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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, June, 2012

The June gathering attracted 47 members. Vice President Phil Newsome welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members "not seen for awhile": Jim Bickerton, Bob Garrett, Barry Hennessy, Gwen Jarratt, Tony Knight, Phil Minett, Bruce Philips, Alan Single and Bob Zeims. Phil also welcomed Pam Fried, who attended as a guest of her brother IPP Alex Morgan while holidaying from the U.S.A.

Phil also took the opportunity to thank those members who attended the luncheon in Newcastle earlier in the month. Phil said there were 14 members who travelled from Sydney and the effort was most appreciated by our Newcastle colleagues. He gave special mention to Jim Corrigan who travelled from the Southern Highlands; Jim's journey took several hours each way.

Phil's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Col Bartrim, Noel Bottrell, Mike Cunneen, Ken Dighton, Alf Evans, Eric Harvey, Bob McElroy, John Mitchell, Clive Neutze, John Tier, John Turnbull, and David Wright.

### RETIRED STAFF INTEREST RATES

From 1/6/2012

less than \$20,000 2.41%

greater than \$20,000 3.09%

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Siamese twins walk into a bar in New York.

One of them says to the bartender, "Don't mind us. We're joined at the hip. I'm John and here on my right is Jim. Two beers please.

"The bartender, feeling kind of awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers and asks, "Been on holiday yet, lads?"

"Off to England next month," says John. "We go to England every year, rent a car and drive for miles, don't we, Jim?"

Jim nods his head in agreement.

Ah, England," says the bartender. "Wonderful country -- the history, the beer, the culture."

"Nah, we don't like all that British baloney," says John. "We can't stand the English -- they're so arrogant and rude. And it's too crowded, lousy, food, warm beer."

"So why keep going to England?" asks the bartender.

"It's the only chance Jim gets to drive."

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## BEREAVEMENTS

Since our June lunch, Secretary Reg has been advised by Paul Jacka that Owen "Oscar" Isaac passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Owen was 71 and is survived by his wife Denise, and was the father/father in law of Carolyn and Peter, Deborah and Stephen and Belinda and Mike. Owen's funeral was held at Rookwood on 21st June 2012. ANZROC NSW led by VP Phil Newsome was well represented at the funeral.

## FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY REG.

An email received from Sandi Smolders....."My father Peter Kenneth Brown died peacefully surrounded by his family at Armidale Private Hospital on 11/03/2012 aged 86. Peter joined the Bank of Australasia Murwillumbah in 1941 and after war service he resumed his position at the Bank in Murwillumbah. He was transferred to New Zealand and served there for 2 years returning in 1948. Peter served in a number of city and country branches. He retired in 1981 as Branch Manager of the Dean and Olive Branch in Albury.

His wife Norma predeceased him in 2005. He was highly regarded by all who knew him. He used to really enjoy going to the annual luncheons at Christmas in Ballina and loved to catch up with his old mates. When he could no longer go, he really loved getting the Newsletter - it gave him a lot of pleasure and helped him feel a part of the real world. He spent his last 15 months in Ken Thompson Lodge and while it was a very pleasant place there is nothing like old friends and hearing about what is going on 'out there' to keep you connected. We took Dad's mail over every day and he looked forward to that Newsletter.... many thanks. Best Wishes to all."

From Ray Brennan by email...."Very sorry to hear about "Oscar" Isaac. I worked with him in the old Lending Dept at S (M&G). Great guy who loved his Bulldogs."

## NEW MEMBERS

Peter Box & Louise Hallgarth of Beverly Hills NSW

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**- If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?**

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## TRAVEL TIPS

### APT TOUR FOR JUNE/JULY 2012

The June/July offer from APT of a tour of Canada and Alaska is outlined below for you to consider  
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*Conditions: Prices are per person twin share. Prices are correct as at 4 June 2012 but may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currency change. Book by 15 October 2012. Offers are not combinable, available on new bookings only and subject to availability. Offers may be withdrawn at any time. Fly Free offers are subject to availability of airline and booking class. Once booking class sold out surcharges apply. Flights must be booked by APT. Non-Refundable deposit of \$3,000 per person is due within seven days. Final Payment is due 100 days prior to departure. FLY FREE PAY OWN TAXES: Not inclusive of air taxes to the value of approximately \$820 per person. Offer valid on a range of tours departing in April 2013, and on May to September 2013 departures of the UT18VEIS (slight variation to itinerary applies). Flights are in economy class with Air Canada (or an airline of APT's choosing if unavailable).*

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW



We have this Conference/Training Course photo in our Photo Archives, enquiries at Lunch have come up with a couple of names, can you assist with the occasion & names??

## NEXT LUNCH

The June monthly Lunch will be at our usual, very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 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.

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.

## WELFARE

Treasurer Noel has received a letter from Larry Jacka advising that he is to undergo a heart by-pass procedure in June.

Graham Hoskin apologises for his non attendance at the lunches these days, as he is experiencing mobility constraints at present.

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-If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?

\* Very large hands

-If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

\* No time at all, the wall is already built.

-In which battle did Napoleon die?

\* his last battle

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**SOCIAL/SPORTING**

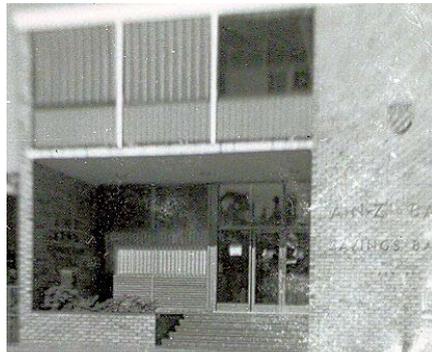
Our Minister for Good Times Ian Jarratt advises that a Race Day at Wyong has been arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Those who attended last year had a thoroughly enjoyable day and commend it to those who are thinking of going along. More details will follow in the next Newsletter, in the meantime pencil this fun day in your diary.

Bookings for the August lunch as guests of the ANZ Chair for NSW Warwick Smith are filling very fast, so if you have not attended one of these Boardroom lunches at 20 Martin Place, or are a Country based member please be quick with your booking as such members have priority if the Lunch is fully booked. Bookings with IPP Alex (9970 8668) or Secretary Reg. Please note that this Luncheon will substitute for our CTA Lunch for August.

**THE FINAL GROUP OF THE LATE ROY CLADINGBOWL PHOTOS OF BRANCHES IN WHICH HE SERVED.**



**WELLINGTON**



**NARRABRI**



**NARROMINE**

We are sure they bring back many fond memories to our members who have worked in these Branches. Thanks also to our Photographic Department (AKA..Mike Cunneen) who spent many hours preparing Roy’s photos for insertion into our Newsletters.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Steve Cunneen emails .....” Peter Brown was at D & O when I was at 601 Dean St branch; the two branches were only about 250 m apart! I remember a thorough gentleman with a gentle smile who never seemed to get cross or be in a hurry. I believe he was well respected by the business community of Albury. He retired there at D&O and went to the Building Society at Armidale. His son Ken was on my staff at Tullamore branch and also went to the ABS (Armidale Building Society) with his dad.”

Wayne Smith says by email....”Denise Isaac advised me today that Owen Isaac had passed away this morning (18th June). “Oscar” was one in a million, a genuine good bloke and friend to all. He will be sadly missed by us all.

From Ron Miller by email..... "it is good to see (from the names sprinkled through the Newsletter) that many I know are still going strong. Charlie Rennie certainly does not look his age.

The web site and format of the Vic Club are really excellent and NSW would do well to seek assistance in following the same path."

"Sorry to hear of Owen's passing. Regards Ken & Dorothy Johnston (travelling presently at Barcaldine Qld on way to Longreach)"

An email from Ron Miller....."Oscar was a great bloke and an ardent Bull Dogs fan. We used to say he had one blue eye and one white {it was the old Canterbury days}

He and I worked side by side in the old Lending dept front line, in fact we were the front line! They used to wheel barrow the files in to us and dump the files between us and we would work through them one by one and hope like hell we could get them all out of the way before the next day's load hit us.

He was always cheerful and never let the bastards grind him down. A great man to work with, a great personality and he will be missed.

I spoke to him a few weeks ago and he seemed in very good spirits so it is very sad that he had so little time.

I regret that I was unable to attend the funeral. My wife broke her arm in a fall 2 days ago and we have spent the last few days having X-Rays and visiting Specialists which left me no time to attend. Regards to all."

From Harry Hammond by email...."My apology for not being able to attend the farewell to Owen. Owen was certainly a character and it was great to have work with him in Esanda, always a help and had time for you. Please extend my condolences to the family. Just arrived home today from a short holiday visiting family and friends at the Central Coast."

Albert Orszaczky emails..."So sorry to hear this unfortunate news and presumably the Bank was well represented at Owen's funeral. Sadly, that's both my "mentors" at my first branch, Merv Quine and Owen, gone within a month of each other.

Also, sad to hear of Merv Quine's death – he was a Teller/General Clerk at Camperdown Branch (with Owen Isaac) when I joined the bank in late 1961. Merv. was Manager at Kingsford branch while Ian Rowley was Accountant there and I was Accountant at nearby Randwick branch in the early 1970s. Merv. will be fondly remembered."

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This blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all these blonde jokes and how all blondes are perceived as stupid. So, she decides to show her husband that blondes really are smart. While her husband is off at work, she decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house. The next day, after her husband leaves for work, she gets down to the task. Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a heavy parka and a leather jacket at the same time. He goes over and asks her if she is OK. She replies yes. He asks what she is doing and she replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb, by painting in the house. He then asks her why she has a parka over her leather jacket. She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and it said... "FOR BEST RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Allan	AYLWARD	29/07	Wal	HARDY	12/07	Bob	PARSONS	08/07
Barry	BOOTH	28/07	Barry	HARRIS	17/07	Tony	RORHAN	29/07
Angelo	BRIGANTI	07/07	Bill	HURWORTH	01/07	Graeme	RUDD	14/07
John	BURKE	25/07	Paul	JACKA	07/07	John	RYAN	15/07
Tony	CARTER	16/07	Rod	KAY	22/07	David	SCHULZ	30/07
Polly	CHING	06/07	Harry	LENEY	02/07	Tony	THOMPSON	28/07
Roy	CLADINGBOWL	02/07	Roland	LUKE	30/07	Harold	TILLEY	14/07
Peter	CLARKE	20/07	Brian	MANUEL	16/07	Max	WATT	21/07
Barry	COGLE	04/07	Lindsay	McFADYEN	10/07	Neil	WESTACOTT	12/07
Steve	CUNNEEN	25/07	Val	McVINISH	16/07	Brian	WHITE	19/07
Bruce	DICKINSON	02/07	Steve	MITCHELL	24/07			
Graham	DOWLING	22/07	Norm	MOON	15/07			
Alan	EDMONDS	27/07	Dan	MORIARTY	10/07			
Elizabeth	GAUL	04/07	Neil	MURRAY	04/07			
Ray	GREENWAY	11/07	John	NALDER	09/07			
Geoff	HAMILTON	05/07	Terry	O'ROURKE	31/07			

**THE "HONS"**

Trevor	ADAMS	19/07
Ian	AULD	26/07
Ray	BALL	14/07
Reg	BATE	06/07
Kevin	CAISLEY	24/07
Roger	HICKMAN	22/07
Leo	McCULKIN	12/07
Jim	NICHOLSON OAM	31/07
Reg	NICHOLSON	15/07
Barbara	OMOND	18/07
John	READING	16/07
Roy	RILEY	02/07**
Keith	THURGATE	24/07
Reg	TUXFORD	03/07

Congratulations to Trevor ADAMS, Ian AULD & Kevin CAISLEY who joins the 'HONS' this month. (\*\* Denotes life Member)

At the June Lunch Birthday Wishes were extended to those present, Bob Garrett, Tony Knight, Denis Lickley, Alf McDermott and Doug Moss.

**THE LAST WORDS**

- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- I dropped out of Communism class because of lousy Marx.
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

Cheers

Noel