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ANZROC VICTORIA

July 2026

Vice President's Message



Jill Kassan

Welcome to the July edition of the ANZROC newsletter. Paul is caravanning in Northern NSW so I'm really pleased to fill in for him with this message.

Our second visit to the Aagaman Indian/Nepalese restaurant proved to be just as pleasurable as our first visit, with 37 members attending, enjoying a shared selection of dishes from their diverse menu.

It was also a pleasure to welcome new member Ralph Treloar, along with David Hartwich & Rob Molyneux who were both attending their first monthly luncheon.

Thanks to Eamon for capturing the luncheon in photos, which have already been posted on the ANZROC Facebook page & website

You will have seen notices about our second "Country" lunch for members in Central Victoria. The lunch was held in Bendigo on Wednesday 17/6. We had locals from as far as Echuca, Shepperton, Kennington, Broadford and of course Bendigo. The local numbers were bolstered by 8 Melbourne based members who drove or came on the train. The company, and a very pleasant lunch, were enjoyed at the Golden Vine hotel.

The next country lunch is planned for Gippsland members to be held in September. We will be contacting Gippsland members next month with details.

The next Melbourne lunch will be held at the Mail Exchange hotel on 13/8/26. Have a look at the "Next ANZROC Event" section of this newsletter for more information. I look forward to catching up with lots of our members at the lunch. And a reminder that our September lunch at Angliss Restaurant in Melbourne will have an ES&A theme. If you began your career at ES&A, this will be a great opportunity to organise a table for lunch to catch up with your ES&A colleagues.

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

Bendigo – Golden Vine Hotel



Aagaman Restaurant





This Month's Lunch apologies

K Akerley, Glen Appleby, Julia Bayer, Cathy Cartwright, Jennie Codognotto, Neil Gladstone, Bernadette and Wayne Hulbert, Vern Knuiksis, Peter Lambert, Jane Low, Lynne McMillan, Joan Nathan, Phi Nguyen, Karen Oakley, Ray Omeara, Ken Pattison, Geoff Perdriau, Doris Philp, Graeme Randall, Des Shady, Meredith Spencer-Jones, Julie Wilkins, Peter Williams

Membership



John Stapleton

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New Members- JUNE / JULY

- Ralph Treloar
- Annalise Jennings

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION



*Bruce McKean (photo
~1957/58 - No 1 Teller at
ANZ Warrnambool)*

I joined the ANZ Bank in Rochester on 11 May 1953. The Manager was Charles Brownlow. Yes, a descendant of the original! There followed stints in Kyabram, Werribee, Warrnambool, Robinvale, and Leongatha before becoming an Assistant to Lending Inspectors from 1963 to 1967. During that time, I pretty well visited every branch in Victoria and got to know almost everyone in the ANZ.

I then did a stint at 280 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, followed by Notting Hill with the legendary 'Big O' Leigh O'Neill who was an inspiration.

The ES&A 'merger' in 1970, saw me appointed Accountant at the ex-ES&A Dandenong, then Pall Mall Bendigo. I became Manager of the tiny branch at Tungamah in 1975, then Rutherglen followed by Yarrawonga, my hometown, in 1983 where I remained until my 'retirement' in 1991 (38 years in all).



Bruce and ANZ Basketball team members at Albert Park stadium ~ 1966/67

(John Turnbull, Bruce McKean, Ian Triplett, John Goodwin, Mike Fahey, Alan Lauder)

UPCOMING ANZROC VICTORIA GOLF EVENTS

Spring Golf Tournament

A 2 Ball Ambrose golf event is scheduled for late October and is likely to be conducted on either Tuesday 27 or Thursday 29 October at the Morack Golf Course, South Vermont. The competition is open to mens, ladies and mixed teams, with ANZROC members welcome to invite non ANZROC playing partners. We expect to tee off between 8:30 – 9:30 am and the 18-hole round will be followed by lunch, drinks and prize giving. Cost per person is expected to be ~\$70. Cart hire is available at an additional cost of \$37 (\$18.50 pp shared). If you would like to join this event or have questions regarding the event, please contact John Stapleton via email - membership@anzroc.net.au.

Noble Park – Dingley Rotary Club Charity Golf Day @ Keysborough Golf Club

Once again, the Noble Park – Dingley Rotary Club has extended an invitation to ANZROC members to join them at their Charity Golf Day at Keysborough Golf Club. This year the event is being held on Monday 9 November. The competition is a four-ball Stableford event and is open to both handicapped and non-handicapped golfers. Tee off time is approximately 12:30 pm, with a shotgun start and concludes with a gourmet buffet dinner, prize giving and charity auction. Event registration cost is \$110 per player. If you would like to join this event or have questions regarding the event, please contact John Stapleton via email - membership@anzroc.net.au.

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

GIBB JOHN MARCH/2025 85 YEARS

Reece Wallace, Step-son of John Gibb, advised “Unfortunately, John Gibb passed away in March 2025 aged 85 years. John always talked fondly of his career at the ANZ Bank and he lived a long and fruitful retirement for over 30 years. Regards, Reece Wallace.” Our condolences are extended to John’s Family.



NICOLSON REG **14/06/2026 94 YEARS**

Ann Hallam, Reg Nicolson's daughter advised us that her father died on Sunday 14th June 2026. Ann said "He was an amazing man and always a gentleman. My Mother, Joy Nicolson died 13th January 2025."

Reg held many senior roles in the 1970/80's including Representative in Japan, GM Esanda, GM Corporate and International.

He was a Director of ANZ since 1984 and appointed Deputy Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer in December 1984.

Reg was the driving force behind the purchase of Grindlays bank after ANZ missed out on the local mergers. He was then No 2 to Will Bailey until he retired in 1991. He was held in high respect by everyone and always known as a gentleman. Reg was also a great supporter of ANZROC and always attended the Christmas lunch until recent years.

Our condolences are extended to his family.

JEFFREY COX PROVIDED THE REG NICOLSON **OBITUARY JUNE 2026**

My wife Alison and I were saddened to hear of Reg's death. He was a most urbane gentleman.

Our paths crossed when, in 1974, we were posted to Tokyo to serve in the Bank's then Representative office. Reg was the Representative and Neil Cleland and I were Assistant Representatives – Neil looking after the trading companies and I the banks.

Prior to my arrival, Reg sent through a telex to say he and Joy would be meeting us at Haneda Airport (Narita was not open at that stage) and that he would be easily recognisable as he was tall with blond hair. I told him I may be hard to find as I was short with dark hair and smiled a lot.

Reg was a terrific boss and great mentor. He was a very good banker with a wide general knowledge. He represented the bank very well. He loved his golf and motor cars. He'd driven Jaguars most of his life but in Tokyo the bank had a V8 Nissan President – a very regal machine. He bought Joy a Toyota Celica ST – a hot version of the Celica that was imported into Australia at that time. In later life he had an extensive stable of Bentleys. Reg was a man of some style. He and Joy were keen skiers and had to put chains on the Celica to reach the fields. We have very fond memories of Reg. Jeffrey Cox

WILLS BRIAN 04/05/2026 94 YEARS

Sarah Tihala, granddaughter of Brian Wills, emailed "Hello. It is with sadness that I wish to advise my grandfather Brian Wills passed away peacefully at Holloway Aged Care nursing home on 4 May 2026. In accordance with his wishes, a private funeral service was held.

Brian joined ESA in 1948 and was manager Niddrie and then Audit after he had some health problems. Brian always spoke fondly of his many years working at ANZ and enjoyed being part of ANZROC in retirement and attend many lunches and functions. Kind regards, Sarah Tihala"

Our condolences are extended to Brian's family.

Honorary Members Birthdays

Four members have milestone birthdays this month; Kevin Coleman and Trevor Mudgway will turn 90. David Laing and Bob Schofield turn 80. The full list follows:



Ian ANDERSON (82)
Max BUTLER (82)
Kay CARLISLE (81)
David CHRISTIE (83)
Kevin COLEMAN (90)
Ian DAVIES (87)
Eric DICKSON (95)
John DRUMMOND (86)
Roger DUPUY (85)
John EVANS (84)
Mike FROWEN (83)
Norris GALE (86)
John GAWNE (83)
Don HOFFMANN (92)
John HUDGSON (81)
Bill JACKSON (84)
Ian JAMES (86)

David LAING (80)
Ed LAITY (87)
Alister MAITLAND (85)
Jock McINTYRE (82)
Serge McINTYRE (89)
Colin McNAMARA (84)
Tad MISIEWICZ (88)
Trevor MUDGWAY (90)
Coralie O'DONAHOO (91)
Joan PHILLIPS (82)
Graeme PLANT (83)
Bob SCHOFIELD (80)
Graham SMYTH (86)
Gary STANWAY (87)
Kathy TRACE (88)
Pauline WILLIAMS (82)
Ron WILLIAMS (83)





Letters from Members

Anne Blashki wrote a letter “Dear Eamon. Many thanks for the card and wishes sent on behalf of ANZROC for my milestone 80th birthday last month. I had a lovely day, enjoying lunch at a vineyard on the Mornington Peninsula with family and being thoroughly spoilt with cards and gifts which made the day very special and memorable.

Thanks to all involved with the monthly newsletter which keeps us retirees up to date with what our former workmates are up to. Plenty, by the sounds of it. Cheers and regards, Anne Blashki”



ANNE BLASHKI

Gordon Christensen emailed “My thanks to Anita and the Club for birthday wishes on the occasion of my recent 90th birthday. My whole family of three children, grand children and great grand children arrived in Geelong on the day, some from Busselton WA. The first time that we had all been together. Regards, Gordon Christensen”

Kevin Dynon messaged “Just letting you know my 84th birthday card landed safely. Big thanks to Eamon Veaney. I had a great day with the family. Thank you for the Newsletter every month which I enjoy reading and keeping up with the news of colleagues. Happy winter to all ANZROC members.”



KEVIN DYNON

Aldo Faella emailed “Hi Anita. Thank you very much for my birthday wishes, which are very much appreciated. Overall, I had a great day with the family for my birthday. My wife Karen and myself recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and enjoyed a week away in May at the RACV Noosa resort followed by 5 days in Mooloolaba. Cheers Aldo Faella”



ALDO FAELLA

Janusz Jaworski emailed “Dear Anita and the ANZROC Committee. Thank you very much for the warm and thoughtful birthday wishes. It was a pleasure to receive your message, and I truly appreciate the kindness and care behind it. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work you do in keeping our community connected. The Newsletter continues to be a highlight, and I’m glad to hear that the “Letters from Members” section resonates so strongly with everyone. It’s a testament to the spirit and engagement within ANZROC.

Thank you once again for remembering me and for everything you contribute to the club. Warm regards, Janusz”

Graham Joseph emailed “Hi Anita. Thank you Anita and Committee for my 87th birthday wishes. The years seem to go faster as they fly by. I still greatly enjoy reading the Newsletter, especially catching up with the gossip about, and from, my old colleagues but must say that those names are unfortunately diminishing. Really enjoyed recent note from Brian Day. My dear late wife, Lyn, and I had some fantastic times with Brian and his lovely wife Julie, both within and outside the Bank. Days I will never forget! Sorry to learn that Brian has had a few health problems but seems to be in good hands. I am still keeping fairly well generally but my eye problems (macular Degeneration etc) will never leave me. I am still driving but mainly locally, Licence renewed recently for 3 year!! Still fairly active at local Aquatic Centre and still involved with Chirnside Park Bowls Club (but not bowling) Also Life Member at Mitcham Cricket Club which I joined after finishing at ANZC. Luckily family live nearby and at this stage help me stay in my own home. I still keep in touch with quite a few of my old colleagues, which is great. Thanks again. Cheers! Graham Joseph”



**GRAHAM
JOSEPH**

Alister Maitland emailed “A special thanks to Anita for the birthday wishes that arrived on time as has been the case for last 25 years. It is nice to be remembered on a semi milestone birthday of 85 years. Since retiring from ANZ, the time seems to have flown and I am still surprised that even the days go quickly and clearly it must be taking me longer to do the simple things. On turning 80 I got off all company boards as it was time for the next generation to take over. This gave more time to travel, be involved with Melbourne Probus and belong to lunch/special interest groups. Very dependent on the newsletters for news of former colleagues although the increasing number of departing friends is a reality of my age. The work done by the ANZROC Committee is very much appreciated and I thank them for the very good job they do. Best wishes, Alister Maitland”

Frank Marzin emailed “Thank you Anita for the birthday wishes. The year started as usual; Marie Claire and I drove to the Bellbrae Country Club last January and enjoyed an excellent week together with the family of 8. We will be flying to the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast early August for our usual break from the cold for about 7 weeks. We will be spending about 3 weeks on the Sunshine Coast with family. Regards Frank”



**FRANK
MARZIN**

Geoff Murrell emailed "Thank you for your birthday wishes. Much appreciated. Regards Geoff"

Peter Omond emailed "Dear Anita, ANZROC President and Committee. Thanks very much for the Birthday Wishes. I had a very peaceful day and quiet lunch with my Family.

Regards Peter"

Cheryl Peason emailed "Thanks Anita & ANZ VICTORIA COMMITTEE for the good wishes for my Birthday. I am grateful for the thoughts & effort you have shown to help make the day special for me & for all other ANZROC Members during the year. Regards Cheryl Pearson"

Ron Pidcock emailed "Thank you for your birthday wishes, which always arrive on time, and are looked forward to. Cheers, Ron

Tim Sheridan emailed "Hello Anita, I received my "ANZ Birthday Card" right on time ... and It made my special day all the more enjoyable as celebrated with the extended family and grandchildren. Thank you so much.

I do enjoy reading about various retired staff members and at times I suddenly read certain names from the distant past and recall my association with them.

My spouse Gail and I have just returned from an enjoyable trip including a wonderful river cruise throughout Portugal and Spain (the inhabitants all seem to smoke!) ... and we returned home via an interesting stay in Hong Kong.

I feel that I am marching into old age somewhat, albeit progress is like a wheelbarrow; if you don't keep pushing it, it stops. Regards, Tim Sheridan"

Ian Watkins emailed on behalf of Roger Watkins "Please thank Eamon and the ROC for their 95th birthday card and best wishes. Attached is a letter from Roger Watkins in response to the invitation on the back of the card to send a letter to the newsletter. Kind Regards, Ian"

Roger Watkins' Letter to ANZROC Newsletter Editor, 19/6/26

"In 1959, I joined the ES&A Bank and after 37 years' service I retired from ANZ GHQ in 1996. At the end of May this year I celebrated 30 years since my retirement and then celebrated my 95th birthday in early June. Since then I've enjoyed an Old Man Operation at Mulgrave Private Hospital and was then transferred to the South Eastern Private Hospital for a rehabilitation holiday. With this being my first operation in 95 years, I'm enjoying being waited on hand and foot with 3-course meals. At this rate, I won't be keen on going back to cooking my own meals at home!

Despite having severe macula degeneration, I still live at home, do my own shopping, cooking, showering and washing clothes. My local RSL insisted that they have a man come to cut my grass once per month, which I've gracefully accepted. I still go to



**PETER
OMOND**



**RON
PIDCOCK**

church, two RSLs and our local history group. At their request, I've written a 12-page history of our area from my experience – but I can't read it!

I'm also involved in the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross Trust, which is chaired by David Mann of 3AW. My father was chauffeur to Mr William Cameron, who was Chairman of the British and Australasian Tobacco Company and lived at Mount Macedon for 6 months of each year. Mr Cameron asked my father what he could do for the local community and my father suggested that he erect a memorial cross on the mountain dedicated to the 60,000 WW1 soldiers who did not return. At the 90th anniversary of the unveiling of the cross last year, I was the only person who had also attended the original cross unveiling - at 4 years old!

From four sons, I now have 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren – so far!

I hope to be at the next ANZ Officers' Christmas Luncheon and to see you – but only if you come close enough! Regards Roger.”

Peter Williams emailed “Thank you Anita for my recent birthday wishes. I received a day before the event. More than likely a quiet day and home with the wife on the big day. I enjoyed a luncheon with the family last Sunday. Nothing better than a country pub gathering and this year at Snake Valley.

Missed the recent Retired Officer's lunch at Bendigo as medical issues got in the way. Nothing serious but enough to keep me home.

Keeping busy working in my veggie patch at home and ageing disgracefully.

Love to read the Monthly Newsletter to see how old mates are faring.

So sad that so many have left us. Regards to all. Peter W”

Next ANZROC Event

Lunch at Mail Exchange Hotel

Our monthly lunch will be held on 13/8/2026 commencing at midday. The venue is located at 688 Bourke Street Melbourne opposite the Southern Cross railway station. 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 Monday 10/8/26

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

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:**

AUGUST THURSDAY 13TH Lunch at The Mail Exchange Hotel in
Melbourne CBD

**SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY
16TH** Lunch at Angliss Restaurant – ES&A
theme

SEPTEMBER Gippsland Lunch - Date and venue to
be advised

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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