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The February Lunch/AGM attracted 57 members with President Phil welcoming all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while, Terry Auld, Lynne Conomos (Sharpe), Vic East, Ken Johnston, John MacKenzie, Jim Richardson, Ron Welsh Phil's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

All positions were then declared vacant and the AGM was commenced:

President Phil stepped aside with IPP & Treasurer Mike Cunneen acting as Chair to begin the proceedings. With Phil Newsome being the sole nominee for President he was declared President for a further term and resumed the Chair for the AGM.

The AGM was successfully held in conjunction with the Lunch, with the following outcomes: Apologies: Jasmine Antonious, Ken Byatt, Alan Gibson OAM, Alistair Johnston, Phil Minett, John Morschel, Frank Slade, Laurie Sainsbury, Hon Warwick Smith, Geoff Taylor, Barry Thompson, Angela Vallender, Kevin Watson.

Office holders were elected as follows.....

President: Phil Newsome, Senior Vice President: Graeme Bool, Junior Vice President: Phillip Cohen, Secretary: Reg Smeaton, Treasurer: Mike Cunneen, Newsletter Editor: Alex Morgan, Records Officer: David Wright, Welfare Officer: Ken Dighton

Committee Members: Noel Fox, Denis Lickley, Ann Morgan (as Minister for Good Times), Noel Bottrell, with Terry Auld welcomed as a new face on the Committee. Mike Cunneen also continues on the Committee in his role as the Immediate Past President.

Auditor. Ken Byatt has agreed to fill this role again this year.

Patron: The Hon. Warwick Smith has accepted his appointment as Patron.

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR AGM

I said on taking up this job last year, that the ANZROC purpose was to promote fellowship between members during the good times and to look out for members during the not-so-good times. I believe the Committee has met those ideals during the last 12 months. This has been achieved through the time and energy put in by 2 committeemen.....Alex Morgan on the Good Times and Ken Dighton as Welfare officer.

During the last year we have successfully run sporting events at Port Kembla (Golf) and Umina (Bowls), and social events at The Rocks and Ultimo TAFE. The annual Patrons Lunch at the ANZ NSW Office was another successful day. In November, we sponsored a reunion of staff from S(M&G) with a record monthly attendance of 88. It is to be hoped that similar reunions of ex-staff from other PBOs might take place in the future

Attendance figures at ANZROC monthly lunches continue to rise with the 2014 monthly average of 56, an increase of about 10% on the previous year.

Events were also held during the year at Ballina, Port Macquarie, Newcastle, Canberra and Wagga Wagga, with some Committee members attending most of these events.

The Club remains in a good financial position and much of this state of affairs is due to the great support that we receive from the Bank. We are especially indebted to our Patron, Hon Warwick Smith for this support and to Mark Monaghan who has stepped in a number of times during Mr Smith's absences.

I consider that the Club has had a very successful year. This reflects very creditably on the Committee. While not wanting to single anyone out, I must give special thanks to Alex Morgan, Ken Dighton and Reg Smeaton for the work they have put in over the last year. However, I should also place on record my thanks to all of the Committee for their support, and the time they have put into running the Club.

This year we hope to keep the momentum going, particularly in regard to increasing the membership base and increasing the monthly Lunch attendances.

NEW MEMBERS:

A warm and sincere welcome to ANZROC NSW for: Frank Slade of Ryde NSW and Paul Mawruk of Bullaburra NSW.

Since our last AGM we have welcomed 32 new members to the club: Keith Anderson, Gillian Armstrong, Marilynne Attewell, Phil Bible, Wendy Bradshaw, Lyn Conomos, John Crook, Robyn Day, Reg Elliott, Jan Hawkins, Tony Haynes, Graeme Hewett, Michael House, John Ireland, Bob Johnston, Robyn Jurd, Hilla Kerkeria, Ella King, Anthony Lewis, Robyn MacDonald, Paul Mawruk, Robyn McGrath, Bernie Mickle, Frank Mills, Shelby Mills, John Morschel, Bill Patrick, Jim Rogerson, Stephen Sargent, Sharyn Sargeant, Frank Slade, and Geoff Wright.

Our membership numbers stand at 728 made up of 3 Life Members, 118 Honorary Members, 104 Widows/Widowers also with honorary membership, and 503 financial Members. We have seen a net increase of 3 over the last year, as 11 members have been removed from the roll as either unfinancial or Membership Status change. Some widows make a request to be removed from our records as they no longer have a personal interest in ANZROC since losing their partner.

VOTE OF THANKS

President Phil closed the AGM, making mention of the Club's function to enjoy each others company while we can and look out for those members that may need our support. Phil Newsome made special mention of our retiring Editor Noel Bottrell for his 13 years in the role and the good work he achieved in that time. Phil also recognized the contribution of the remainder of the Committee, with Alex Morgan singled out (reluctantly) for his role as Minister for Good Times.

INTEREST RATES

From 1/2/2015

Less than \$20,000 1.69% 1.68%

Greater than \$20,000 2.16% 2.15%

WELFARE

Ken Dighton – Welfare Officer reports.....

Sick List:

- John K Nicholson – John is having a few problems and he is undergoing regular treatment in Newcastle.

- **Jack Thoroughgood** – it gives me great pleasure to let members know that Jack's health is on the improve. His daughter Jill (ex- ANZ Hurstville, S(P&H) and Rockdale) reports that following some illness and a stint in hospital her father has moved into a Care facility. Jill says Jack is "as sharp as ever" and settling into his new abode quite well. Members will recall that I spoke to Jack for his 103rd birthday last November. Keep up the good work Jack!
- **Allan Gibson** - due to current recovery from a post cardiac procedure, his mobility is restricted and it is unlikely that he will be in a position to venture out much. Therefore he extended an apology for the AGM.
- **Geoff Hannan** – he reports by email: "Margaret and I moved into the United Care Retirement village Feb 2014. My health is not good Have macular-degeneration, part blind left eye, Vision Australia is helping. Can't drive but luckily Margaret can and we can get around locally to our children at Wyee, Kariong and Campbelltown. Don't play any sport these days, my only exercise is walking my dog 600 metres daily".
- **Barry Smith** – recovering from his fall, and at the moment hopefully enjoying a cruise with Wil. (complete with neck brace).
- **Paul Jacka** – late last year Paul was being treated for vertigo, dizzy spells etc. The end result was a pacemaker being fitted, which has improved his situation no end.
- **Denis Lickley** – the leg which has been giving him such trouble for quite a while now is improving. However, he appears to have done quite a few rounds with Floyd Mayweather in recent times. If that had been the case he may have received a decent pay cheque, but alas, he tripped on a vegetable/fruit pallet in Woolworths and sustained some serious damage to his nose and face. Let's hope 2015 sees an improvement in his luck, and general wellbeing. Hang in there old son!

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

- **Lyle Bessell-Browne (91"not out")** – he said he is going quite well (and so is wife Elizabeth). Still enjoying life at the War Vets. Village at Narrabeen. Celebrated his birthday with a family get-together. Lyle said he has very fond memories of the old institution (he joined the service in 1939), and he sent best wishes to all his former colleagues.
- **Kevin Bugg (81)** – he is well and active. Still working about 3 days a week.
- **Les Howell (85)** – he is quite well, and sounded sprightly (he enjoys his daily drink with a mate). Les said his wife is not well.
- **Ken Keen (88)** – I had to leave a phone message for Ken. We saw him at our Christmas function and he seemed to be in fine fettle.
- **Wal Pendleton (90)** – Fit and well. He said he had a terrific birthday celebration with family and friends, some coming from overseas and interstate.
- **Peter McCabe (80)** – he has had a mysterious pain in his leg. It was good to see him at our February lunch meeting.
- **Earl Cochrane (80)** – basically in pretty good shape, apart from a serious bout of gout for the past few weeks. Hoping to get back to bowls soon. I informed Earl that

Rundles Menswear (of Newcastle) was having a sale (those members who worked with Earl at Newcastle and Wollongong would get the significance of this, and remember that his colour-blindness sometimes made for interesting combinations in his attire!).

- Judith Willis (80) – Judith said she is well and feels great (no doubt the Tasmanian lifestyle!). She had a hip replacement last year which was a complete success. Recently hosted visitors from the mainland in the form of John Cairns and his wife. Judith said she will try to come along to our March lunch during her forthcoming visit to Sydney (I suggested she might try to get young John Cairns to come along too!).

Unfortunately I wasn't able to make contact with Max Campbell (91), and Os Gallagher (88). Speaking of "elderly and stately" ex-ANZ folk, we were pleased to hear from Ann Morgan that Betty Gemmell is travelling well with her recently renewed unconditional NSW Driver Licence. Well done Betty.

(As our Welfare Officer Ken really appreciates feedback from members re welfare matters so if you have any information please contact Ken at his contact details at the Masthead of the Newsletter..Ed)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

In response to the photo of ES&A Managers Course in the January Newsletter Gary Mason advises....

"The photo appears to have been taken at Trinity College, Melbourne University, around the mid-1960s when these chaps would have been middle management:

- The tallest chap in the back row is Bill Boucher (dec'd)
- Right hand of the back row is Lindsay (Craddock?)
- Jim Ruffle is second from the left in the middle row (dec'd)
- Bill Bracher is 3rd from the right in the middle row
- Ray Whitehead is on the right hand end of the bottom row (still with us I believe) I recognise other faces however cannot recall their names.

Could I suggest that you get ANZROC Vic to also publish the photo. I am sure that more names could be added. (Thanks Gary & we have done that...Ed)

Ken continues to do a great job with those who are unwell and the "hons"! Cheers to all."

Thanks you to the members who responded to our enquiry and adjusted our records for Helen Bennett.

We are experiencing problems communicating with Peter Vale & Des Nation, can anyone help with up to date details for Peter & Des?

MARCH LUNCH

Our March Lunch will be at our usual convenient venue, CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 16th March. 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.

During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognise Jews as God's Chosen People.
2. Jews do not recognise Jesus as the Messiah
3. Protestants do not recognise the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.
4. Baptists do not recognise each other at the bottle shop.

OTHER INTERESTING STUFF

Eulogy extracts for Eric James Harvey by his eldest son of 4 children Ian Eric Harvey from Eric's funeral service on 6th Feb 2015,

"Dad was affectionately known by numerous nicknames being Ecce, Curly, Humph & Sep He married Kathleen Mary Burcher at the Anglican Church, Albury on 3rd May 1947 and for the remainder of their (now) 67 years together he still referred to her affectionately as "KM". After being de-mobbed from the Navy after WW2, Dad & Mum moved from Cardiff to Normanhurst and on to Oakville, then in 1992, they retired to 38 Hughes Ave, Richmond for 22 years until they gained a place each at Blue Wave Living at Woy Woy in June last year. Eric's life was strongly influenced by his time in the Navy, his service in ANZ Bank, and his love of cricket.

(Navy) Dad was modest about his role in what he referred to as "*irritating the Japanese*" on HMAS Norman in the 2nd World War based in Ceylon. It became apparent to many of us that his time in the Navy instilled in him the importance and meaning of "*running a tight ship*" and we got to know some expressions such as "*Damn the torpedos, full steam ahead*" and "*clear the lower decks*". Most importantly, he experienced the chain of command and due process and its importance in developing effective teamwork. Teamwork was very important to Dad in achieving good outcomes.

(ANZ) Dad joined the Union Bank in Sydney in 1941 and retired 54 years later.

In 1963, he became the youngest ANZ branch Manager (at Merrylands) in NSW at age 37. During his career he also served at West Ryde, Haymarket, Royal Exchange, Area Manager Hunter and then Burwood followed by 2 brief stints in merchant banking.

While in ANZ Dad also pursued part time studies to qualify as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Bankers and the Chartered Institute of Company Secretaries in Australia as well as being admitted as a Member of the National Institute of Accountants.

During his time in the ANZ, he was encouraged by a family friend Justice Arthur Rath of the NSW Supreme Court to study and sit for the Barrister's Admission Board exams, which he duly passed. However, even combined with a glowing reference from Arthur, he was denied entry on the technicality of not having passed the Leaving Certificate! He quickly put the disappointment behind him and got on with his banking career.

Dad formed some very close friendships through the ANZ. However, Dad also had to deal with difficult clients. Dad amused his staff by being able to spot a spiv as soon as one came into his office and opened their mouth! I then came to appreciate the expression "*as flash as a rat with a gold tooth*"!

*(Sport) Dad's love of playing cricket was most apparent in that he achieved successes as an opening bowler and middle-order batsman. Dad played for Bexley as a boy then for the Navy against the "Kippers" (the Poms) and with Normanhurst A-Grade He gave a good account of himself on the tennis court and in the surf. Being in the ocean swimming and snorkelling was his great pleasure.

Dad's long-planned 4WD trip through Central and Western Australia with Snow (his brother) in June 1999 came to grief on the Tanami Track. As the car was rolling Dad told me he saw his life flash before him with his mother saying "Ec, are you getting Snow into trouble again?" They were taken to Derby Hospital where a nurse observed on their admission

forms their religious differences noting Uncle Snow being a Presbyterian minister and Dad an atheist. She asked "how do you both get on?" to which dad replied "very well". Surely a shining beacon to tolerance and understanding that we can all aspire to?

On our many holidays to mum's parents farm at "Warrangee", Howlong, I was fascinated to watch Dad and "Gribby" (his mother-in-law) reading poetry in the living room. Both his in-laws had a big influence on Dad, "Gribby" through encouraging his interests in poetry & literature, Pop Burcher through his business acumen and as a well respected grazier."

Some interesting correspondence between Secretary Reg. & Liz Foster re Dudley Hannaford....."Reg, I went to Mr Hannaford's funeral and may I say how proud I was to be able to say I was his Secretary for many years.... That man was a gentleman and a scholar. Did any one in the Bank know that in WW2 he was a POW and a member of a Lancaster bomber crew... 150 plus at his funeral he truly was a wonderful man inside and out, young and old, I will love him forever. Thanks for letting me know that Dudley had passed on. His family had been trying to locate me for three days before the funeralso your little emails do make family members happy that anyone who is still in contact with ANZ will hear the bad news about people who pass on, thanks again, Liz "

"Thanks for that Liz, I did know about his war experiences and have put a brief note in the Newsletter covering that and his missionary work in PNG. He was such a self effacing man, so outwardly mild and gentle, his life was very full and very interesting. I struck him at Blacktown when on relief staff and also in Newcastle.ö

You would be very welcome at the Monthly Lunches, we had 4 ladies there today, the numbers are growing generally, so always a good day. Reg"

"One of these days I will attend and surprise you.....it was Blacktown when I first met you ..By the way maybe you could let members know in the Newsletter about Mr Hannaford's book on his war years. It costs \$10 (a readers digest size book) all funds raised will be donated to Gideons Australia. If anyone would like a book I could organise them for you. Good luck talk soon. Regards Liz."

RECOLLECTIONS OF FUN TIMES IN THE BANK

Gary Mason is collecting humorous stories of happenings over the years and will have a book published if sufficient entries can be obtained.

If anyone has a story or two they are prepared to share openly (with names included if no privacy concerns exist) would they please contact Gary direct on:

gma80383@bigpond.net.au or (03) 9571 9575

Descriptive stories would enable other staff to appreciate the event.

If publication eventuates, the booklet will be made available at a nominal price.

A SHOT OF WHISKEY

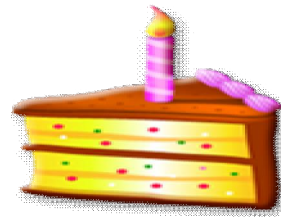
In the old USA west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a shot glass of whisky. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whisky.

BUYING THE FARM

This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

PASSING THE BUCK/THE BUCK STOPS HERE

Most men in the early US west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted then "the buck stopped there."



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mike	ADAMSON	18th	Wayne	KIEHNE	1st
Mark	ATTARD	17th	David	LENNON	6th
Brian	BEYNON	19th	Maggie	LEOW	11th
David	BRASSINGTON	3rd	John	MAIR	1st
Ann	BURNES	8th	Robyn	McGRATH	31st
Mike	CAPPER	29th	Ron	MILLER	20th
Paul	CONAGHAN	22nd	Sue	MILLER	24th
John	CROOK	30th	Mark	MURRAY	17th
Ken	D'ABRERA	10th	John	ODEWAHN	30th
Steve	DAVIDSON	25th	Alan	ROWLEY	5th
Bob	DWYER	30th	Reg	SMEATON	8th
Marj	FARRELL	18th	Lyn	SMITH	10th
Liz	FOSTER	13th	Garrie	TAYLOR	8th
Ray	GREEN	19th	Vern	WARNER	20th
Harry	HAMMOND	4th	Chris	WHEELER	1st
Andrew	HARDWICK	22nd	Charles	WHITE	15th
Chris	HARDY	27th	Peter	WHITTY	24th
John	IRELAND	20th	Peter	WILLIS	18th
Ian	JARRATT	10th	Maureen	ZARUBIN	6th

THE "HONS"

Margaret	BLACKWOOD	31st
Jan	DOUGLASS	14th
Doug	DOWLING	5th
Ken	HILL	22nd
Geoff	NELSON	17th
Lance	PHILLIS	3rd
Ron	RAWSON	16th

Congratulations to Jan Douglass, Lance Phillis & Ron Rawson, who join our esteemed 'HONS' this month

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes were extended by VP Graeme Bool to: Terry Auld, Graeme Bool (who neglected to mention himself in the Birthday Listings), Lynne Conomos, Colin Clarke, Bob Janson, Clieve Lennon, Rino Mariani, Peter McCabe, John Mitchell, and John Tier. Graeme also asked that members be on the alert for ailments or issues of their fellow members as a large part of our role is to offer them fellowship in time of need. Please contact Phil Newsome, Ken Dighton or Reg Smeaton with any pertinent information should it arise, and it will find its way to the appropriate person for attention.

RETIRED OFFICERS OF ANZ GOLF DAY



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

Fred Bannister Memorial Golf Day
Including Dick Kostrubiec Memorial Shield

To be held on the Monday 2nd MARCH, 2015

Location: Port Kembla Golf Course Entry Fee \$40 Lunch only, \$20 Competition: 4 man Ambrose
Hit off: 8.00am shotgun. Registration and coffee 7.15am

ENTRIES CAN BE FROM INDIVIDUALS, OR FROM TEAMS.

Those wishing to take part in this event should make urgent contact with

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Our new Minister for Good Times Ann Morgan and her assistant Noel Fox advise details of a social outing on the Hawkesbury.....

“Help the Postman deliver the Mail on the Hawkesbury. A popular Riverboat Postman cruise is planned for Monday 13th April. Great couple of hours out on the River, 10am to 1.30pm, all you need to do is catch a Train to Brooklyn and walk to the Riverboat wharf nearby.”

Watch the Blog site and your Newsletter for more details, or contact Noel Fox 02 99825459 nantfox@bigpond.com or Ann Morgan 02 9970 8668 aamorgan@bigpond.com.au if you would like to join us.”

<http://riverboatpostman.vpweb.com.au/Sunday-on-the-Hawkesbury.html>

Dates of interest to be noted:

Our Wagga Wagga chapter is having a luncheon on 13th June 2015 at the Wagga Wagga RSL Club at 12:00 mid day. Kevin Cameron says that any member that would like to journey down would be very welcome. It is a good day, President Phil and Secretary Reg made the journey last year and enjoyed it thoroughly.

Our Newcastle chapter is planning a lunch at the Cardiff RSL on the 14th May 2015. Date and venue will be confirmed at the next opportunity as it is tentative at present; Jim Richardson suggests you mark the day in your diary.

BEREAVEMENTS

Eric James Harvey passed away on January 29, 2015, aged 88 years. He was loved and the loving husband of 67 years to Kathleen. Eric was a proud and loving father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. He was a friend of many through the 'N' Class destroyers and the ANZ Bank Retired Officers Club.

We also lost Dudley Hannaford on 7th February 2015 Dudley is survived by his wife Ruth, father of Janet and Paul, and beloved pop of Luke and Sam, also a second father to Toni and Ian. A celebration of his life was conducted at St James Church Menangle Rd Menangle, at 10:30 am Friday 13th Feb. Dudley was well known in the Bank and spent a major part of his later career as Manager Blacktown. He also served as Manager West Tamworth for a time. He was a great bloke and a gentleman in the traditional banking mode of his generation.

Including Eric Harvey and Dudley Hannaford above we have lost the following Members/Partners since our last AGM, John Bermingham, Bob Baker, Gloria Bowmer, Kevin Coulter, Daryl Elliott, Paul Fleming, Paul Gannon, Ron Hayden, Larry Jacka, Betty Leaver, Brian Maddison, Reg Nicholson, Howard Nish, Mavis Nunn, Grace Phillips, John B Smith and Graham (Doc) Wilson.

A period of silence was observed in their memory

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Gary Mason.....No dictionary has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between "complete" and "finished." However, during a recent linguistic conference, held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist, was the presenter when he was asked to make that very distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was this: "Some say there is no difference between 'complete' and 'finished.' Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand."

Mr. Balgobin's response: "When you marry the right woman, you are 'complete.' If you marry the wrong woman, you are 'finished.' And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are 'completely finished.'"

His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

Ken Byatt emails..."Regrettably I will not be at the AGM (which incidentally is my 70th birthday), as my beloved and I fly off tomorrow afternoon to the US of A to see our daughter (and son--in-law) and the long-awaited grandchildren (twin girls, but not identical). Will be going on a brewery tour during my visit, so will be a chance to celebrate with that weak "yankee" grog. Sad to hear of Eric Harvey's passing, he and I had "done time" at Haymarket (Scottie) branch, and we often used to chew the fat over our days there. Eric's time there as Manager was well after I had been there, I was there from mid 1962 to mid 1966. It was my second branch, the first being at Concord under the tutelage of Maynard Lloyd Sexton.

Cheers to you all.

Of Eric Harvey.....

From John Nicholson....."I first met Eric when I was transferred from Sydney to Hunter and Bolton Streets, Newcastle branch in 1954. Eric was Manager's/Security Clerk and I was to be Bill Clerk. We didn't see eye to eye at first, but I soon realised Eric was an extremely knowledgeable person, who was very willing to pass on that knowledge. I learned a lot from him. We did not live far from one another and became the best of friends. Our paths crossed many times over the years even though our careers went in different directions. I had a lot of respect for Eric and Kath, to whom I extend my and Margaret's sincere sympathy in her loss."

Of Dudley Hannaford.....

Lyn Smith writes on behalf of herself, Liz, Marina Trish, Maria,, Vicki, & Cath. (We are all still great friends today, thanks to working at ANZ Blacktown in Campbell Street.).....

"Mr Hannaford was our Manager at Blacktown Branch. He was a gentleman and highly respected by all our customers and Staff.

Blacktown Branch was the best Branch when Mr Hannaford was our Manager. Mr and Mrs Hannaford came to my wedding 34 years ago and I still use the beautiful blankets that they kindly gave us as a Wedding gift. He will be sadly missed. God Bless and may he rest in Peace. Pass on our Love to the Family."

Peter Murray writes....."Dudley was indeed a great bloke and a thorough gentleman. I first met him in 1950/51 when we both worked at Union Bank Mosman. Afterwards our paths crossed over the years at Management Conferences, meetings etc.

He joined the RAAF in January 1943, aged 19. After training, he was posted to the U.K. where he joined 463 Squadron RAAF, attaining the rank of Warrant Officer. His Lancaster was shot down over Germany in January 1945, he and his pilot were the only survivors of the crew. After bailing out, they escaped capture for 14 days, before finally giving

themselves up, unable to cope with the bitter winter, and starving. They remained POWs for the remainder of the war. A couple of years ago, he was chosen as one of a few Australians invited to London for a Bomber Command commemoration, and to meet the Queen. Where would we be without the likes of Dudley?"

"I was Acct /teller Gunnedah when Dudley was Manager West Tamworth before he resigned to go to PNG as a Missionary with his church, Dudley later returned to the Bank."(....Ed.)

Of Len McNair Albert Orszaczky writes: "Len was a former colleague (and friend) here in Canberra and moved back to Sydney in the mid-1980s. He was also well known to VP Graeme (Bool), they had played seniors soccer together in the Sutherland Shire."

Lexophilia is a word used to describe a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless."

- .. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- .. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- .. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- .. The batteries were given out free of charge
- .. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- .. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- .. Police were summoned to a Daycare centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- .. Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- .. A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- .. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds

Well folks as you have seen from the AGM details I have decided that I have run my course as your Editor, something I have enjoyed doing for the last 13 years but now feel it is time to hand over the Newsletter reins to new thoughts & new ideas.

I am sure that our new Editor Alex Morgan will do an admirable job to take our Newsletter into the future. I thank my fellow Committee & ANZROC members for their support in so many ways

I will enjoy continuing my involvement with our wonderful social & support group through my membership of the Committee for the year ahead & look forward to catching up with many of you as we move through the year.

Cheers
Noel

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