



ANZ BANKING GROUP RETIRED OFFICERS' CLUB (N.S.W.)

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Welcome to our June 2023 NEWSLETTER

CLUB UPDATE

BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON JUNE 19 THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY. WELCOME BY IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT TERRY AULD.

As President Noel was an apology, Immediate Past President Terry Auld hosted the luncheon.

Terry welcomed a great attendance of 52 members to the June bi-monthly luncheon and thanked members present for their support of the club. Members then stood for the royal toast to the King & people of Australia.

MEMBERS WHOM WE HAVE NOT SEEN FOR A WHILE.

Terry gave a big welcome to Life member Reg Smeaton and his wife Kini, Peter Maber and his wife Jean and Phil Newsome and Helen Mazar. Terry said - "it was great to see you here today".

APOLOGIES were received from.

Clive Neutze, Noel Bottrell, Angelo Briganti, Ian Tredinnick, Gwen Jarrett, Alf Evans and Charles White.

BEREAVEMENTS SINCE LAST LUNCHEON IN APRIL

Sadly, the following Honorary club members and well-known ANZ staff officers have passed away in the last two months.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

- CATH WOODWARD
- ALF McDERMOTT

ANZ RETIRED OFFICER

- DOUG RAMSAY

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THESE RETIRED ANZ OFFICERS WAS OBSERVED.

FORMALITIES FOLLOWING LUNCH.

BIRTHDAYS.

MAY & JUNE

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY IN MAY OR ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL MEMBERS.

MAY & JUNE ATTENDEES who were in attendance at luncheon.

MAY Helen Mazar, Phil Newsome, Betty Brown, Wilhelmina Smith, Peter Douglas
Col Jefferies, Peter Maber, Alan Single, Alastair Steel.

JUNE Doug Moss, Col Bartrim, Angela Vallender.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Brief update on the Club's financial position YTD was tabled by Treasurer Keith, covering Bank balance as at 1/01/23, Income & expenditure and balance at date.

Keith advised members present that the Club's financial position remains sound, and in 2023 we still have to cover two more Bi-Monthly-luncheons and Subsidy payments to Country Centres, for luncheons in the last six months of 2023.

WELFARE.

Terry informed members of the great work by our two Welfare Officers Ron Miller & Phil Cohen, who have maintained contact with Honorary members > 80 and phoned them personally for their birthdays.

They also follow up with members when advised regarding welfare and health issues.

Members were requested to advise of any known health issues with other members to club secretary, who will pass that information onto appropriate welfare officer for contact and follow up.

OTHER FUNCTIONS/TOURS /LUNCH.

We are looking at arranging a tour/lunch outside normal bi-monthly luncheons and will keep members fully informed on this in coming NL's and at future luncheons.

FURTHER BUSINESS.

BOUTIQUE BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEONS.

Acting President Terry then informed members present, that from our next bi-monthly metro luncheon at The Boutique Hotel, will be on Monday 21st August.

As we have previously advised, a nominal charge of \$ 20ph for attending members will apply towards the increased costs of the meal advised by the venue.

A big thanks to the majority of attendees who prepaid online in advance for today's luncheon, it greatly assisted taking pressure off committee at the door for collections of payment \$20.

Members, please continue to do this if possible for future luncheons.

For members who do not have internet banking, yes you can pay at the door on day of the luncheon.

This is a small amount and still represents a substantial contribution by the club for meal costs for our Bi-Monthly luncheons at the venue.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

No general business was raised by members present.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES. 5 BOTTLES WINE.

Acting President Terry then with assistance of life member Reg Smeaton, drew the winners of the five bottles of wine.

Congratulations to the five winners.

A very enjoyable and well supported luncheon.

Close of luncheon at 2.10pm.

Club Photographer Phil took a great range of photos at the luncheon and the full set is up on the web site for viewing by members. A few photos are included below –



REG SMEATON

PETER MABER



**MEMBERS ENJOYING BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON
AT BOUTIQUE HOTEL 19 JUNE 2023**



JAMIE ROBERTS TONY SCHEMBRI PHIL COHEN



BARRY & WIHELMINA SMITH

BOB JANSON



DOUG RICHARDSON WAL HARDY PETER MAROTTA



BETTY & GEOFF BROWN

KEN ABRAHAMS

BEREAVEMENTS.

Widow Kitty Farrow.

We were sadly informed by her daughter Jo Brama, that her mother Kitty Farrow had passed away in June 23. Kitty was the widow of Ross Farrow, deceased ANZ Officer who passed away in June 2009. Jo advised that her father Ross, had a long career of 37 years in ANZ in both the city and country as an auditor and then Manger of branches at Crookwell, Barellan and Wellington and finished his career in the Orange Area branch.

Sincere condolences to all Kitty's family from Club members.

RIP Kitty.



NEW MEMBERS.

No new members in June 2023, please reach out to any of your old contacts who might like to join

BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAK UP THE NEWS.

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
3. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
4. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
5. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
6. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
7. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stair.
8. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
9. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
10. I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
11. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
12. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
13. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."
14. What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up her own incision? Suture self.
15. I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.



July 2023 BIRTHDAYS

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN July 2023.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Colin	BREWER	3rd
Angelo	BRIGANTI	7th
Polly	CHING	6th
Paul	CROWE	17th
Steve	CUNNEEN	25th
Brian	DAVIS	30th
Graham	EWING	19th
Elizabeth	GAUL	4th
Geoff	HAMILTON	5th
Wal (Walter)	HARDY	12th
Barry	HARRIS	17th
Bill	HURWORTH	1st
Keith	LONG	19th
Roland	LUKE	30th

Brian	MANUEL	16th
Shelby	MILLS	14th
Steve	MITCHELL	24th
Colleen	MORAN	8th
John	NALDER	9th
Colin	ROGERS	28th
Graeme	RUDD	14th
John	RYAN	15th
Stuart	SHINER	27th
Carolyn	SKEEN	9th
Pat	WALSH	12th
Max	WATT	21st
Neil	WESTACOTT	12th

THE HONS

Trevor	ADAMS	19th
Ian	AULD	26th
Allan	AYLWARD	29th
(Robert) Barry	BOOTH	28th
John	BURKE	25th
Tony	CARTER	16th
Barry	COGLE	4th
Alan	EDMONDS	27th
Ray	GREENWAY	11th
Paul	JACKA	7th

Rodney	KAY	22nd
Lindsay	McFADYEN	10th
Dan	MORIARTY	10th
Terry	O'ROURKE	31st
Bob	PARSONS	8th
John	READING	16th
David	SCHULZ	30th
Harold	TILLEY	14th
Brian	WHITE	19th

The new inductees to the Hons this month are Barry Cogle, Terry O'Rourke and Bob Parsons. Happy 80th to you all.

WELFARE REPORTS.

PHIL COHEN.

Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays scheduled in July 2023

Allan Aylward

Called Allan on 3 occasions without success.

Left a message asking him to call me without success.

Robert Booth

I'm not going to badly for an 81-year-old. A few age-related aches etc. However, I'm still able to ride my E-Bike two or three times a week so helps keep some fitness levels.

John Burke

John still has a positive outlook on life, although when I spoke with him, he was on Dialysis that morning and three times a week. Still has an interest in racehorses, attending a race meeting in Newcastle back in May. Attended the last Newcastle ANZROC lunch.

Tony Carter

Health wise, all good and will be celebrating his birthday in July with family.

Barry Cogle

Welcome to the "HONS" in July 2023.

Unable to contact Barry after three attempts, including leaving a message.

Alan Edmonds

Health all good. Plays bowls still a couple of days a week. Is the President of the local War Veterans Bowling Club.

Ray Greenway

Health OK. Plays occasional game of golf. Exercise consists of walking to the local coffee shop regularly.

Paul Jacka

Health wise to quote Paul: "No complaints". Keeps busy as the President for past seven years of the Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club, known as Club Catalina RMBC at Rathmines NSW on Lake Macquarie. Was once the biggest RAAF Flying Boat Base in the Southern Hemisphere during the last war and as a RAAF base between 1939-1961.

Lindsay McFadden

Health not too bad. Does handyman work for friends and neighbours to keep busy.

Terry O'Rourke

Welcome to the "HONS" in July 2023.

Health good. Plays golf three days a week.

Bob Parsons

Welcome to the "HONS" in July 2023.

Spoke with Bob over in WA. He confirms he has never felt fitter. He must be as he is still very active, snow skiing in the USA two months a year as well as one month in Australia. In addition, plays golf 3-4 days a week, goes fishing and rides his push bike. Will celebrate his 80th birthday with family in WA as well as coming from Victoria for the occasion.

Brian White

All good with Brian. Back playing golf twice weekly. Will be doing an annual visit to Yamba and Kingscliff to meet up with his two brothers.

Medical Report

Bob Dyer

Bob had a stroke and is presently in hospital in Canberra.

Spoke with wife Sheryl on Monday 26th June 2023, who advises things are improving.

Still in bed but expects to go to Rehab within the week.

Able to speak better now.

No paralysis anymore, although there is a long job ahead getting back to normal.

All the best Bob, we are all thinking of you for a speedy recovery.

RON MILLER.

Welfare Report June

Col Bartrim 86.

Had a long chat with Col. I have known Col for many years and have worked with him frequently, so it was good to catch up. He is going reasonably well but has had to give up tennis and golf and now plays table tennis instead.

Unfortunately, his wife Gai has back and sinus problems, so I will have to give her a call and compare notes.

When the health issues settle down in the Miller Household, we plan to meet for coffee or lunch.

Peter Bradford 92

I spoke to his wife Pamela.

Peter is now in care following deterioration in his Alzheimer's. The facility is close to his home and Pamela advises that he is being well cared for.

John Cairns 87

I have not been able to contact John.

John Freedman 88

I left a message on his voicemail but have not had a response to date. He and Wendy could well be overseas.

Bob Garrett 88

Healthwise, going along OK but eyes are a bit of a problem, however, he is still on an unrestricted drivers' licence.

Wendy is not very mobile but gets along OK.

Alf McDermott 90

I was not able to speak to Alf before he passed away.

Any member who becomes aware of health position with a Club member, please pass on details to Club Secretary Graeme, (contact details at top of NL) and he will then forward to either Welfare Officers Ron or Phil for contact and follow up.

UPCOMING FUNCTIONS DATES



SYDNEY

OUR FOURTH BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2023

WILL BE AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

CASTLEREAGH ST (AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER)

MONDAY 21st AUGUST 2023.

FULL DETAILS & BOOKING REQUIREMENTS ON LAST PAGE THIS NL.

CANBERRA

Co-Ordinator Albert has advised final details for the Canberra mid-year function.

Date: **Saturday**, 8 July 2023

Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Place: Bui's Restaurant
38 Giles Street
KINGSTON ACT

Cost: \$30 per person

Note: BYO alcohol drinks, with soft drinks available.

Payments should be made by direct credit to the following ANZ account:

ACT Retired Officers - BSB 012983 Account number - 348241729

with your name included as the reference for record purposes.

Contacts for bookings and details: -

Bob Dyer Phone: Mob. – 0417 580 759, Email: rdyer@bigpond.net.au

Albert Orszaczky Phone: Mob. – 0414 616 230, Email: orszo@bigpond.com

Esanda.

Next Esanda Luncheon.

When: Friday. 14th July 2023.

Where: Hotel CBD, 75 York St, City.

A short walk from Wynyard.

Time: 11.00 am for drinks and fellowship.

Luncheon 1.00pm at the same venue.

Newbies are always welcome.

For catering purposes, reply to Robert Jones

Email bankerbob2011@gmail.com

Wagga Wagga

Co_ordinator Kevin Cameron has advised the date & venue for the next Wagga Wagga luncheon.

Date Saturday August 12

Venue Wagga wagga RSL Club

Time 11.30am for 12.15pm

Bookings & & details. Kevin Cameron. Jannette.cameron@bigpond.com

Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



On Alf McDermott.

Phil Newsome wrote: -
Hi Graeme,

Re Alf McDermott

During the twelve years I had the privilege of serving on ANZROC Committee, Alf McDermott was the Club's photographer. Wherever and whenever, Alf was always there. Although our paths never crossed inside ANZ, I certainly got to know him and cherish his company, outside the Bank.

Attaching a photo taken by Alf during a lunch when the Bank hosted one back in the day, at S(M&P). You will quickly recognise these culprits.

Unfortunately, I can't make it to his funeral. A good man.

Regards

Phil Newsome

Phil send this photo in which was taken by Alf at the:-
Martin Place Lunch hosted by the Bank in August 2012 in ANZ Martin Place & Pitt Sts building.



PHIL NEWSOME

GRAEME BOOL

MARK MONAGHAN

Great memories Phil from a luncheon a long time ago.



To all our Hon's who are celebrating a birthday in July 23

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM HON MEMBERS GENERAL OR WHO HAD BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE & RECEIVED BIRTHDAY CARD WISHES FROM THE CLUB.

Betty Gemmell.

Betty Gemmell, our oldest and dearly beloved Honorary member who celebrated her 106th birthday on 11 May, wrote on lovely paper and an envelope of equal loveliness, Betty said: -

Dear Noel and Committee

I would like to thank you all very much for the beautiful orchids, which you sent me for my 106th Birthday.

Best wishes to you all.

Sincerely

Betty.

Betty it was an absolute pleasure.

John Cairns wrote: -

I wish to sincerely thank the Committee and Members of the Club for the lovely card commemorating my 87th birthday.

Oh, how time goes so quickly, but thankfully my present health is generally okay, despite a few ups & downs.

Over 60 years in same home, able to drive, and still able to cope with most of the maintenance. Have very happy memories of career with the Bank, and especially the many long-term friends made throughout the years.

Thanks again – Regards John Cairns.

John Widerberg wrote: -

Hi Graeme. Would you please extend to the membership, my gratitude for my recent birthday best wishes. My wife and I are very well and enjoying our very busy life Managing our home Strata, travelling, and also looking after various properties in NSW & Qld.

Best wishes to all.

John Widerberg

Kevin O'Connell wrote: -

Hi Graeme.

Many thanks for the birthday card, also to the Committee members involved in producing our monthly newsletter etc. and especially to Phil for his telephone call on my 85th Birthday.

I joined the ANZ Manners St branch in Wellington NZ in January 1957, retiring initially after 38 1/2 years in 1994. After 3 years in Wellington, I was transferred to Te Puke, eventually progressing to Advance/Security Clerk and then suddenly, after 6 years in Te Puke was appointed Assistant to Manager Suva, Fiji 1966-68. Completing my term in Fiji my transfer to Sydney, NSW was slightly delayed as I travelled to Brisbane to marry my lovely wife Margaret, whom I had met when she was holidaying in Fiji. Our engagement and marriage arrangements were mainly performed telephonically between Fiji/Brisbane, and we have now completed 55 years of marvellous marriage.

Appointed Accountant Gordon branch 1969, Epping 1971, then my first Managerial role being Senior Recruitment Officer 1972, (when Reg Tuxford was Head of Personnel Dept) then Assistant Accountant followed by Accountant Martin Place & George St 1974-78, Branch Manager Strathfield 1978-81, Assistant Manager (No.2) Pitt & Hunter St 1981-83, (Dick Hughes Mgr) then Branch Mgr Baulkham Hills 1983-86, Manly 1986-88, and Retail Banking Mgr Manly 1988-91, finally retiring when transferred as a Lending Manager based at North Sydney Lending Centre, on 19/5/94.

Was re-employed for contract work, firstly with the ANZ Hogan Cleansing team later in 1994, then a 10-month contract, working for the State Bank of NSW and the NSW Government on a Loan Risk Review Project to enable the State Bank to be sold to Colonial Mutual Life.

A further couple of contracts with ANZ, including 7 months in 1996 as Senior Consumer Finance Officer and then part-time (working with John Cairns) running the Sydney Morning Herald's Hospital Health Fund. This fund was later sold to HCF and we assisted them with the transfer. Two further years as Lending Officer with the Rock Building Society's NSW office, then 2 part-time Office Manager's positions with Chatswood and Lindfield businesses before finally retiring permanently in 2002 and leaving Turrumurra for Coffs Harbour.

Margaret and I have continued our Ocean Cruising which commenced when I was single in 1964 with a 21-day cruise to and from Japan covering the Tokyo Olympic Games. We often include our families, comprising 2 daughters and 3 grandsons etc.

Our most recent cruise happened to be the second last successfully completed cruise prior to the "close down" caused by the Covid Virus in 2020.

We were, unfortunately fully paid up for further cruises due in 2020 (one of them involving family the other a Kimberley cruise). Obtaining refunds including multi airfares accommodation etc. has been more than difficult.

We further booked a Christmas cruise for December 2022, then reluctantly reneged, and lost the full deposit. Hopefully we may have better luck in 2023.

Meantime I feel lucky being able to play 3 rounds of Competition 18 Holes of Golf at Coffs Harbour Golf Club each week, even though I have had to say goodbye to my A Grade status. Cheers, regards to all Club members.

Kevin O'Connell.

Pixie McPaul wrote:-

Good morning Graeme.

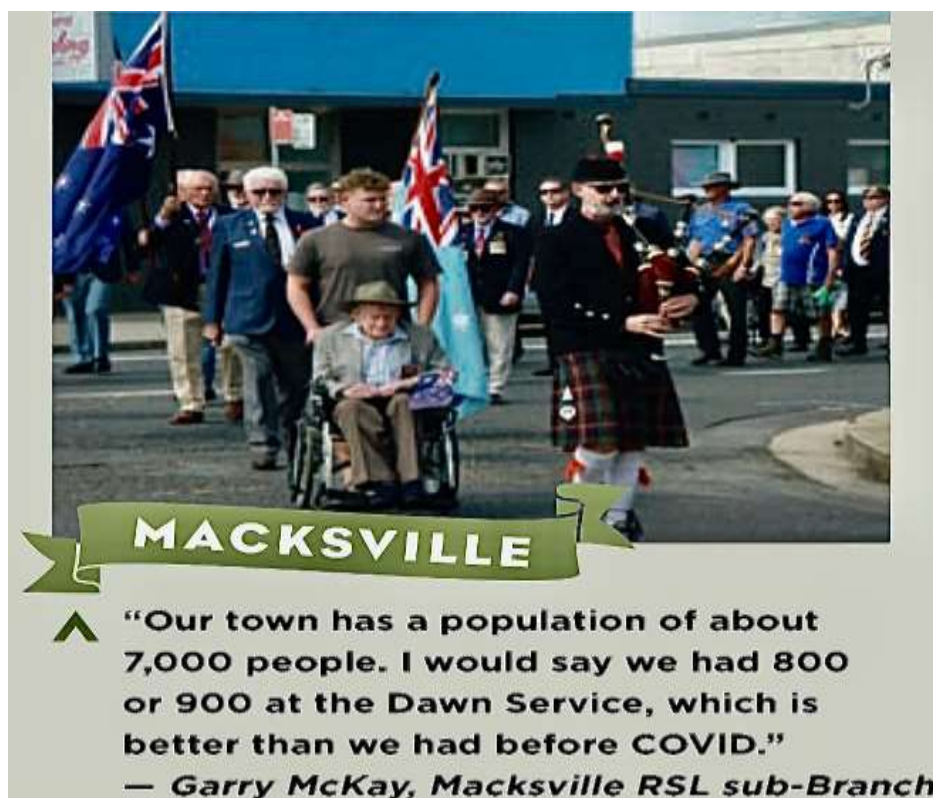
Thank you & Committee for phone messages & card for my birthday. I have been away in Orange for a few days with my sister, sampling all the region has to offer, which I must say was most enjoyable.

Best wishes to all members. Pixie.

Our member Garry McKay, proudly featured in the June edition of the RSL NSW Reveille Magazine.

Garry is the distinguished chap with the tie to the left of the flag bearer.

Thanks to the RSL NSW and the Macksville RSL NSW sub-Branch for allowing ANZROC NSW to use this photo and article.



Members that is our May NL, please enjoy the read and stay safe & well.

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ANZROC(NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.



BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTLEREAGH ST CITY



CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

THE CLUB'S 4th BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2023 WILL HELD AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY WITH DETAILS: -

DATE: MONDAY 21st AUGUST 2023
TIME 12 NOON FOR 12.30PM LUNCHEON.
VENUE THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTLEREAGH STREET
AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER. CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

ENTRY TO THE 4TH FLOOR IS ONLY PERMITTED AFTER 12 NOON SO FOR EARLY ARRIVALS THE BAR ON THE 2ND FLOOR WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.00AM.

AS WAS ADVISED AT AGM & ALSO IN SUBSEQUENT NL'S A CHARGE OF \$20PH WILL APPLY TOWARDS MEAL COST AT CLUB LUNCHEONS DUE TO THE INCREASED COST ADVISED BY THE VENUE. BEVERAGES FOR MEMBERS OWN ACCOUNT.

BOOKINGS & PRE PAYMENT \$20PH

CLUB MEMBERS YOU MUST PRE BOOK AND PAY IN ADVANCE.

➤ **BOOKINGS FOR THIS LUNCHEON BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE VIA: -**

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
TERRY AULD
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MOBILE: 0402-111-323

CLUB SECRETARY
GRAEME BOOL.
EMAIL: graemebool@outlook.com
MOBILE: 0427-125-327

IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED, PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.
CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 16 AUGUST AS WE NEED TO INFORM BOUTIQUE OF FINAL NO'S BY THAT DATE.

PREPAYMENT \$20PH TOWARDS MEAL COSTS.

WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO PRE-PAY IN ADVANCE WHEN BOOKING AS ABOVE BY DIRECT CREDITING CLUB'S BANK ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS: -

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET BANKING & NEED TO PAY AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY IT WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IF YOU COULD PAY WITH A \$20 NOTE OR 2 \$10 NOTES. AS WE DO NOT HAVE A FLOAT MANY THANKS.

BANK: - ANZ.
BSB 012-006
ACCOUNT NO 0089-06464

IN EFT REMITTANCE PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME & MESSAGE AS LUNCHEON 21 AUGUST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR AUGUST BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON & SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 21ST AUGUST. 2023.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN JULY OR AUGUST 23 YOUR MEAL COST WILL BE COVERED BY THE CLUB.