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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 2012

The Lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 attracted 50 members, President Mike welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members “not seen for awhile”, Bill Bricknell, Ken Byatt, Phil Durney, and Alistair Johnston. A special welcome was given to Bob Baker our 94 year old honorary member who attended with his son Greg, for what was probably the first time.

Mike’s welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Noel Bottrell, Alf Evans, Bob Garret, Ian Jarratt, Tony Knight, Phil Newsome, Jim Nicholson, Noel Ryan and David Wright.

### RETIRED STAFF INTEREST RATES

From 1/11/2012

Less than \$20,000	2.06%
Greater than \$20,000	2.64%

### OUR PRESIDENTIAL PREAMBLE

As reported elsewhere in this Newsletter we were privileged to have Bob Baker (aged 94) who is one of our very senior members attend our lunch in November. Bob delighted those present with wonderful memories of his service in the ES&A and then ANZ Bank from the 1940’s through to 1976. Thanks Bob for your talk which was very much appreciated by all in attendance.

Also reported elsewhere is a report of the illness of our Records Officer and past Secretary (and good friend) David Wright.

I saw David this morning at his home. He had accompanied an occupational therapist from Mount Wilga Hospital at Hornsby who was to assess him at home and make recommendations regarding any modifications that would be beneficial for his return home. Good news that they are talking about him coming home fairly soon but sad news as he had to return to the hospital as he is not ready to come home just yet.

He is in good spirits and his health is certainly slowly improving but sadly he will not be well enough to attend our Christmas lunch.

He sends his best wishes to all his many friends in ANZ ROC (NSW) and is looking forward to being at a lunch in a few months time.

**On behalf of all the Committee of ANZ Retired Officers Club (NSW) I wish all our members a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing many of you at our lunches in 2013.**  
**Mike C.**  
**President.**

## **WHERE ARE THEY NOW**

**Charles Ross emails .....**"I look forward to receiving the Newsletter each month to keep up to date on happenings. Don't get to Sydney very often and have not coincided with a meeting date. Recently bought a house jointly with our daughter, son-in-law and family with separate accommodation, hence the change to Eatons Hills Qld. Keeping well , golfing twice weekly and umpiring cricket on Saturdays, plus the house we bought is on 5 acres,-mostly timber-so plenty to do etc. Regards to all."

**Bob Grant in writing to ANZROC Vic noted.....** "sorry to hear that Rae Collins is doing it tough at the moment. I worked with him when Rae was Manager of the Coffs Harbour Office. Rae was a great boss and very easy to work with."

**An article on John Freedman appeared in the Seniors Newspaper on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012,** this gave a comprehensive report of John's prowess as a sportsman both as a front row forward for the Wallabies where he played four tests for Australia and as a yachtsman on three of the America's Cup Challenges in 1967, 1970 and 1977. At 77 years of age John still enjoys a sail and still gets out on Sydney Harbour when the opportunity presents. John spoke in the article in glowing terms of the support afforded him by the Bank in his sporting endeavours.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**Mark Nightingale of Kiama Downs NSW**  
**Ian Arthur of McGraths Hill NSW**

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

**A period of silence was observed at the request of President Mike to honour the passing of the following:**

**Ken Joyce, formerly the Financial Advisor for ACT/SE NSW operating out of Canberra.** Ken retired several years ago due to poor health issues and the family moved to Victoria. Ken passed away in May this year but regrettably his passing did not come to our notice until recently. He was held in high regard by all those who worked with him, and is fondly remembered by Albert Orszaczky who thankfully passed on the condolences of his colleagues at the time of his death to his wife Joan and the family.

**Peter & Pam Bradford have advised of the death of John King in Brisbane after a long illness,** John will be well known to many ANZROC members from his service in ANZ in NSW before John & his wife Ella, (nee Smith also a well known former ANZ staff member in NSW) prior to their move to Qld to go into the Newsagency business. Ella's contact details are, Unit 208/998 Samford Road, KEPERRI. Q. 4054. Phone 07-3355 4373 should some of her old friends want to get in touch.

**Condolence letters have been sent as appropriate.**

## **WELFARE**

David and Margaret Wright have just returned from a wonderful holiday including a land tour of China and a cruise from Beijing to Bangkok, stopping at 7 ports along the way. Unfortunately David managed to return with a “nasty” souvenir. The food served at a farewell gala dinner at a major hotel in Beijing, caused David to have a severe gastric attack which meant that after seeing the ship’s doctor he was quarantined for 48 hours and missed the first 2 ports. Towards the end of the holidays David was then suffering from back problems and upon returning to Sydney was admitted to The San Hospital (Wahroonga) where the doctors quickly diagnosed and treated him for Guillain-Barre caused by the toxins left in his body from the food poisoning.

David has completed his stay at The San and is currently in rehab at Mt Wilga Rehabilitation Hospital at Hornsby.

Should you wish to contact David please feel free to do so on his direct line at the centre (02 9847 5169). Just give him a few moments to get to the phone as his legs are not working as he would wish.

As David will not be at this year’s Christmas Function, David & Margaret wish everyone at ANZROC and their families a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy 2013.

**Stop Press.** David has been given a release date from Mt Wilga of 1<sup>st</sup> December to continue his recuperation at home.

Brian Liebert advises that Lance and June Phyllis have recently moved to a self care retirement unit at Willandra Retirement Village to better help Lance with his rehabilitation from a stroke some time ago. Lance is mobile with the use of a stick and is mending slowly.

Noel Ryan has recently required an operation for a hernia repair, and is also slated for eye surgery in the near future. Noel sends his regards to all.

## **SOCIAL/SPORTING**

The ACT/SOUTHERN NSW ANZROC Christmas Dinner is on again.....

Date: Friday, 14 December 2012 Time. 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Place: Ruby Chinese Restaurant 18 Woolley Street, DICKSON

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Contact Albert Orszaczky - Phone: 6231 6198, Email: [orszo@bigpond.com](mailto:orszo@bigpond.com) to book in.

Ann Pereira emails from Port Macquarie regarding their Christmas Lunch...."We held our function last week 21st. November, a reasonable turn out with 24 attending of which 14 were members and 2 wives of deceased members. All are going OK if you take into account joint replacements etc. We are still enjoying life."

The annual Christmas gathering at Cardiff by our Newcastle members was held on 1<sup>st</sup> November and attracted members from Newcastle District as well as visitors from Sydney, Wollongong and the Southern Highlands, in all 34 members and partners brought the total numbers to 44. It was a good day and many old acquaintances were renewed or further consolidated. The appreciation of all goes to Graeme (Doc) Wilson and Jim Richardson for their efforts in organizing the event.

*Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave,  
I look just fine!!!!*

# Retired Officers of ANZ Golf Day

ELEVENTH ANNUAL

## FRED BANNISTER MEMORIAL TROPHY

### Including DICK KOSTRUBIEC MEMORIAL SHIELD

**TO BE HELD MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013**

Entry Fee \$40, Lunch only \$20, Competition: 4 man Ambrose

Hit off: 8.00 am- Registration & 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 should contact the following people.

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#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

November Birthday wishes were extended by VP Graeme Bool to Ken Dighton, Paul Jepson, Alex Morgan, Barry Smith and Graham (Doc) Wilson.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

At the Lunch Bob Baker gave a report of his career in the ES&A Adelaide, this started in 1934 and later the ANZ. At 94, Bob didn't miss a beat, and his talk was peppered with a lot of ironic humour and humility. He spoke of his career in general banking, interspersed with 5 ½ years of war service (on which he did not elaborate, this was an exercise in humility and restraint in itself) followed by a return to general banking and a career that encompassed a stint in what we know as Methods, before launching into management as the opening manager at Moree. The irony being that Bob as a Methods person recommended to the powers of the time that a Branch was need in Moree! Bob retired as Manager Moss Vale in 1976. Of particular interest was the mention of many names from Bob's banking past that drew fond and perhaps not so fond memories for many at the lunch.

In consultation with ANZROC member Peter Goerman we are trialling the installation of an ANZROCNSW Blog, after trials have been completed members who now receive their Newsletter by email will no longer receive a 'bulky' attachment to download, but will simply click on the link after they receive an email from the Editor that the Newsletter for that particular month has been loaded on to the Blog. They will then be able to view the current Newsletter etc.; We expect to begin dual system trials in February 2013 & then if the system is settled in place it is anticipated we will begin the new system in April 2013. You will continue to receive your Newsletter in the normal way until the trial period is completed. At any stage of the change of delivery your feedback will be very welcome, & in fact is encouraged.

#### **2012 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.**

Our annual Christmas get together is on Monday 3rd December at 20 Martin Place, Sydney Both John Morschel, Chairman of ANZ Bank, and Mark Monaghan, Chairman Institutional Relationships for ANZ (representing the Hon. Warwick Smith AM NSW State Chairman), have indicated that they wish to be with us.

This popular function is a wonderful way to catch up with past workmates and friends...and chat one on one with the senior personnel from the Bank. Timing will be 12:00pm for

Lunch commencing at 12:30pm, 'till closure of the bar at 2pm, due to numbers attending finger food will be provided by the caterers rather than a sit down meal. After 2pm the Bank will put out tea/coffee and Xmas pies and we will vacate the premises by 2:30pm.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bevan	BAILDON	1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul	JEPSION	10 <sup>th</sup>
Jim	BICKERTON	8 <sup>th</sup>	John	LEAVER	18 <sup>th</sup>
Peter	BIRCH	9 <sup>th</sup>	Bill	MARTIN	18 <sup>th</sup>
Noel	BOWMER	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jim	McVEIGH	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ron	BRACKEN	29 <sup>th</sup>	Kim	MOGAN	15 <sup>th</sup>
Ivan	BRIGGS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alex	MORGAN	6 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley	CASBOULT	18 <sup>th</sup>	Alison	MURPHY	11 <sup>th</sup>
Geoff	COWAN	20 <sup>th</sup>	Noel	PRATT	17 <sup>th</sup>
Geoffrey	COX	6 <sup>th</sup>	Brian	RAWLE	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ray	CROMPTON	19 <sup>th</sup>	Noel	RYAN	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Gary	CULMER	22 <sup>nd</sup>	John B	SMITH	12 <sup>th</sup>
Ken	DIGHTON	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert	STREMPEL	6 <sup>th</sup>
Alf	EVANS	30 <sup>th</sup>	John	SYPOTT	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dennis	FELGATE	12 <sup>th</sup>	Joe	VAN DAM	17 <sup>th</sup>
Bruce	FOSTER	21 <sup>st</sup>	Bob	WILLIAMS	21 <sup>st</sup>
Lloyd	GUTHREY	27 <sup>th</sup>	Graham	WILSON	20 <sup>th</sup>
Bill	HORTON	19 <sup>th</sup>	Peter	WILSON	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Craig	HYDE	11th	Robert	ZIEMS	14th

## THE %HONS+

Olive	BOURKE	27th
John	HUDSON	21st
Phil	MYERS	21st
Col	ROLLA	19th
Barry	SMITH	21st
Jack	THOROUGHGOOD	26th

(\*\* denotes Life Member)

Congratulations to Phil Myers on joining the 'Hons'

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ken	ABRAHAMS	15th	Bob	McELROY	12th
John	BECROFT	24th	Tony	MOLES	31st
Anna	CARNIATO	26th	Keith	MORRIN	2nd
Arthur	CRITTENDEN	16th	Peter	MURRAY	5th
Cheryl	DEAN	22nd	Mike	OSTEN	11th
Bernadette	DONNELLY	14th	Rod	PROSSER	11th
Bob	DUFF	29th	Heather	RIACH	16th

Judy	ELLIOTT	9th	Jim	RICHARDS	29th
Craig	FORDER	4th	Cheryl	RICHARDSON	27th
Noel	FOX	6th	Laurie	SAINSBURY	20th
Rod	FRAZER	11th	Tony	SCHEMBRI	28th
Ian	GARDNER	21st	Geoff	SHERWOOD	1st
Noel	HALL	19th	John	SNELLING	31st
Chris	HARRIS	28th	Jeff	STAVERT	3rd
Colin	KEEGAN	6th	Ian	STEWART	20th
Graham	KIRCHNER	5th	Bruce	STRUDWICK	19th
Jerry	KORNACKI	24th	Peter	VALE	24th
Michael	LEATHERBARROW	31st	Karl	WARREN	31st

## THE "HONS"

Ray	ALLEN	02/12/29
Noel	CHIE	24/12/29
Noel	DIROU	28/12/30
Bill	KYNASTON	29/12/25
Bob	McEWAN	17/12/28
David	SCOTT	30/12/26
Theo	YARDLEY	28/12/27

There are no new 'Hons' in December

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Barry	BARNETT	9th	Annette	IRELAND	29th
Robyn	BATE	24th	Bob	JENNINGS	22nd
Noel	BOTTRELL	22nd	Bob	JONES	13th
Charles	BRACKENRIDGE	22nd	Julie	LAYCOCK	7th
David	BRAIDWOOD	21st	John	LIPCZYNSKI	5th
Harry	BROOKES	29th	Dick	MATTRESS	13th
Geoff	BROWN	21st	Ross	McKIMM	1st
Margaret	CLUNNEY	11th	Paul	McLACHLAN	7th
Greg	CROAN	19th	Ken	McPHERSON	2nd
Ray	CROUCHER	23rd	Eric	MYATT	8th
Wayne	DAVIES	8th	Alan	NICHOLSON	26th
Rosalie	DERRICK	19th	Irene	NORRIS	22nd
			Nick	OGLESNEFF	16th
Pam	DEWHURST AM	11th	George	ORTIZ	14th
Brian	DIGBY	29th	Susie	PANG	16th
Phil	DURNEY	23rd	Barry	PATEMAN	29th
Marina	EYEINGTON	8th	Bruce	PHILPS	7th
Glen	FITZPATRICK	20th	Charles	ROSS	16th
Graham	FRANKLIN	16th	Bob	ROSS	26th
Barry	GIBSON Marsfield)	10th	Ian	ROWLEY	22nd
Barry	GIBSON (Ocean Shores)	24th	Tony	ROWLEY	19th
John	GRANT	2nd	Graham	SCARLETT	16th
Val	GRIFFIN	16th	Allan	SEAR	5th
John	HARRIS	14th	Brian	THOMPSON	22nd
Rod	HILL	9th	Ian	TREDINNICK	31st
John	HILLARD	17th	Col	WALKER	10th
Warren	HUDSON	26th	Bob	WATSON	20th
Dick	HUGHES	10th	Bob	WILKINSON	8th
			Cathy	WOODWARD	30th

## THE %HONS+

Jim	BRYSON	22nd	John	McANELLY	2nd
Doug	CANAVAN	24th	Rita	PURVES	10th
Gordon	CRAWFORD	29th	Ross	RICHARDS	8th
Keith	GOODWIN	24th	Marion	SINCLAIR	3rd
Trevor	LECK	16th	Alan	DEVESON	19th

It seems that Alan Deveson holds his age much better than most of us. He slipped through the net as far the notification of his Honorary Status being achieved in January 2011, be assured Alan you are an Honorary Member in every respect, we apologise for the omission of this important milestone!!

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Annual subscriptions \$5 are now due, please use the payment slip at end of this Newsletter. Members who have not responded by 31/3/13 will no longer be on the News mailing list

### JANUARY LUNCH

As we do not produce & December Newsletter please note that the January monthly Lunch will be at our usual and very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013. 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. 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.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Heather Riach by email....."I have such fond memories of Roy Riley over the 10 years he was Shipboard Agency Officer, which Agency commenced from Pitt and Hunter Streets Sydney branch and I assisted him prior to their departure typing the Reports/Rates. He always was one of nature's gentlemen. I was unable to attend his service due to being on holidays but it was pleasing to read that John Ball and so many others attended his service as he was a special friend to so many. May he rest in peace.

Also in early September when I was in Adelaide I had the pleasure of spending the afternoon with Marion Sinclair who is such a delight. She wishes to be remembered to all those who know her. She looks great and loves to read the Newsletter." (Heather has provided the photo of herself & Marion taken while Heather was in Adelaide....Ed)



Les Howell of Peakhurst writes of his pleasure in reading the Newsletter and the names of people that he worked with that crop up. Les particularly remembers Mike Cunneen on his first Accountant appointment at his branch of the ES&A Hurstville and Les sends his regards.

**Geoff Minett writes of his being busy with 22 Directorships and various committees in the Macksville district. He is also involved as an honorary auditor for various social and community organizations.**

**Geoff gets involved in a fair bit of court work for non-profit organizations over unfair dismissals etc. and thinks this will tickle Phil Newsome and a couple of others who nicknamed him "Rumpole" during his career in the Bank.**

**Albert Orszaczky emails from Canberra.....**"Ken Joyce was originally recruited to sign up Bankcard merchants in Canberra in the mid-1980s. As I recall, he came to us from a local Building Society, which later became the Canberra Advance Bank - not the Bank of Adelaide. He subsequently moved into the role of Financial Adviser for the ACT/SE NSW Area under Mike Ellsmore in Sydney. Ken and I were good friends as I had mentored his transition into the ANZ during my time as Manager Administration at Canberra City Branch. He retired several years ago having battled serious health and mobility issues. He did attend one or two ANZROC Christmas functions in Sydney with Bob Dyer and myself and also came along to several of our local ex-bankies functions. He moved to Melbourne with his wife Joan (Joyce is her surname) a few years ago where they have family, and died there in May this year. I had seen his Death Notice in the Canberra Times and was keen to attend the local funeral, but was informed by the Funeral Directors that it was a private family function – presumably his body remained in Melbourne. I sent an email message to Joan at the time on behalf of myself and his former Bank colleagues & friends in Canberra." Albert also added... "...."Sad news indeed about John King!! Both John and Ella were certainly well known and respected by all their former colleagues and friends."

**Sandra McGrath (nee Kemmis) emails from Coominya Qld.....**"Your e-mail re the death of John King was passed on to me by Elaine Cobcroft. Please convey my condolences to Ella. My husband and I reside in Queensland and would love to contact her later.'

**Geoff Minnett emailed ...**"I was saddened at the passing of Geoff Peake earlier this year. I worked with Geoff at Orange District Graham Hopwood was the Area Manager, I was Operation Manger and Geoff was one of the Assistant Managers. He was a diligent and professional banker and well respected by his customers and peers.

A couple of stories- the managers were known to have a few beers at the Sydney Hotel Orange, including Geoff. One night a guy approached Geoff and tried to get him to join the Orange Dramatic Socy, as he was a member and they were putting on a play. That play was, Are You Being Served – Mr. Granger, Mr. Peacock etc. Geoff refused and a couple of days later a delegation came to the Bank and sought Geoff to act as Mr. Humphries- because of his blond hair and looks- once again Geoff refused. Story two- Geoff was an excellent lawn bowler and one tournament was advertised extensively that a member of the Olympic team was playing and was the current Aust. Champion- you guessed it Geoff played him in the semi-final or final and defeated him by a long margin."

Cheers

Noel

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Amount enclosed \$5.00 Annual Subscription. Please forward to Noel Fox, Treasurer, P O Box 363, Collaroy Beach, NSW, 2097. (Our Treasurer asks that staples not be used, as his tender hands are not up to the task of removal!!)