



ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers' Club of South Australia

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You are all invited to join peers and colleagues at our **WINTER WARMER LUNCH** which will be held on

Monday 1st June

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 understands 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. Cash on the day is still available (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!! Coins accepted in lieu of \$100 or \$50 notes!!

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!

Can you help with WINTER STORIES FOR THS LUNCH

President Mike is hoping to have some Members "step up" with a couple of stories about winter at Branches in the old days – for example lighting a fire in the Branch, scraping ice off windscreens to go to the Agency.....he is happy to read these out or to give Members two minutes at the microphone. Please let Secretary Lyn know if you have a cracking story to share with everyone.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I write this, I'm reading reports of another President experiencing a major incident at a large meal gathering. Fortunately, nothing like that happened at the Strathmore Hotel at our April 13th luncheon.



A great turnout of 79 members attended, who once again enjoyed a wonderful meal from the always attentive Strathmore staff. All of the details from the lunch can be found in Lisa Nugent's excellent report.

For those not in attendance at the luncheon, given it was nearing ANZAC day I took the opportunity to speak on the involvement of Bank staff in volunteering for service to Australia. It is clearly evident that Bank staff volunteered at a significantly higher rate than the general population.

One such employee to serve was William Ronald Phillips who served in WW2. He joined ANZ predecessor The Bank of Adelaide in 1930 as a 15-year-old junior. Phillips enlisted in the RAAF and graduated top of his class in his passing out examination. He was then transferred to Canada where he joined the newly formed overseas fighter pilot training program. He graduated from that program with Honours.

Phillips transferred to England and was attached to the RAF Fighter Squadron 3. He was described at that time as the best all-round pilot in the Australian Air Force (something Australian test cricketer Keith Miller may argue). In this newly formed squadron Phillips was the first to shoot down an enemy bomber. His success in downing an enemy Messerschmitt fighter is also recorded. On 28 May 1941, after flying an operational patrol he lost control of his aircraft and crashed being killed upon impact. He was 26 years of age.

As I attended the Mitcham RSL dawn service, the fantastic attendance is hopefully an ongoing sign of how we will never forget those that serve or have served to allow us the freedoms we enjoy.

In an interesting aside to Bank war service - with the male staff volunteering at high rates, women were "allowed" to take on more senior roles and unsurprisingly were highly praised.

On the right of this note - and yes it will come - I've included a wonderful photo of ES & A staff (predominantly women) who not only attended to banking services but took a crucial role in administering the Government's war rationing processes.



Enjoy the lovely autumn weather as I'm sure it will come to an end. Looking forward to seeing many of you at our next lunch on June 1st.

Best wishes **Mike**

APRIL LUNCH REPORT by Lisa Nugent



For four wet, wild and windy days, the usually quiet and dignified streets of Adelaide transformed into something closer to a full-blown festival of noise, colour, and—dare I say it—controlled chaos. Yes, Gather Round hit town, and the so-called *City of Churches* became the *City of Cheers*. Crowds poured in from every corner of the country, scarves flying, colours clashing, and voices raised in passionate debate over umpiring decisions. The pubs were heaving, the streets alive, and the unmistakable buzz of live footy filled the autumn air.

At the heart of it all, a distinguished delegation of 79 ANZ retired Bankers assembled at the iconic Strathmore Hotel for an afternoon of dining, quality conversations and of course the odd raffle or two.

President Mike Edson kicked off proceedings by welcoming the attendees, with special mention to Ann McCreanor who travelled down from Darwin, first time attendee Dan Prentice and Faye Parsons on her 50th wedding anniversary. He also noted the 70th wedding anniversary this week of Member Bevan Treloar and his wife Jill.

Apologies were noted from the following members: Bob Ainsworth, Moira Blair-Beal, Nella Boffa, Zena Chapman, Peter Crowder, Janine Daminatio, John Dawes, Brenda Dombi, Trevor Drew, Colleen Dwyer, Mark Fielder, Jane Fleming, Wayne Francis, Warren Fuss, Teresa Goldsbrough, Keith Hoffman, Bob Jones, Wayne Kraft, Lyn Launer, Jim Little, Peter Lowe, Elaine Morgan, Jenny Morten, Kym Nye, Cheryle Ouston, Barry Phillips, Ron Potts, John Richards-Pugh, Deirdre Reid, Sarah Rule, Larrie Ryan, Jenny Short, Rob Short, Meredith Skoravic, John Symons, Frances Uggias, Terry Welsh, Bob Winter, Barry Yeomans and Veronica Zahra.

He also shared the sad news of the passing of Member John Case since our last luncheon. John passed away on the 26th February 2026 at the age of 87 years. Mike also noted the death of Lorraine Potts, wife of Member Ron Potts. A toast was held in memory of John and Lorraine.

Mike reflected on ANZAC Day and the significant level of involvement of past Members in the defence force.

The drawing of the Birthday Raffle took place, and congratulations go to Anna La Bella the May birthday winner and Ann McCreanor, June's winner. The General Raffle followed and the lucky winners were Sonia Clarke, David Jeffree, past President Brian Pedler (who was enjoying himself so much he almost failed to claim his prize!), David Shannon and Marilyn Osborne.

The day would not be complete without a visit from the EASTER BUNNY who engaged several helpers to hand out Easter eggs to everyone.

As the final siren sounded on the lunch, we say to those who attended—thank you for the laughs and the stories. And to those who missed it - don't worry, we will see you in June!

NEW MEMBERS

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

Gus Robertson, Sharon Rock and Lucy Della Porta

APRIL LUNCH PHOTOS



Left: Amanda Scott and Darren McDougall

Right: Colin and Jane Reichelt, Lew and Shirley Pfeiffer



Left: Dory Goyak, Teresa Raschella, Rob Rault, Lyn Roberts, Ann McCreanor and Kathy Manglesdorf



Above: Dorothy Hall and Bea Wigley

Below: Faye Parsons and Anne Sanderson



Right: Denis Hegarty and Marie Horvath



Left: Yolande Stretton and Di Gerlach

Right: Julian Bone and Dan Prentice



Check out more photos on our website [April photos](#)



BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

JULY

1	IVO WEBB (95)
1	DENIS HEGARTY
2	CHRISTOPHER CLARK
5	GRAEME MAYLIN
5	TRISH GEISLER
7	NEVILLE WOOLLEY
8	LEE ARBON
8	KAREN ERLANDSEN
8	DAVID McASKILL
8	MIKE CRESP
9	ED HARDING (90)
9	CHRIS EIME
10	GEOFF SMITH (82)
11	GREG HANLIN
14	HEATHER CUNNINGHAM
16	DIANNE GERLACH (81)
16	DORY GOYAK
16	BOB TROUBRIDGE
17	NEIL FARNHAM (85)
18	JOHN FLANAGAN
18	ALAN HARTWELL
19	CATHY DOWNEY
20	STEVE GIBSON
21	BRIAN KAHL (85)
22	JOHN PRIEST (93)
23	SUE JOHNSTON
24	ROY SICHLER (93)
25	TREVOR RANDALL (81)
25	BRETT HOSKING
27	JOHN BAYLIS
29	STELLA RASCHELLA
31	CAROL LAKE

AUGUST

1	LEW PFEIFFER (87)
2	TRACY McIVOR
3	GRANT KOWALD
4	PHIL GOODIER (82)
4	TIM RAPHAEL
5	JACK STARKEY
5	RAELENE GAGHAN (86)
8	JEFF WEGENER
9	ZENA CHAPMAN (85)
10	TONY MULLORD
11	DARYL BESSEN (84)
13	DEIDRE REID
13	JAMIE GRIGG
15	MARY WRIGHT
17	JENNY PARIS (82)
18	PETER MOORS (82)
18	ROBERT RAULT
19	RICHARD BRADSHAW
19	MICHAEL EDSON
21	REBECCA CIALINI
22	BRIAN ABBOTT (87)
22	MARGARET FAIRHEAD (99)
23	ROBYN WEST
24	MIKE HALLSWORTH
24	FRANCES UGGIAS
25	TONY PARSONS (80)
25	VERN PEARCE (85)
26	MOIRA BLAIR-BEAL
27	DON CUSHWAY (85)
28	DENISE LAWRENCE
30	HOWARD BERTRAM
30	KATHY FITZGERALD
31	PETER LOW

TRIBUTES

We are saddened to record the death of Club Member **John Case** on 26th February 2026 aged 87 years. John joined ES&A Bank in January 1954 and retired in April 1992 after 38 years' service.



Special congratulations to our Member Bevan Treloar and his wife Jillian on their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

In case you missed the story in the Sunday Mail a few weeks ago it is reproduced below.

FLASH BACKS

JILLIAN AND BEVAN TRELOAR OAM
Married April 14, 1956

High school sweethearts Jillian and Bevan Treloar OAM were married on a blustery day 70 years ago at St John's Church of England in Mount Pleasant.

The bride looked stunning in a full-skirted gown of white tulle over white satin paired with a small pearl-beaded cap holding a two-tiered veil.

The bridal party was made up of bridesmaids Barbara Waterhouse and Judith Wood, with Peter Rodda filling the role of best man and the groom's brother Errol Treloar as the other groomsman.

The reception was held in the Mount Pleasant Hall. The newlyweds honeymooned in Mount Gambier.

Bevan and Jill worked in the banking industry for a few years before Bevan was transferred to the Bank of Adelaide branch in Cowell.

Over the next 40 years, Bevan's work with the Bank of Adelaide, then the ANZ Bank, saw the couple in both city and country branches including Edwardstown, Minlaton, Blyth and Unley.

At every stage, the pair immersed themselves in community life, joining churches, committees and clubs.

After retirement, their more than 50 years service to Lions Australia was recognised with dual Melville Jones Fellowship awards.

In 2023 Bevan received the Medal of the Order of Australia



for service and leadership across more than 20 organisations throughout his life.

The Treloars have two children, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, whose lives they are all actively involved in.

They agree that being with their family has helped them stay "young at heart".

To celebrate their milestone anniversary, the couple hope to have a quiet morning tea to reflect on their years together.



Peter Crowder has been holidaying just about everywhere this year and his sojourns have meant he hasn't been able to attend the past two lunches to receive his Life Member Certificate.....so a special ceremony was arranged at the most recent Committee Meeting to finally present Peter with his Life Member Certificate. Well deserved and we look forward to welcoming Peter back to the raffle table on 1st June.



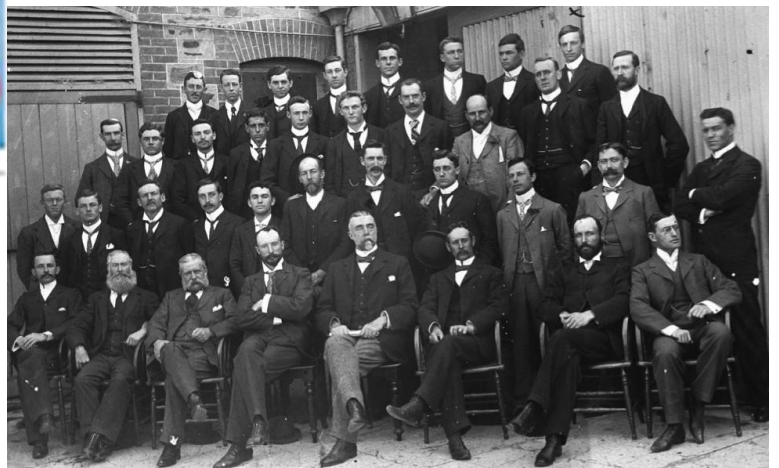
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

If you worked in the Bank in 1959 or prior wear your best outfit to the next lunch – we'd like to take your photo for the next newsletter. There are five regular lunch attendees in this category – let's see how many we can get.

LUNCH RAFFLES

Treasurer Stan has signed off on an increase in the number of raffle prizes at lunches from five to seven. Hope you are feeling lucky on 4th June!!

On the right is a photo of Union Bank Officers taken about 1904 – so smartly dressed!!



TREASURER STAN never ceases to amaze.....from his considerable archives a copy of the Bank of Adelaide Staff Newspaper from March 1977 has given us a couple of gems – photos of Immediate Past President Brian Pedler (then working at Cummins), Member Brett Hosking (Glynde) and Vice-President David Peacock (Unley). You haven't changed a bit!! No doubt the memories are now flooding back.

STAFF TRAINING CENTRE (cont)

The following Officers attended a Level 1 Course from 15/2/77 to 24/2/77 inc. :-



Sitting Left to Right
 Mr. M.D. Goedecke - Clare
 Mr. B.A. Pedler - Cummins
 Miss M.A. McPherson - Glenelg
 Mr. R.W. Walter - Coonalpyn
 Standing Left to Right
 Mr. B.J. Dalling - Willunga
 Mr. M.J. Elliott - Enfield
 Mr. B.C. Hosking - Glynde
 Mr. C.J. Telfer - Correspondence Dept.

Level 2 Course - 22/2/77 to 3/3/77 inc.

The Officers attending are:



Sitting Left to Right
 Mrs. B. Hassam - Modbury
 Mrs. J. Huntley - Kerwick
 Mr. R.A. Schultz - Woodside
 Standing Left to Right
 Mr. D.E. Peacock - Unley
 Mr. V.L. Giuliani - North Terrace
 Mr. N.S. Gibbins - Walkerie

I'm sure many of us are planning extended holidays in Australia, and indeed overseas, or have recently returned. Perhaps you would like to share with us your travel plans and experiences? Please send your travel stories, photos and plans and indeed travel adventures to our e-Mail anzrocsant@gmail.com



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

Secretary Snips

Our Life Member (and former super enthusiastic Committee man) **Graham De Brenne** is struggling health wise at present and it was lovely to receive a message from his wife Chris after Graham received his recent birthday card from ANZROC. He sometimes has difficulty recognising things these days but Chris tells me when he saw the image on the card, he immediately said “that’s King William Street Branch”. Hope this photo of you with President Mike presenting your Life Membership certificate in 2023 also brings a smile to your face Graham.



Lovely to hear from **Kay Whitelaw** – she received her birthday card with a branch photo telling me “the 81 King William Street building was perfect as it was where I attended a school before starting at Port Adelaide branch. Five years later I was transferred back to that building to work in the basement. I also worked next door in 91 King William Street for many years so know the area well.” She can’t believe she is 86 years old – you are doing marvellously well Kay so keep it up

“I don’t want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your Financial Planner.”

When the move to new Head Office premises at 83 Pirie Street was being arranged in 2023 negotiations for reinstatement of the **ANZROC Honour Board** occurred. Many of you may not know of its existence as it is not in a public or high traffic area however it is of note that Stan Batten’s name appears no less than 31 times as Secretary then Treasurer. Incredible service to us all - thank you Stan and fingers crossed you make it to 100 years as per your plan.



LUNCHEON MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1st June

Monday 3rd August

Monday 2nd November (Melbourne Cup Eve)

Tuesday 1st December (Christmas Lunch)