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## Welcome to our July 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Today's gathering attracted 60 members and President Graeme Bool welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while, Pam Griffiths our recently new member from the Central Coast, John Cairns, Kevin Caisley, and Noel Fox.

Graeme's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast to the Queen.

**APOLOGIES WERE OFFERED BY:** Noel Bottrell, Noel Bowmer, Peter Bradford, Jim Corrigan, Elaine Davis, Paul Jacka, Alf McDermott, Alex and Ann Morgan, Bill Patrick and Violet Peloe

**NEW MEMBERS:** A very warm welcome to Jeff Mason of Blaxland NSW

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Mike also mentioned meeting up with **David Richardson** by chance yesterday and David passed on his very kind regards to the many ANZ staff he knew when he worked for Solicitors Norton Smith & Co.....who were tenants at the ANZ building 20 Martin Place for many years. David had a working relationship with many of the Managers and Credit Dept. people over the years on debt recovery actions etc.

### WELFARE REPORT:

**Ken Dighton – Welfare Officer**

**Report 18/7/16**

#### **Sick List:**

- Peter Dawson – Peter is continuing with his trial treatment for melanoma with the tumour having been stabilised for some considerable time now. While this is quite re-assuring and Peter is happy with the situation, he recently had a stroke just to cap things off. Fortunately the after-effects have been limited to a loss of peripheral vision on his left side. Best wishes Peter.
- Pam Dewhurst – Albert Orszaczky visited Pam in recent days at her nursing home in Curtin (thanks Albert). Those who know Pam would know that she has endured respiratory issues for some considerable time. She is battling those problems in a severe form at the moment. Best wishes Pam.

- John Nicholson – I caught-up with John at Margo Blackwood’s funeral. He was getting into a groove with his chemo. treatment which appeared to be doing its job. However, a recent bout of nausea saw him admitted to a couple of hospitals, and then being operated on to have a pacemaker inserted. Life certainly hasn’t been dull for John, and he and Margaret have spent a lot of time on the road to medical appointments. The positive news is that he is making some really good progress.
- Roy Crawford – Roy had to spend a few days in hospital recently due to a “system failure” which impacted adversely on his sole kidney. He is now on the road to recovery, and hopes to join us (from Hobart) for our August lunch meeting.
- Phil Myers – Phil said he had “a bit of a turn” recently, but he is OK now.

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 good wishes:

- Trevor Adams (84) – No health issues, playing a regular game of tennis and generally keeping fit. Celebrating his birthday with a family lunch at The Spit. Trevor said he went to Kevin Caisley’s 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (a few years back!), and Kevin went to his (Trevor’s).
- Kevin Caisley (84) – Kevin said he keeps fit “chasing cows and calves” (and as most country members would know it is also a profitable pursuit at the moment). He hopes to joins us for our July meeting (he did, and he was in fine form).
- Ian Auld (84) – Ian is going well, having just returned from a thoroughly enjoyable trip from Broome to Perth then back to Sydney. He is still managing a game of golf at least once a week. Sends his best wishes to all.
- Ray Ball (88) – Ray is “feeling OK”, and still managing to fit-in a regular game of golf. He was expecting to celebrate with his family.
- Bruce Dickinson (82) – Bruce said that apart from a few hiccups they are travelling pretty well. And despite living on the Sunshine Coast he still barracks for The NSW Blues (does he tell his neighbours though?). Bruce manages to fit-in a couple of games of golf a week using a cart which he parks in his garage (he says it’s a tough life!).
- Roger Hickman (86) – Roger said he had to forgo his regular game of golf (last week) with his mate Ian Auld because he was feeling poorly. A few antibiotics had him feeling much better.
- Jim Nicholson (95) – one of our ROC stalwarts. He expects to be at our July lunch meeting (he was), and he will be celebrating his birthday with his family at St George Motor Boat Club (good on you Jim).
- John Reading (85) – Jack said his “health is standing up well”. His doctor believes it must be the occasional red wine Jack takes for medicinal purposes. He will have a celebration with family from Terrigal and Queensland.
- Reg Tuxford (90) – Reg said he is “still upright, with no complaints”. He continues to enjoy a short game of golf each week and a regular game of lawn bowls. Best wishes Reg for this milestone.
- Rodney Kay (81) – still dealing with his chronic back problem, which takes him to a physiotherapist each Monday (and this of course keeps him away from our meetings which he supported regularly). Sends his regards to members, and said he would try to get to a lunch meeting before year-end.
- Dan Moriarty (81) – he is going well and expected to celebrate his birthday at a family dinner. He managed four sets of tennis last Saturday – a good effort Dan.
- Harry Leney (80) – Harry said he is going “pretty slowly”, but he’s contented with life. He “downsized” 14 years ago, but only had to move a couple of hundred metres down the road. So he knows his surroundings quite well!
- Val McVinish (80), and Neil Murray (81) – I had to leave both these members phone messages. We hope you are both well Val and Neil, and that your birthday celebrations were kept moderate!

## Some Old Wives Tales from Barry Smith

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her. - David Bissonette

I've had bad luck with both my wives. The first one left me, and the second one didn't.' - James Holt McGavra

I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me. - Sigmund Freud

You know what I did before I married? Anything I wanted to. - Anonymous

## BEREAVEMENTS:

Extract from the SMH “**DIMMOCK, Maitland Thomas**. 15 June, 2016, Late of Wahroonga and formerly of Maitland N.S.W. Beloved husband of Margaret (dec), loving father of Deborah and David, loved father in law to Sue. Loved brother to Tony, brother in law to Mary, Winifred (dec) and John (dec). Aged 88 years” Maitland was a former serving officer and the father of our member Deborah Dimmock,

**Ken Johnston** aged 78 of Randwick passed away on 25 June 2016 as a result of a cerebral haemorrhage and his funeral was held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Randwick on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Ken is survived by his wife Dorothy (also a retired officer from the ANZ Bank) his children Stephen, Greg and Jennifer to his first wife Pam. His passing has elicited an enormous response from those who knew him, speaking volumes for the high regard in which he was held by his former colleagues. (See below)

**Brian Thomas ARMITAGE** died as a result of a tragic accident. Late of Bathurst, formerly of Wauchope. Loving son of Jim (Dec) & Margaret. Beloved partner of Derek Ferrier. Father of Dillon & Tyson. Brother and Brother-in-law of Robin & Peter, Bill & Helen, & Douglas (Dec). 58 Years. Brian's funeral service was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Wauchope on Friday 22nd July 2016. Brian spent a good deal of his career in Corporate and in the mid North Coast area and was well known to many of the membership.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Dorothy Johnston writes re Ken Johnston:

“Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to ANZOC members for their attendance at Ken’s funeral & messages conveyed to me through emails. I will convey messages more formally in due course.  
Many thanks”

## Of Ken Johnston:

Joe Van Dam: What sad news, I had the pleasure of working with Ken and totally agree that he was a lovely bloke and one of nature’s gentlemen.

We had the pleasure of attending his and Dorothy’s wedding while in the bank, please pass on that out thoughts are with her at this time.

Peter Dufty: Very sad at Ken’s passing – you described him perfectly (Ken was a great supporter of our club, a lovely bloke, with a great sense of fun and a wide circle of friends from his days at the Bank and will be sorely missed by all who knew him), a good mate from way back. Unfortunately due to my own disabilities I will not be able to attend his funeral. My condolences go to Dorothy

Col Bartrim: Sad news. Ken was a lovely bloke and will be sorely missed. Please pass on my sincere condolences to Dorothy. I plan to be at the funeral.

Ron Miller: Shocked to hear that Ken has passed away. Both he and Dorothy worked for me in various Lending/Credit roles over the years and I have the greatest regard and admiration for them. I will attend the funeral as will my wife Moyra who knew them both well.

Irene Norris: Thank you for this very sad news. Knew Ken for so long a great person. My sincere sympathy to Dorothy and all the family. May he RIP.

Graeme Bool: Very sad news of Ken's death. I worked with both Ken & Dorothy and Ken was always a highly respected ANZer. He will be sadly missed and on behalf of all Club members we offer our sincere condolences to Dorothy and his family."

Terry Auld: A real shock. I have some very fond memories of our times together, particularly in the North Sydney days. Our lives will all be a little less interesting with Ken's passing.

Ken and Sue Byatt: What a sudden tragedy. The Silver Fox is no longer with us, and will be sadly missed, particularly for his sense of humour. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Dorothy."

David Wright: Bugger!!! He was a really good bloke that I had plenty of laughs with."

Charles Ross: So sorry to hear of the passing of Ken. He was a popular member of the staff at ESANDA during his time as accountant there. Ken will be sadly missed by all.

Noel Bottrell: Indeed a great bloke & sad to hear this sudden happening as it appeared Ken was recovering well.

Paul Jacka: Ken took over from me at 70 William Street. A great guy who loved life and was good to be with. He will be sadly missed.

Doug Richardson: What an absolute shock. Only spoke with him a few months ago. Ken was a great officer and very personable. Dorothy (nee O'Neill) is a good friend of mine over the years having worked closely with her in Lending Department, Martin Place for 3 odd years.

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

**Our Monthly luncheon is happening at the CTA Martin Place on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> August, commencing at 11:45. Great day...come along!! There will be no CTA Monthly Luncheon in September. (See Dates for the Diary below)**

#### **OTHER INTERESTING STUFF:**

**Birthday wishes were extended by Phil Cohen to:** Angelo Briganti, Kevin Caisley, Tony Carter, Alan Edmonds, Wal Hardy and Jim Nicholson OBE.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Marilynne	ATTEWELL	2nd	Vic	EAST	17th	Kevin	NELSON	4th
Michelle	BALL	30th	Roy	EASTON	12th	Graham	PELLEY	31st
Verlie	BEHLEVANAS	1st	Wayne	FABRICATO	24th	Graham	POPE	24th
Albert	BEN MAYOR	24th	Ray	HAWKES	27th	Jamie	ROBERTS	18th
John	BURG	28th	Garry	HEIRON	15th	Stephen	SARGENT	8th
Betty	BURWOOD	16th	David	JONES	5th	Ron	SKEEN	5th
Peter	CHIRAUX	24th	Ron	KENNEDY	9th	Frank	SLADE	22nd
John	COX	10th	Graham	LLOYD	13th	John F	SMITH	16th
Keith	CRAWFORD	25th	Warwick	LYONS	27th	Wayne	SMITH	29th
Roy	CRAWFORD	16th	John	MACKENZIE	29th	Bruce	STEVENS	27th
Robyn	DAY	9th	Gary	MASON	20th	Colin	STONER	27th
Mal	DONALD	18th	Sandra	McCALL	26th	Phil	TIMMS	29th
Geoff	DUCK	16th	Chris	MIRANA	8th	Margaret	WRIGHT	31st

## THE “HONS”

Ron	BOOTH	12th
Alan	BROWN	15th
Gary	BROWN	15th
Allen	BURRIDGE	26th
Bill	CHAPMAN	10th
Bob	CUNNINGHAM	29th
Carl	FLEMING	29th
Keith	JOHNSON	16th
Keith	NUNN	25th
Gary	O'MEARA	24th

There is one new “Hon” to welcome this month, so congratulations to Gary O'MEARA

### SOCIAL NOTES:

The recent Wagga Wagga luncheon arranged by Kevin Cameron had 22 people attend and was a very enjoyable day as advised by President Graeme Bool who made the trip down for the event. Those attending were very appreciative of the efforts and support of the ANZROC (NSW) Committee and expressed their

gratitude. Three of those gathered are pictured below.



**Chris Hardy**

**Kevin Cameron**

**Neil Murray**

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns

BRILLIANT IRISH TEXT MESSAGE - "Mary. I'm just having one more pint with the lads. If I'm not home in 20 minutes, read this message again."

MEMORIES.....



Left to right Wal Pendleton, George Mills, Clive (?) and Lynne Kelly in 1968 from ANZ South Grafton. They were posed as café workers in a "continental Café" for the Jacaranda Festival. George Mills late of Newcastle was mentioned in our bereavement section last month and this prompted Wal Pendleton to provide a memory for ANZROC.

## Dates for the Diary

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

**7<sup>th</sup> 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, and as we are **limited to 80 guests** those wishing to attend will need to register with Reg Smeaton on 02 4228 6951 or [reg.kini@bigpond.com](mailto:reg.kini@bigpond.com) quickly to avoid disappointment. 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 as soon as possible so that he can alert those who will doubtless be on a waiting list.

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Tuesday) Please Note - Now a firm date** for the **Partners' Luncheon** at TAFE at Ultimo – It is always a great day and is to be recommended as the food is good and the company excellent. **Acceptances are required by 15<sup>th</sup> August please to Reg Smeaton.** The hosting member will pay \$20.00 for the luncheon and the partner/guest will be fully subsidised by the Club.

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**30<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Jackie@internode.on.net) or Karen Ford at [karenf@live.com.au](mailto:karenf@live.com.au)

### **12th October 2016**

Bob Primmer is arranging gathering in Coffs Harbour for a luncheon on Wednesday 12th October at a venue to be advised.

RSVP to Bob Primmer on email [bobprimmer@bigpond.com](mailto:bobprimmer@bigpond.com) or phone 02 6652 7130 or 0417 717 885.

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Please Note Change in Date Now Confirmed)** Annual Graham (Doc) Wilson Memorial Bowls Day at Club Umina. 10:00 for 10:30 start, any starters please advise details to Reg Smeaton (see masthead) as Ian and Gwenn Jarratt are the coordinators and will be away prior to the event. There will be a lunch served after the bowls and a cost of \$20.00 is expected but will be confirmed closer to the day.

### **17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Far North Coast Gathering**

The Far North Coast Christmas luncheon 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](mailto:elwar@bigpond.com)

### **17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jimcher@exemail.com.au) or phone 02 4943 8031

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 The Christmas Cocktails** at ANZ Centre 242 Pitt St Sydney. The gathering is limited to 120 guests, so those wishing to attend will need to register with Reg Smeaton on 02 4228 6951 or [reg.kini@bigpond.com](mailto: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.**

**Until next month, your acting Editor Reg Smeaton wishes you all well and will be handing over to Noel Bottrell for the next issue pending the return of our nomadic Editor Alex Morgan.**