



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

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## *Welcome to our March 2023* NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENT'S / Club REPORT**

#### **PRESIDENT Noel's FIRST REPORT.**

Welcome to the next positive year of ANZROC NSW.

A very successful Lunch and AGM in February saw an active and enthusiastic Committee and Executive elected for the year ahead, that said, we are always keen to see any members who are interested in where ANZROC NSW is going in the future, get involved in the Committee.

The Club is looking to use ongoing technology benefits for our members and any member with IT knowledge is encouraged to contact Craig Smith in this regard.

Regular updates will be provided to all as we move forward.

Newsletter Editor Craig Smith would love to hear from you.

As your Committee, we are very aware of the necessity to care for our finances, a decision has been made that we will now require members to contribute \$20 towards the meal cost for the bi monthly lunches, with members to purchase their own drinks.

We ask that members appreciate the significant meal contribution by your Club and realise that it is part of sensible conservation of our funds.

To assist your Treasurer with his workload on Lunch days, we ask that members attending pre-pay to the Club account.

I cannot move on without refence to the highlight of the AGM with the awarding of ANZROC NSW Life Membership to our enthusiastic and dedicated Secretary Graeme Bool, a great servant of this Club over many roles and years, well deserved Graeme and thank you for your commitment.

If you have any positive thoughts towards the future of our Club, please speak to me or any member of our Committee, ideas are always welcome.

Noel Bottrell.  
Club President.

## BEREAVEMENTS.

### **Edmond (Ed) COLLINS - Honorary Member.**

We were sadly informed by his wife Joan, that our Honorary member Ed Collins passed away in Port Macquarie on 8 March aged 81 years.

Ed had a long & distinguished ANZ career, which included periods as Manager Wagga Wagga and Port Macquarie where he retired, and he would be well known to those who worked with him or knew him during his ANZ career.

Ed's funeral was held: -

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
11.30am  
Innes Gardens Crematorium  
Port Macquarie.

Service was followed by a wake at The Tap Room Port Panthers at 1.30pm.  
Sincere condolences to his wife Joan and all Ed's family.

RIP Ed.



### **Neil MURRAY. - Honorary Member.**

We were sadly informed, that our Honorary member Neil Murray passed away in Cootamundra on 22 March aged 88 years.

Neil had a long & distinguished career in ANZ, commencing in 1950, when he joined The Union Bank. He would be well remembered by colleagues who worked with him or knew during his long service in ANZ.

Neil is survived by his wife Marie, and children Anne, Kevin, Peter, Barry, Helen, David (dec), John, Geoffrey and their partners.

Neil was adored grandfather of 22 and treasured great-grandfather of 15

Neil's funeral will be held: -

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Catholic Church  
Cootamundra  
At 11.00am.

Sincere condolences to Neil's wife Marie and all his family.

RIP Neil.



## NEW MEMBERS.

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

## BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAK UP THE NEWS.

Two elderly men were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turned to the other and said, "Sam, I'm 83 years old now and I'm full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Sam says, "Well, I feel like a newborn baby." "Really!? Like a baby!?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, soft skin and I think I just wet myself."



### APRIL 2023 BIRTHDAYS

**TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN APRIL 2023.**

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.**

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lenko	BARESIC	16th	Michael	HOUSE	3rd
Wendy	BRADSHAW	24th	Des	NATION	17th
Bill	BROWN	27th	Bill	PATRICK	4th
Ron	COOPER	22nd	Richard	PERKINS	2nd
Elaine	DAVIS	8th	John	PLATT	23rd
Peter	DAWSON	18th	Doug	RICHARDSON	30th
Peter	DEVOY OAM	10th	Neil	ROWLAND	23rd
Jeff	FRIEDMAN	16th	John	SCHOLZ	13th
George	HARLOE	27th	John	TURNBULL	7th
Jim	HEATH	6th	Keith	WHITEHALL	7th

### THE HONS

Bob	BOYS	1st	Geoff	MINETT OAM	14th
Bill	BRICKNELL	2nd	Kevin	O'CONNELL	22nd
Don	DAVIS	14th	Jim	RICHARDSON	24th
Mike	GRAY	10th	Mike (Michael)	RILEY	13th
Alistair	JOHNSTON	24th	Bob	RISEBOROUGH	24th
Wendy	KEYS	26th	John	TUCK	1st
John	LUCAS	28th	Aub	WALKER	29th
Digby	MILNE	25th	Ron	WELSH OAM	2nd

## NOSTALGIA.

The following two photos were sent in by member Doug Richardson from his time in Fiji.



### Doug commented.

The staff of Lautoka Branch, Fiji, 1971.  
Middle Row Centre, Manager Jim McQueen, later Manager Church and Macquarie Streets, Parramatta,  
Middle Row Right, Doug Richardson  
Top Row Left, Steve Cunneen.  
Lautoka Branch Soccer Team.

Thanks Doug, great memories.

## WELFARE REPORTS.

### PHIL COHEN.

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

#### Mike Gray

Welcome to the "HONS" in April  
Health reasonable, although needs to watch what he eats following an operation previously. Hopes to get together with family to celebrate my birthday in April.

#### John Lucas

Welcome to the "HONS" in April.

Health good. After retiring from ANZ after 38 years, applied for a bookkeeping job in 1999 with a local building company and is still working with them after 24 years. Well done, John. Keep on going.

#### Jim Richardson

Welcome to the "HONS" in April.

Health wise not a great year, but still walks regularly. Had to give up his interest in rifle shooting, but is a life member of the State Association. Will be celebrating his coming birthday with family.

## **Ron Welsh OAM**

Welcome to the HONS in April

Health wise, all good. Only retired in November 22 from his long-time involvement with Meals on Wheels NSW.

## **Bill Bricknell**

Health reasonable, although has had a couple of falls so needs a walker.

## **Alistair Johnston**

Attempts to forget birthdays now intentionally. Health good. Walks dog each day. Looks after his gardens and lawns. Also sings in a Choir that will be performing later in the year at the Sydney Opera House. Keeps busy as treasurer of his local church. Enjoys a break away from home up at Solders Point.

## **Digby Milne**

Health Good. Attempts to walk about 4kms daily. Enjoys his woodwork making at home. Will be driving to the Hunter Valley in May for a holiday. Will celebrate his birthday with family, probably at home.

## **Geoff Minett OAM**

Health good. Still involved on a number of Boards and Committees. Enjoys looking after his garden and his home brewery.

## **Kevin O'Connell**

Health good. It must be as Kevin plays competition golf 3 days a week. Well done. Hopes to get back into cruising again with Margaret and it will be number 65. That must be some sort of record somewhere.

## **Mike Riley**

Health wise, all good. Still drives. Likes to read and does some pottering around home.

## **Bob Riseborough**

Spoke with Bob. Still drives locally.

## **John Tuck**

Health Good. Swims 2-3 days a week. Enjoys gardening and is involved with a local choir.

## **Ron Miller**

Ron advises me that Moyra and himself have both had Covid. Moyra is over hers, but his is lingering. Also, my back problems have worsened, and it looks like I will need major surgery over the next few months. The back specialists are now consulting with my heart surgeon to work out what can be done. I am still not able to get around much, particularly in the hot weather.

## **RON MILLER.**

## **John Mair (87)**

I was unable to contact John.

## **Janet Douglas (88)**

Spoke to Janet and her husband Peter. Both are going well and were looking forward to going out to lunch with their daughter. Both are really switched on and enjoying life.

## **Doug Dowling (97)**

Going pretty well. Has given up golf but does regular exercise and has Physio. Very bright. We had a great chat about the good old days and how things now are really worrying for the young people.

## **Brian Beynon (86)**

He and Eileen are travelling pretty well. Has some eye problems and aches and pains. Likes to watch League on TV, which he was doing when I rang. Again, a great chat covering the past and current ills of the world. He is very switched on.

## **UPCOMING FUNCTIONS DATES**



### **SYDNEY**

OUR SECOND BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2023

WILL BE AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

CASTLEREAGH ST (AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER)

MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023.

FULL DETAILS & BOOKING REQUIREMENTS ON LAST PAGE THIS NL.

### **NEWCASTLE**

Members, wives, partners, visitors, and former bank contacts are invited to attend the first Newcastle luncheon for 2023.

Date:	Thursday 11 May 2023
Venue:	Cardiff RSL Cnr Macquarie and Munibung Roads CARDIFF
Time:	11.45am to 2pm
Meal:	The meal will be from the Eastern Tiger Restaurant, which will be a buffet style Asian and Australian inspired dishes including carvery, pasta, salads, sides, and deserts.
Cost:	Due to the generous financial support from ANZROC(NSW) each attendee will receive a free meal and 2 drink vouchers
RSVP:	By Thursday 4 May 2023 to Geoff Boyton Phone or Message 0414 709 760 or email <a href="mailto:gboytonfsa@yahoo.com.au">gboytonfsa@yahoo.com.au</a>

As always, we look forward to welcoming visitors from Sydney, the Central Coast and further afield and we will meet the train that arrives at Cardiff station at 11.35am for transport to the club.

## COMPLETED FUNCTIONS.

### PORT MACQUARIE.

Co-ordinator Ann Pereira advised that Port Macquarie district held their first luncheon for 2023 on 16 March at Terrace Room Settlers Inn Port Macquarie

Whilst numbers were down for various reasons, Ann said that the ten attendees had an enjoyable time, and it was great to catchup with colleagues in 2023.

### Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



#### On ED Collins

##### Ron Miller wrote: -

Ed and Noel Joseph were indeed good friends, and both retired to Port Macquarie. They were both in my group when I was Rural Services Executive for Australia. The last time I met Ed and Joan, was at Noel Joseph's funeral. I am very sorry to hear of his passing. I will contact his family to express my condolences.

Ron

##### Noel Bottrell wrote: -

I knew Ed and his wife Joan, he was Manager Wagga Wagga branch when I was Manager South Wagga Wagga, which we started to merge into South Wagga Wagga just before I retired. When Noel Joseph was appointed Regional Manager from Victoria and when Manager Wagga Wagga came vacant, Noel Joseph arranged for Ed, a good friend of his back in Victoria, to be appointed as Manager Wagga Wagga. Noel and Ed ended up retiring to Port Macquarie, Noel died a few years ago.

Vale's Ed

Noel

#### On Neil Murray

##### Noel Bottrell wrote: -

Sad to see Neil is no longer with us. Neil was a good bloke whom I got to know well in our days in Central West/ Riverina area. To me he was the typical country banker, solid, reliable and approachable.

Vale' Neil

Noel Bottrell

# Happy Birthday

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

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

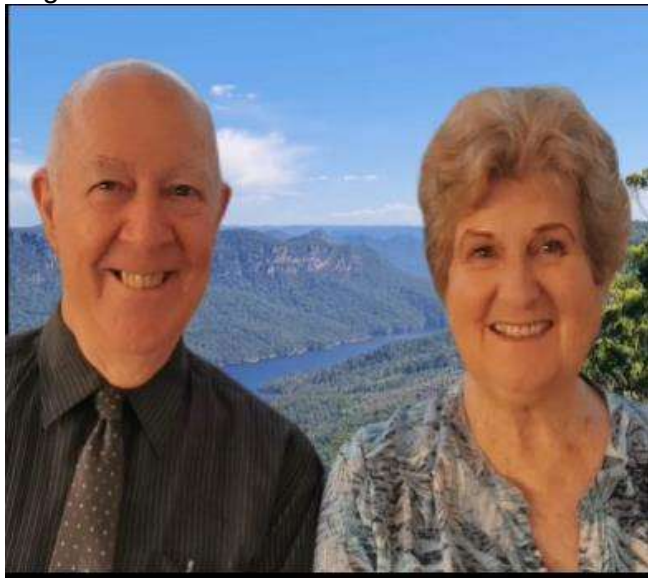
### Ann Burness wrote:

ME: Ann Burness. Just made an Honorary member of the ANZ Retired Officers' Club NSW. for the 8th March. To Phil Cohen. I'm sorry Phil that I did not answer your phone call, but I tend not to pick up on numbers I don't recognise. Thank you for the card.

My story.

I love to read about all the people, boys mostly, that I worked with over my thirty years although it takes a lot of searching of faces to catch the image of the ones I remember. I joined in 1959 at Pitt and Hunter as Ann Lewis and worked with quite a few names. Many may not remember as I was their junior but one John Young Sandford Mair will remember me. Later my name changed to Ann Sutton and for the last 42 years has been Burness. Some members will remember my husband David who also worked in the bank but left to join the Merchant banks. Most of my years were spent in the International Division. I notice Tony Knight is still around. David and I have been very fortunate and keep reasonable health. Just the usual aches and pains. As requested, I am enclosing a recent photo of us both and one for recognition that appeared in the Scope when I became the first female manager in the Northern zone of the International Division. Thank you, guys, for keeping us up to date with our past.

Regards Ann.



### Jan Douglas wrote: -

Many thanks for Birthday card and 'phone message from Ron Both Peter and I are as well as can be expected and look forward to the next luncheon to meet up. Regards

Jan D

### Brian Beynon wrote: -

Brian contacted Secretary Graeme and passed on his sincere appreciation to the Club for his Birthday card & also the phone call from Welfare Officer Ron Miller. Brian said he a lovely chat with Ron and appreciated the card & the call.



# BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023. BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY.



**BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTLEREAGH  
ST CITY**



**CELLOS ROOM 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR.**

**THE CLUB'S 2<sup>ND</sup> BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2023 WILL HELD AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY WITH DETAILS: -**

**DATE: MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**  
**TIME 12 NOON FOR 12.30PM LUNCHEON.**  
**VENUE THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTLEREAGH STREET**  
**AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER. CELLOS ROOM 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR.**

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

**AS WAS ADVISED AT AGM & ALSO IN FEBRUARY NL 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: -**

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IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED, PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.  
**CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 12 APRIL 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: -**

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

IN EFT REMITTANCE PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME & MESSAGE AS LUNCHEON 17 APRIL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR APRIL BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON & SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL. 2023.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN MARCH OR APRIL 23 YOUR MEAL COST WILL BE COVERED BY THE CLUB.**