



**ANZROC
VICTORIA**

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President's Report



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Welcome to the June edition of the ANZROC Newsletter. It's been a busy and enjoyable few weeks since our last newsletter, beginning with our ANZROC Wangaratta lunch. We have 16 members based throughout North East Victoria, and it was great to see 12 of them attend, travelling from places as far afield as Yackandandah, Wodonga, Yarrawonga, Bright and, of course, Wangaratta. Including partners, we had a group of 20 people gather at the Wangaratta RSL. Vice President Jill Kassin and I were delighted to make the trip to host the event.

As is often the case with ANZROC gatherings, the conversation flowed freely. Our group was the first to arrive and the last to leave the very busy RSL, which is always a good sign that people are enjoying themselves while reconnecting with old friends.

You may have already seen notices about our next regional lunch, this time for members in Central Victoria. The lunch will be held in Bendigo on Wednesday 17th June at the Golden Vine Hotel, conveniently located just a 10-minute walk from Bendigo Railway Station. Bendigo was chosen because of the strong membership base in the area and its public transport connections.

As always, all members and partners are welcome, regardless of where they live. We're also planning a Gippsland lunch later in August, likely to be held in Warragul, so please keep an eye out for further details.

Back in Melbourne, more than 50 members attended our monthly lunch at Angliss Restaurant. The food and atmosphere were, as always, outstanding. This month's gathering carried a Red Shield Appeal theme, and we were delighted to once again welcome Major Brendan Nottle from the Salvation Army as our guest speaker.

Brendan remarked that he has been attending this lunch for well over 20 years, which is a wonderful reflection of the longstanding relationship between ANZROC and the Salvation Army. As always, he delivered an inspiring and informative presentation, sharing updates on several projects currently underway across Melbourne. These included the new Footscray café, which is already making a positive impact in the local community, and an innovative "micro village" planned for Port Melbourne that will provide accommodation and life skills support to people experiencing homelessness as they transition into conventional rental housing.

Many members generously donated to the Red Shield Appeal on the day, and the Club will also contribute \$500 on behalf of all members. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so via the following link which will be live till 30/6/26:

<https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/o/melbourne-salvos-project-614>

Looking ahead, our next Melbourne lunch will be held at Aagaman Restaurant on Wednesday 8 July 2026. Full details and the booking link can be found in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

On a personal note, like many of our members, I'll soon be escaping Melbourne's winter for a couple of months. We will be setting up our caravan near Coffs Harbour, hoping to enjoy plenty of sunshine, a little relaxation, and a brief reprieve from grandparent duties! While I'm away, Vice President Jill Kassin and the rest of the Committee will continue to keep ANZROC ticking along.

Wherever you are, stay warm, stay well, and I look forward to catching up with many of you again soon.
Paul

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Major Brendan Nottle – Salvation Army



Rob, Kevin, Rino, Joy, Mena, Walter



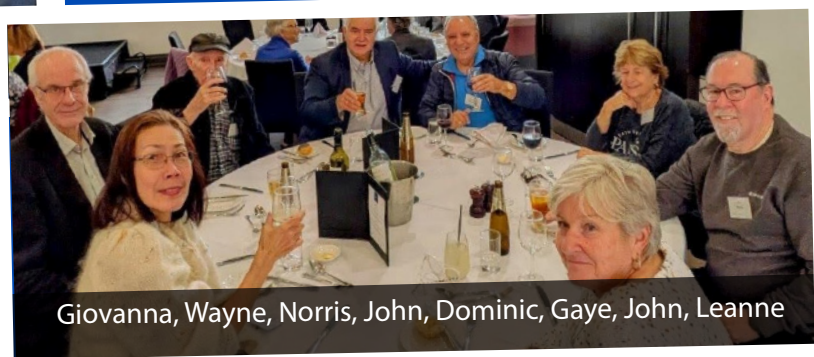
Sheryl, Mary, Jill, Agnes, Jill, Carol, Tina, Fran



Dinesh, Danny, Mike, Owen, John, Gail, Julia Bayer



Jane, Jeanette, Ken, Susan, Mary-Vee, Janet, Chris, Meredith



Giovanna, Wayne, Norris, John, Dominic, Gaye, John, Leanne



Peter, Joe, Reny, George, Linda, Maria, Ron



Anigloss Restaurant



Maria, Ron, Brendan, Paul, Peter, Joe

This Month's Lunch apologies

Angliss Restaurant Melbourne

Bernadette and Wayne Hulbert, Vern Knuiksis, Geoff Perdriau, Julie Wilkins, Lynne McMillan, Josie Jones, Eamon Veaney, Anne Wee, Ray O'Meara, John Brown, Joe Romano

Golden Vine Hotel Bendigo

Darryl and Ronda Bartlett, Shirley Joy Duckworth, Greg Fullerton, Richard Ham, Keith Oulton, Robin Sloan, Geoff Perdriau,

Membership



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New Members

We have recently introduced a new initiative, asking new members if they would volunteer to provide a brief career background and photo, so we can introduce them to our existing members. I am pleased to advise that two recent new members have kindly taken some time to provide a photo and brief career background.



Jackie Walters

I commenced my career with National Mutual Building Society back in November 1985, which then became National Mutual Royal Bank in 1986 and was then acquired by ANZ in 1990.

My first role was in the frontline (Branches) of National Mutual, then I moved into roles within the Victorian Southeastern Regional Office before joining

Human Resources/People Capital/Talent & Culture. Whilst the HR function has had many name changes over the years, I've also been fortunate to have secured many roles that enabled me to move around most Divisions of ANZ, including Retail, Global Operations & Technology, Esanda, International, (Asia Pacific), Pacific & PBA, Operations, Technology & Shared Services (OTSS) and finally Talent and Culture, Workforce Strategy & Transformation function.



Sonalie Muttiah

What a journey it's been! I'm very appreciate of the opportunities that ANZ provided me over the years, including combining my passion for travel with work, enabling me to travel to many of the Pacific Islands during my time with the

Pacific team and around all of Australia. I leave ANZ with great memories and many friends. I now look forward to exploring life after working full time at ANZ.

I started in January 1988 as a Graduate Trainee in the International Services Division at 533 Blackburn Rd, Mt Waverley, with Mal Rolfe as my first manager. The following year, I moved to the International Services branch at 91 William Street in Melbourne, reporting to Craig Williams and John Beswick. After that, I joined International Services HQ, where I had the opportunity to work with Neil Pickering, Tony Davis, Rob Bennett, Mike Kelada and Tony Langone in the Technical Policy & Procedures team.

In 1991, I moved into Correspondent Banking Services, led by Bryan Stagg, and worked alongside Neil Perkins, Peter Kariotis, and Brian Barry. The area later became International Payments & Clearing Services, where I spent several years working with Ed Pickford, Mark Dinneen, Naylor Dray, and Sylvia Lo Piccolo.

With the introduction of AML/CTF legislation in 2006, I shifted to Institutional Risk & Compliance, to support the AML project, reporting to Dinesh Anand. Once the project was finalised in mid 2009, I joined the Financial Institutions Group (FIG), where I managed the implementation and ongoing governance of correspondent banking due diligence, initially reporting through to David Legg and Bryan Stagg. I remained in FIG until my departure in early 2024

New Members - June

- Bruce Mc Kean
- Sonalie Muttiah

Member Welfare Report

Our Welfare Officers Joan Nathan and Jill Kassin 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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Bereavements



BALDWIN ANNETTE
FEBRUARY 2025 87 YEARS

BALDWIN GRAEME
AUGUST 2025 93 YEARS

Committee Member Joan Nathan advised that she had received a telephone call from Jeffrey Baldwin, who told Joan, “Annette died in February 2025 and Graeme died in August 2025.” Annette and Graeme both worked for ANZ and were both great supporters of ANZROC.



CRAIG DAVID
30/05/2026 86 YEARS

Bruce Mathrick provided the following on David Craig’s career.

David Craig, former CFO of ANZ was originally from New Zealand with accounting qualifications and clearly identified as an officer with broader potential before being transferred to Australia.

After his initial transfer, he spent some time in the accounting division before branching out into mainstream banking and at the time of the Grindlay’s acquisition in the 1980s, he was sent to London to negotiate the final terms of that bank. David was appointed CEO of Grindlays based in London in 1984.

He was subsequently appointed as General Manager Business Banking before his final elevation to the role of Chief Financial Officer until his retirement.

David was well respected by colleagues and external contacts including banking analysts and international fund managers, undertaking numerous overseas visits to present ANZ as a credible and reliable issuer in the international money markets. His reputation was that of an honest, trustworthy banker with impeccable integrity. Our condolences are extended to David’s family.

Bruce had the great honour of saying a few words at David Craig’s funeral. A link to his Eulogy is below.

https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5f80d7e71cba284bf03711d7/6a337363944ba0be7dd5574e_David%20Craig.pdf

Honorary Members Birthdays

A few members have milestone birthdays this month; Gordon Christensen will turn 90, and Stuart Bell, Tom Bloodworth and John Castelli turn 80. The full list follows:



Les AGER (95)

Stuart BELL (80)

Tom BLOODWORTH (80)

Tom BRAMWELL (87)

John CASTELLI (80)

Gordon CHRISTENSEN (90)

Jeffrey COX (82)

Rodney DARK (85)

Graham DICKSON (88)

Kevin DYNON (84)

Des FIELD (84)

Jan FINDLAY (81)

Keith FINDLAY (85)

Graham JOSEPH (87)

Peter KEATING (81)

Bob LAMB (92)

Bob McHARG (84)

Sherwin MEERWALD (88)

Cheryl PEARSON (81)

Roger PICKERING (83)

Ron PIDCOCK (83)

Des SCHULTZ (84)

Roy SLOGGETT (94)

Frank SPENCER (83)

Geoff STILLMAN (82)

Miles TILLER (88)

John TURNBULL (84)

Kath WALSH (88)

Ern WALTON (95)

Roger WATKINS (95)

John WILLIAMS (96)

Elaine WILLMOTT (94)

Brian WILLIS (95)





Letters from Members

MAY / JUNE LETTERS

Darryl Bartlett emailed “Thank you Anita and committee for my 85th Birthday card. It has been a big year with the selling of Rowville after 20 years, that was the easy part, 13 written offers sold in 10 days exceeding our expectations. Then as our unit in Bendigo construction was delayed due to Bendigo Council requirements, we spent 4 months in an Airbnb and a month with our son Peter. We moved in the day before my birthday. Ronda & I love the Unit and Bendigo itself. Being born at Wedderburn just up the road I know the district well. We have been able to find all the medicos we need to keep us going, in particular eye specialist for my Macular injections and Ronda's Cardiologist, plus GP's.. Best wishes to all for the coming year. Mr Editor:' Please note our new address.”

Chris Cooper emailed “Dear Anita, Many thanks for the Birthday wishes from ANZROC, it is very much appreciated. I do look forward to reading the monthly newsletter to catch up on the ANZ news. I am now fully retired so hopefully make a lunch or two soon. Kind regards and best wishes to all members. Chris Cooper.”

Carmel Costanzo emailed “Thank you to the President and committee for your birthday wishes. Regards Carmel”.



CARMEL COSTANZO

Diane Costigan-Carew emailed “Thank You for your kind birthday wishes. I have lived in my retirement village now for 3 years and it is the best decision I could have made. Living by yourself there is always lots of activities to keep you busy. We have 2 cafe, a golf course, Theatre, Library Heated pool and a nurse on call 24 hrs a day. My only regret is I can't get to meetings and each year when you come to Mornington I have been on a bus tour or visiting my daughter in Canberra but I will get there one year. All my best wishes to the members. Regards Diane Costigan-Carew.”

Barry Coulthurst emailed “Dear Anita, Thank you for the birthday greetings which I appreciate. I had an enjoyable day celebrating with the family. Our youngest grandchildren, Jasmine and Asha, 9 and 6 years old, had lots of energy and plenty of games to keep us all entertained! I continue to enjoy my retirement, over 20 years since leaving ANZ. My main interests have remained constant over that time. I spend a lot of time listening to music, on my own and with family and friends, and still go to quite a few concerts. The WOMADelaide Festival over 4 days was a highlight last year. My enjoyment of British beer and Australian wine is undiminished, and I keep fit with lots of walking. My interest in politics, economics, and finance remains intact. My wife and I enjoy international travel and 2025 was unusual in that we had no overseas adventures. We are looking forward to a trip to Portugal and the UK in a couple of weeks, but there is some doubt as to whether it will go-ahead. Flights are via Dubai and were booked before Trump's latest antics triggered chaos in the Middle East. Fingers crossed it will go-ahead, but we don't take anything for granted! Best wishes to all, Barry Coulthurst.”



**BARRY
COULTHURST**

Brian Day emailed “Thank you to the President, Anita and all Members of ANZROC for your good wishes on my 89th Birthday. This is my 32nd year in retirement after 37 years service with ANZ. I feel saddened to see news of the passing of some of my bank colleagues, the most recent being Terry Brennan whom I worked with in V&T Lending Department.

My wife Julie (née Parker) also worked in ANZ but was forced to resign when we married in 1959. That’s all changed now. I’ve been battling cancer for the past 3 years but all the fortnightly treatments have “stemmed the tide”. That hasn’t stopped me from playing pennant lawn bowls at Brighton Beach where I was recently honoured as a Life Member after 14 years as a Board Member, Treasurer and President. I frequently look back at my time in the Bank and wonder where have all those years gone. I read every Newsletter that is issued and marvel at all the Members that participate in the monthly luncheons but only recognise the occasional attendee. The bulk of the people I worked with in the service are no longer with us. Once again thank you all for your good wishes, stay safe and enjoy your time in this great Country, Australia. Kindest regards, Brian Day.”

Tony Donohue emailed “Thank you for your 77th birthday wishes. Still going strong, well mostly, enjoying apartment life and continuing to travel although our recent time in Dubai when the 1st bombs went off offered a vastly new travel experience. All the best to past colleagues. Tony Donohue.”

Bernadette Hulbert emailed “Thank you for my Happy Birthday wishes eCard. Many thanks, Bernadette Hulbert.”



**SAM
IALUNA**

Santo Ialuna emailed “ Thank you for your birthday wishes.....it's nice to be remembered each year by ANZROC Cheers Santo (Sam) Ialuna”.



**PETER
KEATING**

Peter Keating emailed “Dear Anita, Thank you for sending good wishes for my birthday tomorrow. I much appreciate the little, but important things you, the Committee & ANZROC as a whole do for us old codgers. Peter Keating.”

Mike Nickell emailed “Many thanks Anita and ANZROC Committee, I’m very thankful for another year of good health and interesting travels. Lyn and I were fortunate to be able to visit Japan and South Korea early last year and then another wonderful trip to Sri Lanka, truly the “Jewel of the Orient” in August. We’re also still caravanning and co-ordinators for our Probus Club “Lazy daze” group so we get away twice a year to various spots in Victoria. I enjoy catching up with the SE Region ROC every 2nd month at Mulgrave, sadly our numbers are dropping away. It’s good to keep up with news from other members through the monthly newsletter so thank you once again. Kind regards Mike Nickell.”

Peter Nyga emailed “I was pleased to receive my birthday ecard this year (looking back, last year it must have disappeared into the universe). It seems that the matter has been fixed. Thank you Anita and the committee. My birthday was a relatively quiet celebration, given that my partner, June, recently had significant surgery. I continue to keep up my photography interest, including competitions and activities at my local photography club. It's surprising how much there is to photograph in one's garden and local parks: flowers, insects, birds, sunrises and sunsets, fog, even some landscapes in the parks. Walking around with camera at the ready, observing Nature, is great for both physical and mental health - even better when the phone is off for some quiet time. Regards, Peter.”



**PETER
NYGA**

Jack O'Dwyer attended the Wangaratta lunch last month and had been the Manager at Port Fairy from 1971. Jack recalled the story of William (Bill) Borthwick who had been Manager ANZ Colac. "Bill and his wife Joyce were on a holiday on Laos when their bus was ambushed on 11/7/1974 and both were killed. Bill was 55 years of age at the time."

Barry Rogers emailed "Dear Anita, Thank you and the committee for your good wishes on my May birthday. Jill and I are both currently well and coping with the usual problems associated with the aging process. We have been in our retirement village at Burwood East for just on three years now, and are finally coming around to seeing it as "home". Our days seem to be full of trying to cope with technology and the increasing demands being made by contacts with government departments, but this is off-set by visits to our beach house at Safety Beach, visits to the theatre and lunches with old friends, not to mention the football – "Go Dees".

We both wish you, the committee and every member all the very best for the coming year, Kind regards, Barry Rogers."

Other Matters

ANZROC Facebook Page

If you're a Facebook user and haven't yet discovered our Facebook page, we'd love you to join us online. Our page, **ANZ Retired Officers' Club (@anzrocvictoria)**, now has more than 860 followers and is a great way to keep up with club news, event reminders, photos from our lunches and outings, and other items of interest to members.

You can find us by searching for **ANZ Retired Officers' Club (@anzrocvictoria)** on Facebook, or by visiting our website and following the Facebook link. If you're already following the page, please consider sharing it with fellow members who may not yet be aware of it.

Next ANZROC Event

Lunch at Aagaman Restaurant

Aagaman is an Indian / Nepalese restaurant, and a varied 3 course menu has been selected. The restaurant is located at 308 Flinders Lane Melbourne just a few minutes' walk from Flinders Street and Town Hall railway stations as well as Collins and Elizabeth Street tram stops.

Please note the change of date for this lunch. The July lunch at Aagaman Restaurant will now be held on Wednesday the 8th (not Thursday as previously advised) to accommodate restaurant requirements. We hope to have the restaurant to ourselves this year to ensure there is plenty of room.

The cost of lunch will be \$45 and will include a glass of beer, wine or soft drink. The meal will be a 3 course shared meal including 3 entrees, 3 mains and dessert, naan bread and papadums etc.

Click on the link below which will take you to the Trybooking ticketing site to book and pay for lunch. Please note acceptances close 3/7/26.

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

If you find you need to cancel lunch or have any questions, please contact Joan Nathan 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:

JULY WEDNESDAY 8TH	Lunch at Aagaman Nepalese/Indian restaurant
AUGUST THURSDAY 13TH	Lunch at The Mail Exchange Hotel in Melbourne CBD
AUGUST (DAY TBA)	Gippsland Lunch (Venue TBA)
SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 16TH	Lunch at Angliss Restaurant – ES&A theme
OCTOBER THURSDAY 8TH	Lunch at Victoria Hotel Woodend
NOVEMBER MONDAY 9TH	Golf Day at Keysborough Golf Club
NOVEMBER THURSDAY 12TH	Annual General Meeting then lunch at ANZ 833 Collins St.
DECEMBER THURSDAY 10TH	Christmas lunch at the Arts Centre Melbourne

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