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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY, 2013

The 21st January Lunch attracted 47 members, President Mike welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members "not seen for awhile", Tony Carter, Bill Martin and Doug Moss.

Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Col Bartrim, John Becroft, Ron Booth, Noel Bowmer, Bill Chapman, Vic East, Gwen Jarratt, Phil Minett, Alex and Ann Morgan, and David Wright

OUR PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

A Happy New Year to you all. I hope 2013 is a good year for everyone.

Thank you to the 130+ members who attended our Christmas Lunch on 3 December. I thought it was an excellent lunch.

The Chairman of ANZ Bank (Mr. John Morschel) spoke to us at the Lunch and advised that the Head Office of ANZ in New South Wales would be moving to a new building (ANZ Centre) at 161 Castlereagh Street during 2013. He looks forward to being with us at our Christmas lunch in 2013 at the new Head Office.

John spoke to us about the new ANZ phone app. ANZgoMoney. The Bank is very pleased with how the new product has gone and he encouraged everyone to try it. I have and I have found it very easy to use and a great way to do my Banking on my phone and my Ipad.

At the Lunch held on January 2013 we remembered the Granville train disaster that occurred 36 years ago on 18 January 1977.

I am told that there were 5 ANZ Staff members killed in the crash Lyn Carter, Bruce Pederson , Kenny Maes, Campbell Morris and another young lady whose name unfortunately we could not remember. We also had other staff members on the train some of whom were injured and others that did not receive any physical injuries. A terrible day.

A matter that does give me some concern is the payment by members of their Annual subscription amount of \$5.00.

Could I PLEASE ask all members (except Life Members, Honorary members and widow/widower members who of course don't pay annual subscriptions) to pay your annual subscription payment of \$5.00 per annum to our Treasurer as soon as possible.....Each year in April The Treasurer has to follow up on unpaid subscription payments with many many members. I really think that some members genuinely just forget to send a cheque but the chasing up of unpaid subs is a very thankless task for Treasurer Noel.

If you are not sure if you have already paid your 2013 subs please contact Noel Fox (or if you wish just send \$5.00).Please do this small task as soon as you read this note and hopefully we will have very few unpaid subscriptions in April this year.....Thanks.

That's all from me this month.

Kind Regards

Mike C.

In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the Mystic delivered grave news: "There's no easy way to tell you this, so I'll just be blunt. Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken, Laura stared at the woman's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands.

She took a few deep breaths to compose herself - and to stop her mind racing. She simply had to know. She met the Fortune Teller's gaze, steadied her voice and asked, "Will I be acquitted?"

FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY REG.

Wendy Black, Eric's widow writes to thank us for our condolences, Wendy still attends Victorian ANZROC lunches when she can and looks forward to our Newsletters.

Carole Trapp, Past President Alan's widow also wrote to wish all members a Happy Christmas and New Year and thanked the members for their condolences, Carole also wrote of their formerly good social relationship with our recently passed member Roy Riley, confirming the comments of many members as to his being a true gentleman.

NEW MEMBERS (10)

- William (Aub) Hyndes of Green Point NSW
- John Rail of Sutherland NSW
- Liz Foster of Wallacia NSW
- John K. Jordan of Belmont North NSW
- Ross Considine of Tighes Hill NSW
- Bart Byrne of Belmont North NSW
- Mohan Gnanadickam of Abbotsford NSW
- Kevin Price of Cronulla NSW
- Geoffrey Martin of Thornleigh NSW
- Barry King of Bayview NSW

A warm welcome to you all & we hope to see you at ANZROC functions in the future.

BEREAVEMENTS

A period of silence was observed at the request of President Mike to honour the passing of the following:

Alan Nicholson of Balmoral NSW who is survived by his wife Louise, Alan died on 13th December 2012 after a long illness.

Ralph Hawkins, of Harden NSW. Ralph who is survived by his wife Sharon and son Aaron and daughter Kirsten and his four grandchildren, passed away after a battle with mouth cancer and the effects of associated surgery. Phil Newsome spoke at the Lunch in glowing terms of Ralph's generous supportive nature, as well as his community involvement, and gave a potted history of Ralph's time in the bank and his academic and professional career after leaving the Bank.

Condolence letters have been sent as appropriate.

The best cure for sea sickness is to sit under a tree. ~ Spike Milligan

WELFARE

Our Welfare Officer Barry Smith gave his final welfare report as he will be retiring from that role at the AGM in February.....

“As a follow up on John Hudson's health as reported in August Newsletter, I rang John and we had a good chat, he is doing fine, as well as can be expected in the circumstances and indeed he has a positive attitude on his condition. John sends his regards to the members and former colleagues.

In tendering his apologies for non-attendance at the January meeting, David Wright says "From my health perspective, I am now reasonably fit and well, was given a positive report from the neurologist last Monday who cleared me to resume all "normal" activities, including driving, stating I was at about 85% recovered from the very debilitating Guillan-Barre disease, he sees no reason why I shouldn't make a full recovery in the fullness of time." Good news David.

Mick Hiscox has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and his prognosis is poor, but he has indicated that he would welcome any contact from former friends and colleagues should they wish to do so.

Denis Lickley had a week in Ryde Hospital in December with a severe heel infection. Good to see him back on his feet & at the January Lunch.”

Clieve Lennon advised that his brother David's son is in a coma after an accident while sailing in the Sydney-Coffs Harbour Yacht Race and outcome is uncertain.

Clieve also proposed a toast to Barry Smith for his services to the Club over the years, as a gesture of our appreciation this was resoundingly endorsed by all present.

SOCIAL/SPORTING

At the January Lunch Brian White reminded all present of the ANZROC Illawarra Golf Day on 25th Feb 2013. If you are not a golfer then you are always welcome for lunch at \$20.00. Tee off starts at 8:00 am from 4 tees, with lunch expected to be served at about 1:30pm. Please let Brian White or Phil Newsome know of your intention to attend as soon as possible.

Retired Officers of ANZ Golf Day

ELEVENTH ANNUAL

FRED BANNISTER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Including DICK KOSTRUBIEC MEMORIAL SHIELD

TO BE HELD MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY, 2013

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

Hit off: 8.00 am- Registration & Coffee 7.15am

ENTRIES CAN BE FROM INDIVIDUALS, OR FROM TEAMS. BOOK EARLY WITH BRIAN IF YOU WANT A GOLF CART (sorry they are already fully booked).

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

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or

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Newcastle News.

“Doc” Wilson reminds everyone of the “Newcastle informal drinks & lunch at the Pub.” It will be on 28th February from 11.45 am onwards at The Iron Horse Inn, Cnr. Main Road & Harrison St; Cardiff. Members are not being circularised so this is your only notice. Visitors are very welcome. No need to book in; just turn up at the “Back Bar” for a couple of hours of chat & refreshments. Any enquiries to “Doc” on 49486936.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Terry	AULD	22nd	Liz	JOYCE	23rd
Graeme	BOOL	8th	Lyll	KEPIE	1st
Peter	BOX	12th	Clieve	LENNON	3rd
Geoff	BOYTON	12th	Dermot	LEWIS	13th
Ray	BRENNAN	17th	David	LUSCHWITZ	13th
Kevin	BUGG	11th	Barry	MACARTHUR	16th
Ken	BYATT	16th	Rino	MARIANI	1st
Colin	CLARKE	18th	Peter	MAROTTA	14th
Earl	COCHRANE	17th	Peter	McCABE	17th
Chris	COLLINS	14th	Bob	MINER	7th
Ed	COLLINS	8th	John	MITCHELL	22nd
Ted	COLLISON	3rd	Bob	NAISMITH	9th
Paul	COLUSSO	1st	Wayne	NEWMAN	28th
Graeme	CRAWFORD	11th	Col	PAFF	7th
Greg	DOYLE	28th	Judith	PENGELLEY	26th
John	FARRUGIA	23rd	John	PIPER	1st
Paul	FLEMING	9th	Mike	PRANCE	28th
Tony	GORMAN	21st	John	SARGENT	1st
Louise	HALLGARTH	1st	Alan	SKIDMORE	3rd
Geoff	HANNAN	16th	Bob	SKIDMORE	5th
John	HARRISON	19th	Warren	TAYLOR	28th
Graham	HOSKIN	24th	John	TIER	20th
Bob	JANSON	23rd	Keith	WAKEFIELD	11th

THE HONS+

Lyle	BESSELL-BROWNE	10th
Max	CAMPBELL	28th
Os	GALLAGHER	10th
Les	HOWELL	10th
Ken	KEEN	26th
Wal	PENDLETON	6th

Our apologies to Pam Dewhurst who turned 80 on 11th January 2013, welcome to the “Hons” Pam!!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes were extended by VP Phil Newsome to those present at the January Lunch, Noel Bottrell, Geoff Brown, Noel Chie, Phil Durney, Noel Fox, John McAnelly, Bob McEwan, Nick Oglesneff, Tony Schembri, and Ian Tredinnick.

OTHER MATTERS

ANZROCNSW Blog site

In consultation with ANZROC member Peter Goerman we are trialling the installation of an ANZROCNSW Blog, Peter has set up a blog site at anzroc.blogspot.com.au which has the last twelve months of Newsletters thereon, together with function photographs and other photographs of interest. Peter has done this on his own initiative and is sincerely thanked for his efforts by the Committee.

After trials have been completed members who receive their Newsletter by email will no longer receive a 'bulky' attachment to download, but will simply click on the link after they receive an email from the Editor that the Newsletter for that particular month has been loaded on to the Blog. They will then be able to view the current Newsletter etc. We expect to begin dual system trials in March 2013 & then if the system is settled in place it is anticipated we will fully implement the new Blog system in April 2013. You will continue to receive your Newsletter in the normal way until the trial period is completed. At any stage of the change of delivery your feedback will be very welcome; in fact it is strongly encouraged. In the meantime anyone interested should have a look at the site to review the work Peter is doing.

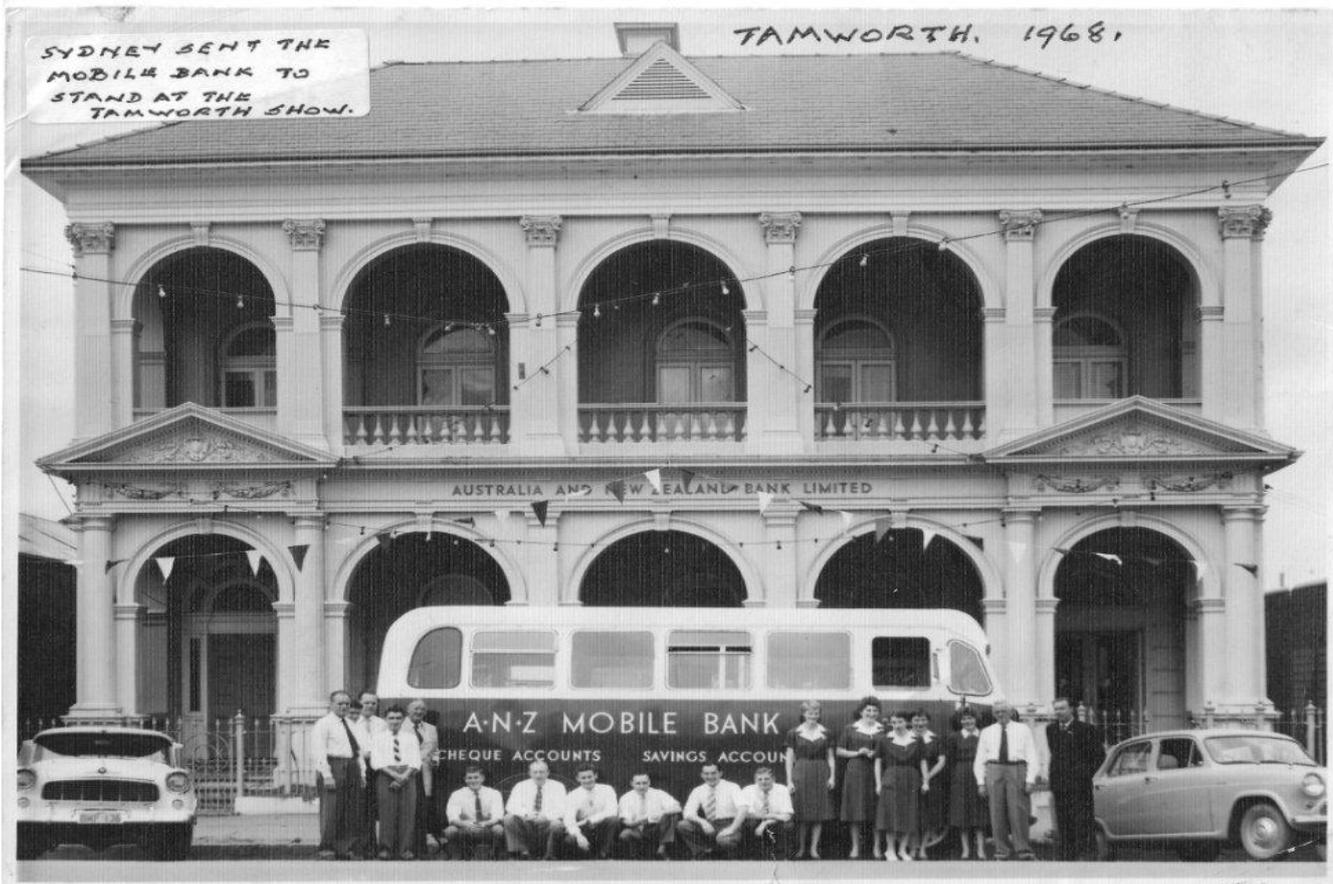
President Mike advised of the Annual General Meeting to take place on 18th February 2013. Nominations are held for the incumbents for the posts of President and two Vice President posts, but any other nominations will be welcomed should members so wish. We have been advised that our "Minister for Good Times" Ian Jarratt and our Welfare Officer Barry Smith are retiring from their positions at this years AGM and nominations for all positions other than President and Vice Presidents will be taken from the floor on the day.

Safe Custody- Martin Place and Pitt Streets.

Alistair Johnston advised that he had received correspondence to uplift any safe custody items he may have at Martin Place as the facility will be closed on 8th March 2013. Those whom this may affect but have not received notices may wish to follow the matter up.

Phil Cohen suggested that irrespective of which branch is holding your safe custody items, it would be worthwhile to check that it is still in the same location. Phil Cohen's personal experience proved this not to be the case.

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it. ~ Robert Benchley



In the above photos from 1968 2 names are known, 6th from left is Col Riordan & 11th from left is Tom Griffiths. Can you help with other names for our records please? The photo was taken on the occasion of the Mobile Bank visit for the 1968 Tamworth Show.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Annual subscriptions of \$5 are now due, please use the payment slip at end of this Newsletter. Members who have not responded by 31/3/13 will sadly no longer be on the Newsletter mailing list.

FEBRUARY LUNCH

Our next monthly Lunch will be at our usual venue, CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 18th February, 2012. Pre Lunch drinks from 11.45am, Lunch 12.45 pm. As a bonus because the February Lunch also includes the AGM, the February Lunch cost will be borne by ANZROC NSW; you buy your own drinks. 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.

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members please note that our next monthly Lunch meeting on Monday, February 18th, 2013 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.

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 succession planning is working well!!

Reg Smeaton, Noel Fox, Denis Lickley & Noel Bottrell have indicated that they will again commit as Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member & 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 /12**
- 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.

You might enjoy this from Col D. G. Swinford, Unites States Marine Corp, Ret., and history buff. You would really have to dig deep to get this kind of ringside seat to history:

- 1. The first German serviceman killed in WW II was killed by the Japanese (China, 1937). The first American serviceman killed was killed by the Russians (Finland 1940); highest ranking American killed was Lt. Gen Lesley McNair, killed by the US Army Air Corps. So much for allies.**
- 2. the youngest US serviceman was 12 year old: Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a Dishonourable Discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by act of Congress.**
- 3. At the time of Pearl Harbour the top US Navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced 'sink us'); the shoulder patch of the US Army's 45th Infantry division was the Swastika, and Hitler's private train was named 'Amerika.' All three were soon changed for PR purposes.**
- 4. More US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. [Actually the 8th Air Force alone suffered about 5,000 more KIA (Killed in Action) than the entire Marine Corps in WW2.] While completing the required 30 missions, an airman's chance of being killed was 71%.**
- 5. Generally speaking, there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese Ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.**
- 6. It was a common practice on fighter planes to load every 5th round with a tracer round to aid in aiming. This was a mistake. Tracers had different ballistics, so (at long range) if your tracers were hitting the target, 80% of your rounds were missing. Worse yet tracers, instantly**

told your enemy he was under fire and from which direction. Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of the belt to tell you that you were out of ammo. This was definitely not something you wanted to tell the enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their success rate nearly double and their loss rate go down.

Here's something related from 5th SF, Detachment B-52's Tips of the Trade item #32; "Tracer bullets work both ways".

7. When allied armies reached the Rhine, the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill (who made a big show of it) and Gen. Patton (who had himself photographed in the act).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

John Snelling emails from Melbourne...."Sad to hear of Alan Nicholson's passing. Allan Nicholson, Ray Manning, David Adam, me and Keith Jacobs were a close team during our time at Staff Department. Must have been the early Sixties. The last mentioned had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the staff, their experience levels, and where they were right now. Whilst we four, including Alan, found humour on numerous occurrences and situations that arose - sometimes overnight - across the State's branches through most working days. A lot of the time, to fix the problem was going to require multiple temporary moves and thus a chain of events occurred just to fill one vacancy. It was going to be a real "hoot" trying to convince a senior officer in just one branch in that chain that we needed his cooperation just for a fortnight "until such and such got back". It really was a job that required a decent sense of humour, as we set about early in the morning with the first set of moves which then had to be replaced with another set and so on, as the day progressed.

(Actually, Reg Tuxford must often have marvelled from across the room, how enjoyable we four were finding our duties because we certainly enjoyed our work and each other's company).

But before it became obvious to us all that Keith's experience was required to solve this one, it required Allan to adopt his serious side and step in first with a request for decorum from us other three. The decision was needed now and "it would soon be 3 p.m. best get it sorted now gentlemen. We need Keith's expertise to sort this one out". Allan had sort of reined us in ever so briefly, by showing his serious side ever so briefly. A man capable of obtaining law and order when all around were becoming frantic just before "the doors closed".

A personal "thank you" for the time you must put in, on behalf of all us, with the news from ANZROC. Kind regards to all."

Roy Crawford emails....."I am saddened to hear the news of the passing of Ralph Hawkins, very unexpected as I was not aware he had any health issues and he was not that old. We worked together in Personnel Dept about 1983 before, as I recall, he returned to Wagga Wagga. A good guy and I regret our paths only crossed again a couple of times at our Xmas functions.

"After the chess game, the King and the pawn go into the same box." ~ Italian proverb

Cheers

Noel

ANZROC NSW 2013 Annual Membership Subscriptions

Name: _____

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Email Address _____

Amount enclosed \$5.00 Annual Subscription. Pease forward to Noel Fox, Treasurer, P O Box 363, Collaroy Beach, NSW, 2097. (Our Treasurer asks that staples not be used, as his tender hands are not up to the task of removal!!)