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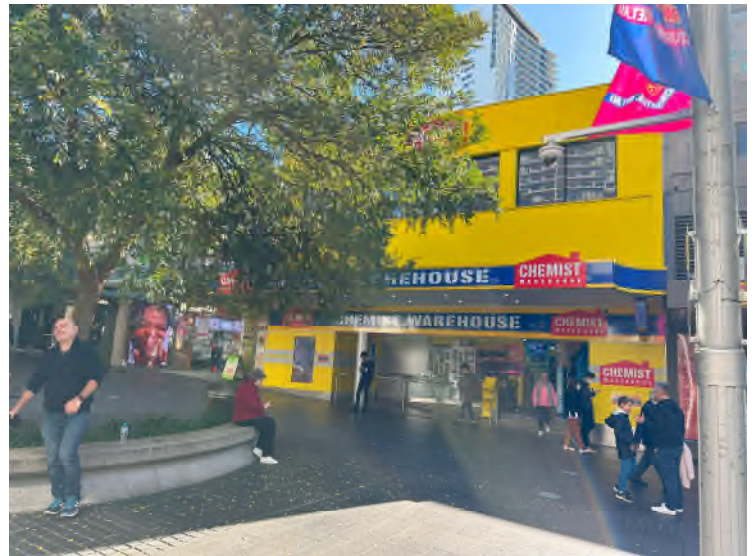
Margaret Powell 0405 391 777
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Dear Member,

The next luncheon will be held at **Barracks on Barrack, 5-7 Barrack Street, Sydney on Monday 4th March 2024**

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 Monday 26th February**.



CBC Chatswood 1973 by John Hearder & 2023 by John Ness

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

I would like to attend the following meeting:

Monday 4th March 2024 cost **\$35 each after subsidy \$45 for non-members**

Please advise Rowan Raymond-Jones on 0411 771 300 if you have any particular dietary requirements.

Annual membership if OVERDUE (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:-
CBC OFFICERS CLUB INC. at NAB 339 George Street Sydney BSB 082-001 A/c 50-902-3440.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the February 2024 Newsletter and a very Happy New Year to all our members and families.

We had a most successful December Luncheon with 74 acceptances including 24 Life Members and all enjoyed a delicious 2 course Christmas meal.

Our "long distance runners" were Peter and Margaret Sewell, Greg and Sandra McCosker, Graham and Cherie Hope, all from Wagga Wagga, Kerri Kleidon, Kevin Eke and John McGuire, all from Qld. Ian Holston from Banora Point Northern NSW and Philip Reed from Bombala. We appreciate the effort these members made to travel to Sydney to attend the Christmas Luncheon.

John McGuire and Margie George organised a contingent to travel to Sydney for the Luncheon and to celebrate the 40yr reunion of the Bank's Hong Kong Rugby team. Margie George's husband Geoff was the team's coach.

Very special birthday wish to our life member Ray Winslow who will celebrate his 100th birthday on April 28th. Ray is in good health and currently living in a retirement home at Dubbo.

I would like to thank our Committee members for all your hard work and support, it is a pleasure to be a part of the team.

Best Wishes to all for a happy, healthy and safe 2024.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The position of President still remains open for anyone who may consider that they would like to take up the post. Please feel free to contact me to discuss the position if you think you may be interested. I have found the position to be not onerous at all and a very rewarding experience.

A reminder to all members who will be present at the AGM at which we will be electing our officebearers for the next 12 months, Nomination forms will be available on the day and anyone who wishes to nominate is encouraged to do so. Note that only members present at the AGM are entitled to vote, so please come along and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

OUT-OF TOWN REGIONAL LUNCHEON

The Committee met in January to plan forward for 2024. The decision was made to hold an "out of town" regional luncheon at Ballina NSW. The Northern NSW region is home to many CBC members, friends and family and following the success of the 2021 Luncheon at Southport Qld, we feel that Ballina is central and will also appeal to our Qld. members.

The function will be held at the Ballina Jockey Club on Monday 21st October 2024. The cost will be \$45 per head for members and their wives and \$55 for non-members.

We require expressions of interest from members by 15th March to make this function viable as we need a minimum of 50 attendees., so please put it in your diary and consider attending and enjoying a great day out catching up with colleagues and friends in this beautiful region.



Warm regards,

MINUTES OF C.B.C. OFFICERS CLUB INC

Luncheon Meeting held at "Barracks on Barrack" 5-7 Barrack Street Sydney

Monday 4 December 2023

President Margaret opened the Meeting at 1235pm and extended a warm welcome to 75 Members and Guests, including 24 Life Members, and three Ex Presidents (Alan Pitt, Wayne Linnert and Rowan Raymond-Jones.) A special welcome was extended to Members from Queensland, Wagga Wagga, Bombala and the Central Coast. The President mentioned that Members of the CBC Rugby Team who played in Hong Kong forty years ago were also in attendance, and invited Tom Dowler to address the Meeting on highlights of the tour.

Apologies

Apologies were received from 18 Members, including Committee Members Mary Lamborn, John Ness and Bob Handel.

Presentation of Life Membership

President Margaret presented a Certificate of Life Membership to Bill Oliver and invited him to recount some memories of his service with the Bank.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance Cr \$7938.14

Term Deposit \$18,000 @ 5%pa

Birthdays Last Quarter

Eighteen Members celebrated birthdays during the quarter which were acknowledged with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday".

Bereavements

Kevin Wood; Joe Dugas

Lucky Door Prizes

Kerri Kleidon; Margie George

Closure of Meeting

President Margaret extended Season's Greetings to all Members.

The Meeting closed at 2.40pm

SNIPPETS**Kevin GREENAWAY**

In December 1953, aged 15 years, I had just completed my 4th year at the Sale Technical School and was looking forward to another two years of school when my Father announced that "the Bank Manager wants to see you "

I was quite concerned with this as I had been trying to get to know his daughter. However the Bank Manager offered me a position in The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney in Sale which I accepted.

So, on 26th January 1954 I began my banking career. (Australia Day wasn't declared a National Public Holiday until 1994). Was this really 70 years ago?

My starting salary was £350 p.a. (\$700) or \$13,46 a week. and I thought I was made. (Five years before this it would have been £150 p.a or \$5.77 per wk)

Thirty-four years before that in 1920 my Father began work at 5/- (50c) a week (\$26. p.a) to help the family finances!

How times have changed. I have just checked and the average wage in Melbourne today is \$75,000. p.a (\$1442 p.wk or \$36 per hour)

Over one hundred times more than my initial salary and almost 3,000 times my Father's wage.

During my Banking career I was appointed to the Relieving Staff four times, as Junior, Teller, Accountant & Manager and also twelve branches as "Permanent ?".. During my career , which ended when I resigned as the Manager of Ivanhoe Branch in 1976, I had worked in 79 different branches across Victoria & NSW and doubled up on some, making a total of 99 moves in 23 years.

Since I left the Bank I have been self employed as a part owner in a Caravan Park, Gift Shop in Brisbane, Giftware Wholesaler in Brisbane and finally as a Professional Wedding Photographer before retiring to Beachmere in 2,000

So I can say that I have NEVER actually applied for a job in my life.

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JOHN PIGGOTT

Tellers, guns and money

THE life of a banker can have its thrilling moments, not least when packing a pistol.

Kevin Greenfield, of Beachmere, who spent 23 years with the old CBC bank in Victoria and NSW, tells about the days when all bank branches kept guns.

He said every teller had to keep a loaded .38-calibre revolver under the counter, where it could be easily reached in case of a hold-up.

Kevin said he couldn't see the logic in it: if a robber was pointing a gun at him, wouldn't he be at risk reaching for his weapon too?

The bank also required staff to be familiar with the weapons, so firing practice routinely took place.

"We would place a target on a tree in a remote place and take turns at firing the revolver.

"The target usually was quite safe as the revolvers were wildly inaccurate.

"As most tellers then were teenagers, the bank was effectively arming a lot of very young people," Kevin said.

He said that when transporting cash outside the branch some young blokes



A 21-year-old Kevin Greenfield behind the counter at the CBC branch in Croydon, Melbourne. He says luck was with him - despite working at many branches, he was never held up. Picture supplied by Kevin Greenfield.

used to make the weapon very visible to all the world by handing it back and forth.

"We enjoyed the look on people's faces," he said.

Kevin vividly remembers one particular incident.

"After a visit to a local school to do banking for the children, the staff involved left the box on a table in the branch with the revolver on top.

"A young girl, who was

a very new staff member, picked up the weapon and apparently thinking it wasn't real, pointed it into the box and pulled the trigger. Bang!

"Oh my God! Luckily, she had pointed it into the

box and not at anybody in the office as the bullet went through the box, through the desk and two drawers, finally lodging in a thick ledger in the bottom drawer.

"I was the accountant at

that time and I had to run out to see what had happened and as the young girl was hysterical with fright.

"I had to hold her until she calmed down. I can assure you she never touched a revolver again."

Kevin, who joined the bank at the age of 15, had a remarkably well-travelled career.

He was transferred several times and was attached to the relieving staff in Melbourne and Sydney. He moved 99 times and worked at 79 branches before he left the bank in 1976.

He said he was lucky: in all that time, not once did he experience a hold-up or have to use a gun in a real-life situation. But he probably prevented a crime the day he spotted a shifty-looking character outside the branch.

To be on the safe side, he called the police. As their car came near, the man got up and decamped. When the law caught up with him, a loaded pistol was found on his person.

Thanks for the splendid flashback, Kevin. I bet others have stories too.

Article attributed to Kevin Greenfield, who is actually Kevin Greenaway, originally spotted by Frank Scurr.

Noel R. SMITH MBE

I regret that a recent knee replacement operation will prevent my attendance at the luncheon.

John AUSTIN

I was attached to London Office in 1982.

For their Christmas Party they performed this song which was sung with great gusto, including a 6 person chorus.

The Christmas Party was held just after the CBC/NAB Merger had begun with everyone moving from Old Jewry to Tokenhouse Yard.

Though it might give some of your reads a laugh

Regards

VERSE SUNG BY JOHN CAIRNS AT CBC CHRISTMAS PARTY LONDON OFFICE ON 10/12/1982

CAME UNSHAVEN TO THE OFFICE
SHORTLY AFTER HALF PAST TEN
TIDIED UP THE SUNDRY PAYMENTS
THEN UNTIDIED THEM AGAIN

TWELVE O-CLOCK I PUT MY COAT ON
HAD A QUICKIE ON THE LOO
THEN I RACED ROUND TO THE GRESHAM
AND CAME BACK SLOSHED AT ARF PAST TWO

*CHORUS WHEN THIS LOUSY MERGER'S OVER
HOW UNHAPPY I WILL BE
WORK WAS JUST A BED OF ROSES
WHEN I WORKED AT C.B.C.*

WHEN I GOT MY BIG PROMOTION
O HOW RICH I'M GONNA BE
NOW I'M TURNING OUT DUD FIVERS
TO BOOST THE BANK'S LIQUIDITY

NOW WE'RE RUNNING AT A PROFIT
THE SHAREHOLDERS COULDN'T CARE
SO THEY'VE SOLD US TO THE NATIONAL
MR SEMOUR'S GOING SPARE

CHORUS _____

THEY'RE A LAZY BUNCH OF SLACKERS
AT THE RUDDY NBA
THEY'VE A ROTTEN SENSE OF HUMOUR

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*NO MORE ALCOHOLIC LUNCHES
NO MORE COME HOME AT THREE
LIFE WAS EVER SO MUCH BETTER
WORKING FOR THE C.B.C.*

THEN ONE DAY A BLOKE CALLED SEYMOUR
CAME TO LONDON AS OUR BOSS
'I WILL BE YOUR LORD AND SAVIOUR' (SAID HE)
AND TURN TO PROFIT ALL YOUR LOSS

FIRST HE CWIPPED ME IN THE BOOZER
THEN HE QWIPPED ME IN THE LOO
NOW HE'S QWIPPED ME IN THE _ _ _ _
WHAT ON EARTH AM I TO DO

CHORUS _ _ _ _ _

THEN HE CHUCKED OUT ALL THE LOAFERS
PAID OFF ALL THE O.A.Ps
PETTY CASH IS ON COMPUTER
CUSTOMERS HAVE GOT THE FREEZE

NOW I'm MANAGING THE ARCHIVES
I'VE GOT BUGGER ALL TO DO
WHEN I'M NOT TOO BUSY DRINKING
I MAKE TEA FOR YOU KNOW WHO

CHORUS _ _ _ _ _

Geoff IRVINE

Photos from the December luncheon



Doug Harding & Alan Gordon



Richard Nott & Ian Holston



Greg McCosker with Kerrie Kleidon



Roslyn & Kerry O'Connor

NEVER HAVE A DRINK ALL DAY

THEY'RE AS OLD AS CHELSEA PENSIONERS
THEY'VE GOT BUGGER ALL TO DO
NOW JOHN SEELEY'S GOING TO CWIP THEM
HE CAN PUSH THEM DOWN THE LOO

CHORUS _ _ _ _ _

NOW WE'RE NATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL
THINGS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME
ALL THESE SILLY NEW PROCEDURES
ISN'T IT A BLOODY SHAME

NO MORE KISSING IN THE STRONGROOM
NO MORE NECKING IN THE STORE
NO MORE DIRTY JOKES AT TEA TIME
ISN'T LIFE A DREADFUL BORE

CHORUS _ _ _ _ _

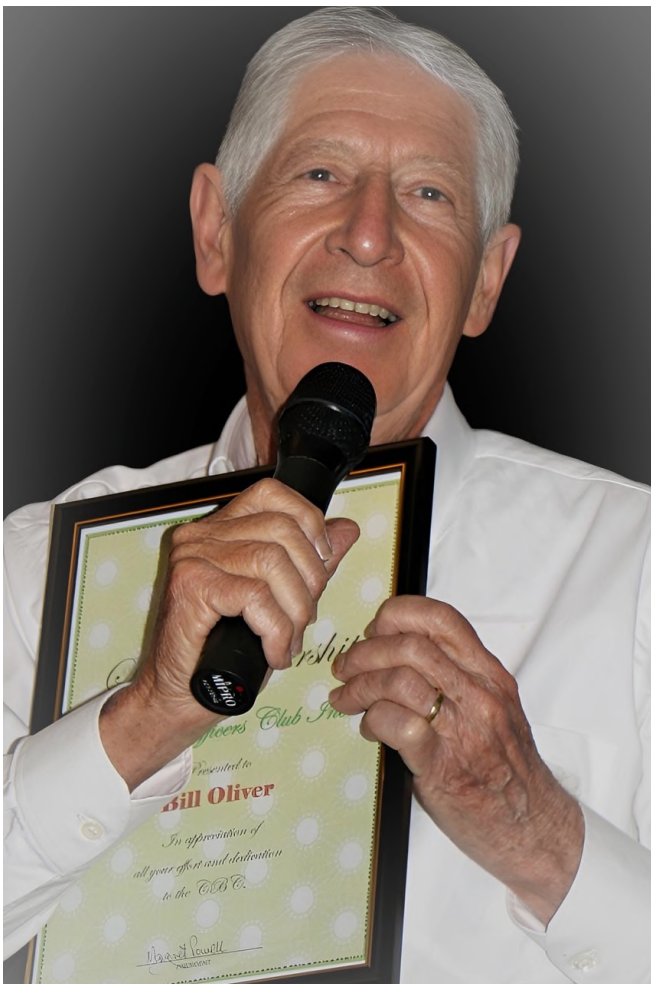
NOW TH C.B.C. IS ENDED
AND ITS USEFUL LIFE IS DONE
I WILL TREASURE HAPPY MEMORIES
MANY, MANY YEARS TO COME

WHEN I COME BACK TO THE OFFICE
ROLLING DRUNK AT HELF PAST THREE
DON'T FORGET I'M SOMEONE SPECIAL
I ONCE WORKED FOR C. B. C.

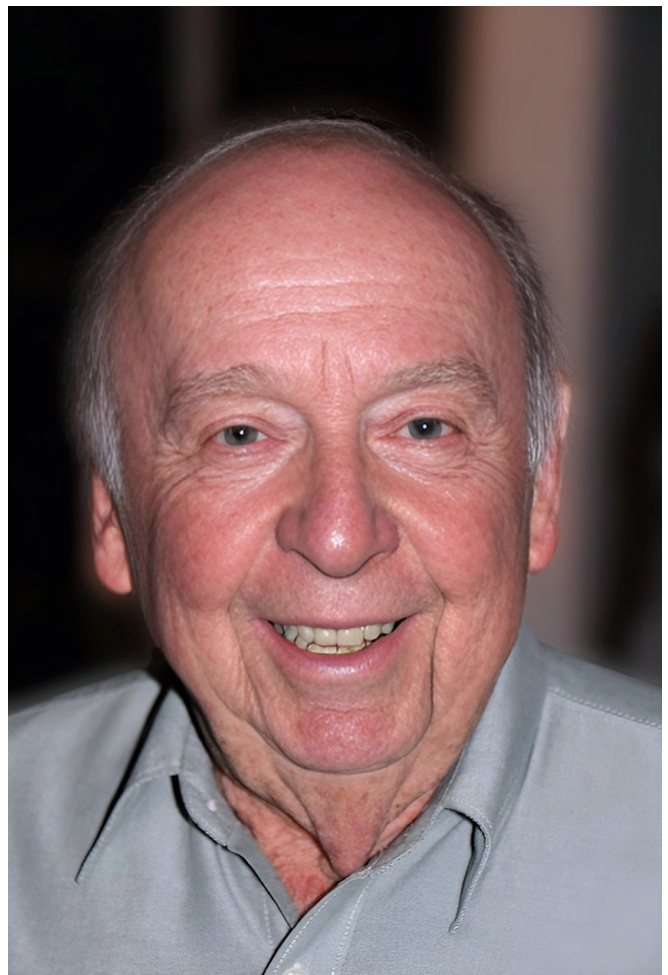
CHORUS _ _ _ _ _



Back row: Darrell Leeson, Graham Hope, Margie George, Gary Ellem,
Middle row: Tom Dowler, John McGuire, Brian Williams, Bottom row Lindsay Jones, Phil Reed & David Downs



Bill Oliver



Geoff McIntyre

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Rowan Raymond-Jones & Alan Pitt.

Rowan sent in the ad at right which brings back memories of 1988.

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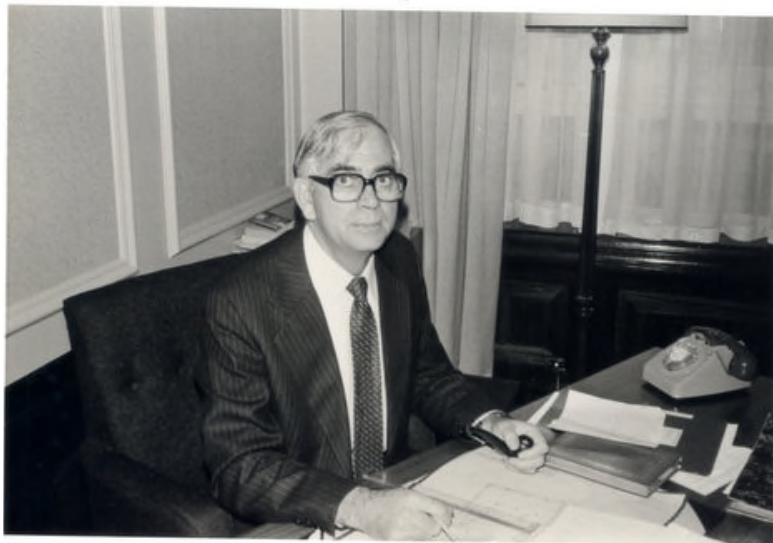
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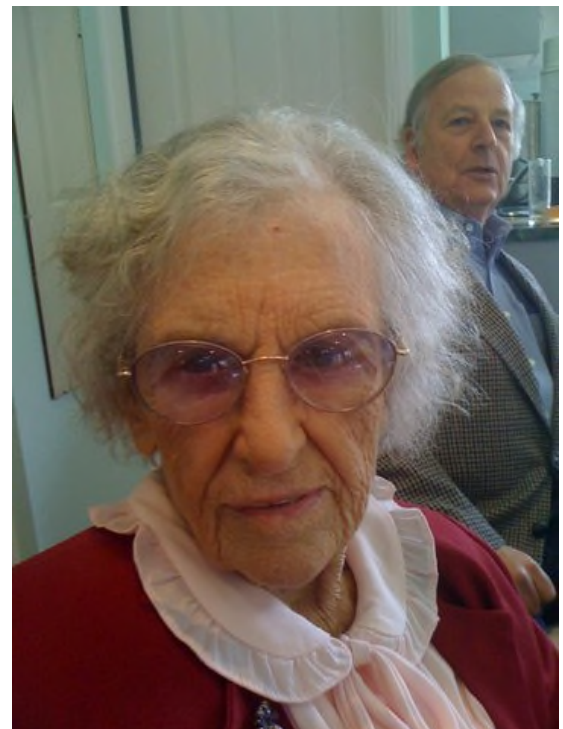
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MISSING - Rick Reeks. Unable to contact – phone or email. Anybody know any circumstancers?

Richard NOTT found these photos:



Geoff Matthews, London Office



Heather Icely, Head Office

Roger BROOKER

I have been a member of the Club for some years now; can't remember just how many, but it's been a long time of renewing the memories of the past. I have never been able to get to any of the luncheons and I suppose if I did, would not recognise anyone, nor they me.

I came to Queensland just prior to the Merger to take over from Laurie Farrell at Mackay Branch in 1981. My service in Queensland was Manager NAB Capital Office, merging the CBC into the one Capital Office just after the merger, and thereafter Regional Management completing my service as Head Of Sales and Service. I was made redundant in 1996 {like many others}, having had 38 years of service.

I am only giving you a "whiff" of my service as a background as I am sure you would not know me. I joined the Bank in 1958 at Maitland Branch (my home town).

The purpose of my letter is to ask why us "non attendees" of the meetings are not acknowledged at those significant times such as reaching 80, and only then when they have passed away (if somebody knows you'r gone!).

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Ed: Life Members are acknowledged with a Life Membership certificate.,

Roger's was handed to Kerri Kleidon at the Christmas lunch to present to Roger at the NAB lunch

I turned 80 last April but I am happy to continue to pay my membership subscription.

I am also a member of the NAB Retired Officers Club in Queensland and they did acknowledge me with a Certificate last March. Enough.

John GANDEY

We are pleased to say that 2023 has been a good year for us. We have managed to keep well. In April we Cruised around Australia for 28 days with several friends. In February 2024 we will be cruising to New Zealand on the Coral Princess. We now confine our holidays closer to home ports. Long overseas plane trips are a thing of the past, We are fortunate to have both our son and daughter and her family living close to us. It gives us so much pleasure to be able to spend time and attend family get-togethers with them. Living in Tweed Heads has been a blessing for the past 23 years.

Neil "hiho" SILVER

I have in mind the one relating to the **Rotary award** Lynette and I received in Kota Kinabalu, and the one about our hare lip/cleft palate project-**Buy a Smile**- (in Sabah), where, as at today, we have funded 70 operations since commencement in 2015. (No operations were possible during the 3 COVID years due to travel and movement restrictions in Sabah).

From: lynette silver

News from Borneo September 2023

Hello everyone. I finally managed to find time to compile this Spring Edition, which I think (hope) you will enjoy. A very mixed bag!



2023 September
NEWS FROM BORNEO

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Bob YOUNG

My Wife Robyn and I attended the Christmas lunch to celebrate her birthday on 5th December and everyone present sang "Happy Birthday" to Robyn.

Robyn spent eleven years in the Bank, starting in Forbes in April, 1955, then Gordon Branch in January, 1961 (where I was the Second Officer) Transferred to Chatswood Branch, also In 1961 (when we advised the Manager we were going out together and he advised Head Office).

We were married on 1st September, 1962, and Robyn finished up at Chatswood in 1966 to have a family.

Our first child was born in May 1967, our second in October 1969, and our third in September 1971.

CBC GOLDEN OLDIES CRICKET CLUB

The Club is having one of its best seasons as far as results go.

We closely lost our first match against Mid North Coast and have had five wins out of five since.

Our fourth match for the season was against Sri Lanka Lions at Wilberforce on Sunday 12th November, 2023. The Lions had first use of the wicket and were bowled out for 108 in the last of their 40 overs. CBC replied with 4/109 in 24 overs.

On Wednesday 6th December, 2023 we travelled to Kensington Oval, Kensington to take on the Port Jackson Cricket Club. This match turned out to be a very close affair. CBC again had first use of the Kookaburra. Port Jackson managed 104 from their 40 overs. With one over to spare, CBC reached 9/105.

We took on the Sri Lanka Lions once again on Sunday 7th January, 2024. CBC again fell over the line. CBC batted first and managed 7/134 from 40 overs. The Lions were bowled out for 127 after 38.2 overs.

Our annual match for the Johnny Taylor Memorial Trophy was played at Bradman Oval, Bowral on Sunday 4th February, 2024. The Hugh Massie team won the toss and sent the Johnny Taylor team into bat. Johnny Taylor scored 9/182 from 45 overs. After a slow start, the Hugh Massie batsmen were then on top and passed the Taylor score with almost 5 overs to spare. They only lost only 3 wickets in the process.

There are three matches left for the 2023/24 season. On Sunday 18th February, 2024 we take on Springwood Royals and on Sunday 3rd March, 2024 we play the Gentlemen Of Nowra Eleven. Both of these matches are at Wilberforce. For our final match we travel to Goulburn to play Goulburn Express.

IN MEMORIAM:

CBCOC MEMBERS

Joe DUGAS
Stan GELDING
Darcy KENNA
Alan MULDOON
Ken WOOD

CBC NON-MEMBERS

Tony GRACE

FAMILY

Bob R.C. SANDSTROM

JOE DUGAS

27 November 1950 - 10 October 2023

Margaret POWELL Joe passed away suddenly after recently being diagnosed with cancer. He joined the Bank on 5th February 1970 at Gloucester Branch and his service included Savings Bank Administration, Chief Accountants Dept., Travel Administration and Bondi Junction BBC, which was his last position 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.

HERBERT STAN GELDING 29 May 1939 - 11 December 2023

Geoff GELDING Just wanted to advise the CBC Officers Club that Stan passed away earlier this week following a recent illness.



*Join us for a Service of
Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the life of*

**STAN
GELDING**

1939 - 2023

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
BAULKHAM HILLS
MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER
10:30AM

Margaret POWELL Life Member Stan was known as a "great bloke" which says it all, and admired by many of his colleagues. Full details of his service are oblique but he joined in 1953 it included Sydney Office, Relief Staff, and eight years plus at St Leonards BBC where he relieved managers on numerous occasions. Stan was married to Pamela (dec'd) and is survived by his three sons.

Richard NOTT AM I was more than saddened to read of Stan's death. His brother John was in the bank and he relieved at Mullumbimby in 1957 when I was there. He later went on to become an Anglican priest and was rector at several city parishes. He came to visit me at my little shack in Mullum where he told me he was completing a Theological diploma and encouraged me to do so which I then took up and completed. The family was a dedicated Anglican one. I first worked with Stan in Manager's Department Head Office O&M survey in 1971. Stan had a bland projected but keen humour. During one meeting he was interrupted by a phone call from Lionel Gillard (then Accountant Sydney office). The tenor of the discussion went along these lines "I can usually make up my mind quickly about people Mr. Gillard, but in your case I am still thinking about it !" Later when Stan was sent into branch training, he was working with me as Accountant at Paddington branch for about six months. We had some strange customers as one would expect at that branch, and one was a scantily dressed lady of the night who came to the bank to receive a remittance from her father and Stan sent her home to get changed before he would talk with her. Stan was a keen fisherman and arranged an evening with me and Ed Bentley to go to Bobbin Head and catch jewfish and a great evening. He was later manager at Roseville but then seemed to disappear into the ether and I never ever saw him again, one of my regrets. A unique character; steady, reliable, conscientious, and a worthy citizen.

Ian HOLSTON I can recall Stan being on the Relieving staff, and I think he was a Lay Preacher with the Anglican Church. His elder brother John was in the CBC also and resigned from North Sydney branch just before I was transferred there, probably in Dick Thomson's time and joined the Anglican church as a minister and at one time was the minister in Normanhurst.

Leon PAYNE Unfortunately as time passes far too quickly these type of announcements become too numerous.

Wayne LINNERT Great story from Richard and my memories of Stan accord with descriptions of him. I think it would be fair to say that he was somewhat 'droll'. Terrible shame, "Stan The Man" was a great bloke. During my 8 years at St Leonard's BBC Stan relieved Managers on numerous occasions. I went to his aged care residence maybe 2 years ago at Castle Hill and presented him with his Life Membership Certificate. He was saddened he couldn't come to lunches but to put him in a cab by himself would've cost approx \$250 and I couldn't really justify the cost.

DARCY KENNA 28 July 1932 - 25 October 2023

Margaret POWELL I am very saddened to learn of the passing of our Life Member Darcy Kenna. A stalwart at Sydney Office, he joined on 6th April 1964 and retired 7th May 1989

Scott MARNANE (NABROC) Darcy passed away peacefully in Royal North Shore hospital. After completion of about 7 years' service as an Engineer 1st Class in the Royal Australian Navy, Darcy joined the CBC and was appointed to Sydney Office where he became a well-known member of staff. In a time when banking was about having the physical delivery of documents and information as an essential part of business, Darcy was the staff member to know when delivery of important material was required. Because of his easy conversation style Darcy developed friendships across many aspects of family and community life as well as his banking career. After retirement from the bank in 1989 he was asked if he was interested in a role at a Leagues Club which he accepted and had many happy years with them. Born in Hobart, Darcy remained a proud Tasmanian although he shared his sporting support among Essendon for AFL and Souths for Rugby League. A resident of Ryde for many years, Darcy and his wife Anna are the proud parents of 3 sons and 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

ALAN CLIFFORD MULDOON 8 January 1947 - 6 January 2024

Margaret POWELL Alan passed away in Warwick QLD. He joined on 5th February 1963 at Gladstone NSW and served in a number of country branches including Wauchope, Bowraville, Goodooga, Yass, UNE Armidale, Tamworth and Bourke before his appointment to Relieving staff in December 1969. Alan's first Management appointment was Oberon followed by Woolgoolga, Toronto, and then Fortitude Valley QLD before completing his career at Bowen Hills DCB in 1996. He worked at 136 branches during his career with 108 recorded in NSW. Alan and his long-time partner Del moved to Warwick from Brisbane 13 years ago and they married in early 2023. Alan is survived by three children from his first marriage: Lisa, Nicole, and Matthew, and 8 grandchildren. I thank Jeff Johnston for this information. He was a lifelong friend to Alan.

KENNETH ASHTON WOOD 24 September 1936 - 22 October 2023

Margaret POWELL Ken joined on 26 February 1952, at South Grafton. His service included Sydney and Metropolitan areas, however, his preferred appointments were in country NSW, including Barraba, Dungog, Lithgow, Merriwa, Gunnedah, Tumut, Camden, Culcairn, Gilgandra, and Cessnock. Ken also served in Canberra Office, Belconnen, and Kingston ACT branches. Ken retired as Manager at Cessnock on 13 August 1987 after a career of 35 years. Retirement in Canberra allowed Ken to concentrate on his passion for golf, gardening, feeding the magpies who visited his garden, maintaining his collection of banking memorabilia and spending time with his family. Ken is survived by his wife Pamela, his daughters, and granddaughters.

ANTHONY THOMAS EVAN GRACE Aged 88 - 7 December 2023

Graeme VINE Sadly I advise that Tony passed after a long illness. I was Tony's accountant from December 1979 to June 1981 when he was the Manager at Burwood NSW 1975 – 1979 and I would relieve him when he went on annual leave. He ran an excellent branch and it was a pleasure to look after it during his absence. Over the years I would come across Tony at my local church at

St Joseph's Enfield when we would catch up and talk about the "good times" in the CBC. Tony was a gentle man and a true gentleman.

Norman WHITE As far as service, I only know he was Accountant Liverpool in mid-60's and later Manager Lakemba and possibly Strathfield. His funeral Notice included "Beloved husband of 64 years to Lorraine (dec). Much loved father and father-in-law of Mary Jane & Steve, Tim, Simon & Frances, Fr Andrew, Catherine & Scott, and Susan. Loving Poppie to his 16 grandchildren and 3 great granddaughters."

Margaret POWELL Whilst Tony was not a member of the Club, he was known by many of our members and was an avid CBC'er. He has been remembered as a very able Manager who was highly regarded and admired by those who worked under him. Tony retired as Manager Lakemba towards the end of 1989 and his main interest outside the Bank revolved around his Catholic faith and his involvement, with wife Lorraine, in their Church. Thanks to Frank Maundrell for contributing to this information.

R.C. "Bob" SANDSTROM Aged 86 6 July 1937 - 4 February 2024

Kerri KLEIDON of NAB Qld Retirees advised: It is with great sadness that we advise the recent passing of one of our Life Members - Bob Sandstrom, aged 86 years late of St Lucia and a brother to our member Brian Sandstrom.

Bob HANDEL Sad news indeed . I was privileged to serve under Bob when he was the Accountant at Sydney University Branch at around 1965/66. A talented Officers no doubt but his casual demeanor and regard to the Staff stands out in my memory. A top bloke.

Thanks once again to all the contributors:

Margaret Powell for taking on the President's role, collecting 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 March AGM luncheon at

John Ness,
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster



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CBC Officers Club Inc.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

LUNCHES	#	2023		#	2022	
		Expenses	Income		Expenses	Income
MARCH	42	-1,840	1,204	44	2,250	1,715
JUNE	44	-2,456	1,323	44	1,608	1,400
SEPTEMBER	47	-1,890	1,380	40	1,570	1,365
DECEMBER	74	-4,571	2,950	55	3,002	2,715
Committee meeting		-282			148	
Refund overpayment 2021						456
Wagga Wagga/Southport				66	4,145	3,105
		<u>-11,039</u>	<u>6,857</u>		<u>12,723</u>	<u>10,756</u>
Annual Fees			1,620			1,625
Prepaid Annual Fees - future years			1,260			1,380
Donations			225			40
Benefactor for transport		-390			266	
Salvation Army Flood Appeal					500	
Interest Received			526			246
Postages		-461			584	
Printing & Copying		-901			770	
Stationery		-274			396	
Website & software		-590			1,545	
PO Box rental		-148			139	
Fair Trading Expenses		-50			48	
		<u>-13,853</u>	<u>10,488</u>		<u>16,971</u>	<u>14,047</u>
NET Deficit			<u>3,365</u>			<u>2,924</u>
		<u>-13,853</u>	<u>13,853</u>		<u>16,971</u>	<u>16,971</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS			
Term Deposits brought forward		<u>23,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>
Cheque account brought forward		1,230	4,154
transferred from TDs		5,000	
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year		-3365	-2,924
Cheque account at end of year reconciled		<u>2,865</u>	<u>1,230</u>
LESS payments made after 31/12/22			-1,792
Term Deposits at end of year		<u>18,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>
Benefactor's funds		<u>1,344</u>	<u>1,734</u>
Total		<u><u>22,209</u></u>	<u><u>22,438</u></u>
LIABILITIES			
LESS Annual Fees Paid in Advance		-1,260	-1,380
LESS Donation re Flood/Bushfire appeal			-500
NET ASSETS		<u><u>20,949</u></u>	<u><u>20,558</u></u>

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