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Welcome to our May 2026 Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANZROC(NSW) MAY 2026

Welcome all to the newsletter for May 2026.

Here we are into the second last month of the 2025/26 financial year. This time next month we will be rummaging through various shoe boxes etc to gather all the evidence we need to convince the ATO that we do not have to pay as much tax as it thinks we should. Good luck!

In his report for May 2025, President Philip remarked on the heavy rain and flooding which occurred, especially on the Mid North Coast of our State. My wife and I had an extra two-day holiday courtesy of the “mighty” Macleay River at South West Rocks. Fast forward twelve months and we are crying out for rain!

Last Thursday, the 21st, my wife and I enjoyed the company of the Newcastle Chapter at the Cardiff RSL Club. Thanks again to Cheryl, Ron, Geoff and Ken for the organisation. It is always a pleasure to join with our Novocastrian members.

We are continually on the lookout for new members, so if you know of any ex-ANZ staff, get them to access our website – www.anzrocnsw.net – and join up.

While on the subject of the website, Editor Craig has started to include old ANZ Newslink issues. The first of February 1984 (in 2 parts) is very interesting. Some familiar old (younger) faces. Go to the Newsletters tab (which is in the Media menu) and scroll down to the bottom and enjoy.

Finally, a reminder that the next bi-monthly luncheon is on Monday 15 June 26 at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel in Sydney. Look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it.

Regards,
Ken

BEREAVEMENTS

LIFE MEMBER, LONG TIME COMMITTEE MEMBER REG CAMPBELL SMEATON.

It was with great sadness that we were advised our esteemed and highly respected Life Member and long-term Club Secretary and committee member Reg Smeaton passed away on 12 May aged 78 years.

Reg was very well known and highly respected in the ANZ family and was ANZROC (NSW) Secretary for many years and his devoted service to the club was outstanding.

Reg joined ANZ in 1967 at Civic Centre Newcastle branch as a junior clerk and in 1968 was transferred to Bolton Street Newcastle as a teller. Between 1968 and 1970 he had a two-year break for National Service duties and in 1970-71 was a teller at Newcastle West.

He then made the big move to Sydney King & George Sts. in the Bill Department from 1971 to 1974. Between 1974 to 1977 Reg served in ANZ Suva in the Bill Dept and returned to Australia on relieving staff.

1980 to 1982 was Wagga Wagga branch accountant and then Operations Officer Riverina Area Office. Then his period in Wollongong.

- Wollongong West – Branch Manager, 1986 Warilla – Branch Manager.
- 1988 96 Crown Street Wollongong – Manager.
- Reg then went overseas again in 1991 as Manager Nandi Fiji and returned to Australia in 1995 as Corporate Banking Manager 96 Crown Street Wollongong.

He was appointed Business Banking Manager Fairfield in 1999 and ended his ANZ Career in 2000.

Reg joined ANZROC(NSW) following his retirement and was Club Secretary for in excess of 10 years and was awarded Life membership at the Club AGM on 19 February 2018.

Reg's contribution and dedication to our Club was outstanding and he was very highly respected by all who knew him.

He will be very sadly missed.

RIP Reg.



HONORARY ROBERT (BOB) RISEBOROUGH

We were very sadly informed by his Wife Florence that our Honorary Member Bob Riseborough passed away on 26th April 26, two days after his 87th birthday.

Bob had a long and distinguished career in the ANZ Group banks and would be well known by many retired officers who either worked with him or knew during his banking career.

Our Welfare Officer Terry Auld had spoken with Florence just prior to Bob's 87th birthday on 24th April and his resume is in his Welfare Report in the April Newsletter.

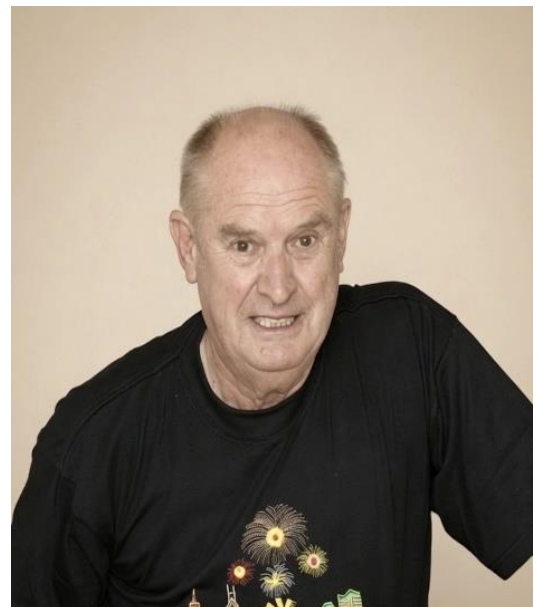
Florence advised the following funeral arrangements for Bob.

Robert "Bob" Riseborough

24/04/1939 - 26/04/2026

Beloved Husband of Florence.

Dearly loved father and father-in-law of David & Bronwyn and Gary.
Loved Pop of Cameron and Kyle.



"Resting Peacefully"

A service celebrating Bob's life was held at -

The Chapel of Central West Funerals, Parkes
commencing at 10:00am, on Wednesday May 6, 2026.
Followed by a private family cremation at Central West Crematorium.

Service: Wed 6 May 10:00 am

The Chapel of Central West Funerals
347 Clarinda Street, Parkes 2870

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

RIP Bob.



HONORARY MEMBER IRENE NORRIS.

We were very sadly informed that our highly respected and well-known Honorary member Irene Norris passed away on 12th May 26 aged 84 years.

Irene was a proud Scottie and would be well known and respected by many retired officers who either worked with her or knew her during her long ES&A/ANZ Banking career.

Irene spent time in in Methods and Esanda and other areas during her career.

Funeral Notice for Irene.

NORRIS (NEE DYER), Irene Edna

22/01/1942 - 12/05/2026.

Irene passed away at the age of 84.

She was a lifelong friend to many, and she will be dearly missed by all.
Family and friends are warmly invited to attend Irene's funeral was held: -

In the South Chapel at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Leppington,
on Friday 22nd May 26 at 2.30pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Macarthur Cancer Centre please.

Irene's husband Michael pre-deceased her in September 2016.

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

RIP Irene.



HONORARY MEMBER EARLE COCHRANE

We were very sadly informed that our highly respected and well-known Honorary member Earle Cochrane passed away on 22 May 2026 aged 91 years.

Earle was an ANZ recruit and followed his father into the service, a real banking family. Earle served in various roles in ANZ including Wollongong and was very highly respected by all who either knew him or worked with him during his long ANZ Career.

Members Ken Dighton and Sebastian Zammit who worked with Earle in Wollongong said he was an astute banker and also an absolutely genuine person. He had a great sense of humour too.

Family advised the following funeral arrangements for Earle.

Earle Cochrane passed away peacefully on Friday 22nd May 2026.

His funeral was held at 2:00 pm on Monday 1st June 2026

at Hanson and Cole Funerals, 634 Northcliffe Dr, Kembla Grange NSW 2526.

Service was Live streamed via the following link.

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc3OTY3NTgzNTQxNDgzMSZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Please feel free to respectfully pass on the memorial details to family, friends and loved ones.

Share on Facebook

Earle's family invited all those attending to join them for light refreshments on the premises immediately following the Service.

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

RIP Earle.



NOSTALGIA

The attached photo, which was sent in by Ken Byatt, includes Geoff Boyton from our Newcastle Committee Chapter (ninth from the right).

The photo was taken at Parliament House on 8th May 2026 to celebrate those persons who were appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 1975 (the Class of 75).



Ken also was eligible to attend but could not make it. Geoff was appointed on 3rd December and Ken on 10th December 1975.

Andrew Harwick sent in the attached Photo and comments.



Andrew said
 "Some might get the joke"

NEW MEMBERS

No new members in May 2026, please reach out to any of your old contacts who might like to join.



JUNE 2026 BIRTHDAYS
TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS JUNE 2026.
BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Scott	ABRAHAM	29th
Ian	ADAMS	2nd
Chris	ALLARDICE	17th
Steve	BYNON	30th
John	CHASE	6th
Leigh	CLARKE	23rd
Jenny	CROUCH	10th
Russell	CROZIER	10th
Terry	GILCHRIST	19th
Graeme	HEWETT	20th
Tony	HUNT	27th

Anthony	LEWIS	14th
Robyn	L'HUILLIER	30th
Craig	MARTIN	10th
Michelle	McCLURE	3rd
Neil	MERRICK	21st
Anthony	O'BRIEN	13th
Greg	PIDCOCK	22nd
Kevin	PRICE	30th
Lindsay	SETTREE	1st
Howard	TEMPEST	23rd

THE HONS

Colin (Col)	BARTRIM	23rd
Peter	BRADFORD	10th
Stuart	BROOKE	14th
Brian	BURGESS	8th
John	CAIRNS	6th
Ivan	DEBELAK	24th
Bob	GARRETT	3rd
Kerry	GILBERT	8th
John	GRAY	6th
Ron	HINSON	10th
Tony	KNIGHT	5th

Trevor	MITCHELL	28th
John	MORSCHER	18th
Doug	MOSS	9th
Ken	MURRAY	15th
Mal (Malcolm)	NEWMAN	30th
Terry	PATTON	15th
Warren	RIEDEL	20th
Geoff	TAYLOR	23rd
Angela	VALLENDER	15th
Vicki	WILKINSON	16th

Welcome to Ron Hinson, the sole new Hon for this month

A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAKUP THE NEWS

Why did the government worker bring a ladder to work? Because they heard the budget was going up!

Why did the government official sit on the clock? Because they wanted to be on time for once!

What do you call a government building that's always tidy? A clean-up operation.

What's a politician's favourite type of exercise? Running for office!

What did the government say to the broken vending machine? "You're out of service, just like our promises!"

What's the government's favourite type of cake? A "budget" cake — it's always half-baked!

WELFARE REPORTS

PHIL COHEN.

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

Stuart Brooke

Health still good. Normally plays competition golf one day a week and has a social round another two days per week however has had to curtail that somewhat for different reasons. Enjoys walking. Much of his time is taken up with maintenance and repairs to his home. Enjoys meeting up with many old school friends every three months.

Brian Burgess

Has had some serious health issues over the past few years. Eyesight not perfect so has agreed to hand in his driver's license and so Kaye becomes his designated driver. Has had to give up attending the Gym two days a week because of problems with different forms of cancer. Still a member of the local Prostate Cancer Support Group which helps others, although he has had to restrict his involvement of late. Is writing a book entitled Life and Times of Brian Burgess. All the best Brian completing the book.

Kerry Gilbert

Health now good after Melanoma treatment between 2014-2019 with his problem in remission at this time. Just has regular reviews. Still enjoys walking every day when he can. Enjoys taking a break periodically down the south coast. Also meets up each Tuesday with a former colleague for a coffee and a bite to eat.

John Gray

Moved into a retirement village in Wagga twelve months ago and is pleased with the move. Still volunteers with local Meals-On-Wheels which he has done for many years. Also, drives a vehicle on behalf of the Cancer Council taking people to their appointments as well as drives the retirement village van on excursions and appointments. Still enjoys playing cricket with a local over 75's cricket team 1-2

times a year. Still walks 6kms per day. When I spoke with John early May he was about to embark on a four-month world cruise with Noma, clockwise around on the Crown Princess.

Ron Hinson

Welcome to the HONS in June 2026.

Spoke with wife Barbara as I was unable to speak with Ron as he has some ongoing health. problems.

Tony Knight

Health is still good. Is the full-time carer for Dorothy. Mainly, enjoys helping with garden maintenance in the 20 acre over 55 complex where he lives. Enjoys meeting up with a few neighbours for a beer each week. Does a lot of walking.

Trevor Mitchell

Health still good. Most of his time is taken up with looking after his five-acre property when they are not tripping around Australia in their caravan with them covering over some 90,00 Kms over past seventeen years. Also enjoys meeting up with friends locally for a coffee or a meal.

John Morschel

Health still good. Although retired, was involved in an Honorary roll with the NSW State Government but that project has now ended. Enjoys spending time at his property in Bowral and enjoys looking after the garden. Enjoys fishing and when I spoke with John Mid-May he was about to depart on a five-day fishing trip out from Gove NT. Is about to start playing golf again after a break following an injury.

Ken Murray

Health still, good. Still able to play lawn bowls twice weekly at Northmead Bowling Club although the traffic getting to and from bowls is taking longer and longer as time goes by.

Enjoys gardening. Has family nearby and as such is able to regularly enjoy visits from his Great Great Grandson and family a couple of times a week.

Mal Newman

Health still very good and keeps active attending the Gym most days where possible. Also plays golf three days per week, while Delma plays golf two days per week. Has needed to have had a cancer cut out of his elbow and wrist, but all OK now. Enjoys meeting up with many friends in the area for lunch each Wednesday and they all have a special celebration meal twice yearly.

Terry Paton

Although Health is not too bad, he has given up lawn bowls for now and has had to hand in his driver's license. This is not a problem as he lives very close to all the facilities needed and gets help from his mates in the complex where he lives. Enjoys, also meeting up with them regularly for a beer and a chat. Went on a cruise to New Zealand last Christmas and is booked for another Cruise to Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart this Christmas.

Warren Riedel

All going well. Health still good. Very active with Local Probus Club. Enjoys walking, caravanning and surfing. When I spoke with Warren at the beginning of May he and Elaine were busy packing to move to a new residence on 14th May 2026.

Geoff Taylor

Health still good. Still walks when he can. Still enjoys looking after his garden in his over 55s complex and meeting up with friends.

Angela Vallender

Health good. Has had to cut out her regular exercise classes as she is busy with other activities, so has an exercise bike at home to use. Enjoys her weekly knitting group making blankets for the homeless. Enjoys meeting up with her many friends for lunch, especially in June when many of them also have a birthday.

Vicki Wilkinson

Attempted contact with Vicki a number of times without success. Left message on phone and sent email.

TERRY AULD - WELFARE REPORT – MAY 2026

Geoff Gill

Geoff advised that he is in good health.

He is still doing the voluntary administration work for his local parish, which he has been doing for the past twenty years.

Geoff advised that he was the Manager at Byron Bay branch when he retired. At the same time the Bank was selling the Managerial homes in the country, and he was able to negotiate through his Area Manager,

Noel Joseph, to purchase the property for what he considered was a fair price. He still resides in the property which has a large garden that also keeps him busy.

His Family live nearby in Ballina and he celebrated his Birthday with a Family dinner organized by his Daughter in Law.

Col Jefferies

Col advised that he is keeping well other than his ongoing mobility issues due to arthritis in his legs.

He and Bev celebrated his Birthday with dinner at a local restaurant and then continued the celebrations two days later with their family on Mother's Day.

They moved into a retirement village approximately six months ago and they are slowly settling into village life.

He still volunteers in the role of NSW Cricket Association Historian, which keeps him busy several days a week. Their office is located at Silverwater which is only a short drive for him.

Col is a regular attendee at our bi-monthly lunches.

John Le Gras

John turned 90 this Birthday.

He advised that he is keeping well other than his ongoing mobility issues which restrict him from attending our bi-monthly lunches and Christmas event.

He still retains his driver's license, and he and his wife regularly drive down to Balmoral from their Mosman retirement village for coffee or lunch. They are very central to their various medical practitioners.

He celebrated his Birthday with Family at home.

We had a good chat about his Bank career.

Peter Douglas

Peter turned 90 this Birthday.

He said he has received certificates from the Prime Minister, NSW Premier and his Local Federal member. Peter said he is keeping well and is still playing competition golf every Saturday. He also goes to the local Driving Range every Tuesday with a friend and hits 100 balls.

He is celebrating his Birthday at a Cronulla Restaurant called Sea Level with fourteen of his Family members out of a total of eighteen. The Family of four missing live in QLD and have just had a new Great Grandchild.

Peter and Jan are regular attendees at our Bi-Monthly lunches, and we look forward to seeing both you at our June lunch.

Ron Hargrave

Ron advised his health has deteriorated, mainly due to his seriously diseased kidneys. He no longer has Dialysis as it is not helping.

He has very little strength and is not able to travel far but he is coping okay with ongoing help from his nephew who visits him regularly and assists with house cleaning etc.

Ron advised he maintains regular contact with fellow ANZROC Member, Peter Maber and is hopeful of having lunch with him shortly with assistance from his nephew.

Ken White

Ken turned 93 this Birthday and advised he is keeping well.

Sadly, he advised that his wife of seventy years passed away in January. She originally worked in the ANZ at S (M & G) where they met. Her maiden name was Shirley Anderson, and he said some of our older members may remember her, if any are still with us.

He recently passed his driver's test so has retained a full license for a further two years. Following Shirley's passing He has returned to playing table tennis twice a week, which he enjoys for both the exercise and the social activity. The club has 150 members.

He celebrated his Birthday with his daughter at a local Kiama Restaurant called Pelican Rocks.

Take care Ken.

Ron Freeman

Ron turned 90 this Birthday.

I have tried several times to call him without success. Ron lives at Ettalong and I am aware from my last contact with him that his wife Ann is in an aged care facility at Woy Woy.

I will continue trying to make contact but if any member knows Ron and how he is keeping I would appreciate a call.

Peter Maber

Peter turned 90 this Birthday.

I have tried several times to contact him without success, although I know that he and Jean still reside at home and they recently attended the Newcastle Lunch.

However, I was able to contact their daughter, Tracey, who advised that both are keeping reasonably well but do have mobility issues. They have access to the Aged Care package which provides great assistance. The Family have planned a 90th Birthday lunch celebration for Peter at a local restaurant.

Enjoy your Birthday celebrations Peter and keep well.

Joan Ryan

Joan advised that she is keeping reasonably well but has pulled the muscles in her shoulder trying to lift Noel.

Noel's health has deteriorated and he continually had falls and she was having difficulty in assisting him up. Unfortunately, as a result Noel has recently entered a Nursing home close to their home.

She has Family living close by who are very supportive and provide her with assistance.

Joan advised that she celebrated her Birthday with twelve Family members for dinner at a local Club.

Keep well Joan.

Alan Single

Alan advised that he is keeping well.

He had a quiet Birthday celebration with his wife Margaret.

Alan is a regular attendee at our Bi-Monthly lunches and barring any significant problem will be at our June Monthly lunch.

We look forward to catching up.

Wilhelmina Smith

Wilhelmina said she is keeping well physically but does suffer from anxiety following Barry's passing.

Barry handled all their banking and financial issues, and she is now trying to cope with learning how to operate Internet banking plus negotiate the various Estate issues.

Fortunately, she has Family close by who provide her with assistance.

She celebrated her actual Birthday with a group of her female friends whom she meets regularly at the local RSL Club and also had dinner with her Son, Daughter in Law and two Grandchildren at the local Golf Club.

Wilhelmina said she will be joining us at our Bi-Monthly lunch and hopes to attend the one in June.

We look forward to catching up Wilhelmina.

UPCOMING FUNCTION DATES



SYDNEY

Our third 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 15th June 2026.

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

SOCIAL OUTINGS FOR OUR MEMBERS FOR 2026

As previously mentioned, we have arranged four outings for members for 2026.

All of these tours have already been very popular, so if you want tickets, please be quick with your name and payment.

For those who have already booked but not yet paid, we would appreciate if you could do so to hold your spot. For those who have not paid by 30th June 2026, we will take it that you wish to cancel your booking.

Payment is to be made to the ANZROC account including your name and the outing you wish to attend.

Account details are: BSB - 012 006

Account No - 008906464

Add you name and the outing you wish to book for.

Private Guided Tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground

Date: Monday 20th July 2026 at 10.30 am

Price: \$26.00 each

6 tickets left

Theatre Party for "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Theatre Royal

Date: Wednesday 26th August at 1:00pm

Price: \$84.00 each

8 tickets left

Theatre Party for "My Fair Lady" at the Opera House

Date: Wednesday 21st October at 1:00pm

Price: \$100.00 each

4 tickets left

The Riverboat Postman on the Hawkesbury River

Date: Monday 23rd November at 10:00am

Price: \$62.00 each. (includes morning tea and lunch)

8 tickets left

For bookings, please contact Ann Morgan by phone 0407 265 108 (please leave a message or text if unanswered) or email annmorgan1161@gmail.com

COMPLETED FUNCTIONS

NEWCASTLE LUNCHEON 21-05-26.

The Newcastle weather was miserable (wet and cold) but we had 24 hardy souls present themselves at Cardiff RSL to enjoy the company and talk about any number of things (mostly factual!).

Local chief convenors Ron Welsh and Geoff Boyton opened proceedings with a warm formal welcome to all, and ANZROC (NSW) President Ken Byatt said a few words on behalf of his State Committee.

We received apologies from Anna Maratos and Rocco Laudadio, Doug Moss and Graeme Bool. And we especially welcomed Phillip Smith who opened the new branch at New Lambton quite a few years ago (that branch has for the past several years been a part of history). Phillip now lives in the north of the State.

Ron Welsh called for a moment's reflection to remember those former regular attendees who had passed away since our last lunch (namely Evelyn Goldstein, Noel Cook and John Ball). It was lovely to have Kester Ball join us today - she very kindly drove Jean and Peter Maber up from The Central Coast. Thanks Kester.

We also remembered Life Member Reg Smeaton who passed away in recent days - when his health was better, Reg was a good supporter of Newcastle events and was often the designated driver for the Illawarra supporters of those events.

Once again, the people from the Eastern Tiger served up an extensive array of buffet food to suit most diets - some even had 3 courses! To wind-up proceedings Cheryl Richardson drew her lucky-seat prizes - well accepted by all winners of course.

On the whole a nice convivial lunch, and thankyou to all those who came along. We hope to see a good turn-out for the second leg in November.

Cheers
Ken

Some photos taken at the luncheon can be found below.



CHERYL RICHARDSON ROSLYN HALE



WAL HARDY

IAN & GWEN JARRATT



JEAN MABER

KESTER BALL



ALAN BREWER

PETER & JEAN MABER

Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



ON REG SMEATON.

Col Bartrim wrote: -
Sorry to hear that Graeme. He was a great bloke.
Col.

Shelby Mills wrote: -

Thanks Graeme,
I'm sad to hear this.
I remember Reg from our King & George days.
He will be missed.
Kind regards,
Shelby.

Col Jefferies wrote: -

Very sad in Regs passing. That was a quick change in his health.
Colin Jefferies.

Barry Booth wrote: -

Hi Graeme, thank you for your email. Sad news indeed. Reg was a great fellow and so well respected by the Illawarra ANZROC community.
Kind regards,
Barry Booth.

Karl Mizens wrote: -

Very sad news.
We have lost a great guy.
Karl.

Paul Crowe wrote: -

How sad. Bloody hell. Condolences.

Mark Monaghan wrote: -

Thanks Graeme,
What a wonderful man Reg was.
As you said, he made a huge contribution to ANZROC.
Always there with a smile and friendly word, much like Mike Cunneen.
I wish we'd have worked together.
Mark.

Tony Knight wrote: -

Graeme,
Very sad news.
Reg was a great bloke in and outside the Bank.
Sincere condolences to Kini – vale Reg.
Regards,
Tony Knight.

John Cox wrote: -

Thanks Graeme. This is very sad news to me.
I have always had a lot of respect for Reg, a great man and friend
John Cox.

Ken Dighton wrote: -

Extremely sad news Graeme.
We know that Reg fought the good fight against ill-health for some considerable time.
He always did so with grace, acceptance, and stoicism, and on occasions some humour.
He was the epitome of a gentleman and nice bloke and, as all those involved with ANZROC well know, he wasn't afraid to put-up his hand to help out. He will be missed by many.
RIP Reg, and condolences to Kini.
Ken Dighton.

Bob Dyer wrote: -

Hi Graeme,
What a shock, so quick and unexpected.
I have known Reg and his brother John for such a long time.
Now they have both gone it is unbelievable.
My sincere well wishes to Reg's family.
Sincerely,
Bob Dyer.

Albert Orszaczky wrote: -

Hello Graeme.

So sorry to hear this sad news but I know that Reg had "fought the good fight" over several years, and he is now in a much happier place. His lengthy contribution and dedication to ANZROC(NSW) has been highly regarded and much appreciated.

My sincere condolences to Kini and the family on behalf of the ANZROC group in Canberra.

Regards,

Albert Orszaczky.

Dianne Kostrubiec wrote: -

Hi Graeme,

I am in Croatia.

Can you please extend my deepest sympathies to Kini regarding Reg's passing. I can't call her.

Thank you Di Kostrubiec.

Catherine Pietracci wrote: -

Hi Graeme.

Thanks for sending this out to all members.

I won't be able to make the funeral as I will be attending my specialist for a long-standing appointment for a post cancer check-up, which I know Reg wouldn't want me to miss.

I'm heartened by a beautiful email I received from him a couple of months ago when I last got in contact with him. He truly was a special person and definitely one of the good guys.

Regards

Catherine (Kate) Pietracci

Ian Stewart wrote: -

Dear Graeme

Sorry to hear of Reg's passing. Always enjoyed being greeted by Reg at an ANROC function.

He contributed a lot to ANROC's success.

Regards

Ian Stewart.

Glenn Fitzpatrick wrote: -

Hi Graeme, very sad to hear of Reg's passing.

He was a very likeable guy and great contributor to us all through his efforts in the club.

Glenn.

Irene Davis wrote: -

Very sad to hear of Reg Smeaton passing recently. Please convey my condolences to his family and friends. He was my one of my first contacts when I joined ANZAC 2015 after my father's passing.

Rest in Peace.

Fond regards.

Elaine Davis.

ON IRENE NORRIS

Julie Laycock wrote: -

So very sad, I met Irene on 12/12/1960 my first day in the bank at Broadway branch where she was a ledger machinist.

She was so friendly and efficient that all I wanted to be was a ledger machinist as good as she was.

She was a training officer when I was appointed ledger machinist at Crows Nest and she taught me to operate a Burroughs machine and six years later when I was transferred to country relief staff, all the different machines.

Good memories

Julie Laycock.

Alex Morgan wrote: -

I worked with Irene in Methods during and around Merger time.

Very impressive Lady and will be very well remembered.

All happening too quickly.....have fun whilst we can!!!

Ann and I don't do Funerals....we will not even be at our own!

Too many happening and too often.

Alex.

Alistair Johnston wrote: -

Hi Graeme,

So sorry that you have to send such an email regarding Irene.

Also being a Scottie and working with Irene in Methods Department, it is extremely sad.

Always found Irene a lovely member of the team and very generous with her guidance and warmth.

Now being the same age, it gives you a jolt at such a passing

kindest regards.

Alistair.

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Please accept my condolences to Irene's family during this sad time.

Regards

Elaine

ON BARRY MACARTHUR.

Albert Orszaczky wrote: -

Thanks Graeme.

A great read as usual and sorry to hear about Barry Macarthur's recent passing. As you may recall, Barry was the team leader of the 'Special Projects' (Departure Lounge) group in Canberra before we faced retrenchment in July 1991. I had earlier worked with him for a short time on relief duties at Manuka where he was the Branch Manager. Lost touch with him in later years and understood that he was in poor health after moving away from Canberra.

Cheers, Albert O.

ON JIM RICHARDS.

Clive Neutze wrote: -

Very sad to learn of the passing away of Jim Richards.

I knew Jim and Barbara well when he was my Accountant at ANZ Suva (1972-1974) and when I was transferred to Sydney, I lived with Barbara's parents in Hurstville.

They were a lovely couple.

RIP Jim.

Clive Neutze.

ON LAUIRE & DIANNE SAINSBURY. (60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL NL)

Clive Neutze wrote: -

Congratulations to Laurie and Diane Sainsbury on their 60+ years of marriage (April NL).

I took over from Laurie in the 1980's as Esanda FSM in Wollongong (Also moved into their ANZ House).

I hope he overcomes his current health problems.

Regards.

Clive Neutze.



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

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

Gary Mason wrote: -

Thanks Graeme,
I appreciate your monthly newsletters.
Cheers
Gary.

John Clarke wrote: -

Thank you Phil and ANZROC for your Birthday greetings on my 82nd Birthday.
I can still remember my first day at the Bank's Training Centre in Haymarket on 4/1/1960 and two weeks later starting at Elizebeth Street South Branch where I was warmly welcomed by Mr Peters (Mgr), Mr Morgan (Acct), Edgar Daniel (Don) Monroe, Jim Marshall and Arthur Crittenden, and how I would never have imagined the wonderful career that lay ahead. I have worked with many wonderful people, many who have now gone to the AHQ in the sky.
My health is good and I am enjoying life with my wife, sons and grandchildren and playing Bridge.
Many thanks again.
John.

Clive Neutze wrote: -

Dear Graeme.
Many thanks to the Club for the birthday card and good wishes and for the phone call from Phil Cohen.
I was lucky enough to spend my 81st birthday with my brother in Auckland on 6th May whilst on a cruise.
Many thanks again.
Clive.

John Widerberg wrote: -

Many Thanks for my 83rd Birthday Card. Best wishes to all members of the Club and my old mates when working in the Bank. Unfortunately, many of my old Bank mates are no longer with us.
Kind Regards.
John Widerberg
Coffs Harbour NSW

ANZ Retired Officers' Club (NSW)

ANZROC(NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.



CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL



CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

**THE CLUB'S 3rd BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2026 WILL HELD AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY
WITH DETAILS: -**

DATE: MONDAY 15th JUNE 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 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: -

WELFARE OFFICER
TERRY AULD
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CLUB SECRETARY
GRAEME BOOL.
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IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED, PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.
CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 10 JUNE AS WE NEED TO INFORM BOUTIQUE OF FINAL NO'S BY THAT DATE.

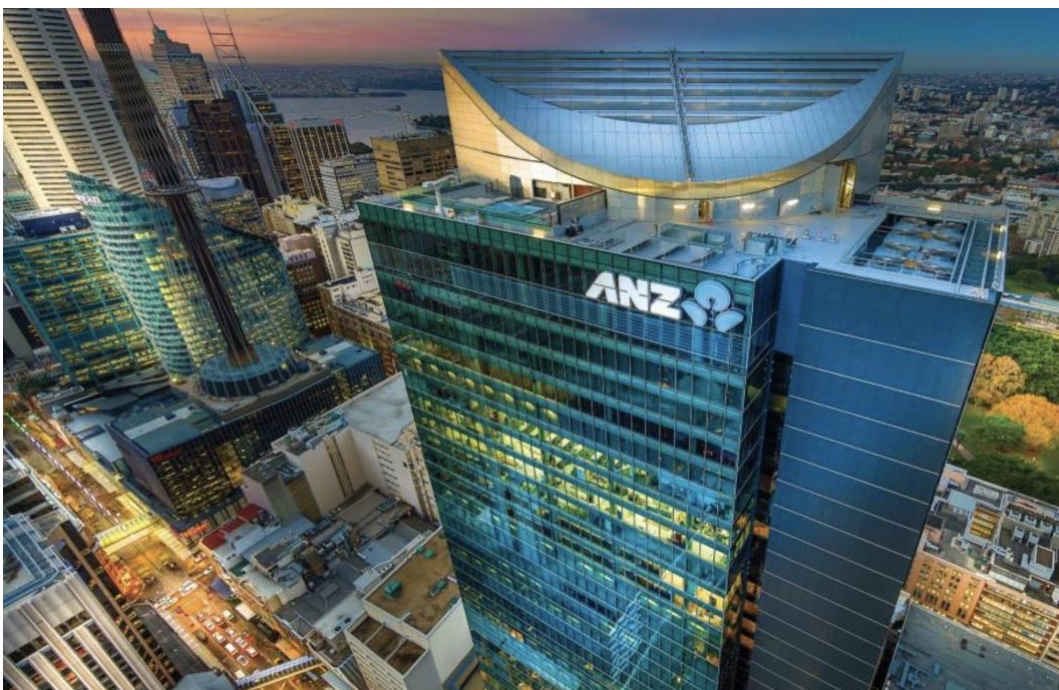
PREPAYMENT \$25PH TOWARDS MEAL COSTS.

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

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

IN EFT REMITTANCE PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME & MESSAGE AS LUNCHEON 15 JUNE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR JUNE BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON & SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 15th JUNE 2026.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN MAY & JUNE 2026, YOUR MEAL COST WILL BE COVERED BY THE CLUB.



Members, that is the Club May Newsletter.

Enjoy the read.

Club Committee.