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Welcome to our July 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT JULY 2024 – PHILIP COHEN

Welcome to my July 2024 Presidents Report and Newsletter.

Welcome to the new financial year, which is now into its second month already!

An interesting month in August, with six of our members about to gain the status of HONS on their birthday, welcome all. That is the highest number in any month in the three years I have been involved as one of the Welfare Officers.

If you presently have a low interest-bearing account with ANZ, are you aware of a relatively new at call account that ANZ has with interest being paid monthly currently at 4.90%PA? It is the ANZ Plus Account. Very different as it is an App on your phone and separate from internet banking. It gives you a Transaction Account as well as a Savings Account - <https://www.anz.com.au/plus>

The new ANZROC(NSW) website is well advanced, with most of the content on our blog site transferred to the new web site thanks to the ANZ HQ team and our IT specialist on the Committee Craig Smith. As advised in the June NL, the ANZ HQ team has been working on updating the registration section contained on the website. There is still some tweaking to be finalized, but hopefully it will go live within the next couple of months.

The Club is looking to have Craig do a presentation at the August lunch, which will give members attending, an insight into the operation of the new website.

Finally, it is nice to see some sunny days during July, compared with the rain in Sydney during June.

Hope members are avoiding the latest out-break of covid and are keeping safe.

Regards

Philip

BEREAVEMENTS

Honorary Member Betty Gemmell

It is with great sadness that we have been informed that the Club's oldest member Betty Gemmell passed away on 30 June aged 107 years.

Betty was a Club legend and always read the monthly newsletters posted to her.

Very close friends and Club members Ann & Alex Morgan kept the Club informed of Betty's status all the time.

Notice as prepared by Betty's family.

ELIZABETH JOAN "BETTY" GEMMELL

11/5/1917 - 30/6/2024

Betty's family wish to advise that Betty passed away on Sunday 30th June 2024 aged 107 years.

Betty joined the Bank of Australasia in Deniliquin in August 1940. In 1945, she was transferred to Relieving Staff and relieved at various NSW and Victorian country branches, then to 394 Collins Street Melbourne. In 1951 she was sent back to Deniliquin for the Merger between the Bank of Australasia and the Union Bank. In 1954 she was transferred to Inspectors Office at 2 Martin Place Sydney and in 1955, to 377 George Street where she stayed until 1961. Betty was then transferred to the NSW Staff Club, from where she retired in 1977.

There will be a Graveside Burial Service for Betty at the Deniliquin Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday 10th July at 1pm, and there will be refreshments afterwards at The Coach House.

There will also be a Memorial Service at St Clements Anglican Church, also called Mosman Village Church, 144 Raglan Street, Mosman, on Friday 19th July at 2pm

Following the service you are invited to join the family at Mosman RSL, "The Mosman Club," 719 Military Road, Mosman for refreshments, and a chance to share fond memories of Betty.

Sincere condolences to all Betty's family at this sad time from all Club members.

RIP Betty.



MEMORIES OF BETTY CELEBRATING HER BIRTHDAY OVER THE YEARS



IAN AULD

BETTY GEMMELL

PAM AULD



BETTY



Independent until the last

OBITUARY

ELIZABETH JOAN GEMMELL

Born: May 11, 1917.

Died: June 30, 2024.

Betty Gemmell was always fiercely independent.

Born on her grandparents' property near Berrigan, in the Riverina, in 1917, she inherited a knack for numbers from her accountant father. When World War II broke out, she became one of Australia's first female bank tellers.

Like many young women at the time, Betty considered going into nursing, but the local bank manager in Deniliquin convinced her that the best way she could contribute to the war effort was by using her mathematics skills.

"They said to her, 'We need you. This would be your war effort because all the men have gone off for war,'" recalls Betty's niece, Vicki.

"Betty used to carry a pistol when transporting cash from the bank. There was one time in Deniliquin when the bank manager couldn't get in, so she had to sleep in the bank with a revolver under her pillow."

In her early 30s, Betty was transferred to Sydney with the ANZ Bank and moved to Mosman.

While she always referred to Deniliquin as "home," the lower north shore held a large piece of her heart.

Right up until her 107th year, Betty cherished her independence.



Betty Gemmell celebrated her 106th birthday with champagne and cake.

She lived on her own to the end, spending her days chatting on the phone, reading the daily news, and knitting.

Until last year, the super centenarian was crafting woollen bears for sick babies at Royal North Shore Hospital.

It was one way, she told me recently, to keep connected with the

local community.

Betty Gemmell's greatest gift in her final years was her razor-sharp mind. She could recall, in vivid detail, moments in time both historic and trivial.

She was handy too, replacing her own kitchen at the ripe old age of 96.

Betty maintained her drivers licence until her 98th birthday

(when she reluctantly handed it in) and was still enjoying a semi-regular glass of whisky at 105.

One of seven children, Betty Gemmell lived through two world wars, the Great Depression, a moon landing, and Covid. She saw 27 Australian Prime Ministers come and go, watched the assassination of JFK, and witnessed the arrival of life-changing domestic appliances like the dishwasher, washing machine and microwave. Ask her what she thought of computers and social media, and Betty was quick to opine.

"Computers were a great invention but they have become terrible things," she would say, "they've made people lazy and young people are too reliant on them."

In our conversations, Betty said the saddest part of getting old was not being able to manage her daily swim at Balmoral when the unwanted arrival of a walking frame proved too tricky to navigate on the sand.

She started each day with tea, a poached egg, and toast. "Eating small meals, not smoking, and keeping active is my secret," she would often say with a wink.

Last year, more than 100 Mosman Collective readers sent Betty a birthday card ahead of her big day, and the kindness of our residents is something she never forgot.

Betty will be laid to rest in her "home town" of Deniliquin on July 10, with a memorial service in Mosman at a later date.

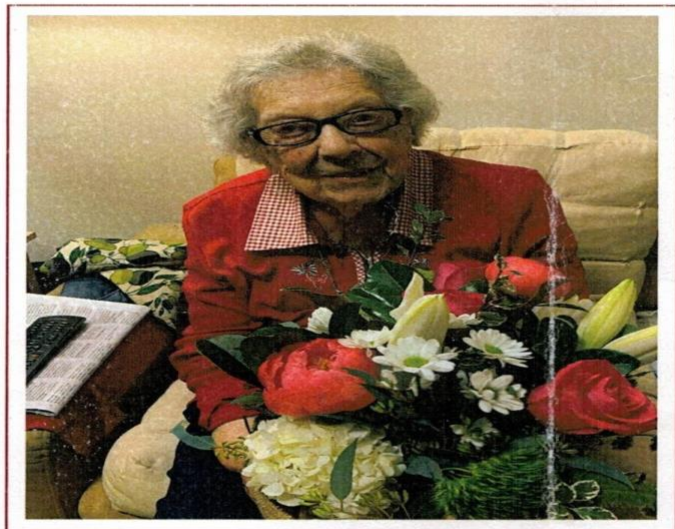
Rest in peace, dear Betty. What an incredible gift you were to our community. You will be greatly missed.

~ Anna Usher,
Mosman Collective

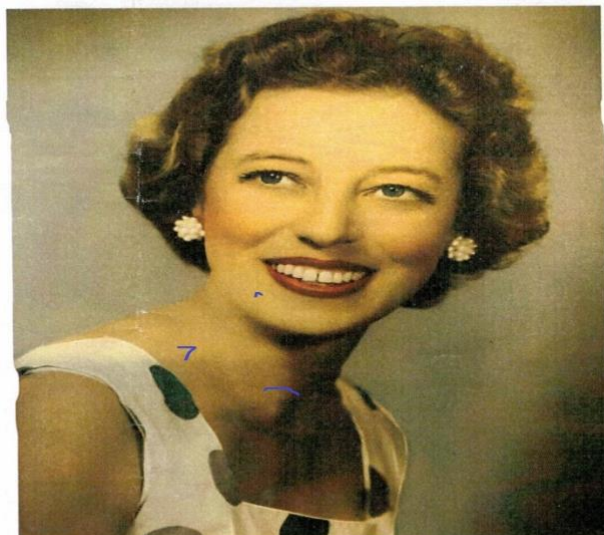
The following photos were from the Order of Service for Betty's funeral service held at Deniliquin Lawn Cemetery on 10th July 2024.

A Service to Celebrate the Life of
Elizabeth Joan Gemmell
'Betty'

11th May 1917 - 30th June 2024
Aged 107 years



Deniliquin Lawn Cemetery
Wednesday 10th July 2024 1:00pm
Reverend Tim Fogo



A YOUNG BETTY GEMMELL

Honorary Member John Burke.

We have been sadly informed by his partner Margaret Greaves that our Honorary member John Burke passed away on 25th June aged 86 years.

John would be well known to many members from his time in ANZ from the 1950's to the late 1970's, firstly in Sydney Metro where he joined at Chester Hill branch. He then had service during his career at 97 Castlereagh St Sydney, Dapto NSW and Kingston ACT branches.

John left the Bank in the late 70's to own and operate a Shell Service Station at Woden ACT.

John's health has not been good for many years, and he was on dialysis for the last few years.

John's funeral was held: -

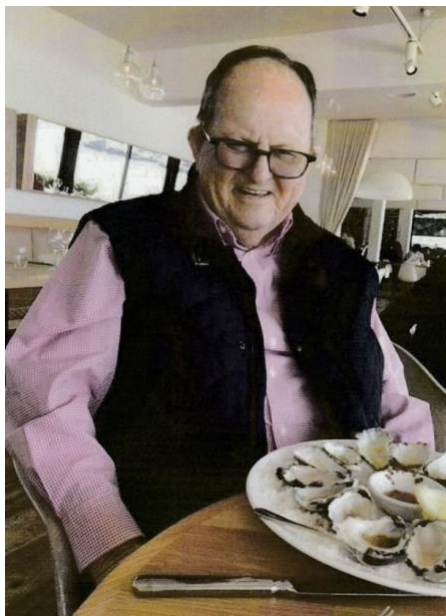
Friday 5th July at 2.15pm

**Macquarie Park Cemetery and
Crematorium**

**25, Plassey Road, Macquarie Park New
South Wales 2113**

at Macquarie Park Palm Chapel

Sincere condolences from all Club members to John's life partner Margaret and sons Peter and Stuart and grandchildren Chelsea, Rose and Jack and all his family at this sad time.



*Celebrating
the Life of*

JOHN KINGSLEY BURKE

25th July 1938 - 25th June 2024

Palm Chapel, Macquarie Park Crematorium
Friday 5th July 2024



RIP John.



This picture was forwarded by our Blog Master Peter Goerman and was taken at the Clubs Christmas Function in the old Martin Place & Pitt sts Building in December 2010.



Ken White, Doc Wilson, John Burke, Peter Goerman, Peter Bradford.

Honorary Member Geoff Cox.

The SMH recorded the death notice for our former Honorary member Geoff Cox aged 90 years.

Last December, at the request of his wife Nancy, we removed Geoff from our membership list as he had dementia and was unable to communicate with anyone. He was 90 the previous month. Geoff would have been well known from his long ANZ career by officers who worked with him or knew him during that time.

Geoff's funeral was held on 22 July and notice from SMH read.

**COX,
Geoffrey Edward
"Geoff"
90 Years of age**

Dearly loved husband of Nancy. Loved father and father-in-law to Sharyne and Malcolm, Diane and Robert (deceased), Susanne and Chris and Jenny and Ed.
Devoted grandfather to Andrew, Lauren, Jasmine, Mark, Scott, Michael, Matthew, Leearna, David, Sarah and Olivia. Also, devoted great-grandfather to 11 beautiful children.

Geoff loved our Lord Jesus Christ, and he is now in peace in Heaven.

After a private burial, friends and family were warmly invited to join us in celebration of Geoff's life at Narraweena Baptist Church, 37-39 Greenwood Avenue, Narraweena on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 11.30am.

Sincere condolences to his wife Nancy and all family members at this sad time.

RIP Geoff.



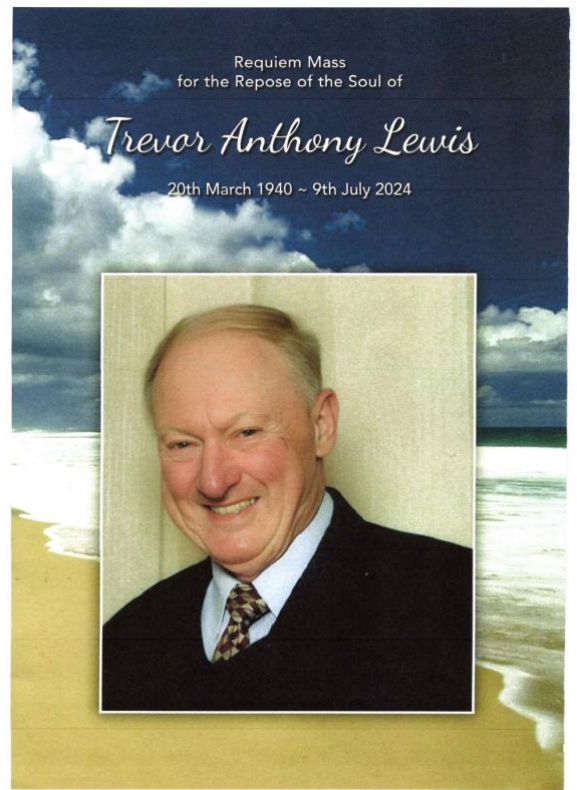
Trevor Lewis.

We were sadly informed that retired ANZ Officer Trevor Lewis had passed away on 9 July 2024 aged 84 years. Whilst Trevor was not a member of ANZROC(NSW), he was Newcastle born and moved to Melbourne early in his career and never came back to NSW.

He would be well remembered by a lot of Club members and specifically for his time in Canberra in the early 80's when he was seconded from HQ for a period in Canberra City Area branch.

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

RIP Trevor.



NEW MEMBERS

No new members in July 2024, please reach out to any of your old contacts who might like to join.

A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAKUP THE NEWS

Q. What is a flea's favourite way to travel?

A. Itch hiking.

Q. Which bird has the worst manners?

A. Mockingbirds.

Q. What do you get from a pampered cow?

A. Spoiled milk.

Q. I can't take my dog to the park because the ducks keep trying to bite him?

A. I guess that's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

Q. How many tickles does it take to get an octopus to laugh?

A. Ten tickles.

Q. Why aren't koalas actual bears?

A. They don't meet the koalafications.

Q. Why are fish so smart?

A. Because they live in schools!

Q. What do you call a bear with no ears?

A. A "B"!

Q. Why are teddy bears never hungry?

A. Because they're always stuffed.

Q. What language do pigs speak?

A. Pig Latin.

Q. What mouse walks on two feet?

A. Mickey Mouse.

Q. What duck walks on two feet?

A. All ducks.



AUGUST 2024 BIRTHDAYS

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST 2024.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Marilyne	ATTEWELL	2nd
John	COX	10th
Roy	CRAWFORD	16th
Cosmo (Cos)	DELFINO	10th
Ray	HAWKES	27th
David	JONES	5th
Sandra (Sandy)	McCALL	26th
Harry	McKERROW	15th
Tracy	MABER	1st
Val	MUDFORD	13th
Graham	PELLEY	31st

Geoff	POLLACK	31st
Jamie	ROBERTS	18th
Stephen	SARGENT	8th
Ron	SKEEN	5th
Frank	SLADE	22nd
John	SLOAN	11th
Robert (Bob)	SMART	30th
Bruce	STEVENS	27th
Phil	TIMMS	29th
Lily	TRAN	7th

THE HONS

Albert	BEN MAYOR	24th
Verlie	BEHLEVANS	1st
Allen	BURRIDGE	26th
Betty (Ednie)	BURWOOD	16th
Bill	CHAPMAN	10th
Keith	CRAWFORD	25th
Robyn	DAY	9th
Vic	EAST	17th
Roy	EASTON	12th
Richard	HEHER	28th

Keith	JOHNSON	16th
Grahame	LLOYD	13th
Gary	MASON	20th
Chris	MIRANA	8th
Kevin	NELSON	4th
Gary	O'MEARA	24th
Graham	POPE	24th
Wayne (Scooby)	SMITH	29th
Colin	STONER	27th
Keith	TUDOR	23rd

There was a big influx of "OBE"s (Hons) this month, namely Verlie Behlevanas, Keith Crawford, Robyn Day, Graham Lloyd, Graham Pope and "Scooby" Smith. Welcome to you all.

WELFARE REPORTS

PHIL COHEN.

Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays scheduled in August 2024.

Verlie Behlevanas

Welcome to the HONS in August 2024.

Health good. Enjoys crocheting garments. Attends local Probus. Looks after grandchildren when necessary. Will be celebrating birthday with family on a four-day cruise.

Albert BenMayor

I have known Albert for many years from the Bank as well as a friend. I am also aware that Albert's wife Sandra is now in a nursing home because of dementia. Speaking to him during mid-July for his annual birthday call, he advises that Sandra is doing well in the nursing home and he visits just about every day for a short visit. During the other time he goes to a bridge club twice a week and relaxes in front of the TV when able.

Betty Burwood

Betty tells me she is fortunate to have good health. Has been able to renew her driver's license. Unfortunately, she has had to give up her volunteering as the Treasurer of the local hospital after 16 years as they are looking to go digital for all systems. Well done Betty. You deserve a break after 16 years.

Keith Crawford

Welcome to the HONS in August.

Health good except for a previous heart problem but not serious. Enjoys veggie growing in his big back yard. Plays golf twice weekly. Involved with a Travel Group. Will be celebrating his birthday with his family and lots of grandchildren.

Robyn Day

Welcome to the HONS in August.

Robyn tells me health very good..."one of the lucky one". Walks every day. Involved with Probus Club and enjoys their excursions. Is the Treasurer of her local quilting Club. Being July school holidays when we spoke, Robyn and husband have been looking after their grandchildren on some days. Will celebrate birthday with a big lunch with family at a local Thai restaurant. Congratulations Robyn.

Grahame Lloyd

Welcome to the HONS in August.

Grahame must not have any health problems as he plays golf 3-4 days a week plus tennis. The rest of his free time is predominantly spent helping family, with two daughters and four grandchildren. After retiring from the Bank in 2001, Grahame was approached to set up a Human Resources Department at a number of local nursing homes, in and around Sydney along with related payroll service which kept him occupied for an additional 15 years. Family planning a celebration for his birthday.

Gary Mason

Health good from all that mowing of his 6.2 acres using two sit on mowers. Spends time at the local shopping Centre regularly for a coffee. Volunteers at the local Primary School helping the 2nd grade pupils with their spelling/reading. Also involved with the local Little Theatre.

Chris Mirana

Health not bad but mobility is a little restricted.

Kevin Nelson

Health good again after a heart operation and five weeks in hospital. Working up to a situation where he can return to playing golf. Using the quiet time doing estate planning for the future. In the next few weeks will undertake a driving test for the first time since gaining his original license. Will celebrate his birthday up the coast, for a few days break. Enjoys reading the Newsletter.

Graham Pope

Welcome to the HONS in August.

Graham commenced working for the ANZ at Murwillumbah NSW Branch. Healthwise all good. Plays bowls twice weekly. Has family nearby. Will be celebrating his birthday with sixteen of his family.

Wayne Smith

Welcome to the HONS in August.

Moved out of Sydney to Mollymook two and a half years ago and is enjoying life down there.

Health, good after retiring from the Bank some seventeen years ago, then undertook additional work after retiring from the Bank. Plays nine holes of golf locally three times a week. Enjoys reading and gardening. Will be celebrating his birthday with the family.

Keith Tudor

Health good along with wife Mercedes, who is also Ex ANZ. Enjoys fishing around his local area. Has properties in his local area, running horses and cattle and it takes up his time at least four days a week when necessary, on his sit on mower, to mow and maintain the grass and buildings.

TERRY AULD

Terry's July Welfare Report will be available in next Month's Newsletter, medical issues have delayed the report this Month.

UPCOMING FUNCTION DATES



SYDNEY

OUR FOURTH BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2024.

WILL BE AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY

169 CASTLEREAGH ST (AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER)

MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2024.

FULL DETAILS & BOOKING REQUIREMENTS ON LAST PAGE THIS NL.

Illawarra

Early notice from our Illawarra Co-Ordinator Life member Reg Smeaton to all the Illawarra members. Reg advised he has booked the Coniston Hotel outdoor section for Sunday 24/11/24 for our annual Christmas get together. It is always a great day and so good to catch up with the Illawarra folk and as was the case in previous years there are also several members who arrive from much further afield that have in most cases had an Illawarra work experience.

Could you please let me know if you are attending, so that I can firm up the numbers with the Hotel. Ideally a response as soon as you can or by not later than 30 August would be appreciated to my email address is preferable reg.kini@bigpond.com or the phone numbers below if emails are not accessible.

Reg's contact details are: -
Email reg.kini@bigpond.com
M: 0423 661 789
Ph: 02 4228 6951

Illawarra members please support Reg and book with him by 30 August if you are able to attend.

COMPLETED FUNCTIONS

Esanda 5th July 2024

An Esanda luncheon was held at the Orient Hotel in the Rocks on 5/7/24.

A great time was had by all, with many old stories exchanged about deals, clients and ex staff not seen in a long time. Apologies were received from Ken Dighton & Bert Wood.

If any other ex-Esanda staff are interested in attending the next luncheon in November, please call Bob Jones on 0401359606.

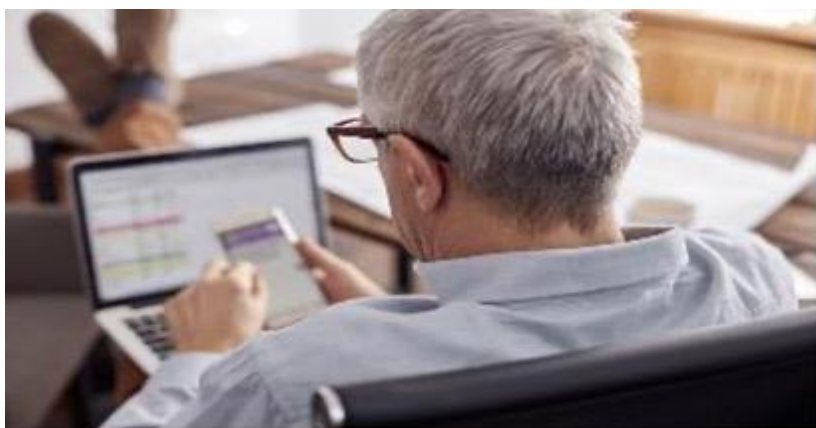
The photo below shows the large group of ex Esanda folk in attendance at the luncheon.

L to R

Tim Deeble
Harry Hammond
Clive Read
Bob Jones
Brian Manuel
Barry Harris
George Harlow
Clive Neutze
Laurie O'Brien
Doug Richardson
Alan Hyatt
Graham Kirchner
Steve Cross



Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



On John Burke

Bob Primmer wrote: -

Very sorry to read of Johns passing, he and I have recently caught up on the phone weekly and spoke of or time in Canberra. He was such an interesting chap to discuss old times and his many interests.

RIP john I will miss our calls.

Bob.

Beverly Thompson wrote: -

Please convey my sympathy to John Burke's family and friends. He was Barry's accountant at Kingston Branch and was a wonderful support to both Barry and our family during that time.

Kindest regards

Beverley Thompson.

Arthur Crittenden wrote: -

Sad news to receive of a good friend and banker.
I had many occasions with John over several years
He will be missed.
Sincere condolences to his family.
Regards to all too.
Arthur Crittenden

Peter Goerman wrote: -

Walk a mile in someone else's shoes, they say, but how can you even begin to do that when that someone spends three days a week hooked up to a dialysis machine? How can you even imagine what that feels like unless you've gone through the same agony?

When John Burke wanted to divert himself from his dialysis sessions which he had to undergo three times a week to stay alive, he found in me a willing listener when he phoned me several times, on some days as often as five times. But there were occasions when I was elsewhere on the property, and I would arrive back at the house totally out of breath, only to find John at the other end again, wisecracking or wanting to reminisce about our time together at the ANZ Bank almost sixty years ago. I knew it helped him break up the tedium of removing unwanted waste from his blood, but it got mine boiling at times which is why I asked him to limit his calls to perhaps just two a day. Unwisely, as it turned out, because he took it badly and I never heard from him again.

Until recently when I received an email from another retired ANZer advising me of his passing.

John Burke, as head-ledger keeper at the ANZ Bank in Canberra Civic, had been my immediate boss during my first two years as ledger keeper from 1965 to 1967 during which we were also "inmates" in the same boarding-house. He was again my boss as accountant of the Kingston branch where I worked as a teller for another nine months or so after I had come back from South Africa and before I went to New Guinea.

We met again after over forty years at the ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers' Club's Christmas lunch in 2010, followed by several meetings at my old watering hole, the Blues Point Hotel in McMahons Point, and the nearby Kirribilli Club, and continued to stay in touch by telephone until that fateful out-of-breath call after which I never heard from him again. How I now wished that I had held my breath instead of being out of it!

Rest in Peace, John! You have left your mark on my life, and there'll always be a place on the South Coast where you will be remembered!



On Betty Gemmell

Ian Urquhart wrote: -

Betty and Ann were an inspired combination, always boosting staff morale in stressful times, even Gary Glitter couldn't suppress them. Always appreciated, fondly remembered. Thanks Betty and Ann.

Irene Norris wrote: -

Morning Graham
Ben Fordham on radio station 2GB paid tribute to Betty at 8.55am this morning.
Wonderful to hear.
Kind regards
Irene Norris

Albert Orszaczky wrote: -

Hi Graeme.
Sad news indeed, but what a marvellous innings – a record unlikely to be matched. Betty was a wonderful lady that will be warmly remembered by all ANZROC members who had the pleasure of knowing her. Sending sincere condolences and fond wishes to her dear friends, Ann, and Alex Morgan.
Regards, Albert O.

Jasmine Antonious wrote: -

That is sad Graeme... I have a book she wrote! What a wonderful innings she had.
Hope you are really well and are keeping happy and healthy.
Warmest,
Jasmine

Amanda Clarke wrote: -

Hello Graeme.
Hope you are keeping well and surviving the winter chill.
I have just learned of the passing of Betty Gemmell hence my reaching out to extend my heartfelt condolences to the ANZROC NSW community. I had the esteem pleasure of meeting with Betty on many occasions in my association with ANZROC NSW over the past 19yrs. Such an amazing lady and an amazing diverse life she has had for her 107yrs. While her funeral will be held in her hometown of Deniliquin, I believe there is a memorial service on Friday, 19 July in Mosman, where she had called home for 40+ years, and Gerard Florian and myself will most certainly be in attendance to remember and farewell her.
I am going home tonight to shed a tear or two and toast Betty. I do look forward to catching up with some of you as we farewell the great lady on the 19 July.
All the best.
Amanda.

Honorary member Ian Auld was a personal friend and work colleague of Betty Gemmell.

Ian informed ANZ CEO Shayne Elliott of Betty's passing with the following email on 2nd July 2024.

Shayne,
It saddens me to advise ANZ's oldest retired officer passed away on Sunday at 2.30pm.
She was admitted to a Respite Care Hospital two weeks ago and has finally found peace for many issues that developed over the past weeks.
As her long-time friend, Betty would want me to thank you for your thoughts of her, that she treasured during her twilight years, knowing the boss of then organisation she always loved remembered her.
She is to be buried at a family plot in Deniliquin on 10th July, with a Memorial gathering in Sydney at a time and date to be advised.
Regards. Ian.

Rod Green wrote: -

Hey Graeme.
I read the recent newsletter and saw that Stuart Brooke gave me a shout out. Please pass on my best wishes to him. 🙏
I really enjoyed working with Stuart in North Sydney when he headed up the old NSW & ACT Zone Office. What a great leader he was! He did, however, fail to mention that I had the very important responsibility of keeping the bar fridge stocked at all times, especially for Friday arvo drinks that sometimes went into the evening! 🍹🍹
Regards
Rod

Geoff Minett wrote: -

Hi Graeme
I refer to an article and photos sent in by Elaine Davis Dau of Brian Grimison in the June issue of ROC. The photo she sent would have been the irrigation channel at Narrabri, and possibly would be the start of Auscott's, a large American Cotton company then since sold.
Elaine mentions a talk on ABC Country Hour radio recently- this was a tribute to Frank Hadley who passed away in May 2024. I listened to it.
Frank Hadley and Paul Karl came out from America in 1960s after they saw an ad in a magazine seek irrigators after the Keepit Dam was constructed on the Naomi River. As they say, it is now history, that the Cotton Industry was started at Wee Waa when they grew 90 acres of cotton. They sought a "cotton checker" and Bill Finlay came out from America advising on pests and chemicals, Bill died in 2012.

I was manager at Wee Waa 1985/88; Wee Waa was thriving with Naomi Co-op Head Office in the town and a Gin and four other Gins in the Naomi and one at Goondiwindi, John Howes was the CEO after he resigned as Manager ANZ Wee Waa.

Naomi Cotton H/O is now in Sydney shops closed, National Bank closed Royal Hotel closed and boarded up, Elder Stock and Station gone Real Estate Agency, cafes, and fruit and Veges all gone. It was disturbing to observe the closure of Wee Wee Branch and is now a cigarette shop no, not a tobacconist.

The photo opposite depicts the old ANZ.

My wife and I went back out west on a nostalgic trip in May 24, stopping at Tamworth, then Narrabri, Wee Waa on to Dubbo, Wellington, Muswellbrook all places we lived in. Wellington, Muswellbrook and Wee Waa branches all closed, logistics have certainly changed in 25 years.

At Dubbo Georgia, my wife and I attended her 60th Reunion when she graduated as a Nurse in Sydney, we celebrated our 60th Wedding in April 24 also.

Kind regards.

Geoff Minett.



Elaine Davis wrote following her article in June NL on the Cotton Industry.

Many thanks for sharing. A lovely Newsletter. I was wondering if the Colin Rogers mentioned is the same Colin Rogers I knew at Berry and Nowra E.S.& a/ANZ during the 1960's/70's?

Can you confirm.

My father, Late Bruce Grimison and myself were in the same branch at Berry and years later at Nowra where I was one of the first lady tellers and Esanda Officer for that Branch?

Thank you for adding the photos and memorabilia of the Cotton Industry...

A great read,

Warm wishes

Elaine Davis

ESA /ANZ



To all our Hon's who are celebrating a birthday in August 24.

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM HON MEMBERS GENERAL OR WHO HAD BIRTHDAYS IN JULY 2024 AND RECEIVED BIRTHDAY CARD WISHES FROM THE CLUB.

Geoff Taylor wrote: -

Good morning, Graeme, just a short note to thank you, Philip and the committee for your birthday card. I have now entered my 82nd year and am in good health although I am scheduled for a knee replacement in the next couple of Months.

Our house and garden keep myself and my wife busy/occupied most of the time and I have just renewed my driver's licence for a further 5 years, all things considered, life is pretty good.

Thank you once again for your birthday wishes,

Geoff

Highly respected Honorary member Ian Auld commented: -

Dear Graeme,

I appreciate the 92nd birthday card sent by the committee and look forward to the monthly news of the happenings by and to former work mates.

The sad part is by reaching this age, you outlive your former mates. My grandson said "grandfather, only the good die young, on that basis you have at least another ten years"- Cheeky bugger!!! However, being a friend of Betty Gemmell dating back to the early seventies when she was the Staff Club secretary and I was the Staff Club Committee President 1975 and staying in touch sharing birthday and Christmas cards and phone calls.

I was saddened by her passing at the age of 107 years. Betty was number one fan of ANZ CEO, Shayne Elliott, who stayed connected with Betty in recent years as the oldest retired officer of the bank.

As to me, full time carer of Pam with dementia (married 68 years), am still getting three feeds a day, and my own bed, plus the usual daily medical assistance of a good glass of red and a scotch. What more does one my age need? If anyone would like a yarn, I can be contacted on 88501202.

Regards to all- Cheers.

Ian Auld

Brian White wrote: -

Morning Graeme,

Trust that you are sparking on all four.

I got home last week after 37 nights in Wollongong Hospital following major surgery for a blockage of the small bowel. Recovering at home with community nurses visiting twice weekly.

Upon getting back was very pleased to see another years birthday card from Phil and the committee.

Please pass on my thanks.

It may not be up to scratch for the August luncheon but hope to catch up again later in the year.

Kindest regards

Brian

ANZ Retired Officers' Club (NSW)

ANZROC(NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.



CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL



CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

**THE CLUB'S 4th BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2024 WILL BE HELD AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY
WITH DETAILS: -**

DATE: MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2024
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.

AS WAS ADVISED AT AGM & ALSO IN FEBRUARY NL A CHARGE OF \$25PH WILL APPLY TOWARDS MEAL COST AT CLUB LUNCHEONS DUE TO THE INCREASED COST ADVISED BY THE VENUE. BEVERAGES 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 14 AUGUST 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 19 AUGUST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR AUGUST BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON & SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 19TH AUGUST 2024.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN JULY AND AUGUST 2024 YOUR MEAL COST WILL BE COVERED BY THE CLUB.

Members that is the Club July 2024 newsletter.

Enjoy the read.

Club Committee.