

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

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Welcome to our August 2026 Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANZROC(NSW) AUGUST 2026

Welcome all to the newsletter for August 2026.

It was good to see the good roll up at our fourth bi-monthly luncheon last Monday, the 17th, with 41 in attendance. Had there not been such a large number of apologies, the magical 50 might well have been reached. One still hopes.

With two thirds of the year nearly gone, one realises that Christmas will soon be upon us.

This was reinforced on me yesterday when I was in our local Westfield, where there was an ad for people wanting to join its team for Christmas. One needs to make plans no matter how many months there are to go. What are yours for the Festive Season?

Past President Philip has again given us details (as set out later) – thanks Philip - for those eligible to claim an energy rebate from the State Government. It will only take a few minutes, so take advantage of a benefit for seniors.

Thanks also to Ann, our Social Planner, for the outings she has arranged. I am sure those who attend will not be disappointed.

See you again at the October luncheon. Remember that it is the **second** Monday, (12 October), not the third, due to an earlier booking for the latter.

Regards,

Ken

BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON 17TH AUGUST 2026 THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY

President Ken welcomed a good attendance of 41 members and asked attendees to stand for the royal toast.

He then gave a special welcome to 1st time attendee and new member in 2026 Warren Robin and members not seen for a while: -

Bob Janson and Jamie Roberts.

APOLOGIES. (9) were received from: -

Col Bartrim, Alastair Turnbull, Craig Smith, Brian White, Doug Moss, John Tier, Noel Bottrell, Wal Hardy and special mention for a late apology from Hon Ron Welsh.

Ron lives at Rutherford, north of Newcastle and travelled down on the train until Gosford where there were major delays on Central Coast trains and eventually, he decided to return home. Upon reaching Newcastle on the return trip, he had to endure a very long all stations replacement bus trip home.

Ron whilst you did not get to the luncheon in Sydney, we admire your efforts to do so.

BEREAVEMENTS SINCE LAST LUNCHEON 15 JUNE 2026.

Sadly, the following Honorary members and widows have passed since our last luncheon on 15 June 26.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

- **BARRY HUMPHRIES**
- **JIM BICKERTON**
- **WENDY KEYS**
- **JOHN BECROFT**

WIDOWS.

- **JUNE COULTER (WIFE OF DECEASED ANZ OFFICER RON).**
- **ROBYN KITCHING. (WIFE OF HONORARY MEMBER STUART KITCHING).**
- **CHERELYN MASON. (WIFE OF MEMBER JEFF MASON).**

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THESE RETIRED ANZ OFFICERS/WIDOW AND WIFE'S WAS OBSERVED.

FORMALITIES FOLLOWING LUNCH.

BIRTHDAYS.

JULY-AUGUST BIRTHDAYS.

President Ken wished all members who celebrated a birthday in July and August 2026 a Big, Happy Birthday from all members.

There were six members at the luncheon who celebrated birthdays in July and August 2026.

JULY (5)

ANGELO BRIGANTI

BLEND A MARALIT

KAREN WHITE

HON'S

TONY CARTER

KEITH LONG

AUGUST (1)

JAMIE ROBERTS.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Treasurer Keith updated members present on Club financial position at date.

Club financial position remains sound, but outgoings over coming months for the October Castlereagh Boutique Hotel luncheon and country centres Christmas functions in November and early December, will result in the run-down of funds in the club's account.

FURTHER BUSINESS.

SOCIAL OFFICER ANN MORGAN.

Ann updated members present on functions arranged for 2026.

SCG Tour. 20 July.

An enjoyable time was had by those who attended on the day.

Fiddler On the Roof. Wednesday 26 August.

Now fully Booked.

MY FAIR LADY.

Due to 1 cancellation 1 ticket is now available. Please contact Ann Morgan if you wish to take this ticket.

RIVERBOAT POSTMAN MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 26 AT 10:00AM. Cost \$62.00

This is a great day out on the Hawkesbury River, delivering mail, packages, plus all sorts of interesting stuff! Price includes morning tea and a tasty lunch. The boat leaves from Brooklyn wharf at 10:00am.

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

Still a few tickets available for this one.

Contact Ann Morgan.

Ann Morgan Phone 0407 265 108. Please text or leave a message with your name and number if unanswered. Email annmorgan1161@gmail.com

CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEONS.

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

- 12 OCTOBER 2026 AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY.

(NOTE 2ND MONDAY AS HOTEL HAD A PRIOR BOOKING).

Great news that the club has arranged a guest speaker for this luncheon.

Full details will be in the September Newsletter.

ATTENDING MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN: -

- SEPTEMBER
- OCTOBER
- NOVEMBER
- DECEMBER.

Your meal cost will be covered by the club under our members subsidy policy.

We are looking for a good attendance from members for this final luncheon for 2026.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

President Ken then asked if any member present wished to raise an item. None raised.

Ken then invited new club member in 2026 Warren Bobin to come forward and draw the winners of the lucky door prizes.

Congratulations to the five winners.

Close of luncheon at 1.45pm.

A full set of photos was taken at the luncheon, and these are up on the website for viewing by members. -

<https://www.anzrocnsw.net/past-events/2026-august-boutique-luncheon>

Four are below.



ANGELO BRIGANTI

WARREN BOBIN



TONY & MAUREEN SCHEMBRI

TERRY AULD



CHARLES WHITE JAN & PETER DOUGLASS HARRY HAMMOND



TONY CARTER

ALISTAIR JOHNSTON BOB JANSON

SENIORS ENERGY REBATE 2026-2027

DO YOU HAVE A:

- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or
- Department of Veterans Affairs Card

How to apply for the Seniors Energy Rebate for 2026/2027 (from 10th August 2026) as follows: -

1. Open “**SERVICE NSW**” WEBSITE IN YOUR BROWSER at www.service.nsw.gov.au
2. “Open” Concessions, Rebates and Assist.
3. “Click” Energy and Utilities.
4. “Click” Energy Rebate.
5. “Click” Seniors Energy.
6. “Click” Apply online for Seniors Energy Rebate-retail.

You will need: -

- A. Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.
- B. A copy of your latest Electricity Bill dated after 1st July 2026, which will need to be uploaded into the online application.

Good luck with lodging your claim.
Philip Cohen

BEREAVEMENTS

HONORARY MEMBER JOHN BECROFT

We were very sadly informed by his wife Sukja-Lee that her husband and our Honorary member John Becroft passed away on 7 August 2026 aged 85.

John had a very long and distinguished career in ANZ and would very well known to many retired officers who either worked with him or knew him during his banking career.

On retirement John was a strong supporter and regular attendee at ANZROC (NSW) luncheons firstly at CTA Club MP and then in recent years at Boutique Hotel.
It was only in last few years due to his deteriorating health position he was unable to attend luncheons.

Family advised Funeral arrangements and Notice for John from SMH published on 15 August 2026.

BECROFT JOHN LEWIS

24.12.1941 - 07.08.2026

Loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend to many.

He will be forever in our hearts.

Family and friends were warmly invited to attend John's Funeral Service to held at Northbridge Uniting Church, Gunyah Street Northbridge.

Which was held on Friday 21st August 2026 at 10.30am.

Following The service a wake for John was held at Willoughby Hotel, 315 Penshurst St, North Willoughby.

Sincere condolences to John's wife Sukja-Lee and all his family at this very sad time.
RIP John.



ALVIN MAPLE

We were sadly advised that Retired Officer Alvin Maple passed away on 14 August 2026

Whilst Alvin was not a member of ANZROC(NSW) he would be well known and respected by many ANZ retired officers from his long banking career.

Funeral notice from SMH published on 19 August 2026

3.5.1942 - 13.8.2026

Loving husband to Jan (deceased), and father to Shawn, Kieran and Peter and grandfather of four.

A quiet contributor to his community for many years. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and tennis community.

A funeral service was held on Friday, 21 August 2026, 12.30pm, Camellia Chapel, Macquarie Park Crematorium, North Ryde.

Hamilton Funerals

9449 5544.

Sincere condolences to Alvin's family at this sad time.

RIP Alvin.



ROBYN ANNE KITCHING. WIFE OF HONORARY MEMBER STUART KITCHING.

We were very sadly informed that the wife our esteem Honorary member Stuart Kitching, Robyn Anne Kitching passed away on 28 July 2026 aged 84 years.

Robyn would be very well known to many retired officers and regularly attended many functions with Stuart during his long service in ANZ.

To Stuart and all Robyn's family our sincere condolences at this very sad time.

Funeral notices from SMH and family follow.

Robyn KITCHING Obituary

KITCHING, Robyn Anne 22.6.42 - 28.7.26

Passed away unexpectedly at Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Dearly loved wife of Stuart, treasured mother and mother-in-law to Belinda & Andrew, Louise & Tim, Fiona & James.

Wonderfully engaged and caring grandmother of Lachlan, Harry, Amelia, Ellery, Sophie, Jack, Oliver and Emily, and great-grandmother to Parker.

Lovingly remembered, always in our hearts.

Family and friends of Robyn are warmly invited to attend a Thanksgiving Service to be held at Macquarie Park Crematorium, Camellia Chapel, on Monday, 17 August 2026 at 10.30 am.

Published by The Sydney Morning Herald on Aug. 8, 2026.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Robyn Anne Kitching

Family and friends are warmly invited to a Service of
Thanksgiving to be held at

Macquarie Park Crematorium, Camellia Chapel

Monday, 17 August 2026

10.30 am



**WHITE LADY
FUNERALS**

Pennant Hills 02 9980 9935

RIP Robyn.



CHERELYN MASON WIFE OF MEMBER JEFF MASON

We were very sadly informed by club member Jeff Mason that his loved wife Cherelyn of 53 years passed away on 28th July 2026 from complications caused by Motor Neurone Disease.

Jeff said she will be greatly missed by myself and Children Brad & Linda Daughter in Law Skye and Grandchildren Isabella & Jack.

Family will be holding a Remembrance Ceremony in the near future.

Jeff said he was happy for the club to pass on the information to members either via email or the monthly newsletter as unfortunately he is not in contact with any of the people he worked with who would have known his wife so cannot advise them directly.

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

RIP Cherelyn.



NOSTALGIA

Hon Gary Mason sent in the following photo and added: -

Graeme,

This photo was sent to me by the widow of a deceased Victorian member.

She could not name anyone in the photo.

The leader looks like Lloyd Guthrie. I do not recognise anyone else.

Might be worth placing it in a forthcoming newsletter and seek names.

Cheers

Gary.

Yes, this one from courses at Flowerdale many moons ago.

Gary said no year was provided to him so makes it a bit more difficult.

The photo name was "ANZ GROUP FLOWERDALE 197" so maybe that provides a clue?

However, if any member recognises any individual or maybe was at subject course can you please let Secretary Graeme know so we can pass onto Gary.



NEW MEMBERS

BRUCE KELSO

Bruce resides in Goonellabah (Lismore NSW) and had eleven years ANZ service from 1969 to 1980.

Bruce big welcome to ANZROC (NSW)



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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Noel	ARMITAGE	21st
Pauline	BRYANT	17th
Paul	BURGE	22nd
Paul	CARROLL	1st
Wally	CHARUBIN	10th
Terry	FERGUSSON	21st
Rod	GREEN	10th
Gail	HAVASI	12th
Dorothy	JOHNSTON	16th
Allen	JOHNSTONE	4th
David	KNOBLE	12th
Maria	NICEVSKI	3rd

Laurie	O'BRIEN	14th
Annette	OSMOND	17th
Ted	PETTIFORD	12th
Catherine (Kate)	PIETRACCI	14th
Trevor	REES	11th
Craig	RICE	21st
Peter	ROBISON	9th
Peter	RUTLEDGE	25th
Mark	SIMPSON	4th
Glen	STORTENBEKER	3rd
Geoff	THOMAS	29th

THE HONS

Kevin	ALCHIN	7th
Garry	ATTEWELL	23rd
Eamon	BERNE	10th
David G	FLEMING	5th
Phil	GARDINER	10th
Graham	GILLARD	4th
Peter	GOERMAN	16th
Bob	HAENEY	29th
John	HICKEY	13th

Keith	JACOBS	19th
Karl	MIZENS	28th
Albert	ORSZACZKY	17th
Terry	PARKER	29th
Henry	PILARSKI	16th
Don	SHEATH	30th
Rupe (Rupert)	THOMAS	24th
Peter	WATSON	19th

There were no new Hons this month.

A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAKUP THE NEWS

A French cheese factory exploded. De Brie was everywhere.

What do you call a typo on a headstone? A Grave mistake.

I asked my nurse if I could do my own stitches. She said suture yourself.

When you think there is no hope left, remember the lobsters in the tank in the Titanic's restaurant.

I bought my Mum a fridge for Christmas. I can't wait until she opens it and see her face light up.

My doctor told me I'm going deaf. The news was hard for me to hear.

My wife was shocked when she found out I wasn't a good electrician.

PHIL COHEN.

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

Kevin Alchin

24 months ago, health wasn't so great, but in the last 12 months health has improved although he still has to live with Parkinson's, and foot problems have also improved. Has also been able to play bowls once a week. Is still heavily involved with the local Men's Shed where he helps make boxes filled with toys to be sent to disadvantaged children overseas. Last year they sent some 212,000 boxes of toys to third world countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Has not been able to use his caravan for some time but because of improved health will soon be leaving for a four-week trip to Adelaide and back with four other couples. Lives in a retirement village where he is able to attend activities and enjoys getting together on the last Friday of the month with other residents in the village to enjoy dinner together. Enjoy the road trip and keep safe Kevin.

Phil Gardiner

Health still good. Still active as a volunteer with The Emergency Marine Radio Service, with shifts three times per week and can be on call at any time of the day or night.

Also, still the Honorary Treasurer for the Endeavour Mental Health Recovery Club House where people can go to find support for mental illness.

Still involved with the Port Macquarie National Seniors Group with over 200 members in the area where they meet each month with a guest speaker and arrange social outings, however, still actively involved. Active member of the local Lions Club. Back in May completed a combined Bus trip through Canada and a Cruise to Alaska.

Graham Gillard

Health still good. Is the carer for wife Julie who suffers from Parkinson's.

Still active playing bowls once a week and in addition as the Treasurer, Vice President and Life Member of the local "Travelling Bowlers" Group which keeps him busy organizing bowls trips away. Still volunteers as auditor for up to seven local organizations in Wauchope area. Has family is nearby and they get together each Monday Night for a family dinner.

Peter Goerman

Health OK. Enjoys reading from his extensive library. Spends much of his time on his blog site keeping in touch with contacts he and Padma made when previously spending a lot of time overseas.

Bob Haeney

Health good, even with a Heart Pacemaker. Enjoys trips away with regular trips to Wollongong to visit daughter and family. Enjoys walking the many walking trails in the area where he and Anne (Ex ES&A/ANZ) live. Has many friends in the area, including retired ANZ Staff and they get together regularly over a meal and a drink.

Karl Mizens

Health still good. Still able to play golf twice weekly, when he can book, along with regular games of tennis, albeit a bit slower. Enjoys getting away for a couple of holidays during the year. Gets, together regularly with family at their holiday house on the central Coast.

Albert Orszaczky

Healthwise still good. Still swims twice weekly for exercise. Enjoys walking. Is still involved with the Australian Rugby Choir but gave up the Treasurers roll after some ten years. They get invited to sing at local ANZAC Ceremonies, Brumby's matches and other ceremonies. Will be singing at this year's Floriade Festival in the ACT. Looking to downsize into a local over 55's retirement village nearby having registered for a future vacancy.

Terry Parker

Spoke with wife Trish who advised that Terry has dementia but is still at home. She is Terry's full-time carer. Health is deteriorating. Had a Skin Cancer removed. A good next-door neighbour takes Terry for a walk each morning, giving Trish a break to go shopping and other activities.

Henry Pilarski

Had some health problems in the past, although all good but had to give up golf. Usually attends Ukulele meetings with his wife each week, although he does not play. Travels to Oberon on a regular basis to visit family and especially when the Ukulele Festival is on each year in Katoomba NSW. Much of his free time

is spent with his stamp collection and attending two stamp club meetings. Also enjoys walking, biking and gardening.

Peter Watson

Peter tells me he and Greta enjoy travelling in Australia but not as often now as in the past. Health reasonable. Involved with local Men's Shed but not so much now as he is slowing down.

Both of them enjoy meeting up with friends for special occasions.

TERRY AULD - WELFARE REPORT – AUGUST 2026

Bill Chapman

Bill turned 92 this Birthday and advised that his general health is okay. However, he has had a few falls over recent times and while no serious damage was done. He now uses both a walking stick and a walking frame to prevent further falls.

He no longer drives but his son calls in every day to make sure he and Mary are okay.

He had a quiet Birthday with Family.

Bill also advised that Mary is keeping well and he would be lost without her support.

Betty (Ednie) Burwood

Betty advised that she is keeping well and is still living in her own home in Berrigan.

Betty advised that she joined the ANZ Bank in Berrigan where she spent 8 years before requesting a transfer to Sydney where she spent 30 years prior to her retirement in 1995.

Following retirement she moved back to Berrigan.

Said she had a lovely Birthday celebration with her sister and niece, which included watching some junior AFL games.

We had a good chat about her career and some of the people she shared it with including Ian Tredinnick, Barry Gibson, Joan Storch, Irene Norris and Betty Brown.

As promised Betty, I will pass on your regards to Ian and Barry and find out whatever happened to Irene's collie dog Sally.

You take care.

Vic East

Vic celebrated his 89th Birthday on 17 August 2026.

I spoke with Vic's wife Lesley who advised that physically he is doing well but his memory has deteriorated significantly.

However, she advised that he is still his happy self for which she is very grateful.

He attends a dementia daycare program every Monday which he enjoys (Lesley calls it his Men's Shed), and he goes out with his supporter a couple of days a week for coffee.

Lesley advised that they will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary this month.

Congratulations!!

You are doing a wonderful job Lesley.

Take care.

Chris Mirana

When I called, I spoke with Chris's wife.

She advised that Chris was currently in the Northern Beaches Hospital.

He has had Parkinson's Disease for a few years, and he recently had a bad fall.

His wife is not sure how long he will be in hospital.

I requested that she passes on our best wishes.

Gary O'Meara

Gary turns 90 this Birthday and is celebrating this milestone event with a Family lunch.

His general health is okay, although he did have a fall approximately three months ago and broke his left arm. He has a mobility issue and following the fall he now uses a walking stick as a precaution.

He no longer drives but family assists as needed.

Gary also advised that, sadly, his wife Judy passed away in June 2026.

Take care Gary.

Richard Heher

Richard turns 90 this month.

I have tried several times to contact him and have left messages.

He was in good health the last time I spoke with him, and he may well be away. I will keep trying to make contact.

Colin Stoner

I have not been able to contact Colin who turned 89 this month.

However, he did send in an email which was included in our July 26 Newsletter advising he was doing his annual fundraising ride for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and he will be away in August and unable to be contacted.

He has been a regular participant in the annual fundraiser bike ride for the Royal Flying Doctor Service since 1999.

A great cause Colin and we hope you have a successful fundraising.

Kevin Nelson

When I contacted Kevin, he was waiting for an ambulance to transport him to the Royal North Shore Hospital.

He had a fall earlier and had badly torn and scraped his body. He advised that his balance and mobility was not good and as a result he had difficulty navigating his large home and had moved into a ground floor unit nearby.

However, apart from his mobility issues, he is keeping reasonably well and celebrated his Birthday with a Family lunch.

Take care Kevin.

Roy Easton

I have tried several times to contact Roy and left a message. I will continue trying to contact him.

UPCOMING FUNCTION DATES



SYDNEY

Our fifth 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 12th October 2026.

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

SOCIAL OUTINGS FOR OUR MEMBERS FOR 2026

SOCIAL NEWS

Our first outing for the year was to the **Sydney Cricket Ground**. We had an excellent guide in Ron Davies who led us on an interesting and thoroughly enjoyable private tour. This included the rebuilt MA Noble Stand which is now very modern. Next were the Ladies and Members Stands. These have now been combined as Members Stands. We also saw the members' Bar and Restaurant which is located between these two stands. It is a fabulous long old fashioned turned wood bar. Last but not least we visited the Home and Away teams dressing rooms. Altogether, a very interesting morning.

Our second outing was on 26th August to see "**Fiddler on the Roof**" which we will have enjoyed by the time this Newsletter comes out.

Later, on the 21st of October, we will be visiting the Opera House to see "**My Fair Lady**". We have one cancellation, so if you want this ticket, please contact me asap!

On Monday 23rd November, we have booked the "**Riverboat Postman**". This is a great day out on the Hawkesbury River delivering the post, parcels and in fact, anything and everything, to the residents of the waterfront homes on the Hawkesbury. They provide an interesting running commentary about the river and its people and surrounds. They have a licenced bar on board for those of you who like to partake in a tippie. Cost is \$62.00 which includes morning tea and a very tasty ploughman's lunch.

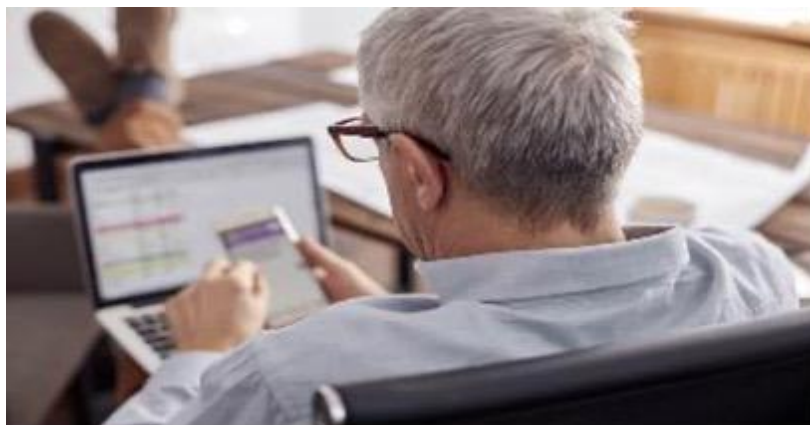


Payment is to be made to the ANZROC account including your name and the outing you wish to attend.
Account details are: BSB - 012 006
 Account No - 008906464
 Add you name and the outing you wish to book for.

Please contact me, Ann Morgan, to book tickets on 0407 265 108 (please leave a message if not answered) or email at me at annmorgan1161@gmail.com

COMPLETED FUNCTIONS

For information regarding the bi-monthly Castlereagh Boutique Hotel Luncheon held on 17 August 2026 see pages 1-3 of this Newsletter. Information and photos can also be found on our website - <https://www.anzrocnsw.net/past-events/2026-august-boutique-luncheon>



Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.

ON JOHN BECROFT

Allan McCormac wrote: -

Graeme,

Thank you for the note on the passing of John Becroft, my wife Rhonda also an ex-ANZ-Scottie has fond memories of John particularly in the years after he returned from his stint in London Office.

Our two families enjoyed some wonderful camping trips together.

John and I were occasionally on opposite side of a rugby field with him playing for Norths and me, the Rats, the sight of his size 14 feet and tree trunk legs running at you would have been frightening if he wasn't such a gentleman.

John was born in New Zealand as his father also an ANZ man stationed there at the time.

John took advantage of the Kiwi connection when he was playing Rugby for Esher in the UK as for some unknown reason the Kiwis were held in higher regard.

My heartfelt sympathy goes to John's family and to all those who enjoyed his friendship.

Vale' Beckie.

Allan McCormac

Karl Mizens wrote: -

Very sad news.

Worked with John in the Overseas Department at S(M&G) and took his position when was transferred to London.

He was a good boss.

A real gentleman and dedicated banker who experienced some difficult and sad times in his later years.

Despite being a large man always displayed a likeable gentle nature and temperament.

A very accomplished rugby union player, playing at a high level.

Sorry news.

Karl.

Tony Knight wrote: -

Graeme,
Vale John.

Many interactions with John during my career with ANZ – a thorough gentleman and a good banker.
He is sorely missed.

Regards,
Tony Knight

Ken Dighton wrote: -

Thanks Graeme. Another gentleman banker lost. He was a quiet achiever and good company.
Sadly, he hasn't enjoyed good health for a while now, and his involvement in ANZROC activities has been sorely missed in recent years. Condolences and best wishes to Sukja. RIP John.

Ken Dighton

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thank you, Graeme, for this sad message.

Condolences to his family

Kind regards

Elaine Davis.

Albert Orszaczky wrote: -

Hello Graeme

Sad news indeed. John was a Teller at Camperdown branch where I started my career in December 1961, with Kevin Coulter as Accountant and Jim Wheatley as the Manager. I recall that John's father, Claude Becroft was also a senior bank executive during that period.

John was also involved in the ANZ Rugby League team during the 1960s. He was a fine gentleman, and we had crossed paths over the years while I was still in Sydney. Another sad loss to our ranks.

Regards

Albert Orszaczky

Julie Laycock wrote: -

Another gentleman has left us.

Rip John

Paul Jacka wrote: -

RIP JohnB a good guy.

Ian Jarratt wrote: -

Hello Graeme,

Sorry to hear the news about John Beecroft, I worked with him at Martin Place. Good fellow and was an asset in representing the bank on the sporting field.

Ian Jarratt

ON ROBYN KITCHING

Tony Knight wrote: -

Graeme,

Please pass our sincere condolences to Stuart.

Vale Robyn.

Dorothy has a doctor appointment on Monday morning, so we are unable to attend the Thanksgiving Service.

Tony & Dorothy Knight.

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thankyou Graeme for this sad news today. My condolences to this family.

Kind regards

Elaine Davis

ON CHERELYN MASON

Elaine Davis wrote: -

Thankyou Graeme

Condolences to the family of Chereilyn.

Kind regards, Elaine Davis.



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

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

Ian Auld wrote: -

Dear Graeme,

I thank the committee for my 94th birthday card and thank Cousin Terry Auld for his comments in the July newsletter about the get together with former workmates and partners.

A former golf partner phoned from Queensland and when he stated "you are doing well for your age, and I said I do not know how I got here, he responded by saying I think I know, as they say only the good die young, and you still have at least another ten years"- a great friendship!!!

Cheers Ian.

Barry Booth wrote: -

Dear Graeme, thank you for your birthday wishes. Always appreciated. When you get to my age birthday greetings become fewer as many of your old friends have passed on. Both our sons were away on holidays on my birthday, so Sandra and I celebrated at a favourite restaurant in Wollongong overlooking Wollongong Harbour.

I passed my driving test a couple of weeks ago, that gives away my age. It is something to look forward to every two years from now on. I noted your address as Jamberoo Place; I grew up in Jamberoo just west of Kiama. Great place.

Anyhow, all is quite good with me, and I hope it stays that way for a while longer.

Kind regards,

Barry.

John Nalder wrote: -

Hello Graeme,

I appreciate the newsletters and thank the club for the birthday card.

Things going ok.

Regards,

John Nalder.

Widow Judith Plush.

A lovely handwritten letter was received by the club from widow Judith Plush wife of deceased Honorary member Noel Plush.

We have typed Judith's letter so it can be included in this NL.

Judith wrote: -

Dear Graeme.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the years of sending the ANZROC Newsletter every month.

So look forward to reading about past friends and staff of yesteryear, not so many left of our time in the bank but so look to news of everyone we knew.

As you know I am back in a retirement village in Arncliffe an old stomping ground. Lived here in a beautiful old house for 30 years.

Had some wonderful experiences in the bank when Noel was Premises Manager for NSW. Travelled to country towns, some of the most beautiful buildings, met many country managers and families.

When the bank store was at Mascot and under the guidance of Maureen Rogers and Jim Galyer and his band of carpenters, painters and tradesman, the Bank did all their own repairs etc.

One weekend the branch at Lakemba burnt down and by Monday morning a temporary bank was ready for business. Noel obtained an empty skip and Jim Galyer, and his merry men fitted out, Max Lane who was in charge of the sales had installed one in the new building.

Lots of other stories I could tell you, the staff were fantastic in the Premises Dept. We were all great friends, and XMAS was usually spent at our house.

I was sad to hear of Les Rennie's passing. Great bloke and he, and children were like family. We used to mind Simone their daughter to give them a break sometimes.

I remember the security Dept, headed by Ces Jardine a former well know police detective who helped solve the Thorn murder. Wonderful man.

Well, I wafted on, just wanted to thank you again.

My 90th birthday was on 18th January 26, if want to add it to your list.

Sorry for the writing, old age has crept up fast.

Yours sincerely

Judy Plush.

Judith thank you very much and some great memories for you from times past, and the club greatly appreciates you taking time to communicate with members.

ANZ Retired Officers' Club (NSW)

ANZROC(NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.



CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL



CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

**THE CLUB'S 5th BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2026 WILL HELD AT THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY
WITH DETAILS: -**

DATE: MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 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 7 OCTOBER 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 12 OCTOBER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR OCTOBER BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON & SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 12th OCTOBER 2026.

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



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

Enjoy the read.

Club Committee.