

CBC OFFICERS CLUB Incorporated

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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 1st June 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 25th May**.



Cunnamulla Qld branch by Arthur Low 2000.

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

I would like to attend the following meeting:

[] **Monday 1st June 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:-
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well what an enjoyable luncheon, AGM and general gathering we had in March.

We had 56 attendees at our new luncheon venue- Castlereagh Boutique Hotel in Castlereagh Street in the city in the wonderful dining room- Cellos on the 4th floor. The meal was excellent and the personnel looked after us so well. The venue holds 150 people so we all had plenty of room to gather and move around the tables we occupied. We have found our ongoing home for the future.

We had two members from Queensland who were in Sydney to attend a wedding and took the opportunity to come along to catch-up with many colleagues from the past.

We also presented a Special Membership Award to Norm Peverell for the fabulous job he has done as our Honorary Auditor over many years. Norm you are a true CBC gem.

As you all may be aware March is also our AGM time and we also want to thank Ray Knight for the great job he has kindly done for us in running the AGM over some years.

Existing Committee Members were elected unopposed and we are delighted that we have new Committee Members who were elected unopposed- Tony Adnum, Rick Reeks Pam Strykowski and Colin Ware. All great additions to the Committee and we look forward to working with them and their contributions over the next 12 months. We would like to thank all Members for the support shown to the existing and new Committee Members. Our commitment to the longevity of the Club remains and is very strong.

The new Committee has already met and had a very productive meeting. We want to have back-up for some long serving Committee Members who have been performing important tasks in the management and organisation of the Club for many years and this part of our meeting was very fruitful. More to follow.

We did make a decision based on the feedback we received from Members and have decided that in a close run thing the next Out of Sydney Luncheon will be held at Tamworth NSW on 17th October, 2026. More to follow when we have organised venue etc. You can however put that date in your respective diaries and we look forward to giving more details over the coming months and for the usual great attendance on the day. You Queenslanders who have supported the luncheons so strongly in the past are very welcome as usual and we love seeing our mates from North of the border and elsewhere for these special occasions. Lets see if the Members from NSW can outnumber our QLD Members at this next function.

On a personal note I would like to record my thanks for the wonderful work done by the existing Committee in the past 12 months. It makes my life so much easier because of the wonderful support we have in the Committee and the way we work together for the betterment of all Members. Also my congratulations to our new Committee Members.

Looking forward to our next luncheon in June- first Monday in the month at our new venue.

Kind Regards and Best of Health to everyone for 2026 and beyond.

David Wyndham, President

SNIPPETS

Leo SOUTHWELL

Many thanks for the Certificate, it brought back happy memories of my time with the Bank. I'd also like to thank and congratulate everyone involved in running the Club and continuing the spirit and culture of the CBC.

Kind regards to all,

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Geoff COAKLEY

I have been retired now for 5 years and not working in the city, and whilst you expect I would have plenty of time on my hands, I find it difficult to fit in a visit to the City. Likewise, being a member of the Lugarno Lions Club which has many projects and activities during the year, I was not able to commit to an executive role to support the Officers Club request recently.

I appreciate the memories from the informative newsletters and information about members.

Enjoy your luncheon tomorrow.

Thank you for your sterling job along with David and Mary keeping our memories alive.

Warm Regards

Mario Di BERNARDO

Mario sent in this photo of **Morpeth** branch.



Judith DIAS

I will be attending a wedding in Sydney and was advised about the lunch on the 2nd March, by my buddy Jenny Bullen. Since I now reside in Qld, it won't be possible to attend the luncheons held quarterly, and was wondering if it is possible to attend the lunch on the 2nd, with another friend, Grace Mediati, whom I haven't seen in 45 years as a once off this year.

We used to work for the CBC/NAB many years ago.

It will be a great way to meet a few more colleagues that we used to work with back then at Gladesville going back to the 70's!

Especially our old boss Doug Harding, who is a regular at the luncheons.

Thanks. Best Regards

Judith LAING, Tamworth

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.

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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.

I love getting the newsletters and reading about the Staff I worked with.

Neil (and Julie) RICE

Regret we are rarely in town for lunches but enjoy reading the newsletters. I met Julie a few years ago when she was a typist in the International Division (just upgraded from Overseas Dept) and needing my 6 months of expertise at Bankstown Branch. After 18 months National Service we wed and are still fortunately a happy couple after 54 years! Have lived all that time in Asquith but since retirement spend many months each dry season as volunteers helping run campgrounds for Nat Parks WA.

All the best,

Colin WARE

Here is one I took in 1954 during my time at **Dubbo** from 1953 to 1955. From what I have gleaned from various writings, the CBC Bank was the first bank established in Dubbo in 1867 and remained the only bank until 1876. This building was erected around 1906.

Manager, R.A. Burgess

Accountant, Cec Waddy

General Hand, Ken Bain

No. 1 Ledgerkeeper, Pam Neville

No. 2 Ledgerkeeper, Colin Ware.

As an aside, during the week leading up to 30 June 1954, Cec Waddy, the accountant, told Pam Neville and me as ledger keepers that from 1 July 1954 we were going off deferred posting and onto daily posting. At that time we were using bound ledgers and they were scheduled to be headed up and balanced. I simply told him we weren't going off deferred posting as we didn't have the time and he said that he would report me for insubordination. I just nodded and the joke was on him as I didn't know what that meant! Once I found out I was more than a little concerned. However, he didn't report me and we moved to daily posting three weeks later. Cec and I used to joke about that in later years when we were both based in the Sydney area.



Dubbo 1954

Garry STUART

Thank you for your letter of 10th March and the enclosed Life Member Certificate.

I reached the milestone of 80 last April 2025 and had totally forgotten about becoming a life member. Whilst for various reasons, I have not been able to attend any dinners in Sydney and only a few in Port Macquarie. I have always looked forward to reading the newsletters that have come out.

Apart from the usual aches and pains that go with age, my health is still quite good; I am still very much upright looking at the grass.

Please pass on my kind regards to all the members.

MARCH LUNCHEON PHOTOS:



The function room at Castlereagh Boutique Hotel



Gwen Smith, Terry Portus, Bill Crandell, Norm Peverell, Bob Handel, Colin Ware, Geoff McIntyre



Ian Christopherson, Bob Stubbs, Kevin Eke



Ray Knight, John Ness, John Williams, Paul Brett, Bernie Stewart



Marlen Zilinsky, Kim Naylor, Jenny Bullen



(from centre) Frank Scurr, Geoff Irvine, Mary Lamborn, Pam Strykowski



John Ness, Alan Crane, David Wyndham & Phil Treloar



Paul Brett presenting John Granata with his Life Membership of the CBC Golden Oldies Cricket Club



David Batchelor, Mario Di Bernardo, Geoff Pearson, Jeff Schembri, Jeff Bartlett, Russell Ecob, Cal Moore, Vic Beecraft



Colin Ware & Geoff McIntyre



Graeme Vine, Ross Clarke, Graeme Hockey, Doug Harding



Kaye Pitkin, Phil Pitkin, John Ingold



Rick Reeks & Tony Adnum



Kerry & Roslyn O'Connor, Gwen Smith



Grace Mediati and Chris Cassar



David Wyndham presenting Kevin Eke with his Life Membership certificate



David Wyndham presenting Norm Peverell with his Lifetime Achievement Award



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CBC GOLDEN OLDIES CRICKET CLUB

Season 2025/26 was not one of our better ones. Thirteen matches were arranged but only five were played. Of the eight cancellations, five were due to lack of players

On 14/9/25 we played Mid North Coast at Forster. Mid North Coast scored 3/156 from 40 overs and CBC replied with 6/121.

On 9/11/25 we played Sri Lanka Lions at Glossodia. CBC scored 9/119 from 35 overs and from 27.3 overs Sri Lanka Lions managed 5/120.

On 7/1/26 we played Central Coast Cyclones at Woy Woy. Central Coast Cyclones scored 7/215 from 40 overs. CBC replied with 9/147.

On 11/2/26 we played Hunter Lord's Taverners at Blackalls Park. Hunter Lord's Taverners scored 9/136 from 36 overs. CBC replied with 63 from 22.3 overs.

On 18/2/26 we played Port Jackson Cricket Club at Kensington. Port Jackson Cricket Club scored 3/180 from 40 overs. CBC replied with 4/100.

Our annual Intra Club match at Bradman Oval, Bowral on 8th February, 2026 for the Johnny Taylor Memorial Trophy, was washed out. We have booked Bradman Oval for Sunday 7th February, 2027 to play this annual fixture.

A big thank you to John Granata for all his hard work in arranging fixtures and chasing up players to arrange teams during the season. John is currently arranging fixtures for 2026/27 and chasing up players to enable full teams to be selected for our matches.

Tony Adnum

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IN MEMORIAM:

MEMBERS

Terry PHILLIPS
Dorothy ZAHN

NON-MEMBERS

Noel SHELLEY
Kerry McCRACKEN

FAMILY

Terry PHILLIPS 19/6/1939 – 5/2/2026

It is with regret that we advise the passing of Terry Phillips on 5th February, 2026, aged 86 years. Terry resided at Pt. Macquarie.

Terry joined the CBC Bank in January 1956 at Tamworth Branch. His service included Newcastle, Campsie, Maroubra, Bankstown, North Auburn, Granville, Elizabeth Street, Merrylands and Kings Cross. Terry's contemporaries may well remember him as a key player in the Bank's most successful rugby team which won the Burke Cup in 1963. He was an accomplished squash player and cricketer for the Bank and was also a good all-round sportsman who will be especially remembered.

Terry is survived by his wife Margaret, his two sons and a daughter.

Dorothy ZAHN (nee Bailey) - 19/09/1934 - 7/03/2026

Ian Holston advised: We are saddened to advise the passing of Dorthy Zahn – (Bailey), a Life Member of the CBC Officers Club.

She joined the service in January 1951 at Head Office, and continued at Haymarket Br, Manly and Elizabeth Street until September 1961. Her deceased husband John was a former officer at NAB.

Norm Peverell advised: I was on the staff at Elizabeth Street Branch while Dorothy Bailey was the Manager's (Mr EEH Kingsmill) typist. I remember when she announced her engagement to John Zahn, much excitement among female members on staff.

Dorothy was a popular member of staff and always ready to help. I have good memories

Noel SHELLEY

Received from **Don Chancellor** in Brisbane.

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.

Ian Holston advised: 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.

MCCRACKEN, Kerry Charles Warwick 03/01/1942 - 19/04/2026

Kerry McCracken passed away peacefully on Sunday 19th April 2026.

Dearly loved husband of the late Lorraine and loving father, and grandfather.

In accordance with Kerry's wishes a private family service has been held.

Kerry, aged 84 late of Aspley, was the former Queensland State Manager. Unfortunately details of his CBC service are not known. Those that know Kerry would understand that he has had a private funeral. A very private man wasn't keen on the limelight, but a great person to talk to. His brother Peter (RP McCracken) passed away in 2024 and his wife Lorraine died in 2013. To Kerry & Lorraine's family we pass on our deepest condolences. Thank you to Kerri Kleidon for these advices.

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Thanks once again to all the contributors, and:

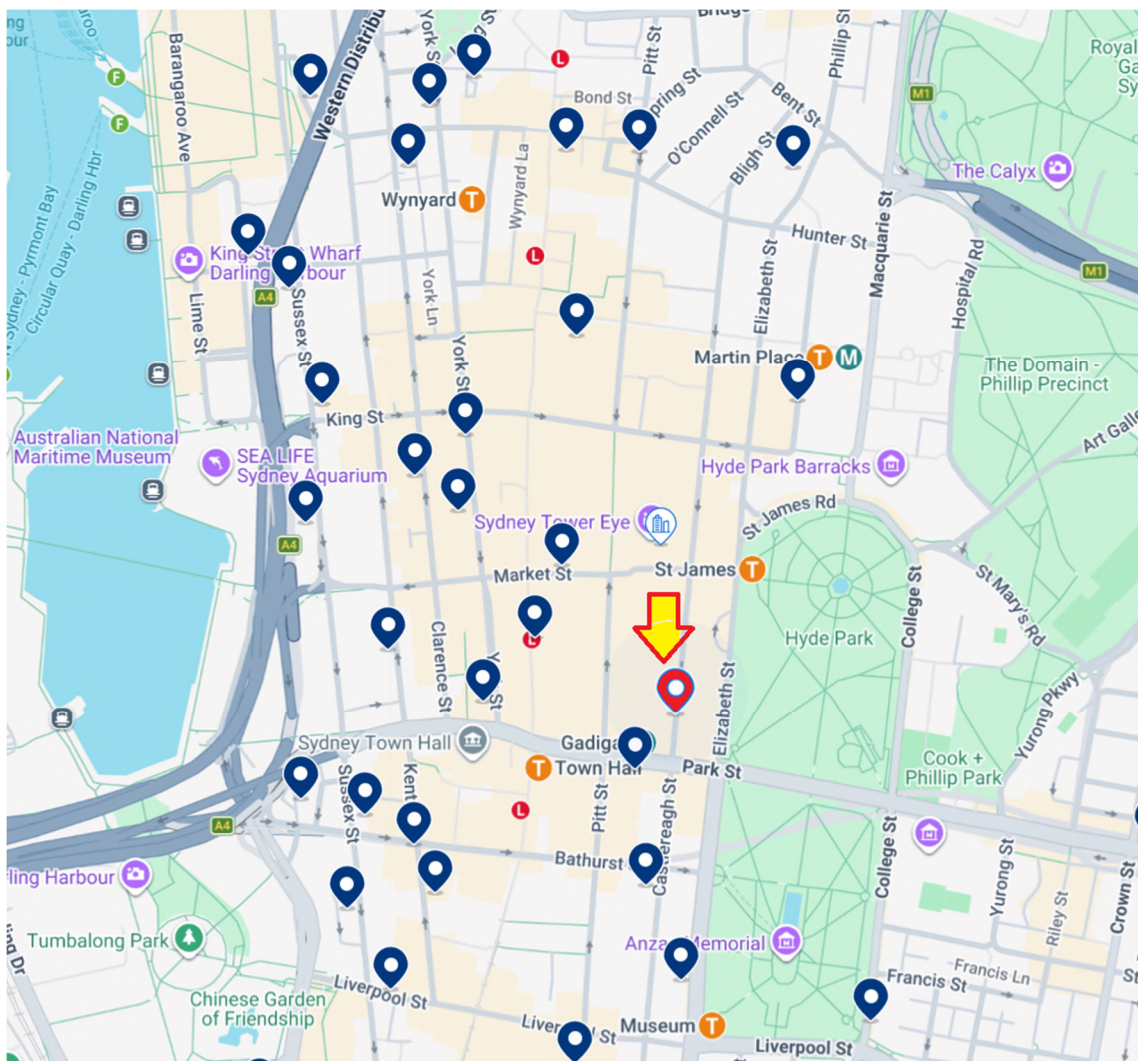
Margaret Powell for collecting funds, recording details in the database and the luncheon photos,

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