

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 circle and a jagged, star-like shape. The text 'ANZROC VICTORIA' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters within the jagged blue shape. In the bottom right corner, there is a dark blue semi-circle containing the date 'Dec 2025'. There are also some thin blue lines and shapes floating in the white space on the right side of the cover.

ANZROC VICTORIA

Dec 2025

President's Report



Paul Tovey

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This year's Christmas Lunch at the Arts Centre Melbourne was a really nice way to close out 2025. We've received lots of positive feedback from many of the 280 members and guests who joined us. It was great to see so many familiar faces, along with a welcoming mix of new ones.

We were delighted to host our ANZ guests Kevin Corbally, Managing Director, Capital Management Institutional, Elisa Clements, Group Executive, Talent and Culture, and Nicole Slater, Executive Assistant to the Group Executive, Talent and Culture. We also welcomed Jo Galati to her first ANZROC event. Jo's role is Executive Assistant to Mark Whelan Group Executive, Institutional ANZ.

Although ANZ's new CEO, Nuno Matos, was unable to attend, he sent a message that he will make every effort to join us next year. Kevin spoke on Nuno's behalf providing an update to attendees on current ANZ matters.

The Christmas Lunch marks our final event for the year. The committee will enjoy a well-deserved break over January, so there will be no events or newsletter next month.

Our next gathering will be the February Lunch on Thursday 12 February, starting at 12pm at The Mail Exchange Hotel, 688 Bourke Street, Melbourne—just a short stroll from Southern Cross Station. Cost has crept up a little in 2026 and will be \$39.50 which includes a glass of beer, wine, or soft drink. You can book and pay via TryBooking using the link in the Upcoming Event's section of this newsletter. Please note that acceptances close on 9th February 2026.

For your information, most of our future events will be booked through TryBooking. If you book an event and later realise you cannot attend, we're happy to process a refund.

February also features one of our longest-running events - the Mansfield Sojourn, running from Monday 23rd February to Wednesday 25th February 2026. It's always a relaxed and enjoyable few days. While golf is on the program, many non-golfers also come along and love it. You'll find more details in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

And that's a wrap for 2025. On behalf of all the committee, I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and very happy 2026.

Paul Tovey

President ANZROC (VIC)

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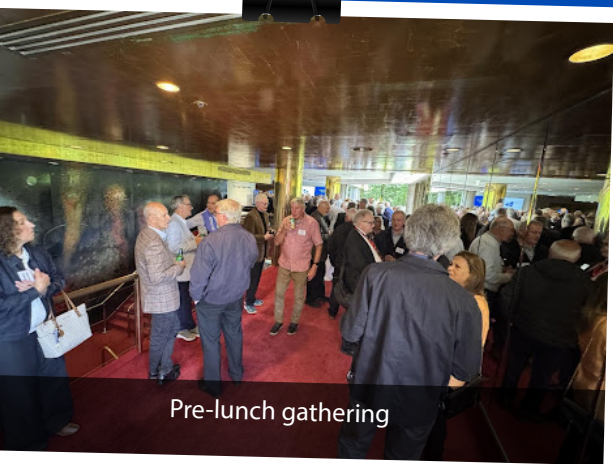
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More photos of the Christmas lunch will be added to the website as they are received from our photographer



Pre-lunch gathering



Vereen, Ken, Anne, Carl, Elina



Vereen, Karen



Committee Welcome -
Jill, Bernadette, George, Joan, Ron



Kevin Corbally presenting ANZ Update



Guests

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the club:

- John Share
- Mark Neilson
- Earlwin Cabantog
- Brenda Wai Ching Wong



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



**BURTON G.R.
(GEOFF) 25/09/2025
83 YEARS**

Member Len Chitty, who had worked with Geoff Burton's son Gary when Len was Manager Myrtleford noted the request in our November newsletter trying to locate Geoff, was able to contact the family and was advised that Geoff had passed away on 25th September 2025. Geoff spent his career in the Wodonga Albury area and retired as the Relationship Manager in the Wodonga Area Branch, a very popular communicator and capable lender. Geoff's health had deteriorated significantly over the last few years of his life. Geoff's son Gary is still working in Lending Services for ANZ in the Bendigo area.

Ray Watson emailed "Farewell old work colleague and friend of 65 years may you now rest in peace condolences to family "

Members Jack Grant, Malcolm Jackson and Jorgan Schnabl, also left tributes.

Our condolences are extended to the family and friends of Geoff Burton.

FURTHER TRIBUTES FOR DECEASED ANZROC MEMBERS

WOOD NORMAN 99 years 18/09/2025

Roger Watkins writes "I was saddened to read of the passing of ANZROC Honorary Member Norman Wood. Early in 1959 I attended the main Victorian Office of the ES&A Bank to be interviewed for a position in the Bank by Mr Von Bertough, Chief Manager of Victoria. I was accepted for a position as Messenger, and I was to report to the new ES&A branch at 390 Lonsdale Street... A short time after I started there the Accountant left and was replaced by Norman Wood... John Keck was the Manager. I was transferred about 12 months later to 86 Queen Street the Head Office of ES&A but I was sorry to leave 390 Lonsdale Street as the staff were a great crew."

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

Gary Mason emailed "Peter Treleaven always impressed as a very capable Banker. Sad to learn of his passing "

Honorary Members Birthdays



Fred BEATTIE (86)

John BLOOM (88)

David CRAIG (86)

Bill DAVIES (86)

Bill HALSALL (86)

Brian KIRK (80)

Brian KNOWLES (90)

Ian MANLEY (81)

Kevin MAY (87)

Bruce MICHELL (90)

Stan MIDDLETON (80)

Colin NEAVE (82)

Tom PHILLIPS (87)

Bevyn RANFORD (92)



Letters from Members

EDITOR ERROR: In the November newsletter an article submitted by our member Gail Townsend was issued under the name of Neil Gladstone who advised me at the Christmas lunch of the mistake. My deepest apologies to both Gail and Neil.

Len Chitty emailed "On a personal note, all up, I clocked up nearly 53 years with ANZ.

First stint from March 1969 until January 2001 in branches that included Rutherglen, and Wangaratta to management in Myrtleford, I then enjoyed a second stint in ANZ Lending Services in Bendigo from February 2002 until December 2022, at which time I then retired.

My wife Gerrie and I reside in Mitcham Vic, and we have three children (Elizabeth 38, Thomas 37, and Grace 30). We have two grandchildren, Imogen 6 and Oscar 3mths old, whose parents are Elizabeth and Darren Smith, and they live in Kilsyth Vic.

Thomas is married to Naomi, and they have no children and live in South Melbourne.

Grace is single. From my first marriage I have two children (Debbie 49, Leigh 47) and one granddaughter Ava 10 years old, whose parents are Debbie and

Wes Lemon (Dec'd) and the family live in Seymour Vic. Leigh is married to Ally and they have no children and live in Wangaratta. As always, I very much enjoy reading the monthly newsletters and in particular, looking for the names of former colleagues with whom I worked with over the years, as seeing those names brings back many fond and happy memories. Kind regards and best wishes to all."



Chris Corry emailed "Many thanks for the Birthday wishes Anita. For a non-milestone Birthday, it was one of the best. The family congregated in Albury for the weekend, and my birthday present was a thrilling ride in a WW2 T6 trainer aircraft. Absolutely sensational ride with some adrenaline raising moments as the pilot did some barrel rolls over Lake Hume. Photos attached ... Thanks again."

Brian Knowles emailed "Many thanks for my birthday wishes. Slowed down with poor mobility and don't like busy, impersonal airports these days. Do enjoy live theatre and wife and I go to the Round Theatre in Whitehorse Road quite often. Next will be "Sound of Music" in March 2026 Merry Xmas to all."

John Osborne writes "Thank you for the lovely Birthday Card, it arrived on the day. I had a good day at my daughter's house, now I'm 88! I bombed out at the Melbourne Cup this year. Buckeroo was asleep at the start....and came last. Unlike 2 years ago when I won the trifecta (\$429) The top greyhound race came along and a local dog "Tracer Bullet" won for me. A big white dog up against the best from other States. Sadly, my wife Pauline passed away from cancer in July. I was unable to attend the funeral as I had a seizure and ended up in the hospital. My two daughters are now my carers ...and doing it well. I look forward to reading the ANZROC newsletter each month."

Gordon Paulett emailed "Thank you Anita for my birthday wishes and apologies for my slow response. Sonia and I continue to enjoy life and facilities at Applewood Retirement Village (coming up 11 years) and enjoy reasonable health, sometimes interrupted with "date of birth" issues. For me my lifelong passion, golf, is becoming a struggle, playing almost once a week with a day thereafter for recovery. With a redesigned Huntingdale being available for play again next February, my goal is to play the new layout. I extend Christmas blessings to all."

AND Gary Mason, Susan McCarthy, Don Mercer,

Other Matters

TRAVELLERS CHANCE TO SEE VIETNAM WITH STAN MIDDLETON

ANZROC Club member Stan Middleton spoke at a recent ANZROC lunch and shared experiences about the tours he has arranged to Vietnam in the past. Following feedback Stan received at lunch he has decided to organise one more tour from 4th March to 3rd April 2026. While the tour would be of most interest to Vietnam veterans, others are very welcome.

If you are interested in joining this tour contact Stan for more details at stanmid@bigpond.net.au

Next ANZROC Event

Lunch at The Mail Exchange Hotel



Our first lunch of the year will be held on Thursday 12th 2026 commencing at midday at The Mail Exchange Hotel 688 Bourke St Melbourne. The venue is a couple of minutes' walk from Southern Cross railway station. The cost will be \$39.50 and will include a glass of beer, wine or soft drink.

Click on the link below which will take you to the Trybooking ticketing site to book and pay for lunch. Please note acceptances close 9th February 2026.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHNSM>

If you find you need to cancel lunch, please let Paul Tovey know president@anzroc.net.au so a refund can be processed.

MANSFIELD SOJOURN INCLUDING GOLF

Over many years, a group of ANZROC members and partners have been making an annual visit to Mansfield. The 2026 visit will take place from Monday, February 23rd to Wednesday, February 25th. This is an invitation for all ANZROC members to join us.



The Alzburg Resort <https://alzburg.com.au> is our base for the three days and provides a variety of accommodation including apartments to share. For the first time this year six couples stayed in their caravans at the nearby High Country Caravan Park <https://highcountryholidaypark.com.au>.

The "official" Sojourn goes over three days, but a number of people extend their stay to enjoy the Mansfield area. (The visit to a local winery this year was very enjoyable.) For the core three days the format is along the following lines -

Monday

Arrive from midday, you may be able to check in prior to 14:00 but not guaranteed. Explore the resort and Mansfield township at your leisure. Enjoy Social Golf, Tennis or relax around the pool.

Get together for pre-dinner drinks from 4:30pm at Alzburg Resort followed by a BBQ before it gets too dark. BYO food and drinks.

Tuesday

8am golf game at the picturesque Mansfield Golf Club (please advise John if you are playing golf and if you require a cart). You can see more about the golf course at <https://mansfieldgolfclub.com.au>

For those not playing golf, maybe a pancake breakfast followed by a drive into the High Country, stroll around town or just enjoy the facilities of the Resort, including the pool.

Dinner will be held at the nearby Commercial Hotel in Mansfield and will feature the famous trivia quiz.

Wednesday

Check out of your accommodation by 10.00am but continue to enjoy the facilities at the Alzburg for as long as you like.

Please register your interest with John Inglis (bjjminglis@hotmail.com or on 0416 048 407) as soon as possible. Once we have sufficient numbers, attendees will be asked to book their own accommodation arrangements.

We hope to see you in Mansfield!

ANZROC Events for the Remainder of the Year

be sure to put a date keeper in your calendar for these events

FEBRUARY THURSDAY 12TH	Lunch at Mail Exchange Hotel 688 Bourke St Melbourne
FEBRUARY 23RD TO 25TH	Mansfield Sojourn including golf
MARCH THURSDAY 12TH	Steeple Restaurant at Mornington Racecourse
APRIL THURSDAY 9TH	Lunch at Aagaman Restaurant (Indian / Nepalese) in Flinders Lane
MAY THURSDAY 14TH	Mail Exchange Hotel 688 Bourke Street Melbourne
MAY (DATE TBA)	Golf Day - Venue to be confirmed
JUNE THURSDAY 11TH	William Angliss Restaurant - Salvation Army Appeal
JULY THURSDAY 9TH	Lunch - Venue to be confirmed
AUGUST THURSDAY 13TH	Lunch - Venue to be confirmed
SEPTEMBER THURSDAY 10TH	Lunch at Angliss Restaurant 550 Little Collins Street Melb.
OCTOBER 8TH OCTOBER	Lunch at Victoria Hotel Woodend
NOVEMBER 13TH	Lunch and Annual General Meeting at ANZ 833 Collins St
NOVEMBER (DATE TBA)	Golf Day at Keysborough Golf Club
NOVEMBER 13TH	Annual General Meeting and lunch at ANZ 833 Collins St.
DECEMBER (DATE TBA)	Christmas lunch at the Arts Centre Melbourne



MERRY
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

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