

ANZ RETIRED OFFICERS' CLUB (N.S.W.)

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Welcome to our November December 2025 **NEWSLETTER**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - ANZROC(NSW) NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2025

Welcome to the November 2025 Newsletter, being the last edition as this year quickly comes to an end. On behalf of all members, I wish to thank all members of the Committee for their support over the past year and their involvement in arranging the functions over the past twelve months. The first function for 2026 will be the Club AGM and lunch on the Monday 16th February 2026. Hope to see you there.

Reminder, our new website is up and running and I hope you have checked it out.

It can be found at: www.anzrocnsw.net

By the time you read this report, our final function for the year being the Cocktail Function at ANZ NSW HQ on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 will have concluded. If you attended, hope you enjoyed catching up with past work mates.

By the time you read my report, I will have had the pleasure of attending the Newcastle and Illawarra Christmas functions. It was nice to see a great attendance at both of those functions and retired officers and partners enjoying themselves. Congratulations and thank you to the organisers of these functions. It was pleasing to see that many other Country Centres have also organized end-of-year functions.

Finally, I hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas with their families, a great New Year and keep safe.

Philip



Club Committee greatly appreciate the members who responded to the initial email notice for 2026 subs and have paid their subs into Club account to date.

Formal Notice is again included in this NL for members who are yet to pay.

NOTICE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS: ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 2026

As we move towards 2026, the Club Committee has confirmed that annual subs for 2026 will again be \$10.00

This is a small amount for members to pay and gives support to the Club's operations.

NOTE.

Annual Subscriptions are payable by members aged under <80 years in terms of Club Constitution.

Exemptions.

- **Honorary members and widows/widowers of former members are exempt.**
- **Any member who will turn 80 in 2026 and obtain Honorary status in 2026 are also exempt.**
- **Life members are exempt.**

Payment of \$10 Subs direct into Clubs Bank account would be appreciated.

Details are: -

Bank	ANZ
Branch	Martin Place & Pitt Sts Sydney (Previously King & George Sts)
Account Name	ANZROC(NSW)
BSB:	012006
Account #:	008906464

If you pay via EFT, please record your name as reference. If you pay at a branch, (either ATM or over counter) please record your telephone number on your transaction as the reference, (the system will not recognise your name).

Many thanks to all members for their support of the Club.

CLUB COMMITTEE ANZ RETIRED OFFICERS' CLUB (N.S.W.)

RETIRED OFFICER CHEQUE ACCOUNT CLOSURES

ANZ Head Office has advised that over 600 Retired Officer Cheque Account clients are still yet to take action to transfer their accounts to new account products. If no action is taken, these accounts will be closed on 3rd December 2025.

For members who are still yet to act, there are two remaining ways available: -

- **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.**

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

Remember, if you have not yet actioned the transfer of your 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.

BEREAVEMENTS

HONORARY MEMBER ALASDAIR STEEL

We were very sadly informed by his son Geoff, that our Honorary member Alasdair Steel passed away on 16 November 2025 aged 87 years.

Alasdair was a very proud old ES&A officer and had a long and distinguished banking career, firstly in ES&A and then ANZ Group and would be very well remembered and respected by many retired officers who either worked with him or knew him during his long banking career.

Following his retirement, Alasdair joined ANZROC(NSW) and has been a very strong supporter of the club at functions and luncheons.

Alasdair's wife Glenis predeceased him in February 2007.

Alasdair's family advised his funeral arrangements-

26th November 2025

Woronora Cemetery

South Chapel

11.00am.

Sincere condolences to all of Alasdair's family at this very sad time.

RIP Alasdair you will be missed by us all.



NEW MEMBERS

MICHELLE CARTER.

Michelle resides in Boambee south of Coffs Harbour.

Michell had 38 years' service in ANZ from December 87 to November 2025 and has just retired from ANZ.

JULIE BROOKS.

Julie resides in Toormina, a suburb of Coffs Harbour and had 36 years ANZ service from May 1963 to September 1999.

JOHN COLDWELL.

John had 28 years' service from 1970 to 1998 and resides at Tocumwal on the NSW/Vic border and attended the Wagga Christmas Function on 30 November 2025 at Wagga RSL Club.

JOHN RISTIVOJVIC

John had 14 years ANZ service from 1970 To 1984 and resides in Tatton a Suburb of Wagga and also attended the Wagga Christmas luncheon at the Wagga RSL Club on 30 November.

MATT and LEANNE HIRZEL.

Matt and Leanne both had 17 years ANZ service in Canberra and reside at Marchmont, which is situated south of Yass, and they will be attending the Canberra Christmas function at Royal Canberra Golf club 12 December 2025.

Amazing, we have had six new members during the month, all Country based which is great to see. A big welcome to ANZROC(NSW) to: - Julie, Michelle, the two Johns, Matt and Leanne and many thanks for supporting the club Co-ordinators in your area.

A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAKUP THE NEWS

How does Santa avoid getting sick before Christmas? He uses hand Santa-tizer.
What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!
Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy!



DECEMBER 2025 BIRTHDAYS

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN DEC. 2025 AND JAN. 2026.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Narelle	BELINFANTE	12th
Phil	BIBLE	8th
Alan	BREWER	6th
Anna	CARNIATO	26th
Jenni	CEBOKLI	14th
Marcia	CUPITT	14th
Dolores	DAJCIC	16th
Cheryl	DEAN	22nd
Judith (Judy)	ELLIOTT	9th
Dennis	FELGATE	11th
Craig	FORDER	4th
Allan	GIBSON OAM	3rd
Troy	GODDARD	1st
Ed	HALE	20th
Chris	HARRIS	28th

Peter	HINKS	14th
Mal	KENNEDY	14th
John	KENNEY	20th
Graham	KIRCHNER	5th
Jerry	KORNACKI	24th
Tek Kon (TK)	LIM	19th
Kerry	LOVE	22nd
Keith	MORRIN	2nd
Cheryl	RICHARDSON	27th
Gail	RUTLEDGE	1st
Peter	SMITH	14th
Julie	THOMPSON	27th
Linda	THORNE	21st
Steve	TRIFFITT	7th

THE HONS

Ken	ABRAHAMS	15th
John	BECROFT	24th
Arthur	CRITTENDEN	16th
Vicki	CROUCHER	22nd
Noel	DIROU	28th
Tony	HARDMAN	8th
Colin	KEEGAN	6th
Ella	KING	1st
Bill	KYNASTON	29th
Michael	LEATHERBARROW	31st

Bob	McELROY	13th
Janette	MITCHELL	12th
Peter	MURRAY	5th
Rod	PROSSER	11th
Jim	RICHARDS	29th
Laurie	SAINSBURY	20th
Tony	SCHEMBRI	28th
Geoff	SHERWOOD	1st
Ian	STEWART	20th
Ian	URQUHART	1st

There are no new Hons for the end of 2025.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robyn	BATE	24th
William	CHANG	16th
Geoff	CUPITT	30th
Con (Costantino)	DE FILIPPIS	30th
Marina	EYEINGTON	8th
Glen	FITZPATRICK	20th
John	GRANT	2nd
Valmai (Val)	GRIFFIN	16th
Maxine	HELMLING	1st
Warren	HUDSON	26th
Branca	JELACA	1st
Bob	JONES	13th

Robert (Bob)	LOADER	24th
Ross	McKIMM	1st
Paul	McLACHLAN	7th
Susie	PANG	16th
Barry	PATEMAN	29th
Wilf	RODRICKS	1st
Doug	RUSSELL	10th
Craig	SMITH	21st
Phil	SMITH	26th
Bill	SULTANA	27th
Bob	WATSON	20th
Bert	WOOD	19th

THE HONS

Noel	BOTTRELL	22nd
David	BRAIDWOOD	21st
Harry	BROOKES	29th
Jan	BUTLER	13th
Doug	CANAVAN	24th
Gregory (Greg)	CROAN	19th
Ramon (Ray)	CROUCHER	23rd
Rosalie	DERRICK	19th
Brian	DIGBY	29th
Phil	DURNEY	23rd
Barry (Meadowbank)	GIBSON	10th
Barry (Ocean Shores)	GIBSON	24th
Warren	HADLEY	27th
(Thomas) John	HILLARD	17th
Bob	JENNINGS	22nd
Julie	LAYCOCK	7th

Kenneth (Ken)	McPHERSON	2nd
Dick	MATTRESS	13th
Eric	MYATT	8th
Irene	NORRIS	22nd
Nick	OGLESNEFF	16th
Bruce	PHILPS	7th
Charles	ROSS	16th
Bob	ROSS	26th
Ian	ROWLEY	22nd
Tony	ROWLEY	19th
Graham	SCARLETT	16th
Brian	THOMPSON	22nd
Ian	TREDINNICK	31st
Col (Colin)	WALKER	10th
Bob	WILKINSON	8th

Warren Hadley, Julie Laycock and Ken McPherson are the first new Hons for 2026. Welcome to you all.

WELFARE REPORTS

PHIL COHEN.

Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays scheduled in December 2025 and January 2026.

John Beecroft

Alex and Ann Morgan passed the following message to me from John's wife Sukja, with an update on John's health as of 1st November 2025 as follows: -

"He is getting more confused, but he's mostly happy. His immunotherapy is still going on, and the results have been good, but he's getting weaker mentally and physically."

Vicki Croucher

Attempted to contact Vicki several times without success and left a message.

Tony Hardman

Tony tells me health wise not bad other than having Type 2 Diabetes which is under control. Was rushed to hospital about eleven months ago and spent four days in hospital after being diagnosed with Sepsis. Nearly fully recovered, but slow. Does a lot of walking to help with his diabetes. Still enjoys looking after his large veggie garden.

Colin Keegan

Heath all good. When we spoke Mid November, Colin was about to visit his GP to arrange his Fitness to Drive so he could continue driving. Has settled into their new home south of Sydney near his family and enjoying every minute. Goes bowling regularly with a group of 44. Will be celebrating birthday and Christmas at different times with family.

Ella King

Attempted contact Ella several times without success and left a message.

Mike Leatherbarrow

Health good. Tries to keep it that way by walking about 5kms at least 4-5 days a week. Also plays bridge Tuesday and Thursday and much time is spent on his computer. When I spoke to Mike early November, he was in process of battling to assemble a new computer desk from a flat pack. Good luck with that.

Janette Mitchell

Health OK. Still drives. Enjoys reading the Club Newsletter. Enjoys playing scrabble and going on organised bus trips arranged by the village where she lives.

Bob McElroy

Spoke with Bob and all is well with him.

Laurie Sainsbury

Health, still good. Enjoying playing golf up to two days a week. Enjoys looking after his lawns and gardens. For the past nineteen years, still involved with website "Racenet.com.au", where he picks out from mainly Melbourne races what he calls value runners not favourites. He does this from four races at a meeting where there are between eight and ten races and provides the site with form details.

Tony Shembri

Spoke with Tony early November. Was preparing to commence Chemo from 4th November 2025 with a programme ongoing through to January 2026. Awaiting results from his Oncologist following his operation two weeks earlier. Hopefully good news Tony and all the best for the outcome of the Chemo.

Further contact from Tony Mid November to advise that he had finished his 1st course of Chemo which caused his arm to swell and necessitated a return to hospital for twelve hours until they diagnosed the problem. A clot in the vein was the problem, and he is now on a long course of antibiotics. Although he has been advised he is cancer free, they are continuing with Chemo until January 2026.

Tony, hopefully the prognosis is correct.

Geoff Sherwood

Health not too bad. Except his eyesight is not good, he is still allowed to drive but needs a walker to get around for shopping etc. Had Cataracts removed from both eyes so only needs glasses for reading now. However, still needs monthly eye injections for Macular Degeneration problem, but the vision in his left eye is deteriorating.

Ian Urquhart

Health all good. Has recovered 100% from when he was hit on the head with a roller door causing a 4cm gash that needed stapling. Still attending local Men's Shed each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Fills in time shopping and looking after his home.

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David Braidwood

Health still very good. Still enjoys visiting the Gym weekly. Has longtime involvement with the Lake Macquarie Sailing Club and still likes to sail once a week. Is also a member of the Wood Boat Association located at Rathmines on Lake Macquarie in NSW where they build new wooden boats as well as restoring small older wood boats.

Jan Butler

Jan advises health pretty good. Jan and Rob have settled into their over 55 Complex after moving last year. They visit their daughter regularly who lives at Cabarita NSW just south of the Qld border. Jan enjoys reading and meeting up with friends for a chat and a coffee.

Greg Croan

Attempted to contact Greg several times without success and left a message.

Rosalie Derrick

Health good. Plays competition bridge 2-3 times a week and regular games of croquet. Enjoys meeting up locally with friends for a long lunch.

Brian Digby

Brian tells me health not too good. When I spoke with Brian at the beginning of November 2025, he told me he had medical appointments over the next few weeks to obtain a diagnosis of the problem. Hope you have a good outcome Brian following your appointments.

Barry Gibson (Meadowbank)

Following a routine operation last year, Barry tells me all is well now and he is back playing table tennis weekly along with tennis twice weekly and bowls twice weekly which certainly fills much of his week.

Barry Gibson (Ocean Shores)

Health OK. Has had to give up after some 26 years volunteering with the Byron Shire Respite Service helping people with dementia. Is recovering from an operation back in early October and is hoping to get the clearance from his doctor to start playing lawn bowls again.

Warren Hadley

Welcome to the "HONS" in January 2026

Attempted contact with Warren several without success and left a message.

Bob Jennings

Bob tells me his health is good. Keeps active playing golf each Friday and is involved with the local Rotary Club. Doesn't drive any more but has good local transport to get him to most appointments or to the nearby station where he can catch trains. Family in Sydney who will also come and help if necessary.

Julie Laycock

Welcome to the HONS in January 2026.

Health good. Is the full-time carer for husband Richard who has dementia. With help from her daughter finds time for a break and attends exercise classes twice weekly and is involved with a book club for a dinner out once a month. As well, does the housework and looks after their garden. Will get together with extended family for Christmas.

Ken McPherson

Welcome to the "HONS" in January 2026

Ken tells me health good. Although he did receive a 4th Stent last year relating to his heart. Enjoys living in the Kingsford Smith RSL Village along with another Ex-ANZer Kevin Alchin. He is involved with the Veterans Committee at the village which has established a War Memorial for all veterans and hold services on remembrance days etc. Plays bowls once a week. Has family nearby.

Eric Myatt

Attempted to contact Eric several times, without success and left a message.

Irene Norris

Still being monitored and having treatment for cancer, although there has been some deterioration over the past twelve months. However, still enjoys the activities in the retirement village where she lives. Although mobility is not great, is still able to drive and attend social functions. Still enjoys attending horse shows and dog obedience shows with her own dog.

Has great support from other residents in the village where she lives.

Bruce Philps

When I spoke with Bruce in early November, he was well recovered from two knee replacement operations in October 2024 and February 2025. The first was a speedy recovery, the second a bit slower, but all good now. Because of previous medical problems Bruce does not drive any more but has wife Judith as his dedicated driver. However, still very mobile.

Bob Ross

He and Patricia have had to restrict their travelling and have only been away on one caravan trip this year to Narooma NSW due to his health problems. Still drives. Enjoys pottering around the house and getting out of the house for a coffee a few days a week. Enjoys reading the newspapers fully. When I spoke with Ross at the beginning of November 2025, he had just become a grandparent for the first time and so is

looking forward to babysitting duties in the future as his daughter lives close by. Congratulations Bob and Patricia. Will be celebrating Christmas with family.

Ian Rowley

Ian tells me his health is good. Fills in his retirement playing golf three days a week. Does some housework and helps looking after the seven grandchildren from time to time when necessary. Also, meets up with friends regularly. Has family nearby.

Graham Scarlett

Health not too bad. His 1.8-acre property still keeps him busy, which he enjoys looking after. Although he may look for help in the future. That fills quite a bit of his time. Quite regularly during the week drives to the local boutique brewery for a beer with some mates or along with Caroline gets together for a coffee at the local Tin Shed. Has several generations of family in the surrounding area for support.

Brian Thompson

Received the following email from Brian who has a birthday in January 2026 via Club Secretary Graeme as follows:

“Unfortunately, my MS has progressed to the point where the doctors have conspired to have my license cancelled. I had a motor vehicle accident and have no recollection of the event. My doctors have recommended that I move back to Sydney to be closer to them. We are presently trying to sell our home in Ulladulla and, provided it sells soon, intend to move to Bella Vista Haven Retirement Village. I will keep you updated.”

I spoke with Brian on the 8th of November 2025 and he confirmed, Ulladulla NSW home has been sold, with settlement on 28th November 2025 when they will move to their new home at Bella Vista NSW. All the best Brian and Dell for the move and the new adventure.

Bob Wilkinson

Has lived up in Northern NSW for the last couple of years.

Health is still good. Does a lot of walking three days a week and has started meeting up for a coffee and chat with several local husbands whose wives walk with Bobs wife each week. Has a large garden that needs looking after that leads down to a small tropical rainforest on his property. Has family spread out in Sydney, Mackay and nearby where he has babysitting duties from time to time.

UPDATE:

Bernadette Mickle

Sent email birthday wishes to Bernadette in Canada for her birthday in November 2025 and received the following email reply:

“Hello Philip,

Many thanks for your birthday greetings for the 3rd. I’m presently in Sydney until the 19th of November and arrived on the 29th of October. Staying with my sister in St Ives. I’ll be meeting up next week with Karl Mizen, Jennie Burke, Robyn and Paul Day, Lyn Conomos and John Wellburn for lunch as I do every visit when I come “home”. We have been longtime friends since our days back in the early 60’s when we all worked together at the ANZ Bank S(M&G). All the best, and thanks for the birthday greetings, Bernadette Mickle (nee Gaughan).”

Neil Westacott

Had difficulty contacting Neil as all the contact details in our database were obsolete.

After contact from Doug Moss, I was able to update our database with contact details. Spoke with wife Carole who advised me that Neil was diagnosed with dementia some three years ago. He is still living at home with weekly help coming in to give Carole a few hours break while she meets up with friends playing mahjong. Carole tells me he is on medication which helps him have good days and bad days. Personality still good just his memory. Thus, he can take his daughters dog for a walk when able. All the best Neil from all Club Members.

WELFARE UPDATE ON ONE OF OUR CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jamie Roberts

Craig Smith spoke with Jamie again in late November. He advised that he is currently in rehabilitation at Mt Wilga Private Hospital for two weeks. He is currently having regular physio and rehab. Jamie has some muscular pain and is very tired. He is looking forward to coming home from hospital to spend Christmas with his family including his grandchildren. He will also soon be seeing his eye specialist and is expecting that he will require injections to slow the progression of macular degeneration. Jamie says hi to everyone and wishes all club members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You take care Jamie.

Jim Bickerton

Jim had a milestone Birthday this month in turning 90.

When I called, I spoke with Fay. She advised that Jim had a bad fall six weeks ago and broke his leg. He was hospitalised but before they could operate, they had to straighten his leg which took two weeks. They operated four weeks ago, and Jim is now recovering in respite at Stellar Marie Cronulla.

Jim has had several falls over recent times and Fay advised that his eyesight is not the best.

Fay is not sure now if Jim will return home or enter a full care facility. She has great support from their Family but is not sure she will be able to provide him with the level of care he will need.

Jim enjoyed receiving our Birthday Card and Fay said she will keep me updated with his health progress. You take care Fay.

Bill Horton

Bill also celebrated a milestone Birthday this month in turning 90.

Bill advised that he is keeping "Reasonably Well" but his mobility has deteriorated and he no longer plays Golf, although he does attend an over 50's Gym at Dee Why on a weekly basis.

Noel Ryan

I recently saw Noel at Barry Smith's funeral and he looked well.

When I called him, he said he was reasonably well, but his mobility has worsened and he uses a walking stick nowadays. A factor which stops him and Joan attending our regular lunches.

He has handed in his Driver's License and Joan is now the designated driver.

He celebrated his Birthday quietly at home.

Lloyd Guthrey

Lloyd advised that both he and Jan are keeping reasonably well.

However, he is still restricted by his eyesight degeneration which means he can no longer read or play bowls. He has eye injections every few months which have helped to slow down the degeneration.

He and Jan sold their Subiaco home a few years ago and moved to a Retirement Complex which they enjoy. Despite only working in Perth for four years, they have now lived in Perth for the past 35 years, which they thoroughly enjoy.

They now also have Children and Grandchildren living in Perth which adds to the enjoyment.

It was great to chat with you, Lloyd. Keep enjoying life and keep safe.

Ron Bracken

Ron advised that he is keeping well. Sadly, his wife is suffering from Dementia and is now in a Baptist Care Aged Care Facility.

Ron lives in an Aged Care facility nearby which has also been recently purchased by Baptist Aged Care.

He advised he still plays bowls every Wednesday and proudly pointed out that, despite turning 91, he does so without the aid of a walking stick. In fact, when I spoke with him, he had just arrived home after bowls and due to an accident blocking the road, he and his friends had to walk the last two kilometers.

He still holds his driver's license but does not drive far nowadays. The reason why he no longer attends the Newcastle lunches which he does miss.

Ron said he enjoys life in Tuncurry which has a great community spirit.

Keep bowling Ron

Phil Myers.

Phil had another milestone Birthday this month, turning 93.

He said he is keeping well although his mobility is not great, and he uses a walker nowadays. He did have a bad fall about six months ago. He also joked that his wife Elaine, had adjusted his hearing aid so he could hear me. It worked and we had a great chat.

He celebrated his Birthday with Family and enjoyed the Champagne and a very good red wine.

Phil commented on the sad passing of our Life Member Barry Smith, who he knew well and used to play golf with at Pymble Golf Course.

He also asked after John Beecroft, Noel Bottrell and Alex Morgan. I gather he used to play Basketball for ANZ with them. He was sad to hear John Beecroft is not travelling well.

Take care Phil.

Bob Williams

Bob advised his health is reasonably good.

He was born in Lismore and after retiring they decided to move back North and chose Cleveland QLD on a quarter acre block. Bob collected old cars and needed a large block of land to build a garage large enough

to house his collection. At the time he had eight but that has reduced to two. He is still active in local Car Clubs.

They have lived in Cleveland for thirty years and have three Daughters and Families living in reasonable proximity. They can walk to the local Hospital and Brisbane is only 30kms away if more specialist medical care is required.

Bob advised that he has been a regular attendee at the Ballina Christmas Function and is disappointed that this year has been postponed until February. He will still attend in February.

UPCOMING FUNCTION DATES



SYDNEY

Our first bi-monthly luncheon for 2026 and club AGM will be at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel Sydney
169 Castlereagh St (around the corner from ANZ tower)
Monday 16th February 2026.
Details and booking requirements are on page 14 of this newsletter.

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
Albert Orszaczky - Mob. – 0414 616 230, email: orszo@bigpond.com

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

NEWCASTLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON CARDIFF RSL CLUB 20 NOVEMBER.

Lunch Report from Ken Dighton: "Well Thursday 20th was a humid day in Newcastle but decent weather, nonetheless. We had a very good gathering of 34 members and Partners, with apologies from Keith Crawford, Paul Jacka, Bob and Nell Grant, Lindy Dighton (tending the new Dachshund pup!), and Noel and Betty Cook. Sadly, Noel Cook was recently admitted to palliative care, and we extend to them both special good wishes (they have been strong supporters of the Newcastle lunches).

Our number included 17 from out of the local area and this was gratifying - thanks to all those who made the effort to visit us. The Cardiff RSL buffet was up to the usual excellent standard (including the desserts), and I think it was well received across the board.

The Newcastle ROC Chapter has almost exhausted its old funds but there was still enough left to include a couple of free drinks for the occasion. And as usual, Cheryl Richardson organised the very popular lucky-seat prizes.

Best wishes to our fellow members and their families for the 2025 Festive Season."

A couple of photos from the function can be found below, a full set is also up on the club website.



RON & SUE WELSH



LIFE MEMBER KEN DIGHTON



JOHN RYAN

LIFE MEMBER NOEL BOTTRELL



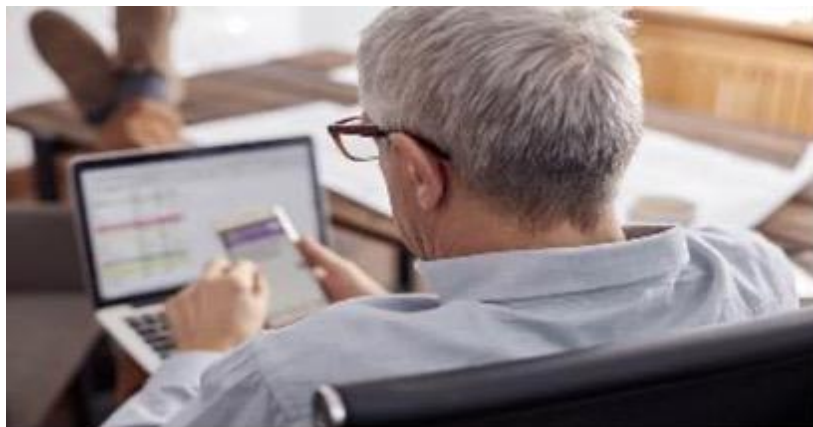
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JEAN MABER KAREN WHITE PETER MABER



ON BARRY SMITH.

Ian Auld wrote: -

Memories of the past.

I was sad to learn of Barry's death as we had a close relationship dating back to the 1960's when the late Hector Iain Munro Macfarlane AM, then involved in Personnel Department, introduced us and many other staff, to Freemasonry which was then strongly supported by returned serviceman from World War II. Both Barry and I were inducted by Hector into one of the oldest lodges in Australia where in 1972 I became the 125th Master of the lodge and Barry succeeded me the following year. I was presently surprised at the number of ANZ staff who attended our inaugurations and others that joined those two years, with some names that still appear in birthday lists. Numerous former members and mates have departed during my extended lifetime.

The ANZ General Manager in Victoria at that time was head of the craft in Australia featuring in many news items.

Whilst we had not seen each other for some time, Barry and I always shared birthday times in happy remissness which I will miss on 21 November. My thoughts will be of Wilhelmina as I am unable to attend the funeral service. -Vale treasured friend.

Peter Douglass wrote: -

Hi Graeme

Very sorry re the passing of Barry

Our thoughts are with Wilhelmina and family.

Regards

Peter and Jan.

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thank you for this sad message. Condolences to his family.

Elaine Davis

Ian Jarratt wrote: -

Hello Graeme,

So sorry to receive this news.

Gwen and I have known Barry and Wilhelmina for many years and sat with them at the last luncheon, and how good was it that he also spoke at that luncheon.

Always a character and we recall fond memories being on a 26 night around Australia safari organised by one of the ANZ's travel agent customers, where Barry got up to his amusing antics.

A great man. friend and one who will be sorely missed at our lunches.

RIP. Ian & Gwen Jarratt.

Arthur Crittenden wrote: -

Re Barry Smith

Sad news for me. Barry and I crossed paths several times over our years in ANZ. A great friend will be missed by many. My condolences to Wilhelmina and family.

Arthur Crittenden

Mark Monaghan wrote: -

Thanks Graeme

Barry was a terrific individual.

First met him when he was Manager- Camperdown in the early 80's.

It was always a pleasure to see him.

All the best

Mark

Bob Dyer wrote: -

Rest in peace Barry,

Barry and I worked together in Hobart Place Canberra, and I continued to associate with him for the remainder of time in Sydney.

He was a great bloke and will be missed.

Yours Faithfully

Bob Dyer

Col Jefferies wrote: -

So sad. Barry was a great contributor to all areas he set himself up in.

Rest in peace Barry.

Colin Jefferies.

Tony Knight wrote: -

Graeme,

Sad news – condolences to Wilhelmina and family

Regards,

Tony Knight.

Paul Jacka wrote: -

Sad loss. We will miss his dry humour and friendship.

ON ALLEN BURRIDGE.

Ian Jarratt wrote: -

Hello Graeme,

Our involvement with Allen centred around both our times at 156 Castlereagh Street Sydney. After we got engaged one of us had to move and I was transferred to Macquarie Place bills Dept.

I am not aware of his banking journey although some information was relayed at his funeral on Monday this week, which Gwen and I attended along with Paul Jackson. I thought that there may have been some other ANZ northern beaches people there, however I don't know if others received the funeral details.

Our main contact over the years with Allen was through ANZROC.

Since Allen's mobility has caused him not to be able to attend our lunches I have kept in touch by phone and an occasional visit to the nursing home to take him to lunch.

Have you spoken to Paul who may know a bit more about Allen's banking career.

I'm sure when people hear about his parting that you may get more details.

Sorry I cannot be more expansive about him.

He was a keen bowler at Harbord Bowlo, an avid supporter of the mighty SEA EAGLES.

It was only a small funeral at Manly Vale St. Kierans Catholic Church with Friends and staff from the nursing home and some relatives. Allen married late in life and did not have any family.

Regards.

Ian.

ON ALASDAIR STEEL

Alistair Johnston wrote: -

Hello Graeme.

Thank you for the email. They appear to be a regular occurrence.

So sorry to hear of Alastair's passing. I was hoping to catch up with him at the Christmas function.

I didn't actually work with Alastair. However, ran across him on many work occasions over the years. We had more regular contact at ANZROC luncheons, where we often sat together and discussed our various lives and what we had been doing. It was a one luncheon that I discovered he was an old Sydney Tech High student and had been aware of my older brother, who also attended Tech High.

I won't be able to attend the funeral but wish the family peace.

Kindest regards

Alistair.

Geoff Minett wrote: -

Hi Graeme,

I worked with Alastair at Orange when he was the Esanda Rep.

The Area Office had a Proof Room as did Dubbo which processed and did the paperwork. This was then collected by aeroplane and was sent to Sydney. Hazelton Airline of Cudal was contracted to the bank, and we had use of it mostly to Dubbo.

Alastair was distant Scottish and his wife used to correct anyone who did not pronounce his Christian name correctly. Alas-tair not Alas-ter.

He certainly was a loyal ES&A and ANZ employee.

Graham Hopwood was the Area Manager, I was Operations Officer for the Western division, Allan Smallwood was the Branch Manager and Advance Admin. Officer for the Area, Jack McDonald No 2 Manager, Aub Hines No.3 Manager and he was replaced with Don Simpson who then purchased a Newsagency at Young, unfortunately a cancer took him early.

I think when Jack McDonald moved to Moree Bob Grant took his place.

Kind regards

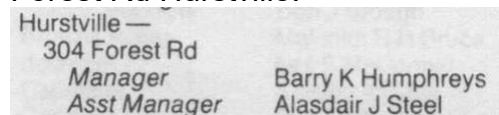
Geoff Minett.

Craig Smith wrote: -

Thanks Graeme,

Very sad, another loss.

I checked my old book from November 1985 and can see that at that time he was Asst Manager 304 Forest Rd Hurstville.



Regards

Craig.

Ian Stewart wrote: -

Hi Graeme

Thanks for reporting Alasdair's passing. As I recall Alasdair spent some time at S(K&G) in Bill Department. I think most of his career then moved to the Branches but I'm not sure. In any case we caught up at an ANZROC lunch one or two in later years. Alasdair was a true, polite gentleman and will be missed.

Kind regards

Ian Stewart

Ray Brennan wrote: -

A great guy and contributor to "the Group".

Ray Brennan.

Ken Dighton wrote: -

Thanks Graeme.

Whilst I did not come across Alasdair in the workplace, I did have a number of encounters with him at ROC functions. He was a thoughtful and kind gentleman, and he lived up to his other name "Stainless" (always bright and shiny). Vale Alasdair.

Ken.



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

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

Shelby Mills wrote: -

Hi Graeme

It was lovely to see the recent post from Bob Haeney. Great to see life has been good to them both Frank and I worked with both Bob and Anne at King and George Sts in the early 70's along with quite a few of our current and past members. Rosie Derrick, Val Galvin, Janice Rogers, Lyne Burrows, Sylvia Brennan are some of the staff I remember. Such a different world, I remember the head teller with an ashtray at the counter, smoking whist handing out cash! We even had a lift driver in those days. What a boring job that must have been - up and down all day, but always with a smile. Great memories! Kind regards

Shelby Mills.

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CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL



CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

THE CLUB'S 1ST BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2026 AND CLUB AGM WILL BE HELD AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY WITH DETAILS: -

DATE: MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2026
TIME 12 NOON FOR 12.30PM LUNCHEON.
VENUE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL – 169 CASTLEREAGH STREET SYDNEY AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER. CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

ENTRY TO THE 4TH FLOOR IS ONLY PERMITTED AFTER 12 NOON SO FOR EARLY ARRIVALS THE BAR ON THE 2ND FLOOR WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.00AM.

THE MEAL COST FOR THE AGM WILL BE COVERED BY THE CLUB WITH BEVERAGES FOR MEMBERS OWN ACCOUNT.

BOOKINGS

CLUB MEMBERS YOU MUST PRE BOOK.

➤ **BOOKINGS FOR THIS LUNCHEON - BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE VIA: -**

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IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED, PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.
CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 11 FEBRUARY AS WE NEED TO INFORM BOUTIQUE OF FINAL NO'S BY THAT DATE.



Members this is our final newsletter for 2025.

Enjoy the read and we wish all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year with your families and see you in 2026.

Club Committee

