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Gold Coast Early Xmas Luncheon

Here is everything you need to know for you to participate in this social occasion.



It's on Monday 23rd September

Gather at noon for a 1 o'clock sit down.



At **Treetops Tavern** which is situated 7 Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters.



You need to advise **Gordon Andrews** by **Wednesday 18**th **September** that you wish to be part of the company.

Preferably by email. (Gordon's contact details are in the box to the left)

Townsville & North Q'land. Xmas Luncheon



The date for this one is Sunday 1st December



It will be held at the **Dalrymple Hotel**



RSVP for this event: **Bruce Smith**<u>bjshazza@bigpond.net.au</u>
or 07 4728 7820 by **16**th **November**

Sunshine Coast Xmas Luncheon



This one is set down for Thursday 28th November.



To be held at Headland Golf Club, Golf Links Drive, Buderim, 12 midday start.



RSVP to Alan Hindmarsh.

Darling Downs & Toowoomba Xmas Luncheon



This function will be on Thursday 24th October.

It will commence at 11.30 with meal service from 12.30.



Same venue as usual, **South Toowoomba Bowls & Mustang Leagues Club,** 331
Hume St Toowoomba.

There have been some changes at the Club but Greg anticipates that the menu will be similar to previous years.



RSVP by 14th October to **Greg Hooke** by message text or phone 0418 180 557 or qhooke@internode.on.net.

Brisbane Xmas Luncheon



This year's function will be held on *Thursday* 28th

November This has been occasioned by changes to the Stamford's Xmas season calendar.



Venue is the **Stamford Hotel Brasserie**, 39 Edward St, Brisbane with a **12 Noon** start.



RSVP by **22 November** . Preferably by email to the Club. If you must respond by phone, contact **John Tudhope**.



Cost **\$25 per head**.

There is a strong preference for payment by online

transfer to the Club ensuring the payment carries the sender's identification. An email advice to the Club when payment is made, would be very helpful.

If payment by cheque is necessary, mail to **John Tudhope**.

All necessary bank account and contact details are contained in the Contacts panel on the left..

From and About Members

Geoff Hankinson

In the last newsletter **Graeme Drew** showed us old photos of an ES&A money box and an empty bottle of port. I think I can do one better.

I have a sealed bottle of port and have attached a photo of my bottle with the label showing "ANZ Sporting Carnival VIC. v NSW. 30th Anniversary Port, Wagga Wagga 1987". There are caricatures of players at Golf, Football, Basketball, Runners, Cricket and Tennis.



I have no idea how I got hold of this, BUT, when I get Graeme and Erica over for the BBQ that I have threatened them with for years, we will crack it open.

Jan Baildon

I do enjoy receiving the Newsletter and remember Bevan talking about so many of those mentioned, especially old ES&A colleagues.

Update

I am getting along quite well but missing my man, of course.

I had a quick trip to Africa in April and can't wait to go back again. Then in May I had back surgery for a pinched sciatic nerve but I was back driving in two weeks, walking around the golf course in four and playing nine holes in six weeks. That was rather pleasing.

It's off to South Australia to explore the Flinders Ranges and Barossa with English friends in December. That will be followed by Christmas and cricket in Melbourne.

Toowoomba

When **Greg Hooke** sent invitations to attend the Toowoomba Xmas function he said:

Staff who served in Toowoomba and on the Downs in the past are particularly welcome. Come along and drive past your old branch to see what has become of it!

ANZ, CBA & Westpac are now all located near the old Walton Stores around 468 Ruthven Street. The former Commonwealth Bank opposite 367 Ruthven St is now a gentlemen's club and the former Westpac on corner Margaret & Ruthven is office space with bar and dining on the roof.

decision to cancel the event.

Geoff Ludgate

In advising the decision, the Organiser, Geoff Ludgate, said:

Due to the lack of nominations the "Golf Day Committee" has decided to cancel the annual day.

The Jack Hinton Memorial Trophy will be returned to Glenys so she can place it in an appropriate spot in Jack's snooker room.

Thanks Hooky for your assistance in endeavouring to get this day to the first tee.

I will visit the Virginia Golf Club and thank the Secretary and Club Pro for their co-operation over the past few years.

The Jack Hinton Memorial Trophy

How it started

A suggestion was made, which was supported by ROC Executive, that a



fitting tribute to Jack would be the "Jack Fred Hinton Memorial Shield" to be part of the competition annually.

Bill Bray was approached to see whether he would be prepared to craft an appropriate trophy.

Bill was delighted to do so and the result of his skill and effort is a magnificent Shield, most befitting of Jack's contribution and memory.

367 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba.

Then Now



From and About Members



Graham Milliken

It was interesting reading the latest newsletter and seeing a photo of the staff at

Jandowae branch in 1958.

Five males and two women on the staff.

I was manager there in 1993 and 1994 at that time there were a few less. Myself with two ladies and a three hour a week part timer. That position was to allow relief for when the other staff availed of annual leave.

Needs must

At one stage we were down to two staff, with others away sick.

Obviously we were required to have two in the Branch at all times. So, when the mail needed to be collected, my wife would do that.

At lunch times during that period, my wife would make our lunches and smoko and bring it in from the residence through the stationary room.

I was Teller 2 during that period and pleased to say that I balanced every day. The reality was that I undertook very few transactions.

Pleasant memories

It was a great little branch, and a wonderful little town to work in.

We moved to Jandowae from Townsville in January and by March we had the fireplace going. It was the only one in town burning for about two months. The locals used to give us a good ribbing about that.

It was the only office I ever had that had a nice big open fireplace in it.

Also the Managers desk was the biggest desk I had ever had – a lovely big glass topped timber desk.

I remember when we were transferred out, the community held a civic farewell for us. It was mentioned that with us leaving there were seven committee positions around town that had to be

I still have fond memories of Jandowae.

Alan Phillips

Good content and full of interest as usual; thank you one and all contributors as well as editor and distribution

personnel.

The Caldwell & Pidcock photo

Just the one question which needs to be addressed; how did the Santa on page 3 (Christmas club promotion) manage to display such a lovely set of legs.

Old Friends

Trevor Elsebach and Denis Brown indicated that they were looking to renew contact. We were happy to oblige.



Denis Brown

Hearing from you and the old Elsebach is a wonderful surprise. We two go back to my 'just wed' and Childers days.

It's great to look back but isn't it a long time ago.

The photo of me in the last note wasn't in any way like me now. Now much slimmer and a lot older.

A surprise to you all, I only have a daily small whisky and water or a Galway Pipe port.

Life here is a land of milk and honey alright. The weather is quite calm and round the mid-twenties during the day; nights down to 11's and 12's. I dare not

try to remember the Down's winters. I do look forward to the monthly newsletter. I just wish we could travel to the Sunshine Coast, or anywhere really, for

Keep up the good work.

luncheons.

Denis shared this clipping from an old Courier Mail with



Greg Hooke

The Charge

I meant to ask about the head shot of Noel Garvey beside the

comment from Pat McNevin? A way to make us use the little grey cells a la **Hercule Poirot?**

The Defence

The Editor has engaged the services of Graeme Drew to defend him in this matter.

Graeme will contend that it's a new initiative in an endeavour to gauge who actually reads the newsletter not just look at the pictures!

In the meantime

The Editor has altered the name of Pat McNevin to Noel Garvey under the picture in the Heads Gallery.



Peter Young

I enjoyed the Newsletter.

The last article about the Tokyo Office brought back

memories. I worked with an older Cameron Horne in the Overseas Department B(Q&C) in the late 70's early 80's. John Collins was the Manager.

My health is slowly on the improve and I'm looking forward to the Christmas function.

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Hard times and a banker's life

I REPLY to Mrs Warner, "Shoot a bank-er today" (C-M, July 22). Mrs Warner and I Mrs warner and the have so much in common. I too, live in a small country town and look on in anguish as I see my husband pour his heart and soul into his life's

I see my children deprived of their Dad's company — very long days are the norm for Dad. I see stress etched into his whole being as he seeks to find a way out of problems caused by the worsening economic

My husband is not a

My husband is not a farmer, but a banker. He daily walks a tightrope between his su-periors in regional and head office who make the hard commercial de-cisions to "sell up-a farmer", and clients whom he genuinely cares

about and who are facing

a bleak future.

Mrs Warner is naive if she believes that her local banker has the authority to make such big

These decisions are These decisions are made by superiors far removed from the man who has the unenviable task of conveying their written message to a person sitting across the desk. — G. Clark, Balonne St. St. George

Noel Dowse

Another shoe box find

A tidy up at home unearthed five photographs given to me by Bren Calcutt some years back. At the time I asked Bren to help with the identity of as many of the staff in the photos as possible. Some we could not identify and perhaps other staff may have some recollection.

The first is said to be a 1946 photo of staff at Baralaba Branch of the Union Bank. It includes Alan Kent, Algie Crees, Bill Goldston and Bren Calcutt.

Down the track

These photographs will be captioned with the information which Noel sent and included in future editions of the newsletter.

In the meantime one of Noel's photographs is reproduced below.

It is just a little teaser for you. At present we are not seriously chasing names for the caption but still happy to receive any comments that the photo might generate.

Thanks for the pics Noel. Apart from the 1946 shot they are good quality and in condition. They'll be popular.

Head Shots

We have added a few more Heads to the Gallery.

Through July we may have added some others without keeping a record of who they were. So there might be a few more there that you thought.

Here are new Heads we can name.

Alan Neil	1961
Allan Rivers	2014
Bernie Sheppard	2018
Bill Lauder	1970
Bob Beaumont	2018
Bruce Moss	1961
Bruce Smith	1982
Charlie Kajewski	2018
Danny O'Brien	2018
Denis Brown	1961
Denis Brown	1986
Don Stirling	1970
George Nielsen	1961
Greg Dickens	2018
Hector MacFarlane	1970
Jim Clarke	1987
John Cole	2018
John Thompson	1961
Keith Hall	2018
Noel Gilvarry	1970
Peter Leeson	2018
Peter Simpson	1961
Peter Young	2018
Phil Pond	2018
Phil Stavroff	197x
Ray McCaul	197x
Ted Brown	1961
Trevor Patzwald	2018

There are now 327 heads in the Gallery.

Group photo

We advised in the previous newsletter that we were lacking one name to be able to properly caption this photo.



First in to solve the problem was Glen Robertson.

Glen Robertson

Great work and "Thank you" again.

I reckon that the "unknown" guy in Photo on Page 6 is Frank Hill, who was State Manager at the time. However, I feel certain that others will also confirm.

They did.

Peter Lenton

The caption below the photo should read:

L-R Mick Barry, Clyde McDonald, Don Sterling, Frank Hill, Dave Walker and Hector McFarlane. (Frank Hill was State Manager)

Now online

That group photo now bears a complete caption and has been added to the Members Gallery.

50 year span

There are a few Head Shots of people in our Gallery showing them 50 years apart.

Here is Brian Downs at each end of the 50 years.

We can hardly notice the difference.







It is with regret ...



Through
August, Secretary
Greg has needed to
pass on the sad
news of the passing
of two members. His

advices are repeated here for the benefit of those who rely on the printed newsletter.

I regret to advise the passing of our members **Gary WOOLGAR** late of Brisbane and **Neville SKELTON** late of Bundaberg.

Gary Woolgar

This is the only picture of Gary that we have in our Gallery. It was



taken from a group photo of the staff of Port Moresby Branch in 1968.

Gary had been unwell and suffered a stroke last Sunday and passed away early Thursday morning 15th. Gary was 83 and joined the ANZ in 1952 and retired in 1992 after 40 years' service around Queensland and in PNG. He is survived by wife June, and children Anne and Kim as well as grandchildren Jack, Phoebe and Sam.

Family and friends are invited to attend his funeral which will take place at 3.30pm on Wednesday 21st August at Lakeview Chapel, Albany Creek Memorial Park situated at 400 Albany Creek Road Bridgeman Downs. Arranged by Alex Gow Funerals Newstead.

Please send any recollection and/or tributes to me/ANZROCQ for passing onto the family as Anne and her husband Grant happen to be neighbours.

Anne alerted me to this sad event and the Club is also grateful to Gordon Andrews, Chris Dooley, Russell List and Phil Loveday who all wished to see our members informed.

Nev SKELTON

Nev had been unwell for several months with an ongoing heart condition complicated by pneumonia which saw him transferred to Wesley Hospital in Brisbane a couple of weeks back. He passed away Wednesday 14th.

Nev was 69 and joined the ES&A in 1969 (co-incidentally same day as his good friend **John Alcorn**). After service around Queensland, in December 1991 Nev moved from Manager Airlie Beach to Manager Bowen, replacing **Bruce**Smith who was off to Ayr. Nev retired as Manager Bowen in 2001 completing 32 years.

Nev is survived by his wife Robyn and sons Justin and Grant. At this stage funeral details are unknown but you can contact me/ANZROCQ if needed as I will have information in due course.

Thanks to **Bruce Smith, Christine Brown** (current Manager Bowen), and **John Alcorn** who have made contact...

John has kindly offered to convey any message or tributes to the Skelton family on our behalf.

Our condolences have been extended to both families.

Greg Hooke - Hon. Secy.

David McGregor

A sad day. I knew them both.

Nev was in my team in North Queensland..

Geoff Hankinson

Back in 1972, Nev and a few other officers who led me astray, all flatted at a house in Red Hill. I lost contact with him just after I got married in Sept 72. Sad to hear the news.

Phil Winstone

I first met Gary in 1956 when both of us together with the late Alan Wiles, were in the same hut during our six months National Service training at Amberley. Gary was obviously well suited to life in the Services and he was quickly promoted to Corporal.

Living together at a young age for six months, we became quite close but our friendship regrettably did not continue after Nasho as Bank transfers separated us and I never touched base again with Gary after that time. However, the memories remain.

Responses received on-line

Mark Downey

Very sorry to hear of the deaths of both these blokes.

I did not know Gary all that well but Nev and I joined the ES&A on the same day I think i.e. 6/01/1969 and did a number of courses together at the old training school in the Valley. I also ran into him when I was relieving at Bundaberg when Les Godfrey was the manager. He was a good bloke with a great sense of humour which kept us in fits at times (even Les).

Please relay our condolences to Robyn and the boys.

Thank you for all your work with the ROC. I enjoy reading the newsletter.

Mike Harrison

I was saddened to hear of Gary's passing.

I knew Gary when I was in PNG 1970-1974 on loan from the ANZ to the Development Bank.

I regret I was unable this attend the funeral.

My condolences to his family.

Jan Baildon

Jan is responding directly to June Woolgar. She knew both June and Gary very well and told us:

"I have fond memories of lovely times spent with them both over the years."

Others who passed

From our Secretary.

The following extract comes from ANZROCNSW.

As I remember Hector from my early career there are bound to be other members who also have memories.

Mary MacFarlane:

SMH Notice Sat 17th August: - Mary MacFarlane wife of Hector (deceased) passed away 15th August 2019, the day after her 98th Birthday. Privately Cremated. A Service of Thanksgiving for Mary's Life will be held at St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, 234 Blues Point Road, North Sydney on Wednesday, 21st August, 2019 at 2pm.

Mary's husband and our esteemed member and colleague, Hector lain Munro MacFarlane AM, Died 14/12/2007 aged 90. Hector joined The Union Bank of Australia Limited at Bondi Beach in 1933 age 16. He retired in 1973 aged 55 after serving in various senior postings in NSW, SA & QLD. Hector retired to take up the position of Grand Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of NSW where he served for the next 14 years. At the time of his death, Hector and Mary had been married 60 years.

Peter Lynch

I noticed an obituary in the Courier Mail for a **Peter Robinson**. I'm pretty sure that this is **Peter Robinson** who was Accountant at Sunnybank and Edward & Charlotte Street branches. And also Personnel Manager at West End.

I think he took on a management role with Woolworths.

Peter certainly helped my transition to management in the early 80s.

I remember Mick Barry climbing a lemon tree at the Sunnybank hotel and dropping them down to Robbo. Mick wanted to have a G &T when he got home. Have not seen Peter for many vears. I remember him as decent fellow.

Peter Robinson was not a Club member. We are unable to confirm that the person named in the notice was a previous staff member.

that fell into the category of "maybe it did happen: maybe it didn't".

Quirky behaviour, practical jokes, burning down the branch That sort of thing.

Myth or Mirth

During the journey through our working lives we frequently encountered stories

Now, here are the two that I would like sorted out.

First story

The junior at Home Hill was floating a cheque in the heldovers and he burnt down the branch to get rid of the evidence.

Myth or Truth?

Second story

On the first day of Henry Roach's retirement he went back to work to finish off some tasks he had not completed the previous day.

Myth or Truth?

Complete the caption

The photo below is another from the Stirling collection. As you can see there is presently a lot of question marks in the caption. When we clean that up it will be added to the collection.

Your answers

Let's know what you know on these two matters.

Your stories

If you have a remembered story that

you have always wondered about, put them up for consideration by our readers. We'll see what we can find out.

A caution

Questions about 'who' did 'what' to 'whom' in the lift at Queen and Wharf Streets, are unlikely to be published.



Moura Branch Staff Circa 1975 - 1979 - Christmas Club Promotion Back row: Alan Cummins, Hazel?, Don Stirling, Phillip?, Ian Langdon

From the shoe box of Jenny Goss



This photo created more than casual interest. A couple of members ventured their opinions before the impromptu collaboration of Peter Lenton, Graeme Drew, Greg Hooke, Noel Gilvarry and Geoff Taylor gained momentum and agreed a complete list of the Managers.

But first!

Ray Ungerer

Ray was the first to contribute and offered seven names.

He said:

Hope this will give you a start. It is a case of "know the face but can't quite remember the name without some help"

PS. Great to receive the Newsletter and catch up.

Ron Pidcock

The man third from the left looks very much like **Colin Bertwhistle**.

I first came across Col when he was teller at the Fortitude Valley Branch. We were in the Training School above the branch.

When we went down to the branch to collect our first salaries, Col asked the chap in front of me "how do you want it?"

Somewhat bemused he said "Er, umm, cash?" Col replied "what did you think I was going to give you, potatoes?"

Peter Lenton

Many thanks for another interesting newsletter. I have a few names to go with the photos from the current edition.

Peter then listed all 11 names and added:

I believe that is Mrs Huddy wearing the gloves.

Graeme Drew

Commenting on his list of 11, Graeme said:

I am certain about eight of them and three are my thoughts on whom they might be.

The Collaboration

Peter Lenton and Graeme Drew were reviewing each other's selections while Greg Hooke and Noel Gilvarry were swapping emails. The Hooke/Gilvarry liaison culminated in the following:

Greg Hooke

Geoff & Graeme, hope your little grey cells are functioning as your assistance is needed.

Noel & I have identified some folk

This is Greg Hooke calling in the services of Graeme Drew and Geoff Taylor after he and Noel Gilvarry had exchanged emails.

Noel Gilvarry

Noel then applied himself to the "when and where from".

I was transferred to Toowoomba as Darling Downs Esanda FSM in Nov. 69 and I believe **John Blaik** was appointed to CQ at about the same time so I will date the photo as being between 1970 and 1972.

I then realised that none of the CQ branches were represented.
That pointed to a drawing area from Bundy to Gladstone. But **Ralph Powell** was there and he was Manager of the Scottie in Maryborough prior to branch merger. So maybe it was from

Gladstone was in **John Blaik's** Esanda area so that is probably why he was included.

Maryborough to Gladstone.

Graeme Drew is very good on Scottie faces.

Geoff Taylor

The final consensus was blessed by Geoff.

The Year. During part of my time at Toowong from 1965 to 1970 **Tim Caldwell** was the State Manager and I think that the photograph would have been taken in late 1970.

Final Score. All other officers have been identified correctly.

The Caption

Managers L-R

- Roy Hallett
- Lynne Roberts
- Col Bertwhistle
- Ralph PowellPeter Manifold
- Vic Huddy
- Les Godfrey
- Jim Devlin
- John Blaik
- Kevin Crompton and
- Tim Caldwell

One teensy little doubt

Graham Drew and **Peter Lenton** suggest that there is still an outside

chance that the person we have agreed to name as Lynne Roberts may just be **Don Stirling**.

Group Shots

Appropriate captions have been added to another six Group photos and those have also been uploaded to the Gallery.

There are now 70 properly captioned group pics in the Gallery.

Your Gallery links

Head Shots

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Group Photos

https://1drv.ms/f/s!AujVf5cHnU6YugJ6 7VvXWSA9gi1X

Clips

https://1drv.ms/f/s!AujVf5cHnU6YuiiyhrZ8rU9tLonN

The Jumble

https://1drv.ms/f/s!AujVf5cHnU6YtzoZ NiAdcow954El



It is with regret ...

We were awaiting some last minute information before going to press when these two notices were received. As usual, members who use email, were immediately advised by Secretary Greg

I regret to advise the passing of our members Neville Graham HANSEN late of Nundah and Jasmine Faye LAMB late of Geebung.

Nev HANSEN

Nev passed away peacefully on the 26th aged 89 years. Nev joined the ANZ in 1951 and retired in 1988 after 37 years' service around Queensland. He is survived by wife Leah, and children Sue, Ann, Christine, Simon, Matt, and Therese and their partners plus 15 grandchildren and 8.5 great grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to attend his funeral which will take place at 10am on Thursday 29st August at the Pinnaroo Chapel 285 Graham Road Bridgeman Downs. A private family burial will follow. Service arranged by White Lady Funerals Clayfield 074 3262 5005 (as per extract from Courier Mail 28/8).

Thanks to **Graeme Young** who alerted me to this sad event. I recall Nev from the early 1980s during his audit service and Graeme reminded me of Nev's dry sense of humour. Graeme and Jan used to visit the Kedron Wavell RSL Club from time to time and often came across Nev and Leah and enjoyed their company over a meal.

Jas LAMB

Jas, 85, was the widow of our late member **Mort Lamb**. Jas had been resident at the John Wesley Aged Care Facility in more recent times and passed away on 23rd. Again, I am indebted to **Graeme Young** who had gotten to know Jas as his wife Jan resides in the same complex.

They often chatted about experiences in the Bank in the good old days. Jas was an avid Rugby League follower and a great fan of the Cowboys, Broncos

and Qld State of Origin team. Such was her nature that she became something of a "mother figure" to several of the team at the Care Facility and will be sadly missed by residents and staff.

Extract from her funeral notice in the Courier Mail 28/8.

Dearly loved wife of Moreton Lamb (dec'd); mother/mother-in-law of Jenny and Rowley, Susan, Jon and Louisa, Chrissie and Grant; adored Grammy of their families etc. Funeral Directors Alex Gow Newstead 07 3851 7800

Family and friends are invited to attend Jasmine's service to be held at the John Wesley Gardens Chapel 19 Halsmere Street Geebung on Saturday 31st August commencing at 10.30am.

We extend our condolences to both families.

Please send any recollection and/or tributes to me/ANZROCQ for passing onto the family.

Barry Tabrett

Thank you Greg

Last week I was in Yeppoon for a reunion and we had a day on Kepple. The skipper was Max Allen who was great mates with Mort. I had a good talk with him and Max was very conscious of what Mort had done for him finance wise.

Max has 3 boats operating from Kepple and another 2 up north. He was very appreciative of what Mort did for him and perhaps you could pass on his good wishes to his family.

Peter Leeson

I noted with regret of the recent passing of Nev Hansen.

I worked at 196 Margaret St Toowoomba from late 1972 until 1978 and enjoyed the company of fellow workers such as Ken Ebbage, Chris Child, John Lea, Graham Stavroff, with the list endless. During that time Nev turned up 'unannounced' in his capacity as auditor on a number of occasions. I don't know if Nev drew the 'short straw" or volunteered as he enjoyed many after work refreshments mainly at the nearby Tatts Hotel and sometimes the Court House Hotel also close by during his visits.

Nev always let you know where you stood with him both socially and at work. Nev did not grant any favours in his audit reports just because he mixed socially of an evening and I believe he was respected for that.

I have a recollection that our paths may have crossed prior to 1972 whilst I worked at the E S & A Wynnum branch c1969-72 during the **Doug Cummins** period.

Member update



Mike Anderson

Presently recovering from prostate surgery of last Thursday, so only now reading the

newsletter.

Mike confirmed identification of a couple of Managers and commented:

Dave Walker was manager Maleny when I was transferred there 1979 as second officer. In 1980 he was appointed manager Caboolture.

Keith Hall took over from him.

We did a lot of fishing around that time and propped up the bar at the Maleny Hotel most afternoons.

I also saw **Margaret Ahern** in the Ekka photo. Turns out Margaret is a school friend of my wife, Janelle. Small world?

On the Golf Day, Mike would have been a starter except:

..... but the surgeon has sidelined me for six weeks.

Mike! Thanks for writing. Always good to hear from you, but would have preferred to hear that you were in the best of health. Get well old boy.