, and Vicki Wilkinson.

Treasurers Report: An audited report was presented by Treasurer Noel Fox. A copy was made available to all in attendance for their perusal and comment if applicable. There were no questions of the Treasurer.

Vote of Thanks

Vice President Phil Newsome closed the AGM after expressing his thanks to the outgoing President Alex Morgan for all he has achieved during his tenure, with particular reference to the growth in numbers attending the monthly lunches, his ability in leading the Committee, and initiative with social interaction of the members.

WELFARE

Val Cladingbowl advised that she is in the final stages of bowel cancer with a very poor prognosis. Despite this she was bright and positive and spoke of her of her time in Wagga Wagga and Coffs Harbour, but Val had a particularly soft spot for Lithgow which she considered a highlight of their Bank appointments. Val says she actually enjoyed the constant moving around associated with the job.

Tony Brown advises he is on the mend after being fitted with a defibrillator and pacemaker and "still has some years of living to do".

Roy Riley is receiving full nursing care now having been transferred from his self care unit, within St David's Nursing Home, and asked Barry Smith during a visit today to extend his regards to all. (More on Roy in the Letters to The Editor.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Phil Newsome emails...."I was saddened to read of the passing of Geoff Peake in the January Newsletter. I knew him well as we worked together in New England district in the early nineties. Geoff was Manager at Narrabri and later an Account Controller based at Inverell looking after a portfolio of chronically sick rural accounts. He was a good banker and a thorough gentleman, and will be sadly missed by all that knew him. Vale Geoff Peak."

Ray Brennan advises by email...."I noted in the newspaper today the death of Ricky De Nardi. He and I joined the ESA together and went to the same new entrant's course. He studied Economics at night at Sydney University and the greater part of his 40 odd years in the Bank were spent at Esanda in specialist roles. A very clever guy.

Peter Chiroux emails....."Thanks very much for passing on the sad news about Ricky's passing. He was a great guy to work with."

John Ball writes..... " At this time of the year Kester & I are away on those wretched holidays that in retirement seem to waste so much of our time!!!. The reason for this note is to say that I knew the late Geoff Peake very well from the old Wagga Wagga days. At that time in the late '50s Geoff was the Junior in the Wagga Wagga branch & spent most of his time up on the mezzanine floor doing exchanges, rems. mail etc; He was a member of the basketball team & from memory an excellent & talented player (yes John your memory serves you well, Geoff was that....Ed). After I left WW I lost track of Geoff but I believe he spent some time in Deniliquin before moving up to the Coffs area. Many years later I was having lunch with Brian Beynon at Coffs when he mentioned that Geoff was Manager of the Sawtell Bowling Club & I intended calling on him there. Unfortunately that will not now be possible.

I also note the passing of Eula Southwood & that reminds me of both her & Eric. The story goes something like this, Eric & Eula had to go to the Orange Field Days & I as PR had to go along because of the fact that I knew most of the farmers & graziers who attended the Field Days. Anyway on arrival in Orange we called at the Branch where I think Eula stayed with the Manager's wife, while Eric, the local Manager, & I went to the Field Days. We arrived just in time to see the field slashing demonstration. As the tractors moved up & down the paddock the farmers who were watching the demo. walked forward and kicked the mown grass. After a while Eric did the same & I asked why he was he had done this, he replied "We don't want to stand here looking stupid because we don't know why they are kicking the grass". After all these years I still laugh when I think of that day in Orange.

On 2nd Feb Kester & I visited Roy Riley at St David's Retirement Village at Forestville where he has now moved into a Hostel Care Unit , at 85 he was finding it difficult looking after himself in a Retirement Unit. I am pleased to report that Roy is settling in very well & is well looked after by the nursing & domestic staff. He has many friends in the Village but I feel he would appreciate visits from old friends who may be in the area. It would be desirable to phone first on 02 8977 8225 Care Accommodation, & ask to speak to him. Cheers to all."

Our "Member for The Hunter" "Doc" Wilson writes..... Thank you for the cheque for the subsidy for our regional get together. I very much appreciate the Committee's representations in applying for, & obtaining, this generous contribution from the Bank.

I aim to attend the March, Sydney lunch to promote our half yearly get together in May."

Colin Walker writes from Merungle Hill NSW...."Love getting the Newsletter each month, brings back some great memories. Jean & I are getting along very well. Still keeping busy at our little farm with our small herd of Murray Greys. Will try to get down for a monthly lunch in the near future. Kindest regards to all."

ANZ STAFF CLUB

Chris Woods National Manager ANZ Staff Club Australia has advised President Mike....." am pleased to advise the alteration of Rule 7(k) was unanimously endorsed at last week's AGM, allowing widows and immediate family of retired officers to maintain the retired officer membership in the event of cessation of membership due to death."



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mike	ADAMSON	18/03/44	Ian	JARRATT	10/03/41
Mark	ATTARD	17/03/63	Ken	JOYCE	21/03/38
Brian	BEYNON	19/03/37	Wayne	KIEHNE	01/03/49
Terry	BORLAND	15/03/62	David	LENNON	06/03/44
David	BRASSINGTON	03/03/49	Maggie	LEOW	11/03/62
Ann	BURNESS	08/03/43	John	MAIR	01/03/36
Mike	CAPPER	29/03/48	Ron	MILLER	20/03/42
Paul	CONAGHAN	22/03/39	John	ODEWAHN	30/03/47
Steve	DAVIDSON	25/03/49	Lance	PHILLIS	03/03/35
Jan	DOUGLASS	14/03/35	Ron	RAWSON	16/03/35
Bob	DWYER	30/03/51	Alan	ROWLEY	05/03/42
Marj	FARRELL	18/03/39	Reg	SMEATON	08/03/48
Alan	GIBSON	12/03/47	Lyn	SMITH	10/03/60
Ray	GREEN	19/03/47	Garrie	TAYLOR	08/03/49
Harry	HAMMOND	04/03/47	Vern	WARNER	20/03/47
Andrew	HARDWICK	22/03/54	Chris	WHEELER	01/03/46
Chris	HARDY	27/03/44	Peter	WHITTY	24/03/39
Ron	HAYDEN	02/03/44	Peter	WILLIS	18/03/39
Larry	JACKA	03/03/45	Maureen	ZARUBIN	06/03/45

THE "HONS"

Margaret	BLACKWOOD	31/03/22
Doug	DOWLING	05/03/26
Eric	HARVEY	25/03/26
Ken	HILL	22/03/31
Jack	HOFFMAN	27/03/22
Geoff	NELSON	17/03/24
Wes	STERLAND	01/03/31

There are no new "HONS" to welcome this month, but congratulations to the following significant 0 birthdays: Terry BORLAND & Maggie LEOW (50), Ron MILLER & Alan ROWLEY (70), and especially to Margaret BLACKWOOD & Jack HOFFMAN (90).

The following members present at the February lunch celebrated birthdays in February: Ken Byatt, Colin Clarke, John Farrugia, Bob Janson, Ken Keen, Peter McCabe, John Mitchell, Wal Pendleton, and John Tier.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Noticed in the ANZROC WA Newsletter...."Dermot Lewis has moved from Queensland to SA."

Seen in the ANZROC Vic. Newsletter...."Theo Yardley emails his thanks for the greetings received for his 84th birthday. The whole family (16) were in Sydney for Christmas and Theo and wife Pat had a great time working up to the day of his birthday."

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It is time to remind you that the annual subscription of \$5 for the year ending 31/12/12 is now due. If you have not already done so a tear-off slip for payment is included with this Newsletter. Please note that this notice does not apply to our Honorary Members, nor to the widows of former members, they continue to be exempt from payment of the annual subscription. Members who have not responded by 31/03/12 will sadly drop off the ANZROC mailing list.

How do they serve alcoholic drinks on Italian cruise ships? - On the rocks

What vegetables do you get with dinner on Italian cruise ships? - Leeks

What's the fastest way to get off an Italian cruise ship? - Follow the captain

When the captain of the ill fated Costa Concordia was asked if he knew where he was going he replied "off course."

So the captain of the Costa Concordia will soon be in the dock. That's more than can be said for his ship.

What does the Italian economy and the stricken cruise liner Costa Concordia have in common? Nothing - The bottoms dropped out of both.

THE LAST WORD

Be well, stay safe, and SMILE (it makes your face feel good), and if smiles are good, laughs are even better.

It's been said, "You don't stop laughing when you die, you die when you stop laughing!!"

Cheers

Noel

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