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Our Lunch on 20th May 2013 attracted 49 members; President Mike welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while: Ken Abrahams, Betty Brown, Geoff Brown, Alan Edmonds, Denis Lickley, Col Malone, Heather Riach, Wilhelmina Smith, and Warren Taylor.

Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Ken Dighton, Noel Chie, Betty Gemmell, Dick Hughes, Alf Evans, Rodney Kay, Phil Minnett, Jim Nicholson, Angela Vallender and Brian White.

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous..... Winston Churchill loved them.

- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure..
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

OUR PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

On Monday 27 May 2013 nine of our members, wives & partners had a very enjoyable, interesting and informative visit to Fort Denison in Sydney Harbour. Photo is now on our blog page and will be in the June Newsletter. What a setting for a group photo.....Nine happy visitors having their photo taken with the Opera House and Harbour Bridge in the background.

Committeeman Denis Lickley "entertained" us and also our tour guide at Fort Denison with his knowledge of the Japanese midget submarines that entered Sydney Harbour in 1942. His stories of diving a few years ago in The Solomon Islands onto the hull of the "mother ship" submarine that had supported them prior to it being chased by allied ships from the Australian coast, all the way to being shipwrecked on a Solomon Island. Thanks Denis and also I am sure thanks from the Fort Denison tour guide who was most fascinated with your stories.

Thanks also to our "Minister for Good Times" Alex (and Ann) Morgan (who at the last minute were unable to join us) for organising this trip.

Alex has arranged a few more outings for our members for later in the year and I urge you to please come to them if you are able. They are fun trips with no need to dress up or listen to boring speeches but are enjoyable and hopefully informative outings.

A final note from me please this month.

I am told that as President I am allowed to have a "small dummy spit" from time to time. So I now advise that your Committee is quite disappointed that we still have approx 50 of our members who have still not paid their annual subscription payment of \$5.00 for 2013. We have approx 730 members in total and when we take out our widow/widower and honorary members (who don't have to pay subscriptions) we have approx 500 paying members. The fact that approx 10% of our paying members have not paid their subscriptions is disappointing.

So thanks to the 90% of our members who have paid, to the remainder we honestly don't think the amount of \$5.00 per annum should be a problem however if money is the problem then please ring me and I will be pleased to waive your subscription.

If I don't hear from you and your subscription payment is still unpaid then you will be recorded as non financial and sadly will cease to be posted/emailed the Monthly Newsletter.

That's all from me this month.

Kind Regards

Mike C.

NEW MEMBERS

- Gary Street of Runaway Bay Qld
- Derek Whittle of Haywards Bay NSW
- Tim Barker of Redhead NSW



WELFARE

Our Welfare Officer Ken Dighton reports

“Sick List:

Denis Lickley – tells me he is improving well (still on medication though) and hopes to attend Monday’s lunch meeting.

Peter Dufty – remains frustrated by the lack of strength in his right leg which was operated on quite some time ago. It affects his mobility considerably which means he has difficulty doing to our lunch meetings, among a host of other things. He is keeping busy however with his involvement in his local RSL Club etc.

Brian Beynon – recently visited Sydney for some skin cancer treatment – he’s OK.

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

Betty Gemmell (96) – Her legs are still inhibiting her mobility somewhat, but all things considered she is going well. Received loads of birthday flowers from many caring nieces and nephews

Frank Blinman (82) – I spoke with Mrs Betty Blinman who said Frank is fit and well. Doing the books for his son’s business keeps him off the streets!

Ian Fraser (88) – Generally OK, but a bad hip affects his mobility a bit. However, it seems he may be the scourge of the Ballina footpaths on his motorised scooter. He said he is quite at home on the scooter because Ballina has to be the scooter capital of Australia.

Ian Hiscock (83) – He has bad feet for some time (spent more than 4 years in plaster) and this curtails his activities quite a lot. Otherwise he is OK. Sent regards to all, and particularly to John Mair

Colin Malone (83) – He is so well that he will be attending Monday’s lunch meeting (even after celebrating his birthday on Sunday!). Enjoy your free lunch Colin.

Morrie Miles (82) – Q. Happy birthday for the 27th Morrie, and how are you travelling? A.” If you’ve got an hour or two I’ll tell you”! He bowls a couple of times a week, but he’s had prostate cancer for several years and is dealing with that. But “chugging along OK”, and still time for a laugh (as those who know him would believe).

Carl Owens (81) – unable to make contact with Carl. Perhaps he’s away. Left him a phone message for his birthday at the end of the month.

Terry Stapleton (83) – Has the flu at the moment but otherwise OK. Still playing tennis once a week. Another Monday committee commitment for the last 37 years (that’s dedication!!) has meant that he’s been unable to get along to our lunch meetings. However, that may be about to change – I told Terry that we would look forward to seeing him when he eventually gets a spare 3rd Monday.

Dick Walkom (82) – I saw Dick at the Newcastle lunch a few days ago. He is in fine fettle.

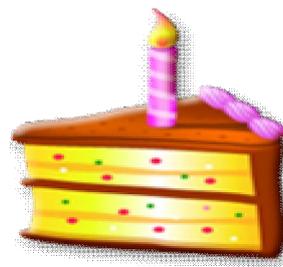
Ken White (80) – He had just returned home from 2 hours of table tennis, and he is going well. Recently went on a holiday to Victoria for a couple of weeks. He has now been living in Kiama for 23 years.

Dan Pawson (81) – I sent an email to Dan (in NZ) to wish him a happy birthday, and to ask about his well being. This is his reply: “Many thanks for your greetings. I had my 81st birthday on 6/5 last. I am very well. As with most of my group, being creaky is common but as I live not 10 minutes walk away from 2 of NZ’s premium wineries relief is available. Sue and I live in the province of Hawkes Bay which has a marvellous climate being protected by 2 ranges of mountains which divert extremes. I belong to the NSW Retired Group because my last job was as Area Manager, Hunter East Coast NSW. It is great to read your Bulletins. I joined the Union Bank in 1950 in Napier N.Z. and was transferred to Melb-394 Collins St. in 1965 and elected to stay in Aussie for the rest of my career. Sue is a Tasmanian (from the ES and A Bank) and we go back there regularly to visit family. Keep up the good work”.

Jim Nicholson is recuperating from two recent operations, but there is an apparent loss of use of one arm that is causing problems.

Wal Pendleton had a full knee replacement on 1st May and “would recommend it to anyone in need” as he is already well on the road to recovery, with some physio therapy to come yet, which he does not enjoy too much. Wal was very pleased with the level of health care he received.

Please remember, I need the help of our members to enable me to compile an informative Welfare List each month (ie by providing me with names etc.)”



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Colin	BARTRIM	23/06	Neil	KAY	26/06
Stuart	BROOKE	14/06	Tony	KNIGHT	05/06
Brian	BURGESS	08/06	Robyn	L'HUILLIER	30/06
John	CAIRNS	06/06	Denis	LICKLEY	19/06
Jeff	COX	28/06	Neil	MERRICK	21/06
Russell	CROZIER	10/06	Doug	MOSS	09/06
Ivan	DEBELAK	24/06	Ken	MURRAY	15/06
George	FADDOUL	28/06	Mal	NEWMAN	30/06
John	FREEDMAN	25/06	Bob	PALMER	19/06
John	GANNON	16/06	Terry	PATTON	15/06
Bob	GARRETT	03/06	Jim	PEARSON	23/06
Kerry	GILBERT	08/06	Greg	PIDCOCK	22/06
Terry	GILCHRIST	19/06	Warren	RIEDEL	20/06
Bob	GRANT	01/06	Kevin	SLOAN	27/06
John	GRAY	06/06	Geoff	TAYLOR	23/06
Ron	HINSON	10/06	Howard	TEMPEST	23/06
Tony	HUNT	27/06	Angela	VALLENDER	30/06
Phil	JOHNSTON	02/06	Vicki	WILKINSON	16/06

THE “HONS”

John	BERMINGHAM	27/06
Peter	BRADFORD	10/06
Doug	CHAPMAN	19/06
Jack	HAYSTON	04/06
Phil	HITCHCOCK	14/06
Alf	McDERMOTT	17/06
Jack	PERRY	19/06
Kevin	WATSON	01/06

Congratulations to John BERMINGHAM and Alf Mc DERMOTT on joining the ‘Hons’ this month.

During the May Lunch Birthday Wishes were extended by V.P. Graeme Bool to those present with May Birthdays, Geoff Brown, Ann Morgan, Col Malone, Clive Neutze, Phil Newsome, Wilhelmina Smith, and Alasdair Steel.

BEREAVEMENTS

Laurie Sainsbury advises ...”I have just spoken to Brian Shephard the husband of Jan who was affectionately known as 'Mikki'.. she lost her battle with cancer and passed away 17th May 2013, Jan’s funeral was on Thursday 23rd May at the Catholic Church, Hall, ACT.. just outside Canberra where Brian & Jan lived.

I think Brian's last post in the Bank was Manager at Casino...I may be wrong but I ran into him at Albury when he was Advance Clerk at Dean and Olive Street branch.. he later became Accountant at 601 Dean Street and then I think Ass Mgr at Nowra.”

Ken Dighton also advises... %attended the funeral of Richard (Dick) Innes on 18th April (he was not a ROC member). Dick was aged 68 and I worked with him during my Esanda days (he previously was with FCA). To call Dick a character would be an understatement. He was a good bloke and a good family man. He is survived by his wife Margaret and two daughters.”

INTEREST RATES

From 1/5/2013	
Less than \$20,000	1.92%
Greater than \$20,000	2.45%

-Did you know 'listen' and 'silent' use the same letters?

-Do you also know that the words 'race car' spelled backwards still spells 'race car'?

-and that 'eat' is the only word that if you take the first letter and move it to the last, it spells its past tense 'ate'?

SOCIAL/SPORTING

Alex Morgan advises “a tentative date has been set for 16th September 2013 for the Member and Partner lunch to again be held at the Ultimo TAFE, further information will issue on this proposed function.”

JUNE LUNCH

Our next monthly Lunch will be at our usual venue, CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 17th June, 2013. Pre 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.

Just come along, no booking 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, 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.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Wrinkles: Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

ANZROCNSW Blog site

The ANZROCNSW blog is now set up as blog site <http://anzroc.blogspot.com.au> this has many Newsletters from the past therein, together with function & and 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.

OTHER MATTERS

ANZ moves out of 20 Martin Place Sydney

The ANZ Bank NSW Administration has moved out of 20 Martin Place and is now located at ANZ Bank Centre 242 Pitt Street Sydney. There is a Branch and an entrance to the NSW Administration Offices in Pitt Street, opposite the Hilton Hotel. The building which has only recently been completed is now the 6th tallest building in Sydney.

For some years now ANZ Retired Officers Club (NSW) Committee has met on 20th Floor at 20 Martin Place each month to envelope and post our Newsletters to members not connected to the Internet.

On the 20th Floor we have been looked after in a wonderful fashion by Amanda Clarke and Corina Barker. We are pleased to advise that Amanda will be moving to the new building and has promised to continue to look after us. Thanks Amanda.

Unfortunately Corina will not be moving to the new building so at the last Committee gathering at Martin Place on 1 May 2013 we took the opportunity to make a presentation of flowers to Corina to thank her for all she has done for our Club over several years.

Photo of some of the Committee at the presentation to Corina (with thanks to Amanda who joined us for the presentation) is shown on page 7.

Sydney ANZ Staff Club Shop is moving!

Keep an eye out for in-store specials as they start preparing for the move to the new premises involved in the move of ANZ Martin Place & Pitt Sts to 242 Pitt St Sydney. The Staff Club shop at 20 Martin Place will close at 3:30pm Friday 17th May and the new store will open at Lvl 9, 242 Pitt Street on Friday 24th May (online orders will not be affected)

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree..
- Wrinkles don't hurt.
- Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground..
- Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

COMMITTEE FAREWELL TO CORINA BARKER 1 MAY 2013.



**PHIL NEWSOME--REG SMEATON--ANN MORGAN--NOEL FOX--
AMANDA CLARKE(ANZ STAFF)--ALEX MORGAN--CORINA BARKER--
GRAEME BOOL--MIKE CUNNEEN--NOEL BOTTRELL.**

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on a Friday this year". Mick said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th then."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Helen Bennett, widow of late Gordon Bennett, emails reporting her pleasure at having Jock and Pat Mackenzie call in to see her on their way North to a Motor Show gathering.

Sharon Hawkins emails....."Please send my thanks and appreciation to all who attended Ralph's funeral and the support I have received after the event. I will never forget the tributes I have had for Ralph. He was the most wonderful man and husband."

Peter Pritchard Secretary ANZROC (Victoria) emails..... "Thanks for sending the latest NSW Newsletter. The quality and content of the Newsletter is first class. I joined the Bank in Sydney and spent my first 10 years in Sydney (1969 to 1979) working at George and Liverpool St Branch, S(M&G), Lending Administration and South Sydney Area. I had such a wonderful time and a number of the people I worked with are featured in the latest Newsletter. It brings back many great memories. It's good to see that so many are enjoying retirement. I would hope to attend a meeting later this year on one of my trips to Sydney. Regards to all."(Peter will be at our June Lunch...Ed)

**Colin Stoner wrote last year to say..." I remember Roy Riley from S(M&G) days with Branch Manager Mr Gilchrist & Accountant Norm Lawton. Gary Heiron & I used to tell Roy he just wanted to dance with al the old girls. Another gentleman there was Ron Nott. I was amazed as a young man when he started to ski when 60 something!
To emulate Ron a little I do a lot at my age 75, except late nights out on the grog!!
My outback push bike ride in August 2012 was Innaminka via Cordello Downs (terrible road) to Birdsville, & back on the Queensland side via Haddens Corner. My ride in 2013 is out of &**

return to Hay where I started school when Dad was Manager there (Union Bank then I think). I know we were there when WW2 finished & I returned there (before I joined ANZ in 1956) to work as a jackaroo.

In October 2012 I joined a group to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa, 5895 metres. The hardest thing I have ever done, the mental toll was worse than the physical. At Stella Point 200m shy of the summit I sat against a rock for perhaps 15 minutes to replace negative thoughts with positive one & stumble the final section. I had 6 layers on top & 4 on my legs so was not cold but the lack of oxygen was the killer I think, as I can only remember half a dozen things at the top. Starting at midnight from our base camp at 4700 m, the climb, the descent & the walkout to below 3000 m took me 17 hours, for the last hour I had assistance from a guide as my legs no longer responded to what my brain told them to do. I know I will not return to break the age record which is 83.”(phew Colin I am tired just typing that!!!...Ed)

This is a story which is perfectly logical to all males:

A wife asks her husband,

"Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk,
And if they have avocados, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

(If you're female, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Males will get it the first time.)

TRAVEL TIPS

Peter Smith, of the ANZ Pensioners Association in London UK advises....”We are pleased to announce the launch of a new regular social event which it is planned will be held quarterly in London for all members of the association as well as anybody else with an ANZ connection... current staff, former contractor, spouse etc.

The first “meeting” was held from 3pm on the 5th December in the Mug House wine bar in Montague Close near the former ANZ office in Minerva House

(<http://www.davy.co.uk/mughouse>). It is planned to repeat the event quarterly at the same time and place on the first Wednesday in March, June, September and December.

We look forward to seeing you! These arrangements will be subject to change in the light of experience and feedback, but will always be advertised on our webpage.

Bob Bowmer of ANZ Sports & Social Club London U.K. says....”We have good availability during the week for short breaks at Bracklesham Bay - if you would enjoy a bracing walk along the coast and enjoy our 4-bedroom house right on the beach, let me know ! £25 per night for bookings over 1 night!” Bob’s contact is.... Bob.Bowmer@anz.com

Now this doesn’t apply to me yet, butA man was sitting on a lawn sunning and reading, when he was startled by a fairly late model car crashing through a hedge and coming to rest on his lawn. He helped the elderly driver out and sat her on a lawn chair. “My goodness” he exclaimed, “you are quite old to be driving!” “Yes” she replied,” I am old enough that I don’t need a licence anymore. The last time I went to my doctor he examined me, and asked if I had a drivers licence. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of a drawer, cut the licence into pieces and threw them in the wastebasket.” ”You won’t be needing this anymore,” he said. "So I thanked him and left.”

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE OUR SENIORS...

Cheers

Noel