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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 2013

<http://anzroc.blogspot.com.au>

The October gathering attracted 50 members, President Mike welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while: Ken Abrahams, Tony Carter, Jan and Peter Douglas, Vic East, Barry Hennessy, Ken Hill, John Hillard, Clieve Lennon, Colin Malone, Jim Nicholson, Tony Thompson, and Kevin Watson (over from W.A. for a family wedding),.

Mike's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

### APOLOGIES

Ann and Alex Morgan, Noel Fox, David Wright (all overseas at present), Noel Bottrell, Ken Dighton (gone bush), Alf Evans, and Phil Minnett.

At the October Lunch Kevin Watson gave an interesting potted history of his long and interesting career in the Bank. Kevin enjoyed a career that spanned many years and places of interest including a stint in England and culminating in his role as State Manager W.A. where he retired. He made special mention of the memorabilia of well wishes from many past colleagues & that he still has from his retirement & that he treasures greatly. Kevin also cited a couple of interesting embarrassing moments that were amusing and given that the unnamed protagonist was in the room even more so!

### WELFARE

Ken Dighton –Our Welfare Officer reports.....

#### Sick List:

- John Penn – John received a clear post op/therapy report (prostate cancer) which is great news. Next check-up in 6 months.
- Brian Maddison – we've been unable to obtain any current or more specific information about Brian's health. As reported last month we were informed that he was a patient in Greenwich Hospital.
- Alan Parmeter – he is currently in The Sydney Adventist Hospital (The "San") dealing with some infections. He hopes to be heading home soon (and should be there well

- before we have our October meeting). Alan unfortunately “celebrated” his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday in The San – he described it as a quiet affair!

Remember, fellow members, if you are aware of someone who qualifies for inclusion in my report (even a belly-ache qualifies!) please let me know.

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

- Bette Barton (85) – in good spirits and good health. She has recently retired from the committee of the University of the Third Age after quite a few years, sourcing more than 70 volunteer contributors in the process. She also plays bridge – keeping the grey matter in condition and building her social network.
- Russell Betts (83) – still operating his Bong Bong Motel at Moss Vale. Reasonably fit and well (despite a few operations over the years), and managing to do a bit of travelling here and there.
- Peter Dufty (80) - as reported in May, Peter is still inconvenienced by his legs (lack of mobility and the associated pain). He would like to get to the October lunch (but a day-to-day proposition). Hope we see you there Peter.
- Bruce Grimison (92) – he is OK, “for a 92 year old”, and is living in a retirement village at Nowra. Unfortunately Bruce lost his wife early this year after she had a fall. When I questioned him, Bruce said he was indeed one of the Grimisons from Deniliquin (that famous town of the south!). He said he joined the ES&A Bank at Hay in 1937.
- Max Hickey (80) – no major health problems and he remains active. He said he played bowls at Terrigal Club last Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup> October) which was an absolute stinker of a day – if he can endure that he must be reasonably well! Max said he left ANZ in 1976 and operated his own businesses after his bank service.
- John K. Nicholson (83) – he is travelling along quite well. Travelling is really the operative word because John and wife Margaret recently returned from a 4500km car trip to South Australia and Victoria. John recently gave-up his Marriage Celebrant activities, but he was working on some notes for the forthcoming Naming Day for his latest great-grandchild.

Unfortunately I was unable to make contact with these other Hons. whose birthdays popped up in October: Ray Gorman, Dudley Hannaford, Allan Jones, Brian Liebert, George McKinnon and Graeme Pickering. I left telephone messages where possible, and we all hope they are well and they had good birthday celebrations.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Ms Debbie Cleaver of Merewether Heights NSW

## **POSITION VACANT**

ANZROCNSW member Danny De Vere emails regarding a position vacant at SYD Airport Tax & Duty Free where Danny is the Administration Manager.....

“This may be a bit long winded but, as our HR Dept are not finding the right candidates, perhaps we need to be this explicit. If you could put this in the Newsletter it would be very much appreciated. Hopefully it suits somebody and helps them make ends meet. They can contact me direct on the landline between 730am and 2pm, Monday to Friday.”

“-You will be working in a Cash Office, as part of a small team, who collect, count, balance and bank the daily cash takings from our six stores. You will also assist in reconciling around 80 tills and providing change to the stores.”

### Required Skills

**Strong cash handling experience is required;**

- **counting & balancing large quantities of cash and foreign currency and preparing it for banking**
- **familiarity with the banking industry standard quantities/values for bagging coin and bundling notes is required**
- **familiarity with cash counting/sorting machines would be an advantage**
- **familiarity with foreign currencies would be an advantage**

**Capable of reconciling the tills to locate the reason for discrepancies**

**Accuracy and reasonable speed with data entry**

### Attributes

**Must be very flexible with work days/hours**

- **hours generally fall between 6am and 3pm**
- **available every day of the week**

**Self motivated**

**Quick learner**

**The ideal candidate would be somebody who has worked in a bank, as a teller, who is seeking casual employment. Currently there would be 2 days per week available (Tuesday & Wednesday) but, once trained, you would need to be available to cover a large part of the leave days taken by our Cash Office staff, which may include weekends and public holidays. Consequently, there may be times when there will be say 14 days continuous work available.”**

**(If you are interested in this position please contact Danny on 02 9317 4822 as above....Ed)**

### **INTEREST RATES**

**From 1/10/2013**

<b>Less than \$20,000</b>	<b>1.63%</b>
<b>Greater than \$20,000</b>	<b>2.09%</b>

### **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**John Heathwood and the family thanked ANZROC and the members for their words and thoughts on the passing of their wife and mother Barbara who passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013.**

### **BEREAVEMENTS**

**Charles Brackenridge of Bargo NSW passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013. He is survived by his wife Valerie, who phoned President Mike to advise him of Charles's passing. Valerie says Charles's passing was in essence a blessing, as he had been ill for so long (10+ years) with dementia. The funeral was held at Grassmere on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013.**

**Margot Gilholme the widow of Lloyd Gilholme formerly of Newcastle but in more recent years due to illness in a nursing home at Cherrybrook to be closer to her son and sole child Scott Gilholme. Scott was also an officer in the ANZ Bank for some years, and now resides in Sydney.**

**John Jordon aged 73 of Belmont North who was an ANZ Officer from 1955 to 1963 in the Newcastle District and was know to Doc Wilson who introduced him to ANZROC (NSW).**

## OTHER MATTERS

From ANZROC Vic October Newsletter.

-John Vanselow has been advised that Robert (Bob) Medhurst passed away in September. Bob was a family friend over 40 years since he visited here from London Office in 1970 and they had maintained contact over the year's .John last spoke to him in April as their birthdays are on the same date. Bob would be known to ANZ International and other officers who worked at and visited London Office in the period up to Bob's retirement in the 1980's. Over latter years Bob has struggled with ill health and passed away aged 91.

-The ANZ archives (Safer than Fort Knox!!!!) were delighted to receive Charles Rennie memorabilia and history re his time at the helm.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

At the October Lunch Birthday wishes were extended by V.P. Graeme Bool to Phil Cohen, Jim Corrigan, Stuart Kitching and Brian Liebert.

We omitted to mention Tom Doumani's birthday in the September Newsletter, it was on 8<sup>th</sup> October, sorry Tom for that oversight.

## NOVEMBER LUNCH

Our November will be at our usual venue, CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 18th November 2013. 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.

No booking is 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, come along 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.

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A Priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner. However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited: 'I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife, & taken illegal drugs. I was appalled. But as the days went on I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people.'...

Just as the Priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk:

'I'll never forget the first day our parish Priest arrived,' said the politician. 'In fact, I had the honour of being the first person to go to him for confession..'

Moral: Never, never, never be late.

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## **SOCIAL/SPORTING**

The 2013 Christmas Cocktail Party is being held at the new ANZ State Head Office. See details & booking form at the end of this Newsletter.

### **RIVERINA/SOUTH WESTERN NSW RETIRED OFFICERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Kevin Cameron is now back in Wagga Wagga & has been in contact with Chris Hardy, John Sypott and John Gray who were at the last Riverina lunch in 2008. A lunch, 12 for 12.30 at the RSL Club WW on Monday 2nd December has been decided on to be also open to wives/partners. Contact can be made with Kevin for RSVP or enquiries at 69224575 or Email [jannette.cameron@bigpond.com](mailto:jannette.cameron@bigpond.com). RSVP by 29 Nov. please.

### **CANBERRA/ACT**

Albert Orszaczky emails...."Would you kindly include the following details of the Canberra/ACT Christmas function in the October ANZROC Newsletter:

Date: Friday, 29 November 2013

Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Place: La Scala Italian Restaurant, Bunda Street, Garema Place, CANBERRA CITY

Cost: \$40 per person (plus drinks)

To book please contact either:

Albert Orszaczky phone: 6231 6198 (h), email: [orszo@bigpond.com](mailto:orszo@bigpond.com) OR

Bob Dyer phone: 6231 2371 (h), email: [rdyer@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rdyer@bigpond.net.au)

### **FAR NORTH COAST**

Brian Rawle emails...."The Far North Coast Christmas Luncheon is to be held on Thursday 14th November 2013 at the Ballina RSL Bowls club. Anyone who would like to attend or requires more information please call Brian Rawle 02 66876286 he will only be too happy to help you out."

**Our Annual Christmas Cocktail Party will be held on Level 24, ANZ Centre, Pitt Street Sydney on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013, commencing at Noon.**

**Thanks to excellent financial management your Club will again heavily subsidize this important event, with the cost remaining at \$25. 00 per head. Please complete the tear off....or if you read this electronically, write your details on a piece of paper and forward (with your cheque) to Treasurer Noel Fox.**

**We are only able to cater for 120 members this year, so please be quick. There will be a wait list for slow responders.**

**Your Committee understands that ANZ Board Chairman, John Morschel will be with us again, so please join us, experience the new Bank premises, and catch up with your work mates.**

**Security at ANZ Centre (where the lifts do NOT have buttons to push) dictates that you must have your name on the List, and you must have photo ID with you. Meet in the Entry Foyer off Pitt Street, and the many Concierges will look after you.**

**Your Social Director will be away until 12 November, so please save your phone calls to Alex on 9970 8668 'till then!**

**Retired Officers of ANZ Golf Day**



TWELFTH ANNUAL

**FRED Bannister MEMORIAL Trophy  
Including Dick Kostrubiec MEMORIAL shield  
To be held on the Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2014**

**Location: Port Kembla Golf Course**

**Entry Fee \$40 Lunch only\$20 Competition.. 4 member Ambrose**

**Hit off: 8.00am shotgun: Registration and coffee 7.15am**

**ENTRIES CAN BE FROM INDIVIDUALS, OR TEAMS.**

**BOOK EARLY WITH BRIAN IF YOU WANT A GOLF CART (16 only available).**

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



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**OR**



**Brian White**

**Phone 42 849488 Email: [brianjoanw@yahoo.com.au](mailto:brianjoanw@yahoo.com.au)**

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**My body is here, but my mind has already teed off.**

**Author Unknown**

**Golf and sex are the only things you can enjoy without being good at them.**

**Jimmy DeMaret**

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**Paddy had been drinking at his local Dublin pub all day and most of the night celebrating St Patrick's Day. Mick, the bartender says, 'You'll not be drinking anymore tonight, Paddy'.. Paddy replies, 'OK Mick, I'll be on my way then'. Paddy spins around on his stool and steps off.. He falls flat on his face. 'Shoite' he says and pulls himself up by the stool and dusts himself off. He takes a step towards the door and falls flat on his face, 'Shoite, Shoite!'**

**He looks to the doorway and thinks to himself that if he can just get to the door and some fresh air he'll be fine. He belly crawls to the door and shimmies up to the door frame. He sticks his head outside and takes a deep breath of fresh air, feels much better and takes a step out onto the footpath and falls flat on his face. 'Bi'Gorrah... I'm done,' he says.**

**He can see his house just a few doors down, and crawls to the door, hauls himself up the door frame,**

opens the door and shimmies inside.. he takes a look up the stairs and says 'No way. He crawls up the stairs to his bedroom door and says 'I can make it to the bed'. He takes a step into the room and falls flat on his face. He says 'bugger and falls into bed.The next morning, his wife, Jess, comes into the room carrying a cup of coffee and says, 'Get up Paddy. Did you have a bit to drink last night? Paddy says, 'I did, Jess. I was very drunk. But how did you know?'  
'Mick phoned . . . You left your wheelchair at the pub.'

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Bob Grant emails .....**"I thought I would give you an update on what is happening in Paradise, sorry Nelson Bay.

**My birthday was on a Saturday this year and spent the day at an all day "Safe Church Workshop" dealing with the latest regulations covering working with children and the elderly. Having the entire family join us for lunch the following day made up for any disappointment on the Saturday.**

**Since I corresponded with you last year I had a toe infection which turned nasty (cellulites and gangrene) and I finished up losing the toe. Since then all has been well and I have recently taken up bike riding to keep the weight off and remain reasonably fit.**

**My wife Nell had her 70th Birthday in August and we went to the Mogo Zoo near Batemans Bay. We had the privilege of feeding a male white lion which, although done through a wire mesh, was still very close and personal. It was a tremendous experience.**

**Life remains very pleasant in Nelson Bay and treasurer's duties with the Anglican Church and the Woodworkers Club keep me busy.**

**I have booked in for the Christmas Lunch and look forward to seeing some old friends at both the Newcastle and Sydney functions."**

**Noel Pratt emails....."**Trusting this finds you well. Lynne Hiscox and her children, David, Donna and Matthew and their families would like to thank all ANZROC members who attended Mick's funeral in Wollongong on the 7th August. Lynne would also like to thank everyone who has phoned and sent best wishes especially over the last months before Mick died, and also since Mick's funeral. Mick was a great fellow who endeared himself to any person he met. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Saturday afternoon Golf is not the same without Mick. Kind regards to all."

**Colin Stoner emails....."**another bit of info about Bruce Pedersen, his Dad is in a nursing home, I think at Newcastle, and is coming up to 100 years old."

**Barry Booth emails....."**I was pleased to read that Keith Nunn is still going well. I worked with Keith at West Wollongong Branch in 1966 which included the time when we changed to Decimal Currency. He was a great boss to work for and he had a wonderful sense of humour. I will always remember him telling me about this young Aboriginal Girl from Barellan where he was manager before West Wollongong, who would become a famous tennis player. We all know who that was, Yvonne Gooloogong. How right he was. Regards to all."

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**WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE.**

**Worn once by mistake.  
Call Stephanie.**

**Cheers  
Noel**

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL FUNCTION.**

Please add my name to the List í í í í í í í í í í í í í í í  
Enclosed is cheque for \$25. 00.

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**Address :( if changed recently).....**  
**Email address:.....**

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

**Enclosed please find cheque for \$5 for my ANZROC (NSW) 2014 SUBS.**

**Name: .....**

**Mail to *Hon Treasurer ANZROC (NSW) PO Box 363 Collaroy NSW 2097***

**It is OK to post (or hand to Treasurer at a monthly lunch) one cheque for \$30.00 if you want to book for the Christmas Cocktail function and pay your Annual Subscriptions.**

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