The Lunch gathering on 17th March 2014 saw 51 members in attendance, President Phil welcomed all to his first lunch as our President, included in the welcome were these members not seen for a while: Peter Bradford, Ken Hill, Les Rennie, and Neil Rowland. Phil’s welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

**APOLOGIES:**
Phil Cohen, Alf Evans, Alasdair Steel, David Wright, Noel Fox.

**FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY REG**
Lesley Strudwick sent a note of thanks to the Club regarding our condolences on the passing of Bruce, Lesley expressed her wish to remain in touch with ANZROC.

**Children Are Quick**

TEACHER: Why are you late?
STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your maths multiplications on the floor?
JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?
TEACHER: No, that's wrong
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

**OTHER MATTERS**

ANZ Staff Club (no connection with ANZROC)
Ken Dighton reports that although the Staff Club flats at North Haven have been sold (though I note the Staff Club is still taking bookings and these bookings will be honoured by the new
owner) settlement has not yet been finalised. Subsequent to the sale being completed the new owner has expressed an interest in accommodating ANZROC members and more will issue from us when details are available.

Bob Janson suggested at the luncheon that the new property acquired by the Staff Club at Port Macquarie is very attractive and located adjacent to a golf course for those who fancy a golfing experience as part of their holiday. Those ANZROC members who are still members of ANZ Staff Club should contact the staff Club direct about Port Macquarie bookings.

WELFARE
Our Welfare Officer Ken Dighton reports
Sick List:
- John Robson – I spoke with John’s wife who is his full-time carer and she said he is not well at all. He has Parkinson’s disease and has experienced quite a number of problems in recent times. We send our best wishes to John (and Beverley).
- Mick Howard – still having treatment for painful vertebrae issues, but OK on the whole. Sent his regards to ROC committee and members.
- Tony Moles – lan Jarratt spoke with Tony recently, and he said he was quite sick around December, and generally his health is a bit of a trial. However, he is getting on with life. Best wishes Tony.
- Mike Osten – Message from Mike recently when paying his annual subs: "Sorry I have not been able to attend functions over the last 4 - 5 years. I have severe emphysema and basically unable to leave the house. However there are a lot of people far worse than I am. I look forward to reading the Newsletter each month and looking at the photos of old friends.” Thanks Mike – best wishes, and hang in there.

Please remember, I rely on feedback from all our members about those who are not doing so well (particularly on the health front) – so keep me in the loop!

I made contact with the following people, who enjoy the esteemed title of Honorary Member, to check up on them in their birthday month (and of course to extend Birthday Wishes):
- Margaret Blackwood (92) – Still living in Toronto and basically OK – her sense of humour is no doubt standing her in good stead. She reminded me that only the good die young! Asked me to say G’day to former colleagues and old ANZedders.
- Doug Dowling (88) – keeping well with a few niggles (which are to be expected). Still playing golf on Wednesdays at Forster. Spent a couple of days at South West Rocks with family for his birthday.
- Eric Harvey (88) – very chirpy and “still upright”. He said he has trouble remembering a few things, and he couldn’t recall why Margaret Blackwood would describe him as a bit of a tear-away when they worked together at 273 George St branch, only a few years back!
- Ken Hill (83) – he’s well and expects to join us for lunch on Monday. (which Ken did!!)
- Geoff Nelson (90) – he said he is in reasonable health – the engine is OK, but the bodywork is a bit rough! Geoff said he retired 31 years ago (on his 59th birthday). He enjoyed a birthday celebration at a restaurant with family, and he catches up with a few former workmates for lunch periodically.

Last month I mentioned that I was unable to make contact with Max Campbell, who celebrated his 90th in February. I subsequently received a message from Neil Murray who said that Max is in nursing home care at Buderim. Thanks for the info. Neil.

Texting Codes for Seniors
Young people have theirs, now Seniors have their own texting codes:
* ATD - At the doctor's
* BFF - Best friend's funeral
* BTW - Bring the Wheelchair
INTEREST RATES

From 1/3/2013

Less than $20,000 1.67%

Greater than $20,000 2.14%

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The 2014 Subscriptions are now due so if you haven’t sent in you renewal subs to Treasurer Mike please do so with the payment slip at the end of this Newsletter.

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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SHOW YOUR NAME ON THE TRANSFER TRANSACTION.

APRIL LUNCH

The April monthly Lunch will be at our usual and very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 14th April 2014. (PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF NORMAL DATE FOR THIS APRIL LUNCH ONLY, BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

Pre Lunch drinks from 11.45am, Lunch 12.45 pm, 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.

OTHER INTERESTING MATTERS

From WA ANZROC Newsletter……”Ray Galliott, has survived the drills, practices and tests with his initial prosthesis and, due to his good behaviour and pleading, now has his tin leg at home! So, it’s a case of back to normal. When asked what he was looking forward to most when he had his leg at home, the physio was told ‘being able to clean the top half of the windows!'

Bill Kynaston is rapidly recovering from his heart surgery and hopes to be seen at a luncheon before too long.”

HOTEL DISCOUNTS FOR RSL MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

In appreciation for the important role of our diggers, Accor is offering members of the Returned Servicemen’s League (RSL) and their families special discounts for stays at over 150 hotels throughout April. Rates start from $60 per room per night at selected Ibis hotels to $80 for Mercure and Novotel, $100 at Pullman, $110 for selected Sofitel and $145 for Quay West hotels. Residents with a valid RSL membership card can enjoy these discounts for stays at a range of hotels.

The RSL member offer is available for stays from 1–30 April 2014 and only for bookings made online at www.accorasiapacificpartners.com/RSLAnzac. A maximum of two rooms can be booked per booking and a valid Australian RSL membership card must be presented at check-in. Subject to availability and terms and conditions apply.

Maybe if you are planning to hit the big-smoke for ANZAC Day this deal may help … you can only try.
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(** denotes Life Member)

We welcome Barry THOMPSON into the “Hons” this month. Congratulations Barry.
Birthday wishes were extended by Graeme Bool to those with February Birthdays & present at the Lunch: Ken Hill, Ian Jarrett, John Mair and Reg Smeaton.

Finding a woman sobbing that she had locked her keys in her car, A passing soldier assures her that he can help. She looks on amazed as he removes his trousers, ..... Rolls them into a tight ball and rubs them against the car door. Magically it opens...... "That's so clever," the woman gasps. "How did you do it?" "Easy," replies the man. "These are my khakis".
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Mike Hale emails.....”Yours is another familiar name which has cropped up reading the Newsletters. I was in the Bank from 1958 to 1978 (20 years 2 months and 2 days). I started in NSW went to WA then finished in Qld. Currently a distant retired officers club member in WA, but living on the Gold Coast. 78 branches including admins saw my ugly mug, so when I get to read all the different newsletters the familiar names keep popping up. It is sad to see some in ill health, Graham Hosking for one and Reg Tuxford. Other names that pop up and bring back memories are Arthur Crittenden, John Henry McLeod Piper (a Lismore boy) and many more. Is it possible to find out where some of the other retired officers are, because to a lot of them we all owe a debt of gratitude for their assistance in the early days of our careers. To some others you look back and laugh at copping the brunt of their tirades. (Thanks Mike if you have any names in particular let us know & I am sure someone out there will be able to help…Ed)

SOCIAL/SPORTING
“Doc” Wilson reminds us that the Newcastle, Central Coast & Hunter Valley plus mid year get together is on again at Cardiff on Thursday 1st May 2014, so those interested, if you have not already done, should mark their calendar, & contact Doc on 02 4948 6936 or Jim Richardson on 02 4943 8031 to book in. Several members from Sydney etc are travelling by train & car to this popular Lunch

Kevin Cameron emails from Wagga Wagga.....” Photo of our Riverina gathering came out very well in the Newsletter. All who attended had a great time. We decided to trial a six monthly gathering, as some old ANZedders in the area still work we have decided on a Lunch at the RSL- 12 noon on Saturday June 14. Please include this in coming Newsletters ( is done Kevin!!). Once again partners are included. Anyone wishing to go to the June Riverina Lunch please contact Kevin on 02 6229 4575
Survived hot January by going to Hobart for 6 weeks.”

ILLAWARRA GOLF AT PORT KEMBLA GOLF DAY
Brian White advised that the Golf Day was a success, although wet weather reduced the starter numbers from an anticipated 81 to 63. As it happened the weather cleared up apart from a squally five minutes at one stage, and Noel Pratt and his team were the winners on the day. Brian is looking forward to the 15 year milestone of the event next year.
Photos from Illawarra Golf Day 3 March 2014 are now on our Blog site..... The Committee extends it thanks to Brian White, Laurie Sainsbury & Bill Chapman for the many hours they put into planning & the holding of the Golf Day.

Our Minister for Good Times Alex Morgan advised the monthly Lunch ...

Dates of interest to be noted in your Diaries:
- Lunch in April is on 14th April, because Easter Monday falls on our scheduled Lunch date.
- Newcastle/Hunter Lunch to be held on the 1st May (Panthers Club at Cardiff).
- Newsletter posting day (for the Committee) will remain as scheduled 6th May.
- Tank Stream Etc. Tour and Rocks Lunch at Philips Foot 7th July.
- On the 21st July there will be our normal lunch, at which John Morschel is to be presented with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate, subject to his ability to attend on that day.
- Patrons Day will be on the 2nd Sept 2014, at 242 Pitt St Sydney with Warwick Smith again generously agreeing to host our Lunch.
- 1st December is to be the Christmas function at ANZ 242 Pitt St. subject to concurrence of the Bank.

In the Pipeline:
SCG Tour
Riverboat Postman trip on the Hawkesbury River
Watsons Bay Ferry Trip (fish ‘n chips for lunch).
BEREAVEMENTS

Enid McKinnon, the wife of George McKinnon of Banora Point NSW, after a debilitating stroke suffered last year which resulted in Enid requiring full nursing care until her passing on 22 Nov 2013. George advised us by mail and his letter was included in the February Newsletter.

A period of silence was observed in Enid’s memory.

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Note on the fridge....
Came home from the golf course today.
The wife had left a note on the refrigerator:
"IT'S NOT WORKING, I can't take it anymore!! Gone to stay with my mother."
I opened the fridge, the light came on, and the beer was cold...
What is she talking about?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Gary Attewell in Port Macquarie.......”I wish to thank the Committee for their excellent work in delivering the monthly Newsletter.
The additional information on the blogsite, photos from the Xmas gathering, identified many people I worked with and some I played football with in the ANZ Bank rugby league team. Re the photos in the blogspot of some old branches. During my career I spent time on the Divisional Relieving Staff from March, 1960 to May, 1961. I identified the following branches I worked at: - COOLAH, INVERELL, MANUKA, MOREE, NARRABRI, NARROMINE, WEE WAA and GUNNEDAH. There were others (no photos) STRoud, ARMIDALE, GLEN INNES.
I am keeping well, early morning walks keep the body operating. Part knee replacements, to both knees, some years ago have not caused problems at this time but arthritis is on the move. My membership at the Golf Club is presently “ Non playing”, will decide the future when the next renewal is due 30/6/14. Regards to all.”

Judi McAvoy (Keith Nunn’s daughter), emails.... “Dad turns 94 this year and still going strong!”

‘Till next month

Noel

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