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SEASON'S GREETINGS 2026

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

TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2026 from 11.30 a.m.

Reminder payment for the Christmas lunch is due **by 20th November** if you have already put your name on the list. Annual membership subscription of $10 for 2027 is due by 31st December and thanks go to many who have already paid.

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.

Payments can be made by cheque 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.

Don't forget you will need $5 cash for our Christmas raffle.

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



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.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Marica Cardassis, Judith Quadros, Petria Vasiljevic, Graeme Arthur, Brione Rundle, Michael King, Kerrie Smith and Rachel Tarrant-Cowan

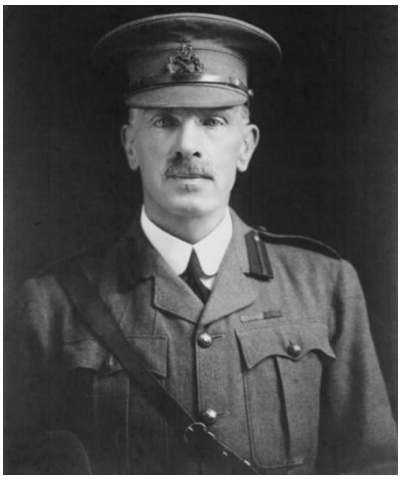
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Hello to all Members

I hope that, if you were in a sweep for the Melbourne Cup, you have had some luck and improved your bank balance. If you were one of the 104 members who attended the ANZROC November lunch, you may have won a sweep and be receiving funds from Treasurer Stan's coffers – well done!

As usual, Lisa Nugent has all the details from the lunch in her comprehensive report. With such a strong number attending, the noise levels were high and there were smiles aplenty as stories were told.



This lunch was also an opportunity for the Club to recognise Remembrance Day, and Stan Batten gave us a moving address reminding all of us of the debt we owe to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. In a vague attempt to link an equine theme back to the Melbourne Cup, I mentioned that of the 136,000 horses that served Australia during WW1, only one returned from overseas to home soil. Sandy was the horse of Major General Sir William Bridges, commander of the 1st Australian Division.



In 1915, at the ill-fated Gallipoli landing, Major General Bridges was mortally wounded, and his dying wish was for Sandy to be returned to Australia. His staff fought hard against British military bureaucracy to make this happen – a great story.



As we are trying to do at each lunch, an Honorary Member was featured. Bob Bean, who attended with his wife Margaret (pictured right), provided details of his 40-year career with the Bank. Bob and Margaret are avid attendees at lunches and great supporters of the Club, and we are thankful to have them on board.

In a quick turnaround, we now turn to the Christmas gathering. What a (Christmas) cracker … sorry … it looks like being! At the time of writing, we already have 200 people attending, which is fantastic. We are trying to squeeze the Strathmore for a few extra seats; however, there will be a cut-off number and a waiting list as required. The 'Wedding Planners' will then attempt to meet all of the seating requests – a mighty task. We will try our best and ask that you work with the result, as shifting from table to table on the day will not be possible.

For those attending the Christmas lunch, I will see you then. Otherwise, as this is my last correspondence for the year, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Best wishes, Mike

Melbourne Cup Luncheon – A Day of Fashion, Fun and a Little Horseplay!



If the Melbourne Cup is known for bringing the crowds together, our annual Melbourne Cup Luncheon certainly lived up to expectations! With just over 100 members and guests in attendance – a terrific increase on last year – the room was buzzing with conversation, laughter and anticipation. The excitement was palpable, and it was clear that everyone was ready for a fabulous day of friendship, fashion and, of course, a little flutter on the big race!

No Melbourne Cup celebration would be complete without the traditional sweeps, and this year's proved as popular as ever. Mike Edson and Peter Crowder were on hand at the door to relieve arriving punters of their hard-earned sweep money, while behind the scenes Kay Jeffree, Brian Pedler and David Peacock worked tirelessly to process the sweeps for everyone attending. A huge effort from the team, ensuring everyone had a horse to cheer home!

A Warm Welcome and Club News

President Mike Edson officially opened proceedings, welcoming everyone and giving a special mention to our newest Members: Helen Haddow, Sue Horstman, Valerie Wearing-Smith, Tracy Rowe, Richard Smith, Maree Barbary and Kim Strong (who is almost officially one of us!).

We also welcomed prospective Members Con Katsaris, guest of Keith Hoffman, and Sophia Tattarelli, who joined us under our popular "try before you buy" arrangement. We hope you both enjoyed the occasion and look forward to seeing you become fully fledged Members!

Mike also acknowledged a number of apologies and sent his best wishes to Linley Belford and Bob Jones, both recovering from recent knee replacements, and Bob Ainsworth, who has undergone a hip replacement. We wish all three a speedy recovery and hope to see them back amongst us soon.

One of our regulars, John Dawes, was otherwise engaged, celebrating his 80th birthday with family – a very good reason to miss lunch!

Apologies were received from: Bob Ainsworth, Leigh Albertson, Linley Belford, Moira Blair-Beal, Mike Brown, Jack Clark, Sonia Clark, John Dawes, Trevor Drew, Don Ebsary, Brian Fitzpatrick, Deb Flanagan, John Flanagan, Bob Jones, Anna La Bella, Jim Little, Peter Low, David McCloud, Kathy Manglesdorf, Jenny Morten, Mike Parsons, Rob Rault, Gus Robertson, Anne Sanderson, Lyn Shoemark, Jenny Short, Rob Short, Mark Fielder, David McCloud and Bob Winter.

Remembering Our Members

Mike sadly advised of the passing of two much-loved Members. Our oldest Member, Jack Moyle, passed away on 31 July at the remarkable age of 101. We also farewelled Robert (Bob) Milgate, who passed away on 12 August, aged 76.

Both Jack and Bob will be fondly remembered, and Members raised their glasses in a heartfelt tribute to honour their lives and contributions.

Remembrance Day Reflections

Treasurer Stan Batten then delivered the Remembrance Day address, paying particular tribute to the 70 young officers of the ANZ Bank in South Australia who made the ultimate sacrifice. It was a thoughtful and moving reminder of the significance of Remembrance Day and those who gave so much.

Raffles, Rewards and a Little Luck!

The raffles were, as always, a major attraction, with enthusiastic ticket sales keeping Colleen Dwyer on her toes!

New member Richard Smith drew the raffles with November birthday girl Marilyn Osborne and December birthday boy Geoff Glynn-Roe taking home the prizes. Congratulations to both!

The general raffle lucky winners were Tony Del Duca, Kim Strong, Darren McDougall, Deirdre Reid, Stan Batten, Karen Erlandsen and Cathy Downey.

Congratulations to all our winners, and commiserations to those who once again discovered that buying tickets and actually winning are two very different things!

Our Honorary Member – Bob Bean

It was then time to shine the spotlight on this month's Honorary Member, Bob Bean. Mike shared some fascinating snippets from Bob's career, including the arrest and incarceration of the No. 1 Teller, just three weeks after starting at his first branch! His subsequent transfer to the State Clearing House also brought a rather favourable change in office demographics, with three males and twenty females. One can only imagine that Bob wasn't too disappointed with that particular transfer! Congratulations, Bob, on being recognised as our Honorary Member. A thoroughly deserved accolade!

Hats Off to Our Fashionistas!

Of course, no Melbourne Cup Luncheon would be complete without the ever-popular Hat Parade. Once again, Members rose to the occasion with an impressive display of millinery, creativity and style. Competition was fierce, and the proceedings even featured a rather unexpected gelding who managed to infiltrate the parade and add a little extra horsepower to proceedings!

After careful deliberation, our esteemed judges Janine Daminato and Paul Begg announced the winners:

- **1st Prize:** Sue Horstman
- **2nd Prize:** Sharyn Wilson
- **3rd Prize:** Deb Tucker



Congratulations to Sue, Sharyn and Deb, and to everyone who took part. Clearly, when it comes to Melbourne Cup fashion, our members certainly know how to put on a show!

Save the Date – Christmas Luncheon

With another successful luncheon behind us, thoughts are already turning to our next big gathering, our Christmas Luncheon on **Tuesday 1st December**.

As the formal proceedings came to a close, there was certainly no rush for the afternoon to end. Conversations continued, laughter filled the room and Members enjoyed the opportunity to catch up, reminisce and share a few more stories. Judging by the number of people reluctant to leave, it's fair to say the day was a winner, regardless of how their horses fared!

A big thank you to everyone who attended, to those who worked behind the scenes to make the luncheon such a success, and to all who continue to contribute to the wonderful spirit of our Club. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

MELBOURNE UP LUNCH PHOTOS…..check out more photos on our website anzrocsant.net



Left: Denis and Maria Pellizzari

Right: Tracy Rowe and Ian Ruth





Left: Faye Parsons and Maree Barbary

Right: Robert Brookes and Geoff Glynn-Roe



Below: Sue Johnston, David McAskill and Craig McLaren



Below: Sue Horstman and Helen Haddow



Below: Dan Prentice and Susan Hawkins



Below: Cain Parkin and Brian Goodfellow



Remembrance Day 11th November 2026

Prepared and read by Stan Batten at 2nd November Lunch

Today we enjoy our friendship, tomorrow the nation stops for the Melbourne Cup, next week we will reflect on the price that Australia and countries around the world have paid through more than a century of war and conflict that followed the First World War.

After the Second World War ended in 1945, the 11th November became known as Remembrance Day.

The First World War was in its time the most destructive conflict yet experienced by humanity. When it began in August 1914, few imagined the course that it would take, or foresaw its terrible toll.

From a population at the time of just under 5 million, more than 400,000 Australians enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces – the AIF, the force that Australia sent to the war – and more than 330,000 served overseas.

More than 60,000 Australians lost their lives, a devasting toll for a small country.
Yet they were a relative few. Around the world some 10 million military personnel died in what was then called the Great War.

Families, friends and communities everywhere were affected by the enormous loss.
Today in particular we pay tribute to the 70 young officers of the ANZ Bank in South Australia who paid the supreme price.

We remember these young officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of this nation – they gave there all, there lives, - that humanity might live.

They never returned but they will never be forgotten.

The legacy of these young brave men and women who have fought and died for us is the freedom we enjoy in Australia.

We owe a debt to all our fallen comrades that we can never fully repay, but what we can do is to honour their sacrifice.

Along with all Australians we should also deeply acknowledge the commitment made by the women and men of today's Australian Defence Force.

They serve with integrity, courage and honour – in their dedication to duty, their pursuit of peace and their defence of our Nation – they also embody the flame or remembrance.
We honour them and all those who have gone before – we embrace their memory – and we will continue to hold it in our hearts.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.
Lest We Forget.

Judy Oakes' Darwin Memories



During the 1960's the staffing of the Darwin branch was run from Adelaide; the fellows were sent from South Australia and the girls were locally employed. Darwin was a hub for tourists just passing through so the girls never stayed for long. So, the Bank in their ultimate wisdom decided to send a couple of unattached ladies up there, house them etc.....I was asked along with Glenys Knaurhase (certainly the "Odd Couple" - two old maids who both found husbands there) to transfer up to Darwin to get some sort of order back into the Branch, apparently the lads were working all hours to get the ledgers posted daily.

In the October Newsletter there was a photo of the ES&A Training School of 25th January 1960 intake. I joined two weeks later on the 8th February 1960. Some of the names in the photo were (young) Brian Farrell, Sid Cornish (dec'd), Jeffrey Pinkerton (now the proud owner of G.P.O. Box 1 Darwin, the Bank's previous box number) Trevor Drew, Barry Williams, Judy Pearce(dec'd) Audrey Steele who later left and became a travel agent and saw the world, and Sue Williams. Sorry, not sure of the rest.

Anything that was "News" always made the front page of the Saturday Darwin NT.News. The Bank blokes wore all whites, some wore black belts (no, not Karate) as well which made them very identifiable. Just digressing, we had a lady by the name of Margaret Trent who came into the Branch and opened an account in the name of "Mobrae Guest House" along with the request for a large deposit book as she would be paying in frequently. So there appeared on the front page of one Saturday paper that an establishment had been raided and there had been arrests made along with photos of people being removed from said premises. Low and behold there was a photo of a Bankie, in all white shorts and shirt with a black belt who was never identified. When the Police arrived, they knocked on one of the closed doors and proceeded to make their presence known.....Open up, police here! An answer from the other side of the door was heard saying "Don't care who you are, wait your turn

When I started at the Branch the ledger area was on the ground floor behind the tellers. One customer was heard to enquire "who was the Amazon in the room" - it was me of course. Later, the ledger area was relocated upstairs which previously was the kitchen, eating area and lounge space when there were still fellows staying in the mess at the back of the Bank. John came up to Darwin in May 1970. The new Mess at Fannie Bay was about three weeks off being ready for occupancy so John had to sleep in one of the cubicles at the back of the Bank. These cubicles were very basic - wire pull across floor to ceiling wrought iron doors and a large canvas curtain to keep out the rain. There were shared bathrooms and toilets. A lane at the side of the building connected to the back roadway which ran past the popular "Vic Hotel". John was told some of the local indigenous ladies used to camp in his room; doubting if he had much sleep over the next three weeks.

A bucket and mop were always at the ready at the back of the tellers; little children had a bad habit of peeing on the floor while Mum or Dad were doing the banking. The indigenous customers were only permitted to hold a passbook, a stamp pad fingerprint on the withdrawal form was allowed as authorisation for a withdrawal and only $5.00 at a time. One account we had was Murray Oakley and Associates. He was the local lawn mower dealer who had a little dog that used to come into the Bank with his Christmas Club book in his mouth.....naturally the dog was named "Victor". There was an account styled "Mica Marine" and the owner was Axle Sindholt. Axle had a car accident so every time he came into the Branch, he left to the sound of the staff chorusing "how's your back Axle?"

During this era, the Branch was frequented by tourists passing through to Bali, naturally the male staff enjoyed the "eye candy" as it came into the Branch.

Clearance of cash to the Reserve Bank, not by armoured van, but two male staff on foot - one carrying a case of cash and the other the pistol which invariably got swung around a finger with the holder having a vision of being John Wayne or such. Things then were very relaxed. Entertainment in those days consisted of 1. The Drive In. 2. The Star Theatre. 3. the Parap Theatre.

- The Drive In; we all had Lazyboys which we sat/laid on, no-one sat in the car, of course eskys were always well stocked.
- The Star Theatre held Ranch Nights where the indigenous folk sat downstairs and barracked for the Indians and the rest of the patrons sat upstairs cheering on the Cowboys; interval time the traffic outside the Theatre came to a standstill as just about all the Theatregoers made a "beeline" across the road to the "Vic Hotel"
- The Parap Theatre was Darwin's answer to the "Metro" where all the new releases were screened, Glenys and my first experience was going to see "Funny Girl". Now the roof only extended about 3/4 across the top so if it rained, the screen became all shiny and you couldn't see a thing, the outer walls were corrugated iron so some kid decided to run along holding a stick on the wall, there were eateries along the outside so the fumes from the cooking were very off putting and to top it off, there was a cat fight down by the screen. The seating consisted of canvas sling styled seats which believe or not, we actually booked. If the seat was broken you usually had to stand in the aisle while they fixed it and if it had rained, you generally ended up with a wet bum where the rain had leaked through the roof.

Life in Darwin was certainly different from our "civilised" lifestyle down south. I was 25 when I went to Darwin, an experience I will never forget.

After 21 years, John was transferred back there in September 1991 to manage the Esanda Office and I joined him just after Christmas, leaving our two 18 year-old twin sons to fend for themselves.....that is another story.

The day we were married, January 1972, it was very 🌞. We had a table full of Darwin staff who were in Adelaide at the time, all well-seasoned beer drinkers. My Dad came to us and told us the beer was just about gone so to save face we had to leave the reception early. When we were about to leave, I went to say goodbye to my Dad and he held me so tight like he was never going to see me again.....something I will never forget, I lost him in 1993.

Writing this has given me a trip down memory lane, so much more to tell - hope you enjoy my little story.

2027 LUNCH MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 1st February **(AGM/Honorary Members)**

Monday 5th April

Monday 7th June

Monday 2nd August

Monday 1st November (Melbourne Cup Eve)

Tuesday 7th December (Christmas Lunch)

Off the Ledger'

Our 'Off the Ledger' column continues to be popular, thank you for all the wonderful feedback we have received and to those Members for sharing their happy snaps. From local weekend caravan trips to international flights, read on to see where our members have been.

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.
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.



Teresa Goreham and her husband David have just returned from spening two months in South America. What an amazing adventure they had from the Galapagos Islands, Amazon, Machu Picchu, Rio de Janeiro, Iguazu Falls, Patagonia area to the End of the World – Cape Horn.

So many highlights and just a wonderful holiday/experience.





Secretary Lyn and her husband did a Corner Country tour in September visiting Broken Hill, Innamincka, Birdsville, Boulia and all points in between, finishing in Alice Springs. There is a lot of nothing out there in the middle of nowhere – also lots of water and greenery not usually seen following flooding.





Above: Pelicans at the Causeway in Innamincka. Lef: View from Big Red sand dune in Birdsville – under the water is the car park and camping ground for the Big Red Bash…..called off this year!!

Caroline Wright has been on a New Zealand adventure and sent this photo – love how she has captured the seagull in flight. She spent most of her time in the North Island





While travelling through Spain and Portugal, Kay and David Jeffree enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to catch up with Denise and David Lawrence and Deb and John Flanagan in Porto. What better way to celebrate the reunion than with a relaxing sunset cruise along the beautiful Douro River!



Left: Pena Palace in Sintra Portugal.

Right: A foot in two seas! Where the Mediterranean meets the Atlantic Ocean. Another memorable stop exploring Morocco, with a little North African flavour thrown in!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to our members who are celebrating birthdays during the months of January and February.



Special mention to both Cor Schaftenaar and David Jury who celebrate a milestone birthday turning 80 in the new year!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Cor Schaftenaar (80)
1	Beth Polacek
1	Patricia Rehn
2	Peter Shaw
3	Joy Watson (85)
4	Sue Johnson
4	Daniel Bull
4	Kym Nye
4	Eldon Eckermann (84)
4	Wayne Pettingill
4	Murray Page (88)
5	Ron Williams 84)
5	Jim Helmore (89)
5	Mary Kenihan (Widow) (98)
8	Diane Kemp
8	Margaret Bean (83)
12	Rob Short
13	Wayne Kraft
16	Murray Beinke
16	Todd Keough
18	David Connolly
18	Barrie Schoell
18	Ron Potts (95)
18	Sue Adele Phillips
18	Regina (Reggie) Barker
20	Margaret Martin (90)
20	Mike Brown (85)
20	Tim Germein
21	Bea Wigley
22	Gary Carter (83)
23	Terry Welsh (88)
27	John Kershaw
27	Greg Dobrovic
28	Denis Goodger
29	Judy Oakes (83)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Phil Lowe
2	Michelle Humphries
3	Colin Reichelt (87)
5	John Carr (96)
8	Heather Quick
8	Tom Rundle
10	Kathy Davey
10	Deb Shaw
12	Maree Barbary (81)
12	Barbara Stoneman (84)
12	Robert Brookes (87)
14	Kay Whitelaw (87)
14	Jeff Roberts (91)
14	John Thornley (94)
14	Roger Hanckel
15	Kayla Doyle
15	Peter Kelsh
17	Geoff Bell
18	Julie Baker
21	Diane Lines
24	John Whitehill
24	Dino Robazza
26	Liz Bourne
26	Dean Lorraine
27	Bob Fosdike (94)
27	David Jury (80)
28	Des McMahon (85)
28	Mike Prance
28	Bob Ainsworth

**Honorary Members are listed in red and reminder once you attain the age of 80 years annual membership subscriptions are no longer payable.*

SECRETARY SNIPS

Great to hear from **Jeff Pinkerton** in Darwin. He well remembered the ES&A training school photo featured in the September newsletter and especially Trevor Drew and Barry Williams. He has passed on his best wishes to Ray Nicholson remembering some great times when he was Manager at Kilkenny Branch. Jeff transferred to Darwin in 1985 and is still there. He usually pops down for the Christmas lunch but is not able to make it this year – he has however put it in his diary for 2027.

Had a good catch up with **Mike Brown** recently – he has recently had a hip replacement and is now moving like a gazelle….well not quite but you get the picture.

Pleased to receive an e-Mail from **Bruce MacIntosh** thanking me for his birthday card. He tells me he is off on his bucket list trip in 2027 - to Wimbledon (quarter finals centre court), British Grand Prix and The Ashes at Lords. Photos have been promised.

MORNING TEA WITH JOHNNO (Ian Johnson)

Ian, better known as "Johnno", had his 80th birthday on 1st June. Earlier in the year I had promised to take him out for morning tea to celebrate. Unfortunately, he has spent a total of seven weeks (off and on) this year in hospital. Thought we had it sorted but he phoned to postpone….his Doctor told him he was looking a bit doddery and he should consider going into a care facility. He thought about it and agreed. He is now happily living at Kalyra, Belair, and loving it. If you are in the vicinity and want a good chat, please call in and see him.



During morning tea, we covered many years of his adventures. He joined the ES&A Bank in 1963 at Glenelg Branch. As he had a car, he was able to work on Relieving Staff. He was transferred to Saddleworth Branch to take over from John Shepherd who was transferred to Katherine Branch. Ironically Johnno transferred to Katherine and worked with John there. Going to Katherine was his first time in a plane – it was the DC3 "milk run" which stopped at Woomera, Kingoonya, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek before he got off.

He recalled there being an open-air picture theatre next to the Bank in Katherine and when he went looking for John he found him up a frangipani tree with an umbrella (it was raining) watching the movie over the fence. Another of those "only in the NT" stories.

He also went to Darwin Branch, was called up for National Service (2 years and stayed in Australia), was there when Cyclone Tracy went through and had a few stories about Arthur Newley, which won't surprise anyone.

His biggest surprise in life was finding out, at the age of 75, that he was adopted.
The big job now is getting his house packed up and sold – if you didn't know, Johnno is a bit of a hoarder, especially books. He has over 200 boxes of them packed and there are lots more to do. I guess you could say he loves to read.

I might have to do another half page for the next newsletter as there isn't room this time for the other stories. Thanks Johnno, for a very entertaining couple of hours – we might just do it again next year.

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.