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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JUNE, 2013

The June gathering attracted 45 members, President Mike welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while: Bob Cunningham, Laurie Sainsbury, Terry Stapleton, and Angela Vallender.

Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Col Bartrim, Peter Dawson, Ken Dighton, Alf Evans, Roger Hickman, Bob McEwan, Phil Minett, Ann and Alex Morgan (in India), Clive Neutze, and Neil Rowland,

Old people have problems that you haven't even considered yet!

An 85-year-old man was requested by his Doctor to provide a sperm count as part of his physical exam. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, 'Take this jar home and bring back a semen sample tomorrow.' The next day the 85-year-old man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, the jar was as clean and empty as it was on the previous day. The doctor asked what happened and the man explained, 'Well, doc, it's like this -- first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing.

Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Arleen, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezing' it between her knees, but still nothing....' The doctor was shocked! 'You asked your neighbour?'

The old man replied,
'Yep, none of us could get the jar open.'

BEREAVEMENTS

John Bool a retired officer from Victoria passed away recently. John had worked in NSW as an Area Manager based in Orange and was known to many NSW members. A period of silence was observed to acknowledge John's passing.

WELFARE

VP Phil delivered the following Welfare Report to the Lunch on behalf of our WO Ken Dighton....

Sick List:

- **Mick Hiscox – he has some OK days and some bad days, and he is bearing up. The prognosis is not particularly good unfortunately, but Mick is maintaining a positive attitude. Good luck Mick.**
- **Jim Nicholson – he had a knee operation recently and he is endeavoring to complete a physiotherapy regime at President Private Hospital, Sutherland. However, there have been some complications (unrelated to his knee) which have slowed his progress. Alasdair Steel visited Jim recently.**
- **Irene Norris – Irene said that she is OK but she continues to have regular scans for her cancer. She is hoping to get to a lunch meeting with her good friend Marj Farrell before too long.**
- **John Freedman – John is home from hospital and he said he is improving well.**

I made contact with the following people who enjoy the esteemed title of Honorary Member to check up on them in their birthday month:

- **John Bermingham (80) – John said he is slowing down and a lack of mobility is a factor which keeps him from joining us for one of our lunch meetings. He was presented with a great granddaughter last week, and he is feeling quite proud of that (he has 8 grand children)**
- **Peter Bradford (82) – Peter said he celebrated his birthday in good style and he is very well. He said that he purposely does not have the newspaper delivered so that he has to walk to the newsagency each day (some sound reasoning there!). He too became a great grandfather recently.**
- **Doug Chapman (86) – apart from some recent treatment for skin cancers (too much time at the surf club over quite a few years), Doug is going well. He was playing golf twice a week until a short time ago. He lives at the northern end of the Gold Coast, and in his words, “he is weathering the storm”.**
- **Phil Hitchcock (81) – going along reasonably well in the circumstances. He recently changed from a kidney specialist in Newcastle to one in Gosford, who has changed a few things. Phil seems to be happy with the outcome.**
- **Alf McDermott (80) – our resident photographer is as perky as ever and he will be at lunch on 17th June. His birthday is in fact on the day of the lunch – Happy Birthday Alf.**
- **Kevin Watson (84) – I sent Kevin an email (to Perth) which was returned undelivered. I then tried to phone him, but was unable to be connected to the number we have on file. It appears we need to get some current contact details for Kevin, but in the meantime we hope he had a happy birthday and that he is feeling chipper.**
- **Carl Owens (81 last month) – unable to make contact with Carl prior to the May report. However, on the day I was meant to be at our lunch meeting delivering my report I came across him (and wife Shirley) at North Haven where he was relaxing and doing a spot of fishing. He is well.**

I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

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
Reg	TUXFORD	03/07

Our apologies to Jim Pearson as Jim was omitted from the "HONS" list last month.

There are no new "HONS" for the month of July.

Best Wishes were extended by VP Graeme Bool to those with a June birthday & present at the June Lunch, Tony Knight, Denis Lickley, Alf McDermott, Doug Moss and Angela Vallender.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Allan Wiles ANZROC Qld emails”have been trying to get details of Ian Cowley’s ph. no and address for one of our Qld members.” (Ian is not an ANZROC NSW member, can anyone help with Ian’s contact details?....Ed)

Keith Harris has sent in this photo of him another staff member Helen Jardine with a customer examining Commemorative Dollar Coins on the occasion of the Commonwealth Games, does anyone know of the whereabouts of Helen Jardine?



Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was?

It turns out doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses.

Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.

Thank goodness for studies like this. It's not our age; it's that Stupid Bloody Door!!!

INTEREST RATES

From 1/6/2013

Less than \$20,000	1.80%
Greater than \$20,000	2.31%

A young ventriloquist is touring Sweden. One night, he's doing a show in a small fishing town. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes. Suddenly, a blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and starts shouting: "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype Swedish blond women that way? What does the colour of a woman's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's men like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community, and from reaching our full potential as people. Its people like you that make others think that all Blondes are dumb! You and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general...pathetically all in the name of humour!" The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, and the blonde yells: "You stay out of this! I'm talking to that little idiot on your lap."

SOCIAL/SPORTING

JUNE LUNCH

Our next monthly Lunch will be at our usual venue, CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 15th July. Lunch drinks from 11.45am, Lunch 12.45 pm. Meal cost is \$15, with you buying your own drinks from the bar. If it is the month of your Birthday you will be the guest of ANZROCNSW to cover the cost of your meal. No booking is required, socialise & enjoy yourself. You will be made very welcome. These get-togethers are relaxed fun and a great link with friends & acquaintances. If you haven't been for a while, come along 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.

OTHER MATTERS

Col Ticehurst advises that he has a Progress Saver Account which as a retired officer with 30+ years of service entitles him to 0.5% interest above the "carded rate". This is only given when asked for and apparently the Branch has to make representations to AHQ for the concession, so anyone with such a facility who qualifies may wish to approach their Branch for an adjustment. I am advised that backdating was not an option at the time, although Col did subsequently receive about three months of back dated interest after approaching the Bank direct himself.

ANZROCNSW Blog site

The ANZROCNSW blog is now set up as <http://anzroc.blogspot.com.au> this has many Newsletters from the past therein, together with function & other photographs, plus other items of interest; new material is being added often, so while in the blog to read your Newsletter have a browse around. All members on the internet are now receiving their Newsletter via an email advice advising that the Newsletter has gone up on the ANZROCNSW Blog; you then simply click on the link which will be listed in the email advice and be able to view the current Newsletter etc.

Sydney ANZ Staff Club Shop has moved!

A reminder to keep an eye out for in-store specials involved in the move to 242 Pitt St Sydney. The Staff Club shop new shop is on Lvl 9, 242 Pitt Street.

Interstate Guest:

Also welcomed for the first time was Peter Pritchard, the Secretary for ANZROC Vic, who formerly worked in NSW for ten years in the 60's/70's prior to transfer to Melbourne where Peter married and ultimately retired after a varied career that also covered some time in both Vanuatu and New Zealand. During the Lunch Peter gave a brief potted history of his career and spoke of the pleasure of seeing many familiar faces from his NSW past. Peter suggested that any time any member is interstate and so wished they should endeavour to attend an ANZROCVic monthly lunch they would be very welcome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ken Abrahams emails'Re Brian Shephard, Brian was Manager at Temora in 1983''

Ken Byatt emails re Frank Kellas (Kel) Clarence Raward.....''I attended Kel's funeral at Forster last Thursday (the 20th June). I do not think Kel belonged to any ROC. Although I never worked with him, and met him only about twice (both since his retirement), my family and that of his elder daughter Ann have been friends for some 36 years when she lived near us in Hornsby, and baby-sat our daughter when my wife went back to work. Therefore, my attendance was to support her, and also to provide a presence for the retired officers of the Bank. As Kel was a "country manager" I think there may be a few around who do remember him, and the following is a brief eulogy.

Kel (named after the doctor who delivered him) was born on 7/10/1920 at Lismore. He was the first born of identical twin boys – (his brother Kingston later joined BNSW). His father was a dairy farmer at Dunoon. In the mid 1920s their father decided to move to Sydney for better education for the children, finally living at Artarmon.

Kel joined the ANZ (do not know if it was the Union or Asia) after leaving school - say 1937 or so. In Dec 1941 both boys joined the Army but neither saw service overseas. Most of the training took place at Canungra in Queensland, but during one part he was in Blayney where he met his first wife, Gwen, they married on 26/1/1948 after Kel rejoined the Bank on his discharge. Ann was born in Sydney, Kel was then transferred to Peak Hill where his 2nd daughter was born. That started his country service, with postings at Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, Casino, Murwillumbah and Grenfell from where he retired in late 1980.

While at Casino in 1968, Kel's first wife died from cancer. He re-married to Nance, a widow with 2 daughters in 1969, and Nance survives him.

After retiring Kel and Nance moved to Valentine on Lake Macquarie, then to Forster. In 2000 Kel was diagnosed with Parkinson's, and had spent the last 8 years in a nursing home, the last 3 bed-ridden. Despite his immobility in later years, Kel's mind did not let him down, and he knew all his family to the end.

(There may have been other branches at which Kel served, Ann tells me of some of the beautiful country residences they lived in, some with stables and ballrooms. Those were the days when a Bank Manager was somebody in the local community).

I hope these few words will kindle some memories somewhere, and it will be good if they could be printed in the Newsletter so I can compile them and send them on to Ann. (We will be happy to include any information re Kel's career in future NewslettersEd).

Kel was always involved in the activities of the towns he served in, particularly those of the Methodist/Uniting Church. Kel would have been 93 next October. Regards to all."

An email from Allen Johnstone, Wannanup W.A....”Just a small email to thank whoever has been doing the blog on email. As I am living in WA and still doing a bit of part time work, I do not get the chance to see a lot of my friends from banking days, the photos and news over the past 12 years since I took a package from the Bank have been great . Thanks to all who have been involved in the Newsletter over that period.”

Jim Nicholson OAM DSM writes ,,,,

“After almost 65 years of marriage my wife died on 22nd June 2012. I had been her carer for over 3 years & she was ready to go. We lived in the same home in Oatley NSW for almost 63 years, built on land purchased by me with my deferred pay from the Navy after World War 2. After passing the Leaving Certificate aged 16 I joined the ES&A, my first appointment being Pitt & Bathurst Sts Branch, now the site of the Water Board building. After 18 months collecting the remittance from Head Office each morning, sorting cheques, writing up the tellers’ books & preparing the outward remittance which I delivered to Head Office on the way home. Then I was appointed to Head Office at King & George Sts where I remained as Voucher Clerk sorting all inward cheques from the exchanges & deposit slips from the manual ledger keepers. It is hard to believe that although I visited far more branches in my subsequent career than other officers, I was never appointed to the staff of another branch before I retired.

At 19 I joined the Navy, trained in Asdic (Sonar), served on several ships from cruisers to converted motor boats. When on the corvette HMAS Ipswich escorting a convoy to Calcutta I was awarded a DSM for doing what I had been trained to do by playing my part in the sinking of a Japanese submarine. After the War as a Leading Seaman on a new ship HMAS Barwon off Darwin a signal was received that I had been selected as one of the 30 naval members in the Australian Contingent for the 1946 London Victory March. I can only assume that other decorated men already discharged had declined the opportunity, as I had to be flown south to join HMAS Shropshire which was transporting the whole contingent, AIF, RAAF & Navy which had been doing marching drills before I arrived in Melbourne.

In London & while camped at Kensington Gardens I called at the Head Office of the ES&A Bank at 6 Gracechurch St & met a senior officer from Melbourne, & have wondered if this influenced my future career. Discharged on return to Sydney I went back to King & George Sts; to the Bill Dept, progressing through the various tasks of inward & outward Bills. I married in Feb 1947 & in mid 1950 I was invited to spend 6 months in London Office, but declined as my wife was pregnant. To my surprise I was invited again 6 months later & accepted. With 3 others from other States we had round the World tickets & all expenses were paid. On the way over we had a few days in Honolulu, San Francisco & New York. We had individual flats in London & went to the teller if we needed money. We moved around the various Departments gaining experience. It was a lovely summer Festival of Britain Year, with so much to see & do. On the way home I flew to Nice, visited Monte Carlo, Genoa, Pisa, Florence, Rome & Singapore.

After a period at King & George Sts as Foreign Clerk & Chief Clerk, then to State Admin. Doing surveys of branch operations, a period in Lending, then to AHQ Melbourne, living in Victoria Hotel Little Collins St (back home every 4th weekend). The Methods Dept AHQ had great power. We spent a month in Hobart where we operated in quite a different way & we were required to ensure that they followed the same routines & practices as other Australian States. Naturally many senior staff were moved as a result of reports submitted.

Back in NSW I was appointed Manager Methods Department NSW with staff to cover mechanisation of all branches. During this time Decimal Currency & Savings Bank were handled. I spent sometime at Esanda sorting out office procedures & routines. Then out of the blue I was appointed Manager Premises NSW, this required lots of travel around branches. this continued after merger in 1970 to sort out which branch would be retained where there was dual representation. Back to State Admin, I became the State Manager’s

trouble shooter. A couple of times over the years I had for a few days sat in a Branch Manager's chair to meet an emergency. Twice I took staff to the police to be charged with fraud. Then came Bankcard, I was appointed the representative of all Banks to Charge Card Services at Auburn. My task was to educate the staff regarding banking practices, & at monthly meeting of representatives of all Banks in Sydney & Melbourne to convey what Charge Card Services wanted or intended to do. Back to State Admin; I realised that I had no opportunity of getting another appointment. Over the years I had received salary increases but any more would put me on to Senior Manager's rate, & there were a lot of talented younger men in the wings, so I retired on the day of the merger with the Bank of Adelaide in 1980, being my 60th birthday.

I look forward to coming to future lunches as health permits. Regards & best wishes to all."

Golf Wisdom

-When I die, bury me on the golf course, so my husband will visit.

Author Unknown

-I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they'd come up sliced.

Author Unknown

-I've spent most of my life golfing. The rest I've just wasted.

Author Unknown

-They call it golf because all the other four-letter words were taken.

Raymond Floyd

-The ardent golfer would play Mount Everest if somebody would put a flag stick on top. Pete Dye (His golf courses reflect this belief!!)

-Golf is played by twenty million mature American men whose wives think they are out having fun.

Jim Bishop

-It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.

Hank Aaron

-Golf is a game in which you yell "fore," shoot six, and write down five.

Paul Harvey

-Give me golf clubs, fresh air & a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air.

Jack Benny

-Have you ever noticed what golf spells backwards?

Al Boliska

-The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course.

Billy Graham

-Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having a perfect golf swing.

Ben Hogan

-Go play golf. Go to the golf course. Hit the ball. Find the ball. Repeat until the ball is in the hole. Have fun. The end.

Chuck Hogan

-If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.

Jack Lemmon

Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is.

The way you cope with it is what makes the difference.

Cheers

Noel