

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

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*Welcome to our February 2026 Newsletter.*

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - ANZROC(NSW) AGM FEBRUARY 2026

Welcome everyone to the 2026 ANZROC(NSW) AGM.

My Term as President has now come to an end. It has been my pleasure being your Club President over the past two years for the second time with many activities occurring in the Sydney Area as well as in our Regional Clubs throughout Country NSW.

The Club aims to promote friendship between our members, and it has been pleasing to see the ongoing get together during the year for lunches and/or dinners by our Regional Clubs at Wagga Wagga, Ballina, Newcastle, Canberra, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour and Illawarra Group. I wish to thank the organizers of those functions. Without their dedication these functions would not happen.

It was pleasing for me to have been able to attend the Illawarra function and the Newcastle Christmas function along with my wife Helen, and to see many faces that I have not seen for many years and a good time for ex ANZers to get together.

The Tafe Luncheon for Members and Partners was well attended and I am sure enjoyed by all and seeing the future hospitality workers in training.

#### I NEED TO THANK MANY PEOPLE.

My personal thanks go to all the Committee for their involvement during the year and their assistance and guidance to me as President for the past two years.

A special thanks to our Honorary Secretary Graeme Bool who spends many hours receiving emails, telephone calls and his involvement with the monthly newsletter and Craig Smith for his many zoom meetings with our IT people at HQ in Melbourne setting up our new website along with his big input into the compilation of the monthly newsletter.

Thanks to our immediate Past President, Noel Botterell.

Thanks to the rest of the Committee for their support.

That is Keith Morrin Treasurer, Ken Byatt as Auditor and Records Officer, Terry Auld my Co-Welfare Officer, Alex & Ann Morgan, Jenny Crouch & Blenda Maralit who joined the committee during 2025.

Tony Shembri and Jamie Roberts both who needed to take leave of absence due to ill health. Great to see Tony at the AGM luncheon.

A special thanks to Peter Gorman our former Blogsite Co-Ordinator who helped take us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century years ago, with the Blogsite and now the ANZ Bank who helped setup our new Website:

[www.anzrocnsw.net](http://www.anzrocnsw.net)

We must thank the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel and catering staff and management for providing us with the lunches over the past year. The Catering people at the Hotel have been very flexible and co-operative in ongoing discussions regarding our needs. If any of our regional members are visiting Sydney, please come to one of our bi-monthly lunches, you are most welcome to attend.

A thank you must go out to Gerard Florian, our Club Patron until recently and Amanda Clarke his Assistant for their support and providing the end of year Christmas Cocktail Function.

Hopefully, in the new year we can announce a new Club Patron.

Lastly, I want to thank YOU the Members here in Sydney and in Regional NSW who attend all the functions during the year. For without you we would not have such a successful functioning Club to enjoy. And very lastly. It would be nice to have some additional ladies come and join the Committee

Regards.

Philip Cohen

President

ANZROC (NSW)

## 2026 AGM LUNCHEON 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY

President Philip Cohen welcomed a great attendance of 40 members to the AGM luncheon.

### **APOLOGIES. (14)**

Glenn Fitzpatrick, Pamela Griffiths, Paul Jacka, Barry Gibson, Allan Gibson, Ken Dighton, Robyn Macdonald, Col Bartrim, Mark Cohen, Robyn Jurd, Ken Abrahams John Mair, Jamie Roberts and John Mitchell.

### **BEREAVEMENTS SINCE LAST LUNCHEON OCTOBER 2025.**

Sadly, the following honorary members have passed since our last luncheon On 20 October 2025.

#### **HONORARY MEMBERS.**

- MIKE CUNNEEN LIFE MEMBER & PAST CLUB PRESIDENT
- LESLIE RENNIE
- COLIN WALKER
- NOEL COOK
- ALASDAIR STEEL
- JUDITH WILLIS
- FRANK BLINMAN

Sadly also, since our last AGM in March 2025 a total of 27 honorary members, members and widows, partners/spouses have passed away.

One minute's silence in memory of these retired ANZ officers and widows, partners/spouses was observed.

### **FORMALITIES FOLLOWING LUNCH.**

#### **BIRTHDAYS.**

##### **JANUARY, FEBRUARY. BIRTHDAYS**

To all members who celebrated a birthday in January or February.

A big Happy Birthday from all members.

Attendees present (7)

##### **JANUARY (3)**

CRAIG SMITH

##### **HON'S**

LIFE MEMBER NOEL BOTTRELL

BRIAN THOMPSON

##### **FEBRUARY (4)**

GRAEME BOOL

##### **HON'S**

TERRY AULD, JOHN TIER and ALASTAIR TURNBULL.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT.**

The club's Balance Sheet and P&L for the year ending 31/12/25 has been fully audited and signed by club auditor Ken Byatt and has been approved by the club committee and has also been documented in the minutes of the committee meeting held on 3 February 2026.

Auditor Ken Byatt had copies of the Balance Sheet and P&L available if any member wished to review them.

Financials confirm that the club remains in a sound position at years end thanks to the very generous support of ANZ HQ by way annual grants to all ANZROC clubs in Australia.

A copy of the club's financials is available to any member on request.  
Please email the club secretary Graeme Bool.

## **CLUB AGM (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING).**

The AGM was held under the club's constitution which was approved by members at 2023 AGM.

All positions were then declared vacant.

In terms of item five of the constitution, office bearers nominations for all positions were tabled and a vote was only required if there were two or more nominations for a position.

There was only one nomination for the officer bearers positions (except for vice president, which had none) so no ballot was required for those four office bearers positions.

Life member Noel Bottrell acted as returning officer for the elections.

The following positions were tabled by returning officer Noel for the election in 2026.  
Committee.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>
PRESIDENT	KEN BYATT
VICE PRESIDENT	TBA
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	PHIL COHEN
SECRETARY	GRAEME BOOL
TREASURER	KEITH MORRIN
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	CRAIG SMITH
IT/WEBSITE OFFICER	CRAIG SMITH
RECORDS OFFICER	KEN BYATT
WELFARE OFFICER	TERRY AULD
WELFARE OFFICER	PHIL COHEN
SOCIAL FUNCTIONS	ANN MORGAN
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	NOEL BOTTRELL ALEX MORGAN JAMIE ROBERTS

Secretary Graeme nominated Ken Byatt as Club Auditor for 2026.

Motion passed unanimously by all present.

## **FURTHER BUSINESS.**

### **Castlereagh Boutique Hotel Bi-Monthly Luncheons.**

President Ken then informed members present that our 2026 bi-monthly luncheons at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel will be held: -

- **20 APRIL 2026.**
- **15 JUNE 2026.**
- **17 AUGUST 2026.**
- **12 OCTOBER 2026.** (2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY AS 19<sup>TH</sup> WAS NOT AVAILABLE).

We are pleased to advise that following negotiations with the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, the club has an agreed meal cost for our bi-monthly luncheons in 2026, and member contributions will remain @ \$25.00 for 2026.

Our social organiser is working on other functions during the year, and details are contained in this Newsletter on page eight.

**GENERAL BUSINESS.**

President Ken then asked if any member present wished to raise an item, none were raised.

Ken then invited member Ted Pettiford to come forward and draw the winners of the lucky door prizes.

A big thanks to hon member Gary Mason who donated a bottle of wine, so we had six prizes for the AGM luncheon.

Close of AGM and meeting at 1.40pm

A couple of photos taken at the AGM can be found below.



**ALAN SINGLE    DOUG MOSS    ALASTAIR  
TURNBULL**



**TED PETTIFORD    ANGELO BRIGANTI**



**PHIL COHEN**      **LIFE MEMBER**      **GRAEME BOOL**  
**& NEW CLUB PRESIDENT**  
**KEN BYATT**



**JOHN TIER**      **JOHN TURNBULL**

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

### **HONORARY MEMBER KEVIN LANE.**

We were sadly informed by his wife Vicki that Honorary member Kevin Lane passed away on 27th January 2026 aged 80 years.

Kevin would be well known and respected by many members from his time in NSW during his ANZ career, Honorary member David Harris advised he had been very close friends with Kevin for over 60 years and Honorary member Karl Mizens said he knew Kevin in Sydney, and they played rugby league for the Bank team.

I know he worked for Mercantile Credits and then Esanda when they took over Mercantile Credits. Later he ran a newsagency in Tamworth until he retired.

Not long ago he moved to Manly in QLD to be closer to his two daughters who were in QLD.

Vicki advised: -

Dear Graeme,

With great sadness I am advising that my husband Kevin Lane died on 27th January 2026.

On 10th January Kevin was rushed to hospital with possible stroke symptoms. Not a stroke, but CT and MRI scans picked up a massive LYMPHOMA mass in his neck. Subsequent whole-body scans revealed more Lymphoma tumours.

Haematology doctors said the Lymphoma was very aggressive and probably wouldn't respond to treatment. The family decided to allow doctors to give Kevin a first round of chemo. Unfortunately, he did not respond well to the treatment. Pain relief allowed Kevin to pass away peacefully surrounded by his family.

We are still shell shocked by the quick progression of this cancer!! The only consolation is that Kevin only had a short time to endure the pain and suffering.

### **FUNERAL DETAILS**

Friday 6th February 2026

@ 11.30am (Qld time)

*ANZ Retired Officers' Club NSW*

St John Vianney's Catholic Church

114 Ernest St

Manly Brisbane Qld

Note the service was not live streamed.

A private cremation will be held by the family at a later date.

Kevin turned 80 last October and the family will be able to remember the fun filled 80th birthday party. Kevin thoroughly enjoyed himself!!

Regards,  
Vicki Lane

Sincere condolences to Kevin's wife Vicki & all his family at this very sad time.

RIP Kevin



### **HONORARY MEMBER FRANK BLINMAN.**

We were sadly informed by his son Brett that our Honorary member Frank Blinman passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 aged 94 years.

Dear Graeme,

I write to inform you that my father Frank Blinman passed away on January 1st, 2026, aged 94 years.

Brett said: -

I would like to thank you for all the work you do with ANZROC as it brought countless hours of joy to my father.

Frank had a very long and distinguished career with the ANZ bank and would be well known by many retired officers who either worked with him or knew him during his banking career. His last three posts were as the Manager at Bexley North, Bondi Beach, and Kogarah.

Frank is survived by four children, nine grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. His wife, Betty, passed away in 2017.

I hope this email finds you well and again thank you for all of your hard work.

Regards,

Brett Blinman (Frank's eldest son)

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

RIP Frank.



### **HONORARY MEMBER JUDITH WILLIS.**

We were very sadly advised by her daughter Carolyn that our Honorary member Judith Willis passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 a few weeks from her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on 28 February 2026.

Carolyn said: -

Dear All.

It is with sadness I am writing to tell you that mum passed away peacefully in her sleep on the 3rd of February 2026, just a few weeks off her 91st birthday. We are not holding a funeral service as mum donated herself to the university medical research department. Thank you all for your friendship and kindness towards mum and our family throughout her life.

Best regards

Carolyn, Stuart, Tim, and our families.

Club Welfare Officer Terry Auld mentioned his contact with Judith for her birthday over the last few years and said that he always had a lovely conversation with her and she was a lovely lady.

Judith's husband Kenneth who was also an ANZ Officer predeceased her.

Sincere condolences to all Judith's family at this sad time.

RIP Judith.



### **HONORARY MEMBER BRIAN BEYNON**

We were sadly informed by his wife Eileen that our Honorary member Brian Beynon had passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 aged 88 just short of his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on 19 March 2026.

Brian would be remembered and respected by retired ANZ Officers who either worked with or knew him during his long ANZ service.

Life Member & Hon Ken Dighton said: -

I first came across Brian at Esanda in Pitt and Hunter Sts (around 1984 I believe) and continued working with or near him in Esanda (North Sydney, Parramatta) until he succumbed to redundancy when one of the several restructures took place. Unfortunately, I had to deliver the redundancy decision, and it was a difficult thing to do because he was a very nice person. In a quiet moment later he said the timing of his leaving ANZ suited him, which was a relief to me.

He used to talk about his time at ANZ Maitland back in the 1950's with Earle Cochrane and their involvement in cricket. As a lot of people would know, Earle was a very handy cricketer (and an average table tennis player!!!)

I got the impression that Brian was in awe of Earle's ability, although he always downplayed his own efforts in the game.

Brian was heavily involved in community organisations (including his Church and Lions) - a well-respected man, and a gentleman. RIP Brian.

Brian's funeral service was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in Coffs Harbour.

Sincere condolences to his wife Eileen and all family at this very sad time.

RIP Brian.



## [INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS](#)

### STAFF/RETIRED OFFICER CHEQUE ACCOUNTS

We have been advised by the decommissioning team in ANZ head office that the closure of Staff/Retired Officer Cheque Accounts is complete, and those products are no longer available. ANZ would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding during this period of change.

### SOCIAL OUTINGS FOR ANZROC(NSW) MEMBERS IN 2026

Hello to all Members

At the Annual General Meeting in February, the members present were given a list of suggested outings for 2026 to peruse and vote on.

These were collated and the most popular were: -

1. **Hawkesbury River Postman** with lunch on board leaving from Brooklyn near the Station. This is a great day out.
2. **Guided Tour of Sydney Opera House with lunch.** There are actually two types of tours, one with 300 steps and no lift, or one with lift access but confined to those corresponding areas, so maybe two different tours on the same day.
3. **Guided tour of Sydney Cricket Ground and lunch.** Always popular.
4. **Theatre Party (Matinee) to see "Fiddler on the Roof" in July.**
5. **Theatre Party (Matinee) to see "My Fair Lady" in October.**

Another yearly outing is the **TAFE Lunch at UTS** usually held in September.

One other popular idea was a tour of Western Sydney Airport, but unfortunately their tours are now cancelled.

Once the Committee decides which and when outings will be offered, they will be advertised in the Newsletter and it will be first in, first served.

## [NEW MEMBERS](#)

### **FIONA MORGAN**

Fiona resides in Dapto NSW and had ten years ANZ service from 1984 to 1994. Fiona, a big welcome to ANZROC(NSW).

## [A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAKUP THE NEWS](#)

I tried to win a suntan contest. All I got was bronze.  
Why won't skeletons fight? They don't have the guts.  
Why was the belt arrested? It was caught holding up a pair of pants.  
What do you call a snowman in summer? A puddle.  
Why was Cinderella kicked off her soccer team? She kept running away from the ball.  
Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of pants? Just in case he got a hole in one.  
Why did the car get a flat tire? There was a fork in the road.  
What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.  
Two antennas decided to get married. The ceremony was fine, but the reception was great!  
What do you call 10 rabbits walking backwards? A receding hare-line.  
What do you call a magician without his magic? Ian.  
Did you know that giraffes can grow up to 14 feet? But most of them only have four.  
What kind of vision does a cyclops have? 20.



## MARCH 2026 BIRTHDAYS

**TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS MARCH 2026.**

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.**

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mark	ATTARD	17th
David	BRASSINGTON	3rd
Reg	BRODERICK	4th
Julie	BROOKS	30th
Mark	BURNS	17th
Kevin	CAMPBELL	5th
Mike	CAPPER	29th
Peter	CRONIN	21st
Steven	DAVIDSON	25th
Robert (Bob)	DWYER	30th
Liz	FOSTER	13th
Colin	GELDART	1st
Raymond (Ray)	GREEN	19th
Harry	HAMMOND	4th
Andrew	HARDWICK	22nd
Leanne	HIRZEL	5th

John	IRELAND	20th
Francis	KUMAR	24th
Anthony	LONG	30th
Kristene	MAGUIRE	23rd
Sue	MILLER	24th
Max	MORRIS	30th
Mark	MURRAY	17th
John	ODEWAHN	30th
Clive	READ	15th
David	ROBINSON	9th
Reg	SMEATON	8th
Lyn(ette)	SMITH	10th
Pauline	STRONG	12th
Garrie	TAYLOR	8th
Vern	WARNER	20th
Charles	WHITE	13th

### THE HONS

Mike	ADAMSON	18th
Ann	BURNESS	8th
John	CROOK	30th
Jan(et)	DOUGLASS	14th
Doug	DOWLING	5th
Chris	HARDY	27th
Ian	JARRATT	10th

David	LENNON	6th
John	MAIR	1st
Alan	ROWLEY	5th
Diane	SAINSBURY	28th
Chris	WHEELER	1st
Peter	WHITTY	24th
Neville	WILKINSON	20th
Maureen	ZARUBIN	6th

We welcome John Crook and Chris Wheeler to the Hons this month.

**PHIL COHEN.**

**Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays scheduled in March 2026.**

**MIKE ADAMSON**

Health all good except for a couple of minor skin cancers. Both he and Veronica have moved from the ACT in the past ten months to Southport QLD near family. Settling in nicely to their new home. Was spending a lot of time looking after grandchildren during the school holidays. Now that school holidays have finished will be spending time travelling around the area as well as a scheduled cruise to New Zealand towards the end of February 2026.

**ANN BURNES**

Ann advises health OK; except she is recovering from having a double hip replacement. Walks a lot but uses a frame at present until she reaches full recovery. Both her and David both still drive. They enjoy meeting up with friends regularly. Involved with the local Jehovah's Witness Church on a regular basis.

**JOHN CROOK**

Welcome to the HONS in March 2026.

John tells me health good. Keeps busy running his grandchildren to different sports venues. Also looks after lawns and gardens. Has been involved with the local Senior and Junior Football Clubs for many years. Following two knee replacements John makes sure he gets plenty of exercise by walking at least one hour every morning after dropping his grandchildren off at school. Enjoys meeting up with Football Club friends for a coffee each Monday.

**CHRIS HARDY**

Health great. Has been involved with horses for many years and is presently involved in a syndicate owning a horse that they race in regional New South Wales. Keeps busy looking after his five-acre property. Mowing keeps him busy when not involved with his horse. Has six children who live in Wagga, Yass, Geelong and Sydney along with fifteen Grandchildren. Things get very hectic when they all visit at the same time.

**IAN JARRATT**

Health still good. Enjoying Life. Still plays bowls regularly each week in the village and every two weeks against another local village as well at the Umina Bowling Club where he has been a member for many years. Was until recently the organizer for some sixteen years of an annual Fundraiser for the Wyong and Gosford Hospital Prostate Unit. Also, a Life member of the Balmain Masonic Lodge.

**DAVID LENNON**

Attempted contact with David but was advised by Val that he was in care. Val arranged that afternoon for David to telephone me and speak with me. However, he was very confused. Not sure if he realized who I was. Following the conversation with David, I received a text message from Val stating: "Hi thanks for calling David. He is very confused and doesn't realise he lives in this facility. He has been here since September 2025 but doesn't realise. Mostly he is quite good, very well cared for and lots of activities each day". All the best David from your fellow Ex ANZers.

**ALAN ROWLEY**

Health, not great, but gets on with living and enjoying himself. Had spinal surgery last year which has meant giving up golf. Also diagnosed with Parkinson Disease last year, although it appears he has had it for the past four years. Enjoys, reading and attends the gym regularly using the walker at the Gym for exercise.

**DIANE SAINSBURY**

Unsuccessful contacting Diane. Left a couple of telephone messages but no response. Also sent email but was returned undelivered.

**CHRIS WHEELER**

Welcome to the HONS in March 2026.

Health good. Travels a bit including trip to Japan in November 2025. Has Family spread throughout NSW, QLD and WA, so does a bit of regular travelling interstate with Lorraine. With some ten grandchildren time is spent looking after them. Also looks after the maintenance of his son's sailing boat anchored in Pittwater. Entertains at home and time is also taken up with home maintenance. Enjoys stock market investing. Regularly gets together with friends for a bite to eat or coffee.

## **MAUREEN ZARUBIN**

Unsuccessful contacting Maureen. Left a couple of telephone messages but no response. Also sent email but no reply received.

## **TERRY AULD - WELFARE REPORT – JANUARY 2026**

### **PHIL DURNEY**

Phil turned 90 this month.

He advised that he is still having mobility issues and is using a walking stick to assist him. Otherwise, his health is okay.

They have lived in their retirement village for seventeen years and have family living close. For his Birthday the family organized a surprise party for him in the Village Café, which he enjoyed.

He still maintains an unrestricted driver's license, although he does not drive far nowadays.

### **CHARLES ROSS**

Charlie turned 93 this Birthday.

Charlie advised that he has had a rugged year health wise recovering from a bowel, lung & liver cancer. He is recovering well and has a specialist appointment coming up which he feels confident about.

He has recommenced playing golf over the past 2/3 weeks using a buggy. He is also involved in the local Men's Shed which involves men's care and helping with activities.

He and his wife, Coralie, moved to Brisbane in 2006 to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law and assist them with their three young children at that time.

He celebrated a quiet Birthday with family.

Charlie said his goal is to be still playing golf when he reaches 100 and having his family watch.

A great goal Charlie.

### **IAN TREDINNICK**

Ian advised his general health is okay, but his mobility has become a problem, and he is now using a walking stick to assist. He also said his memory is "shot". I assured him he is not alone in this area.

He is happy in his retirement village. Unfortunately, his family is well spread nowadays, with one son living in America and another living and teaching in Southwest Rocks. However, his daughter still calls in every morning on her way to work for a coffee and on the way home for wine.

Said he enjoyed a lovely Family Christmas when they were all home in Sydney.

I look forward to catching up soon Ian.

### **NOEL BOTTRELL**

Noel is our Senior Committee Member and provides a Voice of Reason when one is needed.

Noel said he is keeping well, apart from the usual age-related aches, and he and Jenny Walk regularly as part of their "use it or lose it" philosophy. A great philosophy Noel.

He celebrated his Birthday with family at Café Sydney. His son and daughter-in law live and work in New York and were home for Christmas and January, so he enjoyed both a lovely Family Christmas and Birthday Celebrations.

### **HARRY BROOKES**

Harry turned 95 on his January Birthday. Last year he moved into the Anzac Retirement Village at Narrabeen and has now moved into the Aged Care component.

I could not speak with Harry but did speak with his son, Ross.

Ross advised that Harry is in reasonable health for his age, but he needs a walker to get around and has short term memory loss.

They were able to have a small Family celebration for his Birthday in the Village Family Room.

Ross has sent in a photo of Harry enjoying his Birthday cake.

Ross assured Harry was being well cared for in the Village.



## **DOUG CANAVAN**

Doug turned 94 on his January Birthday.

He said that he is keeping well, apart from the normal aches and pains.

Doug advised that he joined the Bank of Australasia on 13 December 1948 at Brisbane (Queen & Wharf Street). He also spent 3 years in Rabaul.

He also opened Eastern Suburbs Area office as Area Manager, and they now enjoy living in Bond Junction and are in easy walking distance to the trains and Westfield Shopping Centre.

## **NICK OGLESNEFF**

Nick advised that he had a quiet Birthday. Said he was surprised he reached 86.

Said that unfortunately he could not travel into the city nowadays to attend our lunches.

He enjoys getting out in the garden and still retains his Driver's License. Although he does not drive far.

## **TONY ROWLEY**

Tony advised that he had a quiet Birthday.

He had a hip replacement on 4 February 26 and is currently in a world of pain. His wife has early dementia and he is her carer.

Fortunately, he has a great neighbour who drove him to the Hospital and picked him up when he was released.

He recently had his identity stolen but has managed to have the issue rectified.

Tony advised that he still has an unrestricted driver's license.

## **JOHN HILLARD**

I saw John at our Christmas Function and he was looking well.

He misses his wife, Lyn, who sadly passed away late last year after battling cancer.

Not the reason he misses her, but he is slowly learning how to cook for himself and how to work the washing machine.

He lives in the RSL Retirement Village at Narrabeen and plays bowls weekly with another of our retired members, Alan Edmonsten. He has joined the \$2-50 Day bus trips that run monthly to different locations around Sydney. The latest trip was to "Little India" in Harris Park with lunch at an Indian Restaurant.

He celebrated his Birthday with his daughters at Dee Why Restaurant Flames.

## **TERRY AULD - WELFARE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2026**

### **RINO MARIANI**

Rino advised that health wise he is currently keeping well. He walks regularly and lunches occasionally.

He recently saw his Specialist, who does not want to see him for another six months.

He celebrated his Birthday with his Family at a restaurant in the new Fish Markets. He was glad they booked it as it was crowded and difficult to park. However, the food was excellent.

He apologized for not attending the AGM Lunch, but he had to go for his two-year Driving test to retain his unrestricted license.

Take care Rino and we hope to see you at the April Lunch.

### **JOHN PIPER**

John advised that his balance and mobility are not good and he must be careful when walking.

He also has had shingles for the past six years, which is ongoing and painful at times.

John has family scattered around Australia, including Tennant Creek. Accordingly, he celebrated his Birthday with some members of his Family at a local Miranda Chinese Restaurant, which was enjoyable.

### **KEVIN BUGG**

Kevin recently turned 92.

He said his health is generally okay, but he does have a knee problem which impacts on his walking.

He celebrated his Birthday with a group of his neighbours at the local Sports and Recreation Club. Said he is fortunate enough to have excellent neighbours who have lived nearby for a long time.

He still retains his unrestricted driver's license but does not drive a lot nowadays.

### **EARLE COCHRANE**

Earle recently turned 91.

I could not speak with Earl but had a long conversation with his wife, Betty.

Earl has resided in an Aged Care Facility for the past 18 months, but his daughter has always picked him up and taken him home for lunch. Betty advised that he recently had a bad fall when he was home which necessitated him being rushed to hospital, where he still is. He also has bad emphysema and requires hospital oxygen regularly.

Betty is doubtful he will come out of hospital and return to the Aged Care facility. She is keeping well but is tired and has a lot of help from her daughter.

Betty also advised that on the day I phoned, long time member Sebastian Zammit called in to see how Earl was.

Typical of the tight South Coast ANZROC community. Always looking out for one another. Well done Sebastian.

### **JOHN MITCHELL**

John advised that he had a bad cough and was on medication for it. Otherwise, his health is generally okay. John and his Wife, Maureen live on the Central Coast and their son, daughter and families live within a forty-minute commute, including a four-year-old Great Grandson and one year old Great Granddaughter. On his Birthday they celebrated with a family lunch at their local Bowling Club. John advised the food is excellent at the club.

### **JOHN TIER**

I saw John at the recent AGM lunch and he looked well.

John advised that his health is okay. He had a knee replacement approximately five years ago and to date it has given him no problem.

He attends the local Men's Shed twice a week. He admitted that he was no handyman when he joined, but with the help of some of the more experienced members, he has built a few things for his home and enjoys the companionship.

They travelled to Wollongong last week and celebrated his Birthday with Family.

### **BARRY MACARTHUR**

I spoke with Barry's wife, Chris.

Barry resides in an Aged Care Facility. Sadly, Chris advised that he is not a well man.

He had a stroke the day before I called, which is the third in three years and this one appears to be the worst. He is also not eating or drinking.

Chris and her daughter were having a meeting with the Doctors later the day that I called to receive an update and discuss what the outlook is moving forward.

Chris is not optimistic this time but said Barry has had a good life.

She will keep me updated on his progress.

### **BOB JANSON**

Bob advised that following several strokes over recent years his health is mediocre.

His mobility is not good, and he is prone to falling over. Said he seems to find any raised part of a footpath and has a spill. He did try rehab at Ryde hospital, but it has not helped.

He celebrated his Birthday with a family dinner at his daughter's house.

He and Margaret are heading down to Kiama in a few days for a catchup and celebration with Margaret's family.

## **UPCOMING FUNCTION DATES**



### **SYDNEY**

Our second bi-monthly luncheon for 2026

will be held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel in Sydney,  
169 Castlereagh St (around the corner from ANZ tower)

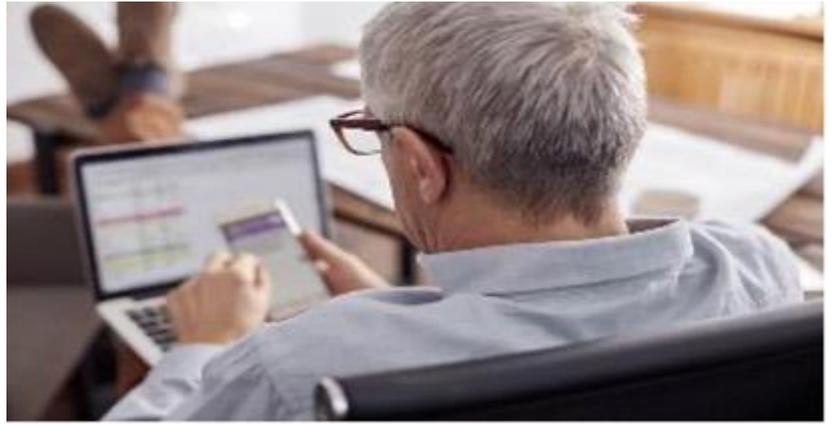
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Details and booking requirements are on page 15/16 of this newsletter.

## **COMPLETED FUNCTIONS**

See pages 2-5 for details regarding the AGM which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



### ON KEVIN LANE

#### Ken Dighton wrote: -

G'day Graeme –

I was saddened to read this email with the news that Kevin had passed away. He was a month older than I am and I think we joined ANZ around the same time.

I first met Kevin in the 1960's at an ANZ training course and caught up with him at various Bank events subsequently. He was Manager of Mercantile Credits (pre-ANZ takeover) in Tamworth when I transferred there in 1979.

A real good laconic bloke and very good company in a social setting. And I am sure he was handy on the Rugby League paddock (per Karl's comment) because I wouldn't have liked to run into him! Vale Kevin.

#### Terry Auld wrote: -

Hi Graeme,

Very sad.

I worked with Kevin at ANZ Burwood after merger when I was transferred there as Accounting Supervisor.

He was one of the advance clerks.

A nice guy. I often run into David Harris at our Woy Woy lunch, and he usually gives me Kevin's regards.

Cheers Terry



To all our Hon's who are celebrating a birthday in March 2026.

### RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM HON MEMBERS, GENERAL OR WHO HAD BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY 2026 AND RECEIVED BIRTHDAY CARD WISHES FROM THE CLUB.

#### Brian Thompson wrote: -

Good evening, Graeme and Phil,

Firstly, thank you for your birthday wishes. I apologise for not responding earlier, however we have been very busy settling into our new retirement apartment and organising alternative doctors, dentists etc. over the busy Christmas / New Year holidays.

We sold our Ulladulla home very quickly and had to move fast from Ulladulla in order to seal a deal with a retirement apartment in Bella Vista. While we settled for the purchase on 28th November, we didn't move

in until the 1st of January because we were house sitting (dog sitting) for our daughter while they were in Europe enjoying a white Christmas.

The urgency with the sale was a result of my having a medical episode whilst driving and having an accident I had no recollection of.

The medical hierarchy resolved I should lose my licence, have extensive medical investigations to ascertain the cause, and move back to Sydney to be near to my existing medical specialists. Those investigations are continuing.

Unfortunately, my Multiple Sclerosis is no better and I can no longer play golf and have suffered several falls.

Public transport from Bella Vista is excellent so I will be attending the February luncheon.

Cheers.

Brian Thompson.

## **ANZ Retired Officers' Club (NSW)**

# **ANZROC(NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.**



**CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL**



**CELLOS ROOM 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR.**

**THE CLUB'S 2<sup>ND</sup> BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2026 WILL HELD AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY WITH DETAILS: -**

**DATE: MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**  
**TIME 12 NOON FOR 12.30PM LUNCHEON.**  
**VENUE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL – 169 CASTLEREAGH STREET SYDNEY AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER. CELLOS ROOM 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR.**

**ENTRY TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR IS ONLY PERMITTED AFTER 12 NOON, SO FOR EARLY ARRIVALS, THE BAR ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.00AM. THE CLUB IS PLEASED TO ADVISE THAT FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL, THE CLUB HAS AN AGREED MEAL COST FOR OUR BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEONS IN 2026 AND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS WILL REMAIN AT \$25.00 FOR 2026, BEVERAGES ARE FOR MEMBERS OWN ACCOUNT.**

### **BOOKINGS & PRE PAYMENT \$25PH**

#### **CLUB MEMBERS YOU MUST PRE BOOK AND PAY IN ADVANCE.**

➤ **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 15 APRIL AS WE NEED TO INFORM  
BOUTIQUE OF FINAL NO'S BY THAT DATE.**

**PREPAYMENT \$25PH TOWARDS MEAL COSTS.**

**WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO PRE-PAY IN ADVANCE WHEN BOOKING AS ABOVE  
BY DIRECT CREDITING CLUB'S BANK ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS: -**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET BANKING & NEED TO PAY AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY IT  
WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IF YOU COULD PAY WITH A SMALL NOTES. AS WE DO  
NOT HAVE A FLOAT MANY THANKS.**

**BANK: -                    ANZ.  
BSB                        012-006  
ACCOUNT NO            0089-06464**

IN EFT REMITTANCE PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME & MESSAGE AS LUNCHEON 20 APRIL.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR APRIL BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON  
& SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY - APRIL 2026, YOUR  
MEAL COST WILL BE COVERED BY THE CLUB.**

**Members, that is the Club February Newsletter.**

**Enjoy the read.**

**Club Committee.**