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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER, 2016

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In the absence of our normal lunch at the CTA Club this month, the usual apologies and Birthday wishes and other formalities observed at our functions were not appropriate (these will be addressed at our next CTA Luncheon in October and of course be covered in the Newsletter) however we still had a very interesting month with our annual Patron's Hosted Luncheon at the ANZ 242 Pitt Street Sydney our Partners Lunch at TAFE Ultimo on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

#### PATRON'S HOSTED LUNCHEON

The Patron's Luncheon on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was attended by a full house of 68 members with 4 ANZ Bank representatives. It was a highly successful day and enjoyed by all who were able to attend, the company was excellent and the food and the friendly, efficient service exceeded all expectations.

President Graeme Bool welcomed all at the luncheon and in particular The Hon. Warwick Smith AM and Mark Monaghan. Graeme also conveyed an apology from Clieve Lennon who was unwell on the day and unable to attend.

The following is a paraphrased version of Warwick Smith's address, scribbled in haste by a very poor to nonexistent shorthand scribe, so apologies for any omissions or inaccuracies!

Warwick Smith addressed the guests and welcomed all on behalf of the ANZ and mentioned that he had been hosting the luncheon for about 10 years now, along with Mark Monaghan, and they are delighted to be able to continue to host this event.

Warwick extended an apology from Chairman, David Gonski AC. The four largest Australian companies by market capitalisation are the big four Banks, with ANZ sitting at number 3 (and on a good week number 2) and as such represents an important part of the economic framework of Australia. Service development is a key to success in this framework, with NSW (if it was an independent country) being the 6th largest economy in Asia. ANZ is an integral part of the economy and requires a deft and considered management of any issues, requiring David Gonski to be on the spot to deal with issues, hence his absence this afternoon on an unscheduled but important meeting.

Warwick spoke of the new CEO Shane Elliott and his objective to recalibrate the ANZ to better fit our global market place. Changes in strategy have been implemented to meet banking competitors and realise on any opportunity when it becomes apparent. There is a need to expand our focus on the NSW market due to its economic growth. Results will only be achieved with customer interaction and

better use of the digital world where there have been dramatic changes for person to person and digital interaction.

We continue to maintain a strong push into Asia, with a commitment now to recalibrate and look to fit niche opportunities such as gold, our 5<sup>th</sup> largest export earner and ANZ's largest trade to the Shanghai Gold Exchange. ANZ is seeking to develop a trade finance focus through patient, careful market consideration for a return that makes a positive difference but also aligns with changes in China's economy.

We are doing well in a tough global market, and I have just returned from the G20 meeting in China where indications are that in terms of the fastest moving commodity . cash, we are admired for the Bank's role of stewardship and consistency. If we keep the faith our capacity for change and good returns will come.

Warwick went on to say that he regularly reads our Newsletters and it strengthens his view of the Bank's need for a role in the community and the customers' need for attachment as individuals. Warwick then read an excerpt from the Newsletter from Catherine Campbell, the daughter of a recently deceased member Max Campbell who was more than a banker but also a part of the community as follows:

"It is with deep sadness I have to inform you of Dad's passing on the 8th August 2016. Dad contracted Influenza A at his nursing home along with 30 other residents sadly, and passed away after a 10 day battle against it.

Dad truly loved the ANZ Bank and the opportunities and postings that it gave him. He spoke fondly of all the various towns he worked in and how he always went to a new place with an open mind, and quickly joined sporting groups so he could make friends and be accepted as a local.

Thank you for your wonderful Newsletters, they truly were the highlight of his month, and he read them over and over with his beloved cups of tea."

Warwick closed his address by proposing a toast to %riends past and present+

At the end of the luncheon Graeme Bool thanked Warwick Smith and Mark Monaghan for their generous and willing hospitality and made special mention of the efforts of Jasmine Antonious, (Warwick's Business Manager.), Amanda Clarke (Mark's P.A.) and Lee Blundell (NSW State Chairman's office) for their support of ANZROC (NSW), for both this event and on many other occasions when they have actively involved themselves in assisting us in our endeavours. Warwick responded in kind and a very enjoyable day was concluded.

Thanks to the efforts of our intrepid photographer Alf McDermott and his assistants, and our blogmaster Peter Goerman, a collection of photos from the Lunch is now up on our blog [anzroc.blogspot.com.au](http://anzroc.blogspot.com.au)

## BEREAVEMENTS

Elaine Davis advises the passing of her sister in law, **Kathleen Mary Robbins (née DAVIS)** aged 76 of Nowra NSW. Kathy was employed by the ES&A Bank Nowra approx. 1957-1962. It was related at her funeral service that she did the exchanges with other members of our family, who were employed at other banks and Kathy was followed (into the Bank) by another sister in law Rosalie Cole, then by Jan Rankin, Eileen Aulsbrook and myself in 1965. Elaine is the daughter of the late Bruce Grimison, so the family certainly had a firm involvement in the organization.

**Ian Gardner** of Bellbird Heights Newcastle passed away on 22 August 2016 aged 75, he is survived by his wife Glenda and several children and grandchildren. Ian's funeral was held at Cessnock on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Brenton Goedecke of Chisholm ACT, and to David Harris of Goonellabah NSW.

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**Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.**

**-Phyllis Diller**

**What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.**

**-Phyllis Diller**

**The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally put gin in the steam iron.**

**-Phyllis Diller**

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## WELFARE REPORT

Ken Dighton . Welfare Officer

Report for September 2016

### Sick List:

- Vic East . Vic had a fainting spell some weeks ago, but a variety of tests concluded not too much apart from low blood pressure. His situation is being monitored.
- Peter McCabe . Peter was out of action for a while, but it was nice to see him back on the bike and enjoying our Patrons lunch.
- Clieve Lennon . and talking of our Patrons lunch, regular attendee Clieve had to reluctantly register a last minute apology. He had a troublesome swollen foot and took himself off to hospital. If that wasn't enough, subsequently his leg and the car door came together and the result required seven stitches. Despite not feeling on top of the world, his sense of humour and irony remain.
- Peter Simpson . I phoned my old Deni mate for his birthday. Apart from a lingering dose of bronchitis he's doing alright. However, wife Margaret has been through the wringer over a considerable time. She recently had surgery in Melbourne to remove tumours from her back and is in recovery mode at the moment. Regular checks are now the order of the day, but she is optimistic about the outcome. Best wishes Margaret for a full recovery.

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I made contact with the following people, who enjoy the esteemed title of **Honorary Member**, to check up on them in their **birthday month** and to extend good wishes:

- Norman Brain (92) . Norman said he is still chugging along. He was in good spirits, and said he still lives in the home he bought in 1969. Good on you Norman, keep doing whatever you've been doing.
- Stan Doyle (81) . Stan is going well and still enjoying life on his 5 acres up north. However, his wife Margaret has had a bout of shingles for about 7 months and this is giving her some grief . and it means that Stan's farming activities have been curtailed a bit to give Margaret some help.
- Reg Elliott (83) . Reg is staying active, and things are all good.
- John Heathwood (85) . John is travelling OK. He did have some kidney stones removed earlier this year and will have to front-up again for more surgery (the other kidney) in November. Notwithstanding this commitment (the timing of which hasn't been set yet), he hopes to be able to get to the Newcastle lunch on 17/11.

- John Hickey (81) . All things considered I am doing OK, apart from a few ups & downs, but I guess that goes with the territory+. John said he had the pleasure of joining Lloyd and Jan Guthrey (they were over from Perth) for dinner recently and talking over some good old times. John said he is looking forward to a forthcoming holiday.
- Barry Humphreys (81) . I'm waiting for a reply from Barry to my email. Best wishes for the year ahead Barry, and we hope you are well.
- Keith Jacobs (82) . Keith said he is quite well apart from a bit of arthritis. He said he celebrated his birthday in fine style.
- Ray Mooney (80) . welcome to The Hons+Ray. He said he is pretty good . only a few age related complaints to slow him down. He only finished work in 2011 after 11 years with Chubb (ie after his ANZ stint!).
- John Robson (84) . I wasn't able to make contact with John's wife Beverley. As mentioned previously John is now in a nursing home. Best wishes for #84 John, and may the year ahead be a good one for you.
- Don Sheath (81) . last year I reported that Don was essentially wheelchair-bound. Well, the good news is that Don has had both knees replaced since last year and he is again mobile with the aid of a walking frame. And this pleases him no end! Well done Don and good wishes for a continuing improvement.
- Roy Vockler (89) . Roy said he is OK, but basically immobile - he had a mild stroke recently. He is now living in a residential care unit. He does enjoy the occasional glass of scotch (for medicinal purposes!). Best wishes Roy and keep smiling.
- Les Rennie (80) . another new member of The Hons+. well done Les. I had to leave Les a couple of phone messages. He phoned later to say he had been away, and he is still upright. Les also said he had a great birthday celebration, topped-off by a visit by his daughter who is based in London.
- Keith Nunn . he was 96 a couple of months ago but I was unable to make contact with him. I've since ascertained (from his niece Robyn) that he is going strong. Keith's daughter Judi (ex-ANZ C&K Wollongong) is his carer but she has been incapacitated and has been in hospital. Thanks Robyn for this information, and best wishes to you all.

Earl Cochran spoke to Brian White and asked Brian to pass on his regards to all the old bankers from his past. He is still playing bowls and sounds well according to Brian. Coincidence/small world, Earl was driven to Lismore by a friend last week, Earl, his wife Betty and the friends dropped into a shop for a coffee. The driver spotted a couple of his friends in the coffee shop and asked Earl if they could join them for their coffee. Turned out to be Brian White's brother Victor and his wife from Yamba!

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Of Ian Gardner:

Ken Abrahams writes: Sad news about Ian. Knew him when he was Manager at Enmore in 1980, a good operator+.

Ron Welsh writes: Sad news re Ian Gardner. He and I both retired in January 1995 from our respective branches, Ian at Cessnock, me at Raymond Terrace. I can recall being farewelled by our colleagues at a joint, very enjoyable, (long) lunch at a winery restaurant at Pokolbin. Ian has not been well for some time and as such was not a regular attendee at Newcastle ROC gatherings+.

### Noticed in the ANZROC Vic Newsletter

Phil Goodier emailed to pass on his thanks to Kathy Trace for the birthday card which arrived on the day! area. Back in Australia besides fishing and diving in the summer months bowls is frustrating but enjoyable. As usual, in June, the four exANZers, Peter Bramwell, Bob Parsons, Karl Mizens with Phil still tow Peter Bramwell's boat on their regular fishing trip to Shark Bay W.A. if it's too windy then

crabbing at Monkey Mia just down the road. Captain 'Bligh' Bramwell is the organiser so it's always great fun. Other fishing trips to East Gippsland are still the go, as are crabbing trips to Yorke Peninsula in South Australia, but their trip to the Northern Territory this year was restricted to Alice Springs only, celebrating the golden wedding of another ex ANZer Gavin Carpenter.+(Big Brother is watching lads !!!!! LOL)

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

.Does anyone know the whereabouts of Peter Walker ( ex Methods etc)?



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Keith (KD)	ANDERSON	10th	Brenton	GOEDECKE	17th	Allan	McCORMACK	1st
Matthew	BENJAMIN	14th	David	GRAETZ	31st	Frank	MILLS	1st
Alwyn	CAMPBELL	3rd	Bob	GRANT	12th	Frank	PENGELLY	1st
Marshall	CARTER	30th	Ron	IZZARD	4th	John	PENN	9th
Agnes	CHEUNG	22nd	Gwen	JARRATT	24th	Bob	PRESTON	13th
Philip	COHEN	28th	Graham	KENNEY	10th	John	RICHARDSON	13th
Bob	COOK	14th	Stuart	KITCHING	9th	Colin	TICEHURST	1st
Jim	CORRIGAN	24th	Kevin	LANE	19th	Barry	TROLLOPE	18th
Tom	DOUMANI	8th	Will	LUTKE-SCHIPHOLT	28th	Nick	TSIGOUNIS	19th
David	EDWARDS	7th	George	MARTIN	30th	John	WELLBURN	14th
Jennie	GEISLER	1st	Gary	McKay	5th			

## THE "HONS"

John	BALL	19th
Bette	BARTON	21st
Russell	BETTS	17th
John	BROGAN	21st
Kevin	CAMERON	14th
Ron	CHILLINGWORTH	24th
Warwick	DENTON	14th
Peter	DUFTY	11th
Ray	GORMAN	15th
Allan	JONES	20th
Brian	LIEBERT	10th
George	McKINNON	6th
John (JK)	NICHOLSON	28th
Alan	PARMETER	12th
Graeme	PICKERING	13th

Congratulations to John BROGAN who joins the "Hon's" this month

## SOCIAL NOTES

No Shows for Patron's Hosted Luncheon



We mentioned several months running in the Newsletter that anyone who indicated they were coming to the above function and were unable to attend to please advise the Secretary of their inability to attend. We had three genuine apologies and made provision for them with the caterers. There was again an embarrassing situation where we also had three who did not come to the luncheon nor did they advise of their inability to attend. Our host pays for meals based on acceptances and this is not negotiable so it is a direct cost to our very generous host that could be avoided with a little courtesy from the absentees.

Please note the Christmas Cocktail function is subject to the same per head catering parameters, so anyone not attending but listed to do so, please advise Secretary Reg. before the event. The Bank is very generous to ANZROC (NSW) and their support is not mandatory but given wholeheartedly, so no shows reflect very badly on us as a group and risk a deterioration in, at best our relationship and at worst the support of our benefactors.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

**30<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 Broken Hill reunion:** This is not an ANZROC(NSW) sponsored event however ANZROC members and others should contact Jackie Lynott at [Jackie@internode.on.net](mailto:Jackie@internode.on.net) or Karen Ford at [karenf@live.com.au](mailto:karenf@live.com.au) for more detail.

### **12th October 2016**

Bob Primmer is arranging an ANZROC Lunch in Coffs Harbour on Wednesday 12th October, 11.30 for 12.30pm at Coffs Harbour Golf Club, Earl St. RSVP to Bob Primmer on email [bobprimmer6@gmail.com](mailto:bobprimmer6@gmail.com) or phone 02 6652 7130 or 0417 717 885. All members and partners are very welcome and if anyone wishes to travel to Coffs for a couple of days Bob can arrange discounted accommodation with a tour of attractions the following morning. Tiger Air has very cheap flights to Coffs (\$49 one way) from Sydney, so this may be an opportunity for some to have a few days in the warmer climate! This is a first ANZROC function for C.H and if successful will become a regular Christmas Function, your support is encouraged.

**9th November 2016 (Please Note Change in Date Now Confirmed)** The Annual Graham (Doc) Wilson Memorial Bowls Day at Club Umina. Partners & new bowlers are very welcome. Check in time 9:30am for 10:00am roll up, with luncheon served at 12:30 pm at a reasonable cost (approx. \$20.00) yet to be determined. **Please let Reg Smeaton know if you wish to participate (see masthead for contact details)**- Coordinators Ian and Gwen Jarratt will be away leading up to the event.

While we are on the subject of sport

***Toward the end of the Sunday service, the Minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?"***

***80% held up their hands. The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time, except one man, Walter Barnes.***

***"Mr Barnes, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"***

***"I don't have any," he replied gruffly.***

***"Mr Barnes, that is very unusual. How old are you?"***

***"Ninety-eight," he replied. The congregation stood up and clapped their hands.***

***"Oh, Mr Barnes, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world?"***

***The old golfer tottered down the aisle, stopped in front of the pulpit, turned around, faced the congregation, and said simply, "I outlived all the buggers" - and he calmly returned to his seat.***

### **17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Far North Coast Gathering**

The Far North Coast Christmas lunch is booked for Thursday 17th November 2016, it will be held at the RSL Bowls Club Ballina. Contact Brian Rawle 02 66876286 or [elwar@bigpond.com](mailto:elwar@bigpond.com) All welcome

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Newcastle Christmas Function** From 11.45 am at Cardiff RSL Club, Macquarie and Munibung Roads Cardiff. **RSVP is essential by Wed 9th November** to meet Club requirements. Train travellers will be met at Cardiff Railway station from 11.33 am train. (Conditional on timetable remaining unchanged) Train leaves Central at 9.15 am . check your local timetables. Contact Jim or Cheryl Richardson email: jimcher@exemail.com.au or phone 02 4943 8031 to book.

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 The Christmas Cocktails** at ANZ Centre 242 Pitt St Sydney. The gathering is limited to 120 guests, those wishing to attend will need to register with Reg Smeaton on 02 4228 6951 or [reg.kini@bigpond.com](mailto:reg.kini@bigpond.com) quickly to avoid disappointment. Again, we had several no shows last year which meant others who wished to attend missed out. If you register and need to cancel for any reason **please let Secretary Reg know immediately so he may alert those on our waiting list.**

**9th December 2016 Canberra Christmas function-** 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at the Royal Canberra Golf Club Bentham Street (Westbourne Woods)Yarralumla ACT. Cost will be \$50 per person with dress smart casual (denim or sneakers NOT permitted).RSVP Albert Orszaczky phone: 6231 6198,email: orszo@bigpond.com or Bob Dyer phone: 6231 2371, email: [rdyer@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rdyer@bigpond.net.au) John Lucas phone: 6293 2532, email: jandklu\_cas@bigpond.com.

### **Partner's Luncheon 20th September 2016**

**Secretary Reg. comments "There were 29 members and guests present at what is becoming an annual event at the TAFE Ultimo Catering Training School. We were treated to a very good three course meal of great quality with very good service and as usual the company made the day well worthwhile. Those present would I am sure recommend The Apprentice Restaurant (ph 02 9217 5527) to anyone with a discerning palate and at a loose end looking for something different to do in Sydney. Bookings are essential; they will accommodate a walk up start, but if they have a big booking on the day walk ups may be disappointed. There were some cancellations from the event due to unforeseen circumstances with trains and other personal issues, regrettable but unavoidable; perhaps next year may see a bigger turn out."** Photos from this Lunch are up on our blog [anzroc.blogspot.com.au](http://anzroc.blogspot.com.au)

### **NOVEMBER LUNCH**

David Richardson formerly of Norton Smith & Co. and well known to the ANZ as mentioned in our July Newsletter has accepted our invitation to the November lunch, when we are looking forward to catching up and swapping the odd %war+story.

### **THE LAST WORDS**

*The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing. -Phyllis Diller*



*You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type*

Noel, (Still your Guest Editor,(with great assistance from Sec. Reg. and the team), while Alex & Ann Morgan are away touring Australia in their RV.)