



# ANZ BANKING GROUP RETIRED OFFICERS' CLUB

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*Welcome to our May 2023*

## NEWSLETTER

### ANZROC NSW President's Report

Hello Members

Well, it has been an interesting month since our last Edition.

After a scenic train ride on 11<sup>th</sup> May, we Sydneysiders joined the Newcastle Chapter people at the Cardiff RSL Club for an enjoyable & sociable Lunch. Many thanks to Ron Welsh, Geoff Boyton and Ken Dighton for their organisation and transport from and to Cardiff train station.

I found amongst my papers, a Programme for the ANZ Bank Staff Swimming Club Carnival 1957 at North Sydney Pool. This brought back many memories of days gone by of the many activities of ANZ Bank Staff Club.

We had a myriad of activities, Bank Balls at Mark Foys Ballroom and at The Trocadero, Dances in the Staff Club Rooms above 768 George St. Branch, Netball Club, Swimming Club, Rugby Club and Rugby League Club. We even had Inter Banks Swimming Carnivals and Inter Banks Athletic Carnivals and of course we must never forget the famous, (some might say infamous) Wagga Wagga Annual Queens Birthday Weekends, a big event for staff in NSW & Victoria. In many sports, (even "boat races") and social activities, the rivalry between the State Executives was interesting to see. These weekends went on annually for 40 years.

I encourage all members to be on the lookout for potential new members. I had an interesting conversation recently with one of our new members about why they had not previously joined ANZROC NSW, and the answer was "I did not think I was eligible"!! This prompts me to encourage all members to look for membership applicants from any Ex ANZ-Staff they are aware of, your Committee is happy to give consideration to all applicants.

New members are the LIFE BLOOD of ANZROC NSW.

The encouragement by ANZ of ANZROC activities in each state in Australia by its Annual Subsidy, plays a big part in our survival and ability to subsidise members ANZROC participation.

Our thanks to ANZ for this backing. This subsidy allows your Committee to pass on cost savings to members in the City and Regionally, which otherwise we would not be able to do.

My wishes go to all our members and their families for a good year ahead.

Noel Bottrell Club President.

## BEREAVEMENTS.

### **Doug Ramsay**

We were sadly informed by Club member Ted Pettiford, that retired ANZ Officer Doug Ramsay passed away on 3 May at St George Hospital aged 80 years surrounded by his wife Rosalyn and daughter Tam.

Doug had been ill for some time, but never yielded and struggled to the end.

Whilst Doug was not a member of ANZROC (NSW), he would be well known to a lot of Club members from his extensive and long service in ANZ.

Ted advised that he was not sure of the year Doug joined the Bank, but both he and Ray Brennan were neck and neck as leaders in years of service in the ANZ Group.

It must have been circa 1960 he worked with Ron Miller in the early days in Securities, so I would reckon ANZ was the Bank he joined.

His last years in the bank were in Alexandria as a Senior Relationship Manager, but he was definitely branch manager at Earlwood in the 80s. He had a stint in High Risk in the early 2000s and then went back to frontline at Alexandria.

He played for the ANZ Rugby team in the 60s and 70s and was a motoring enthusiast with a love for motorbikes and motor vehicles.

He was widely read and possessed an enormous knowledge on virtually all motor vehicles and was a walking encyclopaedia on the subject.

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

Doug's funeral was held: -

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Lugarno Anglican Church

Old Forest Road

Lugarno

At 2.00pm.

RIP Doug.



### **HONORARY MEMBER ALF McDERMOTT**

We have been very sadly informed, that our beloved and highly respected Honorary member Alf McDermott passed away on 23 May aged 89 years.

Alf had a long and distinguished career in the ANZ Group and was a very proud ES&A officer. He would be very well remembered and respected by those officers who either worked with him or knew him during his banking service.

Alf was also on the Club Committee for many years and acted as our official photographer for a long period.

His wife Loretta predeceased him in August 2019.

Alf's funeral will be held: -

Date: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Time: 12pm

Location: Southern Chapel

Northern Suburbs Crematorium

199 Delhi Rd

North Ryde

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

RIP ALF.



## **HONORARY MEMBER CATH WOODWARD.**

We were sadly informed by her sister, that our Honorary member Cath Woodward passed away on 18 May aged 88 years.

Cath had a long career in ANZ and at one stage worked in the Staff Club with our Betty Gemmell.

Cath's recent years have been in a retirement village in Carlingford in Sydney, where her neighbour was Club member John Richardson.

Our Welfare Officer Ron Miller advised that he was in a choir group many years ago with Cath and her sister Marion Davidson, who is also a retired ANZ Officer and lives in Victoria.

Marion advised at Cath's request; her funeral was a private family service.

Sincere condolences to all Cath's family.

RIP Cath.



## **NEW MEMBERS.**

Great news, we have had another two new members join the Club during the last month.

### **NEW MEMBER.**

#### **Narelle Belinfante**

Narelle was employed by the Bank for 22 years from 1996 to 2018, mainly in the Hurstville area and has provided the following resume of her ANZ service.

I started in the Bank at Boundary Road branch as a part time teller and then after we had a few robberies, we moved to Morts Road Mortdale.

I worked part time for 20 years. I began as a general teller and when we moved to Mortdale, I eventually became No. 1 Teller, in charge of wages and coin orders. In my later term with the bank, I worked Monday afternoons and all-day Thursdays and Fridays.

Before I finished employment, I dropped the Monday afternoons and concentrated on No. 1 Teller jobs on Thursdays (8.30 to 4.30) and Fridays (8.30 to 5.30).

Many thanks Narelle and a big welcome to ANZROC(NSW).

### **NEW MEMBER.**

#### **Lorraine Sexton.**

Lorraine lives in Goonellabah Lismore and was employed by the Bank for 48 years from Nov 1970 until retirement in March 2018. Outstanding effort Lorraine, that is an amazing achievement.

Also, a big welcome to ANZROC(NSW).

## **BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAK UP THE NEWS.**

I received an email that said, you have won \$250,000, but to complete the transaction, we will need your bank details. Certainly, I replied, "It's a big building with money inside."



## June 2023 BIRTHDAYS

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

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

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Scott	ABRAHAM	29th
Ian	ADAMS	2nd
Chris	ALLARDICE	17th
Steve	BYNON	30th
John	CHASE	6th
Jeff	COX	28th
Russell	CROZIER	10th
Terry	GILCHRIST	19th
John	GRAY	6th
Graeme	HEWETT	20th
Ron	HINSON	10th
Tony	HUNT	27th
Anthony	LEWIS	14th
Robyn	L'HUILLIER	30th

Craig	MARTIN	10th
Michelle	McCLURE	3rd
Neil	MERRICK	21st
Trevor	MITCHELL	28th
Doug	MOSS	9th
Ken	MURRAY	15th
Anthony	O'BRIEN	13th
Bob	PALMER	19th
Greg	PIDCOCK	22nd
Kevin	PRICE	30th
Lindsay	SETTREE	1st
Howard	TEMPEST	23rd
Vicki	WILKINSON	16th

### THE HONS

Colin (Col)	BARTRIM	23rd
Peter	BRADFORD	10th
Stuart	BROOKE	14th
Brian	BURGESS	8th
John	CAIRNS	6th
Ivan	DEBELAK	24th
John	FREEDMAN	25th
Bob	GARRETT	3rd
Kerry	GILBERT	8th

Bob	GRANT	1st
Tony	KNIGHT	5th
John	MORSCHER	18th
Mal (Malcolm)	NEWMAN	30th
Terry	PATTON	15th
Warren	RIEDEL	20th
Geoff	TAYLOR	23rd
Angela	VALLENDER	15th

We welcome Kerry Gilbert, John Morshel and Geoff Taylor as the latest inductees to the ranks of the Hons.

## **NOSTALGIA.**

Life member Mike Cunneen has forwarded the following photos of a historic plaque from the old Martin Place & Pitt Streets building in Sydney.



### **Mike commented.**

Attached are two photos of the plaque that I presume was once attached to the wall of the ES&A Bank Martin Place and Pitt Streets Branch, having been manufactured in approx. 1953. (a long time ago.) I also presume that the plaque commemorated 100 years of Banking service at Martin Place by the ES&A Bank. A couple of years ago, I arranged for the plaque to be renovated by a staff member of the Banks Premises Dept and I am told that the plaque is now on display on the first floor of ANZ Martin Place and Pitt Streets Branch. Thankyou Mike for the photos of this plaque, they certainly provide a lot of memories.

## **WELFARE REPORTS.**

### **PHIL COHEN.**

Phil has left on a two-week holiday, so has submitted his report for us.

### **Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays scheduled in June 2023.**

#### **Kerry Gilbert**

Welcome to the HONS in June 2023.

Health wise fair. Had treatment for melanomas between 2014-2019. All good now, just regular reviews necessary. Walks every day. Enjoys, regular stays at Greenwell Point.

#### **John Morschel**

Welcome to the HONS in June 2023.

Health good. Now retired except for an Honorary roll with the State Government. Spends time at his property in Bowral and enjoys looking after the garden. Will be celebrating his birthday with family.

#### **Geoff Taylor**

Welcome to the HONS in June 2023.

Health OK. Walks regularly 3-4 Kms and does a little gardening.

#### **Stuart Brooke**

Stuart advises no health issues at present.

#### **Brian Burgess**

Attends a Gym Mondays and Fridays each week doing exercises and weights. Has had a few years where he has had difficulties with Melanomas. Is a member of a local Prostate Cancer Support Group.

#### **Ivan Debelak**

Ivan still plays golf three times a week. Health wise, all good. Hopes to come down from Brisbane to attend one of our Sydney lunches.

**Bob Grant**

Health OK. Mainly reads due to heart problem and thus needs a walker to help with mobility.

**Tony Knight**

Health, good now following a bad period and is now able to get back to activities he couldn't do before. Enjoys doing the garden in the complex where he lives.

**Mal Newman**

Attends the gym most days when possible. Still playing golf three days per week, Delma plays golf two days per week.

**Terry Patton**

Plays bowls at odd times. Not as much as previous. Still drives and helps with the house shopping.

**Warren Riedel**

All going well. Still enjoying Port Macquarie, Probus, walking, caravanning, and surfing. When I spoke with Warren, he was in Bendigo with Elaine touring around Victoria doing the silo trail.

**Angela Vallender**

Health good. Attends exercise classes twice weekly. Involved with a knitting group each week.

**Rino Mariani**

Contact made with Rino to get an update on his current health condition.

Rino advised that back in February he had trouble walking and called an ambulance. Spent two weeks in hospital, where he was diagnosed with Vertigo, then three weeks in Rehab. Now home and is over the worse, although still has dizzy spells periodically. Spends time doing special exercises. Have a speedy recovery, Rino.

**RON MILLER.****Ken White.**

Going very well. Heart Specialist happy. Still plays table Tennis.

**Ron Freeman.**

Ron contacted Secretary Graeme and thanked the Club for his birthday card.

Ron gave Graeme a resume of his banking career and details are recorded in this NL under responses received from Hon's.

He also advised that he had moved down to Terrigal with his son and provided updated contact details, which have been recorded in Club database.

**John Le Gras**

Well but slowing down. Still gets around a bit and was looking forward to a Birthday Lunch when I rang him.

**Col Jeffries**

Left message and he responded by email.

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 THIRD BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2023

WILL BE AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

CASTLEREAGH ST (AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER)

MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023.

FULL DETAILS & BOOKING REQUIREMENTS ON LAST PAGE THIS NL.

### **CANBERRA.**

Co-Ordinators Albert & Bob are pleased to advise that Canberra mid-year function has been scheduled as follows: -

**Date:** Saturday, 8 July 2023  
**Time:** 6.00 for 6.30pm  
**Place:** Bui's Vietnamese Restaurant

*38 Giles Street*

*KINGSTON ACT*

**Cost:** \$20 per person at this stage is indicative and will be confirmed later.  
**Note:** BYO alcohol drinks, with soft drinks available.

Contact details for info & bookings are as follows:

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Albert Orszaczky Phone: Mob. – 0414 616 230, Email: [orszo@bigpond.com](mailto:orszo@bigpond.com)

### **COMPLETED FUNCTIONS.**

#### **NEWCASTLE**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May saw a nice sunny day in Newcastle for the Hunter Region's bi-annual lunch – the first for 2023. Local Chairman Ron Welsh was very pleased to welcome a group of 28 to the sitting, which included ANZROC(NSW) President Noel Bottrell, and Secretary Graeme Bool. It was particularly pleasing to see such a good mix of out-of-area folk (John Burke and partner Margaret Greaves, John and Kester Ball, Ken and Sue Byatt, Wal Hardy, Peter and Jean Maber, Jamie Roberts, and Doug Moss) and local stalwarts (including Beverley Wilson whom we had not seen for a while).

Thank you to all of you for making the effort to come along, and for helping to reduce the quantity and variety of food in the buffet (which we trust you enjoyed).

President Noel spoke on behalf of ANZROC(NSW), and extended birthday wishes to member Betty Gemmell who was celebrating her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday in Sydney.

John Ball gave a eulogy in respect of Keith Anderson, who sadly passed away in February.

A few fortunate punters won lucky-seat prizes, and we thank Cheryl Richardson for once again organising this nice addition to the day.

We look forward to welcoming members (and wives/ partners) to the next lunch scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> November – please note that on your calendars!"

**President Noel added: -**

Thanks Ken and well done, a good coverage of the day, my only comment is to add the thanks of the train travellers for the services of the car shuttle from Cardiff station to the RSL Club and return, makes it so much more convenient for us travellers 👍👏.

Noel

A full set of photos were taken on the day and three are below.

The full set is up on Clubs Web site for viewing by members.



**THE ASSEMBLED THROUGH RAISING GLASSES TO TOAST BETTY GEMMELL'S 106TH BIRTHDAY**



**PRESIDENT NOEL BOTTRELL SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ANZROC(NSW)**



## Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



### On Doug Ramsay.

#### **Ron Miller wrote: -**

Graeme  
I worked in Branch Securities briefly with Doug, about the time Moyra and I were married. He would have to be in his late seventies at least, but I do not know his exact age. I am very sorry to hear of his passing and I have not seen him for many years.  
Regards Ron

#### **Kim Morgan wrote: -**

Hi Graeme.  
So sad to hear, I worked with Doug for a few years at Balmain after he had been at the Marrickville branch. Fun times indeed!  
Kim.

#### **Joe Van Dam wrote: -**

I worked with Doug in high risk, he was certainly a character and could brighten up a day.  
Sorry to hear of his passing, please pass on our regards to the family.  
Joe & Fran van dam.

#### **Karl Mizens wrote: -**

Sorry to hear of Doug's passing.  
Worked with him when I was at Business Bank in Alexandria, we enjoyed a few social times outside the bank. He was a real character, and it was never dull in his company.  
He was very proud of his longevity in the bank and was careful to retain copies of all his personnel dealings to avoid any later "misunderstandings".  
His knowledge of motor bike history was exceptional.  
Karl.

#### **Alex Morgan wrote: -**

G'day Graeme,  
I have many great memories of Doug Ramsay.  
He was in Branch Securities in NSW Divisional Office when I was in DO Accounts on the same floor at 2 Martin Place circa 1964 ish.  
Ken Hill was his boss then.  
Ann and I spent many great times with Doug and Ros, Dennis and Pam Grehan, and John and Denise Whitford.  
He was a proud Scotsman, a real character.  
Alex

#### **Ken Byatt wrote: -**

As to Doug Ramsay, he was a Monitoring Manager in the CBD Zone when Andrew Mohl was in charge. From memory Terry O'Rourke was also one. All I can remember of Doug was that he would be classed as a "likeable rogue".  
Cheers,  
Ken

**Ian Urquhart wrote: -**

Gave Doug a heads up at Marrickville that there were other players in the field, missed the point completely. Gave Ron Miller same interview in 1989, missed the message. Four years audit covering NSW, twelve years Eastern suburbs, Hotbed, intrigue and then some. Nothing got missed, professionals are too well trained.

**On Alf McDermott.****Noel Bottrell wrote: -**

Thanks Graeme, sad to see Alf pass away after a well-played innings, he was always a good supporter of ANZROC NSW

Vale' Alf

Noel.

**Terry Auld wrote: -**

Hi Graeme.

Very sad. An Ex-ES&A Banker, but I never worked with Alf. I certainly knew him & his great photography for ANZROC made him well known to most members.

Cheers

Terry

**Ron Miller wrote: -**

I am sorry to hear that Alf has passed.

Whilst it was expected, that does not reduce the pain and loss felt by his family and friends.

Ron Miller

**Ken Byatt wrote: -**

Graeme,

Definitely sad news re Alf's passing. I first met him in the latter part of 1962, the year I joined the Scottie Bank (2/1/62 was my joining date). I joined at Concord and was there for six months before I was transferred to Haymarket. Towards the end of 1962, I was sent to Spit Junction to relieve the teller for a few weeks.

Alf was the Accountant there, and he certainly was a character. Never worked with him again, but he was one who never forgot a face, and when I joined ANZROC he was one of the first to come up and renew acquaintances. Will be sadly missed.

Cheers,

Ken.

**Tony Schembri wrote: -**

Worked with Alf in Western Sydney Region, he was a good man and a good Bank Officer.

Tony.

**Phil Cohen wrote: -**

Very sad to hear about Alf. A great supporter of the Club and for many years, our official photographer.

I knew him as Manger Yagoona Branch when I was working at the new Bankstown Area Office.

Cheer

Philip

**Mark Monaghan wrote: -**

Thanks Graeme

What a great man Alf was.

It was always so good to see him at ANZROC lunches with his camera at the ready.

Mark.

**Ron Welsh wrote: -**

Hi Graeme.

This is very sad news regarding Alf. I had the pleasure of working with him at 90 Ware St Fairfield Branch in the 1970's. I enjoyed our time together and it was also good to later meet up with him occasionally at ANZROC lunches.

RIP Alf.

Ron Welsh

**Tony Knight wrote: -**

Graeme.  
Sad news – Alf was a good bloke.  
He was one of the ES&A fellows who joined the old ANZ administration - met him in “A” File 12 months before the physical merger. This was done in order to ensure a smooth start to the merged operation on 1 October 1970. Management had learnt their lesson from some of the rivalry which still existed in 1960s after the Union and Australia merger in 1951.  
He was a good banker and well respected by his peers and staff generally.  
Regards, Tony Knight

**Stephen Sargent wrote: -**

Hi Graeme  
It is sad to hear of Mr McDermott (Alf), passing away. He was my first manager when I joined ANZ at Yagoona in 1976/7.  
He was a gentleman and well respected by staff and his customers.  
Vale Alf  
Stephen Sargent.

**Ray Brennan wrote: -**

Very sorry to hear that Graeme. I worked with Alf for eight years at S (K & G). He was a great guy and always brought humour to the office. He was proud to be a Banker.  
Sadly missed. RB.

**Robert Jones wrote: -**

Just read it now.  
I recognise the name but can't place him exactly.  
Did you work with him?  
Bob

**Charles Ross wrote: -**

Hi Graeme,  
Sad news indeed. I first met Alf in 1957 when I relieved him as teller at ES&A. Forbes, so he could have holidays and go to Brisbane to see Loretta, who had moved to Brisbane with her parents. Loretta had also worked at that Branch prior to the Brisbane move.  
My wife and I became very good friends of Alf and Loretta over many years. They had no children of their own, but on a number of occasions they took our two boys for weekends, and they have always remembered the fun they had with them.  
Had not seen them very much since we moved to Brisbane in 2006, but did have a very enjoyable lunch with them when visiting our son at Castle Hill on one occasion and regularly talked to them on the phone.  
I had also worked with Loretta at ESANDA for quite a long time.  
They had more than their share of health problems, which was a shame as they had lived a very sharing life and helped many others along the way.  
Last time I talked to Alf, he said he was looking forward to joining Loretta again.  
Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend his funeral as it is a long way from Brisbane, but we will miss him.  
Our condolences go to all who benefitted from knowing both Alf and Loretta.  
Regards,  
Charles Ross

**Reg Smeaton wrote: -**

Hi Graeme,  
Sad news indeed. Alf was a lovely bloke who went through some very tough times of both a personal and health nature in his retirement and as carer for his wife for many years. He also had a very debilitating cancer that impacted on his ability to eat solids in a serious way.  
He loved a chat and when I was involved in the Committee and subsequent to that, I used to phone him often, but always had to reserve about an hour of my time as he was never in a hurry to hang up the phone!  
All the years as a photographer he used to develop his photos at his own expense to distribute to the members after any event he covered.

When the Committee recognized this largesse by not charging Alf for his ANZROC monthly luncheon, he was very reluctant to accept our offer, and had to be almost physically ushered past the entry collection point. He certainly will be missed.

Regards  
Reg.

**Tony Carter wrote: -**

Hi Graeme.

You have just explained why he hadn't replied to my call last week.

He's been having a hard time with his cancerous jaw for some time and maybe it's a blessing that has taken his pain away.

With no direct family, he had missed Loretta.

He was a slightly cantankerous critter, but I got along well with him on our train trips back home to Eastwood/Epping after our luncheons and annual Bank Christmas cocktail get togethers.

God bless him.

Cheers,  
Tony Carter

**Elaine Davis wrote: -**

Thank you for this information. I did not know Alf, however, pass on my condolences to his family.

Kind regards

Elaine Davis  
ex ES&A/ANZ

**On Cath Woodward.**

**Ken Byatt wrote: -**

Sad to learn of Cath's passing. Records amended accordingly.

Although I have never, to my knowledge, worked with Cath, I came across her many times and she was a quiet gentle lady, well respected by all who worked with her.

**New member Joan Ryan OAM wrote: -**

Dear Graeme,

Thanks very much for your welcoming letter to ANZROC. I have been following the newsletters together with Noel for many years now and feel part of the system anyhow!

Look forward to joining you at the luncheons in the future.

Kind regards,  
Joan Ryan OAM



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

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

**Digby Milne wrote: -**

Dear Graeme

Thank you so much for the Birthday Card. I always look forward to the newsletter every month to keep up with my previous work mates.

My latest project with my scroll, saw was a house and Lamborghini parked in the garage.

I am attaching a photo together with a photo of me with children and Great Grandson (brand new)

Once again thank you for the contact

Kindest regards Digby.



Thank you, Digby, for your kind comments and great work with your hobby. All the best.

**Ron Freeman wrote: -**

Ron contacted Secretary Graeme and thanked the Club for his birthday Card and call by Welfare Officer Ron Miller on 4 May.

Ron said that due to his wife's health position, he had recently moved down to Terrigal with his son.

He provided a brief resume on his banking career.

Ron joined the Bank of Australasia at Church & Macquarie Streets Parramatta in February 1951 and was aged 14 years and 9 months, he said he was the youngest bank officer at that time.

He had a very enjoyable banking career and looks forward to receipt of Clubs monthly newsletter to read about events and mentions of officers who he knew during his banking career.

Ron wished all club members all the best.

**Widow Marie Murray.**

Marie, who is the widow of our recently departed Honorary member Neil, wrote a lovely letter of thanks to the Club.

Marie's letter said: -

Dear Graeme.

Thank you for sending me the April newsletter of ROC.

Would you please convey my sincere thanks to the members who took time to pen words of tribute to Neil.

The family and I were very touched.

Wishing all the members a very healthy and peace filled 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Marie Murray.

Thank Marie for these very kind words and we wish you all the best.

**Terry Stapleton wrote: -**

Dear Graeme

I wish to thank the Committee and Members of ANZ Retired Officers Club NSW for the birthday card received today for my 93rd birthday tomorrow.

Life is pretty quiet these days, although I am in reasonably good health and able to walk for an hour or so every day.

I belong to an online book club which meets monthly, so I spend some time each day reading.

I care for myself, although I need a bit of help with cleaning the house.

I look forward to the club's monthly magazine.

Many thanks

Terry Stapleton

**Peter Douglas wrote: -**

Hi Graeme,

Many thanks for the Birthday Card. Please convey to Ron and Noel my appreciation and to Ron for his Phone call, which I unfortunately missed.

Both Jan and I are both as well as can be expected and I am still playing Golf, Jan is also occasionally playing too. Hope to see you at next function...

Regards

Peter D

**Alastair Steel wrote: -**

Hi Graeme

Many thanks for the birthday greetings from the club, very much appreciated. I had a quiet birthday celebrated with family. I am now in good health and working on staying that way after last year's setbacks.

Also looking forward to getting back to painting, which has been neglected.

I intend coming in for the June meeting and lunch, would be pleased if you will book me in for that, see you there.

Regards

Alasdair (Stainless)

**Jim Richardson wrote: -**

Dear Graeme,

Belated but not less sincere thanks to you and the ANZROC executive, for the 80 years birthday card and also the phone call from Phil Cohen. All greatly appreciated and made the day more special.

I received quite a number of phone calls and cards and also several visits from family and friends. Our family gathering is on hold at present and Cheryl is planning a day during the coming school holidays.

Healthwise some improvement over the last three months or so. Age has brought about changes and my recent retirement from rifle shooting over the past 65 years, has not diminished my abiding interest. I follow closely activities at local, state, and national levels as well as activities in the UK.

My other interest over the past 38 years, has been freemasonry and i remain a member of four masonic orders and hold grand rank in three of them.

Just a little nostalgia - I joined ANZ Bank at Cessnock on 25th January, 1960 and on 25/1/2023, Cheryl and I travelled out to Cessnock on several business matters and we called into the branch (1982 premises) for a short time and were able to talk to the manager and one teller. There was a constant stream of clients with business transactions etc.

Sadly, the branch closed last month, notice having been given in October last year. We felt very much for the staff, all of whom were given notice due to there being no positions available for them in Maitland or Newcastle.

As Ned Kelly stated "I suppose it had to come to this" end quote.

Jim.

**Morrie Miles wrote: -**

Birthday Card

First of all, thanks very much for the Birthday card.

After retiring in 1986 from Dubbo Branch, Val and I spent the next 34 years at Nambucca Heads and then for various reasons, we decided to move to Port Macquarie.

We found a nice little Retirement Village and have lived here for nearly three years.

Both of us are enjoying reasonably good health.' I have been diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease. I am on medication and undergo physio and voice pathology, and to date, have not been inconvenienced very much. Val has a constant battle with Arthritis; however, she is on medication and handles it quite well.

We join in the Village activities as much as possible. Play indoor bowls, pool and darts and generally have a good time, plus we have Happy Hour every Friday.

Once again thanks for the card and the Monthly Newsletter

Kind Regards,

Morrie Miles.

**Pixie McPaul wrote: -**

Good morning Graeme,

Thank you and the Committee, for phone messages and the 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.

**Wendy Keys**

Wendy left a message on Secretary Graeme's mobile and thanked the Club for her birthday card & best wishes for her recent birthday.

Pleasure Wendy and all the best.

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

**ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers' Club (NSW)**

# ANZROC(NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.



**BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTLEREAGH  
ST CITY**



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

**THE CLUB'S 3<sup>rd</sup> BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2023 WILL HELD AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY WITH DETAILS: -**

**DATE: MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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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GRAEME BOOL.  
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IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED, PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.  
**CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 14 JUNE 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 19 JUNE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR JUNE BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON & SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. 2023.

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