



RETIRED OFFICERS CLUB (NSW)

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Welcome to our May 2016 NEWSLETTER

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SECRETARYS' REPORT :

Today's gathering attracted 55 members, all of whom President Graeme warmly welcomed !

The following members also received a mention as "not seen for a while":

Noel Bowmer, Angelo Briganti, Betty Gemmell, Marj Farrell, Ron Hargrave, Terry Stapleton and Noel Ryan (whose absence last Meeting Denis Lickley claims is a result of Noel suffering amnesia).

You have right of response Noel! (Ed).

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Graeme's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast, plus mention of **Betty Gemmell's** 99th Birthday!

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**APOLOGIES:** Noel Bottrell, Ken Byatt (who sends his regards from Frankfurt and gets back this week), Jim Corrigan, Elaine Davis, Ken Dighton, John Le Gras, Ian Jarratt, Stuart Kitching, Alf McDermott, Jim Richardson, Alan Single, John Turnbull, Brian White, David Wright.  
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES...were extended by VP Phillip to attendees Betty Brown, Peter Douglass, Betty Gemmell, Ron Hargrave, Peter Maber, Phil Minett, Ann Morgan, Clive Neutze, Phil Newsome, Terry Stapleton, and Alasdair Steel.

.....Happybirthdayhappybirthdayhappybirthdaytoyouall.....

TREASURERS REPORT ... Treasurer Mike presented a detailed Financial Report, again confirming that our Club is in a financially sound position.

Mike then conducted a Lucky Door Prize draw for two bottles of wine, which were very generously donated by **Gary Mason** when he renewed his Subs earlier in the year. Congrats to the Raffle Winners, **Bob McEwan** and **Ken Abrahams** , and many thanks Gary, for your ongoing support and positive feedback on our ANZROC (NSW) Newsletters.

NEW MEMBERS:

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A warm ANZROC (NSW) welcome to Bill Sultana of Castle Hill NSW, who retired from the Bank this month.  
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BEREAVEMENTS:

Noel Plush It is with regret that I advise the passing of Noel, late of Sanctuary Point aged 85 who had a series of operations over recent months that finally took their toll on his heart. Judy says she has good family support at this time. Noel's funeral was held at Olsen's Chapel, Sutherland on 27th April 2016.

Graham Franklin passed away on 13th May in hospital after a debilitating and rapidly developing case of very aggressive dementia. Graham is survived by his wife Lee and sons Paul and David. Lee Franklin had previously asked Ken Dighton to advise our membership of Graham's condition but regrettably Graham passed away before this information could be published. Graham's funeral was held at Rookwood Cemetery on 20th May 2016.

Alan Parmeter lost his son **Robert** to a brain haemorrhage on 12th April 2016. Robert was 63 years of age. His loss came as a great shock to the family.

Trevor Leck One of our two Centenarians passed away peacefully while dozing in his lounge chair at home on 14th May 2016. We were fortunate to have hosted Trevor for his Hundredth birthday recently and as mentioned in our last newsletter, Trevor found his own way to our April luncheon by public transport and the only aid he needed was a walking stick. He was very fit and alert right to the end. Vale Trevor.

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WELFARE REPORT:

Our **Welfare Officer is AWOL** and is looking after his own welfare on the high seas at present, enjoy Ken. Come back soon and bring Lindy, your marvellous enthusiasm and wonderful Monthly Reports back too!

OPTIONAL MONTHLY LUNCHEON POTTED HISTORY:

Angelo Briganti gave a potted history of his career with the Bank which commenced in February 1969 at 244 King St Newtown as a batching clerk "when banking was fun". Angelo had 16 years in the traditional branch banking system at Yagoona (with Ian Auld and Ron Neave) Petersham with Gordon Davis and Annandale then S(P & H) where particular mentors of Rod McKim and Eric Wheeler were memorable and it was a great learning branch. Then into Area Banking at North Sydney where he experienced the leadership of Keith Parker whom Angelo considered to be well ahead of his time in terms of technique and skill. He recalled also working with Ian Tredinnick, Don Gray and John Becroft. Angelo then opted for Branch Management again at North Sydney and was grateful to Don Gray and John Mair for their tutelage during this time. This was followed by a stint in Corporate which Angelo referred to tongue in cheek as the "elite" that usurped accounts previously managed at Branch level. Angelo then headed to Canada as Gen Manager of our operation there, and followed this up with a stint in the same role in Milan Italy, which he recommended be closed causing some concern in the hierarchy that had opted to establish there in the first place. Angelo got his wish and returned to do 2 years in Business Banking as Regional Executive South Melbourne and returned to Sydney in 1996 as R/E Northern Sydney and then finally retired as R/E ACT/Country Business Banking Unit in 2006. The enduring feature of Angelo's career is the enjoyable numbers of people he developed an association with over the years.

ENDING THE LUNCHEON WITH A LAUGH.

Peter Douglass offered this as a reflection of our times.

The Author of the Story shall remain anon.
In 1991 one retired and invested his Super and was able to live very well with liberal helpings of Dom Perignon and Peroni and great food. Then the Global Financial Crisis hit and one resorted to cask wine and home brew as alternatives. The Lady of the House was adamant that they could not continue to live like this and sent Hubby off to apply for the Aged Pension. After a long wait in the queue and completion of mountains of paperwork Hubby finally got an audience with a Bureaucrat who said he ticked all the boxes and was eligible for the Aged Pension but as Hubby had left his licence at home and was not able to confirm his date of age qualification, the Bureaucrat asked Hubby to lift his shirt so he might examine his chest and confirm his age in this rather unique manner. Then, declaring all the boxes ticked for the Aged Pension. Hubby still needed to produce his licence to confirm the Chest Assessment, and went home to explain his adventure to the Lady of the House. who, having heard the whole story, retorted "Why didn't you drop your trousers too, and you could have received a disability pension as well!"

John Ball and Alex Morgan then added to the day's mirth with their slightly varied brand of humour.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Scott	ABRAHAM	29/06	Anthony	LEWIS	14/06
Keith (KJ)	ANDERSON	19/06	Robyn	L'HUILLIER	30/06
Colin	BARTRIM	23/06	Linda	LYONS	20/06
Stuart	BROOKE	14/06	Neil	MERRICK	21/06
Brian	BURGESS	08/06	John	MORSCHER	18/06
Jeff	COX	28/06	Doug	MOSS	09/06
Russell	CROZIER	10/06	Ken	MURRAY	15/06
Ivan	DEBELAK	24/06	Mal	NEWMAN	30/06
George	FADDOUL	28/06	Bob	PALMER	19/06
John	GANNON	16/06	Terry	PATTON	15/06
Kerry	GILBERT	08/06	Greg	PIDCOCK	22/06
Terry	GILCHRIST	19/06	Kevin	PRICE	30/6
Bob	GRANT	01/06	Warren	RIEDEL	20/06
John	GRAY	06/06	Kevin	SLOAN	27/06
Graeme	HEWETT	20/06	Geoff	TAYLOR	23/06
Ron	HINSON	10/06	Howard	TEMPEST	23/06
Tony	HUNT	27/06	Angela	VALLENDER	15/06
Phil	JOHNSTON	02/06	Derek	WHITTLE	01/06
Tony	KNIGHT	05/06	Vicki	WILKINSON	16/06

THE "HONS"

Peter	BRADFORD	10/06
John	CAIRNS	06/06
Doug	CHAPMAN	19/06
John	FREEDMAN	25/06
Bob	GARRETT	03/06
Phil	HITCHCOCK	14/06
Denis	LICKLEY	19/06
Alf	McDERMOTT	17/06
Jim	PEARSON	23/06
Kevin	WATSON	01/06

Congratulations to **John CAIRNS** & **Denis LICKLEY** who join the 'Hons' this month

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SOCIAL STUFF....FOR YOUR DIARY!!!

Monday 20th June 2016.

ANZROC(NSW) Monthly Luncheon will, as usual, be held at the CTA Club Martin Place. **CTA Club allows us in at 11.30am for chats and refreshments, and Luncheon is served around 1.00pm.**

You are guaranteed a very warm welcome, and some laughs with former friends and work mates. Phone Alex or Ann (details on the Masthead) if you feel nervous about attending...we will look after you!

Monday 6th June 2016

Our next Club Outing is Luncheon at Watsons Bay Hotel Beer Garden on 6th June at 12:00 Noon. Bookings are now finalized. Those planning to travel to Watsons Bay by water need to be at Circular Quay in good time to board the 11.29am Ferry.

Saturday 25th June 2016

Riverina Gathering: Will be held at the Wagga Wagga RSL Club at 12:00 noon. **Kevin Cameron** has asked that a reminder go to any ANZROC Members who may be able to attend. Kevin is the usual contact for this Event but will be away until 20th June so if you wish send **Secretary Reg Smeaton** an email reg.kini@bigpond.com and he will see that the numbers filter down to Kevin before the event.

Thursday 28th July 2016 (Date to be Confirmed)

Guided Tour of **Victoria Barracks** is in the Planning Stage, with a Lunch to follow at the RSL Paddington nearby. An early reminder that entry to the Barracks is from Moore Park Road, NOT Oxford Street. Expressions of Interest to M4GT Ann by no later than our Luncheon on 20th June 2016.
This one looks good!(Ed)

30th September to 3rd October 2016

Broken Hill Reunion: An item from a recent SMH follows:
“Seeking all current and former ANZ & ES&A staff who have served in Broken Hill for a reunion to be held from 30th Sept to 3 Oct 2016. For more information on venues, activities, costs and other details contact **Jackie Lynott** at Jackie@internode.on.net or **Karen Ford** at karenf@live.com.au “
A Flyer detailing the Festivities over the three days may be viewed on our Blog site.

17th November 2016

Far North Coast Gathering:

The Far North Coast Christmas luncheon is booked for Thursday 17th November 2016, to be held at the RSL Bowls Club Ballina. More info from **Brian Rawle** 02 66876286 or elwar@bigpond.com

17th November 2016

Our Newcastle Chapter plans to hold their Christmas Gathering on Thursday 17th November. More details soon.

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**Thanks for the Following Letters.....**

**Rosalie Derrick** writes as a result of an invitation to a Monday luncheon “....remember me to all, my trips to Sydney are not frequent, and I have a standing commitment on Mondays which is difficult to break, also I live in paradise, which is difficult to leave!”

**Ron Bracken** writes”..... we are transferring ourselves to 1/14-16 Taree Street,Tuncurry 2428.Phone number 02 6554 6575 Mob 0417 275121.

Unfortunately this means I will not be able to attend the Newcastle midyear luncheon, nor the one at Port Macquarie as we will be in Bali (again). However I will try to attend all future Port Mac. gatherings. It’s just like the old days when shifting was just a part of our career only now there ain’t a removal allowance.”

**Of Noel Plush:**

**Irene Norris** writes, “So very sorry to hear this news. Worked with Noel many years ago and since have kept up with Judy and Noel.”

**Ron Miller** writes “I am very sorry to hear of Noel's passing. I will not be able to attend the funeral but please pass my condolences on to Judy and his family.”

**Of Graham Franklin:**

**Ken Byatt** writes:”I too was shocked to hear of Franko's passing. The last time I saw him was a number of years ago at a Bulldogs/Wests Tigers match at the SFS (Bulldogs won to his delight). He was certainly one of a kind, and there was nothing that seemed to faze him. His grin and laugh will be hard to forget.”

**Karl Mizens** writes “Sadly the passing of one of the Bank’s real characters, who ensured others were always entertained with his fast wit and limitless humour. One decent human being has been lost.”

**Paul Jacka** writes “Franko will be remembered as an outgoing and personable human being not short on confidence and conversation. Vale.”

**Shelby Mills** writes “Graham was a lovely man - he became manager at my old branch at Enfield before he went to South Strathfield I think it was.”

**Ron Miller** writes “I worked with Graham in the old ANZ Lending Dept at 2 Martin Place and ran into him frequently over the years. He had a great sense of humour and a breezy personality which endeared him to everyone he met. He will be sadly missed.”

**Dennis Cartwright** writes “.....he took over from me as OIC Lending / Securities S( M & G) when I went to Esanda. Ah the memories, it is hard to imagine Graham Franklin being anything other than the bon vivant that he was.”

**John Cox** writes “I knew Graham, enjoyed his personality and shared a drink or two with him. A bugger of a way to pass on. Also had the pleasure of having a brief chat with Trevor Leck at the April Meeting. I was impressed with him.

**Bob Dyer** writes “I was sorry to hear about the passing of Graham Franklin. He was my first Branch Manager at Enfield and not only was he a great boss we became very close friends. There are so many past memories and funny moments we had together. One thing I always remember was Graham and I being introduced by the Enfield pub owner to a young up and coming group called INXS. I said to Graham why would you call a band I. N. X. S. We visited the Enfield pub regularly (*Customer visits of course*)”

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### Other Items:

**John and Wendy Freedman** expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome they received (after a protracted absence) at the April Luncheon). They were both touched by the number of members who chatted with them and made them feel so welcome. See you at Watsons Bay, John and Wendy!!

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The ‘old” **NSW Staff Club** Team of BIRTHDAY GIRL **Betty Gemmell**, with **Ann Morgan** at our recent Luncheon. Can you spot any familiar faces in the background?



And on that theme, **Margaret Blackwood** at 94. I think Cable Department NSW D/O late 1960's?? (Ed)

Paddy spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND "  
He then spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

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**A very enjoyable Lunch Meeting indeed!**

Ron Welsh OAM, with Jim and Cheryl Richardson arranged a very pleasant luncheon at the RSL Cardiff on 19th May. Twenty eight folk enjoyed the lunch. Numbers were down due to overseas travel by many regular attendees, illness, medical appointments etc. Sadly, Cheryl Richardson was an apology. Thanks for your efforts Cheryl, sorry you could not see how well it all went! The company was good as always and the Club's hospitality very much appreciated by all. A thoroughly enjoyable day capped off with a warm welcome from Ron Welsh, apologies and other matters were raised by Jim Richardson. Our ANZROC(NSW) President Graeme Bool offered a vote of thanks to our Newcastle brethren.



John Penn, John and Kester Ball, Alan Skidmore and John Tier - - Ron Welsh OAM and Jim Richardson

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A father told his 3 sons when he sent them to the university.  
"I feel it's my duty to provide you with the best possible education. You do not owe me anything for that. However, I want you to appreciate it. As a gesture of appreciation, please each put \$1,000 into my coffin when I die."  
And so it happened. His sons became a doctor, a lawyer and a financial planner, each very successful financially. When their father's time had come and they saw their father in the coffin, they remembered his wish.  
First, it was the doctor who put ten \$100 bills onto the chest of the deceased. Then, came the financial planner, who also placed \$1,000 there.  
Finally, it was the heartbroken lawyer's turn. He dipped into his pocket, took out his cheque book, wrote a cheque for \$3,000, put it into his father's coffin, and took the \$2,000 cash.  
**Naturally, the Lawyer later went on to become a politician.**

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**Next Month's ANZROC(NSW) Monthly Luncheon is on...**

....at the CTA Club Martin Place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We gather at the Club from 11.45 am ish for a chat and a laugh, and our Lunch Meeting commences around 1. 00pm ish!  
Please join us!!

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‘Til next month....thanks for reading the News....stay Well, and keep Smiling!!!!
Please look at all the photos on our Blog Site. Bound to see someone you know! (Ed)