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Welcome to our April 2019 NEWSLETTER

Secretary's Report 15th April 2019

Today's gathering attracted 37 members and President Phil Cohen welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while: Barry Bailey and William Chang.

Phil's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast to the Queen and the People of Australia.

Apologies: Terry Auld, Tony Carter, Noel Chie, Vic East, Ian Jarratt, Stuart Kitching, Alf McDermott, Phil Newsome, Clive Neutze, Jim Richardson, Neil Rowland, Laurie Sainsbury, Ian Stewart, John Turnbull, Angela Vallender, Sebastian Zammit.

Bereavements: Stephen Sargent phoned to advise that his father **John Sargent** passed away peacefully on the morning of 22nd March after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. There were two funeral services, the first at Harbison Nursing Home Burradoo, and a further graveside service at the Catholic section of the Rookwood Lawn Cemetery on Thursday, 28th March. Our heartfelt sympathy to the Sargent family for their loss. RIP John.

Nigel Betts (son) advised the passing of **Russell Betts** yesterday, 28th March, 2019. Russell is well known to many of the membership, he did leave the Bank to operate a Motel in the Southern Highlands, but in recent years had been in an aged care facility and very unwell. Russell is said to "be in a better place" by his son Nigel, as his aging was not a good experience from a health perspective. Russell's funeral was on 4th April 2019 at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium. RIP Russell.

We also lost another of our members **Ray Mooney**, aged 82 as extracted from the Sydney Morning Herald published 30.3.19:

"MOONEY Raymond John 15.09.1936 - 21.03.2019. Late of Killarney Heights. Husband of Marilyn, father and father-in-law of Paul and Glynnis, grandad of James and Elizabeth and son of Dorothy (dec) and Frank (dec) and brother of Jim."

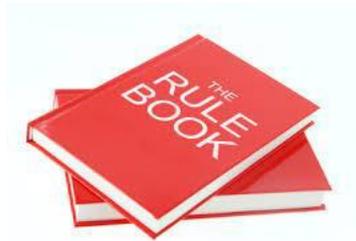
A private family service was held for Ray, may he rest in peace.

A period of silence was observed in their memory.



New Member:

A very warm welcome to **Julie Slater** of Wauchope NSW who retired from the bank in September 2018 after almost 30 years of service, as a result of the recent closure of Wauchope Branch.



Notice of Proposed Constitutional Change:

It has been suggested that the following (Clause C) be added to the constitution and one months notice is given herewith that will require a vote of yes or no for inclusion at our next luncheon on 20 May 2019. This would be effective from 1 January 2020, as subscriptions for 2019 have been finalised. This is an additional option to what is currently a \$10.00 subscription paid annually.

C On payment of a lump sum of \$100, or any other amount deemed appropriate by the Committee and duly promulgated, a member shall be afforded Life Membership and no further subscriptions would be required. The member would be designated as LM (Life Member) on the Membership Register to facilitate identification.

Constitution at present on subscription reads:

1. Subscription

A The annual subscription shall be such sum as the Committee shall determine from time to time and shall become payable on joining and as at the first of January in each calendar year thereafter

B Any annual subscription outstanding after the thirty first of March in each calendar year shall render a Member non-financial



Treasurer's Report: Mike Cunneen reported a sound financial position.

Thankyou: **Helen Mazar (Newsome)** is grateful to all those ANZROC members who have been enquiring after her health, and wishes to thank them all for their interest and concern. Helen is said to be in a pretty good state of mind and healthy within herself.



Ken Dighton – Welfare Officer

Report for April 2019

Sick List:

- Marj Farrell – Marj is now at home after surgery and continues to see medicos. She said recovery probably won't be quick, but she feels she is making progress. Keep it up Marj.
- Brian White – Brian spent a few days in hospital last month but he is now at home and feeling much better.
- Bob Le Brocq – Bob is far from being in-the-pink but he is battling on. We look forward to having you back at our lunch meetings Bob.
- Helen Mazar – Helen commences radiation treatment this month – the program calls for daily doses for about 6 weeks. It will be arduous but hopefully a complete success. Best wishes Helen.
- Denis Lickley – Denis is now ensconced in his comfortable new accommodation at Marsfield. He said he is "bored stiff", but he's grateful for the visits and phone contact he has received from quite a few old mates. When you've been as active and involved as Denis has over a lot of years it is undoubtedly difficult to adjust when the body says you have to stop. However, we all hope your health continues to improve Denis, and your level of activity increases soon to a point you're happy with.

- Tony Carter – Tony is undergoing a course of radiation following the removal of a BCC from his temple. Good luck for your treatment Tony. I must also publicly thank you for “chaperoning” Denis Lickley on his recent trip to RNSH by patient ambulance – the ROC brotherhood in action!
- Norman Brain - Norman is currently in high care accommodation, and he was visited recently by Phil Durney. Phil said they had a nice chat about Norman’s former workmates and Bank acquaintances. Thanks Phil for making the time and effort to visit Norman – he would have appreciated it.
- Peter Bradford – while speaking with Barry Thompson for his birthday this month, he mentioned to me that Staff Club and ROC stalwart Peter is not faring too well at the moment. Best wishes Peter, we are thinking of you.
- John Scholz – John is struggling with his health, but “hanging in”. He celebrated (not excessively!) another birthday on 13th, and he sent his regards to all.
- Ken Keen – Following a stay in SAH, Ken is now undergoing some rehabilitation work at Mt Wilga. We hope you’re back home soon Ken – best wishes.
- Tony Schembri – after having stents inserted last year, Tony again experienced blood pressure issues recently. It appears the blood flow through some arteries remains impeded and this will require attention. He is back on deck, however, and it was good to see him at lunch today.

We wish these members, and any other members who are not performing well at present, better health and good recoveries.

I made contact with the following people, who enjoy the esteemed title of **Honorary Member**, to check up on them and to extend best wishes for their birthdays this month and for the year ahead:

- Bob Boys (83) – Bob said he is going well, and as part of his birthday celebrations he attended a Sydney Swans match at the SCG (unfortunate result Bob). He keeps active and enjoys a regular game of bowls.
- Barry Thompson (85) – Barry seems to be quite happy with his lot – he well understands that things start to wear-out after 85 years! Notwithstanding a few health issues, he is able to get around the place with the help of his permanent “designated driver”, wife Beverley. And he uses this service as much as he can.
- Aub Walker (87) – Aub is well and enjoying life. He recently had his driver licence renewed – he needs it because he provides a “taxi” service to nearby widows and others who don’t have transport to get to appointments etc. Good work Aub.
- Dave Fleming (84) – Dave said his “crook back” shows no sign of improving and therefore getting into one of our lunches is a bit problematic. We hope to see you sometime soon Dave. He passed-on good wishes to everyone.

- Col Killer (83) – I wasn't able to make contact with Col because his telco informed me his phone had been disconnected. Perhaps he has switched (like many of us) to mobile only. We will no doubt catch-up with him (and Robyn) at the Newcastle ANZROC lunch next month. Let's hope we do, and of course we hope you are well Col. Best wishes for your 83rd.
- Bill Bricknell (81) – Bill's telco informed me that his phone had been disconnected – same message as last year, and it occurred to me that I forgot to record his new phone number back then! I subsequently received an email from Bill to say he can't believe he is 81 because he feels so well. Life is good, and he and Vivien are heading to the Northern Hemisphere later in the year for a holiday. Safe travelling Bill.
- Wendy Keys – Wendy said she is only "so so" but she is getting on with it with the some assistance from her pharmacist! She plans to celebrate her birthday with a lunch on Easter Sunday – enjoy it Wendy.
- Digby Milne (81) – Digby said he is "pretty good" and has organised a few days away soon in the Hunter Valley and Batemans Bay.
- Kevin O'Connell (81) - Kevin is well and still plays competition golf 3 times a week - he said he now uses a cart because a couple of the common octogenarian complaints have caught up with him (fair enough!). Kevin said he and Margaret have completed three ocean cruises so far this year, so life is not too bad. He also complimented the producers of our Newsletter (Thanks Kevin).
- Bob Riseborough (80) – Welcome Bob as the latest addition to The Hons list. He said is travelling well on the health front, and a celebratory party for his milestone birthday has been arranged for later this month. He also said he has been retired 25 years and married 57 years – a good all-round effort.

I wasn't able to make contact with **Don Davis** whom we believe has relocated to higher care aged accommodation.

Finally, and importantly, I had delightful phone conversation with **Alison Sandow** (the former "First Lady" of ANZ in this State) a few days ago. She said she is keeping well and is enjoying a reasonably active life. She quite likes going shopping and she is able to do this with the help of friends. Also, she does enjoy cooking, in fact she was about to knock out a batch of biscuits when we spoke. Now some may think this activity seems a trifle minor, **but** Alison will be turning **100** next month, and she still lives independently. We at ANZ ROC extend the best wishes to you Alison for a great day when you come to celebrate this special occasion, and we trust the year ahead will be a very happy and healthy one for you.



**“Your x-ray showed a broken rib,
but we fixed it with Photoshop.”**



May Birthdays

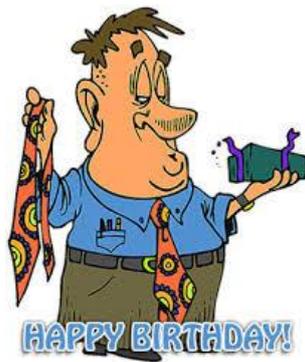
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Betty	BROWN	14th	Jenny	OSMOND	10th
John	CLARK	11th	Ann	PEREIRA	4th
Tony	DALTON	8th	Jim	ROGERSON	17th
Bob	DYER	1st	Maree	SHANNON	8th
Rod	GALLAGHER	3rd	Alan	SINGLE	18th
Mick	HOWARD	23rd	Lorraine	SKETCH	6th
Greg	LANCE	4th	Evan	SUMMERSON	23rd
<i>Constantine (Con)</i>	LUCAS	4th	Paul	TOOHEY	25th
Robyn	MACDONALD	25th	John	WIDERBERG	25th
Elizabeth	MACHADO	20th	Denis	WILLIAMS	7th
Peter	MAYBON	17th	Steve	WILTON	16th
Neville	McKINNON	21st	David	WRIGHT	14th
Pixie	McPAUL	23rd	Eric	YACOEL	6th
Phil	MINETT	26th	Sebastian	ZAMMIT	30th
Ann	MORGAN	1st			

The “HONS”

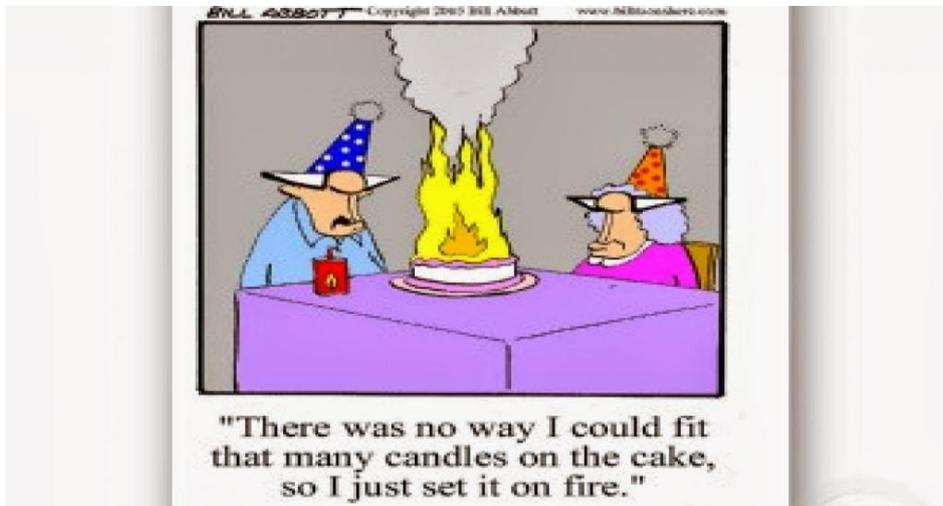
Frank	BLINMAN	16th		Peter	MABER	30th
Noel	COOK	20th		Mal	MATTHEW	16th
Peter	DOUGLASS	26th		Morrie	MILES	27th
Ron	FREEMAN	4th		Carl	OWENS	30th
Betty	GEMMELL	11th		Dan	PAWSON	6th
Geoff	GILL	8th		Brian	SHEPHEARD	18th
Ron	HARGRAVE	22nd		Terry	STAPLETON	20th
Barry	HENNESSY	1st		Alasdair	STEEL	17th
Ian	HISCOCK	27th		Dick	WALKOM	18th
Col	JEFFERIES	9th		Ken	WHITE	3rd
John	LE GRAS	8th				

Congratulations to Betty Brown and Neville McKinnon who will reach the exalted rank of “Hons” in May.

Birthday Wishes:



Birthday wishes were extended by Angelo Briganti to Alistair Johnston, Doug Richardson and Ron Welsh



Nostalgia Corner:



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● One of the army of
workers in the Jamboree's
banks is Ian Jarratt of
2nd Dulwich Hill.
Ian has been working
long hours in the Jam-
boree branch of the ANZ
bank.
You may have seen
Ian's face on the back of
"Scouting in NSW" in re-
cent advertisements.

Last Month we pictured Roger Fenton et al on a shipboard agency (see update on that story below).

In this edition we feature ANZROC member **Ian Jarratt** at a Scout Jamboree agency as a very involved banker/scout.

[*Jamboree News*, Lansdowne Jamboree, Sydney, 29/12/1960-9/1/1961.]

[Shipboard Agency entry March Newsletter– member correspondence:](#)

Letter from **John Leaver**:

"Dear Sebastian,

Further to our phone conversation yesterday I take pleasure to provide the following information regarding my role as a shipboard agency officer.

On 31/12/1968 I boarded the RMS "Oriana" with two other officers from Melbourne to conduct a long agency returning to Sydney on 10/02/1969.

Our route was via Suva, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Vancouver which became our home port for cruising to the Caribbean via the Panama Canal.

We called at probably 6 islands including Caracas and Martinique.

For background information the Bank of NSW normally provided Orient line with agency officers but declined this one because of the length of the voyage.

John Leaver."

Thank you for your letter, John. It must have been quite an ordeal for you and your fellow agency officers to get through such a tough assignment!

From **Keith Johnson** of Port Macquarie dated 5th April 2019 (Keith is a pretty good age now, and his writing is almost copperplate! Well done Keith).

“I have just received the latest ROC Newsletter and as usual see the names of so many I have had the pleasure of working with so long ago. (Over 30 years)

I note the mention of shipboard agencies and memories came flooding back to the 50's and 60's when I was working in the Overseas (then called Bill) Dept. The job of shipboard agency “assistant” was allocated to a different officer each cruise and I was fortunate to be chosen from S(P&H). The OIC of Shipboard Agencies was then Roy Riley, but he was in course of being replaced (I have forgotten by whom). The cruise went as far as Tonga via Fiji and Noumea. In those days we just signed a chit for our “refreshments” and we paid the purser from our bank allowance at the end of the cruise. My main memory is relating to Noumea where we sold out every franc before landing. In fact we could not meet demand. However when we left Noumea we bought nearly every FPF (French Pacific Franc) we had sold. Obviously by the rates of sale and repurchasing them back it was quite profitable. Obviously the shops prices were too inflated. As an example I bought some Chanel No.5 for my wife only to find it was cheaper in Sydney. Enough of my reverie for now.

Yours sincerely Keith Johnson.”





Correspondence:

Of John Sargent:

Tony Schembri writes: "I had the pleasure of working with John at Martin place and George Sts in the 70's and always found him to be a true gentleman. RIP John."

Graeme Smith writes: "One of the nicest people that I have ever met."

Dennis Cartwright writes: "John was my first encounter at S (M&G), a lovely empathetic man respected by us all and so good at his job.

We all have to go at some stage, no less saddening when it is someone you knew and had a positive impact on one's life."

Charles Ross writes: "So sorry to hear of Johns passing. First met John at Beverly Hills Branch of The ES&A Bank. He was I think Teller/Acct and I did a Relief there 1956/7. When I left Esanda after 25 years I needed to re-train in Banking and was appointed as Assistant Manager at Maroubra Junction Branch where John was the Manager. A short period there until I was appointed Manager Rose Bay but owe John a lot for the help he gave me. Had not seen him in person since we both retired but knew he lived at Forster for quite a while and that lately he had not been well. Parkinsons is very debilitating. My father was a sufferer later life and one sister of mine for a 36 year period. R.I.P. John. My condolences to his family."

Ron Miller writes: "I am very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a great bloke a sad loss to us all. Please pass on my condolences to Stephen and the family."

Ray Brennan writes: "John was Manager Beverly Hills when I was in the St George / Sutherland Area Office – very nice guy and a very conscientious branch manager. He will be sadly missed."

Of Kevin Sloan:

Alan Deveson writes: "I first met Kevin in the late 70's when he came to relieve at Leeton on 2 occasions.

While we didn't have a great deal of social contact – he drove home to Narrandera each day, but he still made a good impression on the staff and customers.

Some years later he was appointed accountant at Fyshwick Branch. Kevin and his wife Trudy then became good friends of our family and remained so.

Kevin was a keen sportsman, an excellent bank officer but mainly a good bloke. He will be missed."

Received from **Trudy Sloan**:

Just to thank you for your sincere sympathy for the passing of my husband Kev.

Yes I would like to still receive your newsletter which you can send to this email address.

Kev & I use to enjoy reading the newsletter. I also knew quite a few members working in Sydney (at Pitt & Hunter Sts and Emanza centre before I left to travel overseas), for 6 years between 1966 to 1972. I moved to Canberra in 1974 where I did rejoin the bank at Canberra City branch in 1976 to 1979, where I met Kevin. My maiden name was Holland.

Once again thank you.

Of Russell Betts:

Paul Jacka writes: He was one of the Banks characters.

Judith Willis writes: I was very saddened to see that Russell has passed away recently. I knew Russell at Newcastle, Hunter and Brown Sts, then I think, Macquarie Place Sydney. My husband Ken also knew him through Divisional Office,- maybe Dennis knew of him as well. I knew that he wasn't well and can understand that his health deteriorated when in the nursing home. It happens so much and until the Government sorts out the ageing process it will keep happening. We are the lucky ones who have a family like mine- I feel blessed- are willing to share what we have left of our lives. It is not easy as these days everything is so different and it really takes time. My mother once said to me that we all have to move with the times and of course she was right. We, my age didn't want everything done yesterday as happens these days. My regards to all you hard working people who keep us so well informed with ANZROC."

Philip Cohen writes: "I worked with Russell at 327 King Street Newtown NSW Branch when he was the Branch Accountant and I was the Bills Clerk back in the late 60's. Russell was a people person. Always willing to help and advise staff. Always very friendly to customers and staff with a great personality. One of the great characters of the Bank."

Of Ray Mooney:

Julie Laycock writes: "A true gentleman - RIP Ray."

Albert Orszaczky writes: "Sad to hear of Ray's passing following his recent illness. I met Ray at 273 Pitt Street branch in the city where he was my Accountant in 1969 and I was the Advance Clerk. That was also where I first met John Sloan, the brother of Kevin who also passed away this month."

Tony Schembri writes: "Saddened to hear of Ray's passing, I worked with him in the 60's at 156Castlereagh St Sydney. RIP Ray."

Kevin Cameron writes: "Sad news. When I was in Royal North Shore over Christmas I shared a room with Ray. He was diagonally opposite me in a room of 4. I knew his name was Ray however I did not know his sir name or recognise him. However I saw on a ward list the names of all the patients. I only had a chance to speak to him for a few minutes the next morning as he went home that day. He was at Coolah branch at the same time as I was at Mudgee and I am sure that we worked together at some stage in Sydney, probably while I was on Metro relief."

Roy Crawford writes: "Sad news indeed. I knew Ray for 24 years during my time in the bank. Our paths crossed a number of times in different places and he was always the same friendly, easy going and fair minded individual you looked forward to sharing a beer and spending time with. RIP"

Ian Jarratt writes: "Worked with Ray at 156CSS, I think he may have been security officer, Fine fellow, great to work with, wonderful branch , terrific staff, met Gwen there."

Received from **The Hon. Warwick L Smith** (An Honorary Life Member of our Club) dated 8 March, 2019:

"Thank you for your very generous letter and remarks on my appointment as an Officer of the Order of Australia. I appreciate very much you taking the time to write.

To be recognised by my country through this award is something that I cherish and share with so many others who have contributed to my endeavours.

The award has caused me to reflect on the impact that one can have to the communities in which they touch whether locally, nationally or internationally and encourages me to actively contribute to society lending my expertise, knowledge and skills wherever I can.

At the investiture ceremony, it will be a moment of immense pride for myself, family and colleagues and your best wishes are certainly appreciated and I thank you so very much.

Kindest regards,

Warwick"

Received from **Betty Gemmell** dated 6th April 2019 (Betty celebrates her 102nd birthday in May and the letter is verbatim and an example of Betty's wonderful state of mind!)

"Dear Seb, (Sebastian Zammit)

First of all to Marge Farrell my best wishes for a quick and complete recovery from her issues. All the best dear lass.

About two weeks ago I received a phone call from Ella King – she was in Sydney only for 24 hours while waiting for connecting transport to Newcastle. In that time she managed to visit Denis Lickley and Peter Bradford. In her call to me she asked that I convey best wishes to all and sorry that she did not have longer here this trip. Her trip north was to visit her bridesmaids, both of whom are unwell.

My congratulations to Ken Dighton's elevation to Committee status – odd that it was never the case.

Afraid that Judith Willis (see Newsletter last month) has me in her memory of Betty Gemmell in the No.2 Martin Place Branch as a member of the typist team. I had never actually worked in the Branch – but did work in a couple of different areas upstairs before going to 377 George St Branch. Being a Bank of Australasia (and proud of it) recruit in early 1940's. No. 2 Martin Place was our Head Office, N.S.W.

and I came to Sydney from my home town Branch in Deniliquin, where I spent 10 years of my career in banking. The only person I can think of whom she is confusing me with could have been Betty Goodridge, but I am not sure. It is a long time to remember exactly.

Please convey my best wishes to all who are not well – get better soon.

*Afraid this letter is somewhat rambling, after all I am **O-L-D**. Regards to all, Betty Gemmell.”*



Where Are They Now: **Mal Matthew** of Oatlands NSW is no longer accessible on the phone number we have listed and all emails are getting rejected. Can anyone shed any light on Mal's whereabouts and well being? Please advise Reg Smeaton if you can help.

Social Notes:

Garden Island Tour 28 March 2019

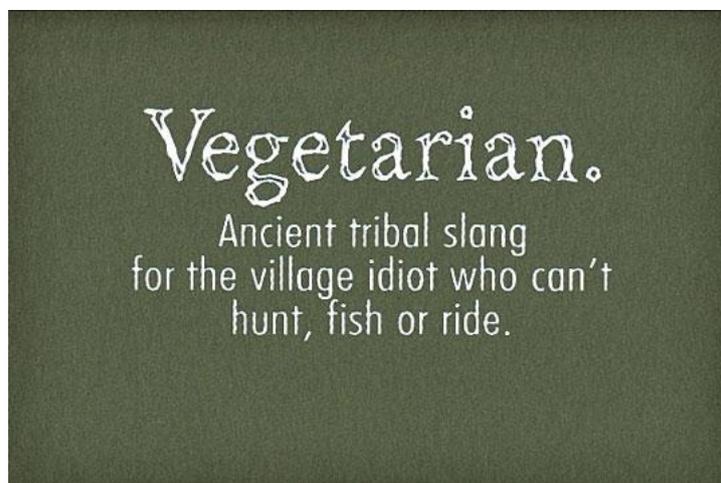


Report submitted by **Angelo Briganti**:

The sunny weather came alive for us on our tour of Garden Island. A hidden treasure of our history dating back to the arrival of the First Fleet. The area was originally set up as a garden to grow corn and onions as the only effective fighters against scurvy.

We may have all individually gone past it thousands of times but we do not appreciate what is in or what goes on there. Great innovation in modern times with outstanding engineering feats and a state of the art dry dock structure. It has the capacity to take very large aircraft carriers. The footprint of the Island was increased by more than 20Hectares by land reclamation which achieved the joining up to the mainland and facilitated the building of the Dry Dock. A worthy monument to our fallen heroes, men and women of the RAN. A learning experience in the company of a great group.

We later enjoyed a relaxing light lunch and a drink of course.



Proposed Social Events:

Vivid Sydney Cocktail Cruise 28th May 2019



Departure point is from the Opera House Man O War Steps Wharf at 5:30 PM.

Bookings Closed





Dates for the Diary

9 May 2019 Luncheon at Cardiff RSL RSVP is essential by 1st May 2019 for booking purposes to Jim or Cheryl Richardson on 02 4943 8031 or 0419 602 087 Email: jimcher@exemail.com.au As always the Newcastle members will meet the train at Cardiff Station at 11.35 am. Visitors and partners are welcome.

20 May 2019 Luncheon and AGM at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel 169 Castlereagh St Sydney, with arrival after 11.00am. Pre luncheon drinks are available to be enjoyed at the 2nd floor bar area. Access to 4th floor is only possible after 12 noon, so please drop in to Level 2 and have a chat first! All members are welcome. Bookings are not required; it is always an enjoyable day with good food and lots of old friends and the occasional surprise visit by those who can't make the meeting all the time.

28th May 2019 Vivid Sydney Cocktail Cruise Bookings closed 20 Feb 2019

26th June 2019 Mid North Coast Luncheon - The Tacking Point Tavern Emerald & Ocean Drives, Port Macquarie, 11.45 for 12.30. Order lunch at your own request (This time we are not having a set menu). RSVP 19 June 2019 to Garry & Margaret Heiron 0412 218 524 Email marg-gazza@bigpond.com

10th August 2019 Luncheon Wagga Wagga RSL at 12:00. Contact Kevin Cameron for details on 02 6922 4575 or janette.cameron@bigpond.com.au to book or for further details.

4th September 2019 Partners Lunch at TAFE Ultimo – further details to be confirmed when to hand. Suffice to say at this stage it is a good day always with a very professionally presented three course meal, good company and a very pleasant venue.

14th November 2019 Luncheon at Cardiff RSL - Inquiries to Jim or Cheryl Richardson on 02 4943 8031 or 0419 602 087 Email: jimcher@exemail.com.au Further details closer to the event re pricing and train timetables etc.

21st November 2019 Far North Christmas Luncheon – To be held at the Canal Road Bowls Club starting at 11:00 am - Inquiries to Brian Rawle phone 02 6618 9197 email elwarmb@gmail.com.

5th December 2019 ANZROC (NSW) Christmas Cocktail Function level 24 (Plum and Cherry Room) ANZ Tower 242 Pitt St Sydney commencing at 12:00 mid-day and hosted by our Club Patron **Maile Carnegie**. **You will need photo Id to gain access to the building.**

7th December 2019 Luncheon Wagga Wagga RSL at 12:00. Contact Kevin Cameron for details on 02 6922 4575 or janette.cameron@bigpond.com.au to book or for further details.



Events In the Pipeline:

Our Minister for Good Times is working on a one further tentative event for the year and details will be advised if or when it has been confirmed:

Nepean Belle Cruise

October

Until next month – good health and happiness to all.