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Welcome to our October 2021 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/ Club Update

Finally, on 11th October, some Covid restrictions across NSW eased and we were allowed to meet up with Family & Friends for a celebration drink, dinner or even just a coffee.

At the time of going to press the Residents of Greater Sydney still could not travel to Regional NSW and those Residents in Regional NSW not allowed to travel to Greater Sydney. However, we have been assured that these restrictions will be lifted shortly when the State reaches the next required level of double vaccination.

It is still not clear if we will be able to organise a lunch or Christmas Cocktail Function in November or December within the Sydney Area. We have been advised that due to Covid & some major refurbishment & relocation issues within the Tower we will not be able to access the building until the New Year. Accordingly, the Committee will investigate other venue options regarding the possibility of holding a Christmas Function and will provide an update in early November. Several of our Regional Centres have nominated a date for their Christmas Function & details of those events are listed later in the newsletter. We thank the Committee's in Newcastle, Wollongong,

Canberra & Wagga Wagga for their innovation & hard work in organising these events & recommend that members within these Regions support their committee by attending the functions if able. At this stage we are assuming they will proceed with some Covid restrictions still in place. If, for any

reason, they cannot proceed, we will confirm this through an email advice to all members. Hopefully 2022 will be kind to us & allow the resumption of regular Lunches & other events.

Your committee has continued to meet regularly throughout our recent lockdown via the wonder of Zoom. This has enabled us to look at more innovative ways to benefit & keep in touch with our wider membership. It has also enabled us to commence planning for a more active 2022.

In the meantime, the continued contribution of interesting comments & photos of days past from members has enabled us to make the monthly newsletter a more interesting & informative mode of communication. Please keep them rolling in.

Enjoy your newfound Freedom & keep safe.

Terry Auld PRESIDENT

Bereavements.

John Frederick Smith

We were sadly advised by his daughter that her father & Club member John Frederick Smith passed away on 6th October, aged 77 years.

John had a long & successful career in ANZ. He joined the Bank in 1960 at Crown and Keira Streets Wollongong.

He was transferred around the state in his early years of service until his first Manager's job at Fairy Meadow. He also held Managerial posts at Figtree, Warilla and finally Albion Park, from where he retired in late 1997.

Due to Covid restrictions John's funeral was a family only service.

Sincere condolences to John's family from all Club Members.

RIP John.



MAUREEN DAVIS

We have been sadly informed by her family that our Widow member Maureen Davis passed away on 20 October.

Maureen was the wife of our Deceased member Gordon who was Club Treasurer for many years and was also a member of the Ladies club we had many years ago and would be known to many of our members.

Notice from SMH.

Davis Maureen

Of Epping age 80.

Beloved wife to Gordon, BEST MUM EVER to Brian, Judi, John, Peter, Mark and "Oma" to Andrew, Rebecca, Chloe and Matt. Passed 20 Oct. Service for relatives and friends at 10am, 4 Nov. at Camellia Chapel, Macquarie Park Cemetery.

Sincere condolences to Maureen's family from all Club members.

RIP Maureen.



New Members.

Colin Geldart

Great to see a new member who recently joined the Club.

Colin would be well known to many members from his time in NSW before moving to HQ In Melbourne.

He had 34 years service in ANZ between 1964 to his retirement in 1998.

Colin lives in Ormond Vic and a big welcome to ANZROC(NSW).



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER PLEASE ENJOY THE DAY AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tim	BARKER	15th	Peter	MEERS	29th
Peter	BIRCH	9th	Kim	MOGAN	15th
Geoff	COWAN	20th	Alex	MORGAN	6th
Gary	CULMER	22nd	Mark	NIGHTINGALE	28th
Danny	DE VERE	25th	Lindsay	NORTON	20th
Ken	DIGHTON	23rd	Violet	PELOE	24th
Eddie	FIDDOCK	8th	Noel	PRATT	17th
David	HARRIS	27th	Brian	RAWLE	23rd
Paul	JEPSON	10th	Sharyn	SERGEANT	3rd
Robyn	JURD	14th	Robert	STREMPEL	6th
Paul	MAWRUK	1st	Joe	VAN DAM	17th
Jim	McVEIGH	2nd	Geoff	WRIGHT	20th

THE HONS

Jim	BICKERTON	8th	Ja	an	HAWKINS	25th
			В	ill		
Olive	BOURKE	27th	(\	William)	HORTON	19th
Ron	BRACKEN	29th	Jo	ohn	LEAVER	18th
Ivan	BRIGGS	3rd	В	ernie	MICKLE	3rd
Shirley	CASBOULT	18th	P	hil	MYERS	21st
Geoffrey	COX	6th	Ν	oel	RYAN	22nd
Alf	EVANS	30th	В	arry	SMITH	21st
Bruce	FOSTER	21st	В	ob	WILLIAMS	21st
Lloyd	GUTHREY	27th	R	obert	ZIEMS	14th

We welcome Shirley Casboult, Bernie Mickle (Canada) and Robert Ziems to the (increasing) membership of the Hons

Welfare Reports from our 2 Welfare Officers for October NL.

Ron Miller.

I have sent Birthday cards and I also rang each of the birthday boys on the day to wish them Happy Birthday.

Brian Liebert.

I had a good chat with Brian who seems to be travelling pretty well.

George Mckinnon.

I think George was pretty chuffed to receive the call on his birthday but I don't think he was impressed to become the oldest male member survivor!

Cathy Woodward

I had a good chat with Cathy who is well. I have known Cathy and her family for many years. Her sister Marion, used to be in the Bank and was also a fellow member with me in The Parramatta Musical Comedy Company where I met Moyra, my wife.

Bob McEwan.

I am still trying to make direct contact with Bob McEwan following confirmation of his telephone number with his daughter Ann-Maree.

Dan Pawson.

I have sent off email to Dan Pawson following your advice on correct email address, and his response is awaited.

Phil Cohen

Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays in November 2021

Alf Evans

Attempted telephone call 4 times without success. Left a message to call back.

Bruce Foster

Spoke with Bruce. All good health wise. Has assistance form daughter, if necessary.

Jan Hawkins

Attempted telephone call 4 times but call rang out without being answered. Left a message to call back.

Noel Ryan

Health Good. Walk quite a bit in the nearby area.

Noel and Joan celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 7th October 2021. Congratulations to both for many more. Quite a lovely achievement.

Bob Williams

His health is not too bad. As he quoted "weight for age".

Retired in 1993 for Parramatta Branch

Shirley Cashboult

Joins the HONS in November 2021.

Unable to speak with Shirley as we do not have a contact telephone number recorded.

Have requested contact number.

Bernie Mickle

Joins the HONS in November 2021.

Lives in Canada so will contact him by e-mail in due course.

Robert Ziems

Joins the HONS in November 2021.

Spoke with Robert. I followed Robert into Ashfield Branch as Manager many years ago.

Robert lives in South West Rocks where he tells me he plays golf, bowls, fishing and just socializes as they have not had the problem of the pandemic.

Nostalgia.

A couple more photos of old ES & A Branches submitted by Alistair Johnston.



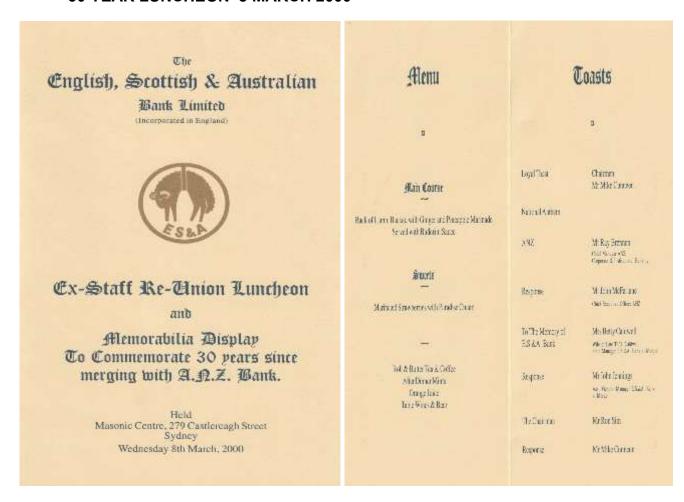


ES &A Branch Bathurst st Sydney Dec 1963 1965

ES & A Branch. Hobart Place Canberra ACT. Nov

Alistair has also sent in the following notices from the:-

ENGLISH SCOTTISH & AUSTRALIAN BANK 30 YEAR LUNCHEON 8 MARCH 2000



Now that will certainly stir a lot of memories for those members who were in attendance at that luncheon .

Photos.

These lovely photos & comments have been sent in by our member Janette Mitchell.



Janette commented:-

this magnificent Tree was grown from a slip from a neighbour's Garden!!! Thank you for the News Letter I really enjoyed reading it. Reading it gave me such pleasure in these dark times.

Due to Covid restrictions my son and I walk around the local streets.

Every day we discover more and more amazing gardens.

My friend belongs to a garden club on Facebook and I send her photos of the plants

we see and she finds out the names for me. Hope you enjoy as much as I do.

You may even consider putting some of the exotic ones in the newsletter to cheer up everyone.

Kind Regards

Janette Mitchell

Bob Jones has sent I this Photo of old Bank of Australasia branch in Herberton Qld.



Bob added the following comments

.Hi Graeme

Took this photo on an outback tour of Queensland in March.

This circa 1920 Australasia Bank building subsequently became ANZ Herberton.

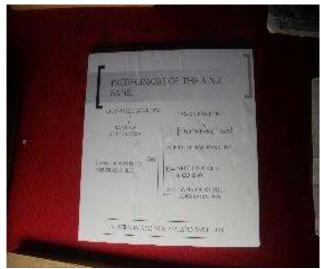
Herberton, situated in the Atherton Tablelands, was once a thriving tin mining town but is now a shadow of its former self. Fortunately, many of its buildings & machinery from the town & district are proudly on display at the Herberton Historic Village.

Andrew Hardwick has sent in these photos and added:-

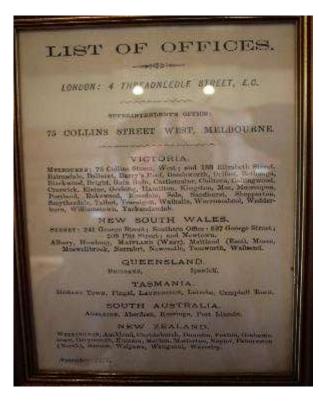
G'Day Graeme,

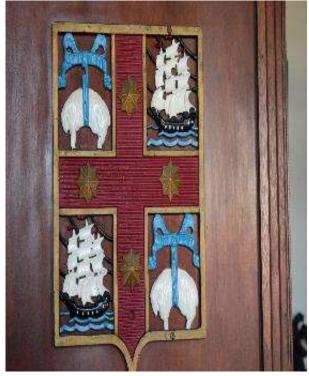
Due to the fact that I'm restricted on how far I can go, I have started to go through my photos. In a time far, far away I went on a short visit to Warrnambool, VIC. Attached are some photos that may interest some.

Regards Andrew











UPCOMING FUNCTIONS DATES.

Due to reduced Covid restrictions our Regional Centres have been able to arrange functions as follows for November & December.

Newcastle A*N*Z NEWCASTLE/HUNTER AREA

Luncheon Thursday 25 November 2021.

With the easing of Covid restrictions Newcastle Committee are pleased to advise that our final luncheon for 2021 will be held on 25 November and details are:-

Date: Thursday 25 November 2021

Venue: The usual function room at Cardiff RSL Club, Cnr Macquarie and Munibung Roads CARDIFF

Covid-19.

It will be necessary to observe and comply with NSW Health, Transport and Club Covid-19 rules and regulations including, QR check in, masks and evidence of Covid-19 double vaccinations, etc.

Time: 11.45am to 2pm

Wives, partners, visitors and any former bank contacts are most welcome.

Meal:

In the past we have enjoyed the Eastern Tiger serve yourself style meal however on this occasion the meal will be order your own from the Blue's Smokehouse restaurant menu.

Cost:

Due to the generous financial support from ANZROC (NSW) each attendee will be provided with a free meal and drink voucher.

RSVP: By Wednesday 17 November 2021 to Geoff Boyton Email: gboytonfsa@yahoo.com.au

Phone or message 0414 709 760

As always, we look forward to welcoming our visitors from Sydney the Central Coast and other areas and will meet the Sydney-Newcastle train which is due to arrive at Cardiff 11.35am.

Illawarra Wollongong.

Our esteemed Life member Reg has advised due to relaxed Covid restrictions they have been able to arrange a Christmas Function for Illawarra area as follows:-

Coniston Hotel

Sunday 5th December

12 noon for 12.30pm.

A subsidy of \$ 30ph for attending members will be paid, with non-Club members to cover own costs.

Booking and detail please contact Reg on his email:-

reg.kini@bigpond.com

Wagga Wagga.

Kevin Cameron has confirmed that their Christmas luncheon will be held:-

11 December

Wagga Wagga RSL Club

11.30am for 12.15pm lunch.

Bookings to Kevin jannette.cameron@bigpond.com

Canberra.

Albert & Bob have confirmed their Christmas function will be held:-

Date: Friday, 17 December 2021 Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Place: Royal Canberra Golf Club

Bentham Street (Westbourne Woods)

YARRALUMLA ACT

Cost: \$20 (only) per person

Dress: Smart casual (NOTE: Denim or sneakers NOT permitted)

Contacts.

Bob Dyer - Phone: 0417 580 759, Email: rdyer@bigpond.net.au

Albert Orszaczky - Phone: 0414 616 230, Email: orszo@bigpond.com

Correspondence received from members.

On Aub Hydnes.

Barry Smith wrote:-

HYNDES, William "Aub" Aubrey 4.7.1937 -17.9.2021 Devoted husband of Judith (Dec) Father of Gregory (Dec). Privately Cremated.

I first met Aub in 1977 when he was appointed Manager Annandale to replace Ron Duncan who had resigned to take over 'Brodie Lighting' at Gordon. I was Manager Leichardt and every Friday Aub and I would enjoy a glass of lunch at the halfway pub, The Annandale. RIP Aub

Stephen Sargent wrote:-

Hi Graeme.

I would like to pass on my condolences over the passing of Aub Hynes.

We worked together at Bankstown North branch in the mid to late 80's when he was the manager & I was his accountant.

I remember him as charming, good sense of humour, easy to work with and terrific with all his staff.

Vale Aub, a gentleman. Stephen Sargent.

John Hickey wrote:-

Hi Graeme.

I just saw in the Herald's notices that Aub Hyndes had passed away.

I was close friends with Aub & his wife Judy in our Banking days & the last time I saw Aub was at one of our reunions.

He was a good golfer & tennis player & we had many a good game in the old days.

Best Regards John.

On John Frederick Smith

Sharon Hawkins wrote:-

Thank you Graeme for letting me know as John was a friend of Ralph's and mine he and Ralph used to do walks around the lake but in the mornings for exercise.

Regards

Sharon Hawkins

Barry Booth wrote:-

Hi Graeme, thank you for your email re John Smith.

I worked with John at various Wollongong Branches and found him to be reliable and a good work mate. He was at our get together at the Coniston Hotel in May and I didn't recognise him he had aged so much and explained by him he had a lot of health problems.

Sad for his family.

Cheers,

Barry Booth.

RE Article by Digby Mile & photo in September NL.

Andrew Hardwick wrote:-

It was with interest that I read Digby's adventures with the guitar. I passed his article on to others who once worked with him in Cooma. Please forward my and Lyn Benn's regards. Looking at the picture he posted he hasn't really changed since I last saw him in the mid 90's.

Photo of King & George Sts Branch in August NL.

Peter Goerman wrote:-

P.S. The photo of the building on the corner of George & King Streets was the ANZ Bank, with the ANZ Bank Staff Training College upstairs which I attended in 1966 to learn how to become a "Ledger Examiner". The instructor was a lady and the only two students were a young girl of Hungarian heritage from an ANZ Sydney branch and myself from the Canberra City branch, and only quite recently arrived from Germany. The two got on like a house on fire - although that expression was still unknown to me at the time - and I've never forgotten the regret expressed by the lady instructor that we weren't working in closer proximity to further develop our German-Hungarian co-operation:-) Last time I walked past that building, it was a pub!

Photo of George & Liverpool sts Branch.

Sharon Hawkins wrote:-

The branch at ANZ Liverpool street is it where the person who look after guns were look after! This is where Ralph had his rifles look after! Sharon

Yes Sharon you are correct, and many members will remember having Gun practice in the target room underneath. Great old memories.

Kent & Market Sts Branch.

Garry Attewell forwarded in the following comments:-

I refer to a comment from Jim Richardson covering his course at Kent & Market Streets back in May 1970. When I retired from the Bank, I was presented with a record of all my placements/appointments. One placement was at the old **MARKET STREET BRANCH ON 22.5.61**. The next entry was recorded as **3.7.62 – Kent & Market sts.**

I agree the branch was dilapidated, in particular the Manager's office and the ledger Dept. which were on a higher level. Whenever it rained, water would enter that staff working area. Another door, also on that level, had stairs which lead down to a large basement area, where water would enter following heavy rains. That area was beneficial when we moved premises, we were able to "throw" rubbish downstairs for "permanent" filing.

I remained at that new branch until March 1966.

Thanks to yourself and Committee for the time and efforts put into the very welcome Newsletters.

Garry Attewell

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM HON MEMBERS WHO HAD BIRTHDAYS IN JULY- AUGUST- September & RECEIVED BIRTHDAY CARD WISHES FROM THE CLUB.

Keith Jacobs wrote:-

Hi Graeme, thanks for the Birthday Card which is much appreciated.

At last I have got around to putting together something of my banking career which you may consider about editing and putting into a later Newsletter.

Unfortunately I have never made it to any functions for various reasons so I always look forward to reading the Newsletters.

Attached is a Word file with details of my career which I hope you can open OK. If not, let me know and I will send it as a pdf file.

Regards.

Keith Jacobs

Keith also provided us with a brief resume of his proud Banking career as follows:-

My banking career with ANZ lasted for just over 38 years, joining at Maitland at what was formerly the Bank of Australasia on 4 March 1952 and retiring on 12 July 1990. During that period I served at Maitland with Colin Killer until October 1953 when I was transferred to Padstow Branch. Whilst there I had to do my National Service Training in 1955. In December 1958 I was moved to Panania Branch as Accountant/Teller. In March 1960, I was transferred to Staff Department at 2 Martin Place where I spent 6 years, progressing through that Department to Assistant to the NSW Staff Officer (Reg Tuxford) until transferred to Relieving Staff in July 1966. Following postings were: Accountant Kingsgrove September 1966, Accountant Burwood March 1968, and Accounting and Control as an Internal Auditor in March 1970 where I not only conducted many branch audits, but also Investigations and Annual Balance Returns during the final 20 years, retiring as an Senior Internal Auditor. Another SIA, Ron Rawson retired on the same day.

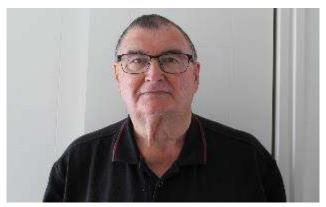
Since then, much of my time has been spent in Freemasonry as well as in East Hills Probus Club where I have been their Club Photographer since 2002 and currently am the Club Auditor. Also Hon Auditor for Computer Pals Bankstown.

Unfortunately I do not have any photographs from my ANZ days but look forward to reading each Newsletter to reminisce on that time and see the latest on my contemporaries.

My regards to all.

Thank you very much Keith for your resume of which was a long & proud banking career, starting in Bank of Australasia in 1952.

Bob Grant has forwarded in his personal Update with attaching photo.



Bob Grant. Update 2021.

Thanks to Philip Cohen I received my Birthday Card in time for my Birthday which was very good.

One doesn't need to be reminded that he is another year older but it is enjoyable just the same. We have been in Lockdown a number of times, however, our location in Anna Bay has been virtually Covid free so, compared to Sydney, it has not impacted on our lifestyle too much.

We haven't gone anywhere except to Newcastle and Maitland for medical and shopping purposes.

My foot problems are now over for the time being. The wound has completely healed and I now wear custom made boots which were specifically made for my feet. They are very comfortable and are not causing any problems.

Nell and I continue to enjoy good health so hopefully that will last for a few more years. I had a busy time on my birthday. I had to go to Newcastle in the morning to the High-Risk Foot Clinic for my bi-monthly foot check-up and in the afternoon attended the monthly meeting of my Wood Workers Club.

The evening was spent with our daughter and her family who provided a lovely meal to finish the day off.

For relaxation I am a member of our village Choir as their pianist. I sail a model yacht as part of the village Model Yacht Club and produce their Monthly Newsletter known as "Sailing News". I'm also a member of the Village's Community Shed which provides woodworking facilities for residents.

This is separate from the other Woodworkers Club that I belong to which awarded me Life Membership last Christmas for my services over the last 12 years. It's great to be a member of the ROC.

I enjoy your newsletters which enable me to keep tabs on those that I know from my working days in New South Wales.

Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year. Kind regards. Bob Grant

Many thanks Bob for your update and it is good to see that you are in reasonably sound health and enjoying life.

Members.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of all members especially our Hon's who have taken time to send in their various stories & Photos for inclusion in the Club's monthly Newsletters.

From feedback we receive they certainly stir a lot of memories for members from their time in the bank.

We have a firm policy that we do not alter or correct any of the comments received, as what you have written is published as received, and we fully appreciate your efforts in sending them in.

So please if you have any photos or stories please continue to send them to Club Secretary Graeme either via email or posting to his home address with his contact details at top of NL.

Members please enjoy the read of Club's October NL, and look after yourself & stay safe.