

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 **The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel**, 169 Castlereagh Street Sydney (just north of Park Street) on **Monday 2nd March 2026**. Please make your way up to **Level 4** 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 23rd February**.



Molong branch is for sale with a price guide of \$1,700,000.

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

☐ **Annual membership now due (if not already paid or Life Members)** \$ 15

I would like to attend the following meeting:

☐ **Monday 2nd March 2026** cost \$ 57

Please advise Margaret Powell on 0405 391 777 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 REPORT

The Committee would like to wish each and every Member of the Club All the Best for 2026 and may good health and Family Happiness follow each of you during the year.

Well we made it!!!. The December luncheon needed some scrambling as our regular venue for our luncheons, and our home for 10 years, was closed down about 10 days before the December function was due to occur. Fortunately, we were able to secure a replacement venue in time and 74 Members attended the venue at Jacksons on George. It was a wonderful day, and we hope that all attendees enjoyed the occasion. However, It was tinged with sadness with the news from our long-term Committee Member and Life Member, Rowan Raymond-Jones that he was in a grave situation with his health, and he advised his remaining time with us was very limited. Please see my special mention of Rowan later in this report. Later that month we all experienced great sadness with the awful occurrence at Bondi Beach that led to the slaughter of many members of the Jewish Community on their special time of the year and we hope that those who were wounded make a full recovery from their medical issues. Our deepest sympathies to all those who lost their lives at Bondi. This is an occurrence that we hope we never have to see or hear of again. Certainly not the Australia we know and love.

On a happier note, we have the March luncheon rapidly approaching and this means it is also Annual General Meeting (AGM) time of the year. We are delighted that the email sent out to Members requesting that Members think very seriously about joining the Committee resulted in 4 of our members indicating they wished to join, and be part of the ongoing Management of the Club. They will all nominate in the usual way at the AGM as will the remaining Members of the Committee. Whilst the March luncheon is usually the least attended of our functions the formal part of the AGM is always kept to a minimum of formality and again this year Ray Knight has kindly accepted our invitation to Chair the formal part of our luncheon. We are very appreciative of his generous offer and also the work of our Honorary Auditor, Norm Peverell who has generously undertaken this important role for many years.

We have a new venue for the March luncheon and AGM and we have advised all Members of the change. It is the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169-171 Castlereagh Street in the city and we have exclusive use of Cellos, their main dining room, on the 4th floor of the building. The venue holds up to 150 people and is a wonderful example of the architecture of the time. Plenty of room for everyone and we believe the food will also be top class so please come along and help us christen the new venue in true CBC style.

One further word on Rowan Raymond-Jones. A long time Committee Member and Life Member of the Club. He passed away on 23rd January. The Committee awarded Rowan a special Lifetime Achievement Award for his long service on the Committee, his term as President of the Club from 2011 to 2012 and his ongoing commitment to the success of our Club. We were able to present this special award to Rowan during his time in hospital and before his eventual passing. Vale Rowan Raymond-Jones and our deepest sympathies to June and his loving Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchild.

We have had a good year with the running of the Club helped in large part by the generosity of our Members who on an anonymous basis have donated over \$4,000 to the Club. This is an indication of the great affection in which all of you hold the Club and the Committee is very appreciative the generosity of all those who contributed. We are committed to ensuring that the Club continues to be an important part in the lives of our Members wherever you are located.

We are close to finalising our next Out of Sydney luncheon venue so please watch this space for more news on this happy occasion.

On a personal note, I want to thank all Members of the Committee for their tireless work and the effort and commitment they all make by their presence on the Committee. We could not do the job we aim to do for you all without the wonderful work they undertake during the year. A real group of CBC Champions With every good wish to all Members and their Families for 2026 and we look forward to continuing the wonderful spirit that exists within the CBC Officers Club into the future.

Kind Regards,

David Wyndham, President

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members of the Committee have indicated they will stand for re election at the upcoming AGM meeting, with the exception of Mary Lamborn Secretary who will continue as Public Officer and a Committee member.

The position of Vice 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. 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.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS – 2 March 2026 to 1 March 2027,
The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members (including Archivist, Webmaster-Newsletter Editor, Records Manager, Newsletter Distributor and Public Officer) need to be elected.

You may make more than one nomination on a copy of the form below.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT NOMINATION FORM FOR AGM

Only Members, who have indicated their willingness to accept a position by signing, may be nominated. Nomination format is provided below, and it needs to be signed by both nominator and seconder (both of whom will need to be at the meeting) and delivered to the Secretary prior to start of meeting.

The Secretary,
 CBC Officers Club Incorporated.

*In accordance with Rule 17 of the Constitution,
 at the AGM on 2 March 2026, I the undersigned
 Member hereby nominate for the position of : -*

POSITION

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ President | ☐ Vice President |
| ☐ Secretary | ☐ Treasurer |
| ☐ Committee Member | |

	Full Name	Signature
NOMINEE		
	Full Name	Signature
NOMINATOR		
	Full Name	Signature
SECONDER		

CBC Officers Club Inc.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2025.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

LUNCHES	#	2025		#	2024	
		Expenses	Income		Expenses	Income
MARCH	34	-1,920	1,575	44	-2,307	1,625
JUNE	47	-2,304	2,069	44	-1,985	1,540
SEPTEMBER	41	-2,064	2,120	48	-2,235	1,610
BALLINA				72	-5,438	3,740
DECEMBER	74	-3,360	3,655	53	-2,940	3,575
Committee meetingd		-427			-609	
Refund bar tab for pre 2024		-600				
		-10,675	9,419		-15,514	12,090
Annual Fees			1,425			1,665
Prepaid Annual Fees - future years			1,155			1,065
Donations			4,291		-648	
Benefactor for transport		-789			-275	
Interest Received (+ \$582 TD interest)			4			776
Postages		-448			-313	
Printing & Copying		-803			-550	
Stationery					-154	
Website & software		-497			-1,152	
PO Box rental		-158			-154	
Fair Trading Expenses		-56			-54	
		-13,426	16,294		-18,813	15,596
NET Cheque Acct Surplus/Deficit		2,868				3,217
		16,284	16,294		-18,813	18,813

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS			
Term Deposits brought forward		\$10,000	18,000
transferred to/ from TDs (2025 TD interest)		\$582	-8,000
Term Deposits at end of year		\$10,582	10000.00
Cheque account brought forward		\$6,762	2,865
Interest on TDs (added to TDs)			
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year		\$2,868	-3,217
			6,762
LESS payments made after 31/12/24			-600
Cheque account at end of year reconciled		\$9,630	6,162
Benefactor's funds (in cheque account)		\$290	1,069
LIABILITIES			
LESS Annual Fees Paid in Advance		-\$1,155	-1,065
NET ASSETS		\$18,767	16,166

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SNIPPETS

Kevin & Kate EKE

Have just received the Newsletter and learned of Warren Ebbeck's passing in August.

Warren was the Assistant Accountant, Head Office, when I was transferred to Accountants Department, in 1964 and, as a "newbie" he was most helpful, in assisting me to settle in to the world of city banking, after 3 years of country service.

A dedicated officer, held in high regard by those who had the opportunity to work with him, I found him firm but fair, and his continued progress and appointments, over the later years, were a culmination of that dedication.

I had a further opportunity, after leaving the Bank's service, to catch up again with Warren, when he was Manager, Albury, and we enjoyed a very hospitable conversation of those memorable "Head Office" times, when Banking was all about our customers, unlike today's example. R.I.P. Warren, a wonderful Innings.

Unfortunately, Kate and I will be in Singapore, enjoying a well-earned break, when the December Christmas meeting is on and so, please pass on our apologies and convey our best wishes, for a great luncheon, a wonderful Christmas, an enjoyable festive season and, may 2026 bring continued good health, happiness and prosperity to all.

Kind regards,

Kevin GREENAWAY

Today, being the 26th January 2026, is special to me as it is the 72nd Anniversary of the first day of my Banking Career on Tuesday 26th January 1954.

72 years ago, now that makes me feel slightly old!

The whole country also celebrates my special day with a Public Holiday!

My Bank salary at that time was ?6/7/- a week. I had never had so much money.

Today's average wage earner gets that much every 12 minutes! Cheers,

Geoff and Jenny HARRIS

I'm sorry Geoff and I will be unable to make the luncheon due to family commitments that day.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Healthy New Year. Seasons regards

John HOWE

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the Christmas Lunch as I will be on a Cruise Ship arriving in Sydney on the 6th December 25.

Please accept my apologies as it will be very interesting at the new venue. I will forward my membership fees on my return.

Kind regards

John SHARP

I again apologise for my inability to attend the December luncheon due, of course to distance restraints.

Kind regards, and many thanks for all you do,

Bob YOUNG

Unfortunately, Robyn and I will have to miss the CBC Christmas Luncheon on 1st December.

We are both recovering from influenza "A" which we caught from one of the other residents in the Village. If you are going to catch the flu, apparently type "A" is the worst one to get.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hopefully we will catch up with you in 2026.

Kindest regards,

Bruce SOUTHERDEN

I hope you are well, as I am on the Gold Coast and approaching age 90 in April.



You may like to add these pictures into our website somewhere - of both sides of our metric conversion slide put out for branches to use in 1972. Mine is still handy on occasion.

Note the background colour orange, which was the colour adopted as CBC's standard in much of our signage per the corporate identity manual we produced following the 3-squares CBC formal identity (British Paints dubbed it "Monkey Blood Pink"). And the "Money Managers" theme we built on over some years to let it grow in public perception (and which I still feel was helpful in giving all our people a positive identity to feel good about),

Note also the reference to "700 offices" which I would have arrived at (truthfully lest someone might have challenged it) somehow although as best I can recall our number of branches was considerably less (I remember 200 opening during my ten years).

Judith LAING

Unfortunately I cannot get to any of the dinners but my loyalty still remains with the old CBC Bank.. Both my husband, **Warwick Laing** and myself spent many happy years in the CBC and then the NAB.

I am unable to get to the dinners but I still like to continue my membership. I have today paid my membership for this year and added \$50 as a donation. I love getting the newsletters and reading about the Staff I worked with. Please note my apology for the March dinner

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st December 2025 may be viewed on the club's website at www.cbcbank.com.au/News/Newsletters.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON



The venue



Attendees at Jackson's on George



John Wilmot with partner Bee Lim



**Ray Knight and David Wyndham (standing),
Rowan & June Raymond-Jones (seated)**



Jenny Bullen & Marlen Zelensky



Margaret Powell & Chris Cassar



**Ladies' table – Jennifer Harris. DaVIDd OWNS, Julie Fletcher,
Geoff Bartlett, Lesley Ellem, Joanne Wheeler Fran Ecob**



Wally Henretty & Calvin Moore



**Richard Prideaux, Life Membership
certificate & David Wyndham**

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You may be interested in the following article which was published in the latest issue of Westpac's retired staff quarterly newsletter.

into the ARCHIVES

BANKING ON CRICKET

With the past 'cricket-heavy' months of the Ashes Test and the climax of the BBL, there's been something for everyone for all types of cricket fans – Test purists, T20 lovers and those following the women's cricket.

What better time to reflect on the rich history of cricket at Westpac. The roots of the bank's cricketing tradition trace back to the 1882 Test Match, which gave birth to the Ashes.

In that inaugural Australian Ashes team were two banking employees; Hugh Massie, a batter from the Commercial Banking Company (who later became its CEO) and Frederick 'The Demon' Spofforth, a bowler from the Bank of NSW (now known as Westpac).

Inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2009, Frederick "The Demon" Spofforth was a true pioneer of the game. In 1879, he became the first bowler to claim 50 Test wickets and the first to achieve a Test hat-trick. Representing Australia between 1877 and 1887, Spofforth struck fear into English batsmen with his blistering pace and intimidating glare.

During the 1878 tour, he delivered an extraordinary performance - taking 110 wickets at an average of under 10.5 runs - while maintaining a respectable batting average of 13 across 28 innings.

Hugh Massie's impact on the 1882 Ashes Test at The Oval was nearly as decisive as Fred Spofforth's famed bowling heroics. In a whirlwind innings, Massie blasted 55 runs in just 57 minutes from sixty balls, striking nine boundaries to keep Australia in the fight.



A 'baggy blue' issued to members of the BNSW Cricket Team

His effort set the stage for a nail-biting finish, with Australia clinching victory by seven runs - a contest so tense that one spectator reportedly bit through the handle of his umbrella.

In the 1880s both the CBC and BNSW had their own cricket teams, inspired by the Australian team's victories abroad.

These teams became foundation members of the Sydney-wide City & Suburban Cricket Association.

The camaraderie and teamwork among employees at the time was apparent during the 1906 match

between CBC and BNSW, played at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

After each day of the three-day long slog, players would attend theatres, concerts and parties with their banking peers, even touring Sydney Harbour aboard the steam yacht 'Ena', owned by the CBC's CEO.



The 1960s BNSW Cricket Team at Sydney Cricket Ground

Throughout the years, cricket and banking remained closely intertwined.

The BNSW Cricket Club saw several future CEOs among its members, including Denison Miller, who became the first CEO of the Commonwealth Bank, and John Russell French, who served as BNSW's CEO from 1894 to 1921.

In 1933, practice nets were set up on the roof of the new Head Office at 341 George St in Sydney. Regular practice sessions took place each Thursday until the netting frayed, and balls fell through into Martin Place below.

For many seasons, the BNSW Cricket Club continued to play matches against other banks' teams and in local grade competitions. In 1967, the first Cricket Carnival between bank clubs was held at the SCG, and a special 'baggy blue' cap was issued to each member of the BNSW team.

Fast forward to today, as Westpac partners with Cricket Australia, another Westpac alumnus is making headlines.

Alex Carey, Australia's current wicketkeeper, spent a brief stint in Westpac's Adelaide contact centre in 2011. Like Spofforth, Carey faced a crossroads: continue in the corporate world or chase a sporting dream.

He chose the latter, and today, Carey is a fixture in Australia's Test side and a World Cup winner. Definitely one to watch.

By Kim Eberhard, Westpac Head of Historical Services

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IN MEMORIAM:

MEMBERS

Ray WINSLOW
Rowan RAYMOND-JONESD

NON-MEMBERS

Noel SHELLEY
Laurie TURNER

FAMILY

Carol BLOOMFIELD



Rowan RAYMOND-JONES 2 November 1939 - 23 January 2026

David Jobson

my sincere condolences to the family of Rowan on his passing. He was one of the fine people who served our bank and subsequently moved on to help in keeping us together in our Club.

Jo & Peter Beaumont

We were saddened to hear that we have lost yet another one of our close CBC colleagues. Rowan was always great company and a joy to be with. Sometimes quirky, but always thinking and as an example, being very helpful with following through with those having special diets.

Rowan remembered Jo's family from his Barraba days and loved reminiscing about the good old days. He will be dearly missed.

Robyn and Bob Handel

Most saddened that Rowan left us in such a relatively short time. I didn't have the opportunity to ever work with Rowan, except with the committee of our Officers Club for many years.

He served the Club, including assisting with preparation of the Club's constitution with Noel Crowley, when it became Incorporated. He was dedicated to the detail which involved us all within the Club's Committee.

My wife and I attended his funeral, and we send June and the family our very best wishes.

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Noel SHELLEY 1942 - February 2026

Brian Sandstrom

I regret to advise the recent death of Noel in Toowoomba.

He is survived by his loving wife Vivienne, children David and Sara, grandchildren Claudia, Jack and Joe.

Briefly some of Noel's movements-

Joined Millmerran, transferred to Sydney, ? later was Manager Darwin Office, following amalgamation to NAB, was Manager NAB Russell St. Toowoomba which was Regional Office Base. He was there in 1990 when I was at 441 Ruthven St. Toowoomba.

His wife Vivienne was ex CBC staff having joined at Boggabri. NSW.

Don Chancellor in Brisbane. via Ian Holsto

I understand Noel has been living in a Care facility for some time in Toowoomba.

Noel Shelley was not a member of the CBC Officers Club. From memory I think Noel was manager of Mackay and Toowoomba during the NAB period. Played Rugby Union for the Bank.

He married Vivienne Cassidy who worked with me at North Sydney in the 1960's.

I sang at their wedding in that lovely sandstone Presbyterian Church in North Sydney just below Shore School. The Cassidy's were related to a famous QC who acted for the Packer family and lived in a classic residence in Balmoral. Their wedding reception was held there and I remember it well despite having too much Champagne and singing Gilbert & Sullivan with all the oldies in the kitchen, whilst my partner on the night slept well in one of the bedrooms upstairs.

Vivienne's sister Katie was married to the late Garry Banfield.

We were talking at the CBC Luncheon at Ballina a couple of years ago and you were asking about Noel. In case you were not aware, unfortunately Noel passed away late last week in Toowoomba.

There are a few of us travelling up from Brisbane to say a farewell to Noel.

Cheers Ian

Elton Raymond (Ray) WINSLOW 28/04/1924 - 30/01/2026

David Wyndham, President advised: It is with great sadness we advise the passing of our Life Member Ray Winslow. He was 101, our oldest Life Member.

Ray was living in Dubbo at Masonic Gardens Retirement Village.

Ray commenced his CBC Service at Werris Creek in April 1941. Thence Inverell, War Service, back to Inverell, Nowra, Lindfield, Head Office, Gloucester, Mandurama, Grafton, Brisbane Office, Head Office, Dubbo Regional Manager. Retired April 1982.

His Banking Career was interrupted by World War II, when he served in the RAAF flying spitfires.

Whilst at Head Office Ray met his wife, Helen Charles, who worked in the ledger dept.

Ray is survived by his loving Daughter Barbara Edwards, his son Timothy, grandchildren Robert, Rachel and Tom and great grandchildren Harry and Matilda.

On attaining his 100th birthday a celebration in April 2024 was held at Dubbo RSL and attended by his family and many friends. He received a bottle of scotch from the Golden Oldies Cricket club and a Moët & Chandon gift hamper from the CBC Officers Club.

Fred Havison

Ray was a member of the CBC's RSL Sub Branch, and yet, like many of his ilk, never expanded on his war-time experiences at any of our meetings. I think it was indicative of Ray, and all our other WW2 members, that they didn't need to speak of their service and exploits...they all showed their stoicism and knew, in their collective memories, what they had done was their duty to fight fascism for their beloved country's future. No ifs or buts! Do their duty and come back to the Bank.

Alas, we will never again see the likes of these great Australian men, and women, who were the backbone of our once great CBC. Those of us who knew, and worked with them, learned so much, and for that I am so thankful.

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Carol BLOOMFIELD

4 December 2025

Ray Bloomfield Advised: It is with regret that I advise that my wife Carol passed away on the 4th at Goulburn Hospital Palliative Care after a long illness.

Carol worked for the CBC for 9 years at Newtown Branch and Crows Nest Branch Retiring in 1967.

She suffered Pancreatic Cancer in 2005 and subsequent chemo damaged her heart and destroyed her kidneys resulting in 20 years on dialysis Please let our members know.

David Wyndham

So sorry to hear the sad news of Carol's passing. These events are so sad notwithstanding her illness over such a long period.

We will advise members of her passing through the next CBC Newsletter.

We are thinking of you at this difficult time and all members would want us to pass on to you our deepest sympathies and thoughts. With Kind Regards

Laurie TURNER

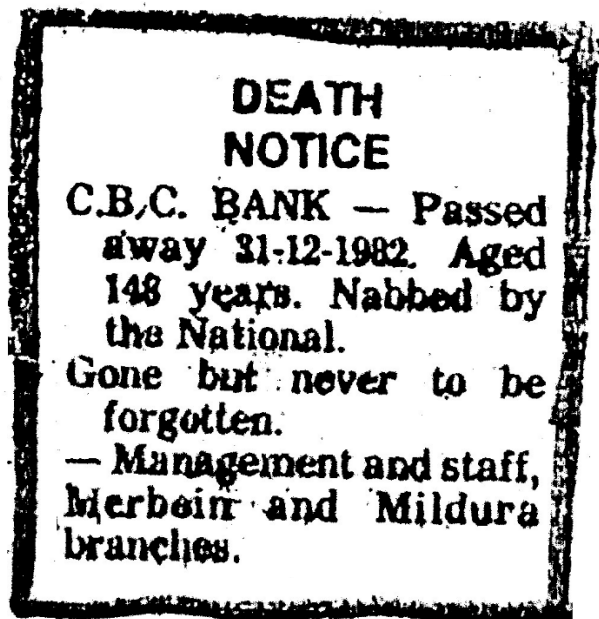
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Margaret

Very sad to hear of Laurie Turner's passing, I knew him and his wife Dawn when they were coming to our luncheons.

Laurie's sister-in-law is Jillian Gibb, also a CBC'er and a member of the Club.

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Thanks once again to all the contributors, and:

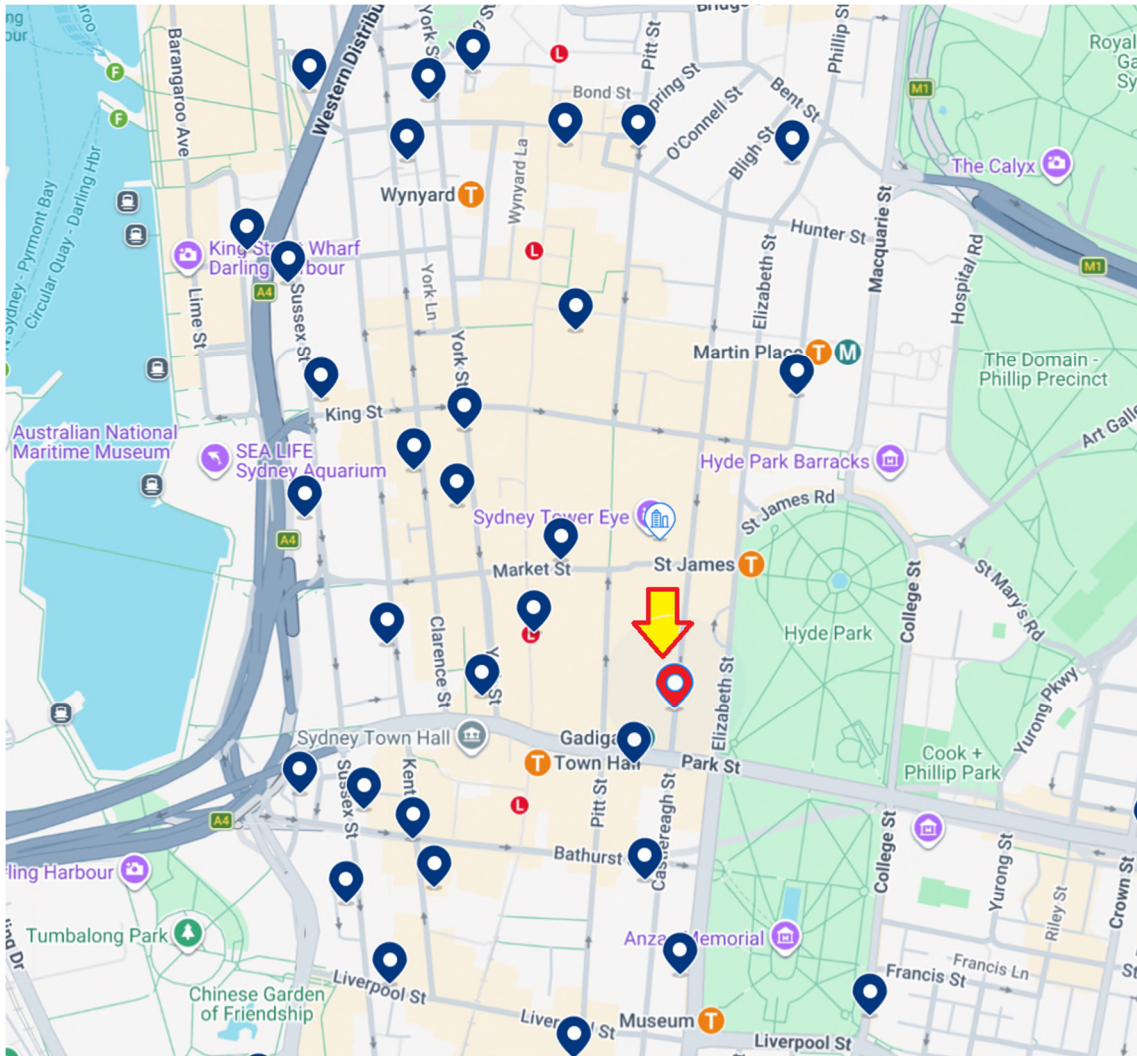
Margaret Powell for collecting funds, recording details in the database and the luncheon photos,

Mary Lamborn for the Minutes of the previous meeting

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

Paul Brett for distributing the printed newsletters.

Don't forget that the next venue will be at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel.



John M. Ness



John Ness,
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster