

# ANZ Retired Officers - Queensland

Newsletter No. 417 - June 2011

## From the President

G'day everyone,

Since our last newsletter there has been only one formal club activity.

6th June was the northside lunch at Geebung/Zillmere Services Club. Those attending enjoyed the company, fare and chance to have a chat with past colleagues.

Our events calendar has been updated which sets out what is planned for members in Qld throughout the remainder of 2011. In the not too distant future, judging by the way 2011 seems to be rolling by at a rate of knots, we will be able to advise details and venues of the regionally based, Toowoomba, Townsville, Rockhampton and Far North Qld, Christmas luncheon.

Just repeating what I wrote in our last newsletter if you applied for any of the retired officer benefits our experiences have been that it can take some time, 4/6 weeks, in some cases, longer. So if there is no response in the short term don't despair. Please remember if there is a lengthy delay (after say 5/6 weeks) let our Secretary know. David will follow up on your behalf through our national RO contact in Melbourne in an endeavour to

ensure your application is being considered.

For those members with internet connections who might be interested in reading interstate or UK retired officer club's newsletters which are internet based, David has updated the list of web sites which display these newsletters. This service will continue in future newsletters.

Had a conversation with Jack Hinton recently re our annual Golf Day. Jack is prepared to coordinate, his health permitting. **He has booked Monday 21st November 2011 for the event. Please note the change of date.** It is also amended on our events calendar. We could have played golf on 14th November (the second Monday in November, our regular Golf Day date. However it clashes with a major North Brisbane veterans' event at Virginia, with the major downside being there were no facilities for our lunch or presentation. Regular Golf Day entrants will recognise the significance of this integral part of our annual golf day. Using bank terminology from our era, it's not negotiable, and we mean it. We will remind you in August regarding this event and call for formal

nominations in late September early October with a close date of about 21st October about a month prior to our event date.

Our other annual sporting event is a bowls day. Would the regular bowlers please give some thought as to how we might revitalise this event. Last year it just never happened. It's never been a huge event support-wise which is disappointing. With the number of active lawn bowlers in our membership, (the writer included, now that his hips and knees are too dodgy for golf) surely we can offer a suitable event. We set Friday 16th September as our target date for this event. Any comments/ideas please speak with me direct on 32636620 or [thedrews@dodo.com.au](mailto:thedrews@dodo.com.au)

Please pass on any items of interest to David Steele or Graham Robbins for future newsletters. The newsletter remains the main link of many of our members with each other.

Keep well and enjoy life,  
Until our next newsletter  
Graeme Drew.

## 2011 Club Calendar

### **Northside Get-together**

Geebung/Zillmere RSL  
7th November 2011. Noon start

### **Southside Get-together**

*East's Leagues Club*  
5th September 2011. Noon start

### **Gold Coast Luncheon Meeting**

Treetops Tavern, Burleigh Waters.  
19th September 2011  
Anyone wishing to attend please call Gordon Andrews - 5537 3546, or Glen Robertson - 5537 3230  
Co-coordinators ANZ ROC Gold Coast.

### **Sunshine Coast Luncheon Meeting**

Headlands Golf Club, Golf Links Drive, Buderim.  
30th June 2011  
and 25th August 2011  
and 27th October.  
**June meeting** - Intending participants should contact Pat no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> June on 5444 3818, or email, [wbonus@bigpond.com](mailto:wbonus@bigpond.com)

### **Christmas functions**

Dates and venues of all regional Christmas functions to be advised in future newsletters. The exception is the Gold Coast. Their Christmas function will be

their September meeting. The Brisbane Christmas function will be held at the: Irish Club on Tuesday 6th December. It will be a lunchtime function commencing at noon.

### **ANZ RO Club formal meeting**

The Club's Half Yearly meeting will be held at the Irish Club 1st August commencing at noon.

**Those attending this function RSVP to David Steele, on 3162 7336 or email [gependo@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gependo@optusnet.com.au) by 25<sup>th</sup> July at the latest.**

Rather than a sit down meal, we intend to have 'finger food' again - a selection of sandwiches, cheese's, hot dishes etc.

Member's cost to be the same as last year - \$5 a head.

### **Golf Day**

The Golf Day will be arranged for **21st November 2011**. **Note date change please.** Venue is Virginia Golf Club Further information will be advised in future editions.

### **Lawn Bowls Day**

The 16th September 2011 has been set as a tentative date for a Bowls Day while support for such an event is investigated. The outcome will be advised in future editions.

## Bereavements

**Joan Wegert**, wife of Reg Wegert.

**Keith Esdale.**

**Noel Gorman.**

A brief report of Noel's funeral appears on Page 4.

**Henry Roach**

Henry's funeral on 2/6 was a private family service.

**Glynn Stedman**

Allan Rivers advised that Glynn Stedman passed away on 10th April in Sydney. He was 82. Glynn, a Queenslander, worked in the ANZ GM Department in Melbourne in the 1950/60s. On his return to Brisbane he was appointed as Sales Manager Esanda in Queensland at the time of the ANZ /ES&A merger. A couple of years later he was transferred to a senior position in Esanda NSW. Some years after that he went back to the Bank and retired as Area Manger in the Western Sydney area based at Silverwater.

## News of Members

### Zita McAleese

Zita worked in Townsville for many years. Those of us who worked with her are well aware of how well known and respected she was by the Bank's customers and within the Townsville community. **Alan Thomson**, a nephew of Zita, has sent us some up to date information. He tells us that Zita now resides at the Loreto Nursing Home in Townsville and that she suffers severely with dementia amongst other illnesses

Zita's mailing address is:

**Loreto Home for the Aged  
PO Box 129,  
Townsville, QLD 4810.**

The Home is situated on Fulham Road, Pimlico, opposite the Townsville Mater Hospital and visitors are most welcome."

### Bob Morris...

Bob tells us that things have been a bit hectic health wise. He has had two cataract operations (March & April), and some complications with an adverse reaction to the anesthetic. In between he had to have some emergency medical tests. In all Bob reckons he has been spending far too much time in hospitals or doctors' surgeries over the past few months. His test results were clear and his other health issues are generally under control. He has not felt up to attending meetings and so enjoys getting the newsletters.

Bob says "My beard has finally been removed after about 32 years (Maree won't let me grow it back) so probably no one would recognise me anyway".

## Sunshine Coast Presidents Report to the Annual General Meeting of 28-April-2011

As this is the AGM I thought it would be in order for me to provide a short Presidents report on the year that was.

Over the past 12 months we have experienced modern day record increases in our bi-monthly social gatherings and in particular our 2010 Christmas lunch. This is heartening indeed and is an indication that SUNSHINE COAST members & guests have embraced the camaraderie and social enjoyment of these functions. Our Coastal retired officers, partners and the widows of officers have made 2010/11 the successful year it has been.

Geoff, Peter and I thank you greatly for your support in this regard for without that support and patronage our Club may not be as vibrant and dynamic as it is today. The continuing number of new faces we see from time to time joining in these social gatherings is pleasing, as is the visits from Qld Club President Graeme and others from throughout the State and in particular those from all parts of Qld who join us for our Christmas lunch. THANK YOU.

To those local retired officers & partners who have, over the past 12 months, indicated an intention to attend at some stage, I say don't delay any longer. Come and experience the enjoyment of retired workmates and friends at one of the best lunch venues on the Coast.

I myself have enjoyed the past 12 months as President and again thank you for all the support and encouragement you have provided me during the year. So much so and as there are no other nominations I will remain as President for the next 12 months.

I would also like to thank **Peter Mackay** in his role as Sec/Treas and make recognition of his work in this regard over the past 12 months. He maintains up-to-date records so much so that after leaving our luncheons at about 2-15pm I have an email of our bankings and financial position by about 4-30pm. Peter also conducts our negotiations and documentation with our Melbourne Admin people on Club funding etc.

To our V/P **Geoff Osborne** I acknowledge that, whilst I have not had to call on Geoff to stand in for me very much in the past 12 months I am comfortable in knowing that he is there to provide support and he maintains an active interest in all our dealings. Maybe he could achieve greater recognition at some stage in the future.

Both Peter & Geoff will stay on in their current positions for 2011/2012.

To my wife Wendy I owe a debt of gratitude for her role as my P/A and computer operator for without her I could not have been able to operate as President. She also contributes greatly to our monthly and Christmas lunch functions. Thankfully she has also agreed to stay on during 2011/2012.

Thanking you all once again & regards,

Pat Bonus.

## Noel Gorman's funeral

Noel was afforded a dignified and fitting tribute which was well attended by family, friends, sporting club officials and other general interest clubs members.

Noel was heavily involved in cricket. He was a life member of Wynnum Manly Cricket clubs (president for many years) and a life member of the Qld Cricketers Club where he served a term as president. He was also involved in fishing, football and shooting clubs,

A number of RO club members attended the service.

## Your contributions wanted

We are always interested in your anecdotes and recollections from the time you spent in the Bank and what you are doing in retirement. Members frequently express their interest and pleasure in reading those accounts, so please contribute.

Literary masterpieces are not required.

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Use the above web site to look at others... just press the 'control' key on your keyboard, then left click on the mouse to open.. click on AHQ circulators to look at other states newsletters

## Algy Crees remembered

**School Teacher Farewelled**  
Miss Meg Pryor, who has been on the teaching staff of the Baralaba State School for the past six years, was farewelled on August 4 by the children and staff of the school.

Master Neville Pryor played during supper. Mr. Algy Crees, amused the gathering with his humorous recitations. Towards the end of the evening, Mr. Crees spoke on behalf of all Miss Pryor's friends, wishing her every happiness in her new life, and presented her with a Conway Stewart pen and pencil set. Miss Pryor

*This clipping, which came from the Rockhampton Bulletin of 21 August 1950, cites his skills at recitation and to his involvement in the Baralaba community.*

Algy Crees was widely and fondly known in Queensland both within the Bank and in the communities he worked in. He was especially well known and respected in the Baralaba where he was heavily involved in community affairs.

**FINAL SESSION.**  
**TOWNSVILLE EISTEDDFOD.**  
TOWNSVILLE, April 19.  
The Townsville Eisteddfod was concluded after midnight on Monday. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. Results:—  
PIANO DUET.—Misses Margaret Gard and Margaret Plain (Townsville), 82 points (tie).  
SINGING AT SIGHT.—W. S. Jones (Townsville), 80.  
CHAMPION SOLO, male.—E. J. Martin (Cairns), 88.  
MALE CHORUS, 40 voices.—Charter Towers Competitive Choir, 86.  
SOLO, female.—Bessie Dougall (Townsville), 179.  
RECITATION, open.—Algie Crees (Ayr), 81.  
The chief chorus, the principal choral event of the Eisteddfod, went to the Charter Towers competitive choir, with 179 points, Townsville being second with 178, and Cairns securing third position with 176.

*Algy's prowess in recitation was demonstrated many years earlier as this clipping from the Courier Mail of 20 April 1927 attests.*



## Port Moresby Story from Ken Rossiter

I knew Eric from Wharf Street where we were in the Correspondence Department and Ian Entwistle (a cousin of Lou) worked at Adelaide Street, where I was a teller at the time of this trip.

It was extremely hot and humid and food expensive. Meat and milk were imported frozen and cost three to four times the prices paid in Brisbane. Notwithstanding this, the staff living at the quarters seemed quite happy with their lot.

Due to the sticky conditions they showered and changed clothes five times a day, which included the shower they had when they went home for lunch.

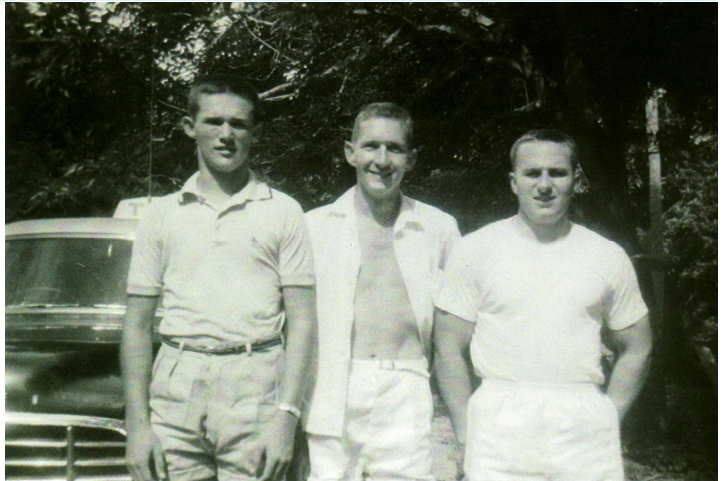
Native boys did their cooking, cleaning and laundry. When Spratty spilled his fountain pen ink on his shorts, the laundry boy scrubbed until there was no ink stain. The bad news however, was that there was a hole in its place.

On Monday morning many of the locals would draw out their entire savings in coins (not notes) and sit on the Bank's verandah, count it to make sure their money was intact, then promptly rebank it.

I was told that if I drove into a pedestrian wandering willy nilly across the road, I should not to stop to assist. If I did, *"You'd run the risk of being hacked to pieces by irate bystanders"*, many of whom would be related to the injured party.

The bar at the Port Moresby Hotel was caged in from ceiling to counter by mild steel mesh, (normally used for reinforcing concrete) with a small opening to pay for and receive your drink; evidence of some wild brawls there.

The RSL Club was even more secure – a blank wall with a small door and shelf to obtain a beer from. The only thing visible of the barman was a pair of hands. On Saturday night beer was the drink of choice and there was a long queue to the hole in the wall. As soon as you obtained a glass of the amber fluid (a pint) you went straight back to the end of the queue.

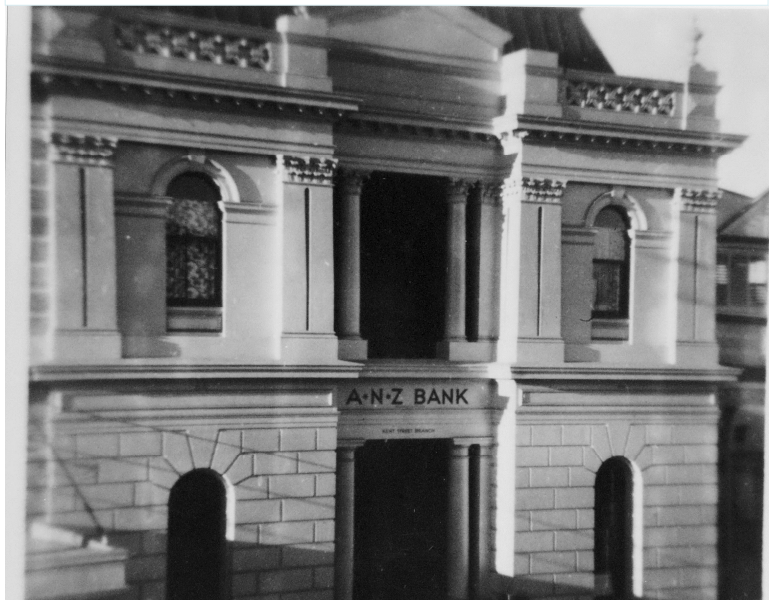


*This photo was taken many years ago during a weekend spent in Port Moresby when a ship in which I was doing Reservist Training, tied up alongside. From L-R Rob Reading, Eric Spratt and Lou Entwistle.*

## Mystery Branch

We expect the branch in this picture will be difficult to identify. There will be very few of our members who ever worked there, although it was a Queensland Branch. If you did, or know something of the branch or anyone who did work there, please tell us.

Responses to this one will not only be welcome, but very much appreciated.



## Membership Subscriptions.

We currently have 33 members who have yet to pay their 2011 subs.

For members with outstanding subs who have a recorded email address, a reminder was sent to your last recorded email address. Some emails have bounced back and we will seek the assistance of other members in locating these members' current email contacts.

Those members, whose subs are recorded as outstanding for 2011 and are not on our email contact lists, will receive a short note attached to the front of this newsletter. It would be appreciated if any outstanding subs can be finalised by 30th June -which is the due date set in our constitution for payment of a current year's subs.

## New Members.

We are pleased to welcome three new members to the Club

Athalie Jeffreys

Pamela Pendle and

Peta Soutar,

All three are from Townsville

## Anagrams

Here are some very clever anagrams.

PRESBYTERIAN:

When you rearrange the letters:

**BEST IN PRAYER**

ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the letters:

**MOON STARER**

DESPERATION:

When you rearrange the letters:

**A ROPE ENDS IT**

THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters:

**THEY SEE**

## Membership Subscription/Renewal

**ANZ Retired Officers' Club (Qld.) Membership Subscription for Year 2011**

Annual subscription for 2011 is \$5.00

**NAME**.....

**Mail Address** .....

.....

**New Email Address (if applicable)**.....

**Please send your cheque payable to- - ANZ ROC (Qld.)**

To --- **Allan Wiles.  
43 Woodlands Drive,  
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### Newsletter Contributions

Send to Secretary/Treasurer or Vice  
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## June Birthdays

01/06 Wilson, Chris

02/06 Bray, Bill \*

Rooney, Mark

03/06 Barnes, Rob

04/06 Gilvarry, Noel

05/06 Clair, Neil

06/06 Robbins, Wayne

Swan, Graham

07/06 Cardiff, Nev

08/06 Darby, Jim

09/06 James, Sel

11/06 Clark, Bob

Quinlan, Laurie

White, Peter

12/06 Blyth, John

Connel, Robin

Doblo, Russell

13/06 Soutar, Peta

15/06 Kitson, Ken

Strong, Jack

18/06 Sorensen, Tony

19/06 Dickens, Greg

20/06 Dowse, Noel

Elliott, Kevin

22/06 Craig, Brian

Flood, Vernon

Kersnovske, Graham

Webster, Martin

23/06 Mullane, Ted

Jeffreys, Athalie

24/06 Fisher, Joe \*

King, Alan

25/06 Robinson, Peter

Worthington, Alan \*

26/06 Hooke, Greg

28/06 Monks, Ian

30/06 Lowry, Bren

Pascoe, Rob

## July Birthdays

02/07 Briggs, Ken

Luck, Michael

Sargent, Keith

03/07 Edmunds, Bruce

04/07 Clarkin, Jeff

McAleese, Zita \*

O'Donahoo, Coralie

07/07 Loveday, Phil

Smith, Evan \*

08/07 Germain, Chris

Millard, Ian

10/07 Clarkson, Kel

11/07 O'Dea, Tom

Smyth, Graham

12/07 Chaplain, John \*

13/07 Dearling, Adrian

Weier, Bruce

16/07 Kinnane, Brian \*

McNevin, Pat

17/07 Evdokimov, Olley

20/07 Austin, Graeme

21/07 Richter, Bruce \*

22/7 Middlemis, Gaye

24/07 Lanham, Geoff

Nissen, Julie

Patzwald, Trevor

Whitmee, Julie

27/07 Grac, Marilyn

Keane, Mavis \*

Kling, Paul

Munro, Graeme

28/07 Nutley, John

Red.\* Denotes an Honorary  
Member.

## Joke Time. ( taken from Nab's Retirees newsletter )

Six retired Irishmen were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment when Paddy Murphy loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest, and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing standing up.

Michael O'Connor looks around and asks, 'Oh, my boys, someone got to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?'

They draw straws.

Paul Gallagher picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

'Discreet? I'm the most discreet Irishmen you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me.'

Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door.

Mrs. Murphy answers, and asks what he wants.

Gallagher declares, 'Your husband just lost \$500, and is afraid to come home.'

Tell him to drop dead!' says Murphy's wife.

'I'll go tell him.' says Gallagher.

## More Anagrams...

THE MORSE CODE      When you rearrange the letters  
HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES -      CASH LOST IN ME

SNOOZE ALARMS -      ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

ANIMOSITY:      -      IS NO AMITY

ELECTION RESULTS -      LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

:  
DORMITORY: -      DIRTY ROOM

DECIMAL POINT      -      I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES -      THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO -      TWELVE PLUS ONE

GEORGE BUSH      -      HE BUGS GORE