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Welcome to our October 2018 NEWSLETTER

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ANZROC (NSW) Secretary Report 15th October 2018

Today's gathering attracted 38 members and President Philip Cohen welcomed all. Included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while, Harry Hammond, Bob Janson, Col Jeffries, and Craig Smith.

Phil's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast to the Queen and the People of Australia.

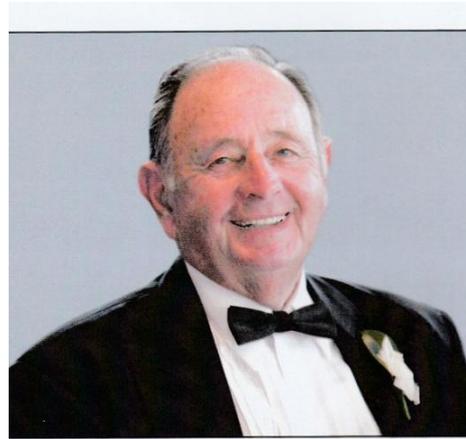
Apologies: Terry Auld, Angelo Briganti, Bill Chapman, Vic East, Alf Evans, John Freedman, Robyn Jurd, Tony Knight, Alf McDermott, Phil Minett, John Mitchell, Tony Schembri, Ian Tredinnick, Angela Vallender, and Sebastian Zammit.

BEREAVEMENTS:

I regret to advise the passing of **Garth Brown** on 28th September 2018 aged 85. Garth passed away peacefully with all his family around him, and with very little suffering. His condition deteriorated since about June of this year but he only spent a few days in hospital and was lucky to have his wife Shirley look after him in their home for almost all of his period of infirmity. Garth (also known as Gary, Have a Chat, Gazza, and Brown) retired from the bank after 42 years as Manager Epping. He first met his wife Shirley when a teller at Burwood Branch and they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this year. Garth is survived by his wife Shirley and children Geoffrey, Lynette and Kerry. Lynette (Smith) is also a member of ANZROC (NSW). The range of nicknames speaks volumes for the esteem in which Garth was held, most of us if lucky acquire one such sobriquet and are usually proud of it! Garth's funeral was on Wednesday 3rd October at the Community of Christ Church, Manning St Tuncurry. Rest in peace Garth. Garth and Lyn Pictured below: Lyn adds "yes, he was still hitting the ball straight".



Forster Golf Course April 2018



GARTH WILSON BROWN

15th August 1933 - 27th September 2018

Aged 85 years

The following was extracted from the Manly Daily:

"GORMAN, Raymond Breffeny (Ray)

Passed peacefully on 1 October, 2018. Late of Mona Vale, formerly of Beacon Hill. Aged 96 years. Adored husband of Dot and father of Neil (both dec). Brother to Daphne (dec) and uncle to Anne. Lovingly remembered by Michelle."

Funeral Service for Ray was held in the South Chapel, Northern Suburbs Crematorium on Wednesday, 10 October, 2018.

Ken Dighton advises: "Ray would have been 96 on 15th of this month. He evidently has been in a nursing home for a while and I wasn't able to contact him for his birthday last year." Rest in peace Ray.

Raymond Breffeny Gorman

15th October 1922 - 1st October 2018



Treasurers Report: Mike Cunneen reported a sound financial position.

Ken Dighton – Welfare Officer

Report for October 2018

Sick List:

- John Penn – John will be moving from Newcastle Private on Wednesday into respite for a period and then permanently into aged care accommodation (not far from where he has lived for quite a few years). He has had a tough trot over recent months and while the decision to move from his home was far from easy he decided it was the best course. We wish you well John in your new abode.
- Reg Smeaton – our beloved Secretary is in the wars again, probably having to undergo some more radiation treatment soon. This time last year he had some extensive surgery. Best wishes Reg.
- John Reading – John returned home last Saturday from a stay in hospital with a broken patella. He said he is improving and he seems to be in good spirits.
- Peter Goerman – Peter has returned home to the South Coast after cancer treatment in Sydney. He has since spoken with Secretary Reg and it seems he is progressing well. Keep it up Peter.
- John Ball – John has had some time in hospital for heart surgery (again). He said he is on the mend, but must extend apologies for his absence from our meeting today. We hope to see you soon John.
- Brian Thompson – the following are the main points of an email from Brian: “I have been trying to get to a luncheon for some time now however my health has not been great. After a botched prostate operation, (that has since proved unnecessary), I have only been to Sydney for specialist treatment, investigative surgery or specialist tests. I have only very recently been diagnosed with “Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis”. At the age of 74, doctors say it is very rare and most unusual in a male. I’m lucky that a new drug is to go on the PBS in November and my Neurologist will be administering the treatment. I’m lining up for treatment as soon as it is available. (no cure – just slows it down). Regards to all.” All the best for your treatment Brian.
- Alf McDermott – according to Stainless Steel, Alf was hoping to be with us for our lunch meeting today, but he is still having a bit of trouble dealing with whole foods so he decided to postpone his return. We look forward to your returning to the fray Alf (if not next month, then the Christmas do).

I made contact with the following members, who enjoy the esteemed title of Honorary Member, to offer birthday good wishes and hope for a happy and healthy year ahead:

- John Ball (83) – John will be 83 on Friday, but based on his health report above I would suggest that celebrations may be low key. A glass of nice red probably would not be too out of order John. Best wishes.
- Kevin Cameron (83) – Kevin said he is really well, and keeping himself well occupied (with Lions Club, a walking group etc). He and wife Jannette will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary next month – that could be quite reasonably described as a good marriage!

- Ron Chillingworth (83) – I was unable to make contact with Ron. However, we saw him a month or so ago at a lunch meeting and he was in good form. Happy birthday for the 24th Ron, and best wishes for the year ahead.
- Warwick Denton (84) – Warwick’s health is good and he is still managing a couple of games of golf each week. He said unfortunately his handicap is not improving, but he is enjoying himself.
- Brian Liebert (87) – Brian said he is going quite well and is keeping active. Among other activities he plays darts and table tennis each week. Also, he has just managed to convince the assessor to give him his driver licence for another year. Brian said he catches-up as often as possible with his old mates Bob McEwan and Ron Booth (they were a regular quartet with Noel Chie at our lunch meetings before a few health issues came into play).
- Al Campbell (80) – Al said that he does have some health problems but still he manages to visit the golf course twice a week. He celebrated his birthday with family at Rosehill races.
- Allan Jones (96) – Allan and his wife Shirley have in recent days moved into an aged care facility. While the move was a bit traumatic (house moving always is), Allan said his new abode is comfortable and provides a good range of services. Best wishes to you both.
- John Brogan (82) – Some emphysema and age related aches and pains aside, John said he is travelling reasonably well. He asked that I pass-on his regards to his former colleagues and ROC members generally.
- George McKinnon (95) – George said he is well, and he celebrated his birthday very happily at his daughter’s place a few kilometres down the coast, where he is staying for a few days. Happy days George!
- Colin Ticehurst (81) – Colin said he had an enjoyable birthday with his family. He is well and is planning a holiday later in the year.
- Bette Barton (90) – Bette said she is “pretty good”, despite living with heart failure for some time. She is enjoying life down on the lovely South Coast, but she does miss the arts and theatre scene of Sydney. Bette will be getting together with about 20 friends in a local restaurant to celebrate this big milestone. Enjoy it Bette, and well done!

I was unable to make contact with Russell Betts. We hope your birthday on the 17th is a ripper Russell.

In a recent report I mentioned that I could not make contact with **Keith Johnson** and had to leave him a phone message for his birthday. Well, it was nice to see a photo of him enjoying the Mid-Coast ROC lunch held in August at Port Macquarie, and he looked to be in fine fettle.



“Male, 38, still living with his parents. They asked us to keep him overnight, so they could change the locks.”



Should have had a gun!

Courtesy Geoff Wright Newcastle



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tim	BARKER	15th
Peter	BIRCH	9th
Shirley	CASBOULT	18th
Geoff	COWAN	20th
Gary	CULMER	22nd
Danny	DE VERE	25th
Ken	DIGHTON	23rd
Dennis	FELGATE	12th
Eddie	FIDDOCK	8th
Bruce	FOSTER	21st
David	HARRIS	27th
Jan	HAWKINS	25th
Craig	HYDE	11th
Paul	JEPSON	10th
Robyn	JURD	14th

Peter	MEERS	29th
Bernie	MICKLE	3rd
Kim	MOGAN	15th
Alex	MORGAN	6th
Mark	NIGHTINGALE	28th
Lindsay	NORTON	20th
Violet	PELOE	24th
Noel	PRATT	17th
Brian	RAWLE	23rd
Sharyn	SERGEANT	3rd
Gary	STREET	27th
Robert	STREMPEL	6th
John	SYPOTT	3rd
Joe	VAN DAM	17th
(Andrew) Peter	WILSON	22nd

Paul	MAWRUK	1st
Jim	McVEIGH	2nd

Geoff	WRIGHT	20th
Robert	ZIEMS	14th

THE "HONS"

Jim	BICKERTON	8th
Olive	BOURKE	27th
Ron	BRACKEN	29th
Ivan	BRIGGS	3rd
Geoffrey	COX	6th
Ray	CROMPTON	19th
Alf	EVANS	30th
Lloyd	GUTHREY	27th

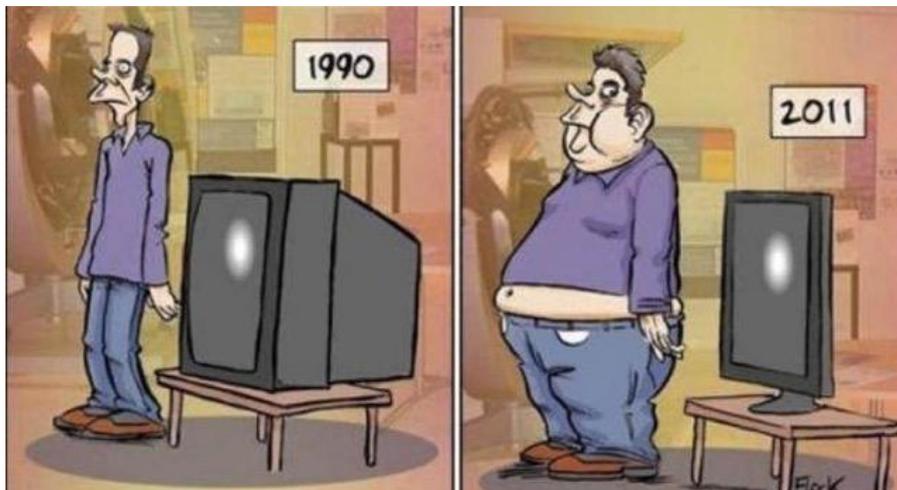
Bill (William)	HORTON	19th
John	HUDSON	21st
John	LEAVER	18th
Phil	MYERS	21st
Noel	RYAN	22nd
Bob	WILLIAMS	21st
Barry	SMITH	21st

Congratulations to Alf Evans and Noel Ryan on achieving "Honorary" status

Happy Birthday

Birthday wishes were extended by Graeme Bool to Phil Cohen and Stuart Kitching.





NOSTALGIA CORNER:

**Our Men's Basketball "B" Grade Grand Final Winners
Winter Competition Held at Goulburn in 1972**



Back Row From Left: Graeme Bool, Noel Bottrell, Geoffrey Cupitt, Noel Anderson

Front Row From Left: Peter Goodchild, Noel Leonard

A formerly hirsute Graeme Bool and Noel Bottrell are still very active members of ANZROC (NSW) and any information on the others pictured will always be welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Of Betty Hickman:

Arthur Crittenden writes: "I had the pleasure of working with Betty in Hurstville in mid 1950,s...a lovely lady who knew her way around banking. Always the happy person...will be sadly missed by many."

Ron Miller writes: "I am very sorry to hear this. Betty was a wonderful person and very respected by all who knew her."

Of Garth Brown:

Mark Lewis writes: "I worked with "Mr Brown" as his Advances Officer at Epping Branch....great bloke!"

Ron Booth writes: "I knew Garry Brown when he was my Manager at Woonona Branch where I was appointed to my first accountants post at what had been an E.S &A Branch. Prior to the merger. He took over from the retiring E.S & A manager, Len Priddle. I found Garry to be a very fair manager and very helpful to me when I needed some help. He was very popular with our customers and as the then staff got to know him better we had a fairly harmonious working environment. I have only met with him once since those

days at Woonona and that was at ANZROC Christmas function some years ago and he was the same Garry Brown that I had remembered, very friendly and outgoing and I will always remember his infectious smile. I must also mention his wife Shirley. She was a very friendly and hospitable lady, a very good host as we had many enjoyable times after hours in their residence that was attached to the rear of the Branch premises. To Garry's family my sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.

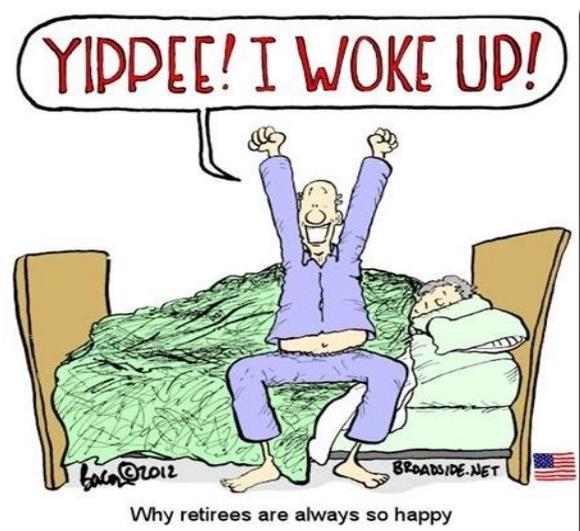
Of Ray Gorman:

Ken Abrahams writes: "Sad news. Was my Manager at Lane Cove branch 1976/1977, a true gentleman. At that time he resided in Killarney Heights and even invited my wife and myself to dinner one occasion. I thought that was something special."

Mike Cunneen writes: "Ray Gorman joined ES&A Bank in approx in 1937 and then enlisted into the Army in 1942 and served in New Guinea until 1945. After the war he rejoined ES&A Bank and worked in many Branches in NSW. He was Accountant at Newcastle Branch in 1958 when Mike Cunneen started as a New Entrant at that Branch. Ray retired as Manager Waterloo Branch in mid 1980's. His wife Dorothy died in 2011 and their only child Neil died a few years later. Ray's health deteriorated over the past few years and he was very lovingly cared for by his partner Michelle. RIP Ray Gorman."



?????????: John Kenney ran into the granddaughter of Laurie Thorburn, the onetime manager of Henty Branch (circa 1960) recently and she was very curious to know of her grandfather's history with the bank. If anyone has a repeatable tale to relay to the granddaughter, Secretary Reg will happily get them to her via John Kenney. Any contribution would be welcome.



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Secrets to a long happy marriage

A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."

SOCIAL NOTES:

Our Christmas Function is fast approaching and we have 100 acceptances to date with 20 vacancies to fill. There is a definite 120 ceiling on numbers so if you wish to attend and have yet to advise Secretary Reg, best get it done as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

A Special Celebration – John Smith and his wife Jess



John Smith and Jess Lewis were married on 12th August, 2018. Phil Newsome and Helen Mazar bore witness to the event. The ceremony was conducted at the Illawarra Retirement Trust (IRT) Aged facility at Kanahooka where both John and Jess reside. In fact the wedding was financed by the IRT and a great number of IRT Staff and Management shared the day with John and Jess. The bride and groom will continue to live at IRT, Kanahooka as a married couple. John retired from ANZ in 1998 after 37 years service and his last post was Manager, Albion Park.

Dates for the Diary:

9th November 2018 **The Coffs Harbour Annual Luncheon** will be held at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club. Commences with fellowship at 11.30 and lunch to be served at 1 pm. Some refreshments will be provided by ROC. RSVP to Bob Primmer bobprimmer6@gmail.com or 0417717885.

19th November 2018 **Luncheon at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel 169 Castlereagh St Sydney**, with arrival after 11.00am. Pre luncheon drinks are available to be enjoyed at the 2nd floor bar area. Access to 4th floor is only possible after 12 noon, so please drop in to Level 2 and have a chat first! All members are welcome. Bookings are not required; it is always an enjoyable day with good food and lots of old friends and the occasional surprise visit by those who can't make the meeting all the time.

15th November 2018 The Newcastle Christmas luncheon at Cardiff RSL. RSVP to Jim or Cheryl by 7th November 2018 is essential to meet club requirements. There will be a \$15.00 charge on the day to assist in defraying costs. The train leaves Central at 9.15 AM (Hornsby 9:52 am) - check your local timetables - and will be met at 11.33 AM on arrival at Cardiff at Cardiff Railway Station. Contact : Jim or Cheryl Richardson 02 4943 8031 or 0419 602 087 Email: jimcher@exemail.com.au (subject to changes re pricing and train timetable before the event).

21 November 2018 The Mid North Coast Christmas lunch will be held at the Tacking Point Tavern 3 Emerald Drive Port Macquarie at 12 noon for 1pm. 2 course meal of Christmas fare will be catered. Please RSVP by 11 November 2018 to marg-gazza@bigpond.com or 0412 218 524 to Garry or Margaret Heiron.

1st December 2018 Luncheon at the Wagga Wagga RSL Bistro Saturday 12:00 noon. All ex ANZers welcome. RSVP to Kevin Cameron by email at jannette.cameron@bigpond.com.au or phone 02 6922 4575.

13th December 2018 Annual Christmas Cocktails hosted by our Patron Maile Carnegie at the **ANZ Banking Group Ltd 242 Pitt Street Sydney** Level 24 from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM. This will be restricted to 120 guests, so it is important to book early through Reg Smeaton and is filling fast, (see masthead for contact details).

14th December 2018 Canberra Christmas Function 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at the Royal Canberra Golf Club Bentham Street (Westbourne Woods), YARRALUMLA ACT. Cost of \$65.00 covers \$15.00 for pre dinner drinks and \$50.00 for the meal. ANZROC Subsidy will be applied in part to drinks bill also at the end of the evening. Contact Albert Orszaczky on 6231 6198 or orszo@bigpond.com OR Bob Dwyer on - phone: 02 6231 2371 or bob@coolcountryhats.com.au.



"Bad news, its curiosity"



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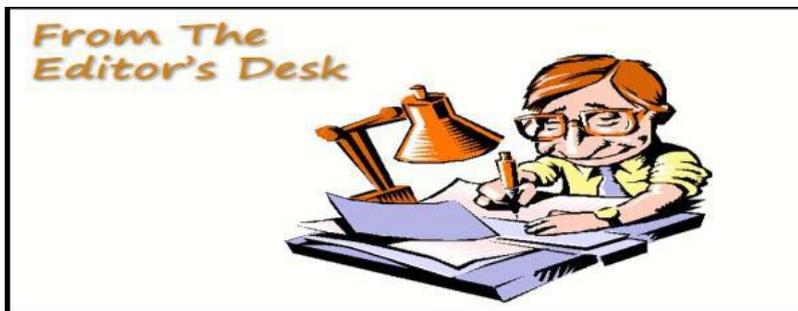
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