



## ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers' Club of South Australia

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS 2025

**OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will be held at The Strathmore Hotel Balcony Restaurant on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 129 North Terrace, Adelaide on

**TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2025** from 11.30 a.m.

**This lunch is completely SOLD OUT**

**If for some reason your circumstances change and you will not be able to attend, please advise Secretary Lyn so that those on the waitlist can be accommodated and refund can be arranged for you. You can also put your name on the waitlist.**

A reminder there is an elevator for those unable to use the stairs. To assist staff, we ask that all attending be seated by 12.00 noon, at which time lunch orders will be taken.

Annual subscription of \$10 for 2025 is due by 31<sup>st</sup> December and thanks go to many who have already paid with their Christmas lunch money. You can post your cheque for subscription to Secretary Lyn or EFT to BSB 015-300 Account 6525 94422 Any Member aged 80 years or older is considered an Honorary Member and is **not** required to pay annual subscription.

**ANZROC SA wishes to especially thank the ANZ Banking Group for their continued generous subsidy contribution, allowing us to share the spirit of Christmas.**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to everyone. Last Monday was our traditional Melbourne Cup Lunch and I reckon that it was a beauty. If you attended then I hope that you also had a good time. If you weren't there then you should have been and hopefully you are joining us for the Christmas Show.



A few highlights from the lunch –

- **Stan Batten's** presentation to commemorate Remembrance Day was informative and moving. How about the fact that 40% of the staff of The Bank of Australasia (an ANZ predecessor) volunteered to serve in World War 1. A mighty effort that heralded the start of employing women to fill the subsequent vacancies in banking roles.
- **Stan Watters** (*pictured above with me*) was the official judge of the "Best Hat" parade, a role that he fulfilled with aplomb and humour. As a separate issue Stan recently turned 80 and when **Mike Edson** asked him about it, Stan advised that he celebrated with 4 separate functions within a week, finishing off with a large family barbeque apparently so that the family could tell him what a good father and husband he has been.
- We had 3 or 4 people at the lunch who claimed to have ridden a horse competitively including **Marie Horvath** who first climbed on a horse at age 10. **Bruce Forster** had his hand half up so I'm not sure whether he was genuine or not.
- The part I like most of all about the lunches is catching up with old friends and it was great to have a chat with the likes of **Shane Pudney** (a Barossa Legend), **Lisa Nugent** (we worked together in Waymouth Street 20 years ago) and **Richard Tucker** (he was in Darwin when I was in Katherine 25 years ago).

### Significant Birthdays

**Jenny Evans** turns 86 on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Who is Jenny Evans you may ask ... well, Jenny is a very nice lady and she contributed a very entertaining and interesting article that appeared in the October 2024 edition of our Newsletter which is available on the ANZROC website and I commend a re-read. Jenny is also the wife of **Neil Evans** (dec'd) who was my Manager at Keith in 1980. Aah those were the days.

**Geoff Loveday** turns 83 on 25<sup>th</sup> December. Geoff is a Life Member who served as Secretary of ANZROC SA for 18 years from 2002 and now lives in Qld. Happy Birthday Jenny and Geoff.

### Newsletter Articles

A couple of great articles last month from **David Meadows** (working in Darwin and Cyclone Tracy) and also **Malcolm James** (Groote Eylandt). Both articles make for really interesting reading and I thank David and Malcolm for their contributions.

### Only One horse returned from World War 1

Last year as a part of the Remembrance Day / Melbourne Cup dual celebration I included an article about a horse called "Bill the Bastard" in the November newsletter. This year along the same theme I want to tell you about Sandy. The Australian Army took 136,000 horses from Australia with them to WW1 and the only horse that returned was one called Sandy, being the favourite horse of General Sir William Bridges. Sandy's head was preserved and displayed in the war museum until recent times.

### Christmas Lunch

My goodness it's sold out already. Hopefully you have a reservation and if so, I will see you there. If not then I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Regards to you all ... Brian P

## NOVEMBER LUNCH REPORT by Marilyn Osborne

There is one thing that can be said about our luncheons and that is they are never dull, boring and uneventful. This was the case today when, to begin with, the city was lashed by torrential rain. The Strathmore Hotel was suddenly flooded in the deluge, particularly the Balcony Room. The hotel staff worked hard to mop up the water and rearrange tables and seating enabling our luncheon to proceed.



Melbourne Cup luncheons are always popular and well supported and today was no exception. President Brian (Barney) Pedler welcomed 81 members including six new members - Lisa Nugent, Richard and Deb Tucker, Andrew Ferrier and Harry and Cathy Downey. A special welcome was given to Roland Roberts who was videoing today's proceedings for the website and Zena Chapman whom we have not seen for a while. There were 30 apologies received for today, including one from Ian Hackett in Scotland. Ian will return to Adelaide shortly and join us at the Christmas lunch. Other apologies were Bob Ainsworth, Graeme Baum, Moira Blair-Beal, Marianne Cushway, Teresa Goreham, Michelle Humphries Bob Jones, Peter Low, Trev Mahney, Mike Parsons, John Richards-Pugh, Larrie Ryan, Anne Sanderson, Amanda Scott, David Shannon, Lyn Shoemark, Rob and Jenny Short, Meredith Skoravic, Terry Welsh, Bea Wigley, Bill and Joy Watson, Stella Raschella, Trevor Drew, Ray Nicholson, Rod and Sara Kennedy and Frances Ugias.

President Brian advised that sadly five members had recently passed away - David Schulz died on 20th March, aged 88 years. Rod Jenkins died on 24<sup>th</sup> August, aged 83 years. Graham Erlandsen passed away on 21st September aged 76 years. Ron Wilson died on the 12th August aged 83 years. Barry Ewing passed away on 28th October, aged 81 years.

Members stood for a toast and period of silence in remembrance of these late members.

Today we were privileged to again have STAN BATTEN as our Guest Speaker. With next week on the 11th November being Remembrance Day Stan delivered a most interesting and memorable speech on "Bankers who served in Wars and in Defence" and who made the supreme sacrifice. Stan's speech has been uploaded onto our web site and I highly recommend visiting the site to view it in its entirety as it relates to a period in the Bank's history which most of us were not aware of.

President Brian announced the drawing of the Birthday raffle for the months of November and December. Those with birthdays in these months had to be present to be eligible. To my surprise and coming as quite a shock, my name was drawn for November and I scored a lovely box of chocolates. Andrew Ferrier was the winner for December.

It was time for one of the highlights of our Melbourne Cup luncheon, the Best Hat competition. The line up of ladies in their beautiful headwear was the largest we have ever seen. The competition was judged by Stan Watters - a judge for the International Federation of Pigeon Fanciers, would you believe!! Stan, by the way, has just celebrated his 80th birthday. There were many worthy winners but unfortunately only one prize available. Congratulations to the winner Yolande Stretton. Yolande has been fortunate to have won this competition on several previous occasions that I can recall.

The General Raffle draw took place and lucky winners of luncheon vouchers were Deb Tucker, Yolande Stretton (a lucky winner again!), Deidre Reid, Faye Parsons and Sarah Rule.



Before officially closing the meeting President Brian thanked those members who sent in contributions for our newsletter. He also advised that our Christmas luncheon on 2nd December was almost fully booked. Finally, winners of the sweeps would receive their monies at the Christmas luncheon and if not in attendance Treasurer Stan will EFT winnings..

The bar closed at 2.00pm and many members lingered until 3.00pm. The food today was very good as was the beer and wine. Mention must be made of the special teamwork from so many people in organizing the luncheon, the selling sweep and raffle tickets, meeting and greeting people arriving, allocating horses in the sweeps, etc. etc. Well done everybody! Judging from the noise everyone appeared to have a really good time regardless of the weather outside.

### RECORD NUMBER OF ENTRANTS IN HAT PARADE



*Lisa Nugent, Sue Phillips, Jane and Peter Crowder*



*Judge Stan Watters and winner Yolande Stretton*



*Deb Tucker and Judy Oakes*



*Deb Flanagan  
Kathy Davey  
Mann and Dory*



*and  
Liz  
Goyak*



## NOVEMBER 2025 LUNCH



*Above: Shane Pudney and  
Darren McDougall*



*Lisa Nugent and Cathy Downey*



*Steve Battle and Brett Hosking*



*Kathy Davey and Colleen Dwyer*

*Below: Bruce Forster*



*Julian Bone and Richard Tucker*



*Carol Lake and Deb Mackay*

**SEE MORE PHOTOS  
FROM THIS LUNCH  
ON THE ANZROC WEBSITE**

**[anzrocsant.net](http://anzrocsant.net)**



*Brian Fitzpatrick and Bob Bean*



*Left: Janine Daminato and  
Michelle Rowley*

*Right: Craig McLaren  
David McAskill and  
Deb Flanagan*







# BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

## JANUARY

1	Cor Schaftenaar
1	Beth Polacek
1	Patricia Rehn
2	Peter Shaw
3	Judy Francis (85)
3	Joy Watson (84)
4	Sue Johnson
4	Daniel Bull
4	Eldon Eckermann (83)
4	Wayne Pettingill
4	Murray Page (87)
5	Ron Williams (83)
5	Jim Helmore (88)
5	Mary Kenihan (97)
8	Diane Kemp
8	Margaret Bean (82)
12	Rob Short
13	Wayne Kraft
16	Murray Beinke
18	David Connolly
18	Barrie Schoell
18	Ron Potts (94)
18	Sue A. Phillips
18	Reggie Barker
20	Margaret Martin (89)
20	Mike Brown (84)
20	Tim Germein
21	Bea Wigley
22	Gary Carter (82)
23	Terry Welsh (87)
27	John Kershaw
27	Greg Dobrovic
28	Denis Goodger
29	Judy Oakes (82)

## FEBRUARY

1	Phil Lowe
2	Michelle Humphries
3	Colin Reichelt (86)
5	John Carr (95)
8	Heather Quick
8	Tom Rundle
10	Kathy Davey
10	Deb Shaw
12	Barbara Stoneman (83)
12	Robert Brookes (86)
14	Kay Whitelaw (86)
14	Jeff Roberts (90)
14	John Thornley (93)
14	Roger Hanckel
15	George Charlesworth
15	Peter Kelsh
17	Geoff Bell
18	Julie Baker
21	Diane Lines
24	John Whitehill
24	Dino Robazza
24	Jack Moyle (101)
26	Liz Bourne
26	Dean Lorraine
27	Bob Fosdike (93)
27	David Jury
28	Des McMahon (84)
28	Mike Prance
28	Bob Ainsworth

## NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new Members to our ANZROC family –

Kevin Rock, Lisa Nugent, Tracy McIvor, Karen Erlandsen, Richard Tucker, Deb Tucker, Jenny Wilson, Keith Hoffman, Kev Tolley and Annie Tolley

## Do you remember these?

Back in 1981 cheque books were issued with these five prints as backgrounds.

Our Member, Geoff Bell, was recently visiting Adelaide from his home in Queensland and brought with him a set of the prints (now framed) which were used on the cheque books. He purchased when an offer was made by the Bank to staff. He is downsizing at home (aren't we all) and has offered these to ANZROC for any interested Member.



Our Committee has proposed a "silent free auction" whereby any interested Members who would like one of the prints can put their name forward for the draw. There is one caveat – you need to collect in Adelaide or pay for posting. E-Mail Secretary Lyn if you are interested.



Laura, Millicent, Mt. Gambier, Yorketown and finally Alice Springs. When the Bank wanted him to leave Alice Springs he left the Bank as he didn't want to go he loved it so much there – ended up staying for 26 years in all.



An enquiry was made to ANZ Archives in Melbourne about the prints and it was advised:

"The prints were made from original artwork painted by Kerrie Mortison that had been commissioned by ANZ.

Customers who opened a new Monthly Interest or Blue Ribbon account, or those who deposited over \$1000 into a 12 month term deposit were offered the prints free of charge. Customers could also purchase the "ANZ Australian Fauna Collection" set of 5 prints for \$12.95, and staff had the opportunity to purchase them

for \$6.50. The offer was promoted in Branches, in Australian magazines, and in leaflets sent out with Bankcard statements during February and March 1982.

The prints were also used on cheques which were advertised with the slogan "put your signature on a work of art". It is unclear in what circumstances or for how long the Australian Fauna cheque books were issued."



# TRIBUTES

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



**Ron Wilson** died on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 aged 83. He joined the Bank in March 1970 and retired in July 1997 with 27 years' service.

**Rod Jenkins** died on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 aged 83. He joined ES&A in January 1960 and retired in December 1996 as Manager Herberton Qld. With 33 years' service. Rod worked mainly in the Northern Territory (Darwin, Katherine Agency, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs) and transferred to Queensland where he worked in several Branches including Cairns. Our condolences have been passed on to his widow Maria.

**Barry Ewing** died on 28<sup>th</sup> October aged 81 years. Barry joined the Bank of Adelaide in January 1961 and left in January 1992 with 31 years' service. He worked at Hawker in the 1960's where he met his wife, Sue. Then he worked at Rundle Mall in the 70s, Brighton and Blackwood in the 80's. Barry also worked in Bankcard Department for both Bank of Adelaide and ANZ.

## LUNCHEON MEETING DATES FOR YOUR 2026 DIARY

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February (AGM and Over 80's)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Melbourne Cup)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December



***Don't forget to check out our website***

**[www.anzrocsant.net](http://www.anzrocsant.net)**

***We have had some absolutely fabulous stories in the newsletter this year – please send us some more so that we can share with all our Members.***

***Newsletter Editor Jenny***