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Dear Member,

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



Barrack Street corner with Head Office 1867-1907 on right, printed on DJ's shopping bag



International Division Managers 1980 – Neil Frost, John Muxworthy, Paul Hawkins, Graeme Rheinberger, Richard Nott

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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 December 2023** cost \$ 45
Please advise Rowan Raymond-Jones on 0411 771 300 if you have any particular dietary requirements.
- Annual membership now due (except Life Members)** \$ 15
- 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:-
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a most successful September Luncheon with 46 members attending, including 20 Life Members which was great to see.

Our long distance "runners" were Peter and Margaret Sewell who travelled from Wagga Wagga, as they do for most of our quarterly luncheons and Kevin Eke, all the way from Pimpama Qld. We thank you for the effort you made to attend the Luncheon and it was good to catch up with you all.

We warmly welcome two new members to our Club this quarter, Jennifer Bullen from Werrington, who joined the CBC at Haymarket in 1974 and Judith Anderson née Thomson from Booker Bay, who joined the CBC at Castlereagh St. in 1960.

The Committee will meet in January to look at how we can make 2024 a successful year and we will report to you in due course.

We thank you for your continued support and the fellowship and camaraderie which is so much a part of our Club. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our December Xmas Luncheon, which I am sure Rowan will have something special organised.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our functions during 2024.

Kind regards

Margaret Powell



\$16 MILLION MAKEOVER FOR 343 GEORGE STREET

A heritage-listed investment property on George Street with commanding views of Martin Place is set for a comprehensive restoration and upgrade. Purchased by the City in 2010, the site was the headquarters of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney until the 1980s. The building at 343 George Street was opened in 1925 and was known as Barrack House. It has 10 office floors, plus ground-floor retail and basement storage. It is currently home to Atlassian and Burberry. Work includes remediation of the stonework, steel and bronze window repairs, and façade lighting for the George and Barrack Street frontages.

MINUTES OF C.B.C. OFFICERS INC
Luncheon Meeting held at "Barracks on Barrack" 5-7 Barrack Street Sydney
Monday 4 September 2023

President Margaret Powell opened the meeting at 12.35pm extending a very warm welcome to 46 ladies and gentlemen including twenty Life Members and three Past Presidents, Wayne Linnert, John Ness and Rowan Raymond- Jones and especially long distance attendee, Kevin Eke resident of Pimpama Qld, 4209.

President read the list of Club Members who celebrated birthdays in the third quarter with special mention to Gwen Smith who turned 90 on Sunday 3 September 2023 with members singing Happy Birthday who responded in appreciation.

Treasurer, Margaret Powell and John Ness attended St. Ives Branch of National Australia Bank Limited requesting that the Term Deposits for \$18,000.00 and \$5,000.00 respectively be redeemed and, \$5,000.00 be credited to the Club's Current Account to cover expenses, and \$18,000.00 to be reinvested in a Term Deposit.

Treasurer also praised the staff for their assistance in this matter which was greatly appreciated.

President thanked in appreciation on behalf of club members Jason and Susan Bygrave and daughter for arranging and serving another delicious luncheon.

TREASURER AND RECORDS MANAGER:

Finances CBC Officers Club Current Account maintains a credit balance of \$4,328.17 as at 4 September 2023 which does not include cheques received which have not been to the account for the luncheon and payment of luncheon expenses.

TermDeposit \$18.000.00 reinvested at 5% per annum for twelve months maturing 4 September 2024.

Membership As at 4 September 2023 current active membership stands at 459 members including 151 life members.

New Members Jennifer Bullen and Garth Morgan.

Acceptances Confirmation for to-days luncheon totalled 46.

Apologies 14 were received either by e-mail post or phone accompanied by comments, interesting snippets and donations.

Life Members in attendance at to-days meeting Bill Crandell, Cliff Dunn, Bob Ellicott, Alan Gordon, Robert Handel, Doug Harding, Graeme Hockey, Janice Humphreys, Geoff Irvine, Forde Leathley, Geoff McIntyre AM, Richard Nott AM, Kerry O'Connor, Roslyn O'Connor, Terry Portus, Rowan Raymond-Jones, Frank Scurr, Gwen Smith, Bernie Stewart and Bob Young.

Attendees Birthdays Wally Henretty, Janice Humphreys, John Kenny, Wayne Linnert, Kerry O'Connor, Roslyn O'Connor, Terry Portus, Gwen Smith, Stuart Adey, Margaret Sewell and Kim Naylor.

Lucky Door Prizes Winners of \$25.00 each –

1. Drawer – Wayne Linnert

–winner: Kerry O'Connor and

2. Drawer - Richard Nott AM –winner: Wally Henretty

Correspondence

Secretary advised club members there was no correspondence received or sent during the third quarter.

Secretary informed club members she attended the Funeral Service for Gordon John Watkins on Wednesday 22 March 2023 at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium (with Rowan Raymond-Jones, Kenneth Owens and Ken and Ruth Ryan) whose children Rowan, Alison and David delivered the family eulogy.

Whilst organising club records the Secretary came across Historical information stating the following “Club commenced on 28 July 1970 convenors W.H.J. (John) Colville and D.J. Murray who was elected President at the Annual General Meeting even date” hence the club has been in existence for 53 years.

Secretary as Public Officer advised Annual Summary of Financial Affairs for the year ending 31 December 2022 had been lodged with Fair Trading N.S.W. together with cheque for \$50.00 on 9 March 2023 and copy thereof together with Tax Invoice retained for record purposes.

Bereavement

Club Members spoke of their memories and recollections of deceased members

Bernie Stewart	re	Michael Victor McMahon
Ray Knight OAM	re	Gary John Owen
Geoff McIntyre AM	re	Gordon John Watkins

Affiliates Report

NABROC

Chris Rush extended an invitation on behalf of the abovementioned club to club members to join in a bowls day to be held at Denistone East Bowling Club during October, 2023 with date, day and time to be announced in due course.

General Business

Geoff McIntyre AM spoke of his experience of opening of Law Society Branch, Phillip Street Sydney, as its first manager.

Forde Leathley showed members a framed black and white photo of The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited 1st XV Burke Cup Premiers – 1963 including coach Harold Lee taken 60 years ago.

Meeting closed at 1.47p.m.



SNIPPETS

Ray DENNIS

I refer to Frank Maundrell's story in the newsletter. Like Frank I have never attended a club luncheon as I have been living in Mornington, Vic. For the last 13 years.

I am a couple of years older than Frank but was teller at Merrylands when he joined the Bank on 15/1/59. Along with us was John Rowland Gibson (manager), Bob Savins (accountant) who gave way to Graham (Toby) Hayward and Ellen McMillen who later married Graham Meadows. It was a great branch.

In 1962 I was transferred to St. Marys branch which was then the first suburban branch outside the Sydney Metropolitan area and the only country' branch I ever worked at. Exchange fees on cheques were still in operation and we collected quite an income from our large customers although they banked at Head Office.

I worked at numerous metropolitan branches both permanent and relieving, but spent 11 ½ years at St. Leonards Centre where I saw the first branch onto our computer system as well as overseeing all branches set up in one way or another. Then I saw each branch transferred to the National system and left St. Leonards when the last branch was transferred. A sad day for many CBC employees.

Best of luck to all members. Maybe one day I will be able to catch up.

John McGUIRE

Rigors of Rugby

At the end of the Sydney sub-district season the Bank's NSW Rugby Club set off for Hong Kong. Farewelling them at Mascot airport were John Gynther (Assistant State Manager) Geoff Collins (Regional Ops) and John Westaway (Personnel). Coach, Geoff George (Manager, Crows Nest — 308 Pacific Hwy) organised two matches — they won the first 14-0 against Kowloon but the second against the British Armed Services was narrowly lost 14-16.



Back row, Geoff George (Coach), Chris Mathews, Tom Dowler, Brian Williams, Peter Johnson, Chris Saridakis, ?, David Downs, Brian Giddings, Dave Suttie, Graham Ferguson, Graham Montgomery, Cra Harris

Front, Craig McMahon, Wayne Jolliffe, Lindsay Jones, John McGuire, Mark Spyrou, Mark McGuire

Here is a photo of the Rugby team that toured Hong Kong in September 1983.

There is a bit of a sub story in left hand corner which may be of interest.

The tour was for 10 days.

John has organised a contingent from the team to travel to Sydney for the Xmas Luncheon.

He asked to include that anyone who would like to attend the Luncheon, might want to “kick on” after at the York Club.

If you require any further information, drop me a line.

Thanks, John

Margaret POWELL



I took this photo at the September Luncheon.

Wayne Linnert, Wally Henretty and Garth Morgan all worked together at Castlereagh and Hunter Streets Branch.

Graham SHORT

Dear Margaret, a big thank you for being Treasurer for many years, also congratulations President Margaret.

Peter and Margaret Sewell called in at Coffs on their way to Brisbane for a family reunion. (I was their Best Man 51 years ago) and it was great to see them. Sincerely, Shorty.

Neil SILVER

I head off for Borneo on an early flight in August with 15 trekkers, to walk the **Sandakan Death March** track. see www.sandakanddeathmarch.com

Hope to see you all at the Christmas lunch.

Also Lynette Silver is Neil's distinguished wife and here is a link to her website. www.lynettesilver.com

Henry THORNE

Dear Wayne, Committee Members and fellow Club Members,

A very special thanks to President Wayne for taking the time to deliver my Life Membership Certificate to our residence on the Central Coast. Due to my age, I turn 83 in 15 days time, I am not driving any more. It had been my wish to attend a Club meeting to catch up with many friends and receive my much valued Certificate. Thank you to the Committee Members who have assured our Club has continued to operate successfully over many years.

Wishing Club Members a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Successful 2023.

I joined CBC at Warwick QLD. 16.01.1956.

Patricia WARRELL

Many thanks for the Life Membership certificate presented to me at the Wagga gathering. It was such a good gathering and many of whom I recognised despite the years! I was prepared to share my time with the CBC and the many branches I worked at but the PA system was a challenge so I will keep my "history" for another time. As I "married" into the CBC so my connection continued and my country branches were enjoyed. Maybe another time. I always look forward to the newsletters arriving in the mail and the news contained therein, as did Arthur. Sad to read of members who have left the service and now in a heavenly "Head Office".

Bob YOUNG

While working at Muswellbrook Branch in the late 1950's I was sent to Cassilis Branch to relieve for a week.

Cassilis Branch was a two-hander with just the Manager and the second Officer doing Teller, ledger-keeper, and anything else the Manager wanted done.

Can't remember the Officer's name I was relieving, but the Manager was Lionel Gillard.

To get there I had to be at the Muswellbrook Post Office at 6.30am Monday morning to join a twin cab ute which delivered mail and parcels, and passengers wishing to travel to Cassilis, Denman, or Merriwa or anywhere in between.

After calling into the two towns on the way to Cassilis to drop off mail and to pick up other items for drop off at farms on the way, we arrived at Cassilis about midday.

It was a narrow dirt road from memory and I found myself assisting the driver by dropping off things at farm letterboxes on my side of the road while the driver attended to the farms on the opposite side of the road.

The Branch was in temporary premises as the Bank was in the process of building a new branch in the town.

The temporary premises was a large room at the front of a house, with a teller's box, a Manager's Office and a small area for the public.

The rest of the house was in an unliveable state, with dirt floors and in very poor condition. We did not use that part of the house.

I boarded in a private home for the week at **two shillings and sixpence** a night, which gave me a bed, and because the area was in severe drought – a thermos of hot water to wash and have a shave with. I could not have a shower or bath due to the lack of water.

I had three meals a day at the café attached to the pub for **18 shillings** a day. This compared with my boarding in Muswellbrook, where I got full board, washing and ironing, for **five pounds** a week.

I spent a very lonely time after banking hours on my own with nothing to do, and not knowing anyone.

I was looking forward to boarding the mail truck the following Monday at lunch time, to return to Muswellbrook, but for some reason, which escaped me, I wasn't allowed by Mr Gillard to leave until the Tuesday, even though the other staff member had returned.

Now – the reason for my correspondence to you.

In talking to a friend and neighbour in our village, he told me his family still owned a farm property at Cassilis and that he was going up there to check out everything as his family was no longer living permanently on the farm.

When I told him I had worked there he invited me to travel up there with him and I jumped at the chance. I could not believe how derelict the town was.

Off the main road, there was virtually no activity going on in the town. Many of the buildings in the town were closed and falling down. I was very sorry to see what had happened to the town.

It was a different story in Merriwa and Denman which we also visited and which seemed to be thriving.

I have attached some photos of what I think is the old temporary branch, and the building opposite, which I think was like a general store when I was there.

I could not find the new premises the Bank built there, but it was definitely under construction when I was there and we had all the stationery in boxes ready for the new Branch.

Apart from my disappointment with how Cassilis had deteriorated, the rest of the countryside looked magnificent.



The temporary Cassilis branch – Teller's box was behind the left-hand window.



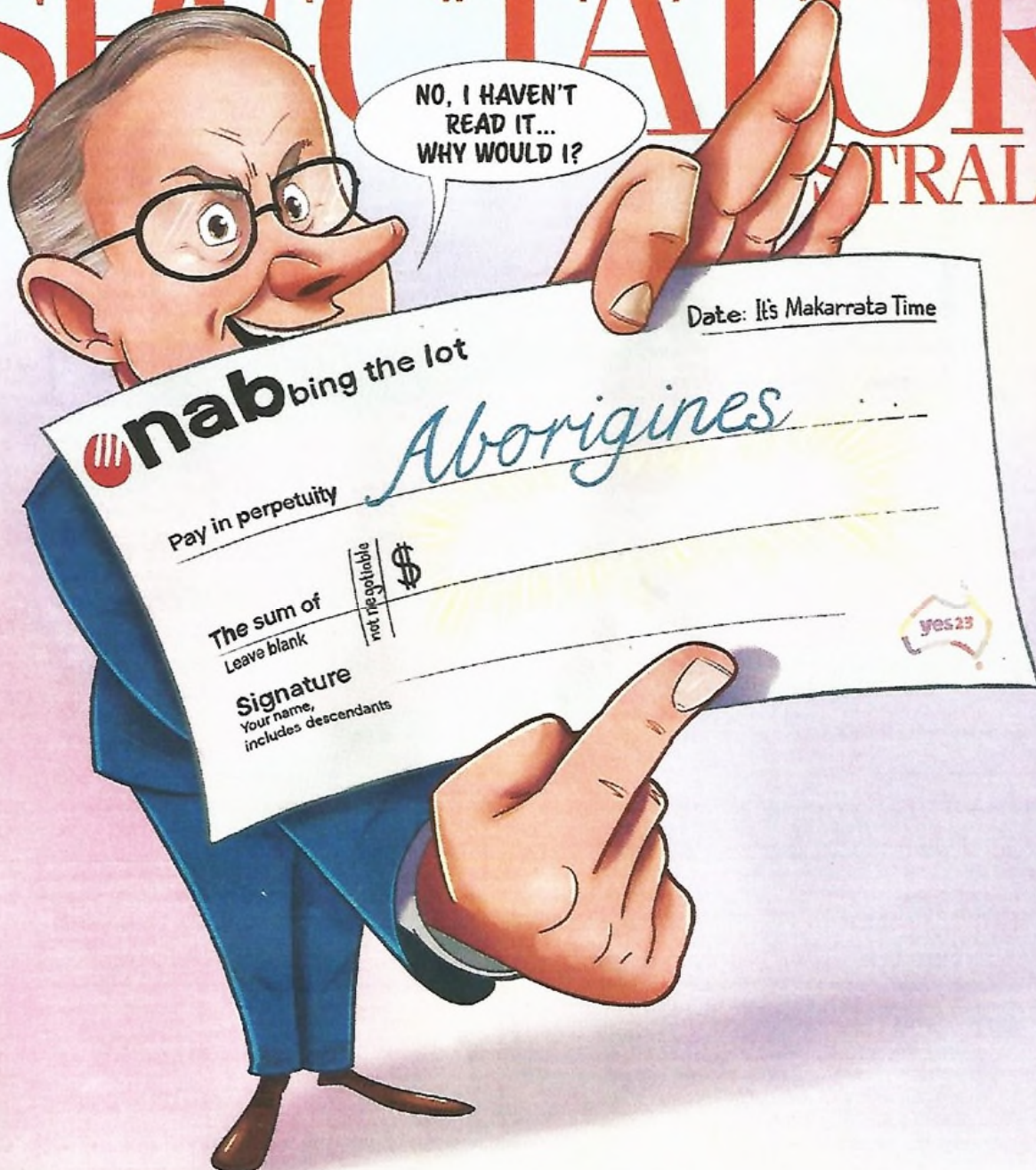
Building opposite the temporary branch.

ABC misconduct is breathtaking *Maurice Newman* **Turn back the Wokes** *Rowan Dean*

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CBC GOLDEN OLDIES CRICKET CLUB

Our first match for season 2023/24 was against Mid North Coast at Tuncurry on 17th September, 2023. There was no toss as one of our players was running late due to a wheel on his car having to be changed. CBC batted first and scored 3/151 from 40 overs. Mid North Coast replied with 7/152 from 38 overs.

Our second match was to be against Gentlemen Of Nowra Eleven on 1st October, 2023. As the date clashed with the long weekend and the football grand finals it was agreed to cancel the match.

On 15th October, 2023 we played Sri Lanka Lions at Wilberforce. The Lions won the toss and sent CBC into bat. CBC scored 3/205 from 40 overs. The reply from Sri Lanka Lions was 8 for 156 from 40 overs.

Our next match is against Hunter Lord's Taverners at Toronto on 29th October, 2023. This will be followed by a double wicket competition at Wilberforce on 12th November, 2023.

Our annual match for the Johnny Taylor Memorial Trophy will now be played at Bradman Oval, Bowral on 4th February, 2024. This is in lieu of Bedlam Bay Oval, Gladesville.

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

IN MEMORIAM:

CBCOC MEMBERS

Harold J ROSS
Joe DUGAS

CBC NON-MEMBERS

Denise Wilson

FAMILY

HAROLD J ROSS

7 April 1938 - 9 August 2023

Rowan RAYMOND-JONES

Sadly I must inform you it has come to my attention that **HAROLD ROSS** has recently passed away. He died unexpectedly about 10pm last Wednesday 9th August from an undiagnosed Abdominal Aorta Aneurysm. Harry's daughter, Sharon, tells me that his family and friends will have an informal gathering in the Men's Shed in Leongatha. My thanks to Ernie Alcorn and Chris Leader for their advices.

Norm PEVERELL

I was very sorry to hear that Harold (Harry) Ross had died. Harry was an original member selected to set Automation Research Department, Head Office in 1967. He was transferred from Eaglehawk Branch in south east Victoria. During initial training Harry demonstrated a flair for computer programming and he became an accomplished systems analyst/programmer when the bank's online systems were implemented. He made a significant contribution to the day to day running of the system. Harry was one of nature's gentlemen and was liked and respected by his colleagues and anyone with whom he came in contact. My condolences to Glenda, his wife and partner of many years, and his family.

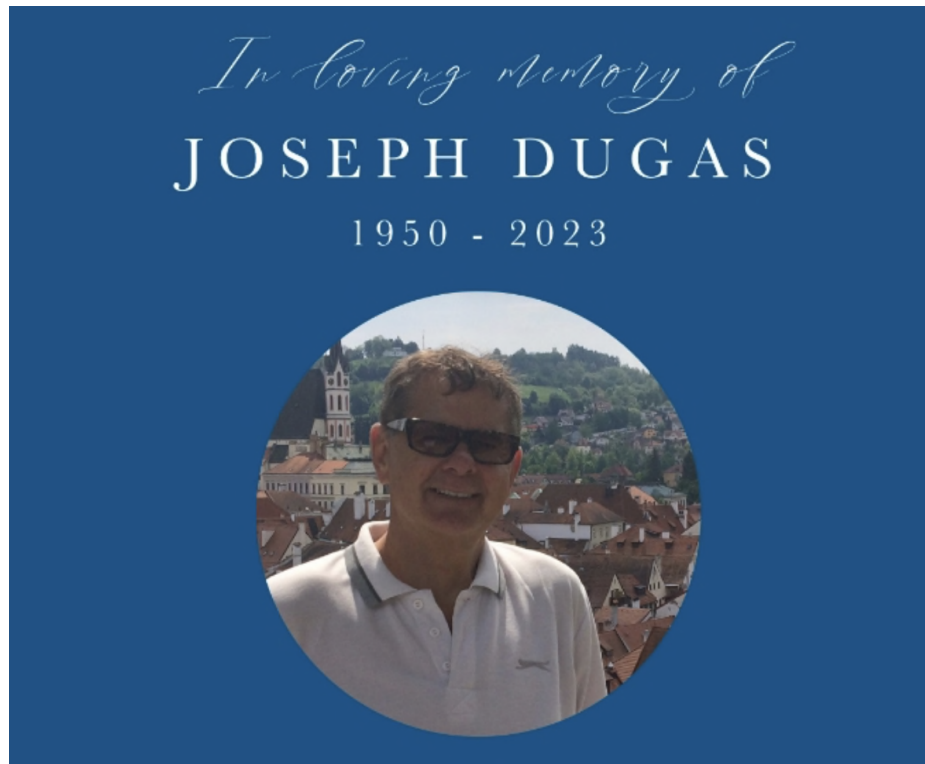
Chris LEADER

Harry was one of the first into CBC's computer endeavours. He was well loved and recognised for his commitment, especially in the later years of work in St Leonards Centre, to the maintenance of the Honeywell based computer systems. He eventually moved to Melbourne after the CBC/NBA merger and took up arms again in computing. His major private interests revolved around 4WD'ing and he travelled extensively throughout Australia from Cape York to the Kimberley. He was very much involved in supporting remote places of which the Simpson Desert figured significantly. Harry's considerable talent, and his easy relationship with colleagues inside and outside his employment, made him one the best loved folk throughout his life. He is missed.

Margaret POWELL

As shown in our records, Harold Ross joined the CBC Bank on 6th March 1956 at Meenyan Branch Vic. He served at the following branches: Bairnsdale, Traralgon, Eaglehawk, St Leonards Centre, Automation, NAB Melbourne, Automation East Melbourne. Harold left the Bank 4/1/94.

Joseph (Joe) DUGAS 27 November 1950 - 10 October 2023



It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of our CBC Club Member Joe Dugas, aged 72 years.

Joe passed away suddenly after recently being diagnosed with cancer.

Joe joined the CBC Bank on 5th February, 1970 at Gloucester Branch. His service with CBC included Savings Bank Administration Head Office, Chief Accountants Dept. Head Office, Travel Administration Head Office and Bondi Junction BBC which was his last branch before retiring from the NAB on 23rd April, 2005.

Joe resided in Chermside Qld and is survived by his partner Wendy and his close family.


DENISE WILSON

(Widow of Reg Wilson) Thanks to Kerry O'Connor for advising us of the passing of Denise. Unfortunately we have no details for her in our records.

Thanks once 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 December Christmas luncheon at

BARRACKS
ON BARRACK



John Ness,
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

