



ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers' Club of South Australia
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Don't forget to check out our website - www.anzrocsant.net

You are all invited to join peers and colleagues at our next lunch which will be held on

Monday 13th April

from 11.45 a.m. at the Strathmore Hotel (Balcony Restaurant, 1st Floor), 129 North Terrace, Adelaide.



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.

You are still welcome to pay cash on the day (envelope on the table) if you would prefer. You will however still need \$5 cash for the raffle as Crowds doesn't have an EFTPOS machine!!

With Easter just prior to our lunch, we are reliably informed there will be a fluffy tailed visitor handing out some late Easter treats!



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 the following new Members to our ANZROC family –

Kayla Doyle, Craig Clogg, Tracy Rowe, Dan Prentice, Linley Belford, Kym Nye

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There are many things that reoccur: bulbs in spring, heartburn after a curry and quarterly power bills.

To that list you can now add me!

A recurring bad dream you may think as I return as President again. Let me assure you that I'm not looking at establishing an ongoing dynasty and already have succession planning underway. Once again, I thank you for the opportunity and hope to keep the Club rolling along smoothly.



I would like to thank Brian Pedler for his stellar work over the last two years in conjunction with the entire Committee. Special mention must be made of Committee member Marilyn Osborne who has decided to retire from her longstanding role as our "Lunch Reporter" – she is thanked and will be missed.

It would be remiss of me to also not highlight the Life Membership awarded to Peter Crowder at the recent AGM. Peter remains on the Committee and will continue this year fleecing members of their "well earned" for raffle tickets at lunches. A big hello to Lisa Nugent who joins us on Committee for the first time.

As was the case during my earlier two years as President my ongoing aims for the club are:

- Satisfaction of Members attending lunches with food and drinks, venue and content
- Ensure our newsletters and website are informative and of interest to all and especially those who only have contact with the Club by those channels
- Encourage fellowship and connection of Members at every opportunity
- Actively seek out new Members with a personal goal of 500 in mind
- Maintain sound operations of the Club based on the solid foundations already in place

I look forward to working with the Committee throughout the year to meet these objectives. Please send through any suggestions of ideas or activities for the club and of course any possible new Members – they are always welcome.

Hoping to see many of you at our next lunch in April where rumours of chocolate and eggs abound!

Regards
Mike

LUNCHEON MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 13th April
Monday 1st June
Monday 3rd August
Monday 2nd November (Melbourne Cup)
Tuesday 1st December (Christmas Lunch)

FEBRUARY LUNCH REPORT by Marilyn Osborne



The 56th Annual General Meeting of the ANZ Retired Officers' Club on Monday 2nd February 2026 was very well supported indeed. President Brian Pedler welcomed 75 members to the Strathmore Hotel. Having experienced a week of extremely hot weather with temperatures over 40 degrees, it was cool and very pleasant on the balcony of the Hotel. Brian officially declared the meeting open and welcomed new members attending for the first time as well as members not seen for some time. He especially acknowledged Ian Ruth, Linley Belford and Dennis Hegarty. Brian paid tribute to members of the Club over 80 years, particularly the 29 Life Members with 9 still living and 3 absent from today's meeting. In addition, he acknowledged the Club's Honorary Members present - Stan Batten, Bob Bean, Robert Brookes, Brian Fitzpatrick, Glen Forgan, Di Gerlach, Geoff Glynn-Roe, Ray Nicholson, Judy Oakes, Marilyn Osborne, Lew Pfeiffer, Des Quirke, Colin Reichelt, John Richards-Pugh, Kay Whitelaw and Stan Watters.

Apologies for today were received from Lyn Shoemark, Anne Sanderson, Marie Horvath, Ian Hackett, Peter and Jane Crowder, Anna LaBella, Larrie Ryan, Lisa Nugent, Bob Jones, Frances Uggias, Lyn Launer, Don Ebsary, Richard Tucker and Deb Tucker, Brett Hosking, Tony Del Duca, Trevor Drew, Wayne Francis, Peter Harris, John Dawes, Sue Johnson, Elaine Morgan, Terry Welsh, Lew Pfeiffer, David and Liz Mann, Roger Hanckel and Bob Aitchison, Jenny and Rob Short..

The Minutes of last year's meeting were tabled and accepted, after which Geoff Glynn-Roe kindly took over chairing the meeting for the formalities of the Annual General Meeting. Geoff read the report from our long standing and extremely capable Treasurer Stan Batten, following which Secretary Lyn Roberts presented her report. Lyn's report is always interesting and gives an insight into her many duties. We learnt that as of today the Club has 432 members: 33 new members joined in 2025 and sadly 14 members passed away. This year 9 members attain 80 years of age resulting in Lyn sending out 160 birthday cards to those members aged 80 and over!

President Brian presented his report for 2025 and sadly his term as President has expired. Brian acknowledged the Committee members and their duties, the support received from the ANZ Bank, the fact that fortunately there had been no major dramas during his term. He reported he enjoyed being President and wished the incoming President and Committee well. Congratulations Brian on a job well done over the past 2 years!

On the General Business side Brian advised receiving a nomination of **Peter Crowder** for **Life Membership** with the Committee supportive of this nomination. A vote by show of hands carried this nomination unanimously. Peter was unable to be at our lunch today so a certificate will be presented to him at a later luncheon.

The Birthday raffle draw took place for the months of March and April. David Jeffree was the winner for March with Glen Forgan the winner for April. The General Raffle draw followed. Congratulations to the owners of the 5 winning tickets drawn out by Stan Watters - Karen Erlandsen, David McAskill, Yolande Stretton, Bea Wigley and "me" (Surprise! I will certainly enjoy the chocolates).

Lunch was most enjoyable with a varied menu selection. On a light note "thanks" to Ray Nicholson who brought in a selection of Bank memorabilia to distribute to anyone interested. President Brian declared all Committee positions vacant in terms of the Constitution and called on Geoff Glynn-Roe to supervise the election of office bearers for 2026. Geoff announced a nomination for President had been received for Mike Edson who was duly elected. Also elected were Vice-President David Peacock, Treasurer Stan Batten, Secretary,

Lyn Roberts, Committee Members Peter Crowder, Sue Phillips Colleen Dwyer, Kay Jeffree and Lisa Nugent. After 13 years on the Committee I did not stand again and I thank Brian for his kind words of thanks to me.

After the election new President Mike (Michael) Edson took over the podium from Geoff Glynn-Roe. Mike has previously served as President and he expressed a wish for increased membership during his forthcoming term. Treasurer Stan Batten proposed the annual subscription for 2027 be fixed at \$10.00. This was put to the vote and carried. Julian Bone nominated to stand for a second year as Honorary Auditor for 2026. This was also approved. Treasurer Stan Batten then put forward several motions regarding the Club's bank accounts which were carried.

After group photo shoots President Mike Edson closed the meeting and reminded Members the bar was open for refreshments until 2.00pm.

Finally, after 7 years I have relinquished the job of writing luncheon reports. Time for a change and perhaps new ideas! It has been a pleasure and I thank you for your kindness and support.

Secretary Snippets

It was a lovely surprise to have **Don Nenke** attend his first lunch in a very long time in February. I had a lovely chat with Don about his past and present life. He caught the bus to lunch from Mt. Barker with his trusty walking stick helping him navigate the big city. Amazing effort at 91 years of age!! He told me he was surprised to read the January newsletter story about the Bank of Australasia and Union Bank with his name prominent. He appears to be our only Bank of Australasia Member.



Don remembers in about 1952 working with Dennis Joseph Edmond St. Clair Patrick Chidlow (known as Paddy). The Manager at the time was Merv Nightingale and Paddy did Ledgers. Every Wednesday an Agency at Murray Town was visited by Paddy and when he returned the Manager would ask if the ledgers balanced. On one occasion the answer was "no Sir". "How much are they out" Paddy's reply was 2 shillings and a few pence. Paddy received a transfer to Melbourne so set off to Adelaide getting a ride with the local publican. At Head Office he collected his ticket, left his suitcase there while he went out into the city.....and Paddy disappeared never to be seen again. His Bank account was not accessed, his parents in the UK sought information on his whereabouts and to this day Don doesn't know what happened to him.

Former Bank of Adelaide Staff Member **Mary Kenihan** celebrated her 97th birthday on 12th January. In response to birthday card sent Mary replied by e-Mail "who would have thought I would still be here". You are doing a great job Mary keeping up with technology and we're looking forward to celebrating your 100th.

Former Committee person **Judy Oakes** recently celebrated another birthday and wrote to tell me the photo on her card of the ES&A bank head office at 13 King William Street held many great memories for her. Her memories included "Struggling with a suitcase full of other banks' cheques for exchanges in the basement of the ANZ Bank building and wearing stiletto high heels. As we had no air-conditioning, opening windows for some air circulation which resulted in cheques being blown out into the street and having to retrieve them. Famous people who stayed at the "South Australian Hotel" and, because we were the closest bank, coming in to change currency. And there are so many more tales!" You need to write some more stories for us Judy – thanks for sharing.

FEBRUARY LUNCH PHOTOS See lots more on our website anzrocsant.net



Above: David Peacock and Ian Ruth



Below: Denis Hegarty and John Flangan



Above: Deirdre Reid and Cheryle Ouston



Above: Des Quirke and Harry Downey

Below: Bea Wigley and Judy Oakes



Above: Heather Cunningham Julieanne Butler

OVER 80'S GROUP



Above: John Richards-Pugh, Don StNenke, Des Quirke, Geoff Glynn-Roe, Stan Watters, Robert Brookes, Colin Reichelt, Ray Nicholson



Stan Batten, Di Gerlach Kay Whitelaw, Glen Forgan and Judy Oakes

Right: Brian Fitzpatrick, Bob Bean and Marilyn Osborne



The story in the **January** newsletter regarding the **Union Bank** had a lot of feedback.

Secretary Lyn received a phone call from **John Thornley**, asking why his name was not included with those in the newsletter as having worked in the Union Bank (with Dawn Forde, Don Ebsary, Arthur Beckman and Bob Fosdike). Club records were sadly lacking!! John joined the Union Bank in 1951 and remembers working with Arthur at the Victor Harbour Branch (a lovely old building). He remembers Dawn working as Secretary to the Manager at 59 King William Street. He also worked at Elizabeth, Woodville North and Branch Securities in Head Office before leaving. He recalled there was never a dull moment as he was there when the Union Bank and Bank of Australasia merged in October 1951 and later when the mergers of ES&A and Bank of Adelaide occurred.

In retirement John had 25 years as a volunteer JP through the Burnside Council. He still plays 9 holes of golf once a week (using a cart between holes). He has had a few hospital visits over the last 18 months and received a Pacemaker on the last visit. A Valentine's Day baby John was 93 years old last month. He and his wife are living a quieter life these days.

John Cushway wrote to express disappointment there was no photo of the Union Bank at 59 King William Street with the story – well, here you go John..... He tells me he joined ANZ in 1955 at this Branch/building.



Further research revealed there was a Union Bank of Australia on the S-W corner of Gawler Place (then Freeman Street) and Pirie Street. The photo below shows the Adelaide Branch which was in a two-storey building with shutters over the windows and an iron railing fence around 1872.

The Union Bank was first established in Hobart in 1837.

The Union Bank (photo right) operated in South Australia taking over the Bank of South Australia in 1892, moving into its 59 King William Street building now known as Edmund Wright House. There followed a merger with the Bank of Australasia in 1951 to form the ANZ Bank which occupied the building until the 1970's at which time the Government purchased it as a heritage site. The building is now home to various private and public organisations with its grand room used for events and functions, showcasing its beautiful historical interiors.



MEMBER CONTACT DETAILS

Secretary Lyn has found membership records are sadly lacking up to date mobile phone numbers with many Members now choosing not to have a landline. If you no longer have a "home phone" and haven't advised your new mobile contact number please let her know. Details of new addresses are also welcome if you have moved house in recent years.

ANZ / E S & A Merger

Remembered by Graeme Baum

From a Branch perspective, the merger of the two Banks in October 1970 went quite smoothly. Not so in the Northern Territory, ACT and other jurisdictions controlled by the Commonwealth.

Each of the States passed appropriate enabling legislation so that the merger could proceed. The Commonwealth Government of the time did not!!

I was working in Darwin (ES&A) at the time (see photo right), and as a result of the lack of legislative go-ahead, we had to write to all joint account holders, Company Directors, Guarantors and all Club Office Bearers to seek their written "Acknowledgement and Agreement" to the merger. I imagine some of that paperwork may still be held by the Branches involved.



Not difficult you might say, but in those days we had no computers/digital records, so we had to wade through the ledgers, signature cards/authorities and security registers, the compile handwritten lists. This took considerable time and then we (Trevor Schiller and I) had to send out covering letters with the forms. We then had to follow up the tardy clients to get all the paperwork back before merger date.

We never checked with other Branches, but it is understood that all Branches of both Banks would have had to undertake the same processes.

It was certainly an interesting job and fortunately one that should never have to be repeated.

Ron Williams has been sorting out his old ES&A photos and has sent the photo on right – about 1960 he thinks – the orientation class. Faces are familiar but names are escaping him. He believes on the left is Wiggles Wright and Brownly, with Rodney Jenkins the third male from the right. He is on the far right. A great find Ron and thanks for sharing with us. If anyone knows who else is in the photo do let us know. They all look so young and sharply dressed.





BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

MAY		JUNE	
2	Julieanne Butler	1	Ian Johnson (80)
3	Bruce Martin	2	Mike Parsons
4	Terry Parsons	2	Amanda Scott
4	Lois Charlesworth	2	Annie Tolley
4	Veronica Zahra	2	Kay Jeffree
4	Sue Carter	3	Bob Ralph (88)
6	Yolande Stretton	5	Ann McCreanor
6	David Meadows	5	Reg Litchfield (87)
8	Lyn Launer	6	Geoff Mayne (88)
10	Janet Connelly	7	John Fisher
10	Anna La Bella	8	John Studley (90)
10	Bob Jones	8	Warren Fuss
10	Ian Hackett (83)	9	Maurice Adams
13	John Cushway 88	9	Rod Dunbar (93)
15	Julian Bone	10	Sara Kennedy
17	Paul Begg (80)	11	Eugene Bourne
18	Rose Corbett	12	Mark Fielder
18	Shane Pudney	12	Darren McDougall
19	Annabelle Kempster (80)	12	Kevin McGeever (85)
19	Liz Mann	13	Tim Rettig
20	Bryan Symonds(88)	13	Michelle Rowley
20	Trevor Walton (92)	13	Brian Goodfellow
21	Brian Starke (82)	13	Teresa Goldsbrough
21	Barbara Dunning (86)	13	Bob Morton (81)
21	Allen Gilgen	13	John Rieger (89)
22	Keith Zwar (88)	14	Michael Hannan
22	John Richards-Pugh (81)	14	Joy Langford
22	Gary Parkin	18	Roger Blackwell (93)
23	Kath Baylis	19	Trev Mahney
24	Janine Daminato	22	Bob Petney
27	Elizabeth Westphalen (89)	22	Harley Doyle (87)
27	Elaine Morgan	24	Arthur Newley
29	Peter Stephens	27	Colleen Rowlands (88)
29	David Peacock	28	Barry Williams (83)
30	Craig McLaren	28	Daryl Schmitt
30	Geoff Sibley (86)	30	Patricia Fitzpatrick (83)
31	Brian Corbett (83)		
31	Teresa Goreham		