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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, AUGUST, 2016

Today's gathering attracted 57 members with President Graeme Bool welcoming all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while, Eamon Berne, Ron Chillingworth, Jim Corrigan, Roy Crawford (Hobart), Janice McHenry (new member), Sharyn Sergeant, Beverley Shaw, and Brian Thompson (Ulladulla). Special mention was made of the record number of ladies (10) that attended the lunch today. Graeme's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast to the Queen.

APOLOGIES: John Ball, Ken Dighton, Col Bartrim, Peter Bradford, Tony Carter, Ken Dighton, Vic East, John Freedman, Peter Maber, Alf McDermott, and Nick Oglesneff,

New Members: A very warm welcome to **Colleen Moran (nee Murray)** of Baulkham Hills NSW who was lucky enough to join the Bank on decimal currency day in 1966 after we who went before her had counted every pre decimal coin in creation on her behalf! A further warm welcome to **Mark Lewis** of Westlake Qld, though still an ardent Parramatta supporter. At our monthly luncheon **Jan McHenry** of Yarrawarra NSW also lodged a membership application and was welcomed into the Club.

BEREAVEMENTS

Phil Hitchcock of Lake View NSW, aged 84 passed away on 1st August 2016 with a sudden heart attack. He is survived by his wife Ronda and children Greg and Jo and his 5 grandchildren. His funeral was held at Palmdale on the Central Coast on 5th August. At the funeral, Greg spoke well of his father and in keeping with Phil's nature suggested Phil would have considered passing away on Bank Holiday amusingly ironic. Contemporary Phil Hitchcock . Phil as a young man



Ron Izzard advises that **Rick Nancarrow** passed away on Monday 25 July 2016. Rick and I worked together in Branch Securities from 1973 to 1979. He was a great bloke with a dry sense of humour and an excellent 2IC. He is survived by his wife Anne, son Mark and daughter Shelley.+ A service was held on Tuesday 2 August 2016 at All Saints Anglican Church, 25 Church Street, Nelsons Bay.

Pam Dewhurst of Curtin ACT, aged 83 passed away on 5th August 2016 after a long illness.

A requiem Mass was held at St Mathews Catholic Church, Page ACT on 11th August 2016. Pam was the Esanda Nominees whiz in the ACT for many years.

Frank Martin of Baulkham Hills aged 80 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer on the 7th August 2016. Frank's funeral was held on 10th August at St Paul the Apostle Church, Winston Hills.

Max R Campbell of Mooloolaba Qld aged 92 after a short illness. His daughter Catherine Campbell advises as follows: %tis with deep sadness I have to inform you of Dad's passing on the 8th August 2016. Dad contracted Influenza A at his nursing home along with 30 other residents sadly, and passed away after a 10 day battle against it. Dad truly loved the ANZ Bank and the opportunities and postings that it gave him. He spoke fondly of all the various towns he worked in and how he always went to a new place with an open mind, and quickly joined sporting groups so he could make friends and be accepted as a local. Thank you for your wonderful Newsletters, they truly were the highlight of his month, and he read them over and over with his beloved cups of tea. His funeral was held at the Cootamundra Catholic Church on 13th August 2016.+

We have been advised of the death of **Peter Bromelow**, who was known to many of our colleagues. Peter was not a member of ANZROC, and we have little other information about him, but Peter was apparently 71 years of age and had battled cancer for 18 months, also Keith Crawford advised Peter came to the Illawarra as Manager Warrawong, when Ken Foley was Area Manager, probably mid 1980's, and sometime later moved to Newcastle. Peter's funeral was held at Newcastle West.

WELFARE REPORT: Compiled by Ken Dighton on 15/8/2016 and presented at the luncheon by President Graeme:

Sick List:

I did not receive any communications over the past month in respect of members who are not as healthy as they would like to be. Please remember, I rely on member contact to ensure that those who are sick have an opportunity to receive good wishes (and perhaps offers of help) from their former work friends.

My Sick List last month included a mention of Pam Dewhurst, and I was saddened to learn of her death a few days ago. Pam was one of ANZ's real %characters+around the ACT. She was also a very smart operator and dedicated banker, she helped me numerous times during my 5 years at Canberra City office. Vale Pam.

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

- **Ron Booth** (86) . Mobility is an issue for Ron but in the main he is getting along OK. He is still considering moving and he is sorting through his %treasure+at the moment. Finding a suitable low care accommodation facility is proving not to be

- easy. He hopes he can get to our August meeting.(which he did. good to see you Ron)
- **Alan Brown** (85) . Alan said he is %still hanging in there+.He had a heart problem in January which resulted in a stent being inserted. He% also had some other %maintenance+work since last birthday, but on the whole he% doing alright.
- **Gary Brown** (83) . Gary said that life is good. He is %aying his heart out+on the golf course, and in spite of his score cards he stays positive.
- **Allen Burrige** (84) . Allen said he is %battling on+. He usually has a game of bowls a couple of times a week. I tend to think he is understating things a bit. He is a regular at our lunch meetings and he looks as fit as any octogenarian you would meet.
- **Bill Chapman** (82) . Bill is progressing well after his hernia repair, and he expects to be back at golf very soon. All things being equal, he will be at our August lunch.
- **Bob Cunningham** (82) . Bob said he recently availed of a few days respite care at a facility near his home. He said he feels much better for it and will consider doing it again in future. Still struggling with a low lung capacity however.
- **Carl Fleming** (83) . Life% good for Carl in Macksville, and he doesn% have any regrets about leaving Sydney (nice place to visit, but...!)
- **Gary O'Meara** (80) . He said that despite being %old and decrepit+he% feeling fine. Gary is a good supporter of ROC and our activities, and he expects to join us for our August lunch.

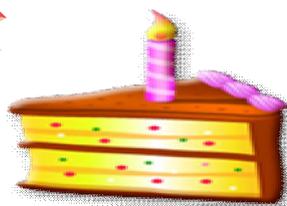
I wasn% able to make contact with Keith Nunn, nor Keith Johnson. If anyone has current contact details for these members, please let me know.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Cunneen advised we are still in a sound financial position.

David Richardson formerly of Norton Smith & Co. and well known to the ANZ as mentioned in our last Newsletter has accepted our invitation to the November luncheon, and we are looking forward to catching up and swapping the odd %war+ story.

A small gratuity and thank you letter has been forwarded to the Corp of Volunteers in recognition of their attendance to us on our Victoria Barracks Tour.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kevin	ALCHIN	7 th	Graham	GILLARD	4 th	Henry	PILARSKI	16 th
Noel	ARMITAGE	21 st	Peter	GOERMAN	16 th	Bob	PRIMMER	6 th
Garry	ATTEWELL	23 rd	Evelyn	GOLDSTEIN	30 th	Trevor	REES	11 th
Eamon	BERNE	10 th	Bob	HAENEY	29 th	Craig	RICE	21 st

Tony	BROWN	15 th	Terry	HUTCHINSON	23 rd	Peter	ROBISON	9 th
Paul	BURGE	22 nd	Lou	IANOTTI	9 th	Peter	RUTLEDGE	25 th
Jeanette	BURKE	9 th	Dorothy	JOHNSTON	16 th	Peter	SIMPSON	20 th
Mark	BURNS	17 th	Allen	JOHNSTONE	4 th	Brian	SOWTER	7 th
Paul	CARROLL	1 st	David	KNOBLE	12 th	Glen	SORTENBEKER	3 rd
Neville	CHIE	16 th	Karl	MIZENS	28 th	Geoff	THOMAS	29 th
Mike	CUNNEEN	24 th	Spencer	MYERS	13 th	Rupe	THOMAS	24 th
Deborah	DIMMOCK	28 th	Albert	ORSZACZKY	17 th	Brian	TIMMS	23 rd
Terry	FERGUSON	21 st	Annette	OSMOND	17 th	Peter	WATSON	19 th
David G	FLEMING	5 th	Terry	PARKER	29 th			
Phillip	GARDNER	10 th	Kate	PIETRACCI	14 th			

THE “HONS”

Norman	BRAIN	24 th
Stan	DOYLE	12 th
Reg	ELLIOTT	9 th
John	HEATHWOOD	29 th
John	HICKEY	13 th
Barry	HUMPHREYS	26 th
Keith	JACOBS	19 th
Ray	MOONEY	15 th
Les	RENNIE	13 th
John	ROBSON	20 th
Don	SHEATH	30 th
Roy	VOCKLER	4 th

We welcome the following members to the ‘Hons’ this month: **Ray MOONEY and Les RENNIE**. Congratulations gentlemen
 Birthday wishes to those present at the Lunch were extended by VP Phil Cohen to **Ron Booth, Allen Burrige, Bill Chapman, Roy Crawford, Garry O’Meara and Jamie Roberts**.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Helen Mackie of Young NSW, (widow of Ray Mackie). Helen’s emails have been returned and phone disconnected if anyone is able to shed any light on her contact details or situation please let Secretary Reg know.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Of Phil Hitchcock:

Brian Digby writes: +I have been saddened to hear of the passing of Phil Hitchcock. Phil was my Manager when I spent a couple of very enjoyable years working with him in the early 70s, at Cowra. He was a great bloke who rarely had a smile off his face! +
 Graeme Bool writes: +Phil was the 1st Commercial Manager at Tamworth when we set up New England Area office in 1977 and he was a big help to me in my 1st role as SAO in the new Area and was well respected by all staff who worked with him. +
 Anthony Lewis writes: %Very sad news. Phil was instrumental in having me transferred to Inverell as the Esanda officer from where my lending career began. He was a good mentor and friend. My sympathies to Ronda and family. +
 Ron Miller writes: +I am very sorry to hear that Phil has passed away.

Whilst I did not work with him directly I met up with him frequently and always found him to be a great bloke. I know that he was held in high regard by all including me. I am currently in Queensland on holidays so I will not be able to make his funeral. Please pass on my condolences to Ronda Greg and the family.+

Steve Cunneen writes: %Sad to hear of Phil's passing. I took over from him as Manager Tamworth when he went to Inverell and we actually moved into his house for a little while. When he retired back here I arranged for him to do some book work for a client, Col Quast the father of Phil Quast the stage star of Les Miserables, and they had a great time together.+

Geoff Nelson writes: %Sorry to learn that Phil has passed away. Jack Fawcett and I opened Campsie branch in 1948 and Phil was the third officer when he was transferred from Newcastle in 1949. Not only was he a good officer but also good company and we enjoyed many outings together. We have kept in touch over these past many years.+

Mike Riley writes: %relieved briefly at Civic Centre when Phil was there, but I knew him better from our monthly PWE meetings. I too found him to be good and cheerful company over a beer or two.+

Arthur Crittenden writes: %Bad news today for I knew Phil quite well from Newcastle days, always happy and easy to get along with and many beers were had together.+

Geoff Minett writes: %I first met Phil and Ronda when he was appointed Manager at Mudgee branch. Barry Barnett was the manager and he was promoted to Moree branch. I came at that time as Accountant and took over as acting Manager for approx 8 months until Phil arrived and I was quickly then appointed to Bathurst branch as accountant. Then after Bathurst the Regions came in, and as Ops Manager at Orange, again had contact with them at Mudgee. Phil and Ronda retired to Tamworth and I again found them friends when I took up a position at Tamworth, where he taught me how to home brew. We had many competitions on making stout and of course drinking it at many b-b-qs at our and their place with many banking friends. Such good time, and as Ken said %Phil was a good bloke+and I thoroughly endorse those words.+

Of Pam Dewhurst: Bob Primmer writes: %Pam worked on the same floor as me at Canberra City. She was in Nominees. She and I had many happy days there and many in depth discussions re footy. Margaret Owen was her offside. Great lady. RIP Pam.+

Albert Orszaczky writes: %I can report that my wife and I attended Pam Dewhurst's funeral last Thursday along with five (or more) other former colleagues. She was certainly sent off in style with the full Catholic Requiem Mass celebrated by four priests, all of whom knew Pam well from her active work for the church and its community over many years. Pam was a marvellous colleague and mentor and a wonderful friend to all who knew her. %

Of Frank Martin:

Barry Hennessy writes: after both Frank and I retired in the early 80s we enjoyed many lunches, Frank impressed as a decent, unselfish, and humble fellow. He spoke often of his love for his wife Norma and the family.

Of Max Campbell:

Ian Auld writes: Max Campbell was one of those gentlemen often referred to in the Newsletter. Back in the fifties a group of us played squash at North Sydney Squash Courts. Max was wearing glasses and was hit with a racquet knocking glass into his eye which, at that time, caused us great concern for his well being. Fortunately he recovered to complete a good career respected by his many colleagues.+

Barry Smith writes: % worked at S(P&H) with Max where he was one of about 6/8 tellers , and at that time or maybe prior thereto he was a part of the ANZ Cricket team under the captaincy of, firstly Ron Neave and then under none other than David Charles Fleming, but I do remember that Max was a fast bowler, and a very good one at that.+

SOCIAL NOTES;

Victoria Barracks Tour 28th September 2016

There were 27 members or guests who enjoyed a very worthwhile tour of the Barracks on a beautiful sunny day. A leisurely stroll around the compound with a visit

to the on-site museum took about two and a half hours, and was steeped in historyq the commentary provided by the volunteer guides was of interest to all. The museum and cell block were also interesting and left us in no doubt that army life and discipline were pretty tough with the closure of the very cramped cells only in the mid 1970's. The group then left the Barracks for a meal at the Paddo RSL close by, as usual the company and fellowship were excellent. Our thanks to the guides and the assistance afforded us by the staff at the Barracks with particular mention to Sgt Peter Ryan who was the liaison person who helped with the arrangements.



Front Left to right: John (our guide), Heather Riach, Linda Lyons, Joan White, Mary Chapman, Judy O'Meara, Denis Lickley, Kini Smeaton

Rear: Mike Cunneen, John Turnbull, Gary O'Meara, Tom (Guide), Phil Newsome, Brian White, John Tier, Sue and Ron Welsh, and Bill Chapman.

Dates for the Diary

There will be no CTA Luncheon in September due to the following events schedule.

7th September 2016 Patron's Luncheon at 242 Pitt Street Sydney scheduled for 12:00 noon entry with a 12:30 start closing at 2:00 pm. We are very privileged to be hosted by Hon Warwick Smith.

Bookings are now closed. Sadly we had several no shows last year which meant others who

wished to attend missed out. If you register and need to cancel for any reason please let Secretary Reg know asap so that he can alert those who will doubtless be on a waiting list.

20th September 2016 (Tuesday) Please Note - Now a firm date for the **Partners' Luncheon** at TAFE at Ultimo . It is always a great day as the food is good and the company excellent. The hosting member will pay \$20.00 for the luncheon and the partner/guest will be fully subsidised by the Club. **Bookings now closed.**

30th September to 3rd October 2016 Broken Hill reunion: This is not an ANZROC(NSW) sponsored event however ANZROC members and others should contact Jackie Lynott at Jackie@internode.on.net or Karen Ford at karenf@live.com.au for more detail.

12th October 2016

Bob Primmer is arranging a gathering in Coffs Harbour for a luncheon on Wednesday 12th October at a venue to be advised. RSVP to Bob Primmer on email bobprimmer6@gmail.com or phone 02 6652 7130 or 0417 717 885. Bob mentions that all members and partners are welcome and if anyone wishes to travel to Coffs for a couple of days he can arrange discounted accommodation with a tour of attractions the following morning. Tiger Air has very cheap flights to Coffs (\$49 one way) from Sydney so may be an opportunity for some to have a few days in the warmer climate!

9th November 2016 (Please Note Change in Date Now Confirmed) The Annual Graham (Doc) Wilson Memorial Bowls Day at Club Umina. Partners & new bowlers are very welcome. Check in time 9:30am for 10:00am roll up, with luncheon served at 12:30 pm at a reasonable cost (approx. \$20.00) yet to be determined. **Please let Reg Smeaton know if you wish to participate (see masthead for contact details)**-Coordinators Ian and Gwen Jarratt will be away leading up to the event.

17th November 2016 Far North Coast Gathering

The Far North Coast Christmas lunch is booked for Thursday 17th November 2016, it will be held at the RSL Bowls Club Ballina. Contact Brian Rawle 02 66876286 or elwar@bigpond.com All welcome

17th November 2016 Newcastle Christmas Function From 11.45 am at Cardiff RSL Club, Macquarie and Munibung Roads CARDIFF. **RSVP is essential by Wed 9th November** to meet Club requirements. Train travellers will be met at Cardiff Railway station from 11.33 am train. (Conditional on timetable remaining unchanged) Train leaves Central at 9.15 am . check your local timetables. Contact Jim or Cheryl Richardson email: jimcher@exemail.com.au or phone 02 4943 8031 to book.

5th December 2016 The Christmas Cocktails at ANZ Centre 242 Pitt St Sydney. The gathering is limited to 120 guests, those wishing to attend will need to register with Reg Smeaton on 02 4228 6951 or reg.kini@bigpond.com quickly to avoid disappointment. Again, we had several no shows last year which meant others who wished to attend missed out. If you register and need to cancel for any reason **please let Secretary Reg know immediately so he may alert those on our waiting list.**

THE LAST WORDS

The Grim Reaper came for me last night and I beat him off with a Vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death!

-Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador." "Really, are you sure?..." says Mick "Have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"-Déjà Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

-A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him about it he reckoned he could stop any time.

-I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin. 3 hours later and they were still walking about with it. I thought to myself, . . . they've lost the plot!

-I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

Cheers,

Noel (Your Guest Editor, with great assistance from Sec. Reg, while Alex & Ann Morgan are away touring Australia in their RV.)