

The background of the cover features a photograph of a modern, multi-story office building with a glass and metal facade. The ANZ logo is visible on the top right of the building. The image is partially obscured by large, overlapping blue geometric shapes, including a large semi-circle on the left and a smaller circle in the center. A white, jagged-edged shape on the left contains the title text. In the bottom right corner, there is a dark blue semi-circle containing the date. Decorative blue outlines of a pill and a capsule are also present in the lower right area.

ANZROC VICTORIA

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President's Annual Report

This year's AGM was again held at ANZ's Head Office in Docklands and was followed by a very pleasant lunch attended by forty members. Our thanks to ANZ for allowing us to use these magnificent facilities and to the catering staff, led by Jacinta Gramaldi for providing refreshments and an excellent meal.

In my annual report for the AGM I expressed my sincere thanks to the entire Committee for their dedication and teamwork throughout the year. The Club continues to function smoothly thanks to the combined efforts of many volunteers who give their time and experience so generously.

Thanks also to our Webmaster, Vicky Genius whose technical knowledge and persistence in identifying and resolving issues with the website have ensured the website continues to act as an important information source for our members. Also, thanks to Elina Law for her efforts in maintaining website hosting and club email.

Appreciation also goes to Eamon Veaney for maintaining our LinkedIn and Facebook pages. Eamon's efforts keep the Club visible, connected and relevant to both long-standing and new members. Our Treasurer Graeme King has continued his meticulous management of the Club's finances, which I know is very time-consuming, and I would also like to recognise his ongoing work with running MYOB as well as overseeing our membership management software.

The Club is in a very healthy financial state, and it was nice to be able to leave our subscription costs unchanged again this year.

Our club member Norris Gale, who has been the Club's auditor for many years, has agreed to continue in this role next year. Norris's service to the Club has been recognised with a Life Membership which was awarded at the meeting.

Our Secretary Bernadette Hulbert has again provided outstanding service in arranging our meetings, managing correspondence, maintaining records, and supporting the committee's governance obligations. The role requires diligence and precision, and this has been delivered with consistency and care.

Thanks to Joan Nathan, Jill Kassan, George Cooper, John Stapleton, Eamon Veaney and Ron Adams for their assistance in organising and running various Club events including lunches and golf days. Also, club member John Inglis for his ongoing organisation of the Mansfield Sojourn. Their planning and on-the-day coordination ensure each function is well received. Over 120 different members have attended monthly lunches during the year, and we are expecting 280 guests at our Christmas lunch, which is now sold out.

The Gothic Bank cocktail event was a well patronised and successful event, and we hope to do more of this type of event. We are also aware that it can be very difficult for our country members to attend our metropolitan based events and so we hope to organise some "regional" lunches next year.

A sincere thank you to Eamon and Ron for the valuable advice and perspective they continue to offer, drawing on their deep knowledge of Club history and operations. Their guidance helps steer decisions that respect the Club's traditions while encouraging growth and innovation. Also, to Past President Reny Frighetto who has provided much needed advice for my first year in the job.

Joan and Jill continue to play a key role in Member Welfare, ensuring members who are unwell or in need of support are provided with any help the Club can provide. Their compassion and attentiveness uphold the Club's strong community values. Sadly, we have been advised of the passing of over 20 members this year. I would like to make a special mention of Mavis Ryan who was 105 years old as well as our past president Neville "Birdie" Pearson.

Thank you also to Anita Siassios, Eamon, and Joan for coordinating the sending of birthday cards (both emailed and posted) and posted Christmas cards to the over 90's. These greetings are greatly appreciated across the membership and often instigate replies from members which are then shared with all other members via our newsletter.

One of the most valuable forms of communication with our members is the monthly newsletter. Thanks to Ron for continuing to edit the newsletter and to the other committee who provide content. Our graphic artist Estefania Moscatt continues to produce a great looking newsletter. John Stapleton manages the processing of new members, updates member records, and liaises with ANZ and the other ANZROC clubs nationally. His work in refining and aligning the club's information for people departing from ANZ has strengthened the recruitment of new retirees into our Club as well as the other state's clubs. Our membership numbers remain steady at around 950 Victorian members. We extend sincere appreciation to ANZ for its annual grant, which helps fund Club operations and member activities, as well as to Mr Nuno Matos, the new ANZ CEO, for graciously accepting the role of Patron of ANZROC Victoria. The continued partnership between ANZ and the Retired Officers Clubs remains integral to our ongoing success. I would also like to acknowledge the support of former CEO Shayne Elliott. Shayne has strongly supported the ANZROC clubs in many ways including ensuring IT development and support for most of the Club's web sites. Shayne's contribution to the Club has been recognised by awarding him a Life Membership. A special mention to Nicole Slater, ANZ's Executive Assistant to Elisa Clements, Group Executive, Talent and Culture. Nicole is the liaison point between the ANZROC Clubs and ANZ and dedicates precious time to assisting the Clubs. In the year ahead, the Committee will continue to focus on maintaining member engagement, enhancing communication channels, expanding the opportunity to partake in events and strengthening collaboration with ANZ and with the interstate ANZROC clubs. Our goal remains to preserve the Club's welcoming culture while ensuring it remains relevant and accessible to the next generation of ANZ's former staff.

Paul Tovey

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2026 ANZROC Victoria Committee





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Membership



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SEEKING INFORMATION ON MEMBER – GEOFF BURTON

The club has lost contact and holds no contact information for honorary country member – Geoff Burton. According to our records Geoff served in the bank for approximately 32 years and is in his mid 80's. If any member has any knowledge of Geoff or how he could be contacted, can you please contact John Stapleton via the email address recorded above.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the club:

- Marina Bezen
- Michael Blair-West
- Pemla Bucello
- Robert Bucello
- Helen Cai
- Warren Clark
- Ung Kah
- Wayne Lacy
- Leisa Logan
- Carolyn Moore
- Martin Reece
- Karen Rogers
- Paul Sammut
- Udo Schaak
- Peter Sonsie
- Christine Spence

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.



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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

TRELEAVEN P.K. (PETER)
87 YEARS 6/11/2025

We have been advised of the passing of ANZROC RESPECTED HONORARY MEMBER PETER TRELEAVEN on 6/11/2025 Aged 87 YEARS

George Lawson emailed "It is with deep regret that I advise that our good mate Peter TRELEAVEN passed away on 6th November- he was aged 87 but had been in care for a number of years.

Not only was Peter an exceptional Banker but he was also a very talented sportsman. He played cricket with the ANZ Cricket Club, football with the ANZ Football Club where he won the Best Player Award any number of times. On 5 occasions he was voted Best Player in the D Grade Amateur competition. In addition to his cricket and football he was also a pretty handy golfer playing off near single figures.

Our condolences go out to Else and Nick at this difficult time.

In accordance with Peter's wishes he will be farewelled at a private family cremation."

There were many tributes posted on our ANZROC Facebook page that included:

Geoff Chrisensen "Vale Peter Treleavan, A good all-round bloke, Condolences to the family."

Bruce Mathrick "Vale Peter., a true gentleman and all-round first-class guy."

Gaye Reynolds "worked with Mr. T in Moonee Ponds. So sorry to hear of his passing, a lovely caring and supportive gentleman. Condolences to his family."

John Ries "Vale Peter. He was a great bloke, a champion sportsman and an outstanding Banker"

John Vigus "Great man, great boss and a real pleasure to work with. RIP"

Ray Watson "Was my area manager when I was manager of Sunbury. What a gentleman and a supportive motivator. RIP Peter and condolences to his family."

with other tributes from Imelda David Christie, Ken Collins, Mike Devlin, Richard Harding, Julie Hill, Vern Knuiksis, Dominic Moscatello, Charles Nuciforo, Ian Roberts, Keith Weybury and George Zablocki...

Many more" liked" the ANZROC post of Peter Treleaven's passing.

On behalf of ANZROC members, we extend our condolences to family and friends of Peter Treleaven.

BEREAVEMENTS RECORDED OF ANZROC MEMBERS FAMILY

MCPHERSON B. (BRUCE) 3/10/25 73 YEARS

Val Goldsworthy advised that Bruce McPherson a long-time resident of Norway and son of our Honorary, Life Member and long term Treasurer the late Gerry McPherson, passed away after a short illness from cancer. Our Honorary Life Member Fay McPherson said that the last time Bruce was in Australia was at the time of Gerry's passing in July 2021.

STONE MARIE (WIDOW OF LATE HONORARY MEMBER ROBERT (BOB) STONE

Leanne Leeson emailed "I would like to let you know that mum (Marie Stone wife of the Late Honorary Member Robert (Bob) Stone passed away peacefully earlier this year. Both are sadly missed by their family.

I would like to thank you for the newsletter as Dad enjoyed getting them so much, and on his passing, mum would like to catch up with everything that was happening. Myself being with the ANZ for 15 years as well, it was lovely to see a lot of the members that I worked with and knew through Dad what they were doing now. So, thank you once again for the memories of years past and present for both Dad and Mum."

He was involved in many sporting activities at ANZ including golf, basketball, Wagga interstate event and the football club. Neville will be missed by his many friends at ANZROC.

Our deepest condolences are extended to Cheryl and her family.

The funeral will be held at 11.30am on 25/9/25 at Cumulus Reflection Space Bunurong Memorial Park 790 Frankston-Dandenong Road Dandenong South.

Our condolences are extended to the families and friends of Muriel, Denis, Mavis, Bruce and Neville

Honorary Members Birthdays



Vic ANSELL (86)

Frank ATTARD (90)

Annette BALDWIN (88)

Dick BARRY (88)

Gordon Blair (80)

Ron BRACKEN (91)

Bob CHALLIS (88)

Daryl CRAMER (81)

Carmeel DANAHER (80)

Brian DOYLE (82)

Denis GREHAN (81)

Charles GRISS (84)

Theo HALL (94)

Robert JEFFS (87)

Bruce MORLEY (81)

John OSBORNE (88)

Gordon PAULETT (86)

Geoff PERDRIAU (89)

Jim POTTER (95)

Doug RAMSAY (85)

John RIES (81)

Neil WARNE (89)

Ray WATSON (82)

Ronald WILLIAMS (88)

Bob WISHART (84)

ANZ Bank Notice Board

Importance: High

Following formal communications from ANZ, which commenced in August 2025, it is now the end of the customer notification period and ANZ are preparing to close the remaining 600 Retired Officer Bank Accounts.

Account holder/s wanting to transfer their Retired Officer account to another ANZ account type must complete the transfer by Tuesday 3rd December 2025. Transfer to a new ANZ account type may be completed by the account holder/s by contacting ANZ's dedicated Contact Centre 1800 317 366 or by visiting an ANZ Branch. Please note the form to change your accounts online is no longer available – you must call the contact centre or visit a branch to change your account.

There are several ANZ accounts that could be of interest to you as a replacement account. Depending on the type of account you choose you will have the option to retain the same account number for the new account which will ensure any direct debits and investment dividends/interest payments/superannuation distributions in place on your current account will be unaffected.

Please be aware if you do not arrange to transfer your ANZ Retired Officers account(s) by 3rd December 2025, your account(s) will be closed on that date, and you'll no longer be able to use the account(s). After the closure date, ANZ will finalise any pending transactions on your account(s) and return the remaining credit balance to you within 10-15 business days. The final statement will also be issued.



Letters from Members

Gordon Blair emailed "Hi Anita, many thanks for ANZROC's emailed birthday card (for my 80th Birthday) which arrived in a timely manner - as always. I very much enjoy reading the monthly newsletters and, in particular, looking for the names of former colleagues with whom I worked many, many, years ago. Seeing those names brings back many happy memories. Kind regards and best wishes to all."

Geoff Christensen emailed "Many thanks for my Birthday Card that arrived on schedule. We were overseas at the time enjoying a cruise with Emerald down the Rhone River in Southern France. Earlier we had spent time in London and Brighton before an initial cruise up the coast of Norway with Norwegian Cruise Line. We had a most enjoyable time away and saw so many interesting places along the way."

Lawrence Cox emailed "Just wanted to pass on my thanks to Anita and the ANZROC Committee for your recent Birthday Wishes. It was much appreciated. I once again spent my birthday weekend down at the Gippsland Lakes with Maree and fellow members from the Waverley and District Anglers INC on our annual fishing trip to the Tambo and Nicholson rivers. My birthday dinner was once again at the Nicholson Hotel where they serve a great selection of Australian and Asian dishes. The crew managed to surprise me during the meal with party poppers and party whistles. Their antics did not appear so out of place as would normally be the case, given there were other

birthday celebrations in place on other tables as well. Overall, we had a great weekend fishing with over 40 legal bream caught and over 120 undersize (less than 28 - 30cm) and oversize (older fish from 38 to 41 & 46cm) being released back into the river.

We have finally settled back into normality following the COVID Lockdowns and decided last year that we were at that stage in life where it was time to make it easier for us to do some more touring and thus replace our previous touring rig, consisting of my Isuzu DMax and Hybrid Camper with a standalone camper. We accordingly researched various options and ordered a new Mercedes Benz Sprinter Camper to be built in November 2024 with completion scheduled for early May 2025. Unfortunately, this wasn't smooth sailing, and we finally took possession of the camper in Mid-July (some 2 ½ months late) only to have to take it back to the factory to address several identified defects.

Whilst we still have some issues being addressed, we were able to take the Camper on a couple of short breaks throughout Gippsland along with a family reunion trip around Southern NSW, ACT and Riverina areas. We are heading back to Tarcutta NSW for a family service and plaque laying at the Truckers Memorial there and have commenced planning a return trip to the Flinders Ranges in 2026 and possibly another return trip with some of the family to the Gibb River Road in 2027. Meantime, subject to the weather, I am looking forward to getting out in the boat on the bays and catching some of this seasons Snapper. We wish all members all the very best of health and prosperity. “

Alex Fowler emailed “Anita, Sorry for the delay in responding and thanking you for the Birthday Greetings from ANZROC. I had a fall in May and am now just starting to recover from a broken back and complications. I am hoping that I can attend a luncheon in the not-to-distant future as it is some years since I last attended one. Regards to all,”

Neil Gladstone emailed “Thank you Anita for my birthday eCard. It came at a time when I needed cheering up as my mother had just passed away and birthday celebrations had to be cancelled to enable me to attend to matters in Port Macquarie. Luckily, we had recently held a large 90th Birthday Party for Mum and most of the family (which is scattered across Australia) managed to attend, so we all had good memories to fall back on. I appreciate your good wishes and the hard work done by all the committee who I feel are now friends (even if I did not know them all at ANZ).”

Jack Grant emailed "I was very pleased to get a birthday greeting from Anita on my 86th Birthday. Robyn and I have now been living in our Lifestyle Village for 8 years and are very much enjoying our stay here. We have slowed down considerably in the last 12 months, but I still enjoy carpet bowls every Monday, and we are both members of the Village Choir (Skylark Singers). We have about 4 concerts a year for the residents and on 4th December we are to sing against other Lifestyle Village Choirs at Hawthorn Town Hall.

I am still having foot problems and am awaiting a date to have foot surgery to remove some bone, which is causing the ulcers, and a lengthening of the Achilles tendon to give more ankle movement and reduce pressure on my foot. I am presently wearing Cam boots most of the time. This has severely limited any activities we might have undertaken.

We very much enjoy our close association with our grandchildren and have a family dinner for 7 every Friday and see them again at Church every Sunday. I enjoy reading about the activities and welfare of the many colleagues I have known over the years and wish them all a very happy Christmas and good health and happiness in the coming year."

Charles Griss emailed "Thank you Anita, Good to be remembered! Whilst we have lost some colleagues too early, I have observed that generally "we Bankers" seem to live to a ripe old age, so there must be something very positive about Bank Careers! Here is hoping for a few more Birthday Cards from ANZROC!"

Larry James emailed "Hello Anita, Many thanks for the birthday email, which was much appreciated. The month of October was busy as I had a friend from the UK stay with me and during the month we did a lot of train travel. "The

Overland" to Adelaide followed by a hire car to Quorn in the Flinders

Ranges. There we travelled on the Pichi Richi Railway and in

particular "The Coffee Pot", a steam motor coach which is over 120

years old (photo attached). Then back to Adelaide and board "The

Ghan to Darwin" a fabulous train journey. It's very hot in Darwin.

Then fly to Cairns and join the Kuranda train. After a few days in

Cairns, we flew to Sydney and again a hire car to Thirlmere to see their railway museum. Spectacular! Now I'm back in Melbourne to have a rest. Best wishes to everyone. "

Alan Lauder emailed "Many thanks Anita for my 81st birthday wishes, at present I am not very mobile as I am recovering after having a revised full knee replacement two weeks ago. Can't wait to get back to golf as I haven't played for many months due to having a hip replacement last November and now the knee replacement.



No point in complaining as otherwise my health at 81 is very good In between operations we had a month in Bali soaking up the sun which was marvellous."

Alex Mazur emailed "Hi Anita, Thank you so much for your very kind best wishes. It is always nice to receive a card from ANZROC. I must say that you and the remainder of the Committee are to be congratulated for all the fine work that you do as well as keeping in touch with everyone. It is a pleasure to read the monthly newsletter and keep up to date with is happening within the Club."

Ian McCormick emailed "Anita, Thank you and the ANZROC Committee for my recent birthday card. I will admit that I have been a tad remiss in providing updates since I retired. In the past couple of years, I have been involved with 2 amateur theatre companies (Encore and Peridot) building sets for their productions at the Clayton Community Centre. I have worked on Agatha Crispie (Photo attached) and Proof (Photo attached). I have also been involved in motorsport crewing for a 1953 Triumph TR2 which is done out in Le Mans livery. (Photo attached) I am attending the ANZROC Christmas Dinner where I hope to catch up with a few friends."



Peter O'Dwyer emailed "Dear Anita, many thanks for your lovely Birthday wishes and my sincere apologies for the delayed reply. Twelve months ago (20/10/2024) I underwent surgery which could have been fatal but fortunately I'm a bit like a cricketer – in the nervous nineties (93) and batting on. Going back, I commenced duties

as a Supernumerary with the Bank of Australasia Yarrawonga on 21/01/1949. Rushing forward, on 6/08/1992 after 43 years I retired. My first Managerial appointment was in January of 1971, taking over from Ron Smith at Port Fairy Branch. During my banking years I worked in Tungamah and Ashburton where each of the Managers were Rats of Tobruk and wonderful men. I worked around the Melbourne suburbs, then escaped to Shepparton followed by Numurkah. I married my Yarrawonga born wife whilst working in Numurkah, then off to Traralgon. I don't know how wife Joan put up with all the moves, and getting children into and out of schools, but she did. Again, moving on Joan passed away in 2021 following six years of Motor Neurone disease. My final permanent appointment was what had been a National Mutual Royal Bank Branch in Warrnambool. This was followed by several Relieving Manager jobs around Warrnambool, perhaps the most historic Branch being Portland. Best wishes Anita and thanks for your great work. "

Bevan Roulston emailed “Hi Anita. Thank you for your recent Birthday Wishes sent on behalf of the ANZROC Committee. My diary records a Birthday lunch on the prior Sunday with family and another lunch on the day at a Vietnam Restaurant. I look forward to receiving the ANZROC monthly Newsletter. It brings back memories of wonderful people and interesting times. Regular gym sessions and recreational cycling help to keep me in good health. Thanks to the ANZROC Committee for your support of members. Well done.”

AND Peter and Leonie Chubb, Craig Cole, Rodney Manser, Kelvin Tyler

Other Matters

MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER IN THE POST

Members receiving the ANZROC newsletter by mail have steadily reduced from more than 140 when we first asked members to provide an email address, or the email address of a relative or friend who can receive ANZROC communications, is now down to 70.

With financial support being provided for the hard copy newsletters to be withdrawn in 2026, we again ask Members where practicable to supply suitable digital addresses to editor@anzroc.com.au.

If you have no other option than to receive the newsletter in the mail, we will continue to distribute the monthly newsletters to you while we can.

If you have any questions, contact editor@anzroc.com.au or 0408 136 100.

ANZROC Spring Golf Event

This year the ANZROC spring golf tournament was hosted at the Morack Golf Club. We had 15 players who competed in a 12-hole Stableford competition. The group were treated to a fine day and there were some competitive scores posted, but our clear winner in our open Stableford competition was Jan Leonard. Congratulations to Jan for taking out the “Wendy Black Memorial Trophy”. The group enjoyed lunch, and beverages post round in the newly completed and well-appointed golf event centre.

Following feedback from our golfing members, our Autumn golf tournament will be a two ball Ambrose event and will be scheduled sometime March / April 2026. We will confirm the date and venue by January next year.

Next ANZROC Event

Our first lunch for 2026 will be held at the Mail Exchange Hotel 688 Bourke Street Melbourne on Thursday 12/2/26.

Keep an eye out for more information in upcoming newsletters.

ANZROC Events for the Remainder of the Year

DECEMBER 1ST

Christmas lunch at the Arts Centre
Melbourne – EVENT SOLD OUT

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