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Welcome to our June 2019 NEWSLETTER

Secretary's Report 17 June 2019

Today's gathering attracted 32 members on a very cold, wet, miserable day in Sydney and President Phil Cohen welcomed all. Included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while:- Peter Murray & Barry Hennesy:

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

Apologies:

Reg Smeaton, Phil Newsome, Ken Byatt, Sebastian Zammit, Peter Marotta, Ken Keen, Ken Dighton, Paul Jepson, Keith Morrin, Clive Neutze, Alf McDermott, Peter Maber, Alf Evans.



Bereavements:

Lyle Charles Bessell-Browne - Passed peacefully on May 21, 2019 aged 95 years. Much loved Husband of Elizabeth (Betty), loving father of Libby, Genevieve, Kater & Andrew. Affectionate grandfather of Tess & Lea. A private service was held for Lyle.

Bette Patricia Barton - Passed away suddenly on June 9, 2019. Beloved partner of Bruce, Dearly loved mother of Kate & Gregory. Much loved grandmother of Matthew, Melanie & Kyan. Loved sister & sister in-law of Ken & Molly.

Bette's funeral service was held in the Stan Crapp Funeral Home, Kiama on 18th June.

Phil Clarke

Ken Dighton advised:-

"I received a call from Don Jeffrey who said he was phoning on behalf of Mrs Helen Clarke whose husband Phil Clarke passed away yesterday. Phil was evidently a former ANZ NSW (originally) and Vic. officer, but he doesn't seem to have been one of our members. According to Don Jeffrey, Phil was aged in his late 60's and he had brain cancer, and he believes he lived at Chipping Norton. I said I would mention Phil's passing at Monday's meeting (Sydney Luncheon). Apparently he worked for a while in the DP centre at North Sydney".

Brian John Shephard ("Shep")

Laurie Sainsbury advised:-

"Today they are burying my dear old friend Brian... Attached is a Eulogy that I did for the family. Unfortunately I couldn't attend..He was a good banker, bloke and friend".

Eulogy reads:

"Brian was an Advances / Security clerk in the ANZ bank at Dean and Olive Streets, Albury when I first met him. I had been posted to the same branch as a teller.

Shep was a very likeable fellow; had a great will to work; enjoyed a joke; loved his sport; had a great will to win; and always loved a beer.

In the sports arean we played a great deal of basketball together for the ANZ team. We won the "C" grade title and then we won "B" grade title after a few years. The night we won the "C" grade was against the boys from Tangambalanga (take your time when you say that!). They were a tough lot of farmers and dairy hands. Just before half-time, Shep, who was playing in defence, stood his ground as I was running beside trying to guard the player with the ball. Well...that player didn't bother to try and go around Shep..he just barrelled him! At half time, Shep complained that his arm was sore..."don't worry about that – we have a game to win, he says." Well, Shep came on and lasted the last few minutes when he really complained. We won the game easily in the end. At the pub after the game whilst having a few celebratory drinks, Shep showed the barman his arm. He was experienced enough to say..."your arm is broken".

Shep never really forgave the team for that although he did milk it whenever he told the story of how he won the game with a broken arm.

Water skiing at the Hume Weir in those days was a treat as Jack McDonald had built a boat capable of pulling skiers. The safety vests were purchased and worn. Jack delighted in getting skiers out of the loop when he turned sharply. You know the result...Shep and I used to hit the water so hard we straightened out the steel rings that the harness straps used to go through, such was the impact.

He loved his golf. He and Jan had many great times on the course and he loved the nineteenth hole.

Shep has a good career in the ANZ Bank; was always caring for customers. What they wanted Shep tried to provide it for them...be it overdrafts, investments or just plain financial advice. His customers respected his judgement and efforts in helping them reach their goal.

He was a great family man. His girls, Kim and Sharon, were a shade older than our girls but Brett and Jason were around our daughter Fiona and my son Tim's age. Jan and Diane became great friends. Brian and Jan were Godparents to three of the family.

If Shep had a shortcoming it was...(wait for it).. he followed the chooks (eastern suburbs RLFC). The latte sipping lot from the eastern suburbs. Did you know, that from the moon there are two things on earth that are visible. One is the Great Wall Of China and the other is the Roosters salary cap!

Rest in peace, Shep. The earth is a poorer place with your passing. We will miss you even though we are some distance away. There was always some little thing popping up that reminded us of you."

Brian's funeral service was held at Fredericktown on the 6th June, 2019. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brian's family – especially to Brett, Kim, Sharon and Jason.

A period of silence was observed in their memory.





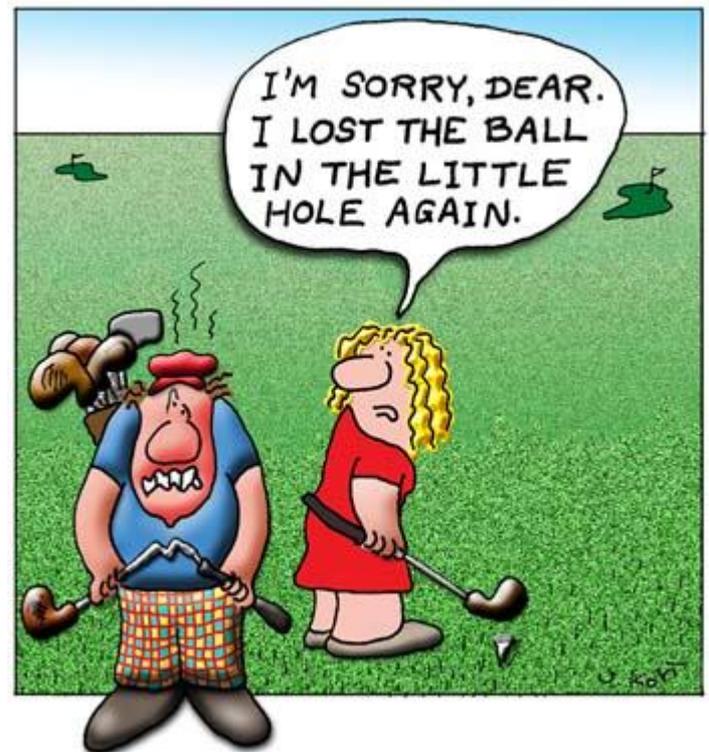
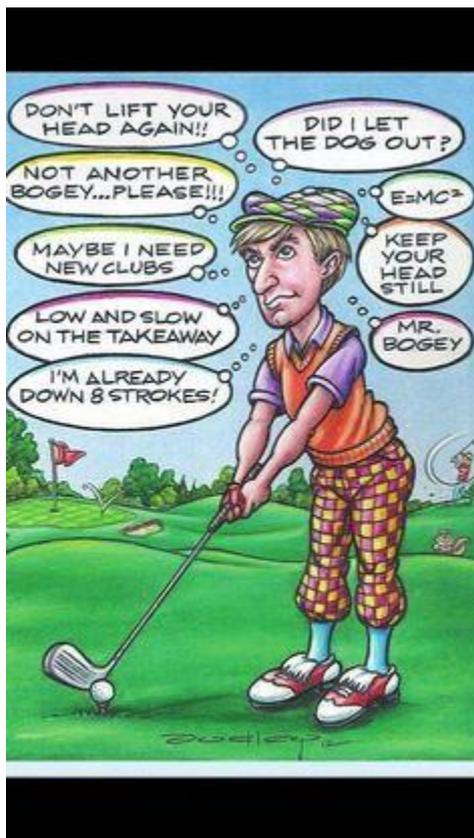
New Member: A very warm welcome to Reg Broderick who recently retired after 40 years' service with ANZ. Welcome aboard, Reg.





More Golf Tips:

- *Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.*
- *A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.*
- *Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.*





Treasurers Report: Mike Cunneen reported a sound financial position.

President's Update.

President Philip writes:

1. Many of our members will know Club Member, Peter John Devoy. Peter has been mentioned in the Queen's Birthday Honour's List as a recipient of the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for "Services to the Community through charitable initiatives".

I spoke with Peter to confirm and he later sent me details of what he does in his community which earned him the honour and recognition of the Medal. Peter writes:



*"I am really humbled to receive this award and I will wear the OAM badge with honour. The honour was bestowed on me for the following:-
I was the cofounder of Pymont Cares. You will see all the information on pymontcares.com.au. Essentially the organisation was established by two people 9 years ago and now we have 85 volunteers who deliver over 800 pieces of good used furniture a year to homeless people, abused people, etc in the City of Sydney.
I worked with asylum seekers with the Jesuit Priests; Volunteered with St Vincent's de Paul; on the committee that established the Men's Shed in Pymont Ultimo; as a tour director promoted Pymont Care concept overseas".*

Our hearty congratulations go out to Peter for this fitting recognition of his selfless contribution to the community.

2. Club Secretary Reg Smeaton. It is with regret that I have to advise that our dedicated Honorary Secretary, Reg Smeaton, has decided to resign from the roll of Club Secretary and also from the Committee. Every club member owes a debt of gratitude to Reg for his dedicated service to the Club as Honorary Secretary for some 12 years and longer on the committee. His dedication has greatly contributed to the ongoing smooth operation of the club for many years as well as keeping members informed of events and happenings at the club. His long serving contribution to the club was recognised recently when he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership.

We reproduce below Reg's letter to members giving formal notice of his decision to step down from his position. Reg writes;

" Dear Members,

It is with regret that I have resigned my role as the Secretary of ANZROC(NSW), it is a role I have thoroughly enjoyed and I have considered it an honour and a pleasure for the twelve years approximately that I have been able to assist the Committee and the members with my efforts. Many are aware that I have been battling with some serious health issues for the last two years thanks as always to the reports on my well being by our tireless Ken Dighton. While my health situation has stabilized, thanks to some very good medical support, I no longer have the energy levels I need to perform at the level of efficiency I have in the past, so it is time to pass the baton to someone else that will no doubt have fresh and new ideas to the Club.

Thank you to all those who have assisted me in my role over the years, for your contribution of news and information that has impacted on the membership in some way or been interesting reading in the Newsletters that have issued, and generally for the support social interaction and friendship that I have so enjoyed over a long period of time. I will deeply miss my direct involvement in the Committee function and the camaraderie I have enjoyed with the Committee members over the years, but have every intention of inflicting my presence on the membership at ANZROC (NSW) functions and events while ever my health allows well into the future.

*The one positive out of all of this is that I will no longer be the messenger bringing the sad news of members passing to you all as I am sure many of you must have shuddered every time an email hit your server from yours truly!
My very fondest regards to all,*

Reg Smeaton"

As a result of Reg's notice and in the interim, our Immediate Past President, Graeme Bool, has kindly agreed to cover the role as Acting Club Secretary.

Graeme's contact details are:-

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6 Jamberoo Place
Bangor NSW 2234.
Ph. H. 02-9543-4337
Mobile 0427-125-327
Email gbool@bigpond.com.

For any club matters contact can made with Graeme on above. Leave message if phones are not answered so Graeme can get back to you.

The club's committee is presently fully reviewing the various tasks that come under the Secretary's position and determine the best way forward.

Members interested in stepping up to the role of Club Secretary please speak with Graeme for details. The position is well supported by each of the other committee members (we promise).

Ken Dighton – Welfare Officer



Welfare Report:

Sick List:

- Bob McEwan – According to Bob's wife Rosemary he is confined to bed in the War Vets. Hospital – he needs oxygen 24/7 at the moment. Bob has battled with pulmonary fibrosis for some years now and it has laid him low in recent times. Best wishes Bob.
- Jim Corrigan – Jim is really struggling with his health at present. I spoke with him briefly and extended good wishes from the third-Monday-lunch group he ably supported for many years. Keep smiling Jim.
- Angelo Briganti – Angelo has had scare during the past few weeks due to damage to a retina. At this juncture the consequent procedure appears to have been a success.
- Geoff Taylor – Geoff has had some painful issues with his lower back, and he is receiving specialist treatment at present.
- Roger Hickman – Roger has spent the past three weeks in SAH. He recently moved from his self-contained unit at ARV into a higher care unit, and he has been doing it tough for some time now. Hopefully, he will be discharged from hospital soon to return home. Good luck Roger. Roger's good mate Ian Auld has a phone number if anyone would like to contact Roger.

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

- Peter Bradford (88) – Peter said he is “feeling good”, and he enjoyed an extended birthday celebration which included a family get-together (16 of them), and a nice lunch with wife Pam. He walks each day to keep the joints supple.
- Bob Garrett (84) – Bob is “pretty well” and he celebrated quietly. He is planning a cruise and a trip to Queensland later in the year.
- John Cairns (83) – John said he has had his ups-and-downs but generally he is OK. He is enjoying the cooler season after a quite hot summer.
- Kevin Watson (90) – Kevin enjoyed his birthday with a family celebration (right down to great-grandchildren). He said that notwithstanding the absence of normal vision he is enjoying life. He paid tribute to his good wife Susan who has kept him “in line” for all these years!
- Jim Pearson (87) – Jim is enjoying life in Queensland. He has a “few problems” but he is dealing with them without drama. He would welcome contact from any folk from down south if they happen to be in his neck of the woods.
- John Freedman (84) – I had to leave John a voicemail message wishing him a happy birthday. He and Wendy are regulars at our social events and no doubt we will catch-up with them in short course. We hope you are well John and celebrate your birthday in good style.
- Denis Lickley (83) – Our old mate’s birthday celebrations were muted unfortunately. He has been in Hunters Hill Private Hospital’s rehab. centre for about 2 weeks trying to improve his level of mobility. He feels he is making progress but it’s not an easy road. He is keen to get back to Marsfield but he is not quite ready yet. We hope the year ahead is a huge improvement on the past year Denis, and all the third-Monday lunch goers send you best wishes.
- Keith Anderson (82) – I received an email from Keith: “We are both well, I am still enjoying a game of golf. Our general health is good, with the usual aches and pains. We are looking forward to another year with family and friends. We really enjoy our luncheons at Newcastle catching up with a lot of “old” workmates. Our sincere thanks to Jim and Cheryl Richardson for their great luncheons”. Thank you Keith, and best wishes for the 19th.
- Col Bartrim (82) – Col said he is “fine”, and he has had no ill-effects from his health issues last year. Unfortunately, he will have to extend his apologies for not attending today’s lunch meeting – he hopes to join us next month.
- Ivan Debalak (81) – This is the essential part of an email received from Ivan: “Thank you for your good wishes. 81 now and thankfully so far no major health problem that I am aware of! My wife Thérèse is also doing ok. As you may know I have gone back to Brisbane upon my retirement from ANZ and after spending another 13 years working for my family business I finally went into permanent retirement. Since then I have been spending most of my spare time trying to perfect my bad shots on the course of Indooroopilly Golf Club! Had been keeping in contact with some former colleagues and always keen to read your informative monthly newsletter for which I wish to thank all those contributing to it. Sad to hear that so many of our good friends have departed this world for hopefully a better one. I suppose all those in my age group, must recognise that unfortunately time may be running out. Thank you once again and please convey my best wishes to all” Thanks Ivan.

- Alf McDermott (86) – I spoke with Alf and he will be spending time with wife Loretta tomorrow and therefore extends his apologies for not being able to get into our lunch meeting. It is now two years since she moved into a high care facility and Alf visits her every day. Alf himself is not travelling very well but he said he needs to keep going. He did, however, spend a very therapeutic few hours recently at the model train exhibition at Rosehill. Also, he said a family member accompanied him on a journey on the new Sydney North West train service on its first day of operation a few Sundays ago.
- John Morschel (John is an Honorary Life Member) – I haven't made contact with John yet – I presume he is still leading a very active corporate life after his stint as Chairman of ANZ. Best wishes John for your birthday and the year ahead.

Last month was **Dan Pawson's** birthday but I wasn't able to make contact with him at that time. He has since brought us up to date in an email as follows: "Thank you for your birthday greetings. I retired some 27 years ago and those years seem to have rushed by. A few years ago we moved into a retirement village in Napier, which is where I was born. We are generally well and have several friends in the village who also worked for ANZ in New Zealand. The village is small, housing about 300 people in independent houses and apartments, serviced apartments, rest home, special care and hospital. It is a friendly place with most people known to each other and many activities available and I must confess I have succumbed to the lure of bowls. We have some contact with the outside world when about 60 cruise ships arrive over the summer from many countries but mainly Australia. When the cruise ship season ends the New Zealanders arrive with motor homes and caravans. We do appreciate your greetings and enjoy the newsletters. We wish you and your members all the best". Thank you Dan.

Finally, I spoke with June Coulter (widow of Kevin and my former boss at Barellan in the late 1960's). She is 93, well and still doing for herself. The main purpose of my call to June was to thank her for the 50th wedding anniversary card she sent to Lindy and me. She and Kevin were among the guests at our wedding, and I think her gesture explains why we enjoy belonging to the "ANZ Club". Thank you again June.





JULY BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|------|
| (Robert) Barry | BOOTH | 28th |
| Colin | BREWER | 3rd |
| Angelo | BRIGANTI | 7th |
| Tony | CARTER | 16th |
| Polly | CHING | 6th |
| Barry | COGLE | 4th |
| Paul | CROWE | 17th |
| Steve | CUNNEEN | 25th |
| Brian | DAVIS | 30th |
| Elizabeth | GAUL | 4th |
| Ray | GREENWAY | 11th |
| Geoff | HAMILTON | 5th |
| Wal (Walter) | HARDY | 12th |
| Barry | HARRIS | 17th |
| Bill | HURWORTH | 1st |
| Paul | JACKA | 7th |

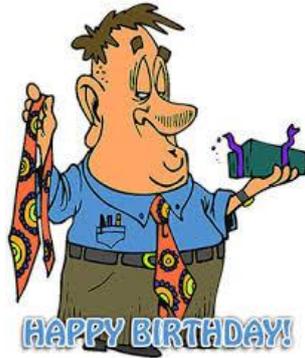
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| Roland | LUKE | 30th |
| Brian | MANUEL | 16th |
| Lindsay | McFADYEN | 10th |
| Shelby | MILLS | 14th |
| Steve | MITCHELL | 24th |
| Colleen | MORAN | 8th |
| John | NALDER | 9th |
| Terry | O'ROURKE | 31st |
| Bob | PARSONS | 8th |
| Graeme | RUDD | 14th |
| John | RYAN | 15th |
| Stuart | SHINER | 27th |
| Carolyn | SKEEN | 9th |
| Pat | WALSH | 12th |
| Max | WATT | 21st |
| Neil | WESTACOTT | 12th |

THE "HONS"

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| Trevor | ADAMS | 19th |
| Ian | AULD | 26th |
| Allan | AYLWARD | 29th |
| Ray | BALL | 14th |
| John | BURKE | 25th |
| Alan | EDMONDS | 27th |
| Roger | HICKMAN | 22nd |
| Aub | HYNDES | 4th |
| Rod | KAY | 22nd |
| Leo | McCULKIN | 12th |

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| Norm | MOON | 15th |
| Dan | MORIARTY | 10th |
| Neil | MURRAY | 4th |
| John | READING | 16th |
| David | SCHULZ | 30th |
| Tony | THOMPSON | 28th |
| Harold | TILLEY | 14th |
| Reg | TUXFORD | 3rd |
| Brian | WHITE | 19th |

We welcome Allan Aylward and Brian White as the latest inductees to the "Hons"



Birthday wishes were extended by Terry Auld to:-

Doug Moss & Anglea Vallender

I REMEMBER BEING
ABLE TO GET UP
WITHOUT MAKING
SOUND EFFECTS. . .
GOOD TIMES.

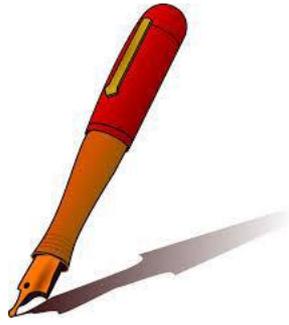
Cop, "Please step out of
the car."
Me, "I'm too drunk, you
get in."

Did You Know?

28 June 1919 – The Treaty of Versailles is signed in France, bringing Australia's involvement in World War I to an end.

*10 September 1919 – J. F. Archibald, founding editor of *The Bulletin* dies, bequeathing money which would be used to award the Archibald Prize for portraiture.*

Balmain win the 1919 NSWRL Premiership.



Correspondence:

Of Bette Barton:

Catherine Pietracci writes;

“What a wonderful lady she was! I hope she passed peacefully and easily. I remember Bete having worked at the NSW Staff Club for some time. I worked with her on our Christmas in July parties- I also recall she actually attended a number of these parties”.

Irene Norris writes:

“So sorry to hear. Great lady worked with her in Esanda during decimal currency and remember her fondly whilst in charge of the Staff Club. May she RIP”.

Charles Ross writes;

“Sad News. Worked with Bette at Esanda for quite a few years. A lovely person and a pleasure to have in the office. Condolences to all Her family and friends”.

Ronald Miller writes:

“I am sorry to hear this. She was a great lady and highly respected by all who knew her”.

Of Peter Jones:

Betty Brown advised the passing of former staff member Peter Jones who was mentioned in our May newsletter as not being too well.

Sadly Peter passed away on 16 June at his home in Hobart Tasmania.

Whilst not a member of ANZROC (NSW) many of our members will have memories of his time in NSW.

The family will be holding a private family service and cremation in the next few days which was Peter’s request.

RIP Peter.

Our Treasurer Mike Cunneen advised that he recently received an email from John Critchley who many of you would remember as a fellow New South Wales Staff member. John resigned in 1998 and then worked for Emirates Bank in Dubai for 7 years and then returned to Tasmania (his home State) to live. He still lives in Tasmania but hopes to move to Queensland in July next year. John reads our Newsletter on our blog site and said it is great to see so many names in the Newsletter of people he remembers from his time in Sydney and asked me to pass on his kind regards to anyone that might still remember him.

An elderly couple was watching television one evening. The wife said, "I am going to get a dish of ice cream now." Kindly, the husband offered to get the ice cream for his wife. "I'll write it down so you don't forget," she said.

"I won't forget," the old gent said. "But, I want chocolate syrup and nuts on it. So, I'll write it down," she replied.

"I will get you the ice cream. Don't you worry," replied the gentleman.

A few minutes later, the old man returned with bacon and eggs. His wife said, "See, I should have written it down because you forgot the toast."



Social Events:



TAFE NSW
The Apprentice Restaurant
Building E – Level 7
731-695 Harris Street, ULTIMO NSW 2007
(see location map attached to this Newsletter)

Function Information:

- Date:** Wednesday 4th September, 2019.
- Function Type:** Lunch (fine dining restaurant).
- Location:** The Apprentice Restaurant, Level 7, Building E, 731-695 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007.
- Cost:** \$34.00 for member – accompanying partner attends free thanks to ANZROC (NSW) subsidy.
- Menu:** A three course meal is currently being established by the restaurant Head Chef and will be advised in due course.
- Beverages:** At individuals' cost. Drink packages are available at the venue. Payment by Visa, Master Card or Eftpos (no cash).
- Dress Code:** Smart Casual.
- Dietary Requirement:** Please make your requirements known at the time of your booking. It will not be possible to communicate your special requirements to the restaurant on the day.
- Booking:** Now open through any of the following options:
1. Call or SMS Angelo Briganti on Mobile 0411 125242
2. Email carpi1@bigpond.net.au
- Payment:** Direct credit to ANZROC (NSW). BSB 012006; Account 8906464. Please ensure you include "TAFE [your surname]" in the reference for reconciliation purposes.
- Parking:** Wilsons Parking 2 Quay Street Haymarket OR 169-179 Thomas Street Haymarket.
- Public Transport:** Central train station then taxis or bus from Railway Square bus terminal. For the fit and (almost) healthy the TAFE campus is a 7 minute walk from Central station. If you need further assistance please let us know and we will provide further guidance.



Dates for the Diary

26th July 2019 Canberra Lunch, Christmas in July, Austrian Club Restaurant, Heard Street, MAWSON ACT (Opposite Southlands Shopping Centre, 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Cost: Variable - subject to choices. Booking or further details to Albert Orszaczky email: orszo@bigpond.com

15th July 2019 Luncheon 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.

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.

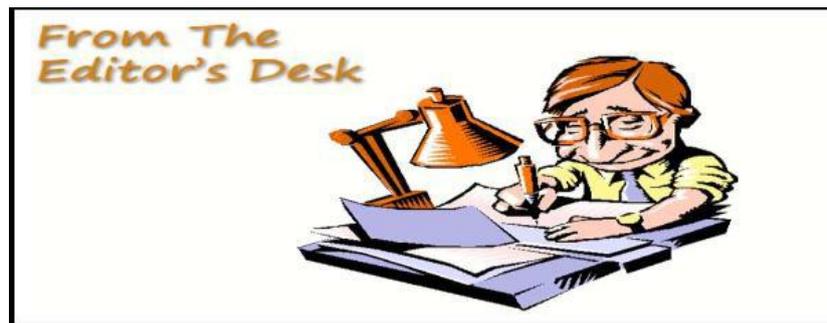
14th November 2019 Luncheon at Cardiff RSL - Inquiries to Jim or Cheryl Richardson on 02 4943 8031 or 0419 602 087 Email: jimcher@exemail.com.au Further details closer to the event re pricing and train timetables etc.

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

24th November 2019 Illawarra Christmas Luncheon – To be held at St Lucia's By The Sea Cliff Rd Wollongong, commencing say 12:00 for 12:30 pm. A three course meal has been arranged at \$55.00 per head (on an alternate drop basis) with drinks on a consumer pays basis. The meal is subsidised by ANZROC (NSW) at approximately \$35.00 per ANZROC (NSW) member as is the case with all satellite Christmas functions to help ease costs. A deposit has already been paid to secure the site, so bookings are essential to Reg Smeaton reg.kini@bigpond.com or 0423 661 789 by 24 October 2019. Sample Menu available on request, but it is really good and comprehensive.

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



This Newsletter brings us the news of the decision taken by Secretary Reg to step down from his position after 12 years of loyal service to our club. To say that words cannot describe the sense of gratitude that we owe Reg will be the understatement of the century.

It is easy and obvious to say that Reg has been tireless and fully invested in improving the value of ANZROC (NSW) membership for each of us. That alone would suffice if not for the fact it also significantly understates the true benefit that we enjoy as a consequence of Reg's stewardship of the honorary secretary position for as long as he did.

It is clear that we will express our thanks to Reg in our own way and in our own time. For now it may suffice to say; Thank you, Reg – esteemed colleague and valued friend to us all.

Sebastian

Until next month – good health and happiness to all.