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Dear Member,

The next luncheon will be held at **Barracks on Barrack, 5-7 Barrack Street, Sydney on Monday 4th September, 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 25th August**.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND BRANCH
ARMIDALE NSW



Graham Short's first branch



Fred Harvison outside Burberry's.

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

I would like to attend the following meeting:

Monday 4th September 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

We had a most successful June Luncheon for our Winter quarter get-together, with 44 acceptances and members enjoying a delicious 2 course meal and excellent company.

As with the Treasurer's position, I have so far found the President's position very rewarding. It is always a pleasure to speak to members when you call with news or an enquiry and an opportunity to chat about our time in the CBC Bank. So many interesting stories to be told.

One of the saddest parts of my role, however, is writing the notices on the passing of members.

I would like to thank our Committee for their on-going support and encouragement, you are a great team!

To our members, please keep your stories, photos and snippets of information coming in for the Newsletter.

We are planning and looking forward to a good roll up for our "Spring" Luncheon on Monday September 4th.

We look forward to seeing you all there. In the meantime, stay safe and well.



JOHN GRANDSDEN



I called by one of my branches, Castlereagh & Hunter Streets on the weekend and it is now a dental surgery. How things have changed. All the iconic branches of Nab, Westpac, CTB & ANZ are gone !!

MARGARET POWELL



Madam President Powell –

looks like she's been shopping at Burberry's as well!

Ed.

MINUTES OF CBC OFFICERS CLUB INC
LUNCHEON MEETING held on MONDAY 5th June 2023

President Margaret

Opened her inaugural meeting at 12.30 and stated this was to be a **General Meeting**. She welcomed all present and gave a short precis of her connection to CBC before giving her Treasurer's report and calling on Bob Handel to list birthdays this quarter.

Treasurer

RESIGNATIONS

Nil

MEMBERSHIP

Financial membership of the club stands at 443.

APOLOGIES

12 plus Mary Lamborn (Secretary), Ray Knight, Garth Morgan, Graeme Vine, and Richard McCredie.

ATTENDING TODAY

We are catering for 44 today, but 39 are present.

DONATIONS

Graeme Vine \$40.

BANK BALANCE

The reconciled balance at the bank is presently \$3701.03 plus Term Deposits \$18,000 and \$5000 due 2nd and 12th October from which expenses for today's catering etc. will come.

Bob Handel (Records Manager)

2nd QTR BIRTHDAYS:

Alan Crane, Robert Handel, Jennifer Hayne, Kevin Hollis and John Ness were present.

LIFE MEMBERS:

Vic Beecraft, Ralph Buchanan, Bill Crandell, Bob Ellicott, Alan Gordon, Robert Handel, Doug Harding, Jennifer Hayne, Graeme Hockey, Geoff McIntyre AM, Kerry O'Connor, Roslyn O'Connor, Terry Portus, Rowan Raymond-Jones, Leslie Ryan, Frank Scurr, John Simms, Bernie Stewart, Colin Ware, John Williams and Bob Young were present.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

John Ness, Rowan Raymond-Jones and Wayne Linnert were present.

Secretary (John Ness on behalf of Mary Lamborn)

CORRESPONDENCE

Other than emails, there was no correspondence sent or received.

OTHER

John mentioned a collection of old branch premises plans which he has enhanced for presentation to NAB's archivist and the National Trust, and which are now on display.

Adjournment

At this stage the meeting was adjourned for 35 minutes to allow for the consumption of lunch.

Other Reports

AFFILIATES

Phil Treloar, Vice President of NABROC, spoke briefly of NABROC and its next meeting, an AGM, to be on 17th July, there is zero joining fee and lunch fees are subsidised.

General Business

WAYNE LINNERT

Reminded Members that a generous benefactor has gifted the Club a substantial sum to aid worthy causes, including financial assistance to Members who, due to frailty or such, wish to attend meetings but find it too difficult without taxis. He called for Members to become aware of anyone meeting those criteria, and inform the Committee of any such person.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Changes to the Club's Constitution as **proposed by Wayne Linnert** and notice of which was given in the last Newsletter were seconded by **Neil Mc Manus**, were put without change and were carried unanimously.

ATTENDING TODAY

In addition to the Life Members, Past Presidents and birthday Members named above, Stuart Adey, Ross Bradbury, Ian Christopherson, Ed de Ridder, Wally Henretty, Dennis Lee, Neil McManis, Kim Naylor, John Payne, Lorraine Pejic, Margaret Powell, Chris Rush, Bob Stubbs, Phil Treloar made up the 39 present.

NEXT MEETING

Will be held on Monday 4th September 2023. **Closure** President Margaret thanked Jason and Susan Bygrave for a delicious lunch and closed the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

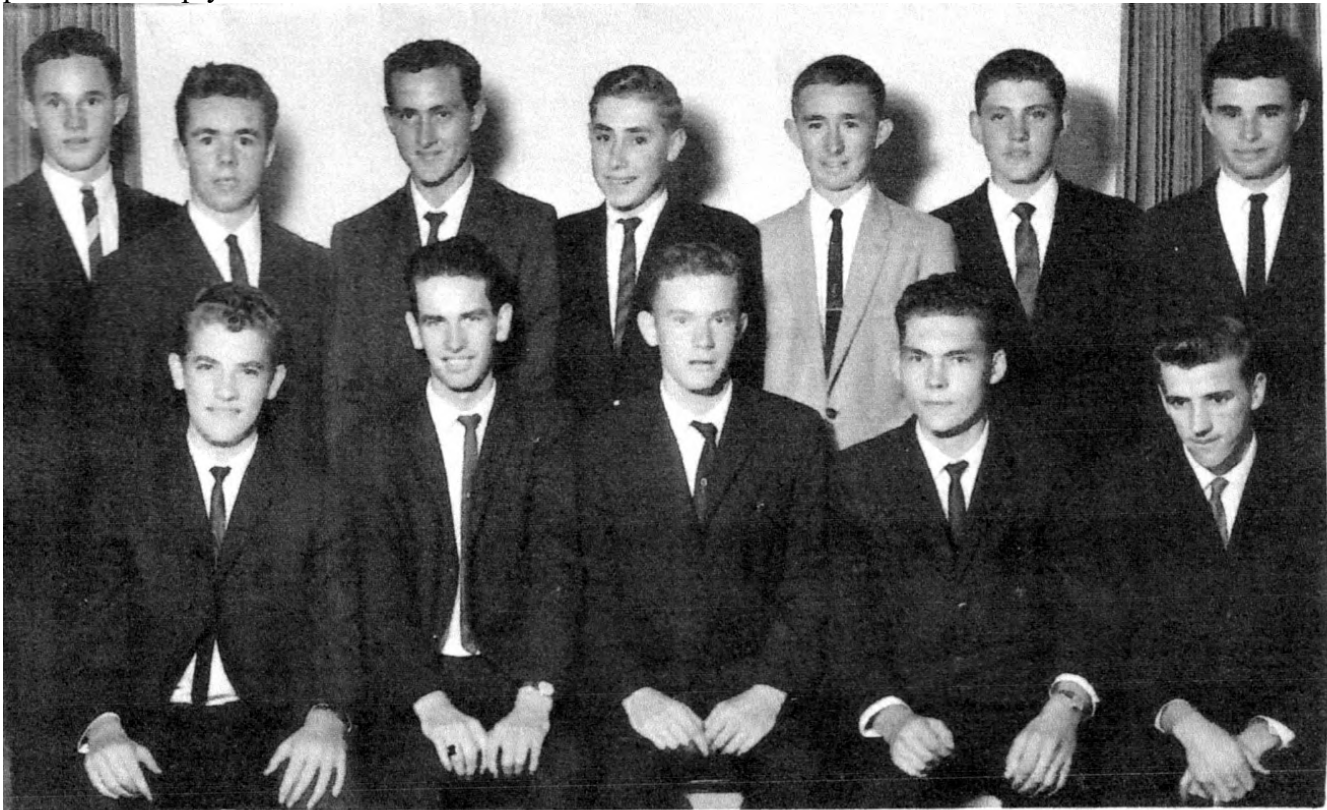
SNIPPETS

GRAHAM SHORT (Shorty)

Graham sent a letter thanking Wayne Linnert for being the co-ordinator of the "Snail Mail" newsletters. He has a health problem – chronic fatigue syndrome, which doesn't allow him to work on computers. He says "Life is a constant struggle to keep up with (but I really enjoy receiving your newsletters in the mail).

I belong to another club whose membership is \$20 and an extra \$25 for Snail Mail (Mind you they don't bother to send any mail). So come 1st July ordinary membership will be \$25 and an extra \$30 for Snail Mail – Guess what? I won't be re-joining.

I am a bit shy in making cold phone calls (the reason for this letter), however you are most welcome to phone for a reply.



JUNIORS SCHOOL, KINGS CROSS - MAY 1963

Can anyone put names to any of these faces?

LEON PAYNE. Hi Margaret

Firstly thank you for conveying that sad news the frequency of which are regrettably becoming more and more frequent as time goes by.

Secondly may I pass on my congratulations to you on your recent "promotion" and to convey my appreciation to you for taking on what at times can be a thankless task.

DAVID JOBSON

Hi Margaret, first congratulations on the new job, I'm sure you will get right into it soon!

A friend of mine, John William Doody, has recently died and I attended his funeral today. John was a CBC banker and in fact took over from me as manager here in Corowa in 1981 after I was transferred to the South Coast. John eventually retired in Corowa and pursued other things. In fact I also retired back here after returning as manager at the NAB in 1990. We saw each other a lot and relished our chats about the old CBC days. I'm sure he would have been known to colleagues and who may be interested.

NORM PEVERELL

I am unable to attend the June Special General Meeting and tender my apology. I have had surgery on my face for skin cancer and I am about to commence radiation treatment. This will be a test for your first meeting to chair and I'm sure you will do well.

IAN HOLSTON

Just advising my apology for the June gathering in downtown Barrack Street. It was pleasing to be able to attend and contribute to the March Meeting while on a brief journey down South. Hearty congratulations to all who put their hand up for keeping the Club afloat and a special thank you to Margaret for taking on the acting position of President as well as continuing her Treasurer's duties. I do hope the committee will resume your "out of town" luncheons next year and give strong consideration to the CBC team in Ballina and surrounding districts to the Border and other Mid Coast districts. I was very saddened to read of Lola Martin's passing. She and Vic had been stalwarts of the CBC Golden Oldies Cricket Club since its inception in 1996. They attended some 12 Country weekend getaways throughout New South Wales, only ever missing one because Lola had a recent hip replacement. On all occasions they enjoyed catching up with old friends and they just sat in the background and enjoyed the camaraderie that he had inspired in our staff. I recall very fondly Lola watching over Vic as his health was declining when they attended the wonderful 175th Anniversary Luncheon in Parramatta on November 1 2009. A wonderful and inspiring contribution to the success of the Bank and the CBC Officers Club.

HELEN CADZOW

Dear CBC Committee
Thank you for the newsletter and your offer to contribute.
Kind regards

WALLY HENRETTY

Dear Margie, Madam President you are truly amazing. Your dedication and input into the club is most inspiring.
Looking forward to catching up and congratulating you in person.
All the very best wishes to you Margie.

KERRI KLEIDON

I just happened to see an article on Facebook and it mentions a Nick Rheinberger who works for ABC Illawarra. His surname is not very common, and it made me wonder if Nick is Graham's son. I knew of Graham when I worked in Savings Bank back in 1972. I was taking unpaid leave to go over to UK/Europe and it was suggested I contact Graham & Peter Martin, which I did do and as a result got a job at West End London branch. Graham was an absolute gentleman, and during my stay, he made sure all was good. I did catch up with him again when I visited New York in 1980.

I'm not real sure who would know if there is a connection between Graham & Nick, but just curious.

Ed. Anyone know about Graham's whereabouts?

BOB HANDEL

MEMORIES OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BRANCH. 1960 to 1966

Having served my junior years at Milton I was transferred to Sydney University Branch in May 1960 the staff numbers were probably seven. I was an extra hand on the counter to cope with extended opening hours from 8.00 am to 8.00pm that were instigated during University Terms.

I joined other CBC staff at Mrs. Russell's boarding house situated at 142 Hereford St Forrest Lodge, located close to work. And then in about March 1963, having become engaged, I migrated to board with my proposed In-laws at Doonside.

CBC were bankers for The University of Sydney, and continued to attract business, especially with the establishment of a staff housing scheme.

I assumed the No.1 teller's job from Noel Crowley as the staff at the Branch seemed to be constantly expanding.

The Branch was becoming remarkably busy, especially on university staff pay days when everybody wanted to cash their cheques. Similarly, actual cash deposits were increasing. It would seem student fees were being paid in cash and enormous amounts of cash were being received from the University Co-operative Bookshop, customers of the Branch. I subsequently discovered that cash receipts from the bookshop included cash from their other campus facilities, which was being physically transferred to Sydney. This was from Wollongong, Newcastle, and the University of New England at Armidale. David Shaw, and I used to tally our cashed cheques at the end of day to see who transacted the most.

The Branch occupied a small portion of the ground floor of the Pharmacy Building, which featured the façade of the Bank's original Head Office building at 343 George Street. Space was becoming critical, and a room situated at the rear of the original building was provided by the University where the ledger department was set up. There was good space for the six or so ledger and statement machines at that time.

By '63 to '64 the staff numbers were nearing twenty. That included additional hands to take control of the permanent agencies that were set up in the Women's Union and at City Road. And as a result, the total disbursement of the cash at the Branch and agencies was a further responsibility for me. Another task was to ensure that I always had on hand a supply of new one-pound notes, numbered from one to one hundred, with original strapping, to cash the Vice Chancellors cheque when presented by his secretary. The cheque was always one hundred pounds.

Over the course of a day, occasionally, I may become idle, and particularly if there was a rumble going, I would lock my teller's box, as the others were coping, and go for a walk to find out what the students were getting up to. There was many amusing, and some serious.

'Commem Day' (Commemoration day) was always the cause of an annual flour and water fight between the Faculties of the Pharmacy and Medical Students, which took place in front of the Great Hall.

This particularly bright summer morning a flattop semitrailer was parked in front of the Pharmacy (bank) building whence upon a bunch of students were preparing. Sydney Flour, who were located on Broadway, provided several 60-gallon galvanized garbage bins, full of flour, from which flour bombs were being manufactured. Noise ensued, which of course drew a crowd – including some of our girls, prominent in their uniforms, and me, lined up on the parapet in front of the building. At the height of proceedings, the Vice Chancellors Secretary came chugging up Science Road in her GOGOMobile. Well, it was a target, and they let her have it. The vehicle disappeared in a cloud of flour. The girls were all squealing with mirth, who then became an attraction. The paper bags full of flour let fly after them as they retreated into the building and ran across in front of the large pushed up windows of the banking chamber. The missiles rained in through the windows.

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At that time there was one lady being served at a teller box. A flour bomb floated through the window, missed hitting her by inches, and just clipped the top of the glass front of the teller's box. I can still see poor Neville Howell standing mesmerized, his whole face and chest completely covered, white. I recall the effort to clean flour out of his coin trays and other parts of his box.

The mess was dramatic, not only in Neville's place, but the students attacked the top floor windows which spouted hecklers. This resulted in the whole front of the building having to be hosed down by university attendants. That was just one story. The seeding of wheat in the main quadrangle is another.

The years passed. Staff were moving. Sebastian Elliot Hector Moorcroft had been replaced by Maxwell Aubrey Philips, and accountant John Rowlands by William Waldock. I was still there. At the end of 1964 I married my Robyn. We lived at Auburn which had slightly less travel time. We purchased vacant land at Northmead for £1500. and eventually built.

Safety was always at the back of my mind. I was short £100 once. Auditors came, lasted a week and found nothing. The day after they left, I found the mistake. I experienced only one other instance on a day when the waiting lines were out the door. A person, obviously a student, passed a note over the counter indicating a stick up. I look up abruptly to see the person standing behind him with a massive smile, to be a friend. He was an architectural student with whom Lex Webb and I classed together at Bowral High School.

By this time the staff numbers were nearing 30, and we managed the change to decimal currency without too much stress. The Branch also attracted many relieving staff who assisted in getting savings bank decimals up to date.

There are many lifelong acquaintances, to mention a few: David Shaw, John Ness, Don Gould, Noel Crowley, David Williams, Kaye Ballard, Helen Moloney, Bill Peel, Patricia Larkin, Bill Byrne, Tom Byrne, John Claydon, Bob Dytor, Peter D' Graham, Bob Clarke, Charles Wulff, Forde Leathley, Barbara Morke, Dick Humphries, David Halpin, David Jurd, Neville Howell.

Bob & Robyn's honeymoon



By invitation the Chief Staff Officer, Harold Lee, was present for our 1965 Christmas celebration at the Branch. I put the hard word (meaning a respectful request) on him for a move. By this time, I had served two Managers and three Accountants, the third being Robert (RC) Sandstrom.

At the December 1966 Christmas function, I avoided Harold's presence. Eventually I was aware he wished to speak to me, I was to transfer to Castlereagh & Hunter Streets as security clerk. There was a proviso of silence however, as official notice hadn't been advised. I was most gratified that the Chief Staff Officer personally told me himself.

My six years at Sydney University Branch is indelible. I made many friends.

R F (Bob) Handel

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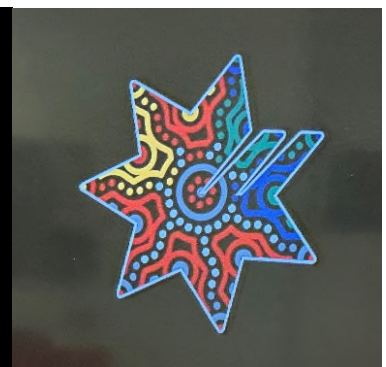


CBC GOLDEN OLDIES CRICKET CLUB

A programme of 13 matches has been arranged for the 2023/24 season. The first is against Mid North Coast at Tuncurry on 17th September, 2023. We are playing a double wicket competition on 12th November, 2023 and an Intra Club match at Bedlam Bay Oval, Gladesville on 4th February, 2024 for the Johnny Taylor Memorial Trophy. Bedlam Bay Oval is the old home ground of the Bank's cricket club. We again have the use of Woodlands Park, Wilberforce as a "home" ground. It has been announced that the 19th Golden Oldies World Cricket Festival will be held at Harrogate U.K. from 11th to 18th August, 2024. The Festival held at Harrogate in 2010 was one of the best and we will be endeavouring to field a squad in 2024.

Tony Adnum

LOGOS



Logo iterations – thankfully they still incorporate the two slashes.
(they represent the two merged banks, NBA and CBC)

Greg STEVENS

Interesting find on EBay, a CBC Bank rugby jumper for sale!



CBC Bank Rugby Jersey



Vintage CBC Bank Sydney Sub District Rugby Team Football Jersey 60s 70s Sz 40 M



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The 1982 Team was the last CBC Bank Sydney Sub District Rugby Team as a result of a merger with the NSW Rugby Union. This team were beaten finalists to Lane Cove. The CBC Bank won the 1963 Burke Cup & 1964 Whiddon Cup, Grand Finalists in the 1964 Judd Cup, 1979 Jeffery Cup & 1979 Noice Cup. And were Minor Premiers in the 1981 Jeffery Cup.

Got this off the son of the original owner and is in incredible condition for its age. Doesn't have a number or anything so may've been a spare or just one they wore from time to time themselves. Some light dirtying on the collar and a small pinhole on the edge of the left cuff. Single stitch. Westmont by McCosker Byrne tag. All Cotton.

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IN MEMORIAM:

CBCOC MEMBERS

Peter COBBY
John GODDARD
David LEATHLEY
Garry OWEN
Kevin WEIR

CBC NON-MEMBERS

Paul BROWN
Michael McMAHON
Dick EYLES



Ed. I just found this "snippet" from quite a few years ago of Rowan Raymond-Jones, who compiles this in Memoriam column for us.

*Thanks
Rowan*

PAUL J. BROWN

--- . --- . 1955 - 9 April 2023

Kevin CARTER

It is with sadness I advise of the death of Paul Brown aged 68, after a long battle with prostate cancer. Paul joined the bank in Newcastle in 1971 aged 16 and was transferred to a Sydney branch or branches in 73/74. 1975 transferred to Darwin following cyclone tracey; 1976 transferred to Singleton branch where he was remembered well by Bill Reeves the manager at the time. 1978 transferred to Merimbula; 1979 Transferred to NSW relief staff; 1980 Joined CBC NSW country conversion team converting manual ledger branches to the computer system. Paul was paired with the Late Graham Job during conversion. 1981 on completion of conversion Paul rejoined NSW relief staff; 1/84 Joined NAB conversion team to 4/84 then rejoined NSW relief staff based out of 461a High St Maitland; Mid 1986 resigned from bank to work in a Hunter valley security business then joined Dept of Social Security in Newcastle where he met his wife Lynette. Paul advised me some months ago that he had worked in 107 branches with the bank, some of those of course were visited more than once. Paul was a great bloke and will be missed by all that knew him. *(Advised 2 July 2023)*

PETER COBBY

20 September 1951 – 19 June 2023

Margaret POWELL

Peter had sustained an accident and succumbed to his injuries whilst in care at Royal North Shore Hospital. He joined the CBC Bank at Oxford Street branch in 1968 and served at Head Office, Canberra, St. Leonards Centre, Bathurst, and eight suburban Branches. Our records indicate service completing at Bondi Junction BBC in 2003.

MICHAEL VICTOR McMAHON --- . --- . 1950 - June 2023

Margaret POWELL It is with regret that we advise the passing of Michael Victor McMahon, aged 73. Michael joined the CBC Bank at Turramurra Branch in 1965. He served on NSW Relief Staff, various suburban branches, Gosford and Umina Branches and Head Office Managers Department. Michael's sister, Keryn Christie, also served in the CBC Bank and has supplied Michael's information.

DAVID FORDE LEATHLEY 22 July 1937 - 14 June 2023

FUNERAL NOTICE Much loved brother to Dorothy Kirkness, Forde Leathley, Elizabeth Johnston (dec) & Rosalynne Gladwin and their families. A dear friend, colleague, and teammate to many.

Margaret POWELL David joined the CBC Bank in 1954 at Bingara branch NSW. His service included Pt. Macquarie, Maclean, Gosford, Double Bay, Wagga Wagga, Campbelltown, H/O Accountants Dept. Hamilton, Tweed Heads, H/O Inspectors Dept. H/O Relief Staff, 343 George Street Sydney. David was a man dedicated to his career with the CBC, as with his Cricketing and Rugby Union achievements, both within the Bank and his Rugby career with Parramatta RUFC. David was a legend with the CBC Golden Oldies Cricket Club. One of the dedicated and unique characters that the CBC has had in its ranks.

Ian HOLSTON Good roll up at service. I delivered a fairly long eulogy and sang a Hymn. Lots of David's Parramatta Rugby Mates, one even came from Tasmania. Peter Fenton also there, an old Coffee Mate of the Late Mike Hook. The late Ken Archer former Test Cricketer also used to join them. CBC Attendees: Tom Wilson, Doug Harding & Sam Clough. CBCGOCC Attendees: Stephen Allan, Eugen & Pat Alexandrow, Kay Leggett, Darryl Semmler, Tony Adnum, John & Margaret Hughes. It was good to see the Late Dick Balcomb's son Scott also there to represent the Balcomb family.

GARY JOHN OWEN 18 September 1952 - 9 May 2023

Margaret POWELL Garry passed away due to cancer and had been unwell for some time. Garry resided in Chatswood and was the current President of the Chatswood RSL where he has been an active member for 30yrs. Garry joined the CBC Bank in 1969 at Tottenham Branch. He served on NSW Relief staff, St Vincents Hospital, Divisional Managers Clerk, Managing Directors Clerk, Manly, Turramurra, 105 Pitt St, Double Bay, Oxford St, Pitt and Bathurst Sts, St. Leonard's Centre, Crows Nest, Macquarie Centre, and BBC Burwood, retiring 31-03-2006.

KEVIN L. WEIR 27 October 1934 - 4 August 2023

Denise RUTHERFORD Kevin has been unwell for quite a while, being in hospital all July with a bowel problem. A Life Member, Kevin lived in Kew Vic., but he served the CBC from January 1952 in Nhill, Footscray and Western branches, Melbourne Office, Balwyn, Croydon and Mildura branches, Adelaide Office then Melbourne Office as Chief Manager Lending retiring in 1994. *(More information expected in next issue, meanwhile, here's a Cheerio to Bill Rutherford who is very unwell.)*

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Richard (Dick) EYLES 24 March 1949 - 30 July 2023

**Greg McCOSKER,
Brian HICKS &
Bob POYNTING**

Richard lived in Sydney and was recently visiting his brother Peter in Coolamon and had also called in to have a coffee and catch up with Greg at Wagga Wagga. He was travelling back to Sydney on 19th July when he was involved in a collision with a semi-trailer near Gunning. He was transported to Canberra Base Hospital in a critical condition and has since passed away.

Margaret POWELL

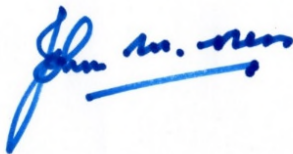
Richard was a member of the CBC Officers Club. He joined the Bank in 1968 at Narrandera Branch and his service included Coolamon , Cootamundra, Ungarie, Cowra, Oakland's (Corowa), Lake Cargelligo, Albury, South Wagga, Cooma and Bega, Relief Staff NSW and his last Branch as Accountant Elizabeth St. Sydney. He left the Bank in 1983. Richard's pursuits after the Bank were varied, including a Liquorland Bottle Shop in Bega, a Newsagency in Nowra, a Cafe in Wagga, Onshore Processing Centre in Pt. Hedland Western Australia (i.e. processing boat people arriving in Australia), Prison Warden in Junee and most recently Manager NDIS Homes for the disabled.

Richard is survived by his wife of 8yrs, Vicki Eyles and his two sons Scott and Simon.

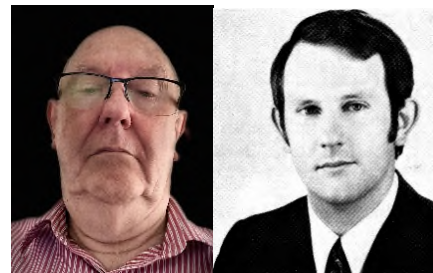
Thanks again to all the contributors, Margaret Powell for stepping up to fill the President's role, collecting the funds and recording details in the database, Rowan Raymond-Jones for compiling the In Memoriam, Bob Handel for collating the Snippets and issuing the emailed newsletters, and Wayne Linnert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

Looking forward to seeing you at the September luncheon at

B **BARRACKS**
ON BARRACK



**John Ness,
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster**



Ed. Haha

Now and Then