

CBC OFFICERS CLUB Incorporated

connecting former employees and families of

The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited

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Dear Member,

The next luncheon will be held at **Barracks on Barrack, 5-7 Barrack Street, Sydney on Monday 2nd September 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 Friday 23rd August.**



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TO: Ms. Margaret Powell, Hon. Treasurer, PO Box 319, St. Ives NSW 2075 Phone 0405 391 777
FROM: <Title> <Title2> <M_1stName> <Surname> PHONE: <Phone> Email: <Email>

I would like to attend the following meeting:

Monday 2nd September 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.

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.**

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

In true Olympic mode I want to apologise to all of you for my absence at the last luncheon which I know was a great success. My effort to faceplant into the pavement outside the Club was not a great success. Zero points awarded by the judges for my dive. However, I need to thank Margaret, our wonderful Treasurer and nurse for her kind attention, Mary for the same care and also the Manager of the Club who was quick to attend to me with a medical kit and waited with me until the ambulance arrived to take me to St Vincents. Thankfully appears all well and not too much hurt to my ageing body-only my pride. So pleased that everyone enjoyed the luncheon and we have our September luncheon fast approaching. Hoping that we will have a good number attending.

We also want to remind all members of our Out of Sydney Luncheon at Ballina on Monday 21 October. The attendance numbers so far have been wonderful and we currently have over 70 attending. However, we always have room for more so please think about your movements during that period and try and be there to catch-up with your mates. We encourage all members and those who are eligible for membership to commit to attend, send in your funds to cover the cost of the luncheon to Margaret - \$55 per head and contact any of the Committee- particularly Bob Handel (0407 398 962) or Margaret, if you have any queries regarding this great event. See you all in Ballina.

Kind regards to all Members from the Committee,

David

MINUTES OF C.B.C. OFFICERS CLUB INC

Luncheon Meeting held at "Barracks on Barrack" 5-7 Barrack Street Sydney
Monday 3 June 2024

Due to unforeseen circumstances, which occurred prior to the luncheon meeting, to President David Wyndham, the Secretary Mary Lamborn on Presidents behalf chaired and opened the meeting at 12.10p.m. extending a warm welcome to thirty eight members including seventeen life members and three Past Presidents, John Ness Margaret Powell and Rowan Raymond- Jones and was ably assisted by the Treasurer Margaret Powell.

The Secretary Mary Lamborn presented Certificates of Life Membership of the Club to Ray Knight OAM, John Ness and Graeme Vine who all responded in appreciation.

The Secretary Mary Lamborn presented a Lifetime Achievement Award (which is deemed appropriate in recognition of their contribution to the club irrespective of their age) which was awarded to John Ness together with a bottle of Penfolds St Henri Shiraz 2018 Vintage in a presentation wooden box for his technology, computer skills and newsletter compiling and editing in recognition of his outstanding services to the club over many years, who responded in appreciation.

Also John's wife, Lyn Ness was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the Treasurer Margaret Powell in appreciation of her continuing support to John on behalf of club members.

Treasurer, Margaret Powell informed club members Marlen Zilinsky's daughter Caroline Zilinsky had entered a portrait in the annual Archibald Portraiture Competition of a young Australian Actor and is one of the selected finalists.

Treasurer Margaret Powell on behalf of club members thanked Jason and Sue Bygraves for arranging and serving another delicious luncheon menu.

TREASURER AND RECORDS MANAGER

- Finances** CBC Officers Club Current Account maintains a credit balance of \$3,705.76 as at 3 June 2024.
Term Deposit \$18,000.00 was renewed at 5% per annum for twelve months maturing 4 September 2024.
- Membership** As at 3 June 2024 current active membership stands at 421 members including 155 life members.
- Acceptances** Confirmation for to-day's luncheon totalled 38.
- Apologies** Received twelve (12) either by e-mail post or phone accompanied by comments, interesting snippets and donations.
- Life Members** In attendance at to-days meeting Vic Beecraft, Cliff Dunn, Bob Ellicott, Alan Gordon, Robert Handel, Doug Harding, Jennifer Hayne, Graeme Hockey, Geoff Irvine, Forde Leathley, Geoff McIntyre AM, Kerry O'Connor, Roslyn O'Connor, Rowan Raymond-Jones, Frank Scurr, Bernie Stewart and Graeme Vine.
- Attendees Birthdays** Alan Crane, Robert Handel, Jennifer Hayne, Geoff Irvine, Ray Knight OAM, Forde Leathley, Garth Morgan, John Ness and Graeme Vine.
- Lucky Door Prizes** Winners of \$25.00 each –
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| 1. Drawer – Alan Gordon | winner: Rowan Raymond-Jones. |
| 2. Drawer – Forde Leathley | winner: Alan Gordon |
| 3. Drawer - Geoff McIntyre AM | winner: Marlen Zilinsky |
- Correspondence** Secretary Mary Lamborn informed club members there was no postal correspondence received or replied to during the last quarter.
Secretary Mary Lamborn who is also the Public Officer advised the Annual Summary of Financial Affairs for the year 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 had been lodged with Fair Trading NSW together with cheque for \$54.00 on 21 March 2024 and a copy thereof together with Tax Invoice was retained for record purposes.
- Bereavement** Ed McLennan 4 December 1942 - 7 May 2024
Treasurer Margaret Powell informed club members that Paul Brett attended Ed McLennan's Funeral Service held on Monday 20 May 2024 at the Pinegrove Crematorium, Minchinbury who handed the Treasurer Order of Service along with Alan Crane who advised amongst the mourners in attendance were Geoff and Sue Baker, Richard Bamback, Peter Crane, Michael Linton and Peter Williams.
Club members who spoke of their memories and recollections of the deceased were Alan Crane, Geoff Irvine, Mary Lamborn and Kerry O'Connor.

Meeting Closed at 1.50p.m.

SNIPPETS

John NESS

Although we are unable to attend the Ballina function due to having booked a cruise in October, we did have a few days away in August at a Yuletide Sojourn just outside of Byron Bay. The Virgin plane went to Ballina which is close by. We had a dinner at The Beach Byron Bay (recommended). Whale watching in the Marine Park (no photos by me as they only surfaced for a couple of second but there were plenty there) and had a private viewing of the Byron Bay Lighthouse, lunch at the Three Blue Ducks, visited the Crystal Castle and botanical Shambhala Gardens and also visited the Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum which houses lots of memorabilia. We didn't stop in any of the other towns in the area so I wasn't able to get any photos for the website.

Marlen ZILINSKY

Our member Marlen's daughter's portrait of Jacob Elordi was a finalist in this year's Archibald awards.

Caroline Zilinsky

Archibald Prize 2024 finalist

A lucid heart – the golden age of Jacob Elordi

oil on linen

A rapidly rising star, Jacob Elordi has appeared in the recent films *Saltburn* and *Priscilla*.

Introduced by a mutual friend, Caroline Zilinsky sketched the actor while he was filming *The narrow road to the deep north*, a miniseries based on Richard Flanagan's novel. The sitting took place in the make-up trailer on location outside Stanwell Tops in NSW.

'He had Albert Camus's philosophical essay *The myth of Sisyphus* with him, and we discussed Camus and Plato. The title of the painting, *A lucid heart*, is drawn from a phrase Camus used to describe actors in his existential musings on the absurdity of existence,' says Zilinsky, a two-time Archibald finalist.

'In the portrait, the boulder that Sisyphus has to push up a mountain for all eternity has shrunk to a mere stone in Jacob's palm. The symbol of his Basque heritage radiates from the tapestry of the carpet. Unbeknownst to me, a leech had attached itself to my leg on the film set and was sucking my blood as I sketched, hence the leeches encircling the carpet.'

'Jacob's sister documented the sitting, so her camera is perched among the make-up tools, watching all we do.'



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David WYNDHAM

OUR NEXT OUT OF SYDNEY LUNCHEON
BALLINA 21st October 2024

We are taking acceptances for our next out of Sydney Luncheon to be held at Ballina and are pleased that we currently have over 70 acceptances. The cost of the Luncheon will be \$55 per head, which includes a delicious two course lunch of a main and dessert and will be served to guests at their table. The Luncheon will be held at the Ballina Jockey Club, Racecourse Road, Ballina which is located 2km from the town centre. It will be served in the function room on the picturesque third floor, accessible by lifts. The bar will be open for refreshments and will be available for the duration of the day. If you can make it, please contact us. We are looking forward very much to this occasion and having the opportunity to catch up with many of you and to enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that makes our CBC "family" so unique.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS



Sam Clough OAM with his wife Beryl and Margaret Powell who presented him with his life membership certificate at their home in Cessnock.



Graeme Vine



Ray Knight OAM presented by Mary Lamborn



Lyn & John Ness with his OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) medal which was presented by the Thorps

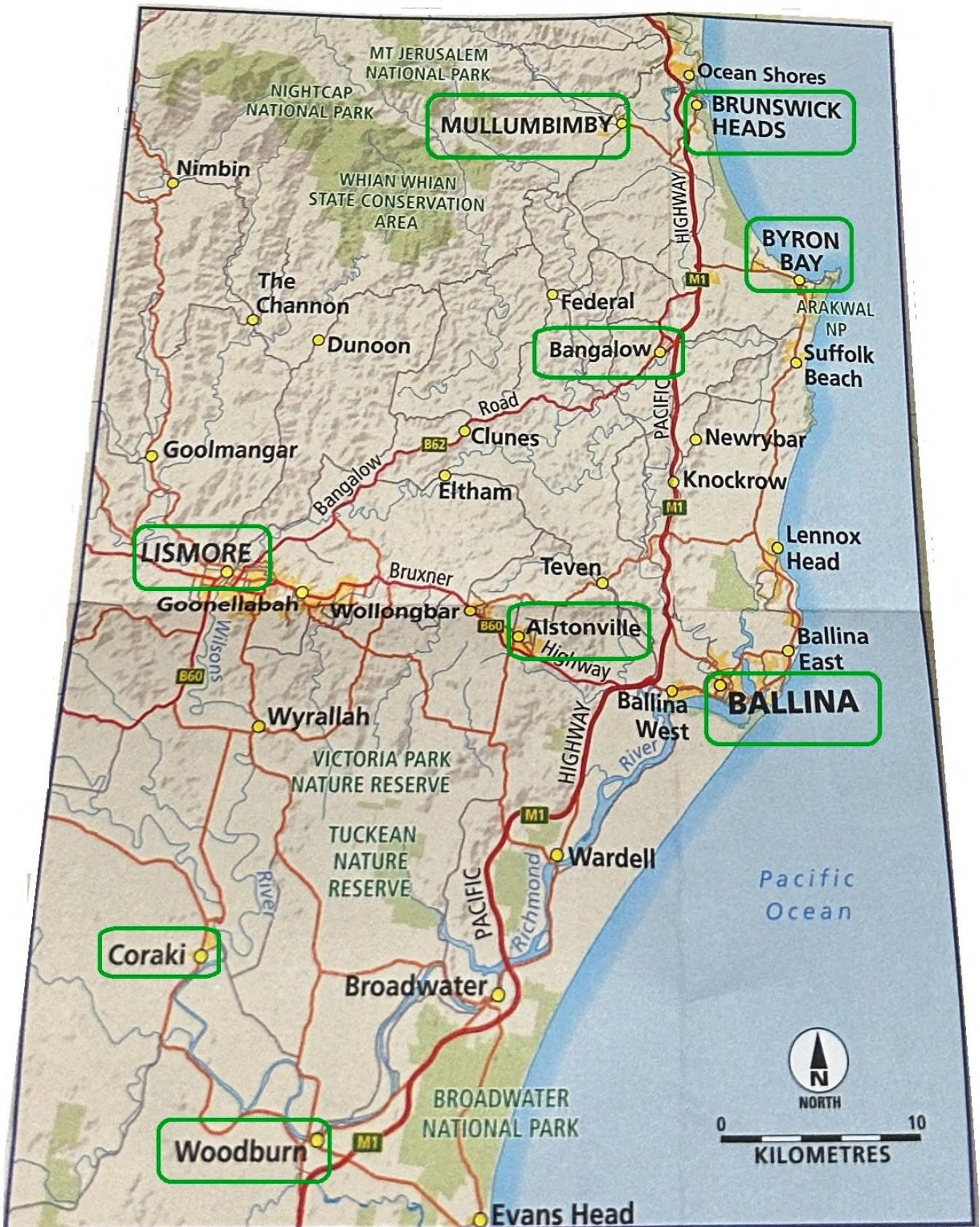


John also received a Lifetime Achievement Award

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BALLINA AREA CBC REPRESENTATIONS



Ed. If anyone going to the Ballina function is also travelling in this neighbourhood we would welcome photos of any of the highlighted branches/receiving offices for our website, please.

OUT-OF TOWN REGIONAL LUNCHEON – Tweed Valley Weekly

Bank employee reunion

By Jonathon Howard

FORMER MURWILLUMBAH employees of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited (CBC Bank) are set to gather for a nostalgic reunion luncheon organised by the CBC Officers Club Inc.

The event will take place on Monday, October 21, at the Ballina Jockey Club on Racecourse Road.

Ian Holston, who joined the CBC Bank in Murwillumbah in January 1957, has been instrumental in tracking down former CBC employees in the district.

"We've found about a dozen former CBC staff members here, and I'm certain there are more," Holston said.

He highlighted the historical significance of the CBC Bank, which was the first bank to open in Murwillumbah in 1880 and remained a prominent institution until its closure by NAB last year, ending over 142 years of banking history in the town.

The CBC Officers Club, based in Sydney with around 450 members, regularly hosts these 'Out of Town' luncheons across New South Wales.

"The upcoming event in Ballina promises to be a successful reunion, with approximately 60 respondents already confirmed," Mr Holston told *The Weekly*, with a call for more former staff members to reach out.

"Former staff members of the bank's finance company, CAGA, and the merchant banking arm, Commercial Continental Limited, are also welcome, regardless of their tenure.

"Originally, we hoped to host the luncheon in Tweed, but suitable venues were too costly.

"Ballina offered a more affordable and accessible option."

The CBC Officers Club holds quarterly meet-

ings at the Barracks RSL Club in Sydney, conveniently located near the bank's original head office in Martin Place.

This historical building is now owned by the Sydney City Council, with its heritage ground floor banking chamber leased to high fashion retailer Burberry.

"The history of the CBC Bank in Murwillumbah is marked by resilience and community spirit," Mr Holston said.

In 1907, a devastating fire swept through Main Street, leading to the dramatic decision to burn down the bank to create a firebreak and save the rest of the town.

This heroic act, ordered by Mayor Peter Street, ultimately protected the buildings towards the river.

The bank's staff quickly set up temporary premises and resumed operations within days.

A new brick building was completed on the same site in 1909 at the cost of £4,320.

Today, Murwillumbah's banking landscape has changed significantly.

In the 1960s, eight banks operated in the town. Now, only four remain, with Westpac and St George sharing the same building.

For more details about the upcoming reunion luncheon or to share information about former CBC employees in the district, please contact Ian Holston on: 0432 438 977.



The former Commercial Banking Co Murwillumbah



IN MEMORIAM:

MEMBERS

Genevieve CRANE
Ed McLennan
Reg REEVES
John WEBSTER
Joan WOOD

NON-MEMBERS

Greg DRIVER
Jean LEES
Alan NICOL

FAMILY

Betty CHAPMAN

GENEVIEVE (Genny) ANNE CRANE 10 June 1947 - 3 June 2024

Bruce CRANE

I would like to advise you of the death of my wife and fellow Club member. Genevieve (nee Weir) joined the Bank on 10.12.1963 at Walgett Branch whose manager was Doug Moffatt and accountant Graeme Crane. In July 1965 Genny transferred to Lismore branch to be nearer her home town of Byron Bay. On 7th July 1967 Bruce Crane was appointed to Lismore Branch following his two years National Service, whereupon Genny was heard to remark "Hasn't he got shiny shoes". Genny and Bruce accompanied each other to the Bankers Ball on 15th September which led on 15th December to the announcement of their engagement. Following their marriage on 5th October 1968 and after their honeymoon, Genny was transferred to Alstonville NSW Branch under manager Bert Marsh with David Mudford as second officer. Genny resigned in July 1969 to start her family of three sons. 1985 saw Genny rejoin the bank (NAB) after 16 years at Blacktown Branch as secretary to the manager, which position lasted until 1987 whereupon she resigned again to run and own a successful Valley Heights shop. In 1989 Genny once again rejoined the Bank, this time at Card Centre NSW as a Customer Service Officer under supervisor Brian Richards. Husband Bruce was the Administration Supervisor. He retired in September 1994 and Genny retired for the final time in July 1995 to join him on their farm at Imbil QLD which they ran and on which they hosted many Bank colleagues over seven years before spending her last twenty two years at Bega NSW being involved with the CWA and Legacy organisations.

EDWARD JOHN (ED) MC LENNAN 4 December 1942 - 7 May 2024

President David

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of Ed. He joined the CBC at Muswellbrook Branch on 9th June 1958. His service included Willow Tree, Tarcutta, Willoughby, Alexandria, Walcha and Parramatta branches. He was then transferred to Branch Securities, before promotions to Corporate Securities, Card Services, Legal Services, Securities and Legal and Policy Advising Manager. Ed retired on 22nd February 2001 after 43 years of a dedicated and very successful banking career. He was well known and had many friends and will be remembered as one of the unique characters that the CBC had in its ranks. Ed is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Michelle and son Jason. The CBC Officers Club extends our deepest condolences to Mary and her family.

Peter BEAUMONT

Ed was always someone you were always pleased to be with. He had a great sense of humour and enjoyed life. We had many enjoyable drinks at the Cosmo and at the numerous CBC Officers Club functions. In his role as Manager Corporate Securities, he was always willing to work through problem documentation in a very professional manner and was easy to work with. He was competent without the attitude. He will be sadly missed.

Fred HARVISON

Agree entirely with Peter's comments about Ed. I could not have put it any better. Ed was a real gem.

REGINALD (REG) NEIL REEVES 24 March 1940 - 18 July 2024**President David**

We are most saddened to advise that our Life Member, Reg Reeves, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at the Calvary Hospital, Wagga Wagga. Dearly loved and devoted husband of the late Beryl Reeves. Adored father and father-in-law of Kenneth, Christopher & Lisa and Alanna & Vera. Cherished grandfather of Corbin, Marissa, Alexandra, Bec, James, Dylan and Monique and great grandfather of Sophie, Eva and Leo. Reg, as we all knew him, joined the Bank's service in April 1955 at Murrurundi, thence fourteen Branches, including Armidale, Guyra, North Sydney, Wollongong and Orange, completing his service as Manager at Young in August 1977. The Committee and Members send our deepest condolences to Reg's family.

Rowan RAYMOND-JONES

So sorry to learn of Reg's death. June and I visited him and Beryl after the Wagga Wagga Luncheon, and his passing comes as quite a shock. He and brother Bill also attended our Orange Luncheon. His other brother, Phil, was also in the CBC, but passed on many years ago. June knew the family growing up in Murrurundi, and when I served there I got to meet his dad and the owner of "Bickham", the sheep station where he worked.

Philip REED

I worked/relieved at Henty NSW with Reg when he was the Manger there. Good man to work with.

JOHN WEBSTER 13 March 1939 - 30 June 2024**President David**

We are most saddened to advise the passing of our Life Member John Webster. He joined the Bank's service at Lockhart on 10th July 1957 and subsequently served at Perth, Lakemba, Mascot, Haberfield, St Leonards Centre and Manager Clearings NSW, retiring from the Bank 30/06/1984. John is survived by his wife Nola and family to whom The CBC Officers Club extends our deepest condolences.

Scott MARNANE (President NABROC) Although a resident of Sefton for many years, John was in Lockhart, Riverina when he passed away. NABROC's deepest sympathies and condolences to John and Nola's extended family.

Moses MOSES

Hi Rowan. Thank you so much for your message regarding the sad news on the passing of dear John Webster. He was admired and respected by one and all at CBC and had a great sense of humour. A loyal and confident member of our St Leonard's team. A friend to all. My heartfelt condolences to all his family. Be safe and God Bless.

Graham & Debra DARE

We have nothing but good memories of our acquaintances.

Rowan RAYMOND-JONES

I met John at St Leonards Centre in the early seventies, and always found him to be friendly and I enjoyed a few drinks and the odd lunch with him over the years. It was nice to catch up with John at our Wagga Wagga Luncheon. Dad loved his career in banking, he was very proud of his work and always held CBC closest to his heart.

Jane WEBSTER**Norm PEVERELL**

I was sorry to hear that John Webster had died. I got to know him quite well during his time at St Leonards Centre. He was selected to lead a small but effective team of people to assist branch staff with transitioning manual records to the Bank's computer system. This was a significant contribution to successful implementation of the new electronic system. John had good people management skills and he was well liked by all staff with whom he came in contact in the various positions he held. My condolences to his wife and family.

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JOAN CAROLINE WOOD 6 March 1940 - 19 March 2024

Margaret POWELL

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of Joan Caroline Wood (nee Prisk). Joan was the beloved wife of Harold Wood, both members of the CBC Retired Officers Club. She had been in ill health for some time and passed away peacefully at her nursing home. Harold and Joan had been married for 52 very happy years. Joan joined the CBC Bank in January 1956 at Willow Tree Branch and from there was transferred to Sydney University Branch, a big change, as there were 32 + staff. Her service also included Hurstville Branch and she met Harold in 1970 (Harold was then Security Clerk at Kogarah Branch) and they were married in 1972. She left in 1974 to have their first child, a daughter, Alison. Joan supported Harold in his career with the Bank and according to Harold, was happy to follow him wherever he was transferred to, including both metropolitan and country branches. Harold retired from Raymond Terrace Branch and they moved to Melbourne to be closer to their daughter. Harold and Joan most recently lived at Carrum Downs in Victoria. Their daughter Alison lives in Melbourne and is employed by the Accor Hotel Group as a revenue director.

GREGORY JOHN (GREG) DRIVER 18 July 1951 - 10 May 2024

Rod DAVIES

A small group of us travelled five hours west to Goondiwindi earlier this week to attend the funeral of Greg Driver, an old CBC colleague with whom I shared a Batchelor pad in my single days.

A sad occasion but we were made very welcome by the family. You would likely remember a few of the attendees - Don Chancellor and his wife Jo, Rod Davies, John Proudfoot, Robin Span and Paul Hayes.

JEAN LEES

Richard NOTT

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Jean Lees was married to the late John Lees (I worked with him in the HR Dept). Jean died last week aged 102 and had a private burial in the Northern Beaches with her beloved John.

My sister is Jean's daughter in law. She may be known to some of our elderly members and was a wonderful woman with a wonderful exit; saying farewell to all her family and quietly slipping away after a wonderful life, still holding a driver's licence and working in an Op Shop at Manly until a few years ago.

ALAN FRANCIS NICOL

David JOBSON

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Alan passed away recently at the age of eighty and his funeral was held in Corowa on 9 July 2024. Alan was a long time officer of the CBC Bank and commenced his career in 1960 in Warrnambool Victoria. He moved to different branches in that state. In 1976 he was transferred over the border (much to his chagrin!) to Corowa as his first managerial appointment. He resigned in 1978 and I took over his position the same year as my first appointment. Alan purchased a business in the town and we kept in contact over the years as one does with people from the CBC "Family".

BETTY CHAPMAN

Bob HANDEL(To Sam Clough)

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Thank you for the email Sam. I made contact with Geoff today and he confirmed his wife Betty has passed on. He stated that Kevin Nicol passed a note around to the North Coasters.

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CBC GOLDEN OLDIES CRICKET CLUB

14 games for the season have been organised.

The first game will be on 8th September against Mid North Coast at Tuncurry.

Tony Adnum

Thanks once again to all the contributors:

Margaret Powell for collecting funds and recording details in the database,

Rowan Raymond-Jones for compiling the In Memoriam, and catering,

Bob Handel for collating the Snippets and issuing the emailed newsletters, and

Wayne Linnert for distributing the printed newsletters.

I hope there will be lots of new faces at the September luncheon at



John M. Ness



John Ness,
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster
(the Octogenarian)