

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

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Welcome to our June 2026 Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANZROC(NSW) JUNE 2026

Welcome all to the newsletter for June 2026.

Many thanks to those who attended the recent bi-monthly luncheon. With over 40 in attendance, it was one of the best attended luncheons for some time. What better way to spend a winter's day than to meet up with your old (or should that be former?) workmates and "chew the fat" in comfortable surroundings, while enjoying a nice meal and refreshments.

The day was a bit sombre in that we remembered the passing of a Life Member and four of our Hons, and our thanks to Sebastian Zammit for again presenting his eulogy on Reg Smeaton, long time Secretary of the club. Reg certainly had a great and varied life in the Bank, and after following his retirement. He will be sorely missed.

With the shortest day now behind us we can look forward to having longer daylight hours and be able to sit back and watch someone else mow your lawns. The benefits of an ageing retiree.

In the meantime, show your support for the Socceroos and, as for the State of Origin, what's that?

The next bi-monthly luncheon is on 17 August 26. Can we reach 50 in attendance? Let's go for it.

Regards,
Ken

BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON 15TH JUNE 2026 THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY

President Ken welcomed a great attendance of 44 members and asked attendees to stand for the royal toast.

Ken then gave special welcome to new member Greg Clarkson from Wollongong attending his first luncheon.

Apologies. (7)

Ross McKimm, Col Bartrim, Alistair Johnston, Mark Murray, Barry Bailey, John Mitchell and Ivan Radovnikovic

Bereavements since last luncheon on 20 April 2026

Sadly, the following honorary members have passed since our last luncheon on 20th April 2026.

- Life member Reg Smeaton

Honorary members.

- Robert (Bob) Riseborough
- Irene Norris
- Earle Cochrane

- Ron Freeman

One minute's silence in memory of these retired ANZ Officers was observed.

Formalities following lunch.

May-June Birthdays

To all members who celebrated a birthday in May and June, a big happy birthday from all members.

Attendees present at luncheon. (9)

May (6)

Robyn Macdonald

Sebastian Zammit

Hon's

Col Jefferies

Ann Morgan

Alan Single

Wilhelmina Smith

June (3)

Jenny Crouch

Hon's

Doug Moss

Angela Vallender

Special presentation by Sebastian Zammit.

Sebastian presented a very emotional and detailed resume on the life and work history of our recently deceased and highly respected Life member and former long term club Secretary.

REG SMEATON.

Sebastian's presentation and the details he provided on Reg's life were greatly appreciated by members present at the luncheon and we all thank him very much for his time and the effort he put into it.

Financial Report.

Treasurer Keith tabled a quick update on the Club's financial position and specifically details of May transactions in/out.

Social

Our Social Officer Ann Morgan advised members about the current position with the arranged shows: -

- **SCG Tour. 20 July**
- **Fiddler On The Roof 26 August**
- **My Fair Lady 21 October**
- **Riverboat Postman 23 November.**

Up to date information is provided in this Newsletter on page 9 including booking and payment requirements.

Boutique Bi-monthly Luncheons.

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

- **17 August 2026 at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel Sydney.**

Again, 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 at \$25.00 for 2026.

General Business.

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

Ken then invited new club member Greg Clarkson to come forward and draw the winners of the lucky door prizes.

Congratulations to the five winners.

Close of luncheon at 1.40PM.

Four photos taken at the luncheon can be found below and a full set (15) can be found on the website - <https://www.anzrocsw.net/past-events/2026-june-boutique-luncheon>.



JAN & PETER DOUGLASS BRIAN WHITE GREG CLARKSON



WILHELMINA SMITH ALEX & ANN MORGAN



PAMELA GRIFFITHS TED PETTIFORD VOILET PELOE



JOHN TURNBULL ANGELA VALLENDER WAL HARDY

BEREAVEMENTS

HONORARY MEMBER BARRY HUMPHREYS

We were very sadly informed that our Honorary member Barry Humphreys passed away on 25 May 26 aged 90 years.

Barry was a proud Scottie and had a long and distinguished career in ES&A and ANZ Group and was very well known and respected by officers who worked with him or knew him during his long career.

Barry was Manager at 304 Forest Road Hurstville branch and when Area Banking was setup, he then moved to other roles and then did consultant work for Esanda over the next few years.

Life member Ken Dighton said that Barry worked for him in Esanda completing Vehicle Inspections and was an experienced and respected team member.

Barry's wife Gai predeceased him in 2016.

The family have advised that a Private Family Funeral was held for Barry.

RIP Barry.



HONORARY MEMBER RON FREEMAN

We were very sadly informed by his son Warwick that his father and our Honorary member Ron Freeman passed away on 5 June 26 aged 90 years.

Ron was well known and respected by many ANZ retired officers who either worked with him or knew him during his long and distinguished banking career.

Warwick provided a brief resume of his father's ANZ Career and said that he was Manager at Jamberoo NSW (approx. 1974 to 1980), Albion Park (approx. 1980 to 1984) and Cootamundra (approx. 1984 to 1990).

Prior to Jamberoo he worked in many branches in Sydney including Eastwood, West Ryde, and Parramatta.

Warwick advised that the family will be having a small private family cremation.

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

RIP Ron.



HONORARY MEMBER JIM BICKERTON.

Graham Kenney and Bob Garret very sadly advised us that our Honorary member Jim Bickerton recently passed away aged 90 years.

Jim was a proud former ES&A Banker and a highly respected long time ANZROC Member who regularly attended our lunches when held at the CTA Sydney until health issues prevented his attendance.

Jim served in many roles during his long and distinguished career and in later years in the early 1990's was Relationship Manager at Burwood Business Centre and then at Hurstville Business Centre during Area Banking setup.

We have been advised that his Funeral was a Private Family Funeral.

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

Jim will be missed by many.

RIP Jim.



NEW MEMBERS

Robert Prater.

Robert resides in Wollongong and had 32 years' ANZ service from 1965 to 1997.

Ray Donnelly.

Ray resides in Dubbo and had 20 years' ANZ service.

Greg Clarkson.

Greg resides in Wollongong and had 45 years' ANZ service.

Melissa Khoury.

Melissa resides in Mosman and had 19 years' service from 2007 and has only just retired from ANZ.

A new Metro member at last.

Big welcome to ANZROC (NSW) to Melissa, Robert, Ray and Greg.



JULY 2026 BIRTHDAYS

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Angelo	BRIGANTI	7th
Steven	CROSS	15th
Paul	CROWE	17th
Brian	DAVIS	30th
Tim	DEEBLE	23rd
Ray	DONNELLY	23rd
Graham	EWING	19th
Elizabeth	GAUL	4th
Geoff	HAMILTON	5th
Barry	HARRIS	17th
Brian	MANUEL	16th

Blenda	MARALIT	9th
Shelby	MILLS	14th
Steve	MITCHELL	24th
Colleen	MORAN	8th
Graeme	RUDD	14th
John	RYAN	15th
Stuart	SHINER	27th
Carolyn	SKEEN	9th
Max	WATT	21st
Karen	WHITE	5th

THE HONS

Ian	AULD	26th
Allan	AYLWARD	29th
(Robert) Barry	BOOTH	28th
Colin	BREWER	3rd
Tony	CARTER	16th
Polly	CHING	6th
Barry	COGLE	4th
Steve	CUNNEEN	25th
Alan	EDMONDS	27th

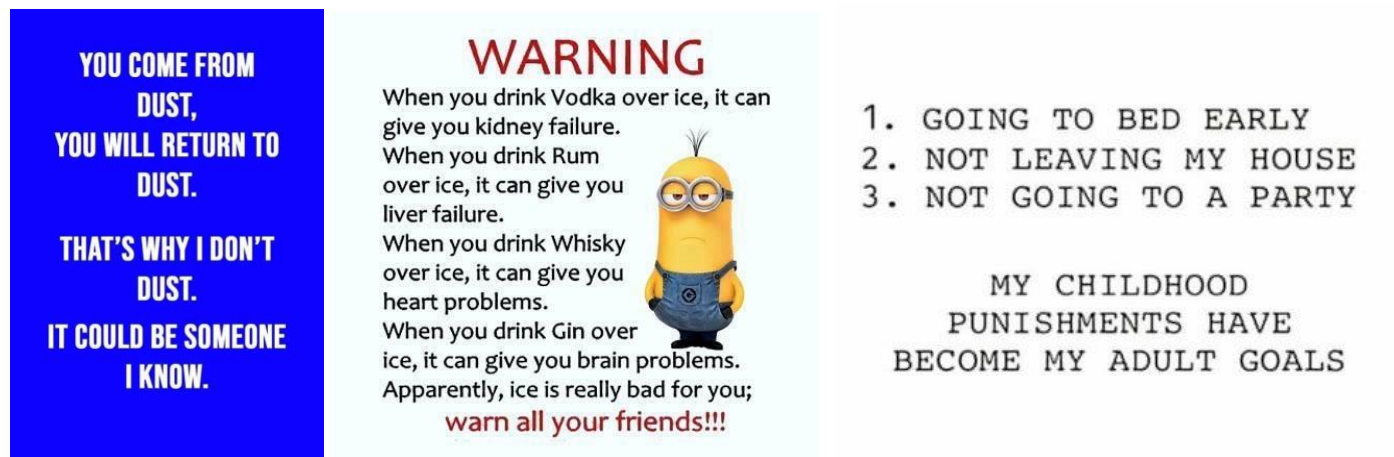
Paul	JACKA	7th
Roland	LUKE	30th
Lindsay	McFADYEN	10th
Dan	MORIARTY	10th
John	NALDER	9th
Terry	O'ROURKE	31st
Bob	PARSONS	8th
Colin	ROGERS	28th
Harold	TILLEY	14th

Wal (Walter)	HARDY	12th
Bill	HURWORTH	1st
Keith	LONG	19th

Pat	WALSH	12th
Neil	WESTACOTT	12th
Brian	WHITE	19th

Polly Ching, Wal Hardy, Bill Hurworth, Keith Long and John Nalder are the new Hons to start the 2026/27 financial year. Welcome to you all.

A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAKUP THE NEWS



WELFARE REPORTS

PHIL COHEN.

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

Barry Booth

Still not going too badly although having to slow down now. Still able to ride my E-Bike two or three times a week, when I can, so it helps keep some fitness levels although not as often. Also involved with Probus Club. Volunteers with local church and local tourist area helping tourists where necessary. Enjoys meeting up with friends. Will very soon need to go for his first driving test since getting his license. Enjoys meeting up with grandchildren regularly

Colin Brewer

Health not as good as twelve months ago when I spoke with Colin before his birthday. Spends time looking after their large block of land with the mowing and gardening. Enjoys meeting up with friends for a coffee or bite to eat. Still driving. Enjoys reading.

Polly Ching

Welcome to the HONS in July 2026.

Health good. Is a carer for husband Arthur who has a number of medical problems, so much of her time is taken up with driving him to medical appointments including three days a week for radiation treatment for cancer. Enjoys looking after grandchildren when necessary. Will get together for a family dinner to celebrate her birthday. Polly sends her regards to all Club Members who remember her from her work days in the bank.

Barry Cogle

Health has been good now and after recovering from a dose of RSV back in April/May. Still fills in the week walking, gardening and getting together with his family which keeps him busy with three children, eight grandchildren and six months ago his first great grandchild. Just returned from a cruise to Hobart and Melbourne back in May.

Steve Cuneen

Spoke with Steve in early June where he was recovering after having a right hip replacement operation in April which required a week's break from driving a motor vehicle, so he had his first drive a few days earlier. Was halfway through a six-week physio course as part of his rehabilitation twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday. Is heavily involved on the Board of the local Conservatorium of Music as it's Treasurer as well as the local Arts National which provides speakers from all over. Has a Degree in Early Colonial History and thus provides lectures on our history. All of this keeps him very busy.

Wal Hardy

Welcome to the HONS in July 2026.

Health could be better. Just had an x-ray on his hip and is waiting on the results. Involved with a Wine Appreciation Club which meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month to compare the difference between eight different wines at the former Bankstown Trotting Club. Unable to handle any gardening duties, just some house duties. Will celebrate birthday at a local Vietnamese Restaurant with Family and Friends.

Bill Hurworth

Welcome to the HONS in July 2026.

Health good. Plays golf one day a week now. Keeps busy looking after his garden and lawns as well as helps with the shopping. He and Greer take a break from cooking and enjoy eating out one day a week. Also meets up with friends periodically for a beer or coffee. Will celebrate birthday at a CBD restaurant with brother and siter in law and a couple of friends.

Paul Jacka

Health not too bad. Was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer eighteen months ago, but the treatment since has seen him in remission. Still spends much of his time involved with the local Probus Club where he is a Life Member along with the Rathmines Bowling Club where he has been on the Board for some thirteen years and is a Past President.

Keith Long

Health good except for a few minor and major problems in the past. Has been a JP for some 51 years. Also volunteers two days a week at the Windsor NSW Court House as a Court Chaplin for the past eight years. Has been learning the Harmonica for past seven years and meets with a group of 6-8 others every 2nd Monday with a Teacher, then the group enjoys a lunch after.

Roland Luke

Health not too bad. Just a few minor issues. Keeps very busy as a Life Member of both the Avalon Surf Lifesaving Club as well as the Avalon Soccer Club after some forty years' service with both and is still volunteering as well as being on the Executive Committee of both. Much of his time in winter is spent helping with soccer matches most nights and weekends, then in summer with the surf club. Meets in Avalon with friends for a coffee every morning at the same place. Any free time is used for shopping and housework.

John Nalder

Welcome to the HONS in July 2026.

"Health pretty good". Plays tennis between 3-5 days a week depending on where tournaments are being played in the area near his home. Enjoys, photography. For many years, travelled down into Victoria nine weeks each year prospecting for gold. John tells me it has been quite successful being enough to cover his expenses for the nine weeks and to update his gold detector as the technology improved. Does his shopping at South West Rocks NSW and meets up with friends at the same time for a coffee and a bite to eat. Has family not far away if help needed.

Terry O'Rourke

Terry tells me, health still good. However, his wife Lyn has Parkinsons which has been curtailing their activities a little although she is still able to drive locally. Still plays golf three days a week. Has his own electric cart stored on the golf course for easy access. Travel regularly to visit family in Sydney, Wagga Wagga and Canberra.

Meets up weekly with some thirteen golfing partners for coffee and they call themselves the "three putt consolation group" to discuss what went bad and what went well during the previous game of golf.

Bob Parsons

Health still all good and healthy. Unable to come over to Sydney in December to catch up at the end of year function. When I spoke to Bob, he was about to leave home for golf. Will, be off on his annual pilgrimage to Perisher skiing for three weeks.

Colin Rogers

Attempted to contact Colin by phone some three times but was unable to leave a message as it cancelled out each time without a dial tone. Also sent two emails without a response.

Pat Walsh

Pat indicates health OK although he is not able to help on the family's small cattle farm. Enjoys meeting up once a month with some of the retired ANZders in the Illawarra area.

Neil Westacott

Spoke to Carole Westacott, who confirms that Neil is still at home although his health is deteriorating. He gets much pleasure getting out of the house walking the dog.

Col Bartrim

Col advised that approximately two weeks ago he had a fall down a flight of stairs at his unit complex. He had just finished playing table tennis with a younger opponent, was feeling a bit exhausted and not concentrating. "Who said table tennis is not a dangerous sport".

He damaged some of the vertebrae in his neck and is now wearing a neck brace which he expects to be wearing for 6-12 weeks. The main inconvenience is that he must sleep in a lounge chair, although he sleeps well.

He had a quiet Birthday celebration with Family.

Col thanked us for his Birthday card and hopes he may be able to attend our August lunch.

Take care Col and choose an older table tennis opponent next time.

Peter Bradford

Peter turned 95 this Birthday.

I was aware that Peter now resided in the Dural House Aged Care Facility, so I contacted his wife, Pamela. Pam advised that since our last contact, Peter has lost all mobility, and his memory loss has substantially deteriorated. He is well looked after and is always keen to see her and family members when they visit but not sure if he remembers them and does not get upset when they leave.

Pam advised that she is keeping reasonably well although her own mobility is not great. She receives great support from her daughters, which enables her to continue living at home, which is close to Peter's facility.

I worked with one of their daughters, Sally, at 53 Walker Street, North Sydney. Pam was particularly happy that Sally's son and wife had a new baby girl on Peter's birthday, 10 June.

Congratulations to all.

Stay safe and keep well Pam.

John Cairns

John turned 90 this Birthday.

He recently had a fall and badly fractured his hip. He spent some time in Ryde Hospital.

While his general health is okay, the accident has impacted his mobility. He was living on his own as his wife, Jan, had been living in an Aged Care Facility for some time. Accordingly, when a vacancy came up in the same facility he decided to sell up and move in himself. A decision he is glad he made as he is well cared for, it removes any burden on his sons and he can see his wife on a regular basis.

He celebrated his 90th Birthday with close family at the Woolwich Pier Hotel. Jan could not join them, but they returned with a Birthday cake to share with her.

John said that life nowadays is all about memories, and we had a great chat about our banking days and fellow colleagues.

As always John, it was great to chat. Take care.

Bob Garrett

Bob turned 91 this Birthday.

He advised that his general health is okay and he still retains his driver's license which enables him to attend to shopping and medical issues however, he does restrict his driving nowadays.

His wife, Wendy, has some health issues and he is her full-time career. He admits it is getting more difficult with age, however, one of his three Daughters lives in Sydney and provides him with great support.

Bob said he had a very quiet Birthday.

We had a great chat and reminisced about some of our old ES&A colleagues.

As always Bob it was great to catch up.

Take care and keep well.

Ivan Debelak

Following a few missed calls, I was able to contact Ivan via email.

Ivan advised that "touch wood", 88 and no major ailments to report other than to admit that his golf has deteriorated to an unrecognizable level.

He enjoys reading the monthly newsletter other than to notice, with sadness, the departure from this earth of so many of his good old friends and colleagues.

Ivan sent his best wishes to all his fellow retired colleagues.

Keep well Ivan and keep swinging that golf club and enjoy it no matter where the ball lands.

UPCOMING FUNCTION DATES



SYDNEY

Our fourth 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 17th August 2026. Details and booking requirements are on pages 14&15 of this newsletter.

SOCIAL OUTINGS FOR OUR MEMBERS FOR 2026

SOCIAL NEWS

Hello to all Members

Firstly, thank you to all those of you who have booked outings. I am sure we will enjoy them all!

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR - MONDAY 20TH JULY AT 10.30 AM \$26.00

This outing is now fully booked, but I spoke with the organiser, and she told me that if we have any late requests, they can accept them, but only if they are notified two weeks in advance. So, if you would like to come, please let me know asap!!

SCG Tour Meeting Point is at Gate A, Driver Avenue Moore Park. Please be there at 10.15am at the latest!!

To get there use the light rail, Moore Park Stop, or Bus via Anzac Parade and Oxford Street
Vehicle access is via Driver Avenue from either Moore Park or Lang Road. Parking is available in the nearby Entertainment Quarter, and metered parking is available on Driver Avenue on non-event days. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen. Parts of the tour are outdoors, so please ensure weather appropriate clothes are worn, including rain attire in wet weather.

THEATRE PARTY FOR "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" - WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST AT 1PM. \$84.00

We have just had four cancellations for this great musical, so if you want to go, please let me know asap, as they will be very quickly snapped up!

THEATRE PARTY FOR "MY FAIR LADY"

There are now no more tickets left for this outing. If you want to put your name down for a cancellation let me know.

RIVERBOAT POSTMAN. - MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER. 10AM \$62.00

This is a great day out on the Hawkesbury River delivering mail, etc. Price includes morning tea and a tasty lunch. More information later.

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.

Hope to see you at one of our days out!!

Ann Morgan

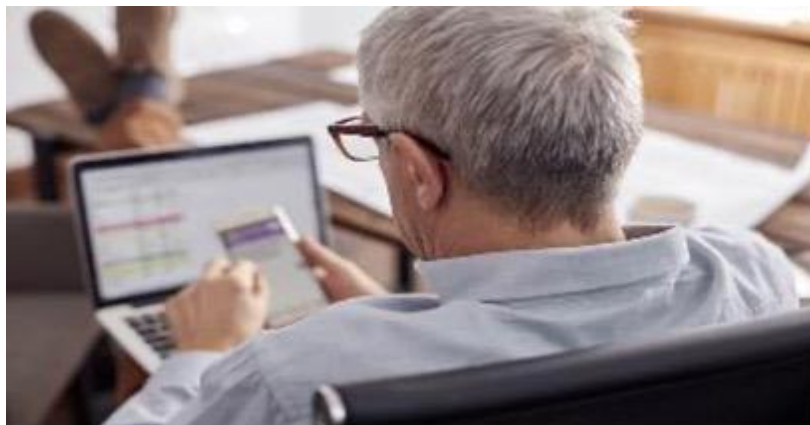
Phone 0407 265 108. Please text or leave a message with your name and number if unanswered.

Email annmorgan1161@gmail.com

COMPLETED FUNCTIONS

Details regarding the Castlereagh Boutique Luncheon held on 15 June 2026 can be found on pages 1-3.

Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



ON EARLE COCHRANE

Ken Dighton wrote: -

Thanks Graeme - I was saddened to learn of the passing of Earle Cochrane. When I was transferred to Wollongong in 1969, he was the branch accountant there, and I could not have asked for a better person to report to. He was an astute banker and also an absolutely genuine person. He had a great sense of humour too. We have kept in touch over the years, and I will miss that contact with one of nature's best. Vale Earle.

Ken Dighton.

Catherine (Kate) Pietracci wrote: -

Hi Graeme.

I heard the news about Earle on Friday night and have been so sad ever since.

Earle was my first manager at the ANZ and saw qualities in me that I didn't even know I had, from an early age. He gave me opportunities that weren't generally afforded to women in those days, which led directly to my being named the first female manager in the ANZ ACT/Illawarra area in 1989, only eight years after I started at the bank.

He was full of good advice, was a wonderful mentor and we became great friends. All through my very diverse career, and especially after leaving the bank, I would always think 'what would Earle do?' or even give him a ring if I was ever in doubt about a decision.

I will miss Earle the Pearl, 'old blue eyes' very much.

Regards

Catherine (Kate) Pietracci

Barry Booth wrote: -

Hi Graeme, sad news indeed. Also having worked with Earle I totally agree with Ken and Sebastian's comments, he was a thorough gentleman, and he also was a very cagey table tennis player. May he rest in peace.

Kind regards

Barry Booth.

Geoff Minett wrote: -

Hi Graeme.

Some history of Earle

Earl Cochrane was the son of Dal Cochrane who retired as the Manager of ANZ Kempsey NSW, who spent his retirement at Crescent Head, until his passing.

Earl and Betty also had a holiday unit at Crescent Head for many years, before retiring to Atchinson Street Wollongong.

Interestingly Betty was Bridesmaid to my brother Jim Minett and Bob Hughes at a double wedding of Shirley and Wilga Trees an old established family of the Macleay River at Euroka Kempsey, the first wedding at the new Methodist Church West Kempsey.

So, we go a long way back knowing Earle and Betty who have remained great friends since.

I worked with Earle when he was Accountant at Crown and Keira Street Wollongong and Ken Dighton was the Savings Bank officer and later Earle became Assistant Manager after Roger Hickman was promoted to a branch in Sydney and I was his Advance Officer and Ken became Securities Officer. Later I was Allan Runcimans (from NZ) Advance Officer.

After I went to Accountant Bega Earle was the Manager of the Steelworks branch in Port Kembla Wollongong.

Earle was a very good banker, astute, kindly personality and very attentive to his staff.

A great family man to his wife Betty and sons John and Phillip and daughter Susan.

Earle was a good sports person he played for the Emu's in cricket team as an all-rounder and often told the story of the day he played for selection at No 2 Sydney Cricket ground and Brian Booth (later played for Australia), hit Earle off his spin bowling for a couple of sixes.

Kind regards.

Geoff Minett.

Peter Devoy wrote: -

I worked with Earl when I was in Wollongong. He was a wonderful mentor and indeed a friend during my time there.

RIP Earl.

Peter.

Ian Urquhart wrote: -

One of the good ones

Ian.

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thank you for this information. Condolences to Earle's family, although unknown to me.

Kind regards.

Elaine Davis

ON BARRY HUMPHRIES.

Glenn Fitzpatrick wrote: -

Hello Graeme, sad to hear of Barry's passing, he was a great guy, very witty with a dry sense of humour, and a well-respected banker.

I took over from Barry at Forest Rd Hurstville, and he was extremely well liked and respected by his customers who were sad to see him go.

I would bump into "Bazza" from time to time at Sylvania and he was still quite sprightly and his cheery old self.

Cheers

Glenn

Ray Green wrote: -

More sad news.

Pam knew him well and said he was a very capable officer and highly respected.

KR.

Doug Moss wrote: -

Thanks, Graeme for the email on the passing of Barry. I first met Barry at Scott and Bolton Streets branch in Newcastle in 1961 when he was the Esanda Clerk, a senior member of staff, there. Mike Cunneen was also the General Clerk at the time. He always had a presence about him. Vale Barry.

Charles Ross wrote: -

Hello Graeme, I was also a late starter with ANZ and frequently met up with Barry as we circled around branches on relief staff.

My wife and I also conducted our joint account at Hurstville Branch for approximately 70 years.

Barry was a very experienced Esanda and because I spent 25 years in Esanda and some years as a Field Services Manager we had regular contact. He was a very effective operator and a very thorough financial Banker.

I am very sorry that because I retired in 1988 and Barry in 1990, we lost contact.

Regards,

Charles ROSS.

Peter and Jan Douglass wrote: -

Hi, very sorry to hear of the death of Barry,

A close friend over many years.

Regards

Peter and Jan

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thank you for this information.
My condolences to the family of Barry Humphries, unknown to myself.
Have a good day,
Kind regards
Elaine Davis

ON RON FREEMAN

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thank you for this sad news.
Condolences to his family,
Kind regards
Elaine Davis

Ken Abrahams wrote: -

Hi Graeme.
Remember Ron from his days at West Ryde branch.
He sold "hot dogs" outside SCG on football days to supplement his income for his ever-increasing family.
Ken.

Barry Booth wrote: -

Hi Graeme, sorry to hear about Ron's passing. While I never worked with Ron, but being a local of Jamberoo, I remember Ron being well respected by the local community. He was a driving force in the formation of the Jamberoo Golf Course, a very popular venue for many locals who regularly play there.
Kind regards,
Barry Booth.

Tony Knight wrote:

Ron was the accountant/teller at Blacktown branch – my first branch after finishing probation. Had requested a country branch and got it, as Blacktown was a country branch in 1960. Ron was only there for a short time as the branch was upgraded to a six hander and Alec Rennie came in as Accountant, under Gordon Bennett, Manager.
Vale Ron – condolences to family.

Regards,
Tony Knight

Bob Jones wrote: -

Hi Graeme,
I believe Ron was the Accountant to Manager Eric Harvey at the merged West Ryde Branch soon after 1970.
Ron was a no-frills guy who went about his work with gusto.
Another good one gone.
Regards
Bob Jones

ON JIM BICKERTON

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thank you for this information. Condolences to Jim's family whom I do not know.
Kind regards
Elaine Davis.

Colin Clarke wrote.

Hi Graeme, sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I worked with him at Burwood North Area in 1989/1991 when he was Area Lending Manager and I was the Senior Advance Officer (SAO). Jim had a very dry and witty sense of humour and was a realistic and sensible lender. We used to call him Jim Biscuit-Tin, which he didn't seem to mind. I enjoyed my time working with him,
Colin Clarke.

Ian Urquhart wrote: -

Another one of the good guys. Sorry to hear of his passing RIP.

John Tuck wrote: -

A well-liked banker. Always polite and calm. We never worked together, but he always remembered conversations I had had with him, even though I had forgotten.

RIP Jim.

Ray Brennan wrote: -

Very sad to hear this. Jim was a great guy. He and I had many battles playing pennant squash and many enjoyable days with ES&A Golf Club. Sadly missed.

Regards,

Ray Brennan

Mark Monaghan wrote: -

Thanks Graeme

Sad news, I recall Jim, didn't work directly with him but engaged with him.

Mark.

Julie Laycock wrote: -

How very sad, I worked with Jim when he was a teller at Crows Nest In the early 1960's.

He was a real gentleman with perfect manners.

All the good ones are leaving us.

RIP Jim.

Paul Jacka wrote: -

Thanks. I remember Jim from days passed.

Paul.

ON TERRY'S WELFARE REPORT ON KEN WHITE

Ken Abrahams wrote: -

Hi Graeme

REFER RECENT NEWSLETTER - WELFARE CALL - KEN WHITE

I knew Ken's late wife. Worked with Shirley Anderson at Martin Place in 1954.

We were part of a team working at a designated telling spot called No 2 teller.

This section handled processing of transfers to branches/other banks.

Tell Ken there are still some oldies around.

Ken



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

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

John Cairns wrote: -

Thank you, Club, for the wonderful Birthday card.

My health overall is pretty good in reaching the age of 90, although mobility is somewhat restricted, and I need help from a wheeled walker in getting around. Now living at a very good Gladesville Age Care home after an unexpected fall, which fractured my right hip. Wife Jan is at the same facility.

A dozen close family members joined me at an outside venue to celebrate my age milestone.

Have many fond memories of my 40 years of Bank experience, and the numerous close friends gained over that time.

Look forward each month in reading the Club's monthly newsletter and catching up on all the news.

John Cairns.

ON WIDOW JUNE COULTER

LM and Hon Ken Dighton advised: -

G'day Graeme - just by way of interest (at least much interest to me!) I thought I would let you know that I phoned June Coulter to wish her a very happy 100th birthday.

Back in the late 1960's I was stationed at Barellan branch and Kevin Coulter was ANZ Manager there. Kevin passed away in 2014. He and his wife June lived upstairs in the main street Bank premises and consequently I saw quite a bit of June who looked after the branch staff (two of us) very well. It was a nice family environment. Anyway, June will be 100 on Saturday 6 June 2026. We had a nice conversation, and she sounds as bright as a button. She said she reads the ANZROC Newsletters with interest but now recognises very few familiar names (when you reach 100 years you tend not to have many contemporaries, so it is quite understandable that familiar names are few and far between). Best wishes June for the 6th, and the year ahead. Ken Dighton.

Thank you, Ken, for contacting June on her 100th birthday on 6th June 2026 what a magnificent achievement.

Best wishes and congratulations to June from all Club members. to June.



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CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL



CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

THE CLUB'S 4th BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2026 WILL BE HELD AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY WITH DETAILS: -

DATE: MONDAY 17th AUGUST 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: -**

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GRAEME BOOL.

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IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED, PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.

CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 12 AUGUST 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.

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ACCOUNT NO

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IN EFT REMITTANCE PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME & MESSAGE AS LUNCHEON 17 AUGUST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR AUGUST BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON & SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 17th AUGUST 2026.

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



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

Enjoy the read.

Club Committee.