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Welcome to our October 2025

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - ANZROC(NSW) OCTOBER 2025

Welcome to the October 2025 Newsletter which I hope you find enjoyable.

I wish to welcome onto our committee new Members Blenda Marilit and Jenny Crouch, who joined us last month. I look forward to their input and some new ideas for the Club going forward.

Also, best wishes to Club Committee Members Tony Schembri and Jamie Roberts who have taken a leave of absence due to some serious health issues.

Apology for the short report, however, I was absent on holidays for much of October 2025.

Regards

Philip.

LUNCHEON 20TH OCTOBER 2025 AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY

Acting President Terry Auld gave a big welcome to 34 members present for the clubs final bi-monthly luncheon in 2025.

Members then stood for the royal toast to the King and People of Australia.

WELCOME TO MEMBER WHO WE HAVE NOT SEEN FOR A WHILE.

Brian White. A big welcome back to Brian.

APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM.

Alastair Turnbull, Clive Neutze, Phil Cohen, Ian and Gwen Jarratt, Jamie Roberts, Ken Abrahams, Bill Patrick, Ivan Radovnikovic, Peter and Jan Douglass and Tony Schembri.

BEREAVEMENTS SINCE LAST LUNCHEON ON 18 AUGUST 2025.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

- ALLEN BURRIDGE
- ALF EVANS
- STANLEY DOYLE
- ROBERT (RJ) GRANT
- LYNETTE HILLARD, WIFE OF HONORARY MEMBER JOHN HILLARD

MEMBER

- TIM IRELAND

One minutes silence in memory of these deceased officers and wife of Hon was held.

FORMALITIES FOLLOWING LUNCH.

Birthdays for September- October- November-December

We had six members present at the luncheon who celebrated or will celebrate a birthday in the last four months of 2025.

To all members who celebrated a birthday in: -

SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER- NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

SEPTEMBER NIL

OCTOBER (2)

- BORIS CEBOKLI
- MARK COHEN

NOVEMBER (2)

HON'S.

- KEN DIGHTON
- ALEX MORGAN

DECEMBER. (2)

MEMBERS

- JENNI CEBOKLI
- KEITH MORRIN

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Treasurer Keith tabled a report on the clubs' financial position at date and emphasised the outflow of funds in the remaining two months of the year, including payment for today's luncheon and payments to country centres for their upcoming Christmas functions. This will see the account balance run down.

RETIRED OFFICER CHEQUE ACCOUNT CLOSURES.

IT Officer Craig presented a resume to members present on the final advice received from ANZ HQ on this issue.

HQ have advised that the final batch of advices to retired officers holding retired officer cheque accounts were recently issued, with a closure date of 3rd December 2025 for individuals to action if they have not already done so.

For members who are still yet to action and as has been detailed in Club NL's over recent months, there are three ways: -

- **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH TO BE ADVISED ON WHAT ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE AND BEST SUIT YOUR NEEDS.**
- **RING THE 1800-317-366 SUPPORT LINE.**
- **COMPLETE THE ONLINE ANZ RETIRED OFFICER CHEQUE ACCOUNT TRANSFER REQUEST. A LINK WAS PROVIDED IN THE EMAIL RECEIVED BY ACCOUNT HOLDERS.**
The online form can also be found on the ANZROC(NSW) Website in the ANZ noticeboard link (2025 section).

Feedback from members indicated that the branch staff and support line consultants have been very helpful in the process.

If you have not yet actioned the transfer of your own accounts, you need to do this by 3rd December 2025 as all retired officers' cheque accounts will be closed on that date if they still exist.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Acting resident Terry then asked if any member wished to raise an issue.

None were raised.

Terry then invited Life member Ken Dighton to come forward and draw the winners of the 5 lucky door prizes.

Congratulations to the winners.

Terry then informed members present at the luncheon that due to support from HQ, the final club function for 2025 will be the **Cocktail Function in ANZ Tower on Wednesday 3rd December 2025** and full booking details and info will be in the October Newsletter.

(See page 16 for full details and booking info).

Terry thanked members for their support in 2025 and then closed the luncheon at 1.40pm.

Several photos were taken at the luncheon, and the full set is up on the website for viewing by members. A few are below.



COL JEFFERIES GLENN FITZPATRICK KEITH LONG



JOHN TIER JOHN MITCHELL ALISTAIR JOHNSTON



COL BARTRIM DOUG MOSS



ANZROC (NSW) BOUTIQUE LUNCHEON 20 October 2025

BEREAVEMENTS

MEMBER TIMOTHY IRELAND

We were sadly advised by his wife Cheryl and Life Member Reg Smeaton that Club member Timothy Ireland passed away on 10 October 2025 aged 75 years.

Tim had 20 years ANZ service between 1973 to 1993, and he and his wife Cheryl only recently joined ANZROC(NSW), and they were very well known in the ANZ family in the Illawarra district.



Sincere condolences to Tim's wife Cheryl and all his family at this very sad time.

RIP Tim.



**IRELAND
Timothy Allan**

Passed away peacefully on 10th October 2025 surrounded by his loving family. Loving husband of Cheryl. Adored father & father-in-law of Shan & Dan, Tayla & Jed, Layne & Sam. Cherished Pardie and Parbie to Jordan, Tom, Chloe and Taj. Great Pardie to Archer, Grace, Elsie and Clara. Brother to Jon, Ant and Mike. He will be sadly missed by his extended family & friends.

Aged 75 Years

Relatives and friends of Tim are invited to attend a Celebration of his Life to be held at the Northcliffe Chapel of Hansen & Cole, 634 Northcliffe Dr Kembla Grange on Friday 17th October commencing at 12 noon.



**Hansen & Cole
Funerals**

HONORARY MEMBER ALLEN BURRIDGE.

We have sadly been informed that Club Honorary member Allen Burridge passed away on 16th October 2025 aged 93 years.

Allen had a long and distinguished career and would be well known and respected by those retired officers who worked with or knew him during his banking career.

Honorary member Ian Jarratt advised that he was sad to hear this news, I'm in shock. I have been trying to ring Alan for a couple of weeks, but his phone would go to message, which was not unusual. The last time we spoke there was no indication that he was unwell, and we discussed meeting for lunch before Christmas.

He had not long moved into a new apartment at the nursing home and was very happy. Both Gwen and I worked with Allen at 156 Castlereagh Street Sydney and have been friends ever since. He was an avid Sea Eagles supporter, and I believe he was able to go to one of their games this year.

Allen's wife Margaret predeceased him in December 2023.

Allen's funeral was held: -

27th October
St.Kierans
Manly Vale.

RIP Allen.



HONORARY LIFE MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT BARRY SMITH

Club Members.

We have been very sadly informed by his wife Wilhelmina that our distinguished and highly respected Honorary and Life member Barry Smith passed away on 24 October 25 aged 90 years and Barry would have turned 91 on the 21st of November.

Barry had a long and distinguished career firstly in Bank of Australasia and then ANZ and would be very well known and respected by many retired officers who either worked with or knew him during his banking career. Following his retirement Barry joined ANZROC(NSW) and over the years made a very significant contribution to the Club, he held various roles on the committee and was President for a term and then was awarded Club Life Membership in recognition of his efforts and contribution to the Club over his many years.

Barry and his wife Wilhelmina, who is also a retired officer, were regular attendees at Club luncheons over the years, firstly at the CTA Club and then the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel.

Barry always had a good yarn or joke to tell at the luncheons, and these will be missed.

Thank you very much Barry for your contribution to ANZROC(NSW).

Wilhelmina advised the following details for Barry's funeral.



**LIFE MEMBER
BARRY SMITH**

Thursday 6 November 2025

- **St Paul's Church of England, Seaforth at 10.30 AM.**
- **Followed by the wake at Wakehurst Golf Club, Seaforth.**

Sincere condolences to Wilhelmina and all the family from Club members

RIP Barry you will be missed by us all.



NEW MEMBERS

Mark Simpson who resides in Barrack Heights. Mark had 22 years' service in ANZ between 2001-2023. Big welcome to ANZROC(NSW) Mark.

A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAKUP THE NEWS

What did the lawyer call his daughter? Sue.

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

What is smarter than a talking bird? A spelling bee.

Did you hear about the kidnapping at the school? It's ok, he woke up.



NOVEMBER 2025 BIRTHDAYS

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER 2025.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tim	BARKER	15th		Paul	MAWRUK	1st
Gary	CULMER	22nd		Jim	McVEIGH	2nd
Danny	DE VERE	25th		Peter	MEERS	29th
Wayne	FLETCHER	19th		Kim	MURRAY	15th
Chantelle	FRANCISCO	21st		Mark	NIGHTINGALE	28th
David	HARRIS	27th		Lindsay	NORTON	20th
Craig	HYDE	11th		Violet	PELOE	24th
Paul	JEPSON	10th		Sharyn	SERGEANT	3rd
David	JOHNSON	30th		Robert	STREMPEL	6th
Robyn	JURD	14th		Merc (Mercedes)	TUDOR	28th
Brian	LEIPER	4TH		Joe	VAN DAM	17th

THE HONS

Jim	BICKERTON	8th		Bill (William)	HORTON	19th
Peter	BIRCH	9th		Bernie	MICKLE	3rd
Ron	BRACKEN	29th		Alex	MORGAN	6th
David	BURNESS	11th		Phil	MYERS	21st
Shirley	CASBOULT	18th		Noel	PRATT	17th
Geoff	COWAN	20th		Brian	RAWLE	23rd
Ken	DIGHTON	23rd		Noel	RYAN	22nd
Eddie	FIDDOCK	8th		Bob	WILLIAMS	21st
Bruce	FOSTER	21st		Geoff	WRIGHT	20th
Lloyd	GUTHREY	27th		Robert	ZIEMS	14th
Jan	HAWKINS	25th				

Our newest Hons for this month are Peter Birch, David Burness and Ken Dighton.

Welcome to you all.

NOSTALGIA

Honorary member Rod Prosser spoke with Secretary Graeme and had his son who lives in Gympie deliver to Graeme a copy of ANZ Checkerboard dated December 1968.

A very interesting publication from those times which was 16 pages long.

Some great articles and we have scanned a few below for inclusion in this NL.

Many thanks Rod.

Training College principals hold a "talk in"

EDUCATION, training and development were the overriding topics of the recent training and development conference held in Melbourne at the end of September and attended by Training College principals from all divisions.

In opening the conference, Mr R. A. Orpwood, deputy general manager (personnel) emphasised the importance of stimulating a greater awareness of the necessity for education and progressive training to develop the full potential of the individual.

"With the economic and technological advance of society, the need for effective job performance becomes more critical in the interests of both the Bank and the individual bank officer. Training must keep ahead of these advances," said Mr Orpwood.

Mr R. C. Tuxford, senior administrative officer responsible for the new training and development section, explained that the purpose of the conference was to evaluate progress to date and to discuss the future training needs, revision to curricula and the importance of co-ordination and control.

Proposals were outlined for a planned educational and progression scheme which would apply to all



THEY PLAN TRAINING: From left: Messrs. N. E. McPhee, training officer, GMO; T. P. Arbuckle, principal, Wellington, NZ college; R. Bowen, principal, Sydney college; D. Musitano, principal, Perth college; K. R. Briggs, assistant principal, Brisbane college; R. A. Orpwood, deputy general manager (personnel); R. C. Tuxford, S.A.O. training; R. T. Elliott, administrative officer, training GMO; T. A. Welsh, principal, Adelaide college; B. J. Murdoch, principal, Melbourne college; L. D. Platt, principal-elect, Melbourne college; B. J. Maddison, training officer, GMO.

young officers joining the Bank.

Delegates from all divisions made valuable contributions to the conference.

Various training films

were shown, including an experimental closed circuit television film on teller training. Latest techniques in training and the increasing use of the computer were also discussed.

Mr Arbuckle (New Zealand division) and Mr Bowen (New South Wales division) spent additional time in Melbourne to study training in branches now on the computer.

BANK COMPUTERS OPERATE

IN 2 STATES

A.N.Z. BANK on October 10 became the first bank to operate cheque accounts on a computer in two States — New South Wales and Victoria.

The Bank introduced its EMANZA computer in Melbourne in November, 1964.

"The York and Erskine Streets, Sydney branch, of the bank, under the management of Mr M. (Mish) RICHARDSON, was the first of 27 branches in the city to go 'on stream'," said chief manager Mr E. K. SPENCE.

The Bank is renting a G.E.225 computer similar to the two computers operating at the EMANZA Centre in Melbourne, where the pioneer work has been done on the project.

Special test programmes were prepared for use in Sydney, embodying more than three years' experience catering for 78 branches.

When the Bank bought its first computer in November, 1964, it was decided to make the initial change-over of routine activities in Melbourne to gain valuable training in programming and proof department operations as well as in handling a concentrated flow of voucher traffic.

Pilot scheme

We decided it would be our best interest to take Melbourne the pilot area, because of the density of city branches and higher voucher flow.

Any faults have now been ironed out there and can be assured of by acceptance by managers, staff, and the public," said Mr B. I. Strudwick, administrative officer, in charge of the pilot operation.

The Bank's new centre in rented premises in the heart of the city at York Street, near the York and Erskine Streets branch, the first to be converted to computer operations.

In September, 1966, the EMANZA Centre was established in Sydney to arrange the redesign and re-encoding of special-printed cheque forms issued to customers of branches in New South Wales.

Staff of this centre were responsible for the intro-



EXPLAINING M.I.C.R.: Mr Bruce Strudwick, administrative officer, data processing, New South Wales, describes the need for the M.I.C.R. code line to Mr Ian Gardner and Misses Gail Simson, Kathy Pettit, Denise Charles and Maria Rakowski (seated).



IN THE PICTURE: From left, Mr John Bottell (branch accountant), Mr Peter Kearey (conversion team leader) and Miss Norma Sparks (Clarence Street branch supervisor) shown in the York & Erskine Street branch, the first on the changeover.

duction of personalised cheque forms at branches by December, 1972.

The centre, 4500 square feet on the third floor of the Australian General Electric Pty. Ltd., building, is where EMANZA proof is housed.

Personalisation of cheques, a necessary step in a bank's computerisation programme, is well ahead of schedule.

The first branch to issue personalised cheque and deposit forms in Sydney was 273 Pitt Street, on July 18, 1967, and these forms are now being issued at some 60 branches.

Present plans are to have all city and North Sydney branches on the computer by the end of 1969 and the remaining

then be serviced by EMANZA.

"The most important aspect of the whole exercise has been the wonderful co-operation received from all levels of the administration in New South Wales and general manager's office.

"And more importantly, the enthusiasm and team spirit of our staff.

"Rarely have I encountered a closer-knit group of people working toward one end — service to branches, customers and the Bank. No praise would be too high," said Mr Strudwick to Chequer-board correspondent, Betty Gemmell.

"The public is now accepting the role of the computer in banking and more readily acknowledges that a progressive banking system must meet changing conditions.

"The demands for better and more varied services require the use of modern methods," said Mr E. K. Spence, chief manager for New South Wales.

"If we are to gain the maximum benefits that computerised accounting can offer, and they are many, it is essential that we develop a fully integrated branch system that will in time be reflected in better control and management at executive level."

SUCCESS OF CHEQUE ACCOUNT DRIVE

STAFF initiative and teamwork in the drive for cheque account business in the personal sector last August brought a substantial volume of new accounts for many Australian branches.

Accounts gained during the campaign period far exceeded the average number of personal accounts usually opened in all States.

Western Australia was the most successful division opening an average of six new personal accounts per branch as a direct result of promotional efforts.

The division was also the most successful during the Save 'N Travel account drive last year.

Results of the campaign, and comments made by many branch managers confirmed the need for personal contact to acquire new business.

There will be a flow-on from the efforts made by thousands of staff members throughout Australia.

Many "prospects" indicated that although they did not require a cheque account immediately, when the time came, ANZ would be their first choice.

THE BANK AND MELBOURNE GIVEN A NEW FINANCIAL CENTRE

MELBOURNE is being rejuvenated, with new buildings competing for skyline space. The latest addition is the stately 23-storey Stock Exchange House, the home of The Stock Exchange of Melbourne and ANZ Bank.

From this marriage of convenience have been laid the foundations of a new financial centre in the throbbing heart of Collins Street. The old branch is preserved in the name of the company owning the building — 351 Collins Street Limited — in which the Bank and the 'Change have an equal share.

The opening of the building on Monday, October 14, climaxed more than five years work by the architects, Buchan, Laird and Buchan, of South Yarra. The building itself took three years to complete.

For ANZ Bank the finishing of the building meant an end to discomfort and unsettled occupation; the contract stipulated that the branch of the bank should continue in operation throughout the building programme.

Skilful planning by the architects, engineers and the builder Hansen and Yuncken Pty Ltd., ensured that banking was not interrupted. Teamwork won the day. In the process the staff had to make three moves during the construction, but branch manager Mr E. (Ted) Arundel and his staff carried on in spite of jack hammers and dust.

Today's reward is a radically different building and a bank far removed from the fustian, uneconomic buildings of yesterday.

Mr Lew Bawden, the architect in charge of the project, and his team have designed a functional yet striking building.

brisk business. A sliding door gives access through the check point. A seven-ton Chubb safe door highlights security.

Open house for branch customers many of them with connections dating back to the pioneer days of the 1870's, was held for 14 days in an extensive and successful customer-relations programme.



The Stock Exchange of Melbourne occupies the first, second and part of the third floors, and includes a world standard trading floor free of columns to provide an uninterrupted view.

The Bank's Victoria and Tasmania divisional offices will move into the building from the Mutual Centre in December.

Noise levels in executive areas have practically been eliminated by using solid block walls instead of partitions. The building is fully air conditioned.

Floral bank



Box Hill Horticultural Society at work.

BEAUTIFUL GIRLS from Melbourne and wildflowers from Western Australia made a perfect combination for the opening of the new Stock Exchange branch.

More than 5000 flowers of 50 varieties were arranged in a massed display.

A team of ten women from the Box Hill Horticultural Society and Bank staff under Mr Dick Hellard and Mr Dick Cowell worked for

The exterior, with its reconstituted grey clad walls looks formal but inside is a gimmick-free building that is pleasing to the eye and embodies features that have set new trends.

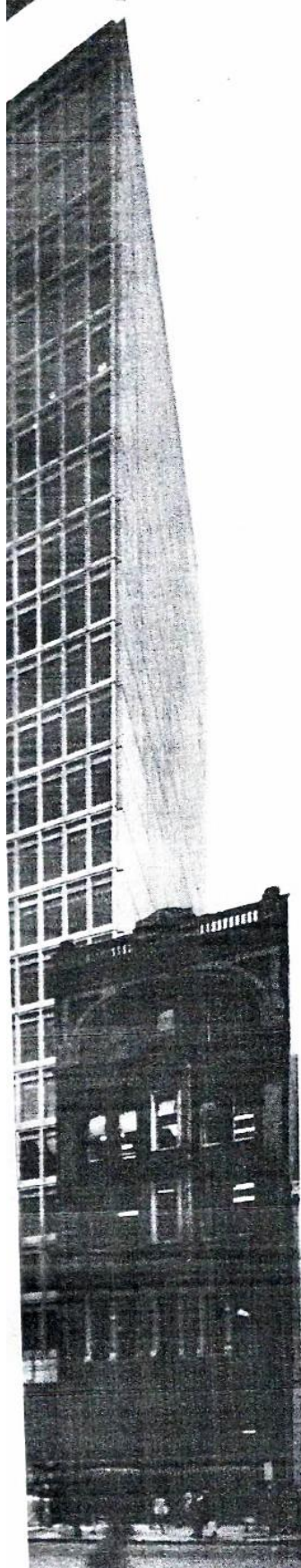
The accent is on spaciousness and informality. In its earlier days when A.N.Z. Bank was 'getting into orbit,' the old traditional formalities of solid, ornate and unfunctional buildings slowly came under the wrecker's hammer. A new look began and a breath of freedom swept through the banking fraternity, once ANZ's new premises became acceptable.

The architects and the Bank's premises team have set new standards. Pride of place in the branch is the round banking chamber, with its solid, off-white central columns, sunken overhead lighting, oiled teak woodwork and bronze-green Wilton carpet that runs throughout the branch.

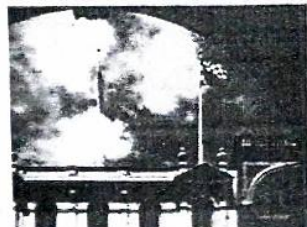
Managerial suites have a quiet dignity about them which is reflected in the decor and the informal lounge styled chairs with their contrasting woven material covers.

Refusal of an overdraft in such surroundings will be much more pleasant than it was in the olden days.

Reception and waiting areas are



home of the Stock Exchange Bank.



WELFARE REPORTS

PHIL COHEN.

Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays scheduled in November 2025.

Peter Birch

Welcome to the HONS in November 2025.

Health good except for a little knee problem that restricts his walking too far. Enjoys Kayaking each week at Bobbin Head and Pittwater with friends. Enjoys his spare time reading and gardening. Will be celebrating his birthday on a four-day Murray River Cruise out of Renmark Vic.

David Burness

Welcome to the HONS in November 2025.

Health good except for a Heart Value replacement a few weeks ago. Still works 1-2 days a week for an Accounting Firm. Also volunteers with his local church.

Shirley Casbault

Shirley tells me her health is not good at all. Has leg problems which means she is immobile and always needs help to move around, so most of her time is taken up with reading and Television.

Geoff Cowan

Health all good. Is still able to drive and walks. Likes looking after their compact garden and lawn in their Retirement Village. Enjoys watching the sport on the TV, especially the cricket and football. Is expecting his daughter to come up from Sydney to celebrate his birthday with the family.

Ken Dighton

Welcome to the HONS in November 2025.

Health good. Much of his free time is taken up as Treasurer for the past six years of the Lambton Bowling Club where he also plays bowls a couple of times a week. Also volunteers once a week at the Hunter Region Botanical Gardens at Heatherbrae NSW. Ken also has another long-time passion as a member of the Sydney and Hunter Region Jaguar Drivers Club.

Eddie Fiddock

Health, not bad, not driving any more. However, still plays golf 2-3 days a week. Also, works casually at Randwick Racecourse once a month, or when needed helping with the computer betting system. Gets himself to Randwick via public transport although this is becoming more difficult with his age and the distance needed to travel. Enjoys regular walking in his area also.

Jan Hawkins

Unsuccessful contacting Jan. Left messages on her telephone plus sent email message.

Bernadette Mickle

Resides in Canada so will be sending a birthday greeting via email on the day.

Alex Morgan

Health good. Still keeps active playing golf and bowls. However, has given up mowing lawns. Keeps busy washing the car, shopping and brewing his beer. Volunteers, helping the local disability sailing club, giving guidance and assistance to people who wish to try sailing.

Noel Pratt

Health still good. Still playing golf twice weekly and working part time as a Finance Broker. Travels a lot as he has children and grandchildren in Melbourne and Singapore.

Will be off to Singapore in November 2025 where he also went last February as well as New Zealand.

Brian Rawle

Health, getting better after a Golf Buggy Accident in January 2024 which had him incapacitated for seven weeks with spine and wrist problems. All good now and back at bowls but is waiting for clearance from his doctor to resume golf, hopefully by the end of this year. When I spoke with Brian Mid-October, he was just a week away from attending his daughter's wedding.

Geoff Wright

Health good. As a retired Police Officer as well as the ANZ Bank enjoys meeting up with 7-12 old mates from the Police Force each Thursday for a coffee and a chat over some past ten years.

Is involved with the local Rugby League Club for many years and the Merewether Historical Society. He and wife Denise have birthdays in November, they are both about to celebrate by taking a 6-day cruise to Melbourne and back. While in Melbourne will be attend the races for the Melbourne Cup.

Robert Ziems

Unsuccessful contacting Jan. Left messages on her telephone plus sent email message.

WELFARE UPDATE

Bob Dyer

Spoke with Bob early October 2025 after a tip off from Albert Orzasky who advised me that Bob had had a serious fall. Bob tells me he had a fall early September 2025 and had several broken ribs. It was now a month since the fall and his injuries were starting to heal, and he was semi mobile. Exercises by walking in the swimming pool in the complex where he and Sheryl have recently moved into. Is hopeful of getting back to his regular visits to the local Mans Shed.

WELFARE UPDATE ON ONE OF OUR CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jamie Roberts

Craig Smith spoke with Jamie in mid-October. He advised that radiation treatment on his back had killed the cancer. He has since had pins and plates inserted into his back to support the areas where cancer had caused a significant amount of damage. He is currently recovering from this complex surgery and is hoping that he will be able to return to one of our lunches early in 2026. Hopefully Jamie you will have a speedy recovery.

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Warwick Denton

Warwick turned 91 this Birthday and said his health is good.

He still plays golf 2 days a week with friends and still walks the course. He retains his driver's license which is very handy for getting around.

He and Anne are enjoying life in Canberra, and he celebrated his Birthday with a Family gathering.

Kevin Cameron

Kevin celebrated a milestone Birthday this month, turning 90. He celebrated the day with a Family lunch at home but is having a larger celebration in November with extended Family and Friends.

He still has his unrestricted driver's license.

For many years he volunteered at the local high school as a supervisor for the HSC. He had resigned this year but got the call back and has been doing it again over the past few weeks.

Kevin reminisced that it is 75 years since he left school and 74 years since he joined the Bank.

He and Janette are looking forward to the Wagga Wagga and District Christmas Function.

John Ball

John also celebrated a milestone Birthday, turning 90. He is having a quiet Family celebration at home.

He had a stroke approximately 2 years ago, but recovery has been going well. He recently had a checkup with his cardiologist and received a good report, and he still retains his unrestricted driver's license.

He and Kester are looking forward to the Newcastle Christmas Function in late November and are bringing Peter and Jean Mayber with them.

Ron Chillingworth

Ron also celebrated a milestone Birthday, turning 90. (I think it has something to do with the Age Demographics of our membership.)

Ron advised that he has no major health issues and is keeping as well as can be expected. He does have some macular degeneration in his eyes and receives an injection every 6 weeks which keeps it under control. He still retains his unrestricted driver's license which is handy to have but he does not drive far.

He and his wife will have a quiet celebration with a bottle of Moe.

Bob Grant

Bob advised that he is doing okay health wise, although he does have Type 2 Diabetes and an associated foot problem, including an ulcer, which requires continuing medical attention.

He turned 86 on 12 October and celebrated in great style over a great lunch with his Family on his actual Birthday.

Bob spent many of his banking years between NSW and Victoria. Being a member of ANZROC in both States he recently sent a precise of his current life post Bank for inclusion on both States monthly newsletters.

Please see the full report under Members Letters.

David Graetz

David advised that his overall health is reasonable, but he recently had a cancer removed from his face. It is still causing him discomfort but is improving.

David also advised that he had a quiet Birthday celebration at home.

UPCOMING FUNCTION DATES



COCKTAIL FUNCTION IN ANZ TOWER ON WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 25

See page 16 of this Newsletter for full details and booking information.

NEWCASTLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON.

Members, wives, partners, visitors and former bank contacts are invited to attend the final Newcastle luncheon for 2025

Details are:

Date: Thursday 20 November 2025

Venue:

Cardiff RSL Cnr. Macquarie and Munibung Roads CARDIFF

Time: 11.45am to 2pm

Meal:

The meal will be from the Eastern Tiger Restaurant, which will be a buffet style Asian and Australian inspired dishes including carvery, pasta, salads, sides and deserts.

Cost:

Due to the generous financial support from ANZROC(NSW) each attendee will receive a free meal and 2 drink vouchers

RSVP:

By Monday 18 November 2025 to Geoff Boyton Phone or Message 0414 709 760 or email

geoffboyton@outlook.com

As always, we look forward to welcoming visitors from Sydney, the Central Coast and further afield and we will meet the train that arrives at Cardiff station 11.35am for transport to the club.

Geoff Boyton

On behalf of A*N*Z Retired Officers Newcastle/Hunter Valley Committee

ANZROC ILLAWARRA CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Co-Ordinator Reg Smeaton has advised that the Illawarra Christmas function has been set for: -

- Date Sunday 30 November 2025.
- Venue The Coniston Hotel - 28 Bridge Street Coniston NSW
- Time 12.00pm.

Bookings and enquires: -

Reg.kini@bigpond.com or phone 0423 661 789

CANBERRA CHRISTMAS FUNCTION.

Co-Ordinator Albert has advised the following: -

Date: Friday, 12 December 2025

Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Place: Royal Canberra Golf Club

Bentham Street (Westbourne Woods)

YARRALUMLA ACT

Cost: \$50 per person

Dress: Smart casual

Contacts: Bob Dyer - Mob. – 0417 580 759, email: rdyer@bigpond.net.au
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BALLINA FAR NORTH COAST

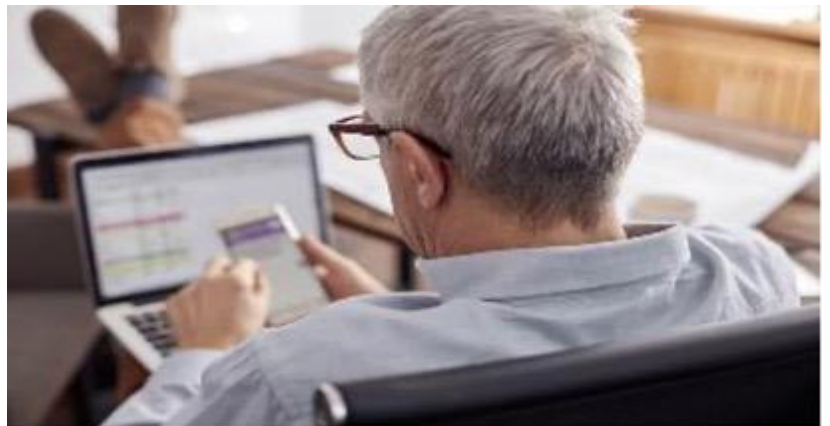
Co-ordinator Brian Rawle has advised: -

Due to unforeseen circumstances the FNC Christmas 2025 lunch will be put off until February 2026, apologies for the late notice. Regards Brian Rawle.

COMPLETED FUNCTIONS

See page 1-3 for information regarding the Luncheon held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel 20/10/25.

Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



Member **Allan Johnston** who lives in WA sent the following comments and picture.

Hi Graeme.

Thank you for your recent email concerning the passing of Alf Evans.

Having moved to Perth in 2002 as you know, I have not had the opportunity of attending the monthly lunches and the chance to pass on my condolences to the families of many past members that I had the opportunity to work with and long-standing friendships that had been made.

We have certainly lost many friends and characters that have been well known in the Banking circles for many years, and they are missed I am sure by all that knew them.

Please pass on my greetings from myself and my wife Janice (Janice West who worked in Bankstown, Roselands Canberra and Emanza centre and was employed from 1967 to 1971 before resigning to start our family).

Thank you also to the past and present committee members who have allowed me to keep up to date on a regular basis on how our retired workers are.

I have attached a short photo of Janice and myself to confirm age catches up with us all.

Regards

Allen Johnstone



ALLEN & JANICE JOHNSTONE

ON TIM IRELAND.

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thank you for this information. My condolences to Tim Ireland's family.
RIP.
Kind regards.
Elaine Davis.



To all our Hon's who are celebrating a birthday in November 2025.

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM HON MEMBERS, GENERAL OR WHO HAD BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER 2025 AND RECEIVED BIRTHDAY CARD WISHES FROM THE CLUB.

Kevin Alchin wrote: -

Hello Graeme.

Very embarrassed to receive the last edition of ANZROC and realising I had not sent in "a big thank you" to Phil for taking the time to ring me before the birthday arrived and then get the best wishes card.

Phil, you do a good job, again thank you. Very nice to receive it all. May you continue to receive good health Phil to keep it all going in the future.

Best wishes Kevin Alchin.

Karl Mizens wrote: -

Hi Graeme,

Just a thank you for my Birthday Card from Phil Cohen and all the well wishes, it was sincerely appreciated.

I am still travelling with reasonable health given the ability to partake in a game of social tennis and also a weekly game of golf.

I do not mind becoming older as it is much better than the alternatives.

Cheers

Karl.

Bob Grant wrote: -

Hi

I turned 86 on the 12th of October and celebrated in style with a great lunch with family on the day. Healthwise, I am going quite well, despite having Type 2, Diabetes, and foot problems which require continuing medical attention. Balance is becoming a problem but otherwise, I'm okay. My wife Nell and I live in an over 55 village and, as advised previously, I have never been so busy. I'm still Commodore of our Village's Remote Control Yacht Club which utilises a small Lake within our complex. We race model yachts on Fridays and Sundays, weather permitting. I also manage all the computer records for the Club and produce a monthly newsletter for our members. This takes hours of work each week.

I remain the pianist for our village Choir and am also a member of a separate village Men's choir.

This involves several hours of practice each week which is exacerbated by the fact that I am also the organist for our local Anglican Church, with services on Sundays and Wednesdays.

I also enjoy being a participant in our Euchre Club with games every Tuesday Evening. Bingo, twice



a month, is also an interest.

With over 400 residents in our village there is always plenty to do and so many new acquaintances with whom to make contact. We are very happy here.

We go to the Newcastle Retired Officer functions whenever possible and it is good to catch up with so many contacts of yesteryear.

I still have fond memories of my days in NSW Personnel Department and was good friends with Ray Manning and David Adam (both since deceased) and currently with Ron Welsh. We also had a great team of girls in Personnel at the time all of whom I remember fondly.

I have attached a photo taken on my Birthday which you may use if you so wish.

Cheers to you all.

Bob Grant

Kevin Lane wrote: -

Hi Graeme,

Attached please find photo taken on my 80th birthday on 19th October 2025.

Note I am a Bulldogs supporter so of course the cake is decorated in blue and white!!!!

My wife Vicki is also in the photo.

Will forward a separate email shortly regarding my employment with ANZ.

Regards,

Kevin Lane

Hi Graeme.

Thank you to ANZROC for sending a birthday card celebrating my recent 80th!! My employment history with ANZ follows: -

I joined the Bank in March 1965 at Kingsgrove. Served at several city and country branches including Pitt & Hunter, Ashfield, Belmont, South Wagga, C&M Parramatta, Burwood, Enfield, Guildford, Marrickville, Chatswood and opened the FIRST Service Centre at Birkenhead Point. Played Rugby league for the Bank from mid to late 1960's. Players still around include Karl Mizens with whom I have many chats about those games and nights afterwards at the Staff Club Rooms at 768 George St. For the record, we did win TWO comps!! Left the ANZ Bank in 1980 and joined

Mercantile Credits as North West Area Manager, based in Tamworth. In 1988 ANZ and Esanda took over Mercantile Credits and I became Area Manager for Esanda.

I worked with the late Phil Newsome, Peter Dawson, Ron Rochford, and John Stavert.

We sold up in Tamworth four years ago and moved to Manly in Brisbane to be close to two of our daughters. Of course, helping to babysit our grandchildren has been an absolute pleasure!!

I keep in regular contact with Bruce McMaster and Dave Harris. I look forward to the monthly newsletter - thank you for your contribution.

Regards,

Kevin Lane





ANZROC (NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.



CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL FUNCTION

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO INFORM MEMBERS THAT DUE TO THE CONTINUED & GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE BANK HQ THE CLUB IS ABLE TO HAVE OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL FUNCTION IN ANZ TOWER IN 2025

WITH FULL DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:-

ANZROC (NSW) COCKTAIL FUNCTION

DATE WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2025
VENUE ANZ TOWER PITT ST SYDNEY
LEVEL 16 PLUM AND CHERRY BLOSSOM ROOMS
TIME 11 AM TO 2.00PM.

(ID & SECURITY CHECK IN WILL APPLY AT ENTRANCE DESK TO TOWER)
WE ARE LIMITED TO MAX 85 ATTENDEES FOR THE FUNCTION SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT IF YOU DO BOOK & THEN ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THE DAY THAT YOU ADVISE US ASAP

AS THERE WILL BE A WAITING LIST IF MAX NO OF 85 IS REACHED.

FOR THIS CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL FUNCTION BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE VIA: -
CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TERRY AULD	GRAEME BOOL.
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IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED, PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.

CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 26 NOVEMBER AS WE NEED TO INFORM

ANZ TOWER OF FINAL NO'S BY THAT DATE AND WILL BE UNABLE TO TAKE ANY FURTHER BOOKINGS AFTER THAT DATE.

THIS IS GREAT NEWS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL FUNCTION THANK THE BANKS' HQ FOR THE GENEROUS ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE CLUB.

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Members that is the Club October 2025 newsletter.

Enjoy the read.

Club Committee