



RETIRED OFFICERS CLUB (NSW)

PRESIDENT

Mike Cunneen
27 Leicester Street
Epping NSW 2121
Tel. 9876 6969
mikecunneen@
optusnet.com.au

SECRETARY

Reg. Smeaton
48 McKenzie Ave.
Wollongong 2500
Tel. 4228 6951
reg.kini@bigpond.com

TREASURER

Noel Fox
P.O. Box 363 ,
Collaroy Beach , 2097
Tel.9982 5459
nantfox@bigpond.com

EDITOR

Noel Bottrell
14 Cliff Street
Coledale 2515
Tel: 4268 0850
noboty2003@yahoo
.com.au

WELFARE OFFICER

Barry Smith
7 Waterview Street
Seaforth 2092
Tel. 9948 5037
baznwil@bigpond.com

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, March 2012

The March gathering attracted 49 people who were welcomed by Mike Cunneen, in his augural meeting as President. In his haste to get the meeting rolling Mike omitted a special welcome to those not seen for a while, who included Warren Taylor, Bob Jones, Phil Durney and Doc. Wilson and Ron Welsh down from Newcastle for the day.

The meeting had to roll along a little quicker than usual as many of the members were later attending The Seniors Week Concert at the Entertainment Centre.

During the lunch, both Bob Jones and Warren Taylor gave interesting accounts of their careers in ANZ...Bob primarily in Esanda and Warren in International. Listening to Warren, one wondered whether he might have run up more frequent flyer points than Kevin Rudd.

Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

APOLOGIES

Barry and Wilhelmina Smith, Brian White, Vic East, Reg Smeaton (in Fiji), Noel Bottrell, Alf Evans (en route to Paris) & Noel Fox.

RETIRED STAFF INTEREST RATES

From 1/3/2012	less than \$20,000	2.78%
	greater than \$20,000	3.56%

OUR PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

Thank you for allowing me to be your President for the next 12 months. I realise I have big shoes to follow. IPP Alex has done a really great job as our President for the past 2 years and on your behalf I thank him most sincerely for the wonderful way he has run the Club during his 2 terms as President.

I also thank the Committee for their efforts over the past 12 months and I am pleased to say that except for Ken Dighton who now stands down from the Committee all Committee members have agreed to continue to work on the Committee for the next 12 months. Thank you one and all.

Also Graeme Bool has joined the Committee as Vice President and Colin Clarke has joined us as Assistant Treasurer. Welcome to you both.

A very special thanks goes to Ken Dighton who has been on the Committee for many years, firstly as Treasurer then as Treasurer as well as Vice President and then 2 Terms as President and 2 terms as Immediate Past President. Thanks very much for all your great work Ken.

You will see that at our lunch on 19 March we had Bob Jones attend his first meeting. In an exchange of emails between Bob and myself prior to the lunch I did say to him that the lunches are not big on formalities and we all have a relaxing and fun time together at the lunch. As we were having a beer together after the lunch he did comment that what I had said was correct and he certainly did have a relaxing and fun time.

So please feel free to come to a lunch anytime you can. I promise you will have a relaxing and fun time.

Kind Regards to All

Mike.

TRAVEL TIPS

APT TOUR FOR MARCH/APRIL 2013

Europe River Cruising 2013

Travel in 2013 at 2012 Prices PLUS Fly Free to Europe including taxes* - Save up to \$5,700 per couple* 15 Day Magnificent Europe Cruise

ANZ Price \$5,975 per person, twin share*. (Normal price from \$6,395)

Price based on 15 March 2013. Other departure dates available. Book by 30 April 2012

On APT's inimitable 15 Day Magnificent Europe cruise. Glide from Amsterdam through five countries to Budapest, cruising down the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, stopping to take in the iconic attractions and charming secrets of Europe's heartland.

Includes:

- 14 night luxury cruise
- Visit 19 towns, villages and cities
- Traverse the Main-Danube Canal
- Cross Europe's Continental Divide
- Cruise through the pretty Wachau Valley
- Freedom of Choice Touring in Amsterdam, Düsseldorf, Rudesheim, Wertheim, Würzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau and Vienna
- Visit the Hungarian State Opera House in Budapest for a tour, a glass of champagne and a private music recital
- 41 meals

Ask about our city stays in Paris & Prague

For more information, call 1300 374 405 or visit www.aptouring.com.au/ANZStaffClub

**Conditions apply. Prices are per person twin share, land and cruise only & include port charges and ANZ discount, correct as at 8 March. 2012. Offers subject to availability & seasonal surcharge, not combinable with other offers, valid on new bookings only. Credit card payments may incur a surcharge. APT FLY FREE OFFER – Subject to availability of airline & booking class. Once class sold out surcharges apply. Fly Free includes air taxes to the value of \$700 per person. Flights are economy class with Singapore Airlines (or Emirates for select itineraries). Prices based on Category E Suites, 15 March 2013 (EUMC15). Book by 30 April 2012. Deposit of \$1,000 per person due within 7 days of booking. Further \$2,000 per person due 30 Sept. 2012. Full payment due 100 days prior to departure.*

An elderly man went to his doctor and said, 'Doc, I think I'm getting senile.. Several times lately, I have forgotten to zip up.'

'That's not senility,' replied the doctor. 'Senility is when you forget to zip down..'

BEREAVEMENTS

Lloyd Bowers

A tribute to Lloyd was given by Alf McDermott during the meeting. Lloyd settled in Victoria at retirement and was a member of ANZROC, Victoria... (The following is an extract from the ANZROC Vic NewsletterEd)

“BOWERS L.G. (Lloyd) 5/3/2012 89 YEARS

Lloyd enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force in October 1941 and saw active service in Britain with the RAF as a fighter pilot flying Hurricanes, Spitfires and Tempests. He was discharged in January 1946 with the rank of Flying Officer in 287 Squadron and rejoined the ES&A Bank. Lloyd spent much of his career in the North Coast of NSW managing branches including Byron Bay and Lismore and finally Port Kembla and Flemington Markets in Sydney before taking a role until retirement as a Financial Planner in Sydney. Lloyd and his late wife Jo settled in Kew Vic. in early 2000 to be near their family. ANZROCVic was represented at the funeral service by its Secretary Ron Adams.”

Nancy Scroope

Nancy was the widow of the late Bill Scroope, who passed away on 27/1/2010. Nancy died on 3/3/2012, aged 86. Bill and Nancy spent their banking days in NSW country and will be fondly remembered by many of us who served in country branches.

Elsie Ffrench

Elsie was the widow of Lee Ffrench who died quite a few years ago. Her passing on 24/12/2011, was advised to us by her daughter in law. Elsie celebrated her 100th birthday on 17/11/2011.

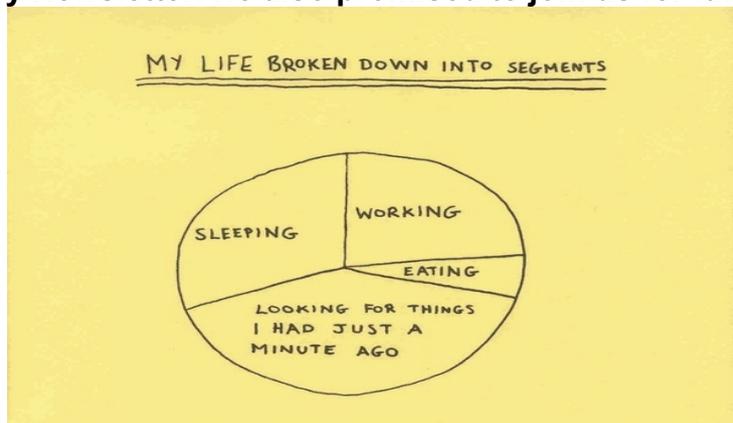
President Mike remembers Lee Ffrench as Head Teller ES&A Bank Newcastle when he joined that Branch as a junior in 1958. He met Elsie on a few occasions many years ago and remembers her as being a very strong person.

A period of silence was observed in their memory by all at the lunch. Condolence letters have been sent as appropriate.

FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY REG.

A letter from Hon. Warwick Smith, ANZ State Chairman, accepting the position as Patron of the Club. This acceptance was acknowledged by the members by acclamation.

Also a letter from Keith Johnson, who now lives in Port Macquarie, expressing his thanks for the high quality Monthly Newsletter. He also promised to join us for lunch when next in Sydney.



Phil Newsome reported that The Port Kembla Golf Day had to be called off due to the torrential rain the week before. The day has now been rescheduled for Monday 25th June, 2012. See flyer below. He hopes that those who were to attend on 5/03/2012 can make it for 25/06/2012.

RETIRED OFFICERS OF ANZ

Golf Day



RESCHEDULED TENTH ANNUAL

FRED BANNISTER MEMORIAL TROPHY INCLUDING DICK KOSTRUBIEC MEMORIAL SHIELD

To be held on the Monday 25th JUNE, 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.

BOOK EARLY WITH BRIAN IF YOU WANT A GOLF CART (12only).

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

Phil Newsome Phone: 42 625047 Email: hmazar@optusnet.com.au

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



NEWCASTLE BRANCH- Early Notice.

Our Member for The Hunter "Doc." Wilson was present at the February lunch & took the opportunity to promote the popular Newcastle half yearly lunch which will be held on Thursday 7th June, same place, same time as in the past. More details next month. Please note the date in your diary & if you have any enquiries ring "Doc" on 02 49486936.

How can u drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

-Concrete floors are very hard to crack.

NEXT LUNCH

The April monthly Lunch will be at our usual very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 16th April, 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.



" It says here that you'd prefer someone with regular bowel movements...Does it matter if they're involuntary ? "

WELFARE

Jim Corrigan advises that Owen Isaac is in hospital in Ryde, Owen has been unwell for some time fighting cancer and a heart condition. For those members wanting updates please contact Jim on 02 4883 7717.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Gary Mason by email..... I want to let you all know that the ANZROC Vic web site is now up & running. Any ANZROC NSW members who may have worked in Victoria – or any Mexicans who managed to escape – may be interested in checking it out: <http://www.anzroc.com.au/>
Regards to all.

Peter Willis emails from Toronto NSW”The News, as always, is very interesting. Thanks so much for the work you do. I found the Italian Cruise liner comments very interesting as we leave on a cruise on Sunday for China & Japan. The last time I was in Tokyo was working with that doyen of the ship board agencies, Roy Riley, and Ed Tanner from Victoria. It was 1970. How times have changed. We used the same exchange rates for the whole trip and I still remember the JPY/AUD exchange rate of 400. Wouldn’t people like to visit Japan with that exchange rate these days. We also had to clear about \$8000 (much more than my annual salary in those days) so we all walked off the ship with the money safely zipped up in an overnight bag whilst we trudged to a bank Roy knew of in Yokohama.
The comments about Geoff Peake brought back memories, when he, Geoff Minett (followed by the late Terry Sheahan when Geoff M. got promoted) and I were Asst Managers under Graham Hopwood in Orange. Geoff Peake was unflappable and nothing seemed to faze him. He was great to work with. It was not unknown for him to take part of his lunch break to roll a few bowls down at his local club which I’m sure helped to ease his office stresses, if he had any. He was also a mean lunch room table tennis player! Both John Buckham and Colin Clarke were in the advances area in Orange at the same time. Coincidentally, whilst lazing watching that tremendous Indian run chase against Sri Lanka last night I became aware of a commercial showing Brian Hopwood, 35 years a builder. He is the son of Graham Hopwood and today his face looked very similar to his dad’s face when he was our Area Manager. Can’t remember what the ad. was about which just goes to show how much some people take of commercials.”

Colin Clarke emails.....
“At the February meeting, a speaker commented on the Wagga Weekends, which were always tremendous fun and great value. Well I have the proud record of having attended 15 Wagga weekends, including 13 in a row from 1980-1993. I still have all the Wagga weekend jumpers at home. I have travelled down by the mail train (I took a swig from my port bottle to restart my heart every time it stopped from the cold), ordinary train, bus, road and even flew down one year! In the early days, I always stayed at Romano’s, but I became concerned at the behaviour shown by the Bankers staying there, and most of my weekends were spent at a little motel on the other side of the bridge whose name escapes me.
I won’t bore everyone with endless stories of my escapades, but two incidents come to mind. I was once pushed out of a moving cab by my so-called friends, because the cab driver said he was overloaded. I also once took a shortcut to the motel in the middle of the night and finished up waist deep in swamp mud.
My sport was ten pin bowling, and once I only had to bowl a hundred for NSW to win the bowling, and only got 89. Turns out that NSW also only lost by one event that year.
I generally found the Victorians to be better people to socialize with, and they seemed to know the best drinking holes to go to. Happy memories.”

"Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair." ~ (George Burns)...



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Bill	BRICKNELL	02/04/38		Carmen	MOYLAN	28/04/...
Peter	DAWSON	18/04/51		Des	NATION	17/04/54
Peter	DEVOY	10/04/44		Kevin	O'CONNELL	22/04/38
Greg	EVANS	01/04/51		Richard	PERKINS	02/04/51
Dave C	FLEMING	29/04/35		John	PLATT	23/04/49
Jeff	FRIEDMAN	16/04/47		Jim	RICHARDSON	24/04/43
Mike	GRAY	10/04/43		Mike	RILEY	13/04/42
George	HARLOE	27/04/51		Bob	RISEBOROUGH	24/04/39
Jim	HEATH	06/04/45		Ken	ROSE	08/04/48
Alistair	JOHNSTON	24/04/42		George	ROWE	04/02/43
Col	KILLER	06/04/36		Neil	ROWLAND	23/04/49
Greg	LYTTLE	07/04/50		Graeme	SMITH	10/04/47
Con	LUCAS	05/04/44		Barry	THOMPSON	03/04/34
John	LUCAS	28/04/43		John	TURNBULL	07/04/49
Ray	MACKIE	12/04/36		Jackie	VULA	02/04/61
Digby	MILNE	25/04/38		Ron	WELSH	02/04/43
Geoff	MINETT	14/04/42		Ken	WHITECROSS	09/04/41
John	MITCHELL	09/04/39		Barry	WILEMAN	18/04/58

THE "HONS"

Stuart	ALLAN	27/04/18
Arthur	BOWN	01/04/25**
Don	DAVIS	14/04/29
Terry	GATTY	10/04/32
Betty	HICKMAN	26/04/27
John	McCRUDD EN	05/04/30
Bruce	RIDER	26/04/25
John	SCOTT	22/04/26
Aub	WALKER	29/04/32

(** denotes Life Member)

Welcome & congratulations to **Terry GATTY** and **Aub WALKER** on joining the "Hons" this month. Also congratulations to **Alistair JOHNSTON**, **Geoff MINETT** & **Mike RILEY** on reaching 70.

The following members, who had birthdays in Feb or March, and were at today's lunch included Jan Douglass, Ian Jarratt, John Mair, Chris Wheeler, Warren Taylor, John Tier, John Mitchell, Clieve Lennon, Ken Byatt, Colin Clarke, and Bob Janson. Congratulations were offered by VP Graeme Bool who also celebrated a birthday in February.

Noticed in the ANZROC Vic Newsletter that Charles Rennie achieved 99 not out in March 2012.

Mother Superior was talking to the nuns. "We have a case of chlamydia in the convent".

An old nun at the back replies "Well I hope it's better than that chardonnay rubbish we had at Christmas!"

Some more Branch photos from the album of the Late Roy Cladingbowl, taken of various Branches at which Roy relieved or served.



**LITHGOW 1971
REAR VIEW**



INVERELL



SMITHTOWN AGENCY



MUSWELLBROOK

THE LAST WORDS

- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- Half the people you know are below average.

Cheers

Noel