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Today's gathering attracted 65 members, a new record for gatherings at the CTA Club. President Mike welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members "not seen for awhile" : Col Bartrim, Steve Cunneen (down from Tamworth), Bob Cunningham, Phil Durney, Wayne Fabricato, Allan Gibson (a first time visit), Col Malone, Peter Marotta, Bob McElroy, and Bruce Philps. Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Noel Bottrell, Ken Byatt, Vic East, Betty Gemmell, Bill Martin, John Mitchell, Clive Neutze, Geoff Taylor and Angela Vallender.

RETIRED STAFF INTEREST RATES

From 1/5/2012	less than \$20,000	2.74%
	greater than \$20,000	3.51%

OUR PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

What a great lunch we had on 21 May 2012. A record 65 members for a monthly lunch in attendance with lots of talking and happy reminiscing by us all. Steve Cunneen and Allan Gibson gave us a "potted history" of their Banking and post banking life. Thanks Steve and Allan.

I received a delightful letter a few weeks ago from Mrs Helen Bennett from Caloundra Qld. Helen is the widow of Gordon Bennett who was Manager of Tamworth Branch from 1964 to 1971. Helen sent me a photo of the Branch in Peel Street Tamworth (now an up market Restaurant) from 1968, with the Bank's Mobile Bank out the front. The Mobile Bank was sent up to Tamworth for the Tamworth Show.

A copy of that photo will be published in the Newsletter soon. As also be published a close up photo of the Staff members in front of the bus. We circulated a copy of the photo at the April lunch and we could only identify Col Reardon and Tom Griffith therein. We hope other members might be able to identify a few more in the photo after it is published.

I am told that the old ANZ Building at Tamworth was originally a Bank of New South Wales building that was purchased by ANZ Bank many years ago. Exact date of purchase not known.

I am away for the next month or so but I am pleased to say that our 2 Vice Presidents Phil Newsome and Graeme Bool will be in charge and will I am sure do a great job.

Kind Regards

Mike C.

BEREAVEMENTS

Merv Quine of Lithgow NSW passed away on 7th May 2012 after bowel cancer was diagnosed in March this year. Merv is survived by his wife Peggy, and their three children Heidi, Sarah and Andrew.

Phil Newsome gave a brief eulogy covering Merv's career and the enthusiasm with which he approached his work and community involvement. Phil emphasised Merv's integrity, larger than life attitude and humour and Phil considers that anyone who knew Merv would be saddened by his passing.

A period of silence was observed for Merv during our luncheon.

FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY REG.

Steve Cunneen and Allan Gibson both gave "potted histories" of their careers as first time attendees to the luncheon. Both were amusing and interesting with Steve's anecdotes about some of his managers and their eccentricities, integrity and team building skills a reminder to many of us of our own experiences. Steve advised that since leaving the Bank he has been studying as a part time student and has recently graduated with a PHD in early Australian History from the University of New England at Armidale

Allan described a career that was diverse and challenging and saw him brought into the ANZ at great cost when we acquired Rabo Bank. Allan also has a role on the consultative committee with the NSW Co-ordinator of the Australian Staff Club, so is still very actively associated with the Bank.

NEW MEMBERS

Judith Wallis (Nee Brown) of Oatlands Tasmania. Barry Smith advises that Judith is Ex S(M&G) and widow of Ken Willis Ex Methods Dept. Ken's brother was former staff John Willis Ex S(P&H), the brothers hailed from Tingha NSW.

A woman in a supermarket is watching a grandfather and his badly-behaved 3-year-old grandson.

It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, biscuits in the biscuit aisle; and for fruit, cereal and drinks in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, the grandfather is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long, easy, boy."

Another outburst, and she hears the grandfather calmly say, "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and the grandfather says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William. His name is Kevin."

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A half century of married life

COUPLE CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Long-time Ryde residents Noel and Gloria Bowmer on their wedding day.

NOEL and Gloria Bowmer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their Ryde home last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Bowmer were married at Methodist Church in Auburn and they have been living in Ryde for more than 40 years.

Their three children - Peter, Jenny and Anthony - relatives and friends held a banquet for the couple at their home.

Fifty years ago, they were attended by two

bridesmaids and two groomsmen as 60 guests joined their reception in Auburn.

During their 40 years in Ryde, Mr and Mrs Bowmer have been involved in volunteer activities.

Mrs Bowmer was a volunteer at Ryde Primary School and Ryde Secondary College. Mr Bowmer was involved in Neighbourhood Watch and was treasurer of the local Justices of the Peace Association.

Congratulations Noel & Gloria

ANZROC NSW member Dave Luschwitz tells us that he is involved in the music scene these days in Johnny & The Easy Riders, so if you need a Band talk to Dave.

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Alex Morgan advised that he and Ann attended Betty Gemmell's 95th birthday this month, and that while Betty is still very mentally alert the body is not quite as willing as she would like at present. At the function was Marion Sinclair now of Mitchell S.A., who asked to be remembered to her old Banking colleagues.

John McAnelly attended Bob and Wendy Garrett's 50th wedding anniversary recently and met up with Jim Bickerton who is heading off to do a trip on the Zambezi River in Africa and tongue in cheek suggested that those who know him and care might say a prayer to keep him safe.

NEXT LUNCH

The June monthly Lunch will be at our usual very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 18th June, 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.

WELFARE

Ken Dighton advised that John Burke who suffered a stroke recently is in a rehab facility and progressing well.

Jim Corrigan reports that Owen Isaac continues to improve from his recent operation.



SOCIAL/SPORTING

“The Hon. Warwick Smith, Chair for NSW, has offered to host a Boardroom Luncheon for our Club on Monday 20th August.

Please note that this Luncheon will substitute for our CTA Lunch for August.

Numbers are strictly limited, and priority will be given to those who were unsuccessful in their application to enjoy the 20 Martin Place experience last year, and to any Country based Member wishing to attend.

More details closer to the day, however any member who is interested is advised to register their name with IPP Alex (9970 8668) or Secretary Reg in the interim.

Please indicate if you did miss out with your reservation last year.”

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, for 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.

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NEWCASTLE BRANCH.

**The Newcastle half yearly Lunch is on Thursday 7th June at Cardiff Panthers Club (Silver Dolphin Restaurant) Munibung Rd. Cardiff from 11.45 am. Transport from Cardiff Railway Station will be arranged as required. Wives, partners & all visitors are very welcome. Acceptances to “Doc” Wilson on 02 49486936 before 5th June please.”
(For those members who have their Newsletter delivered by “snail mail” & who have not yet booked in, you may just have time to contact “Doc” & plead for a bookingEd)**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peter Watson emails.....”Sorry I had my Newsletter bounce in the email, ‘tis true I have changed my details. As you can see from the footer of this email, I have returned to the banking business, Bendigo Community Bank Branches in small country towns are a lot like the ANZ Bank was in the 60’s – except we do have computers.

Always look forward to the Newsletter, many familiar names and faces to go with them. Sorry to hear Owen “Oscar” Isaac is not well and hope he is well on the way to recovery. Living in a small country town Adelong, and doing my best to avoid the Big Smog, I don’t get to attend meetings and meeting up with old chums in person. Ted Collison did turn up recently for a golf tournament, and Ralph Hawkins is a fellow Bendigo Bank Community Branch Manager at nearby Harden. So we still get a bit of gossip from time to time. Best wishes to all.”

**VP Phil Newsome emails....”Attached is an email from Greg Britnall, advising the death of Doris Williamson. Doris was the widow of Perc. Williamson who died about 18 months ago.”
“I received a call from Reg Williamson today, Doris passed away peacefully on Wednesday 23/05/12. Service was held at St. Peters Anglican Church Dutton Street Coolangatta on Tuesday 29th May. Could you please pass this on to the Retired Officers Club.”**

From Colin Clarke by email.... Yes it’s very sad to read about Merv Quine, I worked with Merv when he was manager at Forbes in 1979. He was a typical country manager, with a girth to match, and one of the most good hearted fellows I have ever met,

Secretary Reg comments by email....”I had a lot to do with Merv while he was at Leeton and I was Operations at Wagga. He was a great bloke, with a good sense of humour, and very popular in the town with both staff and customers.”

VP Phil comments by email....I knew Merv very well and also his wife Peggy (nee Collins). Peggy and I worked at S(M&G) in the late 60s. Merv was only diagnosed in March..and his passing was quite quick. Merv did most of his service in the bush and was Manager at Peak Hill, Leeton and finally Lithgow, where he retired.”

Ken Dighton says by email...”Yes, Merv was a good bloke with a dry sense of humour. I first met him in the 1960’s down south. He went to Port Hedland (WA) branch for a while after Canberra. He was part of a group of us (ex-Canberra) who used to get together periodically for a reunion. One year we had it at a motel at Warwick Farm on the Hume Highway, and when we emerged on Sunday morning for breakfast Merv discovered that his car (the Bank’s) had been stolen. Can’t recall how he found his way back to Lithgow! Vale Merv!”

From Warren Taylor in Victoria by email.... “I note the advices from Elizabeth Price (nee Horner) regarding the death of her mother at the age of 101, nine years after the death of Bernie whom I worked for in International Division for 10 years - sadly Bernie died before I became a member of ANZROC NSW, so I missed the news advising of his death. I knew all of the family who lived just down the road from me in Lane Cove.”

Brian Rawle emails from Ballina....."Peter Brown of Armidale passed away in April, I was informed of this by his brother-in-law Gordon who lives in Ballina, Gordon was unaware if the Retired Officers had been advised of the passing of Peter. Peter used to attend our lunches here in Ballina and we are sorry to hear of his passing.
Mali & I are about to join the Grey nomads and head to the west for some three months.
Kind Regards to all."

Terry Auld emails....."I was saddened to hear of Lloyd Bowers recent death. I worked with Lloyd at Lithgow Branch in the 60's when he took over from John Tinkler. He and Jo were very nice people and Lloyd was a very easy man to work with. He was a fairly good golfer as he happily showed me after I foolishly challenged him to a game shortly after his arrival. It is a shame that with the passing of time we tend to lose track of some of the nice people we meet along life's journey. Best regards to all."

Mike Riley emails from Albury...."Thanks for your recent acknowledgment of my 70th - where has the time gone??

They say the older you get, the better you get - unless you're a banana!!

I'm keeping busy in retirement, although am currently in my third stint of casual work at the Australian Tax Office in Albury - it keeps the brain stimulated and supplements the income. I am not classed as a casual, I am "non-ongoing", or "irregular/intermittent" (sounds like a stomach complaint!) in "Taxspeak".

Final thought on aging - George Burns once said, "If I wake up one morning and nothing hurts, I'll know I must be dead!"

Kind regards to all my former colleagues. Some day I'll get back up to Sydney for another meeting."

Patrick was a youthful and hard working Irishman at a small coastal village in Ireland .

Daily he would pole a heavy old punt out to sea then work a heavy iron grapple to bring up the sand oysters which he sold to the local ice works.

He was a man of regular habits, he always arrived home each day at a certain time.

Sadly, Patrick did not realise the heavy grappling was taking a toll on a faulty heart.

One day he failed to come home so his wife contacted the Police to investigate him being missing.

They rowed out and found *Patrick* dead in the punt, beside him a huge grapple full of oysters he'd tried to hoist aboard.

Headlines next day in the 'Irish Times Newspaper'

"OYSTERS KILPATRICK!!!!"



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Colin	BARTRIM	23/06	Neil	KAY	26/06
John	BERMINGHAM	27/06	Tony	KNIGHT	05/06
Stuart	BROOKE	14/06	Robyn	L'HUILLIER	30/06
Brian	BURGESS	08/06	Denis	LICKLEY	19/06
John	CAIRNS	06/06	Alf	McDERMOTT	17/06
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"

Peter	BRADFORD	10/06
Doug	CHAPMAN	19/06
Jack	HAYSTON	04/06
Phil	HITCHCOCK	14/06
Jack	PERRY	19/06
Kevin	WATSON	01/06

Congratulations to Phil HITCHCOCK on joining the 'Hons' this month, and also to other significant '0's - Stuart BROOKE, Tony KNIGHT & Terry PATTON

During the April Lunch birthday wishes were extended to Betty Brown, Ron Hargrave, Peter Maber, Col Malone, Ann Morgan, Phil Newsome, Wilhelmina Smith, and David Wright, all present at the Lunch.

THE LAST WORDS

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
I almost had a psychic girlfriend..... but she left me before we met.

Cheers

Noel