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Flashback

The earliest newsletter that the Club has in its records is Edition No. 350 of January 2003.

The Editor at that time was **Evan Smith** and that edition represented his 'swan song'.

Evan's editorial

At the AGM I intend retiring as editor.

After over 4 ½ years in the position, I think it's time to hand over to another.

I must admit the job has become a drudge now rather than a pleasure. So please give the matter some thought and I expect some member will come forward to carry on.

President Graham confirms that the new Editor will receive full support (computer, news and moral) from both Bob and himself.

And of course from me!

At the AGM we could perhaps consider the production of a bi-monthly newsletter instead of the current monthly edition.

I myself am finding it difficult to gather enough of what I consider interesting material to fill four pages each month.

Of course there's no necessity to fill four pages – three would suffice.

I make these comments so that if there is reluctance on the part of anyone to step forward to become editor, there are alternatives to the current situation.

Thanks to President and Secretary

In our president's annual report, he thanks the office bearers for their efforts over the year.

On behalf of our members I thank Graham for his efforts as president. His enthusiasm and management skills have contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Club.

He now retires from a job well done.

I also thank **Bob Rowe** for his assistance in production of the newsletter.

My computer knowledge is such that I have had to rely greatly on Bob to get the newsletter, through him, to the Bank's computer for printing.

Snippets from the President's report

..... The Club's records are in excellent order. This is directly attributable to the efforts of our Secretary/Treasurer, **Bob Rowe**.

Over the past two years Bob has been progressively improving our register of member details. It has been a first class effort and combined with the significant contribution that he makes to the general running of the Club, Bob richly deserves our thanks

..... The Club's newsletter continues to be universally popular with our members.

In a State such as Queensland, with our membership so widely spread, the newsletter assumes a special importance.

Through the newsletter, Newsletter Editor, **Evan Smith** has contributed strongly to the Club's solidarity and his effort and talent in this area is greatly appreciated.

..... I have been very well supported by an able executive and encouraged by enthusiastic members.

I especially thank Patron, **Noel O'Keeffe**, for the encouragement and support he extended to me.

..... 140 people came to enjoy our Christmas Party

What you said



Ian Newport

Enjoyed recent edition and mention of small Scottie branches of Kin Kin, Imbil etc.

Ian knows the area

ANZ Nambour branch is where I joined and worked with **Ross Kerr, Keith Hall, Ken Evans, Neville Smith, Graham Swan** and others.

Special treatment

In 1956 I obtained a driving "*special licence*" courtesy of **Ross Kerr** and his mate the police sergeant in Rotary. That was in order to do Agency runs:

Up the range to Mapleton, agency in the Pub,

Down the famous Obi Obi range to Kenilworth, agency in the Butter Factory,

And out to Eumundi, agency in the Pub, and home to Nambour.

Also did agencies at Buderim, Palmwoods and Woombye.

Boys will be boys

The Bank Car, a brand new 1956 F.J. Holden sedan, with the 'shark tooth' grill, when run in, would only do 95 mph. down the highway.

During this time, we carried a gun along with the cash, and became very proficient with it, shooting wallabies, wild ducks and fish, while on agency in the bush.

Come the audit (green ink time), I was severely chastised by the feared **Johnny Villaume** for using too many rounds of ammunition.

During this time I was seconded to do a relief at Caboolture Branch. That is where I first met **Clyde Williams**, who I later worked with at Morningside and Bulimba.

Island service

From Caboolture we went to the Agency to Bribie Island. Over and back on the Ferry. That was before the bridge was built.

Western service

Later (1957) I was transferred to Mt. Isa branch, where I worked with **Alan**

Bradshaw, Reg Wegert, Jim Gallen and others.

Someone has to do it

Speaking of Agencies, I later enjoyed (three times) the annual week of work and entertainment at the "Ekka" or Brisbane show time.

Gonya Team!

Congratulations to the crew of ROC for their great work in preserving memories and social network in ex-Bankers.!

In retirement

I am now living at Morayfield (known locally as *Moronfield*) and interested in shares and crypto.

Would welcome contact from any northside exBanker with similar interests. Ph. 0425398540



John Whitten OAM

The newsletters always bring back a flood of memories, of when we were young and strong and running against the wind.

The Emanza Centre photo

The photo of Emanza Centre on page 4 definitely brought back memories.

- **1st on left is Bob Murray,**
- **3rd on right is Bob Bolton and**
- **6th on right is Mick Sproule.**

We had some great times in the Emanza Centre days.

My wife of 41 years, **Helen nee Chapman** was working there when I met her and eventually I was also transferred there. That was in the old Branch Liaison days.

Still working

Helen and I are both well and still running our finance broking business in Gladstone, which we have operated for 20 years.

Retirement?

We have thought of retirement, however we enjoy our business. It's like playing Monopoly every day, playing one bank against another.

As well as that, finance broking can be financially rewarding. I look at the 33 years I had in ANZ as my apprenticeship.

We both live very active lives and could not comprehend sitting at home. I love waking up every morning looking forward to the challenges that the business brings. When you love what you do you never work a day in your life.

Community involvement

I also am heavily involved in Suicide Intervention training, conducting 30 *free of charge* courses a year for the general public.

We also train 2000 Gladstone Region high school students a year in suicide intervention.

I could not say that running the courses is enjoyable, however I can say that I find it mentally rewarding and I know that we save lives.

We must all be aware of that the black dog can take over our mind and we must talk about it with our friends.



Peter Young

Hi. Just finished reading the Newsletter which I enjoyed as usual.

In response

I was especially interested in the article from **Bob Mirfin**.

I am glad to advise that I am still alive and kicking, although it has been a battle over the last couple of years.

I can second Bob's thoughts about working with him in International Dept. in Brisbane and the enjoyable social outings.

In retirement

Judy and I moved to *Living Gems Over 50s Village* in October, 2020 and are enjoying the move.

Unfortunately our only son has Motor Neurone Disease (MND). He is only 47 and a lot of our time is spent with him.

■ **Peter sends cheers and best wishes to all.**

What you said



Peter Lenton

Another excellent newsletter, although having said that the President's message confused me initially, as I kept thinking I can't remember that happening at the last AGM until I went back to the beginning only to note that it was in fact from a decade ago.

However, the purpose of this email is to clarify a couple of names mentioned in **Noel Gilvarry's** article.

Andy Standaloft was **Athol Standaloft**.

Cedrick Clark Low was Manager of the ES&A Bank Caloundra when I arrived there in 1959. I think it was in 1963 that he was appointed Manager, Coorparoo Branch.

Eric Charles Smith was Manager of the ES&A Bank's Brisbane Office during the 1960's. He did spend some time in Imbil.

W. Porter would have been **Bill Porter** who was in a clerical position in the ES&A Bank's Brisbane Office during my term there as Accountant during the late 1960's. Bill, a returned serviceman, carried a serious war injury.

When I joined the ES&A Bank in January 1952, the most northern branch was Gympie and our most western branch was Haden.

My understanding is, that during the Second World War, banks had to rationalise their branch network and the ES&A decided they would retain their branches in the south east corner of Queensland and close the remainder. These branches largely serviced the dairying industry.

Consequently, in the 1950's a serious staffing problem began to arise when the decision was taken to reopen branches in major cities along the east coast north to Cairns.

Experienced staff were in short supply.

To exacerbate the problem, 18 year old males were being called up to undergo National Service training and then had to follow this up with two years in the CMF. That required some week-night

and weekend training, coupled with an annual camp.

In my case, when my National Service commitment was out of the way, I was transferred to Warwick, as second officer/teller to open a new branch with **Eric Cummins**, Manager. This was in 1957.

It is interesting to recall that in 1955 when the ES&A opened their King George Square Branch, I went there as the junior clerk.

A problem arose when the business began to grow, a second teller was required and because I was not yet 21, I could not go on the counter and I was subsequently transferred to ledgers at Roma Street Branch.

Thanks to **Noel Gilvarry** and his article referring to some former ES&A officers names, which set me reflecting on my early days in the ES&A Bank.



Rob Barnes

I noticed a couple of months ago that you had a photo of **Keith Morgan**. I ran into him some time after that and found out that he is alive and well and living on Russell Island.

If anyone wants his number its 0421282705. He allows calls from ANZers.

Also in this month's mag there are another few Emanza people. They are:-

1. **Susie Zonta** (might not have the right surname – but started with a Z when she married. Definitely.
2. **Wayne Wilson** (I think). Tallest person in back row.
3. **Bob Bolton** (3rd from Right) – definitely. He left ANZ in about 1985.

Pass this onto Jeff Pitt.



Doug Canavan

I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed that excellent article on **Enid O'Toole**.

Working with Enid and others

Enid was a great help to me when I was posted to Quay Street Rockhampton as Accountant in 1964.

In fact the whole staff were very good indeed.

Phil Winstone was Advance Clerk and, at times, had a difficult job preparing some of the AA's with little help from certain quarters.

Bob Bailey looked after Securities and he also did a good job.

And the Ledger Dept. was very efficient.

Pack your bags Doug

I was very sorry to leave in 1967 when I was appointed Accountant at Queen & Wharf Streets, Brisbane.

B(Q&W) was where I joined the Bank on 13th December 1948. At that time it was the Bank of Australasia.

Next was my appointment as Manager Rabaul in PNG, where, again, the staff were very good.

Of particular note were **Neville Gorlick** (Accountant) and **Neil Wilesmith** (Bills Clerk/Teller). Sadly Neil passed away at a very young age.

Shortly before my PNG service was due to expire I receive a call from "Call me Ken", **Ken Jackson**, to advise me that I had been appointed Manager at 420 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Chalk and cheese

Certainly a change in clientele from PNG. It was mainly Jewish garment manufacturing business.

I found it to be a good job as were the others that followed.

Retirement

I retired on 30 September 1990 after 42 years of service.

■ *Doug thought the handwriting of an 89 year old retiree might be hard to read. It wasn't. Fluent and easily read. Delighted to get your letter Doug.*

Gold Coast Luncheon

This report was provided by Glen Robertson.

The Gods are agin us

After missing both of our scheduled Luncheons for 2020 because of COVID, our current severe weather feature tried to jinx us for our March 2021 get-together.

Lookin' real good for a while

We initially received 33 acceptances, which was an excellent response. However, on luncheon morning, we received 9 apologies, all because of the weather conditions.

Still, not too shabby

After allowing for a further 2 no-shows (we hope that they are OK), 22 members enjoyed a delightful meal, pleasant company and lively discussion.

The out of towners

Brave souls, **John and Monica Tudhope** and **John and Margaret Price** journeyed from Brisbane, despite the wet, to join in the gathering.

Not the usual excuses

Probably for the first time ever, not one apology of the 19 received, was "Cruising", "Holidaying" or "Looking after grand-children".

Great things ahead

We thank the Queensland Executive for their support and we look forward to welcoming great numbers to our "Christmas" Luncheon in September.

You will be advised

Appropriate advices will issue in due course.

Told you he was weird

He is only a few months shy of his 80th birthday and the Editor has gone and bought himself a brand new pair of ice skates



Which branch ended up here



The building pictured above is situated on a Brisbane site that became an ANZ Branch.

We are very confident that the building you see predates it becoming a bank branch. But, apart from that, we know nothing other than the address.

It is suspected that the branch was housed in the building that is pictured, but, if you tell us it was demolished and the ANZ occupied the building that was subsequently constructed, there will be no argument.

Your job is to tell us which branch it was and what you know about it.

And, if you worked there, you will very likely have a story or two to share with us. Anything you tell us is almost certain to be news.

The Editor knows which branch it is and can't even name a single person who ever worked there. But he thinks he knew the cleaner, who had been a Branch Accountant of another ANZ branch in the vicinity

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Concern expressed

John Tudhope is a little concerned that, while **Karl Marx** is well recorded in history, there is very little recognition of his wife, Onya, who invented the starting pistol.

He also feels there is some imbalance in regard to the **Einstein** brothers, **Albert** and **Frank**.

The challenge

In last month's newsletter a challenge was issued.



There were no responses



David McGregor

David worked at Lae PNG Branch
1969 - 1971.

The McGregors return

Many years later our neighbours from Townsville took a transfer to PNG and were posted to Lae, so Carol and I took the opportunity to visit them and to check out what had changed. That was around about 2000.

Rough ride

When I worked there most of the roads in the town were sealed but on my return I did not see bitumen anywhere. Whereas once I could drive a car around town, now only 4WD vehicles were possible, given the extremely poor state of the roads.

A paint shortage

Very few buildings had seen a coat of paint since I had left.

Burned more than the buns

The branch had been re-located and the old site converted into a bakery. Unfortunately it had been destroyed by fire and only the shell remains. See photos attached.

Sing-sing

We were fortunate that the annual Lae show was on at the time and Carol was able to see a Sing-sing. Very spectacular.

I am sure those who worked up there will remember them well.

Salamaua

They will also recall the many boat charters we took across to Salamaua which was the scene of heavy fighting in WW2. Photo attached.

The beach had not changed much but now there are many holiday houses there built by Lae locals.

Imortalised

One thing I found amusing was that Lae once had a picture theatre next to a Trade Store owned by a man called **Eric Woo**. The theatre had gone and there was a suburb sign saying Eriku. Pidgeon English for Eric Woo.

Nice but!

While it was interesting and we had a good time I don't see us going back there again.

How things had changed



The Sing-sing



Salamaua



Where the ANZ used to be

- *What follows is a portion of a very interesting article by Roy Davenport of his time in the Cook Islands. It covers both his working life and family life there.*



Roy Davenport

The start

In December 1989 we moved to Raratonga to take up a post managing a new Trust company, **Raratonga Trustee Corporation Ltd** that ANZ had acquired. (A domestic and International bank had been commenced the previous year with a New Zealand Manager appointed to take charge of that.)

The genesis

In 1988/89, the ANZ “offshore jurisdiction” in Vanuatu attracted adverse press for the suggestion that some clients were laundering drug money. The powers to be decided ANZ needed a “backup” offshore facility in the Pacific.

Raratonga Trustee Corporation was purchased from an Auckland Solicitor. Our shareholder was a London based Grindlays subsidiary who capitalised the business.

Who’s running the show?

I reported to Grindlays, Singapore.

They, in turn, reported to London and finally to **Ted Johnston** who was Chief Manager Asia Pacific in Melbourne.

In this position Ted was the nominated Chairman of Raratonga Trustees.

I appreciate that Ted had departed Queensland after, perhaps, a chequered stay. However, I found him extremely approachable and helpful in administration of Raratonga Trustees.

As manager I was company Secretary.

Residential status

Missionaries, Mercenaries & Misfits.

Expats were categorized into the three Ms.

The Misfits were usually long-term residents who had escaped or abandoned previous lives and blended into the local community.

Missionaries were busy doing what Missionaries do.

The Mercenaries were the other expats on term appointments and usually they were members of the Golf and Sailing Clubs.

Roy the Misfit

Preferring lawn bowls probably had me categorised as a Misfit!

The family intro to Raratonga

Immediately upon arrival at Raratonga all the kids caught chicken pox.

Shirl spent the first week in a hotel room with three cantankerous kids.

The first month was spent organising a home, enrolling the kids in school, purchasing a car, and adjusting to a vastly different life.

Schooling

Our children were enrolled in local schools.

Our two youngest who were in primary school, were often part of a class of 30 plus.

Of those classes they were generally with only one or two other *papa’ā*. (white children).

Some of the lessons were taught in Cook Islands Maori with emphases on Cook Islands culture.

This photograph shows our youngest participating in Avatea School Dance Practice.



The Office

Raratonga Trustees comprised an office, a secretary (*who was also a Cook Islands director of all the companies that Raratonga Trustees administered*), an ancient Apple MacIntosh PC, and a collection of “mouldy files”.

The Job

There was no job description or any instruction manual.

Accounting

The first problem was the absence of an accounting system. (*The vendor had used a section of his law practice accounting software*).

In the absence of a system suitable for our modest bookkeeping requirements we used a crude Lotus 123 spreadsheet general ledger.

The Clients

The client records contained scant information, and virtually no record of acceptable identification or the proposed purpose of the companies and trusts we were managing.

My pre-appointment training had stressed, above all else, the need to carefully document client’s ‘bona fides’ before acceptance.

Strictly off limits were:

- Foreign politicians
- Military Officers
- Senior Police Officers
- Proceeds of any suspected criminal activity.

- *There is a lot more to Roy’s story of his time in the Cook Islands.*

In the next episode you will be introduced to some Cook Islanders, apprised of a rather unusual debt recovery operation and learn more of the lifestyle of the Cook Islands.

History in the making

■ *Last month we included a picture of Emanza staff and said:*

Jeff Pitt is currently writing the Queensland portion of the EMANZA history.

Ian Millard has provided a photo of some Data Processing and Methods staff at EMANZA centre Kangaroo Point circa 1977.

Although scrutinised by a number of people, help is still needed to identify some of those pictured.

Here is what they have at present. Can you help?

■ *This month we include the same picture, but with modifications:*

After appending the names provided by **John Whitten** and **Rob Barnes**, this is what resulted.

Almost there

Now that leaves three unidentified;

- The guy on the right who is the same colour as the background
- The bloke on his right (your left) who looks like **John Cleese**
- And the half a face peeking through between **Alan Pratt** and **Gary Maher**.

You could make history

It was always intended that the Members Gallery would be populated by first person accounts added directly by Club members.

There is capacity to do that and it is not particularly technical.

Suppose you were browsing through the Branches section and come across a photo of Pittsworth Branch where you once worked.

You pen something related to you time there.

Further members pen their stories and suddenly there is a permanent history of Pittsworth being built.

See the text box at the bottom of the page for an example of a commentary added to a picture.



Example of a commentary that could be added to a picture of ANZ Innisfail circa 1960

I started work in Innisfail in February 1961, having been transferred from Ayr. The Manager at that time was **John Donovan** and Acct/Teller was **A.J. (John) White**. The Ledger Lady was **Mary Perotti** and the Junior, **Peter Houlihan**.

The branch was an un-airconditioned hot box. Its only windows were above head level on one wall. The rear door to the branch was frequently left open to allow some air flow. In those days, tie and long pants were de rigueur and a day at work could be a very uncomfortable experience.

On my arrival the branch had hand ledgers but converted to the Odhner during my term there.

Before I left in 1963 **John Donovan** had been replaced by **Bren Calcutt** and **John White** by **Graham Quinn**.

■ *The Editor would like to collaborate with anyone who may wish to take ownership of such an operation.*