

CBC OFFICERS CLUB Incorporated

connecting former employees and families of

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Dear Member,

A Special General Meeting and luncheon will be held at **Barracks on Barrack, 5-7 Barrack Street, Sydney on Monday 5th June, 2023.**

When admitted by Barracks please make your way up to **Level 1** (by lift or stairs) where Committee Members will check you in ready for the Meeting. The bar will be open at 11:30 a.m., ready for your lunch at 12:30.

Please ensure your name is quoted on your direct deposit, or promptly return the advice slip below with your cheque to reach Margaret **not later than Friday 24th May.**



Main Street, SURFERS PARADISE in 1974 with CBC Bank, the blue building on the right.

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TO: Ms. Margaret Powell, Hon. Treasurer, PO Box 319, St. Ives NSW 2075 Phone 0405 391 777
FROM: PHONE Email

I would like to attend the following meeting:

Monday 5th June 2023 cost \$ 30 each after subsidy
Please advise Rowan Raymond-Jones on 0411 771 300 if you have any particular dietary requirements.

I will **not** be attending the lunchtime CBC Officers Club meeting and tender an apology.

(Please attach or email any news of general interest to members) Total payment \$ _____

Signature

If paying by Direct Deposit, quote your **NAME or membership NUMBER**, and please credit:-
CBC OFFICERS CLUB INC. at NAB 339 George Street Sydney BSB 082-001 A/c 50-902-3440.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I thank all our Committee members for standing for their positions at our recent AGM Meeting in March.

In the absence of a nominee for the position of President, I have taken on this role, as well as continuing in my position as Treasurer.

Our past President, Wayne Linnert has been an inspiration to me, as well as being a mentor and a valued friend.

These are "big shoes" to fill, however, with the ongoing guidance of Wayne and with the backing of supportive Committee members, as well as offers of assistance from many Club members, I feel confident that I will be able to perform the new role and look forward to having the opportunity to do so.

Having said all of the above, the position of President remains open for anyone who may consider that they would like to take up the post. Please feel free to call me to discuss the position if you are interested. It would be a very rewarding experience.

We have unfortunately made the decision to cancel our proposed "Out of Town" Luncheon in Southport Qld, due to a lack of interest.

The intention was to bring together Club members, friends/family from NSW, to meet with our Qld Club members, as we were unable to attend in 2021 due to Covid and Qld. border restrictions. The Luncheon at Southport in 2021 was well attended by our Qld. members, which is why it was decided to choose this venue again.

We will review the possibility of another "Out of Town" Luncheon at a suitable location, early next year.

All the best to all, stay well and safe.

Margaret Powell

President

SNIPPETS

David DOWNS

Hi Margaret ,

Firstly, thanks for stepping in to save our CBC!!

Secondly, we have had so many good times over the years, we all need to keep our CBC going.

Thirdly, FYI it is our **40th anniversary this year of our CBC Rugby team touring Hong Kong.** Geoff George was the coach. Fred, you remember him...

Fourthly, this must be mentioned in your next CBC May newsletter, story/photos will be organised and will be supplied.

I have already communicated with several of our old 1983 touring rugby players and the preferred reunion date would be our Club York Xmas luncheon on 4th Dec '23.

Thank you for so much for everything you are doing, this reunion 4/12/23 will help us BIG TIME!!!!

Kevin GREENAWAY

Kevin has uploaded a video on Australia 100 Year Ago to YouTube.

The Photographs are of Australia taken by Walter Kilroy Harris back in the 1900s.

I was asked to restore a bundle of old prints some years ago and lately I decided to share these historic photos by making a movie and putting it on YouTube.

I adapted the size of most of them to fit 16:9 TV screens. Although it is not Bank related, you can view it on <https://youtu.be/T1T2QIDoLr0?list=UUzL5R9tatxAQT9u6m3ebprA>

David JOBSON

Excellent newsletter again Wayne and John. Really good recollections of service by Frank M and Kevin N, most of us could relate to some of those incidents in those early years - especially keeping the wood cut and the fires burning for staff comfort in winter!

Liked the photos of Kaye and the uniform, good to see Helen from the Archives will display it. I have seen the historical display in Melbourne CBD and it is first class.

Kaye SLACK-SMITH

I have been thinking perhaps the Committee could encourage members to write 'their story' For example Kevin Nicol's story which I so enjoyed. Had my Grandsons read same.!!

I am sure we ALL have good stories to tell. I was just speaking on the phone to Barbara D'Arcy with whom I worked at Crows Nest. Her last job was as Staff Officer at our Computer Centre at St. Leonards Sydney. A very interesting and difficult job.

I remember, as I am sure you do, funny things which happened during my career?

Just about every time I was at a banch the Accountant would ask me to type the TA Return. A job they all hated.

Me too. I was senior staff at Wee Waa Branch for two days. The Manager and Accountant having gone to a Cattle Sale. Ian (cookie) Cook's tale of having to sleep in the strong room with one other staff member, because the door could not be closed. However the other guy went to the Pub and bought a bottle of whiskey so they both slept very well!!

Ed: I hope all members will give some thought to putting Kaye's suggestions to pen and paper!

WOMEN IN BANKING:

by Kaye Slack-Smith nee Marshall.

1955: I joined The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited spending the first three months working at Head Office, situated on George Street, Sydney, facing Martin Place.

My next move was to Lane Cove Branch Sydney, during which time I learned Branch Banking. Noticing with interest, ALL correspondence within the Bank was typed in RED. Having been introduced during the WW2 to extend the life of the typewriter ribbons!!

Also overseeing the mechanization of the Customer's Statements of Account, which, at this time were being kept by hand.

1959: I was appointed to Crows Nest Branch.

The Branch Manager was Mr. Charles Nobbs. He later became the first Principal of the Staff Training College Fernleigh Castle situated at Rose Bay Sydney.

Here live in Courses for Accountants and Managers were conducted.

Mr. Nobbs encouraged Crows Nest staff to meet outside office hours.

I recall the good times we had together.

Especially the camping trips organized by the two Queen's Scouts on our Staff.

Later, reunions were held over the years on a regular basis.

Life long friendships were made. Most of us are still in contact via e-mail.

1960: Transferred to Relieving Staff.

Based at Head Office, when not required for Relieving Work. An interesting and important part of my career.

During one of those times, I was given the opportunity, together with an employee of the firm National Cash Registers, to design a system, to mechanize the Share Register of the CBC Bank, which at the time, was maintained by hand.

While based at Head Office, I would be sent to various Branches. Working in a variety of positions, for the next seven years

Sydney Branches included:- Neutral Bay, Mosman, Chatswood, Willoughby, Gordon, Roseville, Maroubra, Double Bay, RPA Hospital, Redfern, Port MacQuarie, Ashfield, Paddington, Fernleigh Castle with Mr. Nobbs for three weeks.

New South Wales Country Branches included:-

Moruya, Young, Cowra, Parkes, Wee Waa,

Coonamble (where I met my husband Peter Slack-Smith the Farmer).

I helped to open Macquarie University Branch.

Twice to Lithgow Branch. The second time I accompanied Mr. Tandy, one of the Bank's auditors. This was to assist him in ascertaining how much money one of our Bank Tellers, had stolen, by suppressing Savings Bank Deposits. The final figure was just over \$6,000 dollars. Quite a sum in 1967.

I would like to mention at this point. Women employed by Banks, were just receiving approvals to purchase Real Estate!! Lady Tellers emerged!

CBC Bank first lady Bank Manager appointed, (Ms. Pat McAnally), with whom I had worked at Crows Nest Branch.

Women in Banking, had just begun to make a 'chip' in the 'Glass Ceiling'!!

1968: I was appointed to the position of Executive Assistant to the second Principal of Fernleigh Castle, Mr. Bill Oakley. We made a good team, for the next two years.

1970. I resigned to be married.

Foot Note: I had a very happy, rewarding career, spanning 15 years, working as part of the CBC Bank Family.

Ed. Kaye has donated her uniform pictured in the last newsletter to NAB Archives.

Jeanette BOADLE (nee McDONALD)

By Dave and Tim Boadle

Jeanette (then McDonald) was born on 6th December 1923 and joined the CBC in the late 1940s, at the age of 16. We feel that it reflected her personal and professional capabilities that she served most of her time as a member of the “relieving” staff across Victoria, eventually meeting her future husband, John when they worked at the Ballarat branch in the mid-1950s. As was the inviolable practice in that era, Jeanette was required to resign her position when she and John married in late 1956. Given her excellent service to that point, and subsequent life-long banking partnership with John, her family wonders at the career Jeanette could have forged in her own right if she was a product of new millennium.

Jeanette remained a banking person at heart, more than ably supporting John as we moved through Melbourne Head Office, Shepparton (Accountant), opening the Burwood branch, Manager Kew then into Manager Savings Bank Administration in Melbourne. John’s career was on the rise due to his own skills and effort, as well as performing at a high level in the ABIA examinations – all with the steadfast support and counsel of Jeanette.

The next big step for Jeanette and John was to Hobart in 1972, where effectively as State Manager, they were required to represent the bank at key functions (meeting the future King, as the then Prince of Wales), and entertain key clients and senior banking officials in our family home. Again, Jeanette could not have been a more able ally to John in superbly fulfilling the requirement to provide warm, welcoming fare at the family dinner table. Their three children learned much about life, social interactions, and etiquette in those happy times.

More was to come for Jeanette and John, with a return to Melbourne mooted in late 1976, before then GM Vic Martin intervened and “requested” that John join the team in Sydney Head Office (thus leading to the jettisoning of their eldest son who was happily ensconced at the University of Tasmania). Daughter, Ann worked in the CBC while they were in Sydney.

Next stop was State Manager, Queensland where John survived the merger with the National Bank of Australia to be the first State Manager, Queensland, for the newly formed NAB. Jeanette was again pivotal in ensuring successful stints in Perth and Sydney to round out a successful banking and life partnership, before they retired to Launceston to be close to their four grandchildren. In retirement, Jeanette again ably supported John in a twentyfive-year journey with Parkinson’s Disease. Their partnership never faltered.

Following John’s death in 2015, Jeanette moved to a residential aged care facility in Hobart, where she lived comfortably close to family, and where she died peacefully at age 90, almost within sight of the bank residence in Dynnyrne Tasmania, where they moved just over 50 years beforehand. Jeanette is survived by her two sons, Dave and Tim, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Jeanette died in early January (07/01/2023).

Ian HOLSTON re John MATHES

Attended Dinner at Nerang RSL, for Gold Coast Cricket Umpires and Scorers Presentation awards last evening because of Daylight Saving did not get home till after Midnight.

John looks really well and is keeping very busy. Did not realise his wife Jenny was only 67 when she passed away last year.

John had a very successful evening picking up two awards for his Umpiring skills, including one of the two top awards for his Umpiring and Encouragement skills (referred to as coaching) to Gold Coast Junior Cricket.

He is very well respected amongst his peers. The Association is one of the most respected in Queensland Cricket with some 48 Registered Umpires. As the Gold Coast has a Club playing in Premier Cricket in Brisbane their Umpires get a gig in that competition.

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International Umpire Bruce Oxenford Patron of the Group was the Official guest. Former Queensland Leg Spinner replaced Trevor Hohns in the Queensland Shield side.

Bruce played against the CBC Golden Oldies Team in a Gold Coast Cricket Festival in 2001. In fact the match was played at Currumbin and was the first Tied match that the Club had Played in. (See Pages 152 & 385 of Club's History Book).

Email sent to all players that played in that team which also included David Leathley. (sent to brother Forde)



CBC GOLDEN OLDIES CRICKET CLUB

On 5th February, 2023 we played our annual Intra Club match for the Johnny Taylor Memorial Trophy. We alternate between Bradman Oval and Bedlam Bay (Gladesville) Oval. This year it was the turn of Bradman Oval in Bowral.

It turned out to be a great day with a great game of cricket. There was so much interest from our members that it was a 13 -a -side match.

Hugh Massie (Steve Allan) won the toss and sent Johnny Taylor (Matt Brennan) into bat. With the extra players the match was 45 overs per side. Johnny Taylor got off to a solid start and runs came steadily during the innings. The final score was a respectable 9/213.

Hugh Massie put up a much stronger showing and wickets were hard to come by for Johnny Taylor. After 42 overs and having lost only 3 wickets, Hugh Massie scored the winning runs and finished with 3/216.

Our next match was against Sri Lanka Lions at Wilberforce. Sri Lanka won the toss and sent CBC in. It was a struggle and runs were hard to come by. CBC after 35 overs were 9/111. (Just as well David Shepherd was not there!). The Lions did not do a lot better and it was neck and neck the whole innings. The lions eventually scored the winning runs with one over to spare. Their final score after 34 overs was 7/114.

Our final match for 2022/23 was against Goulburn Express again at Wilberforce. We lost the toss again and batted. The second half of our innings fell away after a promising start. CBC after 40 overs were 9/119. Goulburn were always in control during their innings. We did manage to take six wickets but the winning runs came in the 33rd over. Goulburn's score was 6/123.

Including the four matches played at the Darwin festival last May we played a total of 10 matches plus the Intra Club match at Bowral. We won 3 and lost 7.

David Rudd won the batting average (Ray Single Memorial Trophy - over 100 years old) with an average of 73.5. The winner of the bowling average (Services Memorial Trophy) was Graham Doust with an average of 12.67.

John Granata is now in the process of making contact with our opponents to arrange a programme of matches for 2023/24.

Golden Oldies World Cricket Festivals are expected to re-commence next year with the talk being Harrogate U.K. We will see.

Tony Adnum

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES



John Hitchcock



Don Gould with Mary Lamborn



Crumbed Cutlets



Grilled Barramundi

March Luncheon

IN MEMORIAM:

CBCOC MEMBERS

Jeanette BOADLE
Betty CHAPMAN
Les FIRMAN
Lola MARTIN
David PIRNIE
Gordon WATKINS

CBC NON-MEMBERS

CBC FAMILY

Pat GARNER

JEANETTE BOADLE nee McDonald 6 December 1932 - 7 January 2023

David BOADLE I have the sad duty to pass on that my mother, Jeanette Boadle, died on 7 January having only recently turned ninety. Please find an account of her life in the bank (which is in the Snippets).

PATRICIA MAE GARNER (nee Talbot) 26 August 1951 - 10 October 2022

Col GARNER Pat joined the CBC at Riverstone Branch around 1968/9 (Max Bryant was Mgr.) We were married September 1972. From memory, Pat then worked at Royal Exchange Branch for a short term before her transfer to Parramatta (Church Street) Branch. Our eldest son was born April 1976. (We have 3 sons, their wives and 8 Grandchildren). So, I guess, Pat finished work with CBC, around Feb/March 1976.
(Thanks for this from Ian Holston.)

GORDON JOHN WATKINS 27 November 1931 - 05 March 2023

Margaret POWELL We are most saddened to receive notification of the passing of John Watkins, a Life Member of our Club. John served many years in Branch Securities becoming Chief Securities Officer prior to being appointed Bank Secretary. Finally on 31st December 1982 John returned the Banking Licence of The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited to the Reserve Bank of Australia. Condolences from the Club have been conveyed to his two Sons, and Daughter, and their families. *Thanks to Rowan Watkins for providing these details.*

LOLA MAY MARTIN

1929 - 11 March 2023

Bob HANDEL Loved wife of Victor (dec). Loving mother of Jan, Patricia and Scott. Devoted gran of Ruby, Josephine, Kirsten, Lachlan and Matthew, and great grandmother of Archibald.

BETTY CHAPMAN

- - - - - 14 January 2023

Sam CLOUGH Were you aware Geoff's wife Betty passed away recently? Maybe I missed it? Private funeral and no fuss.

Bob Handel I made contact with Geoff today and he confirmed he has no objection to us making a note in the next newsletter. He stated that Kevin Nicol passed a note around to the North Coasters. We have had no notice of the situation.

DAVID PIRNIE

19 March 1934 - 5 February 2023

Rowan RAYMOND-JONES

David's March Newsletter has been returned and a telephone enquiry was answered by his daughter Sue Wheeler who advised he passed away after a couple of years in hospital. Sue mentioned her dad very much enjoyed his time in the CBC, saying it was a 'very good job' and he particularly appreciated his experience in branches and administration.

Fred HARVISON

I remember when he joined the Bank. Vic Martin head-hunted David from W D Scott's when they were contracted to introduce Clerical Work Management. David was the project leader at the time but soon settled into the Bank. He was a really nice bloke and very professional. He certainly lived to a good age.

LES FIRMAN

22 October 1930 - 23 September 2022

Margaret POWELL

Les sadly passed away due to complications after contracting Covid. He joined the CBC Bank on 7th January 1949 at Trafalgar Vic. and had appointments at ten country branches in Victoria. He also served in Adelaide Office where he met his wife to be, Margaret (née Colwill) who passed away in 2006. Les served as Assistant Chief Manager CBC Savings Bank, Head Office, Assistant Chief Manager, Personnel Head Office and was a Lending Manager with NAB. Les was seconded to Mitsubishi Bank of Australia, Sydney, took early retirement, January 1987, then continued with Mitsubishi Bank until 1991 when he retired. Les lived in Killarney Heights, Sydney after retirement and was active with the Bowling Club at Belrose and Probus Club, Forestville. Les is survived by his two daughters, Sue in Melbourne and Catherine in Berowra.

Ed. Les's Service history is on the website.



Old Jewry site after WW2 bombing and before building London Office.

GENERAL MEETING

Special Resolution

CHANGES to the Club's CONSTITUTION

Proposed by Wayne Linnert under PART 5 CLAUSE 41 which states:

“This constitution may only be altered, rescinded or added to by a special resolution of the club”,

PART 3 – THE COMMITTEE

16. Constitution and Membership

- (4) and, with the possible exception of the president as stated in sub clause (5), is eligible for re-election.

To be replaced by

- (4) The members of the executive may hold more than one position if a position cannot be filled by another person.

To be deleted:

- (5) The president may hold that office for a maximum of four consecutive years.

Reasons: Simplifies the President's election criteria and allows for an executive to hold more than one position.

PART 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS

29. Notice

- (1) Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the club, the secretary must, at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the club, the secretary must, at least twenty one days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be sent to each member in the manner provided in clause (1)

be replaced as follows:

29. Notice

The secretary must, at least **twenty one** days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting, the nature of the business, and any special resolution, proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

35. Voting

- (2) All votes must be given personally

to allow for other means of voting, to be replaced by:

- (2) All votes must be given
- (i) personally, or
 - (ii) by mail or electronic means at the Committee's discretion, which must be in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Regulation, in the format attached to the advice of meeting, and which must be received by one hour before the meeting or any adjournment thereof takes place.

MINUTES OF CBC OFFICERS CLUB INC.

Luncheon Meeting held at "Barracks on Barrack" 5-7 Barrack Street Sydney
Monday 6 March 2023

Secretary Mary Lamborn opened the meeting at 12.35pm extending a very warm welcome to 40 ladies and gentlemen including 22 Life Members and 2 Past Presidents, John Ness and Rowan Raymond- Jones.

The Secretary informed club members that the Annual General Meeting would be chaired by Rowan Raymond-Jones, and Geoff McIntyre AM had been approached and agreed to conducting the Election of Committee Members.

Secretary presented Certificate of Life Membership of the Club to Don Gould who responded in appreciation.

During the meeting the Secretary informed members of the passing on Sunday 5 March 2023 of Gordon John Watkins (also known as John Watkins) who was the last Secretary of The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited.

TREASURER AND RECORDS MANAGER

Finances CBC Officers Club Current Account maintains a credit balance of \$4,326.47 as at 6 March 2023 which does not include cheques received which have not been deposited to the account for the luncheon and payment of luncheon expenses.

Term Deposit \$18,000.00 renewed at 3.25% per annum maturing 2 October 2023

Term Deposit \$ 5,000.00 renewed at 3.80% per annum maturing 12 October 2023.

Life Members in attendance at to-days meeting: Vic Beecraft, Bill Crandell, Bob Ellicott, Donald Gould, Robert Handel, Doug Harding, Jennifer Hayne, Ian Holston, John Hughes, Geoff Irvine, Richard McCredie, Geoff McIntyre AM, Richard Nott AM, Kerry O'Connor, Roslyn O'Connor, Norman Peverell, Rowan Raymond-Jones, Frank Scurr, Bernie Stewart, Colin Ware, John Williams and Bob Young.

Attendees' Birthdays Vic Beecraft, Kevin Eke, Donald Gould, Doug Harding, John Hughes, Richard McCredie, Richard Nott AM, Chris Rush, Peter Sewell, Frank Scurr, Bernie Stewart, Bob Stubbs, Phil Treloar and Bob Young.

Correspondence Secretary informed club members Letters of Appreciation had been received from Jan Humphreys and the Garner family in response to Letters of Condolence written by the President, Wayne Linnert on behalf of Club Members.

Also, a Thank You Note was received in appreciation of the presentation of the Late Arthur Warrell's Certificate of Life Membership to his widow Patricia Warrell at the Wagga Wagga N.S.W. luncheon on 24 October 2022 by the President, Wayne Linnert.

Lucky Door Prizes Winners of the two lucky door prizes of \$25.00 each, drawn by Ian Holston, were Ian Christopherson and Geoff McIntyre AM.

Affiliates Report CBC Golden Oldies Cricket Club

Ian Holston informed Club Members of recent cricket matches played by the Club and mentioned Two (2) copies of "Golden Era of CBS/CBC Cricket 1893-1920" were in his possession for sale.

NABROC Phil Treloar extended a luncheon invitation to members to be held on Monday 20 March 2023 at the York Club, York Street, Sydney.

General Business Ian Holston spoke of his memories and recollections of John Watkins and his banking career.

Meeting Closed at 1.05p.m.

MINUTES OF THE CBC OFFICERS CLUB INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

These minutes may be viewed on our website at www.cbcbank.com in the Newsletters page [Minutes of the AGM](#) but briefly:

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM, the President's Report and the Treasurer's Report were accepted.
2. Approval was given for the \$50 filing fee and annual statement to be sent to NSW Fair Trading Department.
3. The following Members were elected unopposed

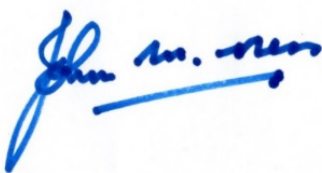
Margaret Powell	President
Fred Harvison RFD	Vice President
Mary Lamborn	Secretary
Margaret Powell	Treasurer
John Ness	Committee member
Bob Handel	Committee member
Rowan Raymond-Jones	Committee member
4. Norm Peverell was appointed Honorary Auditor,
5. Changes were made to the Constitution, and
6. John Kenny thanked and praised the retiring President, Wayne Linnert for his four year tenure.

A hard copy of the original minutes can be obtained from the Club.

Thanks again to all the contributors, Margaret Powell for stepping up to fill the President's role, collecting the funds and recording details in the database, Rowan Raymond-Jones for compiling the In Memoriam, Bob Handel for collating the Snippets, sending out the email version of the newsletter and other advices, and Wayne Linnert for distributing the printed newsletters.

Looking forward to seeing you at the June luncheon at

BARRACKS
ON BARRACK



John Ness,
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

