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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, January 2012

Secretary Reg's report on the Christmas function....." The gathering attracted 129 members; President Alex welcomed all and introduced the Chairman of the ANZ Board - John Morschel who then addressed the group on ANZ performance and future direction. John then made himself available to all present for one on one discussion and was open to questions and very generous with his time, ensuring he circulated in the room.

The "finger food" supplied was plentiful and very tasty, and along with the liquid refreshments were consumed with some gusto by those present. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old cronies not seen for, in some cases, many years. Betty Gemmel was identified as the oldest attending retiree and it was good to see many others who made the journey from as far afield as Wagga Wagga (Jim Richards), Macksville (Gary Mackay), and Newcastle (Doc Wilson, John Ryan et al)."

Our January Lunch was attended by 50 members, with President Alex welcoming those not seen for a while; Vic East, Gwen Jarratt, John Mackenzie, Laurie Sainsbury, Tony Schembri and Alan Single. Alex then proposed a toast to the Queen and the people of Australia.

OTHER MATTERS FROM THE JANUARY LUNCH

Clive Lennon publicly thanked Alex Morgan at what is essentially Alex's last hosting of a luncheon as President, for his contribution to ANZROC through his generous personal efforts. His thanks were warmly applauded by all present.

Alex advised those present of his negotiation with the CTA Club for a fixed price for the luncheon for the next four years which was achieved with the concurrence of the Committee. Rates are very favourable when compared with other CBD alternative sites, with the added benefits of convenience of location, flexibility in terms of numbers that can be accommodated in the room and the lack of notice required for those numbers by the Club.

Alex also advised that the next luncheon on 20th February 2012 will be the AGM, and encouraged as many as possible to attend. As has been the custom in previous years and after twisting Treasurer Noel's arm, Lunch (not drinks) will be provided free to those attending.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted in the entry foyer for the Christmas gathering, and received for the January lunch from Barry and Wilhelmina Smith, John Mitchell, Bill Martin and Geoff Taylor.

NEW MEMBERS

Liz Joyce of Horsley (Dapto) NSW has joined. Liz spent her time in ANZ in the Illawarra and is well known to former officers in that area.

RETIRED STAFF INTEREST RATES

From 1/12/2011..... less than \$20,000 2.97%
.....greater than \$20,000 3.80%

OUR PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

This is my last opportunity to thank all our ANZROC (NSW) members for allowing me the fun and pleasure of contributing as best I could to our great Club over the past two years.

Ann and I have had a truly wonderful experience working and relaxing with lots of great folk, and we plan to continue the fun and laughter in the future by getting to as many ANZROC (NSW) lunches and social events as we possibly can for as long as we can!! I hope to catch up with even more old (correct word) mates as the years roll by.

So, as they say, thanks for the memories...to Mr John Morschel and the Hon Warwick Smith for their ongoing support, Amanda Clarke, Jas Antonious, Shona Bruce, Hannah Jones for their amazing can do spirit, our Committee, our members...the After Lunch Club upstairs at the CTA....and the list goes on.....

See you at the CTA, third Monday of almost every month. Thanks!!

BEREAVEMENTS

Ray Galliot Secretary/Treasurer ANZROC WA emails to advise....."for your information, especially to ANZROC members over East, please note that a Funeral Service for Rod Brown was conducted on Monday 19 December, at Tobin Bros Malvern Vic. A wake was held at the Como Hotel South Yarra."

Email from Ken Dighton..... – "notice in SMH of the death on 2/1/12 of ANZROC member Robert James Nealer Green who succumbed to cancer. I worked with Rob in Wollongong (Crown & Keira) in early 1970's. Rob's funeral was on Monday 9/1 Rookwood Memorial Gardens Crematorium.

Ken further advised by email..... "I attended Rob (I knew him as Bob, but in latter life I believe he was more commonly known as Rob) Green's funeral on 9/1. I worked with him at Crown & Keira Sts Wollongong in the early 1970's. He was a very kind and decent man. He was aged 76 and had 44 years' service with ANZ (originally ANZ). He joined ANZ in Sydney and moved around including Grenfell, Wollongong and Katoomba. In his younger days he completed National Service and was packed to go to Malaya when the deployment was cancelled by the Government. He remained involved with the CMF for some time and was a member of the RSL (many members of which attended the funeral). He was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 1992 and subsequently left ANZ in 1996. He is survived by his wife Carole, daughter Louisa, her husband Craig and grand children Imogen, Gryffen and Perry.

Pat Mackenzie emails....." To let John's Bank mates know that he was injured in a fall on our Cowra farm over the Christmas break. He received 17 stitches, massive bruising and 2 black eyes but is recovering well. John hopes to attend the February lunch. Happy New Year to all."(Very pleased to report that John did make the Feb Lunch & apart from a very impressive scar on his forehead John looked A1....Ed);

Secretary Reg adds....."John Mackenzie has recovered from a bad fall at his property where he sustained two shiners to be proud of and seventeen stitches to the forehead. He attended the lunch today and the story of the injury grew by the minute. If ANZROC awarded purple hearts (or the Booker prize for fiction) John would be a certain recipient on the strength of his tall tales of how he was injured."

From Rod Frazer by email..... "regarding Brian Henderson's enquiry about Ian McLachlan's present whereabouts, if its the same one who worked in the ACT for a while, his address is Ian & Margaret McLachlan, 44 Kianga Parade, Kianga NSW 2546. Regards to all."

Glen Fitzpatrick emails....."In the Newsletter Brian Henderson asked about Ian McLachlan. "Macca" was the Manager at Campbelltown when I was in my first branch manager role at Camden in 1985, and I am sure he moved there from Wagga Wagga a year or 2 before. I spoke

with Steve Bradford who was his AM back then and Steve thinks that he took a redundancy and returned to Victoria around 2003/2004."Macca" was a real character, sometimes outspoken, but a big help to me in my early days as a lender and branch manager.

PP Ken Dighton emails...."received a phone call from Allan Aylward to let us know that Gordon Oliver passed away last night. No details of funeral yet (presumably early next week in Bathurst). We think Gordon was about 87/88, and according to Allan, Gordon's wife Helen still enjoys reasonable health, as did Gordon until recent times. Allan and Gordon were regular visitors from Bathurst for our Christmas luncheon – not this year unfortunately. Last year he told me he was still bowling regularly. I think he would be well known by a number of our ex-ANZ officers who are of a similar vintage"

Brian Beynon reports from Toormina..... "Geoff Peake passed away 13th January 2012 aged 69, cause of death is said to be cancer. Geoff is survived by his wife Denise. Geoff was not a member of ANZROC but is well known to many. He was an excellent lawn bowler and was President of the Sawtell Bowling Club.

Secretary Reg advises that Lyn Napier of Heathcote, widow of the late George Napier passed away on 22.12.11.

NEXT LUNCH

Our next monthly Lunch will be at our usual venue, CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 20th February, 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will all members please note that our next monthly Lunch meeting on Monday, February 20th, will include our AGM.

To ensure the smooth running (and in fact the continued existence of the Club), members are asked to consider nominating for the various positions. Please note that nominations for President and Vice-Presidents (2) MUST be in writing (nomination form attached at the end of this Newsletter).

Your Committee is very happy to confirm that at this moment, we have nominations for President (Mike Cunneen), and two Vice Presidents (Phil Newsome and Graeme Bool), so planned continuity is working well!! Reg Smeaton, Noel Fox & Noel Bottrell have indicated that they will again commit as Secretary, Treasurer & Newsletter Editor respectively.

Please give some thought to offering to volunteer for the Committee. This gives you a chance to get the feel of how your Club is run, and may encourage you to contribute in later years as an Office bearer.

AGENDA

Open AGM

- 1. Presentation of President's Report**
- 2. Receive & adopt the Annual Financial Report for the year to 31/12 /11**
- 3. Election of Office Bearers & Committee for the ensuing 12 months**
- 4. Appointment of Hon. Auditor**
- 5. General Business**

Close AGM

As stated elsewhere, and so that we might attract as many Members as possible to our Annual General Meeting ANZROC will cover the meal cost for this meeting. This does not include liquid refreshments. Those of us who celebrate our Birthday during February, and who attend the February Lunch/AGM can claim their Lunch Credit at the March meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Geoff Nelson emails....."Don't know if we are talking about the same Francis Brendan (Frank) Morris. I knew Frank during my service in South Australia 1955 to 1962.

Following his retirement Frank lived in Hillcrest Road, Pennant Hills and we attended ANZROC meetings together. I recall him telling me he met his wife to be, Geraldine whilst they were serving together at Broken Hill Branch and their retirement home was Geraldine's late parents' home in Pennant Hills.

I cannot recall him mentioning having worked at Glen Innes or Lithgow Branches but he retired from Forster Branch. The family later moved to Waitara and Frank passed away on 30/4/2005.

I trust this information may be useful to Mike. Regards to all."

And Mike Riley replied by email....."Yes, that was Frank. He had an enormously dry sense of humour, together with a good thirst!! Unfortunately I did not keep in touch with him for long after I had visited him at his Pennant Hills home.

I appreciate everyone's assistance with this enquiry."

Ian Auld & several others have emailed"The death of Eula Southwood aged 92 years, wife of Eric Southwood deceased, ex Asia, appeared in the SMH.

Her Funeral was at the Uniting Church Chapel, Tuncurry, Friday 9th Dec. She has two sons John & Hugh, and extended family, and if anyone required an address hers was PO Box 126 Tuncurry NSW 2428. You will recall Eula submitted an interesting publication in the Newsletter last year. I worked with Eric at S (P&H) and he was at one time my District Manager. In June last year Eula typed me a six page letter setting out their banking career, very lucid and a great sense of humour. A great lady."

Bob Stempel emails....."I exchanged Christmas cards with Gordon & Helen Oliver each year and was in the process of sending this years cards out when I received the notice of his death.

I worked in Broken Hill with Gordon and we had kept in contact ever since. Regards to all."

TRAVEL TIPS

We note that Bob Bowmer of ANZ Social & Sports Club United Kingdom has advised the following..... "We have now opened bookings for the ANZ Sports & Social Club house accommodation at Bracklesham Bay for 2013. We shall hold rates at current levels for the fourth year which means that you can have a one week holiday in July for £350 - all-inclusive! Should any of ANZROC NSW members be interested in this please contact the Editor & we will pass on contact details....Ed.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig.' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be, or is, powerful and wealthy.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Terry	AULD	22/02/45	Lyll	KEPIE	01/02/44
Graeme	BOOL	08/02/51	Clieve	LENNON	03/02/36
Geoff	BOYTON	12/02/46	Dermot	LEWIS	13/02/44
Ray	BRENNAN	17/02/43	David	LUSCHWITZ	13/02/46
John	BUCKHAM	07/02/50	Barry	MACARTHUR	16/02/40
Kevin	BUGG	11/02/34	Rino	MARIANI	01/02/39
Ken	BYATT	16/02/45	Peter	MAROTTA	14/02/49
Colin	CLARKE	18/02/54	Peter	McCABE	17/02/35
Earl	COCHRANE	17/02/35	Bob	MINER	07/02/44
Chris	COLLINS	14/02/51	John	MITCHELL	22/02/40
Ed	COLLINS	08/02/42	Wayne	NEWMAN	28/02/52
Paul	COLUSSO	01/02/52	Bob	NAISMITH	09/02/42
Graeme	CRAWFORD	11/02/49	Col	PAFF	07/02/44
Greg	DOYLE	28/02/50	Judith	PENGELLEY	26/02/40
John	FARRUGIA	23/02/50	John	PIPER	01/02/38
Paul	FLEMING	09/02/47	Kay	POLLACK	26/02/50
Tony	GORMAN	21/02/35	Mike	PRANCE	28/02/51
Geoff	HANNAN	16/02/35	John	SARGENT	01/02/36
John	HARRISON	19/02/48	Alan	SKIDMORE	03.02.36
Graham	HOSKIN	24/02/36	Bob	SKIDMORE	05/02/39
Bob	JANSON	23/02/40	Warren	TAYLOR	28/02/40
Liz	JOYCE	23/02/66	John	TIER	20/02/40
			Keith	WAKEFIELD	11/02/36

THE "HONS"

Lyle	BESSELL-BROWNE	10/02/24
Max	CAMPBELL	28/02/24
Os	GALLAGHER	10/02/27
Les	HOWELL	10/02/30
Ken	KEEN	26/02/27
Wal	PENDLETON	06/02/25

There are no new 'Hons' this month, but congratulations to Ed COLLINS, on his 70th, and to Paul COLUSSO & Wayne NEWMAN who will qualify for their 'Seniors' card.

Birthday wishes were extended by Mike Cunneen to those at the January lunch; John Becroft, Noel Fox, Laurie Sainsbury, Tony Schembri, Noel Chie, Bob McEwan, Noel Bottrell, Nick Oglesneff, Ian Tredinnick, and John McAnelly.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It is time to remind you that the annual subscription of \$5 for the year ending 31/12/12 is now due. 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.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Phil Newsome emails..... "I see that Mike Riley is looking for Frank Morris. I am not sure whether Frank is still alive, but I do know that his last post before retirement was Manager at Forster. I was at Wauchope at that time. He would have retired about 1984. In the sixties I did a relief at Canowindra where Frank was manager. He went from Canowindra to Glen Innes. Phil Newsome."

Secretary Reg has received the following email from Jill Hamilton (nee Thoroughgood)..... "I am Jack's daughter Jill and am writing to you on behalf of Dad because I have internet access. We would like to thank you so much for forwarding on Mary's birthday email. Dad was so delighted to receive it and remembered Mary clearly.....such a wonderful surprise.

Jack is a wonderful 100 - living at home and looking after himself completely.....He is the lynch pin of the family and a hard act to live up to!!!! Thank you so much for your kind effort in passing on the email - I have attached a photo which you may enjoy."

Reg adds the following comment....."The Mary referred to is an old work colleague of mine Mary-Anne Williams (nee Burke) who worked with me and Rip Whelan at Baulkham Hills and Jack at her first posting in the Bank. She is not a member but usually gets a copy of the Newsletter from me, hence the outcome."



John Hickey says by email"I think some of our members might be interested to see what the former Scottie head office at King & George Streets has changed into a very upmarket Fashion House. I hope the "Ghosts of Bankers Past" don't come back to haunt them. (see photo over)."



SOCIAL/SPORT

Laurie Sainsbury emails re the Golf Day photos....."The 'Gentleman' on the end is Clive Hollands.... he was part of the Kiama Team."

At the January Lunch Brian White reminded all of the Golf Day at Port Kembla on 5th March 2012, there were 54 registrations at that time and they anticipate reaching a hundred by the day. It is a great day not to be missed. Social visitors for lunch are very welcome.

Retired Officers of ANZ-Golf Day



TENTH ANNUAL

FRED Bannister MEMORIAL Trophy **Including Dick Kostrubiec MEMORIAL shield**

To be held on the Monday 5th MARCH, 2012

Location: Port Kembla Golf Course

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

Hit off: 8.00am Registration and coffee 7.15am

ENTRIES CAN BE FROM INDIVIDUALS, OR FROM TEAMS.

Those wishing to take part in this event should contact:-

Phil Newsome

Ph. 02 42 625047

Email: hmazar@optusnet.com.au

Brian White

Ph. 02 42849488

Email: brianjoanw@yahoo.com.au

"Doc." Wilson from "The Hunter" advises that the next Newcastle/Hunter 6 monthly "Drinks & Lunch at The Pub" takes place at the Iron Horse Inn, 325 Main Road, Cardiff (Cnr Harrison St.) on Thursday 23rd February (last Thursday in Feb.) from 11.45 am onwards. No need to book, just turn up at the Back Bar/Beer Garden for a drink & a chat (lunch is optional). Any enquiries, phone "Doc" on 02 49486936.

Paddy is in jail. The Guard looks in his cell and see's him hanging by his feet.

"What are you doing?" he asks.

"Hanging myself," Paddy replies.

"It should be round your neck," says the guard.

"I tried that," says Paddy, "but I couldn't breathe."

THE LAST WORDS

I'm passing this on because it worked for me last night.....Dr Oz on TV said that to reach inner peace we should always finish things we start & we all could use more calm in our lives. I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished...so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a butle of Baileys, a butle of wum, tha mainder of Valiuminun scriptins, an a box a chocletz. Yu haf no idr how fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all who need inner piss. An telum u luvum.

Cheers

Noel

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ANZROC Membership Renewal Year 2012

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MAIL ADDRESS.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

CHEQUE \$5 HEREWITH (Please do not staple) To Noel Fox, P.O. Box 363, Collaroy Beach, 2097

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NOMINATION PAPER- COMMITTEE

**I propose..... for the
position of.....for the
12 months ending February 2012.**

Proposer.....Seconder.....

I accept this nomination.....