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The Lunch gathering on 17th February 2014 attracted 49 members, President Mike welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while: Barry Bailey, Col Bartrim, Geoff Taylor, Doc Wilson,

Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

PRESIDENT PHIL'S PREAMBLE

I consider it a great honour to be elected President of your club. Recently Immediate Past President Mike Cunneen organised a special lunch for past Presidents, and to be put in the same post as these august gentlemen is, indeed, a privilege.

The primary aim of this club will not alter. Simply put, this Club exists to allow members to enjoy each other's company, during the good times, and to look out for each other in times of ill-health or ill-fortune. To this end I am very fortunate to have a former President in Ken Dighton to be our Welfare Officer and another former President, Alex Morgan, to be the Minister for Good Times on this year's committee.

I would like to pay tribute Mike Cunneen, who steps down after 2 years in the job as your President. Mike did a great job, and I am very pleased to report that he will remain on the Committee as the Treasurer. Noel Fox, who so ably filled the Treasurer role for the past 6 years, will be retiring from that position. Although he will move to the back benches, his valuable input will still be available to the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The AGM was successfully held in conjunction with the February Lunch, with the following outcomes...

Attendance: 49 members

Apologies: Noel Bottrell, Noel Bowmer, Alf Evans, Ron Hargrave, Clieve Lennon, Phil Minett, Barry and Wilhelmina Smith,.

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR AGM

Thank you for allowing me to be your President for the past 2 years. I have had a great time and have thoroughly enjoyed myself as your President. It has been my privilege to work with a great bunch of people who have been the Committee members for these past 2 years. My sincere thanks for the great work you have done for our Club. I am pleased to advise that all the Committee have indicated that they are available to assist our new President Phil

Newsome for the coming year. Treasurer Noel Fox is standing down from the position of Treasurer but has indicated that he wishes to remain as a Committeeman on the incoming Committee.

My sincere thanks to Noel for the 6 years he has been our Treasurer. The position of Treasurer is time consuming and Noel has always put in the required time and effort in keeping the details of this important position right up to date. Well done Noel you deserve to have a break.

I am pleased to report that our Club is in a sound position in both members and finances. Treasurer Noel will give details of financial position in his Treasurer's Report and Secretary Reg will give details of our membership numbers in his report.

Sadly but inevitably we lost 15 members and/or spouses during the year and The Committee and our members again extend our thoughts and sympathy to those that loved ones have passed on.

Our monthly lunches continue to be well attended with usually 50 plus members in attendance. We had over 250 members attend our Christmas celebrations and reunions at ANZ Head Office NSW in Pitt Street and at country venues at Newcastle, Wollongong, Ballina, Port Macquarie Wagga Wagga and Canberra. Our sincere thanks to the members who attended these functions, with special thanks to the organisers of these gatherings.

Let me please acknowledge the wonderful support that ANZ Bank gives to our Club and indeed other Retired Officers' Clubs in other States. We give special thanks to the Chairman of ANZ John Morschel (who once again joined us at our Sydney Christmas lunch), CEO Mike Smith our Patron Hon Warwick Smith (who is a wonderful supporter of our Retired Officers' Club in NSW) and Mark Monaghan who attended some of our functions when our Patron was away.

We also thank Jas Antonious, Renee Ribot-De-Bresac, Amanda Clarke, Lee Blundell and Mary Kriz who provide wonderful assistance to us whenever we ask.

In conclusion let me once again acknowledge the selfless contribution of our Committee and ask that you join me in showing our appreciation to the outgoing and incoming Officer Bearers and Committee members of ANZ Retired Officers' Club (NSW).

My thanks to you all.

Mike Cunneen.

At the AGM Office holders were elected as follows.....

President: Phil Newsome, Senior Vice President: Graeme Bool, Junior Vice President: Phillip Cohen, Hon. Secretary: Reg Smeaton, Hon. Treasurer: Mike Cunneen, Newsletter Editor: Noel Bottrell, Records Officer: David Wright, Welfare Officer: Ken Dighton

Committee Members: Noel Fox, Denis Lickley, Ann Morgan and Alex Morgan. Convention dictates that Mike Cunneen also joins the Committee as the Immediate Past President which was formalised.

Auditor. Ken Byatt has agreed to fill the role again this year.

Patron: The Hon. Warwick Smith has been appointed Patron, with his concurrence.

Secretary's Report

At the end of December, membership stood at 725, including 99 honoraries 3 honorary Life Members and 99 widows/widowers.

Bereavements of Members or their Spouse in Previous 12 months: Stuart Allan, Barry Barnett, Jim Benjamin, Charles Brackenridge, Brian Brownscombe, Jim Bryson, Margot Gilholme, Lurline Gray, John Jordan, Tony Longhurst, Ray Mackie, John McGregor, Jack Perry, Wes Sterland, Bruce Strudwick, Betty Wall.

A period of silence was observed in their memory.

New Members since last AGM: Barry Bailey, Tim Barker, Debbie Cleaver, Ken D'Abrera, Tom Doumani, Noel Guillaume, Warwick Lyons, Lindsay Norton, David Steel, Gary Street, John Tyrrell, Danny DeVere, Charles White, Derek Whittle.

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.

OTHER MATTERS

Alex Morgan proposed that John Morschel be offered an Honorary Life Membership of ANZROC (NSW) in recognition of his unfailing and generous support, and the time he has afforded the Club during his term as Chairman of the Board of ANZ Banking Group Ltd. This was seconded by Gary O'Meara and carried unanimously by those in attendance.

John Mair as a previous President thanked the Committee for their work and commended Mike Cunneen for what has been achieved during his tenure. He welcomed Phil Newsome to the role of President and commented on the membership growth over the period. John also singled out Noel Fox and Reg Smeaton for their efforts as a part of the Committee.

VOTE OF THANKS

President Phil Newsome closed the AGM after expressing his thanks to the outgoing President Mike Cunneen for his efforts, he particularly made mention of the Club's function to enjoy each others company while we can and look out for those members that may need our support.

WELFARE

Ken Dighton our Welfare Officer reports.....

Sick List:

-Reg Tuxford – Recovering well. Appointment on Tuesday 18/2 to have tube removed from his stomach - it has been a part of Reg since 15 December so he will be pleased to be rid of it.

-Peter Rutledge – Back at home with a new hip – he's on crutches but in good spirits. He expects to have the other hip replaced by mid-year, and then be mobile enough to play in 2015 Golf Day at Port Kembla (let's hope that is the case).

-Colin Bartrim – recovered from kidney stone attack, and it was nice to see him back in action at today's lunch.

-Graham Hoskin – he has returned home but is still receiving treatment.

-Betty Gemmell – in quite a bit of pain with her legs, but still independent and doing for herself at home in Mosman.

-Peter Dawson – still making his regular trips to Sydney for melanoma treatment. His remaining tumours have been stable for the past 4 months, which is a very positive result for this trial treatment.

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 birthday wishes):

-Lyle Bessell-Browne (90) – he said he is “not too bad for a SOB”! A few problems mainly to do with age but generally OK. Enjoying life at the War Vets. Village at Narrabeen – he believes the very good living environment there has had something to do with his longevity. Lyle joined the Bank in 1939 at age 15 and he has very fond memories of the old institution. Sent best wishes to all.

-Kevin Bugg (80) – he had a “magnificent” birthday celebration. Kevin retired from ANZ 22 years ago, then he went back to do some contract work, and then about 12 years ago he started doing some casual type work for ASADA (which he still does today). Going well.

-Max Campbell (90) – Max's phone number has evidently changed, and I wasn't able to speak with him (can anyone help with current contact details?).

-Os Gallagher (87) – “Fair to middling”. Os suffers from an arthritic back, and macular degeneration (now unable to read, and relies on Vision Australia for some aids). He has been in South West Rocks for the past 12 years. Enjoyed an extended birthday celebration.

-Les Howell (84 – Basically in good health, but about 12 months ago he damaged his right shoulder and he is still undergoing physiotherapy (unfortunately may be looking at a prosthesis). Les said he did the damage trying to start his whipper-snipper – another good reason to give the garden a miss, Les! Extended regards to all those he knows (and a special mention to Mike Cunneen).

-Ken Keen (87) – Hopes to get to our lunch on 17/2, after his morning doctor's appointment which is part of his plan to have his driver's licence renewed. He has had a few health issues over the years but he said he has been a regular (daily) walker since he was forty – as a consequence he feels pretty good.

-Wal Pendleton (89) – one of our ageless members. Still active and a good supporter of ROC. We hope to see him on 17/9 for lunch (his wife Shirley expects him to be there – I did get the impression she wanted him out of the house!). - Wal was indeed at our lunch to receive birthday wishes first hand.

Bill and his wife Blanche go to the state fair every year, and every year Bill would say, "Blanche, I'd like to ride in that helicopter"

Blanche always replied, "I know Bill, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, And fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

One year Bill and Blanche went to the fair, and Bill said, "Blanche, I'm 85 years old.

If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance "To this, Blanche replied, "

Bill that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks " The pilot overheard the couple and said, " Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty dollars. "

Bill and Blanche agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word... When they landed, the pilot turned to Bill and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed! "

Bill replied, "Well, to tell you the truth I almost said something when Blanche fell out, but you know, Fifty bucks is fifty bucks! "

INTEREST RATES

From 1/2/2013	Less than \$20,000 1.66%
	Greater than \$20,000 2.13%

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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.

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MARCH LUNCH

The March monthly Lunch will be at our usual and very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday March 17th 2012. 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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mike	ADAMSON	18th	Ian	JARRATT	10th
Mark	ATTARD	17th	Wayne	KIEHNE	1st
Brian	BEYNON	19th	David	LENNON	6th
David	BRASSINGTON	3rd	Maggie	LEOW	11th
Ann	BURNES	8th	John	MAIR	1st
Mike	CAPPER	29th	Ron	MILLER	20th
Paul	CONAGHAN	22nd	Sue	MILLER	24th
Ken	D'ABRERA	10th	Mark	MURRAY	17th
Steve	DAVIDSON	25th	John	ODEWAHN	30th
Jan	DOUGLASS	14th	Lance	PHILLIS	3rd
Bob	DWYER	30th	Ron	RAWSON	16th
Marj	FARRELL	18th	Alan	ROWLEY	5th
Liz	FOSTER	13th	Reg	SMEATON	8th
Alan	GIBSON	12th	Lyn	SMITH	10th
Ray	GREEN	19th	Garrie	TAYLOR	8th
Harry	HAMMOND	4th	Vern	WARNER	20th
Andrew	HARDWICK	22nd	Chris	WHEELER	1st
Chris	HARDY	27th	Charles	WHITE	15th
Ron	HAYDEN	2nd	Peter	WHITTY	24th
Larry	JACKA	3rd	Peter	WILLIS	18th
			Maureen	ZARUBIN	6th

THE “HONS”

Margaret	BLACKWOOD	31st
Doug	DOWLING	5th
Eric	HARVEY	25th
Ken	HILL	22nd
Geoff	NELSON	17th
Wes	STERLAND	1st

There are no new “HONS” to welcome this month.

Birthday wishes were extended by Graeme Bool to Barry Bailey, Graeme Bool (by Phil Newsome), Ken Byatt, John Mitchell, and John Tier.

OTHER INTERESTING MATTERS

Today was Noel Chie’s 67th anniversary of joining the Bank of Australasia Southern Branch (George & Liverpool Sts) and he believes Jack Thoroughgood his manager at the time is still alive and would be approx. 102 now! (That is true Noel we mentioned Jack in a recent

Newsletter. There are certainly a lot of memories to share at our luncheons and it is wonderful to hear of markers such as this.

Noel Fox tabled his final Treasurer's Report as he is stepping down from the role at the AGM. The Club is in a sound financial position and we thank Noel for his hard work on the books since assuming the role in 2008. Noel can't leave us though as he is staying on as a Committee Member

Here is another great music site for all you old Rockers out there!!!

[Bladensburg High School Class of 1959 Video Jukebox with over 300 selections](#)

SIT BACK, SELECT AND ENJOY!!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Treasurer Mike advises that he has received an email from Peter Goerman in which Peter asked if I know where Reg Elliott is these days. He worked with Reg in Canberra in the 1960's when he first joined ANZ. I understand that Reg resigned from the Bank in early 1970's and joined the Credit Union movement. He is not a member of our Club and I don't know if any of our members might still be in touch with Reg.

If any members are still in contact with Reg or know his whereabouts could they ask Reg if he would please contact Mike.

SOCIAL/SPORTING

Brian White reminded those present at the Lunch of the Golf Day scheduled for 3rd March 2014, Brian has promised good weather on the day!

Retired Officers of ANZ Golf Day



TWELFTH ANNUAL

FRED BANNISTER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Including Dick Kostrubiec Memorial Shield

To be held on the Monday 3rd March, 2014

Location: Port Kembla Golf Course

Entry Fee \$40 Lunch only \$20 Competition.. 4 member Ambrose

Hit off: 8.00am shotgun: Registration and coffee 7.15am

ENTRIES CAN BE FROM INDIVIDUALS, OR TEAMS.

BOOK EARLY WITH BRIAN IF YOU WANT A GOLF CART (16 only available).

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

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

"Doc" Wilson was at our luncheon today and advised that they have planned their mid year get together at Cardiff for Thursday 1st May 2014, so those interested should mark their calendar and contact details for Doc or Jim Richardson will be published closer to the event. "Doc" also advised of the passing of Bishop John Vockler, the brother of former officer Roy Vockler for those who may wish to contact Roy. Details were in the SMH death notices last Saturday.

BEREAVEMENTS

Tony Longhurst of Bomaderry NSW passed away in this month. Tony was a former manager of Nowra Branch when he retired.

Bruce Strudwick of Bonnells Bay NSW passed away on 31st January 2014 after recently suffering a stroke. Bruce was 81 years of age and is survived by his wife Lesley.

Alan Keating who was well known to many as the Building Supervisor at S (M&P) from 1973 to 1990 when he retired to Gerringong NSW. Alan is survived by his wife Betty.

A period of silence was observed in their memory.

The Buttocks

A married couple were in a terrible accident where the man's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from his body because he was too skinny. So the wife offered to donate some of her own skin. However, the only skin on her body which the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from her buttocks.

Owing to the sensitive nature of the situation...they all agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from.

After the surgery everyone was astounded at the man's new face, he looked more handsome than ever! All his friends and relatives raved about his youthful appearance...especially his mother!

One day, while alone with his wife, and overcome with emotion at her sacrifice. He said, 'Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me, how can I possibly repay you?'

'My darling,' she replied, 'I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ken Abrahams enquires by email....."Norma Sparkes..Would anybody be able to confirm that Norma worked at Pitt & Hunter Sts Branch in the period 1963-1968?

President Phil emails "I was saddened to read in the January Newsletter of the passing of Norma Sparkes. I worked with Norma in 1974/75 at 131 Clarence Street, Sydney branch. The branch then merged into York and Erskine Sts.

Norma was a very good operator and also a very fine woman. I lost contact with her after she retired."

**George McKinnon emails....."Thanks for the Newsletters, it is nice to keep in touch. Sadly I have to advise that my wife Enid passed away on 22nd Nov. last – we were approaching our 68th wedding anniversary and were aiming for our 70th – not to be. She had a severe stroke on 17th March 2012 and following hospitalisation, she had been in a nursing home (high care) since. Needless to say it has been an extremely sad time, thank goodness for my three daughters who have helped enormously. I am doing OK, although following a fall in January while in Sydney I had a pacemaker fitted which is working very well.
Best to all at ANZROC. Kind regards."**

From Arthur Crittenden by email... "I had a major breakdown with the OPTUS internet/phone services, no phone or Internet for almost a month!!!

Some information on Garth Brown.....He is suffering dementia problems of late and i would expect he will not attend many more, if any, luncheons, such is his level of illness now, he is still playing golf-but with certain difficulties with memory etc.

Regards to all--I look forward to Newsletter-to recall many many former workmates and experiences."

An email from Mike Cunneen ..." I have sent the branches photos that we had from Roy Cladingbowl and ran in a series of Newsletters in 2010, to Peter Goerman. Peter has put them

on our blog site. Interested members can now view these branch photos on the blog; they have come up quite well.

Sadly both Roy and his Wife Val have now passed on.....He has a son Mark but I don't think we have his address....If we did I would like to contact Mark and tell him that his Dad's photos are on the blog site....Perhaps you could ask in the Newsletter do any of our members have contact details for Mark Cladingbowl.

PS On another matter., I noticed in the Death Notices in the SMH, one Joseph Anthony Longhurst (Tony) of Bomaderry. Not a member, but formerly Manager at Nowra branch. I did not know him, but I did meet his son(Stephen) a few times who was/is Barrister in Wollongong. I think a former Scottie."

An email via Ken Dighton from Allen Johnstone, with whom Ken worked in Canberra City branch..... "Just a quick email to say thanks to the Committee of ANZROCNSW for the job they are doing especially with the Newsletter and now photos that are on computer . Living over here in WA certainly prevents me from seeing some of my old colleagues but the Newsletter certainly helps. I had Graeme Pope visit me last year and stay for a few days and also Gary Tetley call in a number of years ago before he passed away . We have had around 70 families stay with us since moving over here in 2002

I have been in semi retirement for the past 4 years and plan to stop work in the next couple of months and smell the roses so to speak

Could you please pass on my regards to any from Canberra days as well the Hurstville and Sutherland Shire and Wollongong areas . Next trip to Sydney (have not been for a few years) I will try and plan if it fits to attend a luncheon if I can work around it"

John Turnbull emails "I know that Alan Charles Keating was not a member of ANZROC, however many that worked at S (M & P) would have had contact with him. He was the building Engineer who took delivery of the new premises when completed in 1973 where he continued working until retirement in 1992. He was born on 11/2/1927 and passed away from Prostate cancer on 11th January 2013. Because of the recess I didn't hear about his passing until the meeting. Alan was a member of my Gerringong Probus Club and only a few months ago gave a 10 minute talk on his career. Before he started he showed me a photograph of himself accepting the delivery of the ANZ building. I told him that the building was in the process of being demolished and he was visibly upset when he came to give details of his last job before retiring. I had discussed with him coming to a meeting, however his health was the reason he didn't make it."

Terry Stapleton emails.... "The Top Ten Music Archive link is the best ever.....many thanks to whoever was responsible for including it in the Newsletter.....it now on my Favourites List."

'Till next month

Noel

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