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SECRETARYS' REPORT

Today's gathering was very much enjoyed by 56 members, with President Phil welcoming all. Not seen for a while notables were, Jeanette Burke, a new member, John and Jan Cairns, Karl Mizens, Les Rennie, Barry Smith, Barry Thompson, and Judy Willis (Tasmania).

The Loyal Toast was then proposed.

Apologies: Terry Auld, Ron Booth, Noel Bottrell, Robyn Day, Ken Dighton, John Farrugia, Brian Liebert, Jim Nicholson, Angela Valender and David Wright.

BEREAVEMENTS

Paul Toohey advised on 6th March 2015:

"Col Rankin passed away during the week - he was in Sydney for heart surgery but didn't pull through. My brother knew him at Cowra where Col continued to live and work after leaving ANZ Cowra. I have no other information but I'm sure other retired officers who worked with Col can provide more on his ANZ career. My brother said he had a milk run business which he sold last year."

A period of silence was observed in Cols' memory.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm and sincere welcome to our club for: Steve Triffitt of Yagoona NSW, Pat Walsh of Jamberoo NSW, and Jeanette Burke of Bilgola Plateau NSW.

TREASURERS REPORT

Income and Expenses were disclosed resulting in a very sound end of month cash book balance.

With a St Patricks day flavour.....

"Paddy the Electrician was sacked from the US Prison Service for not servicing the Electric Chair. He said, in his professional opinion, it was a death trap!"

Sick List

- **John Robson** – John has been unwell with Parkinson's Disease for many years but sadly his condition has deteriorated recently. He went into respite care in a nursing home at Kiama before Christmas and during this period he was offered a permanent place in the home, which he accepted. He has family at Kiama, and wife Beverley still lives in the family home up the coast a little from Kiama, so he gets his share of visitors. Best wishes John.
- **Mick Howard** – unfortunately quite a slow recovery from his back operation last November. Still in a deal of pain, but he will have a CT scan shortly to check on the status of the surgeon's work.
- **Peter Dawson** – it's now 20 months since Peter began trialing a new treatment. He's still travelling to Sydney each fortnight which is a bit inconvenient, but the treatment is keeping the melanoma in check.
- **Bob Cunningham** – we haven't seen Bob at a lunch meeting for a while so I gave him a call. His low lung capacity remains a problem, and he's having some tests to determine whether a night-time oxygen machine might be of some benefit to him.
- **Rod Prosser** – previous cancer treatment seems to be working well. However, he contracted shingles quite some time ago, and a re-occurrence is giving him some grief at the moment.

Birthday Celebrations

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:

- **Margaret Blackwood** (93) – Still residing in the Toronto area. I wasn't able to make contact with her unfortunately – best wishes for your birthday later this month Margaret, and for the year ahead.
- **Doug Dowling** (89) – he said he is going well. Still plays a game of golf each week, he's too busy to play more often! His daughter lives nearby and she keeps an eye on him.
- **Ken Hill** (84) – I wasn't able to make contact with Ken. I left him a message with good wishes for his up-coming birthday. (Must have been a great message. Ken H attended our recent lunch, and had a great time. Well done both Kens. Ed!)
- **Geoff Nelson** (91) – he said he is “not too bad for an old bloke”. He had a fall in February and spent a short time in “The San” – the main outcome was a broken thumb. He has lived in his current home for 51 years, and he still has an unrestricted driver licence. We spoke about my move to New Lambton, and Geoff said that Nelson St here is named after his immediate family.
- **Ron Rawson** (80) – he is well, mobile, and contented.
- **Jan Douglass** (80) – unfortunately I couldn't get Jan to answer her phone. However, she has been to recent ROC lunch meetings and she seems fighting fit.

I wasn't able to make contact with **Lance Phyllis** – so if you get to read this Newsletter, Lance, we hope you are well and had a good day on the 3rd. Best wishes for the year ahead.

ps: Barry Smith advises that Lance wishes to come along to a Lunch soon. Barry will make sure that Lance gets his wish.

From the January “Hons” birthday list I wasn't able to contact **Marion Sinclair** – well, I've since done that. We had a nice chat and I gathered that Marion has a fairly full life at her village in Adelaide. She said she especially enjoys the book club, and a bit of walking. Marion has a special badge of honour so far as the ROC NSW is concerned – at 99 she is the most senior of our lady members. Good on you Marion, and best wishes for 2015.

APRIL LUNCHEON NOTICE

Our next Lunch will be at our usual and very convenient venue, the CTA Club, Martin Place, Sydney, on Monday 20th April 2015.

Pre Lunch drinks from 11.45am, Lunch 12.45 pm, Booking is not required, simply come along, catch up with oldish friends, and enjoy yourself. You will be made very welcome. These get-togethers are relaxed fun, and are very well worth attending.

If you haven't been for a while, or ever.....do yourself a favour and try it!! It is traditional but far from mandatory for new members to give a "three minute "this is my life" talk at a Lunch after they join.

OTHER INTERESTING MATTERS

From our Blogsite Manager Peter Goerman

Yesterday the phone rang and a stranger's voice said, "This is Sheryl (nee Andrews) from Brisbane. We're across the river at Nelligen and would like to come and visit you." "I don't know a Sheryl from Brisbane", I replied.

"Yes, you do", the voice said. "I'm Sheryl. We worked together in the ANZ Bank in '67." [Alinga St., Canberra City Branch] OF COURSE! And so we met again after 48 years.

Back then Sheryl and I not only worked in the same bank but also lived in the same boarding-house about which I had written previously. She had found the story at www.riverbendnelligen.com/bartonhouse.html some years ago and contacted me then by email but I had since forgotten. She and her husband Roy were campervanning up and down the East Coast and calling in on friends on the way.

Sheryl had been more of a teenage crush than a friend to me as she was by far the best-looking sheila in the bank. I had been in Australia for just over a year and owned no more than the clothes I stood up in at a time when a car was 95% of a young man's personality. With just 5% personality and a thick German accent I never stood a chance 😊. Peter is sure that Reg Elliott, John Burke, and Kevin Sloan would be among those that remember Sheryl.

From Barry Smith

I came across Jan & Colin Dennett who conduct tours out of Lake Bathurst of the Woodlawn Bioreactor at Tarago, (a very interesting operation), on the Goulburn to Braidwood Road. **Jan, nee McCarron**, sister of Kevin and Alex, all 3 past ANZ staff. Jan became O/I/C Centralised Salaries, taking over from Margaret Blackwood a few years back. The Dennetts moved to ACT and Jan was posted to Queanbeyan and then was on the opening staff of Fyshwick Branch in the ACT.

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:

Many thanks to all our members who have already paid their Subscription payments of \$5.00 for 2015. And a special thanks to the many members who have paid their subs by Internet Transfer. It is a lot easier for me to process Internet Transfers than to record and then deposit cheques or cash to our Account.

There are still quite a few members that have yet to pay their subs and I would ask that you please do this as soon as possible remembering that our honorary members (members over the age of 80) and widow/widower members are not required to pay Annual Subscription payments.

A couple of members have paid their subs by a Direct Deposit to our Account at a Branch. Unfortunately the Bank's system cannot record your name on such Deposits. So if you want to pay subs etc. by Direct Deposit at a Branch please record your telephone number in the "agent deposit reference" section on the deposit slip, insert "60" in the tran code box and also let me know who you are and how much you deposited on what date.

There are 2 deposits to our Account that were direct deposits at an ANZ Branch....\$5.00 on 2 February 2015.....and \$10.00 on 10 February 2015. These deposits don't show any details of the member who made the deposits.....If it is you would you please contact me and let me know otherwise I can't record your payments of 2015 subs and therefore you will show in our records as being unfinancial for 2015.

FLAWLESS MALE LOGIC ...

Woman:

Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes

Woman:

How many beers a day?

Man: Usually about 3

Woman:

How much do you pay per beer?

Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip

(This is where it gets scary !)

Woman:

And how long have you been drinking?

Man: About 20 years, I suppose

Woman:

So a beer costs \$5 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, it would be approximately \$5400 correct?

Man: Correct

Woman:

If in 1 year you spend \$5400, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000, correct?

Man: Correct

Woman:

Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a Ferrari?

Man:

Do you drink beer?

Woman:

No!

Man:

Where's your Ferrari?



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday wishes for this month were extended by Phil Cohen to: Ken Hill, John Mair, Robyn McGrath, Reg Smeaton and Chris Wheeler.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lenko BAREVIC	16th	Carmen MOYLAN	28th
Wendy BRADSHAW	24th	Des NATION	17th
Bill BRICKNELL	2nd	Kevin O'CONNELL	22nd
Peter DAWSON	18th	Bill PATRICK	4th
Peter DEVOY	10th	Richard PERKINS	2nd
Greg EVANS	1st	John PLATT	23rd
Jeff FRIEDMAN	16th	Jim RICHARDSON	24th
Mike GRAY	10th	Mike RILEY	13 th
George HARLOE	27th	Bob RISEBOROUGH	24th
Jim HEATH	6th	Ken ROSE	8th
Michael HOUSE	30th	George ROWE	4 th
Alistair JOHNSTON	24th	Neil ROWLAND	23rd
Col KILLER	6th	Graeme SMITH	10th
Greg LYTTLE	7th	John TURNBULL	7th
Con LUCAS	5th	John TYRELL	1st
John LUCAS	28th	Jackie VULA	2nd
Digby MILNE	25th	Eric WARNER	30th
Geoff MINETT	14th	Ron WELSH	2nd
John MITCHELL	9th	Ken WHITECROSS	9th
Barry WILEMAN	18 th		

THE "HONS" (denotes Life Member)**

Arthur BOWN	1st**
Don DAVIS	14th
Dave C FLEMING	29th
Terry GATTY	10th
Betty HICKMAN	26th
John McCRUDDEN	5th
Bruce RIDER	26th
John SCOTT	22nd
Barry THOMPSON	3rd
Aub WALKER	29 th

We welcome Dave C Fleming into the "Hons" this month. Congratulations Dave

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

WHERE IS ROSS CHANDLER ?

Treasurer Mike Cunneen is seeking contact details for ex staff member Ross Chandler. Ross was ex ES&A Bank and resigned from ANZ in mid 1970's. He lived at Campbelltown and after leaving ANZ worked for the Co-operative Building Society in Campbelltown. If any member knows of Ross's contact details please contact Mike whose contact details are shown on the masthead.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Of Col Rankin, Shelby Mills writes "Frank and I knew him. From memory he was in Methods Sydney and Operations Manager at Orange, when we caught up with him while Frank was at Dubbo or Bathurst. Col was Branch Manager at Cowra before he purchased the milk run. He was a lot of fun and I will remember him that way."

From Judith Willis: "So sorry to hear the above news. It is always sad when a staffer passes away. I have only just been able to see my emails since coming to Sydney. I was going to send message when I returned to Tassie which will be next week. I am very pleased to have been able to come to the luncheon last Monday and to catch with old colleagues was a bonus. I will try in future to arrange my family visits to coincide with meetings.

Regards to all my old friends. Regards Judith."

And on a lighter note:

Hi Phil (Newsome)

It is 27 years since I retired but for various reasons I only ever was able to attend one monthly get together. We now live in Brisbane so unless we can at some time when visiting our son in Sydney coincide such a visit with your monthly gathering then it is doubtful if I will be able to attend a meeting.

The purpose of my EMail at this time is to record my appreciation for the efforts of Noel Bottrell in his role as Editor over the 13 years he spent in the role.

I do look forward to receiving the Newsletter and to keep in touch with the happenings of Retired Officers. We also keep in touch with the McDermotts and they also keep us informed of events.

To all and sundry Best Wishes, Regards, Charles Ross.

And on Personal Note to Noel Bottrell (Just had to publish it ...Apprentice Ed.)

Noel

A personal note to thank you for your great effort over the last 13 years in producing a high quality newsletter.

Up until 5 years ago I was out of Sydney and unable to attend most of the monthly get-togethers. I really appreciated your efforts in keeping us "out of towners" up to date with all that was happening with our former bank colleagues and the odd joke.

Congratulations!

Enjoy your second retirement.

Warm regards,

Tony Knight

Primary School Religious Interpretations:

1. When Mary heard that she was the Mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
2. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
3. The folk that followed Jesus were called the 12 Decibels.
4. Christians have but one spouse. This is called monotony.

SOCIAL/SPORTING

AND the next Social Outing is.....

13th April, 2015:

Our incoming Minister for Good Times Ann Morgan (9970 8668 or 0407 265108) and her Assistant Noel Fox (9982 5459) advise of a social outing on the Hawkesbury.....

“Help the Postman deliver the Mail on the Hawkesbury.

A popular Riverboat Postman cruise is planned for 13th April 2015.

Great couple of hours out on the River, 10am to 1.30pm, and all you need to do is catch a Train to Brooklyn”.

Be at Brooklyn Wharf by 0930, bring \$30 per member or \$50 a double, includes morning tea and lunch. Your club is subsidising this outing. We need to know numbers asap, so please contact Noel or Ann if you plan to join us.”

Dates of interest to be noted:

Thursday 14th May 2015

Our Newcastle Chapter are planning a luncheon at the Cardiff RSL on the. Date and venue will be confirmed at the next opportunity as it is tentative at present, but Jim Richardson suggests you mark the day in your diary. We will be in the second last carriage of the train which leaves Central at 9.15am, via Hornsby at 9.52am and eventually Cardiff at 11.33am. I am sure the Newcastle folk will, as always, help us find the venue from the Station.

13th June 2015

Our Wagga Wagga chapter are having a luncheon on 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 and Phil Newsome and Reg Smeaton made the journey last year and enjoyed it thoroughly.

1st September 2015

Patron’s Luncheon at 242 Pitt Street Sydney hosted by our patron the Hon. Warwick Smith.

21st September 2015

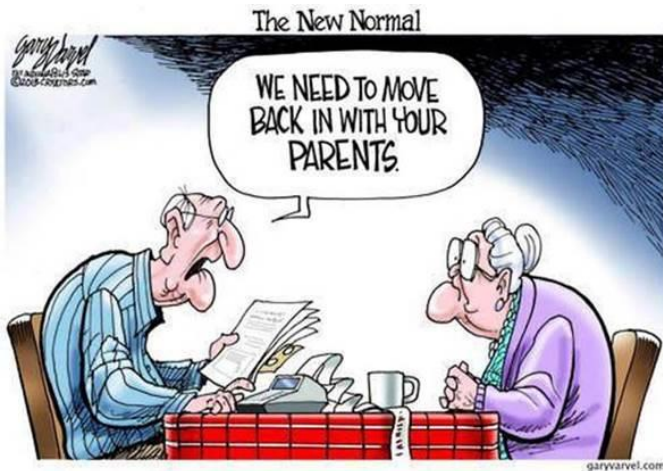
Friends and Partners Luncheon at Ultimo “Apprentice Restautrant”

7th December 2015

Christmas Cocktail Party to wind up a very busy year at 242 Pitt Street Sydney.

Oooops.....

Condoms do not guarantee safe sex any longer. It was reported that a man wearing one was shot dead by the womans' husband!



Apprentice Editors Note:

If you have any tit bits, gossip, need to find someone, or have a story to tell...please let me have it.....so to speak! Our readers love to hear about fellow retirees.

Til next month....keep smiling!!!!