



ANZROC VICTORIA

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President's Report



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Our monthly lunch saw 69 members gather at Angliss Restaurant at the William Angliss Institute. The meals and service provided by the teachers and staff were, as usual exceptional, and everyone had a great day catching up with old friends. We were joined by several members attending their first lunch, and we hope to see them at many more club functions in the future.

With ANZAC day approaching our April lunch traditionally carries an ANZAC theme. We were honoured to have Colonel Jason Cooke join us as our guest speaker. Jason has served in the army for 43 years and amongst many other roles has been the Chief Marshall of the ANZAC day March since 2018. Jason shared many fascinating insights about the march's history since it first began in 1916 and the presentation was enjoyed by all.

I'm looking forward to catching up with many of you at the May lunch. We are back to another "old favourite" location at the Mail Exchange hotel on Thursday 14th May. We will have our own private space and of course this venue is conveniently located right opposite the Southern Cross Railway Station. See the "Next ANZROC Event" section of this newsletter for booking details.

For those who can't make lunch, don't forget you can still connect with other members by sharing your personal updates in the newsletter. Just send your message to Jeanette and Jane at editor@anzroc.net.au. and they will include it in the next edition of the monthly newsletter. Feel free to include a recent photo as well.

Keep well everyone.
Paul

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Photos from Recent Events

Go to the website to see more photos from this event <https://www.anzroc.net.au/past-events>



Robert, John, Gail, Glen, Jennie, Mary-Vee, Janet



Vicky, Ray, Graeme, Sandra, Mary, Jill, Jill, Carole, Sheryl



Ron, Giovanna, Wayne, Leanne, John, Gaye, Kate



Deb, Geoff, Kevin, Leonie, Peter, Walter, Mena



Jane, Jeanette, Sue, Ken, Peter, Karen, Phi, Meredith, Lynne, K



Anne, Noelene, Elina, Peter, Paul, Jason, Reny, George, Eamon



John, Mike, Andrew, Pauline, Julia, David, Frank, Dom



Rodney, Angelo, Hartley, George, John, Robert, Neil, Rob, Joe

This Month's Lunch apologies

John Brown, Cathy Cartwright, Lawrence Cox, Viji Dharann, Jenni Flower, Norris Gale, Bernadette and Wayne Hulbert, Dan Kirtley, Vern Knuiksis, Joan Nathan, Owen Philp, Julie Wilkins

Membership



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New Members

We welcome the following new members to the club:

- Giovanna Greer
- Kevin Wescott
- Mark Williamson

MEMBERS NOT RECEIVING ANZROC EMAILS

We have had quite a few instances of members not receiving ANZROC's emails. Subsequent investigation has identified emails being sent to some of these members are going straight to their email "spam" folder.

ANZROC regularly sends out the following emails:

- annual birthday greeting email
- monthly, newsletter reminder email

If you have registered your email with the club but aren't receiving these emails, then they are probably going straight to your "spam" folder. If you are not familiar with the process for ensuring specific emails don't go to your "spam" folder, please do the following:

Check your "spam" folder. If the ANZROC emails are in your "spam" folder, you can add ANZROC to your "Safe sender's list" by following these quick steps (which may differ a little depending on your email provider):

1. Go to your Junk / Spam folder
2. Open the email from ANZROC
3. Click "Not Junk" or "Not Spam"
4. Add ANZROC to your contacts or "Safe Senders" list

You should also be aware that emails may automatically be moved to your email's "bin" folder from your "spam" folder every month so you may need to check your "spam" folder over a couple of months.

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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Jill Kassan
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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



BEARD LESLIE
18/09/25 90 YEARS

Honorary club member Leslie Collin Beard, passed away on 18/09/25. We extend our belated condolences to Leslie's family”

Honorary Members Birthdays



Malcolm ALGIE (86)

Carole BANCROFT (82)

Bob BELL (88)

Ken BLEAKNEY (83)

Bill BOWRING (84)

Ron BROWNE (85)

John CALNIN (85)

Robin CHASE (92)

Bill CLEATOR (89)

Bryden DAVIS (97)

Don DAVY (82)

John FOGDEN (90)

John GIBB (87)

Tony GLEDHILL (82)

Richard HAM (80)

John HARRIS (89)

Eddie HASSETT (84)

Graham HEENAN (88)

Kerry JEWELL (83)

David KAY (82)

Des KIDD (86)

Barry KILMARTIN (90)

David MASTERS (82)

John MCPHEE (89)

Don MERCER (85)

Alan MISSON (85)

Dennis MURPHY (90)

Geoff OSBORNE (82)

John PITTS (86)

Tony POMPILIO (85)

John READ (94)

Kevin SHARP (87)

John SIMSON (80)

James UREN (84)

Peter WESTAWAY (86)





Letters from Members

MARCH / APRIL LETTERS

John Blampied emailed “Thanks Anita and ANZROC for your birthday greetings on my 82nd birthday. I can still remember my first day at work, at ANZ Mornington, in January 1960, and it is hard to believe how many years have since passed. Maintaining good health now after being diagnosed with prostate cancer a few years ago. Keeping very busy with my seven grandchildren with 4 in Victoria, 2 in Queensland and the eldest working in England. I have lived in Mount Martha for the past 15 years and play golf, not very well at the Rosebud Country Club, and often see some former ANZ colleagues there. It is sad to see how many of my former workmates have passed away in recent years as we had some great times together over the Years with the ANZ Football Club and the parties we used to have at 36 Narrawong Road, Caulfield. Thanks for all your good work.”

John Calnin emailed “Thank you for the best wishes on my birthday. John Calnin”

Eamon received a letter from Honorary Member Bob Delahoy “Dear Eamon. Thank you very much for forwarding the card on my 97th Birthday. Would you please convey to the President and Committee my grateful thanks. Once again, the card took pride of place with the other cards that I received. The card also reminds me of the very enjoyable times I spent in the Bank. Apart from old wonky legs, I am enjoying reasonable health and am looking forward to receiving my 98th card. All the best, Bob Delahoy”

John Fairbairn emailed “I would like to thank you for my card received spot on for my 92nd birthday. I had never expected to reach this age and also be capable of most activities; in fact, I had never really considered "old age". However, I guess I have had a "fortunate life" although I did survive some life-threatening traumas over my latter years. These days I can handle most things comfortably including golf (9 holes). I read with interest that quite a few of my former colleagues are still experiencing longevity - very good. Once again, thanks for the thoughts contained in the card. My best regards to all members of Anzroc. John”

John Gunn emailed “Dear Anita. Thank you for the Birthday wishes, much appreciated. I married a lady from the E S and A and we have been married for 63 years and continues. Great memories of the Bank. Sincerely, John and Pat Gunn (Nee Woolger)”

Maria Natoli emailed “Thank you Anita and the Committee for the birthday card. I had an early family celebration, and a celebration on the day with friends at the Yarraville Club. I'm in good health, and continue to keep myself busy. Two days before war broke out in the Middle East, I finalised bookings and payment for a trip to Europe in July. This will be my first overseas trip since before Covid, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that there won't be any travel problems! Many thanks to the Committee for the excellent work that you do for our Club. Kind regards, Maria Natoli”

Honorary Member David Rome emailed “Hello Anita. My birthday being 22/03/26, I sincerely thank you for your best wishes. I also take this opportunity to congratulate all the ANZROC committee on their very efficient and high standards they have set. Kind regards, David (Rome)”



**DAVID
ROME**

Julie Wilkins emailed “Dear ANZROC President, Committee and Anita, Many thanks for my nice Birthday Card. Where did 12 months go - some part time work, some travel. Went on a 5 day Vintage Rail trip from Sydney to Sydney and let me say was a great adventure, so much so, I booked another train trip mid-year. Again, did some painting over summer, is so nice to have sun on your back and taking in the pleasure of painting. Who would have thought the joy of painting, sure is a nice hobby.

I'm well and of course always having a coffee catch up with friends each month. Always enjoy reading the monthly newsletter and thank you for all those who do the work putting it together. Julie Wilkins”

AND Gary Mason, Garry Tunstall.

Next ANZROC Event

Lunch at the Mail Exchange Hotel

Our monthly lunch will be held on Thursday 14/5/2026 commencing at midday. The venue is located at 688 Bourke Street Melbourne right opposite Southern Cross railway station. Cost is \$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 that acceptances close Monday 11th May.

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

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

Lunch acceptances are published on the ANZROC website. If you prefer not to have your name published, please let Joan know.

ANZROC Events for the Remainder of the Year

Check upcoming newsletters for details of these events:

MAY THURSDAY 14TH	Lunch at The Mail Exchange Hotel in Melbourne CBD
JUNE THURSDAY 11TH	Lunch at Angliss Restaurant - Salvation Army Appeal
JULY THURSDAY 9TH	Lunch at Aagaman restaurant
AUGUST THURSDAY 13TH	Lunch - Venue to be confirmed
SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 16TH	Lunch at Angliss Restaurant – ES&A Theme
OCTOBER THURSDAY 8TH	Lunch at Victoria Hotel Woodend
NOVEMBER (DATE TBC)	Golf Day at Keysborough Golf Club
NOVEMBER 12TH	Annual General Meeting and lunch at ANZ 833 Collins St.
DECEMBER (DATE TBC)	Christmas lunch at the Arts Centre Melbourne

Other Matters

POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

We received an email from Greg Watson. He thought there might be a potential upcoming opportunity for one of our ANZROC members:

"As a long-standing ANZ Retired Officer (one of those who retired early from ANZ) I found that I needed to keep busy and, in the years since I have continued working in the industry in various senior roles with 4 other banks and consulted to several others. This has mostly been outside Australia.

I am starting to slow down now, and so I have decided that my role with the current bank should soon become vacant. I am sure that there would be plenty of people who had finished-up at ANZ, but who have a wealth of banking experience, (in many cases in the Pacific and other places outside Australia), and would like to stay in the workforce and continue doing what they enjoy doing especially growing businesses and the customer-facing aspects of banking.

This is one of those rare cases when age is not an impediment to staying in the workforce, and where your wisdom and diversified banking experience will be valuable and greatly appreciated. That said, there would be plenty to keep you busy, but with a great deal of autonomy and room to innovate on a day-to-day basis. There are no legacy issues, but there is an opportunity to continue the growth of an already-profitable business.

A final note: the home base would still be in Australia with the opportunity to work from home, while flexibly spending time away as an expatriate for regular periods."

I know this would be unusual to encourage ANZROC members to remain in the workforce, rather than retire, but times are becoming tougher these days. Would this be something that Expressions of Interest could come through ANZROC, or direct to me at: gwatso01@gmail.com Many thanks, Best regards. Greg

Contact Us

Contact us by either:

- clicking on this website “contact us” link - <https://www.anzroc.net.au/contactus>
- Emailing the appropriate committee member direct.



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