

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 'August 2026'. There are also some thin blue lines and shapes floating in the white space on the right side of the cover.

ANZROC VICTORIA

August 2026

President's Report



Paul Tovey

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Thanks to Club Vice President Jill Kassan for standing in for me while I've been "up North" in my caravan. It's always nice to get back to Melbourne, although I'm a little sad to pack away the shorts for a few more months!

"I made it back just in time to attend our monthly ANZROC lunch, with nearly 50 members enjoying lunch at the Mail Exchange in Melbourne. As always, the food was great and the company even better. A special mention to member Clive Hewett, his partner Faye and their daughter Wendy, who drives them up from Warrnambool for an occasional lunch. Clive mentioned that he and Faye were celebrating 66 years of marriage on the day – a fantastic milestone!

We have two events coming up in September – our usual "city" lunch at William Angliss on **WEDNESDAY 16th September**, followed by a "country" lunch at Warragul on **WEDNESDAY 23rd September**.

We've had to move the Angliss lunch from our usual second Thursday of the month at the restaurant's request. As you will have seen in earlier messages, this lunch will have an ES&A theme, and former ES&A members wanting to catch up with their old colleagues are very welcome to come along." I am also delighted to welcome one of our newest members; Shayne Elliot, to this lunch. Shayne has agreed to give an informal talk during lunch.

We've also had a great response from our Gippsland members for the Warragul lunch. Of course, all ANZROC members are welcome, no matter where you live. The venue is only a few minutes' walk from the railway station, so if you're up for a relatively short train trip, come along!

See the "**Next ANZROC Events**" section of this newsletter for more details and information on how to book for both lunches.

We're also sneaking up on our Annual General Meeting. Have you thought about joining the Committee, or even standing for an executive position? Keep an eye out for notices in the upcoming newsletters.

All the best, and if your footy team makes it to the finals, good luck!

Paul

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Wayne, Ron, David, Mena



Bernadette, Maria, Norris, Rob, Linda, Wayne



John, Gail, John, Geoff, Al, Peter, Paul



Jeanette, Jane, Karen, Phi, Sue, Cathy, K, Lynne



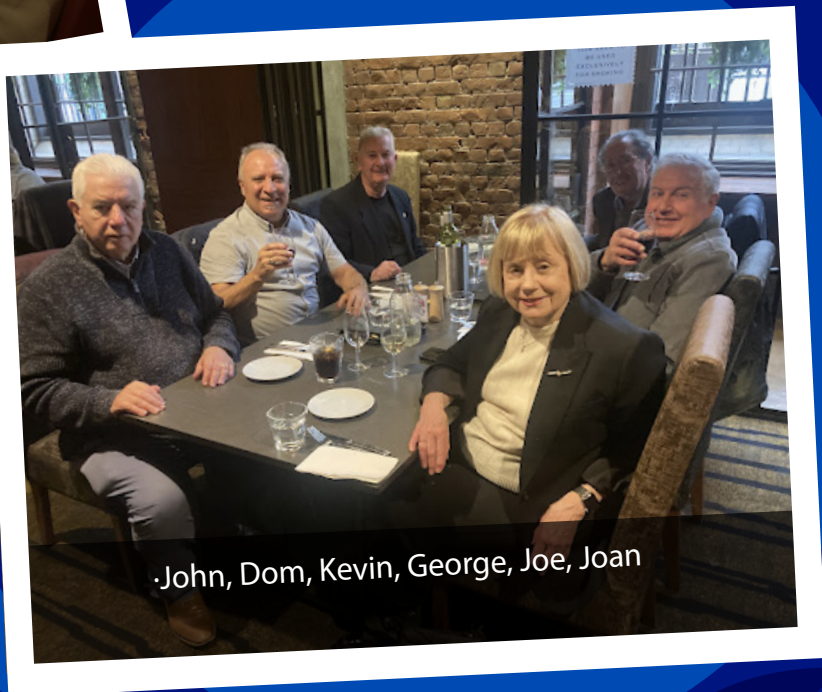
Gaye, John, Ray, Wendy, Faye, Clive



Agnes, Jill, Sheryl, Josie, Frances, Vicky



Ken, Eamon, Anne, Martin, Dan, Ken



John, Dom, Kevin, George, Joe, Joan

This Month's Lunch apologies

Sandra Brown, Reny Frighetto, Graeme and Sandra King, Vern Knuiksis,
Rodney Manser, Mary Nicolazzo, Leanne Parker, Doris Philp, Ralph
Treloar, Julie Wilkins

Membership

New Members



John Stapleton

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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

Ken Crawford received a phone call from Louise Davis, daughter of John "Brydon" Davis, advising that her father passed away on 9 July 2026, aged 97.

His funeral was held on 20 July at Crossway Baptist Church, Burwood East.

Brydon joined the ES&A Bank in 1945 and progressed through the organisation to Branch Manager and later Area Manager. During his long 30-year career, he experienced three robberies.

His father, Percy Davis, opened the ES&A branch at 94 Union Road, Surrey Hills, where the family lived above and behind the bank premises.

Brydon was a keen supporter of ANZROC and greatly enjoyed receiving the Newsletter by post. Our condolences are extended to Brydon's family.



**JOHN "BRYDON"
DAVIS 09/07/2026
97 YEARS**

BILL GUHL 77 YEARS

Vern Knuiksis was advised of the sudden passing of a former Esanda colleague, Bill Guhl with whom a number of other Esanda colleagues worked. Bill was aged 77 years and enjoyed travelling domestically and catching up with family particularly after the passing of his dear wife. Bill had a great sense of humour and a strong work ethic and always willing to help others in the workplace. He will be missed by many and may he rest in peace.



**BOB LAMB
10/08/2026
92 YEARS**

Vale Bob Lamb, respected Honorary member of ANZROC Victoria. 28/6/1934 - 10/8/2026

We were advised by his family that Bob passed away on 10/8/2026 aged 92.

Bob was a great supporter of ANZROC and a regular attendee at our monthly lunches until recent times. Our condolences are extended to Bob's family.

GLADYS WISHART 27/06/2026

Marlene Burgess advised "It is with great sadness I have to inform members of the sudden and unexpected death of Gladys Wishart, wife of member Bob. Gladys and I joined the ES&A bank in the early sixties and have remained friends ever since. Glad met Bob in the bank and they had been married 61 years. Glad died on June 27th and a service was held at Parkdale yacht club attended by hundreds of family and friends. Both Glad and Bob were runners and both held many records. Glad is sadly missed by her many friends and family. Regards Marlene Burgess." Our condolences are extended to Bob and their family.

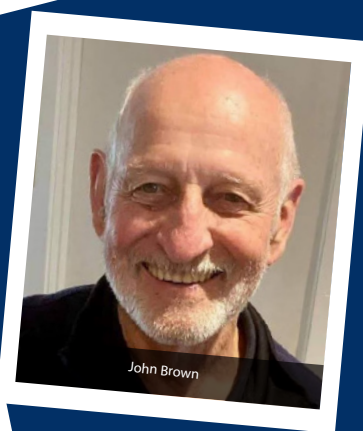
Honorary Members Birthdays

Seven members have milestone birthdays this month; Mark Stankovich and Bob Wheeler will turn 90. Kerry Dark, Susan McCarthy, Colin Spradbery, Bill Swan and Graeme Worland will turn 80. The full list follows:



John BROWN (87)
Ian CROTHERS (85)
Kerry DARK (80)
Rick DICKSON (91)
Warwick ETTY (86)
Barbara FIRTH (89)
Ken FITZGERALD (98)
Steve FLOWERS (82)
Alex FOWLER (85)
Barbara GARDINER (87)
Phil GOODIER (82)
Jeremy GRANT (89)
Richard HARDING (81)
Clive HEWETT (88)
Ian INCE (93)
Peter JONES (94)
Bruce KELLS (94)
Barry KENNEDY (87)
Harry KERWIN (87)
Cathie MACKIGGAN (92)
Gary MASON (84)
Susan MCCARTHY (80)
Tom MCCULLOUGH (86)

John MCDERMOTT (83)
Robert MCPHERSON (86)
John MILLARD (88)
Maggie MURRAY (86)
Peter O'DWYER (94)
Roy PEAKE (91)
Ron PHILLIPS (82)
Jake REMYN (83)
Trevor RICHARDS (81)
Ian ROBERTS (85)
Alistair RUFFELL (81)
Mary RYAN (91)
Peter SAVILLE (81)
Peter SMITH (82)
Colin SPRADBERRY (80)
Mark STANKOVICH (90)
Bill SWAN (80)
Dieter TELBURN (87)
Doug WATSON (84)
Elizabeth WILLIS-TURNER (87)
Bob WHEELER (90)
Graeme WORLAND (80)





Letters from Members

Aldo Calvo emailed “ Dear Anita, Paul and ANZROC Committee, Thank you very much for your birthday greetings. I truly appreciate your kind thoughts and wishes. Our original plan was to celebrate my birthday while travelling through Europe for a couple of months; however, the unrest in the Middle East unfortunately resulted in the cancellation of our flights, bringing those plans to an unexpected end.



ALDO CALVO

We have now decided to postpone our European adventure until next year and avoid a repeat of the situation by choosing an airline route that does not transit through the Middle East. It is a little disappointing, as our original plans included spending a few days in Doha, and the flight schedules were much more convenient, but we feel this is the better option.

Hopefully our plans will come together smoothly and we will finally be able to enjoy the trip we had been looking forward to. Thank you again. Kind Regards Aldo Calvo”.

Mike Devlin emailed “Anita. Thanks to Paul and the committee for my birthday card which was nice to receive and brought a smile to my face. Regards Mike”



**MIKE
DEVLIN**

Roger Dupuy emailed “The Committee, Thank you for your birthday wishes and reminding me that time is moving on.

Life is fairly reserved these days with activities largely confined to my workshop woodwork/turning, market amusements and mates luncheons. Overseas travels are a thing of the past and even trips east are now confined to family funerals. However, Anne and I continue to enjoy our visits to Yallingup, Margaret River and the WA south coastal regions to check on the wineries and restaurants. Again thank you for your contact and I hope I’m still on your list for 2027.

As a footnote, I was pleased to read of Bruce McKean’s career in the July edition. Like Bruce I also joined ANZ at Rochester but five years later when some locals were still referring to it as “the Union”. Bruce or “Sandy” as he was commonly known in his school days and my eldest brother were classmates and strong sporting competitors.

Best wishes Sandy. Cheers all. Roger Dupuy.”

Tad Misiewicz emailed “Thank you. I am still in good health and active. Regards Tad.”

Coralie O'Donahoo sent Eamon a letter from Noosa Heads.

"Dear Eamon, Thank you for the birthday card. I can't believe I am 91! I would prefer to be 19 years again (without technology). I had a good day -lunch with friends at a new restaurant at Perigian Beach. I went to Darwin for my annual holiday as I had been to Melbourne three times in six months- 2 weddings and a 90th birthday. Best wishes to you and ANZROC members. Coralie"

Greg O'Brien emailed "Thank you so much for the Birthday wishes. My wife and I decided to spend a night at The Alpine Hotel at Warburton so that we could be available on time for a prearranged buffet breakfast the next morning at the hotel with our daughter, son-in-law and 2 grandkids. A delightful stay and start to the weekend, especially since the grandboys' footy season was finished and they could spend more time with us. Thanks once more."



**GREG
O'BRIEN**

Trevor Richards emailed "Will you please thank the Committee for my e Birthday Card which arrived on Friday 31st July, as my birthday fell on Sunday 2nd August.

It is 26 years since I retired from the Bank. Thankfully both Christine and I have been blessed with good health.

We celebrated my birthday with the family at a Mt Waverley restaurant, which was great.

After I finished in the Bank, I started a lawnmowing and gardening business which was a welcome change to an office environment. At 81, I am still servicing 9 elderly clients, one of which is a 103 year old lady who lives independently in her Wheelers Hill home.

Regards, Trevor Richards"

Doris Ridett emailed "Hello. Enjoy reading the Monthly Newsletter. Great to know what is going on with fellow members. Regards Doris"

Ian Roberts emailed "Thank you to the Editors and the ROC committee for my birthday wishes which now seem to be occurring too frequently. Your Newsletter is always welcome and the reading of the exploits of former colleagues enjoyable.



**IAN
ROBERTS**

We have been able to escape the Melbourne winter for a short time and did some house sitting for friends in Cairns and then with my daughter and grandson a short visit to Africa for a safari. Tennis is still part of my life but the pace has slowed a lot !!

Thank you to the ANZROC for their appreciated work and best wishes and good health to all readers. Ian Roberts."

Bob Scofield emailed "Thank you, Anita and ANZROC, for your good wishes on my milestone 80th birthday. In June, we enjoyed three weeks travelling by train around Japan, between Fukuoka and Tokyo, including a few days in Odawara, as may be seen from the photo. That's me on the right; the castle is on the left!



I set myself a physical challenge to mark my 80th in July: cycle 1,000kms in the month. I'm happy to say I achieved that target in the first 22 days and seem to have survived so far. With all best wishes to ANZROC(Vic) members, wherever they may be.

Bob Schofield (Shailer Park, Qld)."

Graham Smyth emailed "Thank you for your birthday wishes they are much appreciated. Graham Smyth."

Peter Suridge emailed "Dear Anita, Thank you for my Birthday Card. It is greatly appreciated. Another year has passed by too quickly. Kindest regards Peter."

Bill Swan emailed "Hi Anita. Thanks for the 80th Birthday wishes. I had a wonderful celebration with my family, eldest son from Brisbane, youngest son from Perth, and my daughter from Lynbrook and their partners and children (10 grandchildren in all). Lunch at a Southbank restaurant, with a number of close friends including ex ES& A and ANZ staff members, Bruce & Nancye Mathrick, Bob Lyon and wife Helen, Ian Jones & wife Rhonda, Keith Falconer and wife Nola and Kathy Smith and husband Barry. A very special and enjoyable day. Regards, Bill Swan"

Elaine Thiessen emailed "Thanks very much for sending me birthday wishes. We are currently on our winter break on the Sunshine Coast in lovely Mooloolaba and pitying our Melbourne friends enduring freezing temperatures. Unfortunately, my husband became ill with an infection and is in hospital. Not the best way to spend our holiday but he is receiving excellent care and is recovering slowly. All the best. Regards Elaine Thiessen"



**ELAINE
THIESSEN**

Next ANZROC Event

Melbourne CBD Lunch

Our monthly lunch will be held on WEDNESDAY 16th September commencing at midday. The venue is Angliss Restaurant, which is located on the ground floor of the William Angliss Institute at 550 Little Lonsdale Street Melbourne. There will be a 2-course meal with tea or coffee and the Club will provide 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 11/9/26.

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

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.

Gippsland Lunch in Warragul

Our Warragal lunch will be held on Wednesday, 23/9/2026, commencing at midday. The venue is Warragul Downtowner Bar and Bistro, which is located at 55 Victoria Street Warragul. You will order and pay for your meal on the day. ANZROC will provide a glass of beer, wine, or soft drink. The venue is a few minutes' walk from the railway station. All members (not just those in Gippsland) are welcome to attend.

Click on the link below which will take you to the Trybooking ticketing site to book lunch. Please note that acceptances close 22/9/26.

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

If you find you need to cancel lunch or have any questions, please contact Paul Tovey 0411 156 877 or president@anzroc.net.au

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

Other Matters

The Salvation Army event of potential interest

Tameka from the Salvos sent Paul details of an event that may be of interest to some.

“We hope that you and the ANZ Retired Officers community are all well. We have an event coming up that we thought you may be interested in. Please feel free to share the invitation with your community and anyone who you think may be interested in attending.

We warmly invite you to attend **Social Reform in Melbourne: Past, Present and Future**, a free one-day event exploring the history, impact and future of social reform in our city. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are all provided.

Date: Friday, 4 September

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM (registrations from 8:30 AM)

Location: The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614, Level 1, Melbourne

Convened by Professor the Honourable Bill Shorten, Major Brendan Nottle, and Professor Frank Bongiorno, the event will bring together leading thinkers, researchers and practitioners to discuss Melbourne's social reform journey, from its colonial foundations through to contemporary challenges and opportunities for change.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Attendance is free, however registration is essential via Humanitix.

Register here.

<https://events.humanitix.com/copi-social-reform-in-melbourne>

We hope you join us and take advantage of this unique opportunity to engage with important conversations about Melbourne's past, present and future. It would be great to see you there.

Kind regards, Tameka Buckley”

Nostalgia Piece – International Division Footy Tipping 1982

At the August lunch, Clive Hewett had an interesting nostalgia piece with the list of people in the 1982 International Division footy tipping. Have a look and see if you or any of your friends/colleagues are on the list below.

A. BARALL, B. BARRY, D. BATEMAN, R. BATTISTA, L. BAXTER, G. BELL, R. BISHOP, S. BISHOP, G. BONFANTE, A. BOOTH, M. BOWEN, D. BOYLES, R. BRAVINGTON, B. BROWN, C. BUTTERGIES, A. CAMPBELL, H. CASSIDY, C. CAZENEAUVE, T. CEDKO, M. CHARALAMBOUS, R. CHICKTONG, A. CLARK, J. CLARK, P. CLOHESY, R. COCKBURN, R. COLIN, W. COLLINS, C. COOPER, D. CORMICK, I. CRADDOCK, P. CROTHERS, M. CRUSE, M. DAVENPORT, J. DAWSON, B. DILKS, M. DIXON, C. DOLL, F. DOMANTAY, J. DOWLING, H. DOYLE, R. DOYLE, G. D'ROZARIO, M. DUCKETT, H. EDWARDS, H. FERDINANDS, J. FERRINGO, H. FITZGERALD, J. FITZGERALD, J. FOGARTY, N. FRANKLIN, A. FRASER, W. FRASER, G. FREER, J. GARRIMORT, R. GILL, J. GOLDING, G. GOULD, J. GRAY, L. GREEN, B. HAIGE, G. HALL, D. HAMILTON, J. HARBROW, J. HARRISON, D. HARWICK, D. HASTIE, P. HAXBY, B. HESKETH, C. HEWETT, W. HEWETT, S. HILL, J. HOLBURN, S. HOWE, L. ILIFF, E. JACOB, R. JACOBS, N. JEFFERY, J. KARABATSOS, R. KARIOTIS, A. KELLY, J. KELLY, M. KINSELLA, C. KIRKLEY, F. KROMMYDAS, J. KRUGER, P. LEES, J. LEFEBURE, L. LITTLE, K. LOVETT, M. LUCIANI, K. LYNCH, R. MACLEAN, B. MARNELL, P. MATTHEWS, J. MAXWELL, R. MAY, P. MCALLISTER, M. MCCARTHY, S. MCHARDY, S. MCHENRY, O. MCKENZIE, J. MCMENNAMIN, N. MCMILLAN, G. MICALLEF, R. MILLER, G. MILLIKEN, G. MINTON, J. MITCHELL, P. MOORE, B. MORPURGO, B. MURDOCH, J. MURRAY, P. NORMAN, K. OWEN, B. PENNELL, P. PERRI, J. PHELAN, O. PHILP, N. PICKERING, D. POTTEN, J. QUINN, R. REDDING, J. REEDYK, K. REYNOLDS, S. ROSS, L. SAXTON, V. SCHAAK, L. SCOTT, R. SENESE, M. SHEAHAN Footy Tips, D. SIBLEY, S. SISWATI, B. SMITH, S. SMITH, V. SPYROU, E. SRECO, B. STAGG, R. STANCLIFF, F. STANSON, J. STONE, J. STYLES, S. SURACE, R. THOMAS, R. THOMPSON, S. THOMPSON, R. TOWNSEND, M. TRIBUZIO, S. UILDERKS, K. VALE, J. VAN AKEN, F. VESCIO, N. WAITE, D. WALSH, M. WEDDER, D. WEHNER, G. WILLIAMS, J. WILSON, J. WILSON, J. WINDERS, R. WOHNSDORF, P. WOODS, C. YIM

ANZROC Events for the Remainder of the Year

Check upcoming newsletters for details
of these events:

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 16TH	Lunch at Angliss Restaurant – ES&A theme
SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 23RD	Lunch at Warragul Downtowner 55 Victoria Street
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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