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Welcome to our September 2019 NEWSLETTER

Our Club Report from Luncheon 16 September 2019

Today's gathering attracted a rollup of 34 members and President Phil Cohen welcomed all. Included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while:

Graham Kenney, Doug Russell, John Ryan, Bob McElroy.

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

Thanks again to all attendees and the positive feedback received about the lunch.

Apologies:

Ray Brennan, Elaine Davis, Phil Newsome, Tim Barker, Peter Marotta, Alasdair Steel, Alf Evans, Bob Le Brocq, Keith Morrin, Clive Neutze and Barry Gibson.



Bereavements:

John Robson. Aged 87 years.

We were sadly informed that John had passed away on 16th August.

John had been unwell for some time and was in a Nursing Home in Kiama on the South Coast. Our member Vic East regularly visited John at the nursing home and we thank Vic for his dedication to John over many years. A private family service was held for John.

Condolence letter from all Club members has been forwarded by the Club to John's Widow, Beverley.

Roger William Hickman. Aged 89 Years.

ANZROC member Ian Auld advised us:

"It is with much sadness that my old mate of 66 years, aged 89, died peacefully on 31st August from brain cancer diagnosed 12 months ago".

A private service and memorial service were held on 6th September for Roger.

Sincere Condolences from all Club members have been passed onto Roger's family.

Ian Hiscock. Aged 89 Years.

Sadly we have been advised that our member Ian Hiscock passed away on 12th August aged 89 years. Ian was a diabetic for many years and his health hadn't been good for some time and had been in a nursing home for the past few years.

For those of us who knew or worked with him in ANZ we will remember him as a gentleman and dedicated banker. Ian worked in Methods Department for a period.

The condolences of all Club members has been passed onto his wife Joan and family.

Norm Brain.

Our Welfare Officer Ken Dighton advises:

*"I contacted The Hons for their birthdays this month. I phoned **Norman Brain's** nursing home (he would have been 95 on 24th) only to be told he passed away last Friday 6th September. He was admitted to the nursing home last year and I managed to speak with him soon after he moved in. He was obviously suffering some form memory loss. When I finally tracked him down (with the help of Wal Pendleton) I spoke with Phil Durney who paid Norman a visit at that time".*

Condolences to Norm's family from all Club members.

Robert (Steve) Wilcockson.

Our member Graeme Smith advised us that Robert, (known as Steve) had passed away on 10th September, aged 72. Whilst not a member of ANZROC(NSW) Steve was well known for his many years' service in ANZ in Sydney. Steve's funeral service was held on 18 September at South Chapel Rookwood memorial Gardens Crematorium Memorial Avenue Rookwood.

The condolences of all Club members to his wife Kate & children.

Ann Croan

We have been advised by our colleagues in ANZROC (Qld) of the passing of Ann Croan, wife of our member Greg Croan, who is well known to our Sunshine Coast Retired Officers. Greg worked all his life in NSW principally in Sydney in 377 George St in International Dept and at the other end of George St in the Haymarket district and retired from the audit staff, following which they moved to the Sunshine Coast. Greg advises that Ann died with him at her bedside last Monday at 8.10pm peacefully.

Ann's funeral was held on 16th September. Condolences to Greg for his lost from all Club members.

[Editor: Our colleague, Greg Hooke, honorary secretary ANZROCQ, has invited any ANZROC (NSW) members who wish to send a message to Greg Croan to do so by email through Greg Hooke at his email address ghooke@internode.on.net]



Our condolences to all of the families and friends of our departed friends and colleagues .
Gone but never forgotten.



New Member:

Lily Tran. A big welcome to Lily who would be known to many members when she worked in
CBD Area at Haymarket.



Treasurers Report: Mike Cunneen reported a sound financial position.



Ken Dighton – Welfare Officer

Welfare Report:

Sick List:

We wish the following members (and any others for that matter who are on “the sick list”) good luck with their various health issues:

- Barry Smith – Barry has been in hospital for two weeks after picking-up an epidermidis staph infection (related to the insertion of a new Pacemaker in April). He will be having intravenous antibiotics for the next few weeks. And as previously mentioned he is also having treatment for bladder cancer – he has had 4 of 6 radiation sessions. On the whole he has a bit on his plate at the moment, but as usual he can see the brighter side of life and said “give my regards to Broadway” (meaning the gathering at today’s lunch).
- Angelo Briganti – Angelo returned to the fold today after a break with a case of “rolling stones” (of the kidney variety). Nice to see you back on deck Angelo.
- Barry Gibson – Barry is an “apology” for today’s lunch meeting because he is having a follow-up visit to his specialist (post radiation treatment). He is feeling good but he mentioned, however, that his wife Barbara will be having specialist treatment soon following a not-so-good diagnosis from a regular check. Good luck Barry and Barb.
- Tony Thompson – Tony’s wife Gay said that he is home after quite a long stay in hospital, but he is not well. They are awaiting further checks by medicos to determine what the next step may be. We all wish you well Tony.
- Keith Johnson – I received a phone call from Keith in connection with the death of Ian Hiscock. Keith’s health isn’t too bad but he now has a pacemaker which allows heart specialists to electronically monitor in real time what is happening with “the pump”. As usual Keith is happy with his lot.
- Denis Lickley – Denis recently had a few more days in hospital to have a stent inserted in his leg. He has certainly been through the mill over the past several months, but his sense of humour never deserts him. Keep smiling old mate!

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:

- Stan Doyle (84) – “No problems, any fitter and I would be dangerous” – great to hear that Stan. He also said that the nearby bushfires are exercising his mind a bit at the moment – his place is in no immediate danger but there is plenty of smoke around. Unfortunately, Margaret is still having issues with shingles which she contracted about 4 years ago. The fact that the problem is lingering is causing Stan some worry.
- Reg Elliott (86) – I wasn’t able to speak with Reg (a message said that the phone number we have on record has been disconnected – perhaps he has moved), but I sent him an email and will await a reply.

- John Heathwood (88) – I spoke with John’s son Stuart who said his Dad is doing alright in his aged care facility at Toronto. He had a fall recently but he is OK. We send you our best wishes for your 88th birthday John, and we hope the year ahead is a good one for you.
- John Hickey (84) – John is enjoying life but he is dealing with some issues with his major joints. In recent times he has had a knee replacement, and prior to that an elbow replacement.
- Barry Humphreys (84) – Barry said that getting old hasn’t got much to recommend it. However, it is much better than the alternative, and on the whole he is happy with his lot.
- Keith Jacobs (85) – Keith has a nuisance mate called “Arthur” who inhabits his knee, but he is doing alright. He keeps busy with involvement in Probus and other activities.
- Don Sheath (84) – Don’s chronic condition inhibits his mobility somewhat, but he is dedicated to an exercise regime which includes walking with a rollator, and riding a tricycle. This all keeps him reasonably fit and well.
- Les Rennie (83) – Les has had some really good family get-togethers recently which included celebrating his wife’s birthday as well as his own, and a visit from their London based daughter. As usual he is in good spirits.
- Rupe Thomas (82) – I’m awaiting a response from Rupe to my email.
- David Fleming (81) – he celebrated with a nice lunch with partner Di, and of course his children ensured his birthday didn’t go unnoticed. David said he is fit and well and whilst he once regarded 80 years as “getting on” he now believes the 90’s are the new benchmark. A great attitude to have David, provided the body holds up.
- Evelyn Goldstein (81) – Evelyn is well (apart from some minor aches and pains) and she is comfortable in her new abode. We usually have the pleasure of her company at the Newcastle six-monthly lunches, and she said that all things being equal she will join us in November.
- Spencer Myers (80) – Spencer is one of two inductees onto The Hons list this month. He celebrated his milestone birthday with family and friends. He suffers from a chronic muscle condition but overall life is good.
- Garry Attewell (80) – Garry is another to join The Hons this month. As with many octogenarians he has “some good days some not so”, but he is enjoying life up there on the Mid-North Coast. He is quite keen on his garden, in particular his orchids. Welcome to The Hons Garry and celebrate this milestone in good style.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Keith	ANDERSON	10th
Matthew	BENJAMIN	14th
Marshall	CARTER	30th
Philip	COHEN	28th
Bob (Robert)	COOK	14th
Jim	CORRIGAN	24th
Ben	COUTMAN	31st
Tom	DOUMANI	8th
David	EDWARDS	7th
Jennie	GEISLER	1st
Brenton	GOEDECKE	17th
Ron	IZZARD	4th
Gwen	JARRATT	24th

Graham	KENNEY	10th
Stuart	KITCHING	9th
Kevin	LANE	19th
Allan	McCORMAC	1st
Phillip	McGARN	27th
Garry	McKAY	5th
Frank	MILLS	1st
Dean	MYERS	14th
Bob	PRESTON	13th
John	RICHARDSON	13th
Barry	TROLLOPE	18th
John	WELLBURN	14th

THE HONS

John	BALL	19th
John	BROGAN	21st
Kevin	CAMERON	14th
Al(Wyn)	CAMPBELL	3rd
Ron	CHILLINGWORTH	24th
Warwick	DENTON	10th
David	GRAETZ	31st

Bob W	GRANT	12th
Allan	JONES	20th
Brian	LIEBERT	10th
George	McKINNON	6th
John	PENN	9th
Colin	TICEHURST	1st

**David Graetz, Bob W Grant and John Penn are the latest to attain the title of "Hon".
Welcome to you all.**



Birthday wishes were extended by President Phil to our Treasurer Mike Cunneen.

Happy birthday to all Club members who celebrated their birthdays in SEPTEMBER.



Correspondence:

On our great mate Dennis Lickley.

Wendy and John Freeman write:

“Just arrived home after visiting Dennis and taking him out to lunch at the Ryde/Eastwood Club where he enjoyed lunch and bumping into all his old “cronies”. Dennis was in good spirits but had a cyst removed from his head and back of hand yesterday so looked as though he had been in the wars with his bandages! He is still not walking steadily so he went out with the wheelchair. John and Dennis had a good chatter about the old times and enjoyed their time together”.



Two close friends share their stories of earlier times. Reg and Kini Smeaton paid Denis a visit during August. It appears Denis was delighted by this!!



Denis may be having some temporary mobility issues of late, but it was not always so, as this certificate attests.

On Keith Nunn.

Barry Booth writes:

“Hi Graeme, thank you for your email re Keith Nunn’s passing. I was very saddened to hear this news as I have fond memories of having worked with Keith in the mid 60’s when he was Manager of West Wollongong Branch. He was there during the change to decimal currency. I remember him as a very good manager and one who had a wonderful sense of humour, a gift that made him even more enjoyable to work with. Evidence of his humour I went to work one Monday and said to Keith I have had this banking business I think I will go overseas. I had no sooner finished my sentence and he replied, “they tell me Manly is a nice place”. To Keith’s family my sincere sympathy”.

On Richard Walkom.

Rod Prosser writes:

“I first met Dick as a little 15yr old when I joined the bank in Newcastle in 1955, he was the no.4 Teller and looked after the new male staff, which he did. Firstly sending me to the CBA for a long wait, which I remember as about 2 hours. Then he tried to convince me that the RED sticker on a dishonoured cheque was a MONKEYS BUM, (still trying to work that out). When it was my turn as a Junior to roll and crimp coin I was to wear a girls uniform to keep my clothes clean. Did not do that. Over the years we met at various bank functions and Newcastle expat drinks in the City which happened each Friday. Then in 1981 we became neighbours in Cherrybrook where we became good friends along with his wife and mine. Our daughters Jenny and Justine went to High School together. We both later moved back to the Newcastle area and when my wife was in hospital at Belmont he visited her. That’s Dick, always Natures Gentleman”.

On John (Jack) Robson

Gary Mason writes:

“Sad news. He was a good man. I met John on several social occasions - I cannot recall which Region (North Sydney under Terry Stapleton?) and I recall that his Regional Executive spoke very highly of him”.

Ian Stewart writes:

“I joined the bank at same branch, (Jamberoo NSW). I did not work with John but played rugby league with him for a couple of years at Jamberoo. I think he may have worked at Kiama branch as well and moved to Sydney when quite young. Lost track after a few years but caught up many years later. My condolences to family”.

Laurie Sainsbury writes:

“He was my manager when I was stationed at Kiama branch...he took over from Don Friend who had been transferred to Warrawong. A quiet man who ran the branch at an easy pace.

He played football for Jamberoo and was part of their 1961 Premiership winning team, oddly enough Jamberoo are again in the Grand Final this year after winning the title last year. RIP.”

On Roger Hickman

Ron Miller writes:

“I am terribly sorry to hear of Roger’s passing. We never worked together but our paths crossed frequently and I have always held him in the highest respect both as person and a banker. I regret that I am house bound until next weektherefore I will not be able to attend the memorial service. Please pass on my condolences to Roger’s family”.

John Piper writes:

“Saddened to read of Rogers passing I had the pleasure of being his accountant at St Leonard’s in the early 70s. He was always approachable and a thorough gentleman and extremely respected by customers and staff. Condolences to his family. Vale Roger RIP”.

Lyn Smith writes:

“Oh that is very sad. I saw Roger at Castle Hill Country Club about 12 months ago and he told me that he wasn't playing golf any more. I had the pleasure of playing golf with Roger prior to that. I had worked with David (their) Son. Please pass on my condolences”.

Ian Auld writes:

“How well do you know your work mates??

Roger’s mum died before he was two. His father, a merchant seaman, placed him in the Carlingford Boy’s Home and he never met him again until he approached Roger, aged 16 working at GIO and said “I am your father.” He died a month later. A half-brother LEN, removed him from the Home and took him to ROTO, situated in far-west of NSW where Len was station master. The village had a general store and a school with 10 pupils of which he was the eldest. Upon achieving the intermediate certificate in 1948 Roger moved back to Sydney. Not happy at GIO Roger approached the Union Bank at Sydney(P&H) to be advised he was too short to reach across the teller’s counters. The Asia at Sydney(M&G) employed him and following the merger he was back working with John Hobbs who knocked him back at the Union Bank. He met Yvonne his wife at GIO and she subsequently joined ANZ, as did his son David. In 1953 he was transferred to Admin’ at Sydney(M&G)

“G ” file with Jack Hoffman where Bill Fox, Roger, John Reading and myself, all with birthdays between 16 & 26 July and each one year apart in age, became lifelong friends. Unfortunately Bill Fox when manager Drummoyne branch became blind forcing early retirement & surviving only three years.

In 1962 Roger was shipboard banker on the Himalaya cruising Sydney to London. In 1964 he was moved to Wollongong area and in 1973 moved back into our street at Carlingford. We played tennis together for thirty years and both joined Castle Hill Country Club in 1986 with running membership numbers still retained until his death last week.

In 2014 we both sold our homes in 24 hours, and both moved into the Anglicare Retirement Village at Castle Hill into buildings joined by an underground car park. This enabled us rain, hail or shine to partake of a daily glass of red for medicinal purposes. Twelve months ago Roger was diagnosed with brain cancer and farewelled at a memorial service with a large contingent present at the village church. A final farewell to 66 years wonderful friendship. Vale old mate.

This leaves John Reading who upon retirement joined my staff in merchant banking. Our conversation this week was “Who’s next”, should he and I draw straws.”

Ken Dighton writes:

"I received a phone call from Reg Tuxford who said that his level of mobility at the moment would prevent him from attending Roger's memorial service at ARV, and he extended his apologies for this to Roger's family. Reg said he worked with Roger many years ago and he had a high regard for him both as a person and a banker".

On Ian Hiscock

Dennis Cartwright writes:

"I am particularly saddened to hear of Ian's death. He was the first person that I met on my first day at Sydney M&G. A kindly Englishman who made me feel welcome immediately. He gave me lots of advice about life in Australia, me being a raw naive little fella from the other side of the world. "C...ks and cars" he said I should avoid like the plague. The downfall of many a good lad; good advice which I can't say I did follow too well but the sentiment was not lost on me. A life well lived and I am sure that there will be many of us feeling the same way to hear that Ian is no longer with us. But his memory will always be".

Tony Schembri writes:

"Saddened to hear of Ian's passing, I was his Clerk in the early 70s at Martin Place & George Street. I also remember him as a gentleman and enjoyed working with him".

Angelo Briganti writes:

"I am Personally sad at this news and also not having been able to participate in his farewell. I was Ian's Advances Clerk at S(P&H) in the mid 70's when he assumed one of the Assistant Manager's posts from Jack Bourke and closure of his Branch 97 Pitt across the road. I in turn assumed the role from John Richardson. I can attest to his gentle character and attentive Mentor Skills. His example certainly contributed to my own development. A Fatherly figure and I remember fondly when one Xmas he had the Team at his home in St. Ives and both he and Joan were very attentive to all of us. Almost every Monday he would recount to me the weekends away that he and Joan would undertake in their Converted VW Van.

My Heartfelt Condolences to Joan and R.I.P. Vale Ian".

Beverley and Barry Thompson write:

"Sad news, A lovely man, he was one of a group of staff at Oxford street who I have wonderful memories of working with in the 1950 and where I met my husband. Please extend our sympathy to Joan."

Violet Peloe writes:

"Ian Hiscock was my first Accountant, for several years, when I came to Sydney at Martin Place & George St., back in the early 70s. May He Rest in Peace".

Keith Johnson writes:

"I phoned Ian's wife Joan to enquire as to his health and was shocked to learn of his passing. We had always kept in contact by letter or phone, and at one stage they holidayed in Port Macquarie each year, so we would get together then.

I always had a high regard for Ian and I had been fortunate to follow him in two posts in the Bank. Firstly, in Methods Dept in 1965 when he was promoted to Head Ledger Keeper at

S(P&H). I was to spend 2 years as a Methods Officer from 1965 to 1967. I was later (1973) to be appointed Manager NSW Methods. Following my 2 years in Methods during the computer changeover period I was to follow Ian into Head Ledger Keeper at S(P&H). However, during my service in Methods I was most impressed by the “girls” in that department. They were responsible for the smooth conversion of the ledgers of all NSW branches. For this they should have been given a medal (or cash). S(&H) converted to computer circa 1967 whereupon my staff reduced substantially, and I was given 2 assistants (heaven!). In closing I cannot stress more deeply my respect and appreciation of Ian Hiscock as a man, a friend, and a banker whom I considered worthy of a higher status. Sincerely, Keith Johnson.

PS: Old Arthur has hold of my fingers. If you need a translation please give me a call.”

Ken Dighton: “hope I have translated accurately Keith – your longhand is still very good. Best wishes to you”.

Phil Newsome writes:

“I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ian Hiscock. Ian was my Accountant at S(M&G) when I was first transferred there in 1968. He was always firm but fair. A real gentleman. In those days there were about 200 staff(plus Tony Schembri); but Ian always managed to keep the branch afloat. Vale Ian”.

Social Events:



Doug Russell and Steve Triffitt share a smile and a story or two at Penrith Leagues Club.

Doug Russell, Steve Triffitt, Reg Smeaton and Stuart Shiner gathered for old times' sake at the Penrith Leagues Club early in August and an enjoyable day reminiscing about International and Bill Office events of the 1970's was had by all. Better still, all three are committed to attending our Christmas function at Pitt St Sydney on 5th December, so others will also be able to catch up with them. Reg Smeaton



Sue Carol, Angela Vallender, Alex & Ann Morgan and Heather Auld enjoy convivial company and an exceptional 3 course meal.

[more photos from this event can be viewed at the Blog Site]

A great day was had by all who attended. The meals were superb, and no one left hungry. TAFE Staff were attentive and very obliging and made the day that little bit more special. Vice President Terry Auld spoke eloquently on the day, thanking our Minister for Good Times VP Angelo Briganti for his efforts in arranging the day and tendered an apology for Angelo who was unable to attend on the day. Terry also commended the staff for their efforts and they were roundly applauded by those present. If a like product of this TAFE kitchen finds its way into restaurants throughout Sydney, we are very lucky people. The trainees are doing a wonderful job. [words and photos thanks to Reg Smeaton].



Mike Cunneen, Vic & Lesley East, Leonie with her dad, Laurie Sainsbury, Dianne Kostrubiec and (just in frame) Graeme Bool.



Dates for the Diary

19th October 2019 Members of ANZ Bankcard Dept and ANZ Card Services are invited to attend a Lunch to be held at the City of Sydney RSL 565 George St, Sydney on Saturday 19/10/19 at 12 o'clock midday. Bar facilities are also available at the club. (We do this on an annual basis to keeping members in touch with each other.) The restaurant provides a large selection on Chinese and Oriental Dishes, for those wishing to participate. Each visitor is responsible for settling their own meal account (which, I may add, are very reasonably priced). Please let Richard Peddar know if you wish to attend as booking of tables are required. Richard's telephone is 0466 399 751. Dress: Smart casual.

21ST October 2019 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.

30th October. Coffs Harbour Annual Luncheon.

Venue: Coffs Harbour Yacht Club, Jetty overlooking the magnificent Jetty.
Commencing with pre-lunch drinks at 11.30am. Lunch at 1.00pm.
Place your lunch selection from the menu on arrival and pay for it.
Pre-lunch drinks & some wine provided by ANZROC.
Reply to Bob Primmer bobprimmer6@gmail.com. Mobile 0417717885.

14th November 2019 Luncheon at Cardiff RSL - Inquiries to Jim or Cheryl Richardson on (02)49438031 or 0419 602 087 Email: jimcher@exemail.com.au Further details closer to the event regarding pricing and train timetables etc.

21st November 2019 Far North Christmas Luncheon – To be held at The Cherry Street Sports Club Ballina starting at 11:00 am – Please note the change of venue as our usual venue is sadly no more. The menu for this function will be similar to what we have enjoyed at previous functions. Further details will be provided within the invitations which will be issued by Brian Rawle during October. Inquiries to Brian Rawle phone 02 6618 9197 email elwarmb@gmail.com

24th November 2019 Illawarra Christmas Luncheon – To be held at St Lucia's By The Sea Cliff Rd Wollongong, commencing say 12:00 for 12:30 pm. A three course meal has been arranged at \$55.00 per head (on an alternate drop basis) with drinks on a consumer pays basis. The meal is subsidised by ANZROC (NSW) at approximately \$35.00 per ANZROC (NSW) member as is the case with all satellite Christmas functions to help ease costs. A

deposit has already been paid to secure the site, so bookings are essential to Reg Smeaton reg.kini@bigpond.com or 0423 661 789 by 24 October 2019. Sample Menu available on request, but it is really good and comprehensive.

27th November 2019

Port Macquarie ANZ Retired Officers Lunch

Booking has now been made details are.

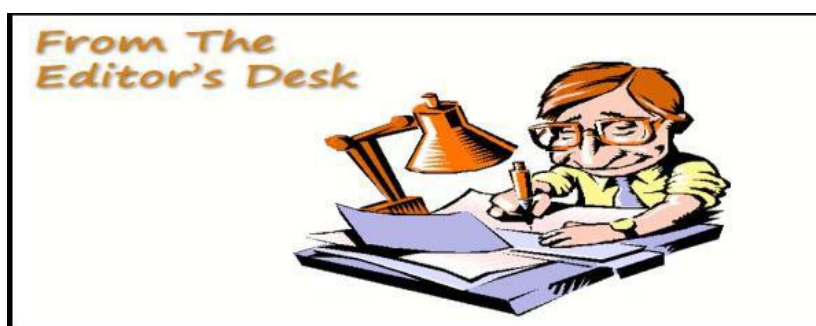
Venue: Port Macquarie Golf Club Ocean Drive Port Macquarie 2444
Date: 27 November 2019. Time: 12 noon for 12.30pm
Lunch : 3 course meal (When booking please advise of any dietary requirements)
Cost: \$30 Per Head
Booking: 0412 218 524 or 6585 7447
Email: marg-gazza@bigpond.com R.S.V.P. 20 November 2019.

5th December 2019 ANZROC (NSW) Christmas Cocktail Function level 24 (Plum and Cherry Room) ANZ Tower 242 Pitt St Sydney commencing at 12:00 mid-day and hosted by our Club Patron **Maile Carnegie**. **You will need photo ID to gain access to the building.**

If you wish to attend this function for Club members only please contact Angelo Briganti on carpi1@bigpond.net.au. We are limited to 120 max.

7th December 2019 Luncheon Wagga Wagga RSL at 12:00. Contact Kevin Cameron for details on (02)69224575 or janette.cameron@bigpond.com.au to book or for further details.

Friday 13th December 2019. Canberra Christmas Function. Royal Canberra Golf Club Bentham Street (Westbourne Woods) Yarralumba ACT. Cost of \$65 per person. Dress Smart Casual. (Note: Demin or sneakers not permitted.) for details contact Albert Orszaczky orszo@bigpond.com or Bob Dyer rdyer@bigpond.net.au



A sincere thank you to all members who have written in sharing their experiences, recollections and memories of friends past and present. These contributions are the heart and sole of our newsletter so please, keep writing.

Until next month – good health and happiness to all.