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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER, 2012

The partners luncheon on 17th September attracted 33 members; President Mike welcomed all, with emphasis on the attending partners and Shona Bruce and Amanda Clarke from ANZ whom we also hosted by way of a thank you for all their efforts in looking after ANZROC (NSW). Mike also took the opportunity to thank the staff at TAFE Ultimo who were faultless in their attention to all who attended. It was a very pleasant lunch and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

There were no other formalities at this lunch it was not considered appropriate as the venue was shared with others who were not associated with our gathering.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for the September Lunch were received from: Stuart Kitching, Mark Monaghan (Mark was hoping to join us but unfortunately at the last minute had to attend a Bank meeting), and Philip Cohen.

RETIRED STAFF INTEREST RATES

From 01/09/2012

Less than \$20,000	2.30%
Greater than \$20,000	2.95%

OUR PRESIDENTIAL PREAMBLE

Thanks to Vice President Graeme for Chairing the August lunch at ANZ 20 Martin Place whilst I was away.

The September lunch which was our Ladies/Partners lunch held at Ultimo TAFE was very pleasant and my thanks for those that were able to join us on this occasion.

A short note please to our members who receive their Newsletters by email:

Because you receive correspondence from our Club via electronic mail we may now not have your correct home address and phone numbers on file.

If you have changed your address or phone numbers (land line and/or mobile phone) in the past few years (or perhaps since you joined ANZROC) will you please email your up to date contact details to our Secretary Reg Smeaton whose email address is on the masthead of this Newsletter.

If you are not sure then please just send the details to Reg and he will record the new details if they are required.

That's all from me this month. Kind Regards to all, Mike C.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

An email from Lloyd Guthrie....."The Newsletter prompted me to do something I have intended to do for some considerable time - that is to inform former colleagues that Jan and I are both alive and well and remain living in WA!

First, the Training course photo. It is me, second from the left. Phil Durney is certainly the person in the middle (at the rear) whilst the last person on the right in the newsletter photo (there is another person cut out) is Gary Watson from Queensland. The only other person I can readily identify is to my right - the first person on the left in the photo - and that is Brian Robertson from WA.

Gary and I, together with another Queenslander, Bert Higgins, (he may be the person cut out on the right of the photo) ran the first 3 residential courses after the ANZ/ES&A merger in 1970. I think they were Accountant Development Courses and 2 were held at Kirribilli and the other at Phillip Island in Victoria. Attendees were from all over Australia so there would have been only 5 or 6 from NSW. The background does not look like Kirribilli so I think it must be the Phillip Island course. Perhaps Phil will remember. It was not long after these courses that I was transferred to Melbourne as the first 'import" after the merger into what was then AHQ as Manager Personnel Training.

Second, Keith Parker. Keith was transferred into Personnel AHQ from NZ around 1972/3 and we worked together until I was seconded to the Fiji Development Bank in 1976. Keith later became Area Manager North Sydney and, on my appointment to ASM Queensland in 1985, took over from me as Manager Martin Place. We saw quite a bit of each other over the years and kept in touch until his passing. We met his daughter on several occasions but I am afraid her name escapes me. I will let Mark Burns know of our association.

It is now 18 years since I retired. I was kept busy with a number of board positions in government and the private sector but have gradually relinquished them in the last few years to the point I am now involved only as a director of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. I shall be stepping down from this very rewarding involvement later this year after almost 17 years.

Unfortunately our trips to Sydney do not seem to coincide with ANZROC meetings but this may change in the next year. In the meantime, I do generally see Noel Bowmer, Alf McDermott and Alasdair Steel when we are over and catch up with some news then. Please pass on my best wishes to all members!"

BEREAVEMENTS

President Mike emails..."I read in the latest ANZROC Vic. Newsletter this note re Eric Black. "Wendy Black writes that she has now had time to settle down and she wants to thank so many of their ROC friends who supported her by attending Eric's Thanksgiving Service on 14th August. She couldn't believe her eyes when entering the Church and seeing so many of their friends. It was a wonderful tribute to Eric.".....

"Eric worked in NSW for many years and would be well remembered by many NSW Staff."

WELFARE

VP Phil emails...."Peter Dawson has had a couple of trips to Sydney in the last couple of months for surgery. In July he had a melanoma removed from a lung, and a few weeks ago another removed from his neck. Wife, Joy, has since taken him back to the fresh country air in Tamworth, where they live, to complete his recovery. Peter`s mobile # is0408215086"

The wife left a note on the fridge..... "It's not working!! I can't take it anymore, I've gone to stay at my Mums!"

I opened the fridge, the light came on and the beer was cold..... What was she on about??!"

PHOTOS FROM PARTNERS LUNCH 17 SEPTEMBER 2012.



**Left: John Mitchell-Maureen Mitchell-Judy O'Meara-Gary O'Meara
Right: Angela Vallender-John Turnbull-Kerry Tier-John Tier**



**Left: Reg Smeaton-Graeme Bool-Jim Corrigan-Lindi Dighton
Right: Kini Smeaton-Denis Lickley-Ken Keen-Ken Dighton**



**Left: Gwen Jarratt-Fran Cunneen-Shona Bruce-Barry Smith
Right: Ian Jarratt-Mike Cunneen-Amanda Clarke-Wilhelmina Smith**



**Left: Terri Fox-Noel Fox-Eileen Evans-Alf Evans
Right: Alex Morgan-Anne Morgan-Rino Mariani-Alasdair Steel-Maureen Davis**



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

John	BALL	19th	Daryl	ELLIOTT	12th	Frank	MARTIN	20th
Matthew	BENJAMIN	14th	Paul	GANNON	3rd	Gary	McKay	5th
John	BROGAN	21st	Jennie	GEISLER	1st	Bill	McCARTHY	18th
Kevin	CAMERON	14th	David	GRAETZ	31st	Allan	McCORMACK	1st
Alwyn	CAMPBELL	3rd	Bob	GRANT	12th	Frank	PENGELLY	1st
Marshall	CARTER	30th	Max	HICKEY	14th	John	PENN	9th
Agnes	CHEUNG	22nd	Ron	IZZARD	4th	Bob	PRESTON	13th
Ron	CHILLINGWORTH	24th	Gwen	JARRATT	24th	John	RICHARDSON	13th
Philip	COHEN	28th	Graham	KENNEY	10th	Colin	TICEHURST	1st
Bob	COOK	14th	Stuart	KITCHING	9th	Barry	TROLLOPE	18th
Jim	CORRIGAN	24th	Kevin	LANE	19th	Nick	TSIGOUNIS	19th
Warwick	DENTON	14th	Will	LUTKE-SCHIPHOLT	28th	John	WELLBURN	14th
Peter	DUFTY	11th	Ray	MANNING	29th			
David	EDWARDS	7th						

THE "HONS"

Jim	BENJAMIN	28th
Bette	BARTON	21st
Russell	BETTS	17th
Ray	GORMAN	15th
Bruce	GRIMISON	19th
Dudley	HANNAFORD	6th
Allan	JONES	20th
Brian	LIEBERT	10th
John	McGREGOR	20th
George	McKINNON	6th
John (JK)	NICHOLSON	28th
Alan	PARMETER	12th
Graeme	PICKERING	13th

Congratulations to John MCGREGOR on joining the "Hon's" this month

- : Broken pencils are pointless.
- : I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- : When chemists die, they barium.

SOCIAL/SPORTING

WYONG RACE DAY.

Bookings for the Race Day were much less than required & it was decided to cancel this function.

NEWCASTLE/HUNTER VALLEY NEWS

As advised last month the Newcastle end of year Lunch is set down for Thursday 1st November; the usual venue, the Silver Dolphin Restaurant, Cardiff Panthers Club, from 11.45 am. local members will be circularised individually, Sydney, Central Coast & any potential visiting members are very welcome. (the 9.15 am train from Central will get you there.) Acceptances please by Monday 29th October to Doc Wilson 02 49486936 or by email to Jim Richardson at jimcher@exemail.com.au.

TRAVEL TIPS

APT OFFER FOR ANZROC MEMBERS for September

18 Day Canadian Experience and Alaska Cruise

OFFER: Fly Free Including Taxes*

ANZ Price \$9,016 per person, twin share. (Normal price from \$9,695)*

Departs April 2013. Book by 15 October 2012

Discover the amazing beauty of the Canadian Rockies including a two day VIA Rail journey. Embark on a seven night cruise through the famous Inside Passage with Holland America visiting Tracy Arm, Sitka and Ketchikan.

For more information, call 1300 204 588 or visit www.aptouring.com.au/ANZStaffClub

**Conditions apply. Book and deposit by 15 October 2012. Prices are per person, twin share and include savings. Prices are correct as at 3 September 2012 but may fluctuate Fly Free offer valid April 2013 departures of UT18VEVS.*

DAYS GONE BYE



White Wheel Spat's on the old FC how smart are they? These young people are probably grannies and granddads by now? Even possibly ANZROC NSW members!!?

NEXT LUNCH

The October monthly Lunch will be at our usual and very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday October 15th 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.

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.

I was in a pub in Melbourne. Had a few.... I noticed two large women by the bar. They both had strong accents so I asked, "Hey, are you two ladies from Scotland?" One of them chirped: "It's WALES you friggin' idiot!" So, I immediately apologized and said, "Sorry, are you two whales from Scotland?" That's the last thing I remember...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paul Toohey emails...."I have just noticed that you copied my email re Keith Parker into the latest ROC Newsletter which was fine except someone inserted his surname into the email incorrectly as "Anderson" which will no doubt be confusing to some readers."

Our apologies for this Paul, the Gremlins got to work!!! and yes your email in the Newsletter should have read as follows;

...."Just read the NSWROC Newsletter of July and your note re Keith Parker and thought his daughter may appreciate some photos taken Sept 22, 1987 at a ANZ Martin Place branch luncheon. The luncheon was just prior to Keith's retirement and as I recall it was a fantastic lunch hosted by Keith."

Jeff Friedman by email..." further to the picture in the September Newsletter.....The Manly pontoon was built by the Port Jackson Ferry Co. in 1931 to encourage day trippers to Manly. It became known as the Manly Wonder Pool and was floodlit at night to make swimming "magical" and admission was free.

My wife Jenny came to Manly like you as a child from the various country postings of her father Arthur Gander.

Jenny and I got married at a local church in Manly 4 weeks before the fateful storm that resulted in major damage to the enclosure.

In the 1960s maintenance costs rose and the diving boards and floating platforms became unserviceable. It was estimated in 1968 that demolition of the whole structure would cost \$135,000. However, on the weekend of 25th/26th May 1974, a severe gale completely destroyed the Harbour Pool boardwalk, and the remaining structure was removed in the following weeks by the owners, Brambles Industries. A plan in 1984 to rebuild the boardwalk never came to fruition, due to prohibitive costs. (and a lack of vision)."

THE LAST WORDS

The Irish have solved their own fuel problems. They imported 50 million tons of sand from the Middle East and they're going to drill for their own oil.

Cheers

Noel