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You are all invited to join peers and colleagues at our **Italian theme** lunch which will be held on **Monday 3rd August** from 11.45am – 2.00pm 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.



"For generations, migrants have helped build Australia's prosperity by bringing their skills, enterprise and cultural richness to our communities and workplaces. Their contribution echoes the legacy of the great banking families of Renaissance Italy. So like the Medici family if your name ends in a vowel our next lunch is all about you!"



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!!

Please advise Secretary Lyn by Email, 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!

Menu:

- Chicken Saltimbocca, puy lentils, prosciutto, asparagus, hollandaise
- Spinach Gnocchi, basil pesto cream, parmesan cheese
- Pesce (barramundi), cocktail potatoes, beans, lemon and caper sauce
- Spaghetti and meatballs, rich nap sauce, parmesan cheese

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings to all Members

Welcome to Winter! It certainly is upon us with plenty of rain and the outlook for broadacre and pastoral farmers looking good.

We certainly brought in the new season in style on the very first day of Winter with an excellent, well attended lunch on a fairly bleak day outside. It was however, indoors at the Strathmore Hotel warm and welcoming as Members enjoyed the usual excellent lunch options including a sumptuous pork roast.



Lisa Nugent's lunch report has all of the gossip and is included in this newsletter. The Committee is trying to include a few different points of interest to lunch meetings to provide some variety for those in attendance. In that regard if well received, we may have one lunch annually with an "International" menu theme. It could be for example Chinese, Indian or American. The next lunch meeting on August 3rd will have an Italian themed menu and I expect the Strathmore will once again provide some delicious options.

Of course, everyone is encouraged to get along to the next lunch but if you have Italian heritage, it will be all about you. It was wonderful at the last lunch to gather together Members who started their banking careers between 1951 – 1959. What an attractive, distinguished and very wise group they were. Next lunch we move into the "Swinging Sixties". If you started between 1960 -1969 it will be your time to shine in a group photo.

The Committee is also working on how we acknowledge our increasing group of Honorary Members in the future. Keep an eye out for more information on this in the near future.

So, for now, rug up, stay warm and I hope to see many of soon.

Regards **Mike**.



STAN BATTEN'S WINTER STORIES from the June lunch

During the winter of 1957 (just a few years ago) at age 18 when I was at Freeling Branch - we had a winter - when it rained almost none stop - I actually got bogged in the main street - back in those days there was only bitumen in the middle of the main street at Freeling - and the edges were dirt - I pulled up opposite the Post Office to post the Branch's mail - when I returned to my car the wheels had already sunk into the ground - obviously with my attempt to drive off - well yes I was bogged in the main street - yes it was still raining - no mobiles back in those days and I had no pennies to make a phone call by using the phone I had to walk to the local RAA garage to come around with his tow truck to pull me out.

In the winter of 1982 whilst sitting at my desk looking out of the window, I noticed what looked like Lux Flakes (washing powder) falling from the sky. I had no idea what it was - to my surprise it was snow - the first time in my life that I had ever seen snow – yes, it was a heavy fall - when I arrived home the front lawn was completely white - with the help of our young children we actually made a snow man.

These two winters of long ago are still etched in my mind.

Winter Warmers Luncheon delivers warmth, laughter and lasting memories as reported by Lisa Nugent



A huge thank you to the 82 members who braved some truly wild winter weather to join us for this year's Winter Warmers Luncheon. Despite the conditions outside, spirits were high as Members arrived early to enjoy the comfort and hospitality of the Strathmore, keen to make the most of a wonderful day together.

The star of the lunch menu was undoubtedly the pork roast, which proved a crowd favourite. Generous servings ensured no one left hungry.

President Mike Edson extended a warm welcome to all attendees and was pleased to acknowledge new member Gus Robertson, attending his first luncheon. A special mention was also given to Honorary Member and former Secretary Geoff Loveday, who had travelled from Queensland with his wife Pauline to join the festivities.

Mike noted there were many apologies this month, full list is as follows: David McAskill, Leigh Albertson, Graeme Baum, Carmen Beck, Moira Blair-Beal, Nella Boffa, Robert Brookes, Mike Brown, Cathy Downey, Harry Downey, Trevor Drew, Deb Flanagan, John Flanagan, Jane Fleming, Wayne Francis, Mike Hallsworth, Roger Hanckel, Peter Harris, Sue Johnson, Sue Johnston, Bob Jones, Wayne Kraft, Peter Low, Kathy Manglesdorf, David McCloud, David Mann, Liz Mann, Peter Matthew, Graeme Maylin, Elaine Morgan, Ray Nicholson, Kym Nye, Judy Oakes, Gary Parkin, Faye Parsons, Bob Petney, Lew Pfeiffer, Shirley Pfeiffer, Tim Raphael, Deirdre Reid, Michelle Rowley, Sarah Rule, Tom Rundle, Anne Sanderson, Jenny Short, Rob Short, Meredith Skoravic, David Shannon, Kay Whitelaw, Bea Wigley, Veronica Zahra.

Looking ahead, Mike shared the Committee's vision of introducing a travel feature in future newsletters and encouraged members to send photographs from their travels to Lyn for possible inclusion.

No gathering would be complete without the raffle, and Peter Crowder, better known as "Raffle Man" once again excelled in his role, enthusiastically selling tickets throughout the room. Thanks to Stan Batten's willingness to loosen the purse strings, a number of extra prizes were added to the pool. Congratulations to this month's lucky winners: Carol Lake (July Birthday), Rob Rault (August Birthday), and general raffle winners Dan Prentice, Julianne Butler, Terry Welsh, Jack Clarke, Brian Pedler and last but certainly not least, Craig McLaren.

One of the afternoon's highlights was the recognition of the 12 members whose service commenced prior to 1959. It was a privilege to have so many of these esteemed Honorary Members in attendance, and we encourage everyone to take a moment to view the special group photograph featured in this newsletter.

The afternoon then turned to storytelling, with Members sharing memories inspired by the winter theme. Geoff Loveday set the tone with an entertaining account of his boarding house days in Millicent. Mike followed by recounting two stories on behalf of Stan Batten: one from 1957 involving a memorable encounter with mud in the main street of Freeling while posting branch mail, and another from 1982 recalling the excitement of seeing snow for the very first time through the branch window. To round out the session, Mike shared his own tale involving the disposal of old Bank of Adelaide cheques via a hospital incinerator - a story that sparked plenty of amusement.

As the formal proceedings concluded, the conversations, laughter and reminiscing continued. Many members were reluctant to see the afternoon end, a sure sign of a gathering well enjoyed by all.

We look forward to doing it all again in August. Until then, thank you for your company, your stories and your support - we hope to see you there

JUNE WINTER WARMER LUNCH

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



Right: Geoff Glynn-Roe and Glen Forgan

Left: New Member Gus Robertson and David Peacock



Above: John Mallinson and Doug Kemp



Above: Margaret Bean and Pat Fitzpatrick



Right: John Richards-Pugh and Colin Reichelt

Left: Rod Kennedy, Paul Begg and Trev Mahney



Left: The Corporate Bankers back together – Ian Ruth, Rod Kennedy, Lyn Roberts, Julian Bone, Frances Uggias, Warren Fuss and Richard Tucker

You started working in the Bank when????



From left: Terry Welsh, Pat Fitzpatrick, Bob Bean, Margaret Bean, Colin Reichelt, Marilyn Osborne, Glen Forgan, Geoff Loevday, Barry Yeomans, Stan Batten, Don Ebsary and Des Quirke

President Mike at the June lunch asked for any Members present who commenced working in the Bank before 1959 to come forward – and twelve stepped up – what a photo opportunity!!

Don Ebsary commenced in the Union Bank at Maitland in 1951.

Glen Forgan joined the Bank of Adelaide in 1954 at Yorketown.

Terry Welsh joined ANZ in December 1955 at Maitland

Marilyn Osborne was Secretary to the Manager at Rundle Street when she started in 1956 before working at 59 King William Street in International Department with...Margaret Bean.

Des Quirke started with the Bank of Adelaide in 1956 at Glenelg Branch before transferring to the Head Office in Adelaide.

Stan Batten joined the Bank of Adelaide in 1956 and was posted to Sedan.

Bob Bean joined ANZ in 1956 at Mornington (Vic) - a few posts later came to Adelaide in 1972.

Colin Reichelt started with ES&A in 1957 at Clare.

Geoff Loveday began with the ES&A Bank at Goodwood in February 1958 as a 15 year old and when 16 years of age was transferred to Millicent.

Barry Yeomans joined the ES&A Bank at 13 King William Street in the Bills/Overseas Department in 1958.

Margaret Bean attended the ANZ Training School in February 1958 and commenced at Head Office 75 King William Street working for the Chief Clerk then doing Ledgers and Proof Clearing.

Pat Fitzpatrick joined ANZ in 1958 working in Ledger Department at Broken Hill.

An ES&A Agency Story from Jeff Sander

In 1969 I was posted to the ES&A Bank in Stirling, being my first permanent Branch after joining the Bank in January 1969. The Manager was Ben Taylor and the Second Officer Peter Suridge. I lived in Broadview and not owning a car, had to catch the bus from Victoria Square at 7.15 am to Stirling, arriving around 8.10. I would collect the mail from the post office and walk over to the Bank, where I would wait outside until Peter arrived to let me in around 8.30 am even though Ben Taylor was most mornings inside cleaning the Branch (in PJ's and dressing gown). Being Stirling, this wait was very cold during winter. The last bus back to Adelaide was at 5pm, which was OK Monday to Thursday, but with 5pm closing on Fridays a problem arose. Initially, I left early, but then I had to stay until closing time, balance up and then head home. Only problem, no bus so it meant walking 3 miles to the train station, wait until 7.30 for the next train, which by the time I arrived in Adelaide and then caught a bus home, it would be close to 10.30 pm. Solution, hitch hike. Did this for several months until Ben found out and advised it was not a good image for the Bank. They would not cover the cost of a cab to Glen Osmond, so I continued to hitchhike for another few months until I bought my first car.

Now the Agency story: Twice a week we attended an Agency in Uraidla. The building was purpose built by the Bank and measured about 2.5m square, with an entrance door, one window and single light bulb. Very dark and extremely cold in winter, it had a desk, two customer chairs and two on my side, one for me and one for the Agency case, and no heating. While I served customers, Ben would sit in his car with the heater running and customers would talk to him there. A very interesting time.

Moving forward, in 2018 I purchased an old church in Marrabel, and to my surprise, in the main street is an old ES&A Bank Agency building, identical to the one I attended in Uraidla.

I have attached a photo of this building. I would be interested to hear from anyone who may have worked there or have information to which Branch it was attached. Unfortunately, the building is in need of major repairs as the back wall is breaking away from the side walls.

The Marrabel Progress Association is looking into its restoration but there are a few hurdles to jump first, as it is located on land owned by the local hotel, which has been closed for 3 years and is currently on the market. I will keep you informed.



I hope this brings back memories to all staff who worked in such Agencies and would like to hear of other such sites.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Lesley George and Maree Barbary

Welcome to 'Off the Ledger'!

No balance required here! This is your official bimonthly report on where our retired staff are spending their time, passports stamps and hard-earned cash. From local weekend caravan trips to international flights, read on to see where our members have been branching out. Don't keep your holidays off the books! If you have recently travelled locally or overseas, we want to reconcile your adventures.

How to submit: Please send 1-2 photos and a brief summary of your trip, plans and travel adventures to our e-Mail anzrocsant@gmail.com to be featured in the next newsletter. To kick things off and get our travel ledger started we have received a few submissions already! We want this page to be a regular audit of everyone's adventures, so take a look below at where our colleagues are heading, get inspired, and start digging out your own holiday snaps.

David and Kay Jeffree recently returned from an incredible journey to Japan, where they managed to perfectly time the visit to avoid the seasonal clouds to view the majestic Mount Fuji. A visit to the Hiroshima Peace Museum and the Atomic Bomb Dome was very emotional and confronting. A short ferry ride to visit Miyajima Island to view the iconic floating giant torii gate and a trip on the cable car offering 360 degrees panoramic views. Definitely worth a visit!



Veronica Zahra recently visited Malta, the country of her heritage. Valletta is the capital city with many stairs, fortunately they are low and wide. Historically laid this way to make it easy for the Knights of St. John in full armour to move around the city.



The alleys house many cafes, the chairs follow the slope of stairs. The wooden balconies or il-galleria are protected. They cannot be replaced with modern materials unless a permit is obtained. Malta is the only country that has a George Cross, language is Semitic i.e. spoken in Arabic written in Latin, English is spoken



throughout, historians now noting some parts are older than the pyramids. Malta is definitely worth visiting

Thanks to **John Richards-Pugh** for sharing highlights of his recent two week visit to **South Korea**.

“As suggested regarding photos of recent holidays, I enclose one (of literally hundreds taken) highlighting the opulence of the Royal Palace in Seoul (the King’s throne).

Our two-week R&R tour was not unlike the old Contiki tours “Tuesday, it must be Belgium” - we were “hightailing it” around the South Korean Peninsula and the island of JeJu in a fortnight!!

The “natives” are friendly, the scenery spectacular, the food is great if you like Korean but, not unlike Antarctica and its penguins - if I see another Buddha temple in the next 12 months, it will be too soon!!



However, having said that, some of the temples we visited have been around “for a few years” - 802) and the architecture is amazing!! There was one in particular, Haeinsa temple (UNESCO world heritage listed) composed of 81,341 printing woodblocks made to repulse the Mongolian Army Invasion with support of Buddha!!



In closing, I notice that a few other photos have miraculously “jumped the gun” so to speak, and cover temples, country palaces at night, costume dressings in Seoul and tall buildings in Buson (85 stories!!).



Mike Edson and Janine Daminato recently returned from their road trip around Tassie and survived the ferry across the Bass Strait.

While visiting Binalong Bay the gateway to the Bay of Fires, they found time to stop and stretch their legs while enjoying the beautiful sweeping views of the coastline.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to our Members who are celebrating birthdays during the months of September and October.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 ELSA GALLIGANI
- 2 KEITH FITZGERALD (84)
- 2 LEE EXCELL (87)
- 2 HARRY ULPEN
- 2 KEITH HOFFMANN
- 3 NICKI FANTASIA
- 4 KERRY TREZISE (83)
- 6 LORRAINE RYAN
- 8 GARRY QUINN
- 8 GLYNIS MORRISS
- 9 LEN BROMBAL
- 9 AMANDA SCOTT
- 9 ADRIENNE YAM
- 9 HELEN TAPLIN (90)
- 9 DAWN FORDE (93)
- 10 RAY NICHOLSON (87)
- 10 JOHN SMITH
- 10 CRAIG CLOGG
- 11 MITCHELL WOOD
- 12 ALEXANDRA SPURLING
- 15 RUSSELL JOLLY (84)
- 15 CARMEN BECK
- 17 GARY DAWES
- 18 PETER GLASSEN BURY
- 18 SHIRLEY PINCH
- 21 KEITH (known as Harry) DOWNEY
- 21 MALCOLM GRAY (83)
- 22 JOHN MC NAMARA (88)
- 23 MALCOLM JAMES (84)
- 24 ROGER GOLDSWORTHY
- 24 ROGER FORD (86)
- 25 DES GILLINGS
- 25 GRAEME BAUM
- 26 DEBORAH OWENS
- 28 TREVO DREW (83)
- 28 LESLEY QUIGLEY

OCTOBER

- 1 NORMA WILLIMAN (85)
- 1 SONIA (SOF) CLARKE
- 1 JOHN TONKIN (87)
- 1 GREG WOOD (93)
- 2 STEWART CRAIG
- 5 CAROLINE WRIGHT
- 6 DIANNE BARBER
- 7 BRENTON READ
- 8 SUE PHILLIPS
- 9 GRAHAM INGERSON (83)
- 9 MARIANNE CUSHWAY
- 10 PETER WRIGHT
- 10 KEVIN ROCK
- 10 SHANE THORNTON
- 10 GRAEME WILLOUGHBY (80)
- 10 JEFF PINKERTON (83)
- 12 JOHN MALLINSON
- 12 MICHELE McMAHON
- 13 CHRIS CATT
- 13 KATHY MANGELSDORF
- 14 JOHN GARRETT
- 16 MURRAY BEINKE
- 16 LINLEY BELFORD
- 16 NEVILLE WHITTLESEA
- 18 NEIL EXCELL
- 19 DOUG KEMP
- 19 VICKI VERGIS
- 20 JOHN OAKES
- 21 MAREE LEES
- 21 BILL SYMONDS (94)
- 21 BEVAN TRELOAR (93)
- 22 IAN NEWMAN (83)
- 23 STAN WATTERS (81)
- 23 SIMONE BARLOW
- 23 NICOLE WOOLLEY
- 29 DAVID MARSH
- 29 DAVID YEOMANS
- 30 BARRY HURST
- 30 J R (JACK) CLARKE
- 31 BRIAN FITZPATRICK (83)
- 31 MARION PETERS
- 31 JOHN DAWES (80)
- 31 KAREN (formerly Prentice) ERLANDSEN

**Honorary members are listed in Red*

SECRETARY SNIPS

Lovely to hear from Melbourne based **Teresa Goldsbrough** who spent some of April/early May with friends and family in Adelaide before undertaking a 330 kms bike ride over 7 days from Wilmington to Glenelg. Although testing given types of trails, she was able to visit so many places where she worked whilst on Relieving Staff in South Australia. Photo on right to prove it. A magnificent effort Teresa!!



Overheard **Carol Lake** at the June lunch talking to **Teresa Goreham** and showing her a school photograph from 1965 in which they both featured. They established that they had both attended Kildare College, worked at ANZ in the 1970's, worked at Esanda and also ANZ Travel together. What are the chances!!

Trevor Drew recently asked me to put him in touch with Member **Ron Williams** so they could catch up – and catch up they did, chatting away for almost three hours about their time with ES&A and ANZ. There was a lot of “do you remember” questions and stories.

Good to hear from **Geoff Sibley** who recently celebrated his 86th birthday. The birthday card I sent him featured the Bank of Adelaide at 81 King William Street and he recalled having spent many days working there. Geoff joined in 1956 and retired 41 years later.

Paul Begg also responded to his 80th birthday card telling me the photo of ES&A Branch on his card was his first Branch appointment where **Colin Reichelt** and **Trevor Drew** worked. President Mike was able to pass on best wishes to Paul at the June lunch on achieving his “OBE” status.

Reg Litchfield sent a message thanking us for his 87th birthday card – he tells me he doesn't count them anymore!! Good plan Reg.



Moira Blair-Beal recently sent me a photo from the southern Flinders Ranges where it was blowing a gale, overcast, raining and foggy – green and water everywhere. Maybe a holiday in the sun next time Moira?

OUR NEXT LUNCH MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 3rd August
Monday 2nd November (Melbourne Cup Eve)
Tuesday 1st December (Christmas Lunch)

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