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Welcome to our May 2021 NEWSLETTER

Club Update.

A big welcome to all members for our May Newsletter.

We trust that all members are keeping safe & well, and please enjoy reading our May NL.

Club Update.

Chatswood Luncheon 15 June.

Full details of our Hub Luncheon at Chatswood Business Club on Tuesday 15 June are again attached on final page of this NL.

RSVP to Club for no of attendees is required by Friday 4th June, so if you wish to come to the luncheon, please advise your acceptance to either Angelo or Graeme who's contact details are on the advice.

Club Membership Application.

We have recently updated the link on our web site with a new membership application.

Application can now be completed online and emailed to Club Secretary for processing.

So please if you have friends or know of any retired ANZ staff who are not members of the Club, please encourage them to join, by filling in the application form online.

Process is easy & simple and we are always seeking new members.

Bereavements.

Joan Bell White.

We have been sadly advised that Joan White, who is the wife our well known member Brian passed away suddenly on 13 May 2021 aged 83 years after a long battle.

Joan's funeral was held:-

Wednesday 19 May at:-

Parsons Funerals.

34 Belmore Street

Wollongong

at 2.00pm.

Sincere condolences to Brian & his family from all Club members.

RIP Joan.

John Sypott

We have been sadly advised that our member John Sypott passed away on 12 May aged 73 years. John was manager at Junee and then worked in Wagga prior to ending his service with the bank and gained other employment prior to retiring.

John has lived in Wagga during his retirement and would be well known to officers who worked with him during his ANZ service.

John has had health problems for a number of years and is survived by his wife Beverly and family.

John's Funeral was held on:-

On Monday 17 May at
Chapel of Alan Harris McDonald
76 Copland Street
Wagga Wagga.
at 2.00pm.

Sincere condolences from all Club members to his wife Beverly and his family.
RIP John.

Ian Robert Foote.

We were sadly informed by our member Anthony Lewis that Ian Foote had passed away on 23 April 2021 aged 60 years.

Whilst Ian was not a member of ANZROC(NSW) he was Manager Boorowa branch in the early 1990's and would be well known to members who worked with him during his ANZ service.

Ian's funeral was held:-

Alston Memorial Chapel
Lincoln Grove Memorial
Gardens Cemetery
Tamworth NSW
On 7th May.

Sincere condolences to Ian's family.

RIP Ian.

New Members.

Great to see that 2 new Club Members were obtained following the recent Luncheon held in Wollongong on 2nd May.

Kevin Campbell.

Kevin had a total of 36 years service in ANZ between 1979 until his retirement in 2015.
Big welcome back to Kevin.

Colin Rogers.

Colin served in ANZ from 1969 until 1991 for 22 years service.
Also a big welcome to Colin and trust you enjoy the fellowship of Club members.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Scott	ABRAHAM	29th
Ian	ADAMS	2nd
Stuart	BROOKE	14th
John	CHASE	6th
Jeff	COX	28th
Russell	CROZIER	10th
Kerry	GILBERT	8th
Terry	GILCHRIST	19th
John	GRAY	6th
Graeme	HEWETT	20th
Ron	HINSON	10th
Tony	HUNT	27th
Tony	KNIGHT	5th
Anthony	LEWIS	14th
Robyn	L'HUILLIER	30th
Craig	MARTIN	10th

Michelle	McCLURE	3rd
Neil	MERRICK	21st
Trevor	MITCHELL	28th
John	MORSCHER	18th
Doug	MOSS	9th
Ken	MURRAY	15th
Bob	PALMER	19th
Terry	PATTON	15th
Greg	PIDCOCK	22nd
Kevin	PRICE	30th
John	PUNCH	13th
Geoff	TAYLOR	23rd
Howard	TEMPEST	23rd
Angela	VALLENDER	15th
Vicki	WILKINSON	16th

THE HONS

Keith	ANDERSON	19th
Colin (Col)	BARTRIM	23rd
Peter	BRADFORD	10th
Brian	BURGESS	8th
John	CAIRNS	6th
Ivan	DEBELAK	24th

John	FREEDMAN	25th
Bob	GARRETT	3rd
Bob	GRANT	1st
Alf	McDERMOTT	17th
Mal (Malcolm)	NEWMAN	30th
Warren	RIEDEL	20th

We welcome three new members to the Hons this month

Brian Burgess

**Warren
Riedel**

Mal Newman

Welfare Report.

Bob Dyer Canberra.

Bob responded to our retired Welfare Officer Ken Dighton comments in April NL as follows:-

Hi Ken,

Thank you for your mention about me in the latest newsletter.

I am pleased to advise after 10 days in hospital and two weeks R and R I am nearly back to normal.

I have a condition called Pericardial Effusion in other words excess fluid surrounding the heart.

Last month was not a good month as our car was written off after being underwater during the Port Macquarie floods and I also had to call a local ambulance due to chest pains. Tests by the paramedics cleared me of a heart attack however I decided not to go to Port Macquarie hospital.(Bad Choice)

It was obviously a lead up to the present condition as upon return to Canberra I once again had to call an ambulance following breathing difficulties whilst playing golf.

I am now looking forward to getting back to normal.

Kind Regards

Bob Dyer

Bob we hope you are now on the road to recovery and all the best.

Marj Farrell.

Ken Dighton advised:-

I had a call from Irene Norris who said her good mate Marj. Farrell has been in hospital for back surgery and is far from being OK. The surgery last week was not successful and another operation has been scheduled. She is in Kareena Private Hospital.

I spoke with her for her birthday only a few weeks ago (in March) and she seemed OK (probably understated her state of health at the time).

Cheers,

KD

Evan Summerson.

Ken Dighton advised:-

I spoke with Evan Summerson who celebrated his 80th on Sunday last. I worked with Evan when Esanda Property Finance and FCA Property Finance became one (with the Bank of Adelaide merger). Evan also worked in ANZ prior to leaving and getting his job with FCA. His wife Judy also worked in ANZ. And he lived not far from me when I was at Thornleigh, and we used to catch-up occasionally.

He said he is well and still managing a couple of games of golf each week – he plays regularly with his son, his son-in-law (who plays off scratch) and his grand-daughter (who plays off 14 and can out-drive Evan). Not surprising he feels he should keep playing!

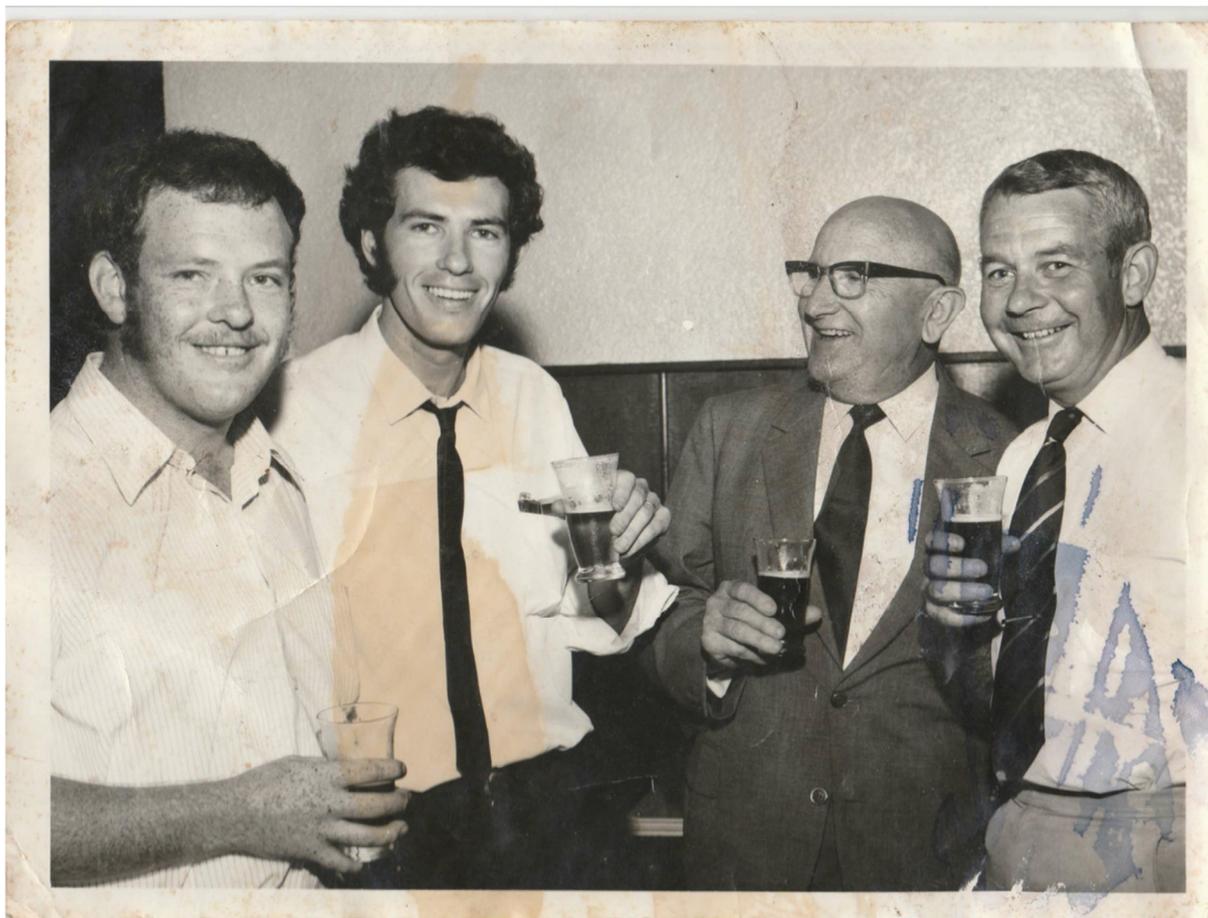
Cheers,

KD

We thank Ken for above, and we will provide a full report in our June NL, by our new Welfare Officers.

Nostalgia

Our esteem Life Member Reg Smeaton forwarded in this photo & comments from a Newcastle PWA (Pleasant Wednesday Afternoon) in 1970.



Reg commented.

A photo unearthed from the basement of Bolton Street Newcastle just prior to its closure. This was a PWA (Pleasant Wednesday Afternoon) at I believe the New Lambton Hotel around November of 1970. These gatherings were pioneered in Newcastle and did spread further afield over time. Needless to say pre breathalyser, so usually well attended and always good fun.

Pictured: Reg Smeaton, Barry Gilbey (deceased 24.4.2018), (Person unknown that someone may be able to identify), and Bruce Stacy (Deceased August 2009) The three identified were all working at Newcastle West Branch at the time the photo was taken.

Pictures

Kind regards,

Reg Smeaton

Betty Gemmell

Well our oldest member Betty Gemmell celebrated her 104th birthday on 11 May.

What a great achievement and congratulations Betty from all Club members.

The Club sent Betty a beautiful arrangements of Flowers on behalf of ANZROC Members, and Betty's lovely Thank You Note to Club President Terry:-

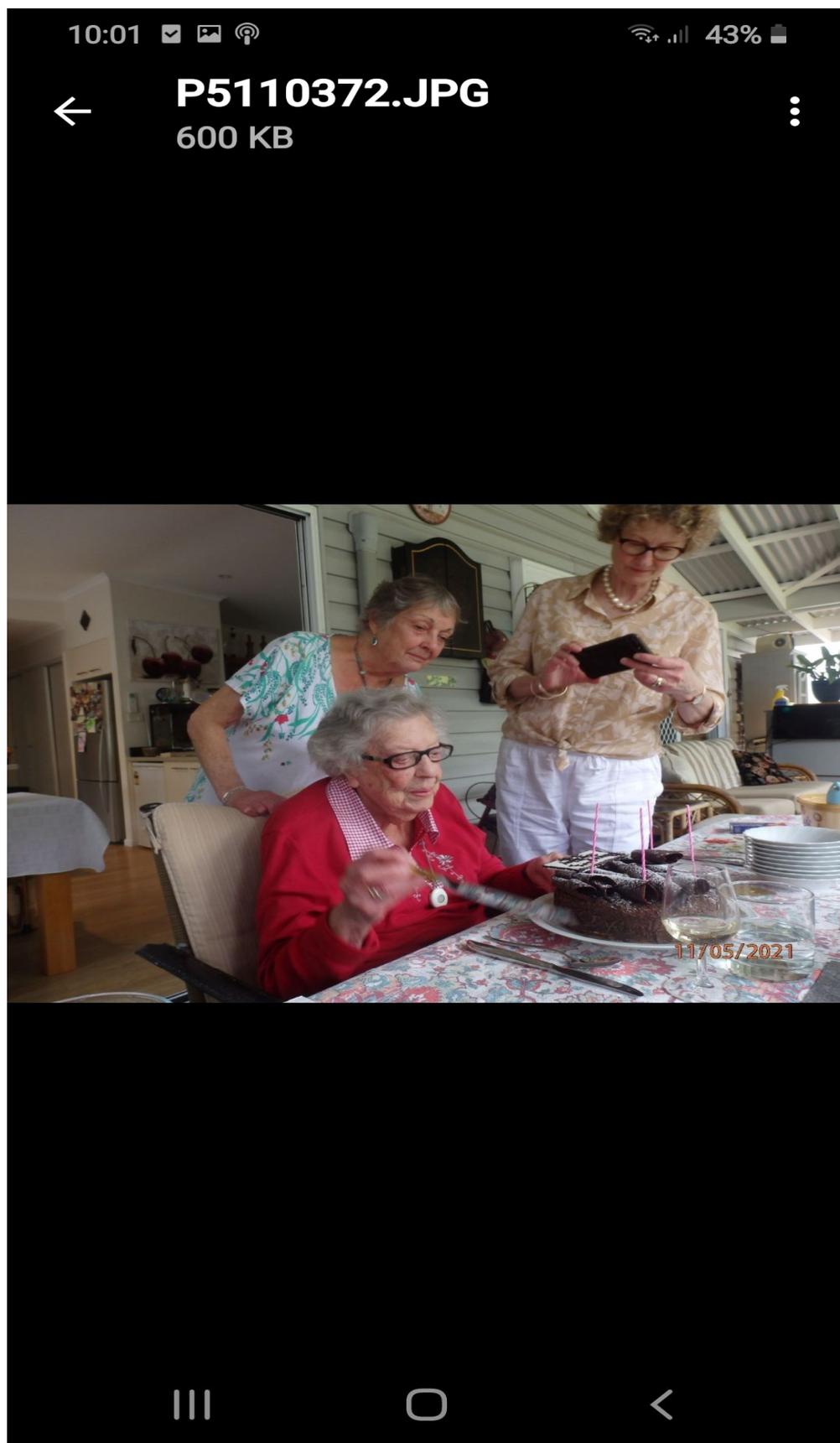
" Thank you all so much for the beautiful Flowers. I consider myself a very fortunate 104 year old Lady to have worked with many Old ANZedrs'.

The Cogs are rusty but the wheels have not yet fallen off."

"You are welcome Betty and we are glad you enjoyed your Birthday. You are an ANZROC (NSW) Legend."

As usual Betty's very close friends & and club members Ann & Alex Morgan held a little birthday lunch for Betty at their house.

A couple of ;pictures taken on the day:-



Ann, Betty and her niece Vicki.



In this picture are her nephews....l to r....David Moore her niece Vicki's husband, David Gemmell, Andrew Gemmell Vicki's brother, Betty, and Richard Gemmell.

And one from the memorabila file.

Old ANZ Bank branch building Forbes NSW.



Remember when interest rates were this high.

Send in by our Web Master Peter Goerman.



Indicator rates

Benchmark Rate **16.75%**
(effective from 17/9/90) P.A.

Base Rate **17.25%**
(effective from 24/9/90) P.A.

Housing Finance – Owner Occupied

Variable Rate **16.00%**
(effective from 1/10/90) P.A.

Fixed Rate **3 Years 15.25% P.A.**
(effective from 8/10/90) **5 Years 15.25% P.A.**

Home Equity Loans **18.00%**
(effective from 1/10/90) P.A.

FlexiPlus Mortgage **17.00%**
(effective from 24/9/90) P.A.

These indicator rates are used as a basis to individually determine the interest rates charged on all relevant loans. Full details of terms and conditions will be available on application.

Cash Management Account
(effective from 8/10/90)

	Nominal rate	*Effective annual yield
\$20,000 plus	12.40% P.A.	13.13%
\$5,000-\$19,999	11.30% P.A.	11.90%

*Yields are calculated on the basis that interest rates remain constant for 12 months and interest is automatically reinvested in the account for 12 months. Rates are effective for 7 days from Monday of each week.

National Australia  Bank

National Australia Bank Limited

ANZ Rates

Cash Management Account **13.13%** P.A.
(Effective from 8/10/90) YIELD*
*Yield based on compounding interest monthly at a rate of 12.40% p.a. for amounts \$20,000 and over.

Reference Rate* **17.00%** P.A.
(Effective from 10/9/90)

Index Rate* **17.00%** P.A.
(Effective from 24/9/90)

*These rates are the basis used for the pricing of variable rate loans.

Deregulated Home Loan

Variable Rate **16.00%** P.A.
(Effective from 8/10/90)

Fixed Rate **14.75%** P.A.
(Effective from 8/10/90)

Residential Investment Property Loan

Variable Rate **17.00%** P.A.
(Effective from 8/10/90)

Fixed Rate **15.75%** P.A.
(Effective from 8/10/90)

Equity Power **17.50%** P.A.
(Effective from 8/10/90)

Full details of terms and conditions are available on application.



Correspondence from Members

On Reginald Elliott.

Peter Goerman wrote.

Read with sadness of Reg Elliott's passing. He was the accountant at ANZ Civic in Canberra when I was there in 1966/67. Someone described him as a "snappy dresser". He was a lot more than that: he was the best dresser in the branch, always attired in a perfectly-cut suit with the handkerchief in his suit pocket being more than just a pocket square but a fashion statement matching his tie, his mood, and the state of the world. He was always very fair and always very polite and I remember him with fondness.

Regards
Peter Goerman

On Ron Rawson.

Ron Izzard wrote:-

So sorry to learn of the passing of Ron Rawson. Ron worked in 20 Martin Place when I was in Branch Securities. He had a wicked sense of humour and could always spin a story or tell a joke. A real good bloke and good company. After he retired from the Bank he lived at Croydon and often dropped in to my Burwood office for a yarn. Vale Ron.

I worked with Reg Elliott at the NSW Association of Credit Unions for a few years and I employed Phil Timms in 1979 to assist me in setting up a lending and security department. I have not seen or spoken to Reg for about 36 years. Reg was always very ambitious and politically savvy. I did not have much contact with him in our banking days. RIP Reg.

Kind regards,

Ron Izzard

FUNCTIONS 2021.

Hopefully with life returning to some form of normality, we will be able to have more functions in 2021.

The following functions have so far been held by various Centres in 2021.

Metro.

Our first hub luncheon & Club AGM. Was held at Wenty Leagues Wentworthville on 24 February.

Full details were provided together with pictures in February & March NL.

Wagga Wagga.

Although no's were down, Wagga held a successful luncheon at Wagga RSL Club on 13 March, which was organised by coordinator Kevin Cameron.

Well done and see below under Upcoming functions section for dates of the 2 further arranged Wagga luncheons in 2021.

Illawarra.

Our esteemed Life member Reg Smeaton got the ball rolling again in Wollongong, and a very successful luncheon was held at Coniston Hotel on 2nd May with 35 in attendance.

This was a great turnout following no functions in 2020 due to Covid, and Reg advises that a further one is being planned for later in 2021.

As a side and through Reg's efforts we also obtained 2 members from the function.

Thank you Reg, and pictures from the Illawarra luncheon are up on our Web Site.

Newcastle.

Jim & Ron organised a highly successful & enjoyable luncheon held at Cardiff RSL Club on 13 May with 38 in attendance.

Date for Newcastle Christmas luncheon has been scheduled for 28th October 2021, and details will be provided by Jim closer to the date.

Woy Woy.



YE OLDE WOY WOY HOTEL

On Thursday 22nd April, The Woy Woy Group was finally able to come together again after a long spell due to the common factor we have come to know as COVID19.

This has been a regular gathering over recent years at least 3 times per year and was Born from the Camaraderie and Strong Working Relationships developed at ANZ over many years. It runs deep and is a Great legacy. Always a great day, laughs and stories of yesteryear.

Many attendees are Members of ANZROCNSW but by its creation, it is a special activity in its own right. At this occasion, both President and Vice President who also regularly attend, on behalf of ANZROCNSW provided the contribution of Wines and President Auld conveyed our Thanks and Appreciation for their ongoing support and Membership.

UPCOMING FUNCTIONS DATES.

CANBERRA

Albert has confirmed the following dates for Canberra functions in 2021.

- “Christmas in July” on Friday, 16th July
Knuckles Restaurant in Harmonie German Club
Narrabundah ACT.
- Christmas Dinner on Friday, 17th December at
Royal Canberra Golf Club in Yarralumla

So all retired ANZ staff in Canberra & district please support these functions, and if you are not a member of ANZROC (NSW) please join by clicking on the link on our web site.

The more members that attend these functions, the bigger payment is received by the Centre under Club Subsidy Policy.

Wagga Wagga.

Kevin Cameron has advised dates for the remaining 2 Wagga luncheons in 2021.

- 14 August
- 11 December

All at Wagga Wagga RSL Club at 12 noon.

Far North Coast.

Early advice from Brian Rawle on scheduled next function in Ballina.

A date has been booked for THE FAR NORTH COAST LUNCHEON Thursday 21st October 2021. Would it be possible to hear from members that would be interested in attending please. More details closer the time. Please contact Brian Rawle phone 0266189197 or email elwarmb@gmail.com.

Members in these Centres please support Co-Ordinator's when functions are arranged in your district.



11 HELP STREET, CHATSWOOD NSW.

ANZROC NSW LUNCHEON TUESDAY 15th, JUNE 2021

11.30am for 12 Noon.

The Committee is pleased to confirm that our Second Luncheon for 2021 has been arranged at the above venue and stated Date. All Members are Cordially invited to attend.

In line with previously advised forward objectives, the venue has been specifically selected to align with Northern, Peninsula and Central Coast Membership Demographics. The last luncheon held in February held was developed on similar objectives to test the concept of selecting venues closer to the Membership clusters and a transit away from the previous one permanent location in Sydney CBD.

Chatswood Club has been selected on its location and status as a major Transport Interchange easily linked with all major routes in Sydney. The Club is located approx. 7 minutes walk from Chatswood Railway Station.

We will have Private Room facility on first level and the Menu will consist of;

- Main Course of 2 choices served as alternate Drops**
 - Platters of Vegies**
 - Dessert 2 choices alternate Drops.**
 - Coffee/Tea**
 - Bar Service within Function Room for Beer and Soft Drinks.**
- Bottles of Wine will be available on each Table.**
Full Cost will be met by Our Club.

RSVP required by Friday 4th June 2021

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