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President's Report



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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2026.

We kicked off the year with our February lunch at the Mail Exchange Hotel. Fifty-three members joined us for a terrific afternoon of great company, excellent food and a drink or two. Many stayed well into the afternoon to continue chatting with each other.

It was also a pleasure to welcome Leisa Logan to her first lunch. Leisa shared a little of her banking background with the group, and we look forward to seeing Leisa at many more events.

Our next lunch involves a short road trip to Steeples, adjacent to the Mornington Racecourse. It's a particularly convenient venue for our Peninsula members, but we know many from across Melbourne will also make the trip to enjoy what promises to be another great day. For those travelling by public transport, there is a bus from Frankston Station that takes a rather scenic ("circuitous") route to the venue, so allow yourself plenty of time if you're coming that way!

Another much-anticipated event is the ever-popular Mansfield Sojourn, a relaxed and enjoyable weekend based around Alsberg Lodge in Mansfield. The event runs from 23rd to the 25th of February 2026. While many members stay at the lodge, others bring caravans and settle into the nearby caravan park, just a short stroll from the lodge.

The program is simple and enjoyable:

- An informal BYO BBQ at Alsberg Lodge on Monday evening
- Golfers head off to Mansfield Golf Course on Tuesday morning
- Non-golfers explore Mansfield and surrounds — or simply relax by the pool
- A group dinner followed by a highly competitive (and very entertaining) trivia night at the pub on Tuesday evening

There are still rooms available at Alsberg Lodge (03 5775 7400). Please book your own accommodation and be sure to let John Inglis know if you intend to play golf (email: bjjminglis@hotmail.com mobile: 0416 048 407).

And of course, you'll find details of many other upcoming events throughout this newsletter.

Finally, there was a significant change to our newsletter publication team. This newsletter is now being co-edited by our newest committee members, Jeanette Fleming and Jane Low. They have taken over from Ron Adams, who has produced the newsletter for an extraordinary 25 years. The newsletter is a vital part of how we stay connected, and we know how much members value it. The Club owes Ron enormous gratitude for his dedication and commitment over such a long period. Thankfully, Ron will continue to serve on the committee, just with a little less editing to do!

Here's to another enjoyable year ahead for all of us.

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Photos from Recent Events

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Gaye, Aldo, Walter, Mena, Leanne, John



Bob, John, Dominic, Rodney, Ron, John, Norris



Tina, Frances, Jill, Vicky, Joan, Josie



Julia, Peter, Paul, George, Kevin, David, Ken



Wayne, Bernadette, Karen, Phi, Jeanette, Lynne, Jane



Joe, Kate, Sheryl, Andrea, Carol, Jill, Peter



Ken, Dinesh, Deb, Reny, Raymond, Sandra, Graeme



Eamon, Martin, Leisa, John, Gail, Dan

This Month's Lunch apologies

Doris Philp, Mary Nicolazza, Elina Law,
Geoff Perdriau

Membership



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New Members

We welcome the following new members to the club:

- Philip Molloy
- John Hill
- Janet Hill
- Steven Clarsen
- Joyce Wong
- Mary Filip

SEEKING INFORMATION ON MEMBERS

JOHN READ - The club has lost contact and holds no contact information for honorary metro member – John Read.

According to our records John served in the bank for approximately 18 years and is in his early 90's. If any member has any knowledge of John or how he could be contacted, can you please contact John Stapleton via the email address recorded above.

JOHN WINBANKS - The club has lost contact and holds no contact information for honorary metro member – John Winbanks. According to our records John served in the bank for approximately 37 years and is in his mid 80's. If any member has any knowledge of John or how he could be contacted, can you 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.



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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

ANZROC In Memoriam 2025

<https://vimeo.com/1150545784?fl=pl&fe=sh>



**HALBISH S.K.(STAN)
13/12/2025 82 YEARS**

Steve Higgins emailed "Letting you know that Stan Halbish, 82 years, passed away on 13/12/25 after 12 months in care.

He worked for ANZ for over 35 years, starting off in Windsor Branch and his last branch was China Branch (230 Swanson St).

He was a lovely person, friend to all who worked with him. Staff and customers loved him.

He will be sadly missed."

Joan Nathan emailed "What sad news, Stan was a real family man, he was a great supporter of ANZ Retired Officers Club. Sometimes he would have to leave early so he could be home to see his daughter and baby grandchild before they left!!

Yes he was loved and respected by all who knew him. Rest in peace Stan Please pass on our deepest Sympathy to his family. "

Bob Lyon emailed "I worked with Stan. He was a really nice guy, sadly missed"

Stan Middleton OAM emailed "Stan and I worked together at the ANZ Bank and remained friends in the years that followed. Sadly, Stan passed away on 13th December. A very good man who will be sadly missed. RIP Stan."



**SALPIETRO ROBERT
(BOB) 18/12/2025
80 YEARS**

ANZROC Member Dominic Moscatello emailed "I recently heard the very sad news of the passing of ANZROC Honorary member Robert (Bob) Salpietro on 18/12/2025 at the age of 80 years.

I first met Bob Salpietro at my very first branch Moonee Ponds (2) 1974 and we remained friend for more than 50 years.

A true gentleman and most respected by all who met him R.I.P. in God's care " The ANZROC tribute to Bob Salpietro posted on our Facebook page has now attracted around 4000 views



KING TREVOR
25/01/2026 73 YEARS

Wolfgang Frank advised us regarding Trevor King.

Trevor was at the ANZROC Xmas lunch, where I spoke to him. He was his usual self, full of laughter and enjoyment. I worked with Trevor at Ferntree Gully when I joined the Bank in 1971.

He loved a beer, played hockey for MCC, but was also a volunteer and local sporting clubs. Aside from Ringwood Football club he did the same at Heathmont Cricket club.

A great bloke who will be sadly missed.
Vale Trevor.

**FURTHER TRIBUTES FOR
DECEASED ANZROC
MEMBERS**



**BURTON
G. R. (GEOFF)**

Malcolm Jackson emailed "I first worked with Geoff in Wodonga in the late 70's. Geoff was assistant Manager and I pencilled/chauffeured Manager Hector Stuart.

The Burton family settled into Wodonga and were very active in the Community, to the extent that when it came time to

move, Geoff decided to leave the Bank and had a period working in small business.

Geoff continued his active involvement in the community and was instrumental in the upgrading of the Wodonga Tennis Centre complex.

I returned to the area in 1990 taking over 601 Dean Street in Albury, where Geoff was assistant manager, completing a reorientation program, having decided to re-join the Bank, with the blessing of ANZ executive at the time. After a short period working in Albury, Geoff was appointed Manager Wodonga, where he was welcomed back by his clients and worked until his retirement.

Geoff Burton was a great asset to the Bank and he and his wife Lorraine, were very highly regarded by the Wodonga community. Their son, Gary now works in the ANZ Business Centre in Albury."

Garry Lord emailed "As referred to by others it was sad to record the recent passing of Geoff. I also worked with his son Gary at Myrtleford back in the early 90's and regularly catch up in Albury. During my years in the North East (Myrtleford, Bright, Wangaratta, Shepparton and Kyabram Branches) Geoff was somewhat of a mentor to me and I always enjoyed our catch up. I attended Geoff's funeral in Wodonga Where it was pleasing to see so many old ANZers present."

Honorary Members Birthdays



JANUARY

John ASHWORTH (84)

Noel BEANLAND (87)

Val BISHOP (84)

Ron BRECKENRIDGE (96)

Sandra BROWN (80)

Joe BUSUTTIL (80)

Kevin CHARD (85)

Geoff CHRISTMAS (80)

Trevor DODDS (88)

Keith DUNSTAN (88)

Harry EPPINGER (86)

Max FISHER (95)

Bob FLINN (87)

Ray GAUNT (81)

David GIBB (85)

Ray GILL (89)

John HANDS (82)

Brian HENDERSON (89)

John HILL (87)

Bruce IDDLES (81)

Alan JONES (87)

Noel MATTHEWS (89)

Bob MAUGHAN (86)

Keith OULTON (89)

Alex PIGDON (89)

FEBRUARY

Two ANZROC members Laurine Redfearn and Jack Moyle will reach 101 years in February 2026. The full list for February follows:

Judy DAVIES (85)

Eddie FORTH (86)

Rod HAWKINS (80)

Bill LUSCOMBE (91)

John McKENZIE (85)

Jack MOYLE (101)

Les MULLET (88)

John PAPE (82)

John PEARSE (80)

Laurine REDFEARN (101)

Dick SANDERS (89)

Warren TAYLOR (86)

Kevin TOOHEY (88)

Mike WATTS (81)

Richard WEEKES (89)

Don WHITFORD (91)

John WINBANKS (84)



Letters from Members

JANUARY / FEBRUARY LETTERS

Russell Appleton emailed “Anita, thank you for the card, and please thank the committee as well. I too enjoy reading ' Letters from Members', it's 29 years since I left the Bank and I really don't do very much these days. I could not return to our home after Beverley passed away, I moved to a smaller apartment in the same building, it had my son and my daughter in law's apartment, and I helped them to move into a larger place here in Kensington. I don't see my daughter very often these days, mainly just at Christmas. After her involvement in the Royal Commission into Disability finished, she moved to The National Library of Australia as the Chief Operating Officer. My son calls in daily; I look after their little dog each morning whilst they are at work and I have home help plus a physiotherapist twice weekly. I still drive but not that far, Ballarat and Woodend seem to be my limits these days, I did own a Ford Mustang GT 5.0 litre last year, a great car but too wide for Kensington streets so, last month I "swapped" it for a new Hyundai i30 N line Premium Sedan. Essendon Hyundai has been very good to me and if you go there now you will see my Mustang.”

Darryl Bartlett emailed “Seasons Greeting. After 55 years Ronda and I have sold up in Melbourne, and we are now waiting for the completion of our villa at a Retirement Village in Bendigo. We are presently staying with our son in Marong.”

Joe Busuttil emailed “My sincere thanks to Anita and the ANZROC Committee for your greetings on my eightieth birthday. This year marks my twenty first year in retirement. Apart from a few health issues which I am led to believe are under control, I am still active and able to travel. It was great to catch up with some of my ANZROC colleagues during the year, particularly at the 388 CSM cocktail party, which brought back many fond memories from the time I worked there. My thanks to the ANZROC committee for the great job they do in keeping us informed and organising our enjoyable functions.”

Geoff Christmas emailed “Thank you for your birthday wishes on my 80th. This year has seen the usual slowing down from what seems to come from the accumulation of birthdays, so we have turned to cruising the high seas. Japan to Singapore for 28 days with 10 days in Singapore. Home for very few days and then off to Porepunkah in the caravan.

Cruised the Alaskan coast the year before and later this year will cruise from Dover finishing with a circumnavigation of the British Isles. Hopefully my e visa will come through by then.”

Bill Davies emailed “Anita, Thanks for my birthday message. I hope 2026 is a happy and healthy year for all ANZROC members.”

Bob Delahoy writing from Inverloch “Please thank the President and Committee for the lovely Christmas Card. The card always reminds me that I have spent another year in retirement. I did miss the card not having ANZ printed on it. However, it was very pleasing to receive it. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy 2026.”

Saul Eslake emailed “Many thanks for the birthday greetings, which I do appreciate every year. Although I turn 68 on this birthday I have no thoughts of "retiring", I don't know what I would do with myself if I did - and I still greatly enjoy doing many of the things that I used to do when I was ANZ's Chief Economist, although I do miss the contact I used to have with ANZ staffers and their customers around this big country of ours, and in some of the overseas markets in which ANZ operated.”

John Fairbairn emailed “I was pleased to receive my Xmas card recently and would like to express my thanks to those responsible for processing these items. I read with interest Anzroc newsletters and see many names who were well known to me during my service with ANZ. Unfortunately, I also see names of many who are no longer with us. I am now approaching my 92nd year and still enjoying quite an active life in Yarrawonga with the help of a few medications. Golf is my sporting activity, usually twice weekly but restricted to 9 holes with the aid of an electric cart. I would like to attend luncheons periodically, but distance is a problem as bus/train travel would be my transport (a long day for me). Once again thanks to the Anzroc committee members for their efforts in maintaining regular contact; I extend best wishes to all Anzroc members,”

Ray Gill phoned “Thank you to Eamon for my Birthday Card which, despite the vagaries of Australia Post’s delivery service, arrived on the day. I came out of surgery in December for replacement of my right knee which had been delayed by 5 months due to the retirement of my surgeon who had been in charge of my surgery since 2014. The retiring surgeon had supervised a hip replacement in 2014 then during Covid replaced the other hip and later that year a shoulder replacement followed by the other shoulder in 2023. Currently there are no plans on the horizon for the second knee but

all of these health problems have been brought about by DIY concreting of paths and steps at my previous house in Mount Waverley during the early 2000's. I can't attend the meetings anymore but enjoy reading the monthly newsletters. Thanks again Eamon."

Neville Harvey emailed "All good down Geelong way. Glenda still working but looks as if she will pull the pin this year. We went to Italy/Switzerland late last year, so I think the appetite has been whet! Maybe Canada/Alaska later this year?"

David Jones emailed "Thank you for your customary birthday wishes which this year fall closely to the annual Australia Day weekend, and which I will be celebrating as a proud Australian. Congratulations to ANZROC committee for the recent Xmas luncheon. Catching up with old friends and colleagues at this event is always a highlight on the calendar. Warmest regards to all."



Garry Lord emailed "Thanks to Anita and the committee for the birthday card on the occasion of my 74th. My birthday was spent with family and friends at the historical Vine Hotel in Wangaratta. The hotel dates back to mid-1800's and was made famous by Ned Kelly and his gang and a lot of Memorabilia remains today. I can recommend the Vine to anybody visiting or living in the area for its meals and cold refreshments. Rhonda and my health remain reasonably good, and we still travel to Cairns for winter each year with our Caravan. Our daughter and one son are living in Cairns so it is a good chance to catch up with them and the grandkids. Regards to all."

Cathie Mackiggan writes "Thank you for your kind Christmas wishes. Happy Christmas to all members."

Max Martin emailed "Thank you Anita and the ANZROC committee for the birthday wishes.

I was meant to celebrate my birthday at Cann River again this year but our campervan experienced loss of power in our 12 volt battery system and we had to travel back to Melbourne to fix it. It was all fixed by the 27th and we continued our holiday onto Victor Harbour in South Australia.

Karl Mattingly emailed "Thank you, Anita and the Committee, for your birthday wishes. It is always fun receiving the ANZROC newsletter."

Bob Maughan emailed “Dear Anita, a sincere thank you for the ANZROC Birthday card which as always arrived on time. The time you put into achieving this for us all is very much appreciated. As we now live in WA love reading the VIC newsletter catching up on what is happening in the life’s of past colleagues. Having worked in NSW I receive copies of their ROC newsletters which is a wonderful way of keeping in touch with that part of my working life. Joan my beautiful supportive wife of almost 65 years is suffering from cancer and having Chemotherapy every 14 days. We are thankful we are Christians which helps us cope. The reason we located to Perth some 14 years ago was to be near our daughter and be on the same timeline as our Son and family who were working / living in Singapore. Our son / family are now back in Melbourne so the “What’s app video” gets a workout. We enjoy Perth but miss many aspects of Melbourne particularly catching up regularly with friends. As we know banking is changing rapidly due in part to AI. Our oldest grandson has a Commerce degree from Melbourne University and wanting to follow his father into banking specialising in FX but he is having difficulty finding a job so has to change course. Wishing ANZ ROC Victoria a happy 2026.”



Bruce Michell emailed “Anita: Many thanks the card & email for my birthday on 10/12. Never expected to reach 90 but here I am. My health is slowly returning to normal after two weeks in hospital with severe cellulitis which was an extremely painful experience. Daily courses of powerful intra-venous antibiotics followed by oral medications at home for 6 weeks finally knocked the bug off thankfully. Best wishes to all at ANZROC. for Christmas and 2026.”

Peter Richardson emailed “A belated thankyou to the President and Committee for the Birthday wishes for my recent December birthday. It is very much appreciated. Kind regards.”

Tyrone de Silva emailed “Thanks, once again, to Anita and all at ANZROC for the birthday wishes. I spent a lovely day fishing with my son and three grandchildren. We even caught some fish! Keep up the good work.”

Louise Tregurtha emailed “Hi Anita, Thanks to ANZROC for the birthday wishes. I had a lovely lunch at Elwood Bathers (if you live in Melbourne you must try it!) as well as some excellent champagne. The big news from the last 12 months is the purchase of a new apartment in Elsternwick which won't be ready for another 12+ months. This gives us time to clear out some old unwanted stuff and get the current house ready to sell. The next year will hopefully see us taking a cruise up or



down the Mekong and seeing some Cambodian sights. Looking forward to the next ANZROC Xmas lunch to see old (I mean long term) friends again.”

Athol Watkins wrote “Hi Eamon, Thanks for remembering me, another year has passed, but not without its setbacks. Unfortunately I had a stay in hospital with kidney problems. With appropriate medication the issue has been mitigated to a degree. Bowl’s is now a distant memory. All the best to you and your committee for your efforts. They are greatly appreciated.”

Keith Winckles emailed “I would like to thank Anita and the committee for the electronic birthday card which I received on time. Like other members I enjoy receiving the monthly newsletter and I am pleased with the new format which I can now get my iPad to read to me. I have macular degeneration in one eye and can no longer read printed items, even with a magnifying glass. I have been retired now for 27 years but it only seems like yesterday that I was still working. Due to my poor eyesight, I do not get out much anymore. I rely on family to take me shopping and to attend appointments. I still do get out for a walk every day, but I avoid having to cross major roads as I am unable to see vehicles in time if they are travelling at more than 60 km an hour.”

AND Gary Mason, Garry Tunstall.

Next ANZROC Event

Steeles Lunch

Our March lunch will be held on Thursday 12th 2026 commencing at midday at Steeples located adjacent to Mornington racecourse. Please note that you will order and pay for your lunch at the venue.

To let us know you are coming please click on the link below which will take you to the Trybooking ticketing site to record your attendance. Bookings close on 9th March 2026.

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

If you have any questions or find you need to cancel your lunch booking, please contact Joan Nathan jknathan@bigpond.net.au or 0432 197 454.

ANZROC Events for the Remainder of the Year

Check upcoming newsletters for details
of these events:

FEBRUARY 23RD TO 25TH	Mansfield Sojourn including golf
MARCH THURSDAY 12TH	Steeple Restaurant at Mornington Racecourse
APRIL THURSDAY 9TH	William Angliss Restaurant – Anzac Day Theme
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	Lunch at Victoria Hotel Woodend
NOVEMBER DATE TBA)	Golf Day at Keysborough Golf Club
NOVEMBER 13TH	Lunch and Annual General Meeting at ANZ 833 Collins St
DECEMBER (DATE TBA)	Christmas lunch at the Arts Centre Melbourne

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