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Welcome to our October 2026 Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANZROC(NSW) OCTOBER 2026

Welcome all to the October 2026 newsletter.

It was great to see a good attendance of 48 at our last bi-monthly luncheon held on the 12th, with Adam Boyton as guest speaker. Adam, son of one of our Newcastle Chapter convenors Geoff Boyton, is Head of Australian Economics at ANZ and is based in Sydney. We also learned that he is a third generation ANZer, as his grandfather Charles had service of 40+ years at ANZ.

There have been many second generation employees over the years – child following parent – but has anyone worked with someone who was third generation? If you know of any instances, please drop a line to Secretary Graeme. It will be interesting to see how many there may have been.

I have an annoying habit of saying, when the 25th day of the month comes around, that it is only x months to Christmas. Well by the time you get this newsletter it will be less than two months till Santa comes.

How time does fly, and how do we of senior years manage to cope? In my case, just.

There will be another newsletter before the end of the year, so best of luck with your Festive Season preparations and keep well.

Regards,

Ken.

BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON 12TH OCTOBER 2026 THE CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL SYDNEY

President Ken Byatt welcomed a great attendance of 46 members, a carer and our Guest Speaker. He then asked attendees to stand for the royal toast and then gave special welcome to first time attendee new member: - Lina Aldover and Honorary member Rino Mariani who we have seen this year.

President Ken then welcomed our guest speaker **Adam Boyton**.

APOLOGIES. (12)

John Legras, Col Bartrim, Peter & Jan Douglass, Pamela Griffiths, Alastair Turnbull, Alan Single, Wal Hardy, Bill Patrick, Glenn Fitzpatrick, Peter Marotta and Helen Mazar.

BEREAVEMENTS SINCE LAST LUNCHEON 17 AUGUST 2026

Sadly, the following member and the wife of an honorary member have passed since our last luncheon on 17 August.

MEMBER.

- **MARK BURNS**
- **PAMELA AULD**

Wife of distinguished Honorary member Ian Auld for > 70 years.

One minute's silence was observed in memory of our ANZROC(NSW) member and the wife of our Honorary member.

FORMALITIES FOLLOWING LUNCH.

BIRTHDAYS.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER. BIRTHDAYS

To all members who are celebrating a birthday in: -

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

A big, happy birthday from all members.

President Ken welcomed the following attendees present at the luncheon, fifteen in total.

SEPTEMBER (1)

TED PETTIFORD

OCTOBER (5)

BORIS CEBOKLI

MARK COHEN

IVAN RADOVNIKOVIC

HON'S

PHIL COHEN

GWEN JARRATT

NOVEMBER (5)

ROBYN JURD

PAUL MAWRUK

VIOLET PELOE

HON'S

KEN DIGHTON

ALEX MORGAN

DECEMBER (4)

JENNI CEBOKLI

KEITH MORRIN

HON'S

KEN ABRAHAM

TONY SCHEMBRI

GUEST SPEAKER ADAM BOYTON.

President Ken then welcomed our guest speaker Adam Boyton and gave a resume of his current position with the ANZ Group as

ANZ Group Head of Australian Economics

He is based in the ANZ Tower Sydney.

Ken then invited Adam to come forward for his presentation to members.

Questions from members to Adam then followed.

At the conclusion, President Ken thanked Adam for taking the time to attend the luncheon and for speaking to members present.

Greatly appreciated by all.

FURTHER BUSINESS.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

President Ken then asked if any member present wished to raise an item.

Ken invited new club member Lina Aldover to come forward and draw the winners of the lucky door prizes.

Congratulations to the five winners.

Close of luncheon. 1.50pm.

BEREAVEMENTS

PAMELA AULD

We were very sadly informed that the wife of our distinguished Honorary member Ian Auld, Pamela Auld passed away on 25 September aged 92 years. Pamela and Ian were married for > 70 years and Ian said he had lost his lifetime soulmate & beautiful wife. A private family service was held for Pamela. Funeral notice from SMH.

Sincere condolences to Ian and family at this very sad time.

RIP Pamela.



**AULD,
Pamela Doris.
13.9.1934 - 25.9.2026
Passed away
peacefully at
Castle Hill.
Aged 92.**

Soulmate for over 70
years to Ian, her
devoted husband.
Loving mother of
Malcom, Robyn &
Graham.

Mother -in-law of
Sharon, Sue and Susan.
Proud grandmother of
Elisha, Aaron,
Maya, Hunter, Alison
and Brad.
Great grandmother of
Hugo, Charlie and
Harper.

Privately cremated.
Forever loved, dearly
missed and
never forgotten.

RAYMOND COMPTON

We were sadly informed that retired Officer Raymond passed away on 12 October 2026.

Whilst Ray was not a member of ANZROC(NSW) he was a proud Scottie and would be well known to many retired ANZ Officers from his long service in the bank.

Funeral notice from SMH.

Raymond COMPTON Obituary

COMPTON Raymond Joseph

12 October 2026

Late of Orange NSW

Peacefully passed away at Orange Health Service after a short illness.

Now reunited with his wife Paulette and son Paul.

Father of Mark, Father-in-Law to Elizabeth and Emma.

Grandfather to Michael, Daniel and Charli (Anna)

Great grandfather to Madeleine

And loved member of his wider family and friend network.

Our sincere thanks to Ray's long time GP Dr Phillip Ridge, the staff at Orange Grove Community Care and Orange Health Service for their compassionate, patient and skilled care.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Private cremation.

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

RIP Raymond.



NEW MEMBERS

LINA ALDOVER

Lina had eleven years ANZ service from 1989 to 2000.

Lina, a big welcome to ANZROC(NSW)



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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tim	BARKER	15th		Jim	McVEIGH	2nd
Danny	DE VERE	25th		Peter	MEERS	29th
Wayne	FLETCHER	19th		Kim	MURRAY	15th
Chantelle	FRANCISCO	21st		Mark	NIGHTINGALE	28th
Matt	HIRZEL	27th		Lindsay	NORTON	20th
Craig	HYDE	11th		Violet	PELOE	24th
Paul	JEPSON	10th		Sharyn	SERGEANT	3rd
David	JOHNSON	30th		Robert	STREMPEL	6th
Robyn	JURD	14th		Merc (Mercedes)	TUDOR	28th
Paul	MAWRUK	1st		Joe	VAN DAM	17th

THE HONS

Peter	BIRCH	9th		Bill (William)	HORTON	19th
Ron	BRACKEN	29th		Brian	LEIPER	4th
David	BURNESS	11th		Bernie	MICKLE	3rd
Shirley	CASBOULT	18th		Alex	MORGAN	6th
Geoff	COWAN	20th		Phil	MYERS	21st
Ken	DIGHTON	23rd		Noel	PRATT	17th
Eddie	FIDDOCK	8th		Brian	RAWLE	23rd
Bruce	FOSTER	21st		Noel	RYAN	22nd
Lloyd	GUTHREY	27th		Bob	WILLIAMS	21st
David	HARRIS	27th		Geoff	WRIGHT	20th
Jan	HAWKINS	25th		Robert	ZIEMS	14th

Welcome to David Harris and Brian Leiper as our newest Hons for this month.

A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAKUP THE NEWS

What do you call a lazy kangaroo? A pouch potato.
 What does a pig put on dry skin? Oinkment.
 What do you call a pony with a sore throat? A little horse.
 Why did the cow jump over the moon? The farmer had cold hands.
 A termite walks into a bar and says, "So, is the bar tender here?"
 How does an octopus go into battle? Well-armed.

PHILIP COHEN.

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

Peter Birch

Health still good except for a little knee problem that Peter has had for a while that restricts his walking too far. Although he does walk a little. Enjoys Kayaking regularly at Bobbin Head and Pittwater with friends. Enjoys his spare time reading and gardening. He is also a volunteer with local Dragon Boating Club.

David Burness

Health still good. Had a Heart Valve replacement a year ago, and when I spoke with David in Mid-October he was due to have his follow up check, but all seems to be good following that operation. Has a little hassle with a Rotator Cuff problem and the doctor suggested he not play golf now. Still works and day a week for an Accounting Firm. Also volunteers with his local church.

Shirley Casbault

Have been unsuccessful contacting Shirley, although left a message and sent her an email. Hope all is well with you Shirley. Happy Birthday.

Geoff Cowan

Health all good. Is still able to drive and walks. Likes looking after their compact garden and lawn in their Retirement Village. Enjoys watching sport on the TV, especially the cricket and football. Is presently the carer for wife Heather, who had a major fall and injury recently which will require a 3–6-month recovery period. All the best for a speedy recovery Heather. His family call in regularly when passing.

Ken Dighton

Health good. Much of his free time is taken up as Treasurer for the past seven years of the Lambton Bowling Club where he also plays bowls a couple of times a week. Was volunteering once a week at the Hunter Region Botanical Gardens at Heatherbrae NSW, but after ten years decided it was time to give it up. Ken also has another long-time passion as a member of the Sydney and Hunter Region Jaguar Drivers Club looking after his prize 30-year-old XKA Jaguar Sports Coupe.

Eddie Fiddock

Health, not bad, still not driving any more. However, still plays golf 2-3 days a week. Was working casually at Randwick Racecourse once a month, or when needed helping with the computer betting system, but found the travel from the Central Coast was taking up too much time, so has given it up. Instead, meets up with mates for a beer and a chat. Enjoys the local Club where he can follow the racing on the TVs.

David Harris

Welcome to the HONS in November.

Health not too bad, except for a breathing problem which necessitated needing to stop playing golf some twelve months ago. Has volunteered with the local Salvation Army for past thirty years and helps organize the local Red Shield Appeal. Catches up with mates for coffee regularly and enjoys driving around the area catching up with Ex-ANZ staff who he worked with.

Brian Leiper

Welcome to the HONS in November.

Health not too bad. Enjoys a round of golf twice a week. Is involved with the local Rotary. Is a Director of the Bunker Cartoon Gallery in Coffs Harbour NSW. Current exhibition includes vehicles and Cartoons. Goes Kayaking in the local river twice weekly where they hold races. Just returned from many a trip to Japan to see the GP Bike Races and to visit family who live in Japan.

Bernadette Mickle

Lives in Canada, so I send an email Birthday Greeting to Bernadette.

Alex Morgan

Had trouble contacting Alex.

However, following a couple of calls and leaving a message, received the following edited email:

"Having bad PC and phone day, so thought this may help. Fortunately, I am doing well physically, one small hernia issue stemming from the old Cancer ops. Keep busy with mowing a few lawns for some older lady neighbours, doing our yard, and groceries shopping. Still letting a few bowls go and losing some golf balls.

Also involved with the Permanent Residents Committee, as we endeavour to enhance our wonderful thinking man's Retirement Village. We are only 10-15 mins away from two Hospitals. Better still, 200 metres to the pool, beach and less to the shops and buses. Plenty of fishing, biking and swimming. And lots of tourists from all over to chat with, as one tries to stay mobile and alert at our tender age.

Cheers

Alex"

Noel Pratt

Health still good. Still playing golf twice weekly and working part time as a Finance Broker which he is planning to give up in the next six months.

Enjoys travelling in Australia with a trip to Tasmania in the next couple of weeks.

Recently returned from a road trip to northern NSW and a slow trip back.

Brian Rawle

Health, all good now since his golf buggy accident back in 2024, although he unlikely to be able to return to golf in the future. However, makes up for missing golf to play bowls four days a week. Is the carer for wife Mali who has serious health issues. However, has support also from the Retirement Village where they live.

Geoff Wright

Health good. As a retired Police Officer as well as the ANZ Bank still enjoys meeting up with 10-12 old mates from the Police Force each Thursday for a coffee and a chat over some past eleven years.

Was involved with the local Rugby League Club for many years and as President but has finally retired as President. Also involved for many years with the Merewether Historical Society.

Geoff's involvement with the local Rugby Leagues Clubs in the Newcastle area covers more than some 50 years. Well done Geoff.

Robert Ziems

Have been unsuccessful contacting Robert, although left a message and sent an email.

Hope all is well with you Robert. Happy Birthday.

WELFARE UPDATE

John Richardson

Was unsuccessful, contacting John in September for his October 2026 birthday.

However, John contacted me in early October to advise that he had been in Perth visiting family.

John tells me health is good.

Has been the organizer of events and functions for past eight years in his Retirement Village. Also involved with local Probus.

Will celebrate his birthday with some family who live in Sydney.

Wal Hardy

Wal had a back operation at the end of August but is progressing well.

He is back at the doctors on the 19th of October 2026 for a follow up.

Hopes to come to the October lunch but that will depend on the results of a cortisone injection for bursitis he is schedule to have in the 2nd week of October 2026.

Is also hoping to get back to bowls by Mid-October 2026.

Good to hear Wal and for a fast recovery.

TERRY AULD - WELFARE REPORT – OCTOBER 2026

Warwick Denton

Warwick turned 92 this Birthday and said Healthwise he is keeping fine.

He still plays golf two days a week with friends and still walks the course, although he did admit that his golfing days may be coming to an end.

He retains his driver's license which is very handy for getting around.

Warwick said he contributes his health and longevity to his "Lovely Wife Anne". (A wonderful accolade Warwick.)

He and Anne are enjoying life in Canberra, and he celebrated his Birthday at a lunch with Anne and their daughter.

Kevin Cameron

Kevin turned 91 this Birthday.

He recently had a fall while collecting the daily newspaper from his front lawn when he tripped and fell onto the driveway. He received bruising on his head, shoulder, hip and knee and had stitches to his eyebrow and cheek.

He was taken to Hospital by ambulance where he was treated and held for one day.

He is now recovering well.

He celebrated his Birthday over lunch with his daughters and friends.

He still holds his unrestricted driver's license.

Kevin advised that his wife, Janette, is not travelling well.

Stuart Kitching

I spoke with Stuart and his daughter, Fiona.

Stuart's lovely wife Robyn recently passed away suddenly.

They had been married for sixty years and, understandably, he is still going through a tough grieving process.

Stuart has three Daughters and is currently staying with Fiona as he struggles with his loss.

Stuart advised he is keeping as well as can be expected although his mind is all at sea.

Take care Stuart and embrace the comfort of your loving Family.

Ron Chillingworth

Ron turned 91 at this Birthday.

He advised that his general health is okay although he moves slower nowadays and still has some macular degeneration in his eyes.

He receives an injection every six weeks which keeps it under control.

He still retains his unrestricted driver's license which is handy to have but he does not drive far.

When I asked him how he spent his Birthday, he replied, "raking the leaves in his back garden".

After a good chuckle, he then clarified that his daughter was overseas and his son lives in Melbourne.

However, after leaf raking, he and his wife, Dianne, celebrated over dinner and a good Red wine.

Bob Grant

Bob advised that he recently spent a week in Newcastle Hunter Hospital suffering from Pneumonia.

However, he is back on his feet and is still doing all the community activities that he advised in his "Members Letter" last year.

He said his general health is okay although, as previously advised, he does have Type 2 Diabetes and an associated foot problem.

He celebrated his Birthday over a lovely Sunday lunch with his Family.

David Graetz

David advised that his general health is not great.

Over the past year he has had several skin cancers removed from his face, including under his eye and more recently from the top of his head. Mostly resulting from playing sport in his younger days and not taking sufficient prevention from the Sun.

Sadly, most of our age did the same thing.

David also advised that he will be having a Family celebration for his Birthday.

UPCOMING FUNCTION DATES



SYDNEY

Our first bi-monthly luncheon and AGM for 2027

will be held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel in Sydney,

169 Castlereagh St (around the corner from ANZ tower)

Monday 15th February 2027.

Details and booking requirements will be in the November 2026 newsletter.

NEWCASTLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 2026

Members, wives, partners, visitors, and former bank contacts are invited to attend the final Newcastle luncheon for 2026.

Details are:

Date: Thursday 19 November 2026.

Venue: Cardiff RSL Cnr Macquarie and Munibung Roads CARDIFF.

Time: 11.45am to 2.15pm.

Meal:

The meal will be from the Eastern Tiger Restaurant, which will be a buffet style Asian and Australian inspired dishes including carvery, pasta, salads, sides and deserts.

Cost:

Due to the generous financial support from ANZROC(NSW) each attendee will receive a free meal and a drink voucher.

RSVP:

By Sunday 15 November 2026 to Geoff Boyton,

Phone or Message 0414 709 760 or

email geoffboyton@outlook.com

As always, we look forward to welcoming visitors from Sydney, the Central Coast and further afield and we will meet the train that arrives at Cardiff station 11.35am for transport to the club.

Geoff Boyton On behalf of A*N*Z Retired Officers Newcastle/Hunter Valley Committee

WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Date: Saturday 28th November 2026

Time: 11.30am to 12.00 noon

Venue: Wagga Wagga RSL Club

Dobbs St

Wagga Wagga

RSVP: Saturday 21st November 2026

Bookings & details.

Keith Anderson

M 0428 632 601

E. ando21952@gmail.com

ILLAWARRA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON.

Event details -:

Sunday 29th November 2026 at 12.00pm.

Location: Wisemans Bowling Club, 1 Foley Street Gwynneville NSW 2500

Please note that if the car park is full, you may park across the road at the Beaton Park Leisure Centre. As in previous years, current ANZROC members will receive a subsidy of \$60.00 with residual cost for partner's attendees for meals and drinks to be paid by themselves. RSVPs are required by 31st October to either Annette or Helen and can be either emailed or sent via text (please see contact details below). Many thanks to those of you that have already responded, and we appreciate your promptness.

Annette Osmond: email annetteosmond17@gmail.com - MOB 0408 733 926

Helen Newsome: email mazarhelen221@gmail.com -MOB 0427 974 217

CANBERRA CHRISTMAS FUNCTION.

Details are as follows:

Date: Friday, 11 December 2026

Time: from 7.30 pm

Place: Bui's Restaurant
38 Giles Street
KINGSTON ACT

Cost: \$20 per person (plus own drinks)

Note: BYO alcohol drinks, with soft drinks/water available.

Bookings

Bob Dyer - phone: Mob. 0417 580 759, email: rdyer@bigpond.net.au

Albert Orszaczky - phone: Mob. 0414 616 230, email: orszo@bigpond.com

SOCIAL OUTINGS FOR OUR MEMBERS FOR 2026

SOCIAL OFFICER ANN'S REPORT.

Social officer Ann tabled a report regarding the remaining social function for 2026.

All of us who attended the Opera House last week enjoyed seeing "My Fair Lady". A great production.

Our last outing for the year is the popular Riverboat Postman on Monday 23rd November. This is a great day out, travelling up the Hawkesbury River, delivering mail and anything and everything to the riverside properties.

The cost is \$62.00, which includes morning tea and coffee and a tasty ploughman's lunch. There is also an interesting running commentary on the way.

We leave Brooklyn Wharf at 10:00am sharp (so don't be late!) and return around 1:00pm. Please let me know asap if you would like to join us on the day.

Ann Morgan 0407 265 108

or annmorgan1161@gmail.com

Please pay your \$62.00 into the ANZROC NSW A/c BSB 012006 A/c # 008906464



Correspondence/emails and letters received from members.

COMMENT RECEIVED FROM MEMBER LINDSAY NORTON.

I was pleased to read that two former colleagues are doing OK. Ron Izzard was the manager of ES&A Branch Securities when I started there as Search Clerk in 1968.

After Robyn and I returned from our honeymoon, Ron was instrumental in me gaining a knowledge and insight about securities and the importance of head office roles in banking in those days.

I lost touch with Ron and the other team members when I left the Bank in 1980s.

Gary McKay was Accounting Supervisor when I joined the merged Woodlark St Lismore branch from the Molesworth Street branch.

I recall that Gary drove the borrowed truck that we used to move our furniture into our first home in Lismore.

We stayed in touch until Robyn and I moved to Queensland in late 2000.

Kind Regards, Lindsay



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

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

JOHN RICHARDSON WROTE:-

Thank you Phil for your phone call for my welcome to the Hons. Sorry for not being around when you tried to contact me but we were over in Perth and surrounds visiting relatives for the month of September, my wife is a W.A. girl.

Hard to believe that I have reached 80, doesn't seem that long ago that I was still working in the bank, just goes to show how time flies.

It is nearly 30 years since I was retrenched from retail Martin Place in July 1997.

Although I have not attended an ROC luncheon for some time, I still keep in touch with some retired staff, Ian Tredinnick, Bob Janson, David Wright, Lorraine Sketch, Rosalie Derrick, Rino Mariani, David Brassington, and two of my previous clerks, Sri Sathiendra and Zenny Custodio.

I enjoy receiving the monthly newsletter as it gives me the opportunity to keep track of my fellow retirees.

Regards to all.

John Richardson.

KARL MIZENS WROTE:-

Thank you for the birthday card.

Also appreciate the phone call enquiring into the current activities for this maturing relic.

I am very fortunate to have company of a wonderful lady half the week before I return to my own man cave.

Health, pretty good, still put on my own socks.

Able to play golf(badly) twice weekly and very social tennis on Sundays.

Fortunate to have both my families within thirty minutes' drive.

Squeeze in several holidays per year although the longer overseas trips are losing appeal.

Given more than half my working life was spent in large city offices enabling me to establish many good friendships, many good social contacts still exist.

Finding company to enjoy the occasional drink has not been a problem.

Overall, good health and company has ensured ageing is manageable.

Cheers.

Karl.



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

Enjoy the read.

Club Committee.