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Welcome to our April 2022 **NEWSLETTER**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With Easter & Anzac Day behind us & the Merry Month of May just a few days away this year seems to be just flying by.

However, we finally appear to be prepared to move the fear of Covid to the back of our minds & step back into some normality of life. {albeit tentative steps.}

You will have received the recent notice of our intention to hold our first Metropolitan Luncheon for this year in the Sydney CBD at the Boutique Hotel on 16 May 2022. It is pleasing to note that as I write this report, we have already received 40 acceptances, and with the final acceptance date not until 9 May are hopeful of a significant increase in this number. It will be great to catch up with many members after a long break & I urge those who can make the lunch date to register & enjoy a great lunch & the fellowship of fellow members not seen for some time.

We are also pleased to advise that our Regional Centres are getting into the celebration mood.

PORT MACQUARIE recently held their first lunch for over 2 years which attracted 19 members with 7 members registering their inability to attend on this occasion. A larger attendance is expected at their next function later this year. Many thanks to Ann Pereira for organising this event.

NEWCASTLE & HUNTER are holding their first lunch for the year on Thursday 12th May. Details of the Lunch are included in the Newsletter. They are always an enjoyable day & a great event for catching up with old Friends & Colleagues. I recommend attendance to any member in the Newcastle & Hunter surrounds. It is also a very pleasant train trip from Sydney for any member free on the day.

Many thanks to the local Committee of Geoff Boyton, Ron Welsh & Ken Dighton who do a great job in organising this event,

WAGGA WAGGA had planned a lunch but with organiser Kevin Cameron & his wife Jannette coming down with Covid & a few other members with health issues had to postpone. Kevin will advise of the new date which we will advertise in the appropriate newsletter. Our best wishes to Kevin & Jannette for a speedy recovery.

Any members living outside these Regional Centres but who may be visiting on the nominated date would be welcomed to attend the lunch, just contact the respective organisers to confirm. Please enjoy the Newsletter & keep those photos & comments rolling in. Keep safe & the committee look forward to catching up with those attending the upcoming luncheons.

TERRY AULD PRESIDENT

COFFS HARBOUR CHARTER.

Co-Ordinator Bob Primmer recently contacted the Club and advised that members in Coffs Harbour suggested that in lieu of having a 1st luncheon in 2022, that they would use their available accumulated funds held at date. and request the Club to add this amount by making a Subsidy Payment of \$ 600.00 which together with their own funds would total \$1K and a donation of that amount would then be made to the Lismore Flood Appeal.

The Club's Committee approved this request, and Bob has confirmed the donation has been made to the Lismore Flood Appeal. Bob advised that there are some members from Coffs group who live in the Lismore area.

An absolutely generous act by members in Coffs and we congratulate them on this community decision.

Bob also advised that Coffs would be holding a coffee morning in June so that we catch up for a yarn, date and place to be advised.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN MAY 2022.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bruce	AANENSEN	17th
Trevor	AULD	11th
John	CLARK	11th
Karen	CLARKE	4th
Tony	DALTON	8th
Bob	DYER	1st
Rod	GALLAGHER	3rd
Mick	HOWARD	23rd
Greg	LANCE	4th
Bob	LE BROCCQ	31st
Jenny	LENNOX	2nd
Constantine (Con)	LUCAS	4th
Robyn	MACDONALD	25th
Elizabeth	MACHADO	20th
Terry	MAGUIRE	20th
Peter	MAYBON	17th
Helen	MAZAR	8th
Pixie	McPAUL	23rd

Phil	MINETT	26th
Ann	MORGAN	1st
Clive	NEUTZE	6th
Phil	NEWSOME	15th
Jenny	OSMOND	10th
Ann	PEREIRA	4th
Jim	ROGERSON	17th
Kerry	ROSSER	30th
Maree	SHANNON	8th
Lorraine	SKETCH	6th
Greg	THORNE	13th
Paul	TOOHEY	25th
John	WIDERBERG	25th
Denis	WILLIAMS	7th
Steve	WILTON	16th
David	WRIGHT	14th
Eric	YACOEL	6th
Sebastian	ZAMMIT	30th

THE HONS

Frank	BLINMAN	16th
Betty	BROWN	14th
Noel	COOK	20th
Peter	DOUGLASS	26th
Ron	FREEMAN	4th
Betty	GEMMELL	11th
Geoff	GILL	8th
Ron	HARGRAVE	22nd
Barry	HENNESSY	1st
Col	JEFFERIES	9th
John	LE GRAS	8th
Peter	MABER	30th

Mal	MATTHEW	16th
Neville	McKINNON	21st
Morrie	MILES	27th
Dan	PAWSON	6th
Alan	SINGLE	18th
Wilhelmina	SMITH	18th
Terry	STAPLETON	20th
Alasdair	STEEL	17th
Evan	SUMMERSON	23rd
Ken	WHITE	3rd

There are no new Hons for this month, but we congratulate Betty Gemmell on celebrating her 105th birthday.

WELFARE REPORTS APRIL 22

Ron will provide full update on his contact with Hon's who had Birthdays in April & May in May NL.

HON MEMBER BARRY HENNESSY.

Barry's daughter Debra Bridge has contacted the Club and provided update on her father's position.

I send the following report on my father's health to add to the ANZ retired Officer's Newsletter.

He asked me to read him last month's newsletter and on doing so I suggested we should write about how he is going. My father is always interested to hear of fellow colleagues and would always attend any ANZ retiree lunches when he was able.

Barry Hennessy reports that his health took a turn for the worse in September last year resulting in needing a mild chemotherapy treatment for blood cancer. Since the chemo his health has been deteriorating and he is now unable to walk - although still has hope to be mobile again.

After a couple of lengthy stints in hospital he now resides in Ferndale Gardens Aged Care home in Mortdale where he will celebrate his 88th birthday on 1st May with family.

Barry says he dearly misses his dancing, gardening and catching up with friends and family.

Barry joined the Bank of Australasia in Muswellbrook aged 16.

Debra said, unfortunately I don't think he will be able to attend any more lunches.

Physios are working with him daily but progress is minimal. He is unable to sit up by himself let alone walk and has minimal use of his hands sadly.

Dad is very weak and is hardly eating. Not enjoying food at all really which is so unlike him.

The chemo knocked him about severely, they discovered he'd had a few mini strokes in the brain and he is also suffering from post polio syndrome. This combined with a couple of falls could be the reason for his decline but nothing definitive.

He has his mobile with him but can't answer it most of the time. However, we (me or my sisters) always call back anyone who has rung. One of us visits every day. He is still very keen to hear from friends so a call would be most appreciated.

Barry's Mobile # 0439 153 001

My mobile # 0413483198

Please forward Barry's best regards to his retired colleagues and thanks again. Debra.

Debra please pass on best wishes from all Club members to Barry and fully appreciate the current circumstances.

WELFARE OFFICER PHIL COHEN.

MAY 2022.

Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays scheduled in May 2022

Betty Brown

Health mostly good. Just recently in March walked Tasmania with her walking group.

Geoff Gill

General Health good. Still volunteers for past 20 years looking after Admin at his local Parish in Byron Bay. Family live in nearby Ballina.

Ron Hargraves

Ron is about to have some medical checks. Still drives locally. Family nearby at Point Clair.

Col Jefferies

Spoke with Col. All good health wise other than a small operation 6 months ago. Hasn't been able to play golf for over 6 weeks due to excess rain closing the golf course.

Mal Matthews

Health wise, all good, although had to give up tennis some years back.

Neville McKinnon

Unable to make contact with Neville as our number on our data base is not connected. Have sent e-mail requesting phone contact details.

Alan Single

Health generally OK. Still drives and does holiday trips from time to time.

Wilhelmina Smith

Spoke with Barry in the absence of Wilhelmina who was visiting her daughter-in-law. Health all good for both of them and hopes to get to the next Club luncheon, which I advised hopefully in May.

Alastair Steel

Health all good. Continues with his Water colour painting. Indicated he may like to arrange an exhibition at one of our luncheons. He indicated he would need to pint more.

Evan Summerson

Not doing much at present. Hopes to start playing golf again soon. Still drives. Sends his regards to Ron Miller.

NOSTALGIA

Welfare Officer Phil Cohen has sent in the following 2 photos and commentary taken during his recent trip to the Riverina district.



Phil commented:-

The building is the former ANZ Branch in Barellan where I worked as 2nd Officer for 12 months about 1967/68. The Manager posted the daily ledgers and I posted the customer's statements.

We had little to do with 3 banks and a population of no more than 500. The ANZ HQ in Sydney decided we needed a junior so we had 3 staff with nothing to do.

We had days where no customers came into the branch.

Mail came by train from Sydney 3 times a week so those living out of town only journeyed into town on mail days to collect their mail from the PO.

We did not have a branch in the larger nearby town of Leeton, so some years later Barellan was closed and ANZ opened a branch in Leeton.

Now appears to be a residential building.

It is the town where Evonne Goolagong Cawley's tennis career started.

There is now also a park, opposite the former ANZ Branch dedicated in her name with the "Big Racket".

Phil many thanks for this very interesting article & pictures. Great memories.

Completed function.

It is great to report that Ann Pereira the Club Co-Ordinator in Port Macquarie successfully arranged and held their first function in over 2 & half years on 7 April at Settlers Inn Hotel in Port.

Ann said they had a very good attendance of 19 on the day and those present enjoyed a great time together with a lot of catching up to do given they had not met for 2 & half years.

Apologies were received from:-

Morrie Miles, Warren Reidel, John Scholz, Tim Barker, Val Mudford, Shirley Moon, Bob Primmer.

Ann was also able to take a few pictures of the group on the day and 3 of these are below.

A full set has been placed up on our Club web site for viewing by members.

Well done Ann and we trust you be able to arrange another function in Port later on in 2022.



UPCOMING FUNCTIONS.

NEWCASTLE LUNCHEON 12 MAY 2022.

Geoff Boyton has advised the following details of Newcastle first luncheon for 2022.

Members, wives, partner, visitors and former bank contacts are invited to attend.

Date: Thursday 12 May.

Venue: Cardiff RSL Cnr Macquarie and Munibung Roads CARDIFF

Time: 1145am to 2pm

Meal:

The meal will be from the Eastern Tiger Restaurant, which will be a buffet style Asian and Australian inspired dishes including carvery, pasta, salads, sides and deserts.

Cost:

Due to the generous financial support from ANZROC(NSW) each attendee will receive a free meal and 2 drink vouchers

RSVP:

By Friday 7 May 2022 to Geoff Boyton Phone or Message 0414 709 760 or email gboytonfsa@yahoo.com.au.

As always, we look forward to welcoming visitors from Sydney, the Central Coast and further afield and we will meet the train that arrives at Cardiff station 11.35am for transport to the club.

CARDIFF RSL CLUB.

Cnr Macquarie and Munibung Roads CARDIFF



Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



On John Penn.

Anna Cariato wrote:-

Hi Graeme,

Thank you for a lovely newsletter.

I was devastated to hear of John Penn's passing. Sadly there were very few who were advised and Terry Auld was super kind to let me know

Thankfully we had a great day with him not so long ago as were the many catch ups we've had since his retirement Not to mention the sheer joy of working with him many times over the years

John was in many ways more a father to me than my own father, and I will miss him terribly.

I remember my wedding day, I was not emotional at all until I got to the church and there was John standing outside with such a look of pride and joy on his face It was as if his own little girl was getting married and then I started sobbing!!!!

He will be really missed, God bless him and all our members in heaven

Here's to John xxx

Ian Auld wrote:-

Sorry to learn of John's demise, he was accountant at martin place when I was assistant manager.

Also on the staff club committee. a fun guy, Gentleman and work mate.

We shared trying to manoeuvre an american conman around the banking chamber to take his photo on the two security cameras.

Having succeeded, and seeking urgently a printed photo, was told neither camera was working.

fond memories-vale John.

David Wright wrote:-

On John Penn & Ian Perry.

Good morning Graeme & thank you for another excellent newsletter.

Unfortunately it contained news of the passing of John Penn, & Ian Perry.

I last saw John late 2019 & it was clear his health was not great at that time, so news of his death is not all that surprising.

I am quite saddened however to read of Ian's death. If I saw his name in any of the media reports, I did not link it to 'our' Ian Perry.

He was probably still at Hurstville when you took over, so you probably recall him as well. I liked Ian, thought he was a 'good bloke' with plenty of potential. Sad that his life was taken in such tragic circumstances.

Hope we can return to some ANZROC gatherings in the near future

Best wishes Dave Wright.

General.

Doug Richardson wrote:-

Graeme.

Many thanks for your help and good work, hopefully we can catch up later on during the year. Especially the info I provided for the newsletter ANZROC.

I was quite surprised to see connection with David Johnson, whom I worked with in the 1960/70's ES&A at Town Hall Branch, 113 Bathurst St, Sydney.

David's dad was Lance Johnson, Manager holding various positions, last being Manager, ES&A Auburn Branch Sydney.

Col Batrim wrote:-

Hi Graeme,

A very interesting newsletter. The life stories of some of the past officers was great reading. Thanks muchly (is that a word?) for you continued service to the club. I have put the 16th May in the diary and hope to get along to the luncheon if it can be arranged.

Best wishes,

Col B.

Barry Gibson wrote:-

Hi Graeme,

Great newsletter but regret the passing of our past work mates.

The proposed luncheon on 16th May is ok with me. Hope this event is another great success.

Kind regards to all. Barry Gibson

Gary Mason wrote:-

Thanks Graeme.

Always good to catch up on the news and read about colleagues I knew/worked with.
Cheers. Gary



To all our Hon's who are celebrating a birthday in April & May 2022

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM HON MEMBERS GENERAL OR WHO HAD A BIRTHDAY IN APRIL 22

BILL BRICKNELL.

Bill wrote:-

WHAT HAPPENED TO BILL & VIVIEN BRICKNELL?

It was just a few short weeks ago that I received a birthday card from ROCNSW. A pleasant surprise!

What are we up to, well not much apart from enjoying retirement.

Where are we? Well to answer this I must go back to 1964 when we moved into our newly built home at Kirrawee. I thought we would stay there for ever but circumstances change.

It was 2004 when we sold Kirrawee to follow our daughter (Karen) up to Brisbane (Kuraby) when she was appointed ANZ Manager at The Gap. Our son (Steven) remained in Sydney after he built and managed swimming pools.

We lasted 12 Years at Kuraby when we decided that I wasn't cut out to maintain a garden as well as a pool which came with the house.

It was 2016 when we moved into a retirement village (Elements at Springwood (Qld)) and have never looked back.

Elements has about 100 villas of 2 or 3 bedrooms. If something need to be done it is just a matter of contacting management and it is fixed. Each unit is supplied with an I Pad and this is the way we are kept informed on what is going on. Each unit has an attached garage and is built on flat ground and to go for a walk around the village may take longer than expected with the number of unit holders you have stop and talk to on the way

We are comfortable with life. Bill.

“WHERE ARE THEY NOW?”

DON DAVIS

Welfare Officer Ron advises that he has been unsuccessful in contacting Don.

The phone no we have on our data base is now unconnected.

Any member who is aware of Don's contact details, can you please advise Secretary Graeme.

LUNCHEON 16 MAY BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY.

Pamphlet which was forwarded to all members is again attach on last page of April Newsletter.

Most important if you wish to come along the cut off date is 9 May and we will be unable to accept any further acceptances after that date.

Members please enjoy the read of our April Newsletter and stay safe & well.

ANZROC(NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.



**BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTRELEAGH
ST CITY**



CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR

AFTER OVER 2 YEARS SINCE OUR LAST LUNCHEON AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL IN THE CITY WE ARE EXCITED TO ADVISE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE OUR FIRST LUNCHEON IN 2022 AT THIS VENUE WITH DETAILS:-

**DATE: MONDAY 16 MAY.
TIME 12 NOON FOR 12.30PM LUNCHEON.
VENUE THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTLEREAGH STREET
Around THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER.
CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.**

ENTRY TO THE 4TH FLOOR IS ONLY PERMITTED AFTER 12 NOON SO FOR EARLY ARRIVALS THE BAR ON THE 2ND FLOOR WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.00AM.

THE MEAL COST WILL BE COVERED BY THE CLUB WITH BEVERAGES FOR MEMBERS OWN ACCOUNT.

BOOKINGS.

FOR ALL OUR FUNCTIONS/LUNCHEONS FROM NOW ON MEMBERS MUST:-

PRE BOOK IN ADVANCE.

FOR THIS LUNCHEON BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE VIA:-

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IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.

CUT OFF DATE FOR ACCEPTANCES IS 9 MAY AND WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY FURTHER ACCEPTANCES AFTER THAT DATE.

GREAT NEWS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 16 MAY AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY.