



ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers' Club of South Australia

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You are all invited to join peers and colleagues at our **NT Appreciation Day** lunch which will be held on

Monday 4th August

from 11.45 a.m. at the Strathmore Hotel (Balcony Restaurant, 1st Floor), 129 North Terrace, Adelaide. As a special recognition of this day barra mundi will be on the menu!!



Cost of lunch is \$30 for the meal, soft drinks, bottled wine and beer. Order forms for lunch will be on the tables, so please complete as soon as possible after your arrival to assist staff in serving our meals promptly.

The Committee realises that many of you don't "travel with cash" much anymore and continues to offer option for you to pay a day or so prior by EFT to the Club's account. BSB 015-300 Account No. 6525 94422 – **please note our new Bank Account details.**

You are still welcome to pay cash on the day (envelope on the table) if you would prefer. Crowds welcomes your \$5 cash payment for raffle tickets.

Please advise Secretary Lyn by e-Mail, SMS or telephone if you will be attending.

Contact details are above. Numbers help the Strathmore with setting up for us to enjoy our afternoon. If you unexpectedly find yourself free to attend and haven't advised, please come - we can always find room for one more!

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome new Members Deb Shaw, Chris Clark, Anna La Bella and M'Liss Steel to our ANZROC family.

Let's welcome some more new Members – Secretary Lyn is waiting for your referrals

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to you all once again. It's July and finally, after 6 months of the "big dry," we've had some decent rain lately which has put a smile on the faces of people in our regional communities where many of us spent many years.



June Lunch

The June lunch was themed as "The E.S & A. Heritage Day" and was attended by 78 members. I was amazed to find out that 90 of our current 425 members are ex ES&A staff ... pretty good effort considering ES&A ceased to exist 55 years ago. We were entertained by Phil Arscott who recounted a few stories from his time in ES&A and It was great to see a good number of other ES&A legends including the likes of **Maurice Adams, John Mallinson, Rod Kennedy** and **Rob Short** (to name a few) attend. Have a read of **Marilyn Osborne's** Lunch Report in the pages following for more detail.

Newsletters ... May and July.

Craig McLaren followed up his March article about his time on Groote Eylandt with another entertaining piece in May ... this time about the ANZ Fishing Club. I would say that Craig is probably leading in the "Contributor of the Year" competition so far but I tell you what, he has some serious competition in **John Shepherd** who makes his debut in this newsletter with an excellent article about his early days at Katherine Branch of the ES&A. If anyone thinks that Banking hasn't changed much ... make sure that you have a read. Thank you, John, for your contribution and to everyone else please we would welcome your story ... however short or long it is please send it in.

Honorary and Life Members - changes

The Committee has decided to change the timing and method of acknowledging our Honorary Members (i.e. Members > 80 years old) as follows:

- Move the acknowledgement from the November Club Lunch this year to the February Lunch next year and thereafter.
- Complimentary Club Lunch for Honorary and Life Members will cease and in lieu funds will be used to provide benefits to Honorary Members who are not able to attend lunches (as a part of our ongoing Member Welfare Programme e.g. recent presentation to Jack Moyle to acknowledge his 100th birthday).

Next ANZROC Lunch 4th August

The theme of the next lunch is "Northern Territory Appreciation Day". Apart from a very short timeframe ANZ in SA and ANZ in the NT have been as one from an administrative and staffing viewpoint and the lunch is to acknowledge the major role that the NT has played in our lives. So as always, all Members are encouraged to attend the lunch and particularly those who worked in the NT ... come along and share some memories and stories.

ANZ Football Club Lunch

I enjoyed a great catchup with many old footy club mates last Monday ... long time since I have seen the likes of **Andrew Virgo, Brian Dey, Brenton George** and others. The get together was organised by **Bob Snewin** who gave a special call out to one of the absolute legends of the footy club, **Graham Erlandsen** (aka **Hooky**) who was not able to attend due to ill health.

See you at the next lunch. Cheers BP



JUNE LUNCH REPORT by Marilyn Osborne

Our "Winter Warmer Lunch" on Monday 2nd June 2025 was very well supported. President Brian Pedler welcomed 78 members to the Strathmore Hotel and gave a special welcome to prospective members Deb Shaw and Anna La Bella.

He advised apologies had been received from the following members - Bob Ainsworth, Steve Battle, Moira Blair-Beal, Julian Bone, Zena Chapman, Jim Clark, Tony Del Duca, Trevor Drew, Brian and Pat Fitzpatrick, Bruce Forster, Peter Harris, Sue Johnson, Sue Johnston, Bob Jones, Lyn Launer, David and Denise Lawrence, Jim Little, Kathy Manglesdorf, Ann McCreanor, Michele McMahon, Elaine Morgan, Mike Parsons, Faye Parsons, Beth Polacek, John Priest, John Richards-Pugh, Michelle Rowley, Larrie Ryan, Anne Sanderson, Meredith Skoravic, Joy and Bill Watson, Chris Wellman, Terry Welsh, Norma Williman, Peter and Mary Wright and Caroline Wright.

President Brian announced that today was "ES&A Heritage and Appreciation Day" - a tribute to the English, Scottish & Australian Bank. Former staff members of the ES&A Bank who were present at today's luncheon stood and were acknowledged by the meeting. Brian spoke on the history of the ES&A Bank from its arrival in Australia in 1852, opening offices in King William Street Adelaide in 1864 and the merger with the ANZ Bank in 1970. Brian's talk was indeed interesting and informative. For instance, who knew the ES&A Bank produced their own banknotes before the Reserve Bank of Australia did so? Our guest speaker today was Phil Arscott who worked at the Peterborough Branch of the ES&A Bank in 1969 as well as its agency at Terowie. With Peterborough being a major railway town in the north of South Australia it was indeed interesting and enjoyable hearing about Phil's experiences there.



On a sad note we learnt of the passing of our member, Bruce Kelly, on the 17th May, just before his 80th Birthday this month. Bruce had 30 years' service with the Bank including time in Darwin after Cyclone Tracy. His wife Marlene is also a member of the Club. A toast and period of remembrance was held for Bruce.

At the request of Members, today's luncheon menu included a roast. I must say the roast lamb was superb as evidenced by the empty/clean plates at the end of our meal! Compliments to the Strathmore Hotel's chef.

President Brian informed the meeting that the Club's new website commenced operating a week ago and he encouraged Members to check it out. Initial feedback on the content has been very complimentary and any feedback or suggestions to further enhance the site would be most welcome. Special thanks must go to Secretary Lyn Roberts for the time and effort she has put in towards assisting the Graduates in getting the site up and running.

The Birthday Raffle was held for the months of July and August. Colin Reichelt drew out the winning names. Congratulations to the winners Deidre Reid and Graeme Maylin. The General Raffle followed with Phil Arscott drawing out the winning tickets. Lucky winners of a choice of a free lunch or chocolates were: David McLeod, Jane Crowder, David Jeffrey, Craig McLaren and David Mann.

President Brian declared the meeting closed at 2.00pm and advised our next luncheon would be held on 4th August. Another good day - it's always interesting and rewarding hearing about the history of the Bank and the life stories of Club members.



JUNE WINTER WARMER LUNCH PHOTOS

(check out lots more photos from this lunch on our website)



Left: Barrie Schoell and David Jeffree

Right: Cheryle Ouston and Yolande Stretton

Below: Deb Shaw



Below: David McCloud and Roger Hanckel

Below: Brett Hosking, Lyn Roberts and Frances Uggias



Left: Fabulous new seating arrangement by The Strathmore staff made it easier to get around.

Below: Stella Raschella and Sharyn Wilson



E S & A Reminiscing by John Shepherd

The 10th December 2024 marked the 60th anniversary of full banking services being introduced to Katherine NT. Prior to this time a three and a half day a week Agency was run from Darwin, which was not a very satisfactory service. The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Limited decided to extend their services to Katherine and the Agency ceased to operate on the 5th December 1964 and full banking services were started the next day. Brian Lambert was appointed as Branch Manager, but due to operational problems did not take up his appointment until mid-January 1965, so the Branch was opened with Malcolm Simms as Manager and John Shepherd as Teller and general dogs body. During the next 12 months, Annette Taylor, Chris White and Paul Worsefield were added to the staff. The two girls employed were locals, and when Paul joined the staff he was housed in a flat, over the river in a unit on what is Gwendoline Street today.

To establish the Branch it was decided on an Executive Level that all the customers of Darwin Branch who had a Katherine address would be transferred to the new Branch. As you may imagine this caused quite a bit of confusion as Territorians at that time were well known for not wanting to let people know where they actually were. It did enable Darwin Branch to update their records, and Katherine to get them right.

The Bank was situated in a house that was located on Katherine Terrace next to where Red Rooster is today. The original building had two bedrooms for the staff which had air conditioning; however, the remainder of the building only had overhead fans and louver windows. The original lounge room became the office for the Manager, Brian Lambert, and the kitchen laundry later became an office for the Esanda clerk/acting Accountant, John Shepherd. The ablutions were a separate building containing a shower, laundry tubs and toilet that was well known by the local green frog community. The banking chamber was a fully enclosed veranda the full width of the building and about 5 metres wide.

In those times the Bank staff wore "whites", white open neck short sleeve shirts, white shorts, white long sox, and black shoes. This "Tropical Dress" was financed by the Bank and was acquired at John Martins in Adelaide. Also provided was accommodation and food and staff meals which were provided by the Green Mill Café next door to the Bank. A cleaner was hired to clean the Banking facilities, but staff had to clean their own bedroom. Washing of "whites" was covered by the Bank but underwear and sox were washed in the provided facilities. When the move to new premises was made funds to hire a cook/cleaner for the staff quarters was provided. Somewhere along the line these privileges and inducements to serve in the NT disappeared.

During the first 6 months of operation the Branch had just the 2 staff. We worked long hours to get the day's work processed, usually starting at about 7.30 am and completing the day around 6.30 pm. Sunday was a work day as well as there were only 2 mail days a week and the Post Office usually had the mail from the Sunday morning plane sorted by 10am. The other plane came in on Tuesday evening. The staff were working long hours but overtime was not claimed as to do so was a long drawn out process requiring more time which would have eaten into what social time we had. Both staff members were really committed to the success of the new Branch.

Telephone services were a bit of a problem as well as there was only a manual exchange with (I believe) one line south. This meant a call to Adelaide could be booked early in the morning and not received until late afternoon. Calls to Darwin could take a considerable time as well.

I believe that somewhere deep in the bowels of the head office of the “Ead Sling & Arse Bank” was a small group of workers whose job it was to make up and distribute amendments to the operational “Bible”, the dreaded “Books of Reference”. On the receipt of the amendments the dreaded Books were supposed to be amended, however in Katherine the contents were duly noted and promptly filed in a beer carton under the tellers counter. This caused a terrible stink when the Branch was audited after some 3 years of operation.



While on the subject of auditors, I wonder what they would have thought of what happened on the long weekend in June 1965. That weekend was Katherine's really big weekend of the year with races, rodeo, and other activities to entertain the locals and people from the surrounding stations and communities. Very early in the morning of the trading day it became very obvious that the Bank would run out of cash. It was decided that a prominent business man known to be a very successful gambler, and the unofficial banker for many of the locals should be approached in an endeavour to get hold of some cash. I took the Bank Cheque book and made my way to his business, and met him in his office. After putting the request for some cash I was asked to leave his office so he could open his safe (which was of superior quality to what the Bank had). When I was called back in to his office he had ten thousand pounds for me. I wrote a Bank Cheque for the amount and took the cash back to the Bank where that promptly started to disappear into our clients pockets. It quickly became obvious that we would require more cash. It was decided to approach the local SP Bookie. So off I went with the Bank Cheque book again. This time I was told that he would be happy to assist, but that I should return to the Bank and he would deliver it to us. Shortly after a plastic bag containing ten thousand pounds arrived and exchanged for another Bank Cheque. The package had an “earthy” smell, and the cash enclosed even more so. Our clients wanting cash didn't seem to mind. Balancing the cash that evening was a doddle as there was very little left.

The Tuesday trading was marked with the influx of quite large amounts of cash, and it was not long until the 2 ten thousand pound Bank Cheques were exchanged for cash.

From the time of opening the new Branch the Bank had been negotiating with the N.T. Administration for a block of land in Katherine Terrace on which to construct a Bank. After some 3 years or so a purpose-built building was constructed. It contained a large banking chamber, with Manager and Accountant offices. There was a quite large mess and kitchen area together with a Manager's suite and, I think, 5 quite spacious rooms for staff and a large ablution area.

Moving to the new premises was carried out with the assistance of some of our clients. One amusing sight was the fully loaded cash safe hanging by a couple of cables from a crane and trundling down Katherine Terrace.

FOOTNOTE:

The English, Scottish & Australian (ES&A) Bank's logo in the 1960s featured a stylised monogram incorporating the letters "ES&A". It was often seen in conjunction with the Bank's motto, "By the gift of God", which was translated from Latin. The logo appeared on various bank materials, including promotional items like a red and white money box that read "Save For Tomorrow. The Family Bank".



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to our members who are celebrating birthdays during the months of July and August

SEPTEMBER

1	Elsa Galligani
2	Keith Fitzgerald (83)
2	Lee Excell (86)
2	Harry Ulpen
3	Nicki Fantasia
4	Kerry Trezise (82)
6	Larrie Ryan
8	Garry Quinn
8	Glynis Morriss
9	Len Brombal
9	Amanda Scott
9	Helen Taplin (89)
9	Dawn Forde (92)
10	Ray Nicholson (86)
10	John Smith
11	Mitchell Wood
12	Alex Spurling
15	Russell Jolly (83)
15	Carmen Beck
17	Gary Dawes
18	Des Masters (84)
18	Peter Glassenbury
18	Shirley Pinch
21	Malcolm Gray (82)
22	John McNamara (87)
23	Malcolm James (83)
24	Roger Goldsworthy
24	Roger Ford (85)
25	Des Gillings
25	Graeme Baum
26	Deb Owens
28	Trevor Drew (82)
28	Lesley Quigley

OCTOBER

1	Norma Williman (84)
1	Sonia Clarke
1	John Tonkin (86)
1	Greg Wood (92)
2	Stewart Craig
5	Caroline Wright
7	Brenton Read
8	Sue Phillips
9	Graham Ingerson (82)
9	Marianne Cushway
10	Peter Wright
10	Ian Stockbridge
10	Graeme Willoughby
10	Shane Thornton
10	Jeff Pinkerton (82)
12	John Mallinson
12	Michele McMahon
13	Chris Catt
13	Kathy Mangelsdorf
14	John Garrett
16	Murray Beinke
16	Neville Whittlesea
18	Neil Excell
19	Doug Kemp
19	Vicki Vergis
20	John Oakes
21	Maree Lees
21	Bill Symonds (93)
21	Bevan Treloar (92)
22	Ian Newman (82)
23	Stan Watters (80)
23	Simone Barlow
23	Nicole Woolley
30	Barry Hurst
30	Jack Clarke
31	Brian Fitzpatrick (82)
31	Marion Peters
31	John Dawes

ES&A "The Scottie" magazine July 1968

Thanks to Maurice Adams for forwarding this article. (You look so young Maurice, but still very recognisable today). The magazine was a national Staff Journal. Interesting to note that Lesley Bull in the photo is married to our Member Paul Begg – small world!!

Amongst other old paperwork found by Maurice was a booklet received by new staff on the first day of employment. Page 5 advised "males are paid fortnightly on a Wednesday and females on the alternate Wednesday." Whilst the booklet did not specify once a female married she had to resign.....this is what happened!!



SYNDICATE WINNERS

Winner of the syndicate prize of \$125 was a group of young people from Town Hall Branch, Adelaide: Maurice Adams, Lesley Bull, Ann Scopelitis and Johann Jackson. At 21, Maurice is the oldest. He prepared the winning essay but was given valuable assistance by the other three members of the syndicate. Lesley helped with polishing and style, Johann and Ann with additional ideas.

Their prize was presented by State Manager for S.A., Mr J. C. Haines, at a small ceremony in Adelaide Office.

ABOVE: The syndicate winners receive their prize. From left: Mr Haines, Maurice, Lesley, Ann, Johann and Mr R. A. Appelbee (Staff Officer).

Second and third prizes of \$50 and \$25 for individual entries went to Owen Shannon (Lang Lang Branch, Vic.) and Raymond Brennan (Sydney Office) respectively.

Second prize of \$50 in the syndicate section went to Mike Jaques and Ivan Buckley (both of GM's Dept.).

Consolation prizes of \$5 each went to Terry O'Sullivan (Esanda, Tas.), David Ward (Millicent Branch, S.A.), Keith Witney (GM's Dept.), Bruce Philps (N.S.W. Relieving Staff),

Keith Dahl (Rockhampton Branch, Q.), Ernst Huning (Colac Branch, Vic.).

Response was impressive

Aim of the contest was to find out from the young people in the Bank, who make up 70 per cent of the entire staff, what they think are the ways in which the Bank can best progress.

"The response was impressive," says Manager of the New Business Department, Mr John Mapleston. "We had a very good selection of 66 entries from all over Australia and among them were some very sound ideas."



ANZROC SA & NT

New website is live.....

Hopefully those of you with internet access have been able to check out our new ANZROC SA & NT website www.anzrocsant.net The Bank staff have done fantastic work to get this up and running for us. Now the challenge is for us to learn how to update the site – this has proved daunting to date – managed to put the photos of our June lunch up and still grappling with the rest. So, forgive us if some of the information is not updated as quickly as we'd like....it is just not as easy as one would think. Any recently retired Member, living in Adelaide, who has a working knowledge of Webflow would be welcome to provide us some helpful hints.

We would love to start adding more stories and old photos to the website so keep them coming.

TRIBUTES



We are saddened to record the death of three of our Members since our last newsletter.

John Bielby died on 19th June 2025 aged 87 years. He joined the Bank in February 1954, retiring 40 years later in May 1994.

At the time of his retirement, he was District Manager Northern SA Country & NT Zone.

Previously he had worked as Manager in Whyalla and from there went to Clare in 1985 when the Bank set up an “experimental” Area Office, where he took up the position of Area Manager. This office closed down in 1988. John's wife Pamela pre-deceased him in 2022.

Ian Broadbridge passed away on 18th June 2025 aged 75 years.

Ian joined the Bank in January 1966 retiring in October 1997 after 31 years' service. At the time of his retirement, he was a Relationship Manager with Esanda. Our condolences have been sent to his wife Lynne and family.

Bruce Kelly died on 17th May 2025 a month short of his 80th birthday. He joined the Bank in January 1962 and retired in February 1992 with 30 years' service. Our condolences have been sent to his wife Marlene, who is also our Member.

SECRETARY'S SNIPS

A shout out to **Zena Chapman** who has been struggling a bit with her mobility recently – hope to see you at lunch again soon, Zena..

Eldon Eckermann was going through his ES&A archives recently and in the May 1966 “The Scottie” magazine there was a page of wedding photos....including his own (see right).

Bob Milgate (now living in Melbourne) noted a photo of **Chris Clark** in the last newsletter and remembered working with her in Clare in 1967. I checked in with Chris and she remembers Bob as a happy person with a great smile. (About time you came to Adelaide for a lunch Bob).

Good to hear **John Oakes** has recovered from his recent hospitalisation and doing well at home.



ELDON ECKERMANN (Adelaide Office) and Anne Longbotham (SA Branch Dept.) after their wedding on March 12.

I've “lost” two more Members who have moved or changed e-Mail address, omitting to advise me new details. If you are in contact with either **JUDY FRANCIS** or **CARLENE RICHARDSON** could you please let me know.



Member **Esther Buckley**'s daughter (and new Member) **M'Liss Steel** shared some photos of her dad, Lawrie Buckley, at the opening of the Bank of Adelaide in Streaky Bay in September 1968. Those present on the day included Mr. W.P. Wright, General Manager of the Bank of Adelaide and Mr F.A. Bellenger, Chairman of the District Council of Streaky Bay. The newspaper article of the day indicated “over the past few years, The Bank of Adelaide has built attractive modern premises at Port Lincoln, Cummins, Cleve, Wudinna, Whyalla and Ceduna.” It was stated that the extensive and ambitious building program was evidence of the confidence of the Bank in the future of Eyre Peninsula where it was the pioneer Bank.

LUNCHEON MEETING DATES 2025

Monday 4th August

Monday 3rd November (Melbourne Cup Eve)

Tuesday 2nd December (Christmas)



If you have enjoyed reading our stories, Newsletter Editor Jenny is always looking for your contribution from “the old days”. Please forward your recollections to her so that she can share with everyone.