

The background of the cover features a photograph of a modern, multi-story office building with a glass facade and a prominent 'ANZ' logo on the roof. The image is partially obscured by large, overlapping blue geometric shapes, including a large circle and a jagged, star-like polygon. The text 'ANZROC VICTORIA' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters within the jagged blue shape. In the bottom right corner, the date 'Aug 2025' is displayed in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters within a dark blue circular area. There are also some thin blue lines and shapes scattered on the white background.

# **ANZROC VICTORIA**

**Aug 2025**

# President's Report



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I've just arrived back in Melbourne after a couple of months "up North". Always nice to be home and the weather here in Melbourne has also been a nice surprise. It was a bonus to make it home just in time for the ANZROC, July lunch at the Glasshouse in Caulfield and catch up with lots of regulars and also some not seen for a while including two surprise visitors, John Millard and Andrew Cassan. John lives in Caulfield now and Andrew brought John to the lunch to catch up with old friends. As usual lunch was very pleasant, especially as it was held in our own private room overlooking the racecourse.

I mentioned in an earlier newsletter that the Club and ANZROC lunch goers had donated well over \$1,500 to the Salvos at our June lunch. We received a message that the Salvos were deeply grateful to the Committee and members for "our thoughtful and generous support of the work Salvos 614 does with Melbourne's most vulnerable". Our donations were" gratefully received and much needed".

And good news that our September lunch is confirmed at a favourite venue – the Angliss Restaurant at the William Angliss Institute.

I hope many of you are able to come along. While we have a great following of regulars it's always good to welcome first-timers to our lunches. Come along by yourself or bring your own group of other members.

Planning continues for the 388 Collins Street Museum tour which is likely to be towards the end of October. This member's only event promises to be a great night and will include catering and drinks, all at a very reasonable cost, so be sure to let Ron know if you are interested in coming along.

Finally, John has been working hard to organise the Spring Golf Day. Be sure to contact John if you are keen to play but aren't on our "golfers" list and haven't received any communications about these events.

See more details about all of these upcoming events elsewhere in this newsletter.

The committee continue to happily spend time on Club activities and feel rewarded for their effort. If you would like to join us and become involved in the running of the club just let a committee member know.

Finally, our members keep telling us how much they love reading what their former colleagues are up to. Don't feel you have to wait for your birthday email to update us. If you have news to share, please contact the Club anytime.

All the best

Paul

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# Photos from our Last Lunch



Greg Mary



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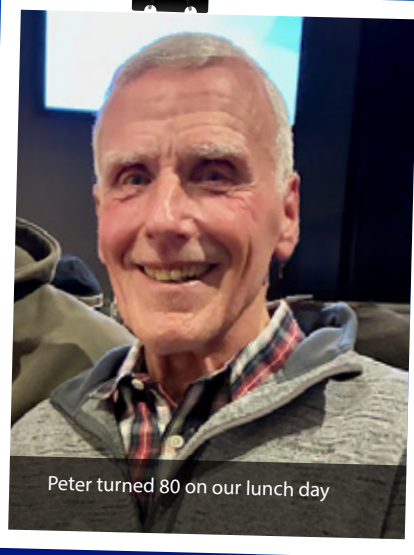
George Sandra Graeme Peter Paul Anne Eamon Reny



John Millard Andrew Paul



Joan Ron Paul



Peter turned 80 on our lunch day



Julia and Anne

# Last month's lunch apologies

John Brown, Sandra Brown, Robin Cates, Mike Devlin, Teresa Goldsbrough, Val Goldsworthy, Bernadette and Wayne Hulbert, Andrew Kelly, Brian and Maz Kirk, Vern Knuiksis, Therese Lindgren, Gary Mason, Dominic Moscatello, Carol Nicholls, Cheryl and Neville Pearson, Geoff Perdriau, Ron Phillips, Doris Philp, Graeme Randall, Cynthia Ryan, Bruce Sanderson, Tim Sheridan, Anita Siassios, John Stapleton, Warren Taylor, Gail Townsend, Kathy Trace, Doug Watson, Glenda White, Margaret Wilde, Julie Wilkins, Mike and Gail Wynd

## Membership



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### **ANZ Retired Officers Club Spring Golf tournament**

The 2025 Spring golf tournament will be played at Morack Golf course this year. A date has yet to be set, however the Morack Golf event team have advised that either Monday 13 or 20 October or Friday 17 or 24 October are available, with the event date to be confirmed by the end of August. Once again, the competition is open to men and women with official handicaps and those without. The tee off will commence around 9 am and will be followed by lunch / drinks and prize giving at the conclusion of the round. The cost for golf and post round luncheon will be \$65 pp. Anyone interested in attending this event please contact John Stapleton via the email address recorded above.

# Member Welfare Report

Our Welfare Officers Joan Nathan and Jill Kassan are here to help you where they can. Let us know if there are any concerns you have which you think ANZROC might be able to help you with or refer you to someone who can. Also, if you have any health issues you would like to let other members know about. You might like to let friends and former colleagues know you are in hospital or unwell at home and would be happy to have visitors. And of course, we love to share good news about people who are back on their feet after a bout of illness



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## Other States and UK Retired Staff Clubs

Reports on activities of the ANZROC clubs in other Australian States, New Zealand and the United Kingdom are periodically updated on our website as newsletters are received. The link to the most recent newsletters received is: <https://www.anzroc.net.au/external-links>



# Bereavements



**ATKINS DAVID**  
**69 YEARS**  
**4/08/2025**

John Stapleton received advice of the passing of our ANZROC member David Atkins aged 69 on 4/08/2025

John Plunkett emailed "I can remember joining David for ANZROC lunch last year before he headed off to Europe on holidays. On his return he originally thought he was suffering from Jet Lag, but it was just the first sign of his serious health issue.

I first met and worked with David when I joined the International Payments Operations Melbourne in August 1998. David headed up the Reconciliation area which was midway of transitioning to a new system. David held this position in Payments operations for the next decade. He oversaw in the early years of his tenure, the stressful events of Y2K, introduction of EURO, changing of SSI for USD, GBP, DEM and SGD and transition of Grindlays Nostro to Standard Chartered Bank. The introduction of the EUR and the changing of the USD clearer had a massive impact on Nostro Reconciliations.

Always a team player and a valued member of the Payments management team. I am sure the handling of stress at work helped him overcome the disappointment of the 2010 AFL Collingwood V St Kilda Grand Final. Vale David."

**MARTIN NEIL 83 YEARS**  
**8/07/2025**

Hartley Hodgson received a phone call from Neil's partner that our Honorary member Neil Martin had passed away in Nagambie on 8/07/2025 aged 83 years. Hartley said "Neil had not been in good health following a bad fall last year and has been in a nursing home since then at Nagambie. Hartley first met Neil in 1967 when he joined the ES&A Bank at the introductory course where Neil was an instructor. In the early 70's Hartley was transferred to Esanda where Neil had also been transferred but in a different Department. Neil was in the Dealer Finance Department and worked with such luminaries as Neville Stafford, Bruce Seamons, Mark Stankovich and Bob Maughan. His reputation in the car industry was legendary, highly respected and he knew just about every car dealer in Victoria. Neil's knowledge was invaluable, and he was a great mentor to many staff including Hartley himself. Neil was a personality in Esanda who enjoyed a good lunch and a glass or two of red! A very loyal Esanda man who loved his



job. Hartley had the pleasure of catching up with Neil two months ago in the nursing home where they shared a meat pie and a customary bottle of Nagambie Red for lunch. Vale Neil”

Bob Maughan emailing from Perth “Good friend Mark Stankovich sadly advised me of the death of Neil Martin with whom we both worked closely at Esanda. I am very sad that when Neil moved to the country after the death of his dear wife Helen and we moved to WA contact was greatly diminished. Neil was a born salesman blessed with an outgoing personality with the ability to charm all people he met. His sense of humour was infectious, which helped him to overcome the most difficult circumstances. Neil played a very important part in building the Esanda Dealer network in Victoria and many dealers both large / small became his friends. There are many amusing stories relating to him that I could relate and some are best left unsaid.

On one occasion the late Neville Stafford to whom Neil / myself reported was to meet with a group of Dealer Principals in Geelong for lunch. It was agreed that one of us should be the designated driver and not partake fully in festivities. Reluctantly Neil volunteered and after lunch professionally drove back to Melbourne.

Just before entering the underground carpark Neil reminded us of how he had performed his duties to perfection. Unfortunately, this distracted his attention, and he proceeded to scrape one side of Neville’s car on the garage door. Such was Neil’s ability he managed to turn the incident into one of amusement. Those who knew Neil know he lived life to the full, which I will toast in a manner he would expect and fully appreciate. Deep condolences to his remaining family. Rest in peace dear friend.”



**SCOLLO GREGORY**  
**89 YEARS**  
**17/04/2025**

Gina Ondarchie , daughter of our Honorary ANZROC member Gregory Scollo aged 89 years, advised of his passing on 17/04/2025. Emailing from Townsville she said “Thank you for the all the birthday cards and all the updates with ANZROC over the years. I read them all to Dad, Gregory Scollo, over the years and he was always very happy to be informed of the happenings and get-togethers even though in later years he couldn’t attend. On 20.04.2023 I wrote to inform you that we moved to Townsville QLD in 2021 and as of 13.01.2023 dad was in nursing care due to severe dementia. It has taken me a while to find the words to type; it is with great sadness that

this time I write to inform you that dad – Gregory Scollo passed away peacefully on 17.04.2025. 17.04.2025 was a very bittersweet day, dad was in palliative care, in the very early hours of the morning mum (Maria) and I were blessed to wish him a very happy birthday, but by 11.45am we were saying our goodbyes. Dad got his full round number of 89 – something he would be proud of. Whilst our hearts are broken, we are grateful for the blessings of dad's life. My deepest thanks to the ANZ community of ANZROC for all the newsletters, dad was very proud that he worked with a great group of people for many years and always spoke fondly about his time at ANZ Bank. Sincerely, Gina Ondarchie (daughter) Gregory Scollo"

### **WALDRON R.W. (BOB) 76 YEARS 7/06/2025**

Gloria Waldron advised the passing of her husband, ANZROC member Robert (Bob) Waldron on 7/06/2025 after a short illness at Peter James Centre.

Bernadette Hulbert (our ANZROC Secretary) emailed "I worked with Bob Waldron in 1990 when I was at 161 Maroondah Highway Ringwood branch and he was the Financial Planner for that area. He was a lovely man and a great support to everyone, always ready to help."

On behalf of ANZROC members our condolences are extended to the families and friends of David, Neil, Gregory and Bob.

## **PASSING OF RETIRED ANZ STAFF KNOWN BY ANZROC MEMBERS**

**BAGLIN IAN 16/07/2025**

Ron Pidcock advised that "I have just heard that Ian Baglin died on 16th this month. Ian was an ES&A Bank officer. Long retired. I know him through his involvement with the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Victoria from when he was in the cast of a production of Iolanthe in 2006, then as a freemason, and he used to attend the ES&A bank officers' reunions at the Bentleigh Club in November. His daughter Fiona Holmes provided the information regarding his death. His wife Barbara was admitted to the Regis Aged Care in Blackburn several years ago and Ian followed soon after. Barbara died a year or two ago. Ian's death followed a short and unexpected battle with cancer."

# Honorary Members Birthdays



Henry BARKER (96)

John BROWN (86)

Ian CROTHERS (84)

Rick DICKSON (90)

Muriel

DRUMMOND-WILLIAMS (99)

Warwick ETTY (85)

Barbara FIRTH (88)

Ken FITZGERALD (97)

Steve FLOWERS (81)

Alex FOWLER (84)

Barbara GARDINER (86)

Denis GLEESON (87)

Phil GOODIER (81)

Jeremy GRANT (88)

Stan HALBISH (82)

Richard HARDING (80)

Clive HEWETT (87)

Ian INCE (92)

Peter JONES (93)

Bruce KELLS (93)

Barry KENNEDY (86)

Harry KERWIN (86)

Cathie MACKIGGAN (91)

Gary MASON (83)

Tom MCCULLOUGH (85)

John MCDERMOTT (82)

Robert MCPHERSON (85)

John MILLARD (87)

Maggie MURRAY (85)

Reg NICOLSON (94)

Peter O'DWYER (93)

Roy PEAKE (90)

Ron PHILLIPS (81)

Jake REMYN (82)

Trevor RICHARDS (80)

Ian ROBERTS (84)

Alistair RUFFELL (80)

Mary RYAN (90)

Peter SAVILLE (80)

Peter SMITH (81)

Mark STANKOVICH (89)

Dieter TELBURN (86)

Doug WATSON (83)

Bob WHEELER (89)

Elizabeth WILLIS-TURNER (86)





# Letters from Members

**David Christie** emailing from Wodonga “A belated thank you to Anita and the ANZ ROC Committee for birthday greetings on my recent 82nd birthday. There was no celebration on the day as I fell victim to a bad dose of Influenza. I am now on the improve some 4 weeks later. A quiet family celebration was held a week later due to my situation. Again, we have planned to travel in early August to Coolangatta for 4 weeks and hope that the weather situation is a lot better than we are currently experiencing in Victoria.

I am currently writing a Book (Story worth) on my life which was instigated by my 3 children. The chapter I am currently researching and working on is "Outline your work history - from your first job to your last. Include any stories, incidents and people met along the way". The chapter will be quite large as I had 37 years' service with 20 country and metropolitan postings. In researching for this chapter I discovered that in March this year it was 50 years since Area Banking was introduced by ANZ. My Area Branch was located in Whitehorse Road Box Hill. I was the first Branch Accountant at the Area Branch. Best wishes to all Members.”

**Rob Goudswaard** emailed “Thank you Anita for your kind birthday wishes. Notwithstanding the addition of another year, my various board roles remain unabated so I find myself as busy as ever in addition to the extra study on AI, (not artificial insemination!!) it is a game changer, and we need to make sure we have some sense of understanding!! “

**Carol Nicholls** emailed “I am an apology for lunch this month. I am currently away on a cruise. See you next month.”

**Coralie O'Donohoo** wrote “Thank you so much Eamon for the 90th birthday greeting. I celebrated at the Boathouse, Noosa with several friends for an excellent luncheon on a nice sunny day. I will also be celebrating a family dinner in a bayside suburb in Melbourne a few days after my grandson's wedding shortly but not looking forward to the Melbourne winter. I only travel to warm climates – the last one to Vietnam last Christmas which was most interesting. Regards to all.”

**Dieter Telburn** emailed “Thank you, Anita, and the Committee for your birthday wishes. We had a lovely outing with our Queensland based family (who live within walking distance from us) and our other son who flew up from Melbourne for four days to join us.

One of my birthday presents was a ticket to the footy match between the Hawks and the Lions at the Gabba this weekend. Win or lose, it will be an occasion for the memory box to watch it with my son and grandson. I already have great memories from attending the same clash at the MCG a few weeks ago with my other son, my grandson and granddaughter. How lucky am I!

The big occasion this year was our 60th wedding anniversary (Dagmar and I have been together for over 66 years by now). We received congratulatory messages from Charles and Camilla, the GGs, the PM and a bunch of pollies. Apparently, Diamond anniversaries are pretty rare. Our kids had prepared a photo montage and a music video of moments in our lives together; it was a great effort. It made us realise how ancient we are; nevertheless, I still have a jog, a cycle and a swim most days, and this weekend I found time for a paddle on our river in beautiful sunshine. Retirement is tough, but somebody has to do it. Thanks again, Anita, and keep up the good work.”

**Kathleen Walsh** emailed “Dear Anita, A little note to say thank you so much for the Birthday greetings. Like many other members I look forward to receiving the Newsletter and keeping up with the stories received from our dear friends (not too many left). Take care, keep well and best wishes to all.”

And **Joe Bussitil, Jim Christie, Brian Day, Mike Devlin, Harry Eppinger, Keith Findlay, Dermot Hardwick, Ian Ince, Dan Kirtley, Bill Lanigan, Jeff Pitt,**

# ANZ Bank

## Notice Board

**INTEREST RATE ON  
ELIGIBLE RETIRED  
OFFICER CHEQUE  
ACCOUNTS**

From 1/08/2025		
Less than \$20,000		2.40%
More than \$20,000		3.07%

# Other Matters

## *ANZROC COCKTAIL PARTY AT ANZ GOTHIC Branch, 388 Collins Street.*

Our Cocktail party has been approved by the Gothic Museum committee for late October, and we will now be finalising arrangements for the function to be held after business hours. There are 54 members listed to attend to date, and we will be advising them of the details in September but if you are interested, there is still some room for members so email [editor@anzroc.com.au](mailto:editor@anzroc.com.au). The cost of the event is expected to be around \$40/\$50 per person. The event will be “members only”

## Next ANZROC Event

Our next monthly lunch is at the Angliss Restaurant at the William Angliss Institute on Thursday 11th September 2025. The restaurant is located on the ground floor, 550 Little Lonsdale Street. The venue is a short walk from Southern cross railway station. Lunch will commence at midday and will cost \$35 for 2 courses. This cost includes a glass of beer, wine or soft drink. Drinks can also be purchased at the bar for very reasonable prices.

Please make payment by transferring the \$35 lunch cost directly into the ANZROC account. Be sure to enter your name in the reference field so we can record your payment.

**Bank account details are:**

**A/C ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers Club (Victoria)**  
**BSB 013 350 A/C No 3064 51947**

Acceptances close 7th September 2025.

To register your acceptance for this event contact Joan Nathan on 0432 197 454 or email [jknathan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jknathan@bigpond.net.au) or mail to 5 Tower Court Armadale 3143. If you do not wish to have your name published on the ANZROC website acceptances and apologies list, please let us know when advising your acceptance / apology.



# ANZROC Events for the Remainder of the Year

Check upcoming newsletters for details  
of these events:

SEPTEMBER 11TH	Lunch at William Angliss Restaurant
OCTOBER 9TH	Lunch at the Victoria Hotel Woodend
NOVEMBER 13TH	Lunch and Annual General Meeting at ANZ Head Office 833 Collins Street
OCTOBER	Golf Day – See details in this newsletter
DECEMBER 1ST	Christmas lunch at the Arts Centre

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