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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 7th September 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 31st August**.



**Tamworth, opened 1869
now a NAB branch.**



**Cronulla with Manager Alan King's car.
Bob Bird 2nd officer was in residence above.
provided by Bob Hargrave**

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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 7th September 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

Well the last luncheon at our almost still new venue was a great success. We had 52 attendees, the food continues to be delicious and well received by Members and the Staff at the Club continue to look after us very well. Atmosphere in the room is outstanding at these events.

We presented a Life Membership Award to Kevin Eke and a Special Achievement Award to Norm Peverell for the wonderful service he has given the Club as our long time Honorary Auditor. On a personal note I was very thrilled to receive my Life Membership Award and want to express my thanks to the Committee and Members for the honour.

The new Committee is working very well together and our new Committee Members are making valuable contributions to the Club through their varied interests in the running of the Committee.

As you will all be aware we have our next Out of Sydney Luncheon on 17th October, 2026 in Tamworth. We have obtained total usage of the dining area at The Sanctuary Inn at Tamworth. They are also offering reduced rates for accommodation at the motel for Members of the Club during their stay. You need to mention you are a Member whilst making your booking and we must advise that this advice to Members is not a recommendation. Cost is \$60 per head for a main course plus dessert and tea and coffee. Drinks of any sort are for Members own expense. Make a long weekend of the occasion.

We appear after a good deal of effort to have obtained notice in the community section of the Northern Daily Leader for publicity for the luncheon and we have requested one notice to appear shortly and a further notice in late September or very early October. This message will hopefully also be seen by many ex CBCers who are not Members of the Club. In addition we ask all Members to let their mates/ex-colleagues know of the occasion to see if we can ensure a very successful function. The same can be said of attendance at our regular quarterly Sydney luncheons.

The Committee is all looking forward to the next Sydney luncheon on the 7th September- we missed the first of September by 1 day as it is a Tuesday, and hoping we can continue with these very successful occasions in the future.

With every good wish to all our Members. Kind Regards

David Wyndham, President

SNIPPETS

Ian HOLSTON

Sad to read the news of John Webb's passing; one of the true gentlemen of the CBC.

On the social side of the Cricket Club, we were indebted to Margaret and John in 2000 when we had organised one of our "Money Managers" weekends in the Hunter Valley. We had conducted a most successful dinner in a winery on the Saturday evening with the late Arthur Morris as our special guest one of Sir Donald Bradman's 1948 Invincibles. On the Sunday we played a match between two CBC teams on the turf wicket at the Mulbring Cricket Ground, which we labelled as the "MCG", with its wonderful background of the Brokenback ranges

We then proceeded to a small restaurant nearby called "The Rose Cottage". Our special guest was the Late Jean Gillam, it was her 90th birthday and Margaret and John had driven her up from Castlecrag to celebrate her birthday as her late husband Ray had been one of our first two Life Members appointed by the club for their services to CBC cricket. It was a most memorable occasion and Jean was honoured by the occasion.

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Les Ryan

Regret unable to attend the forthcoming luncheon- please record an apology on my behalf.

It is unlikely that we will ever return to Sydney to live and visits will be rare. I will stay in touch and look forward to the Newsletters. Please pass on thanks to all those involved in their production and distribution. Hope you are well.

Regards,

Peter WILLIAMS

Hello David and team

Just a short note to say thanks for a great luncheon yesterday. The new venue is excellent and hopefully our home for some time to come

Kind regards

Marlen ZILINSKY



Marlen's daughter Caroline had another of her paintings featured as a finalist in the Archibald exhibition this year.



Caroline Zilinsky
Two Zimmermanns

oil on linen
137.5 x 122.4 cm

The Zimmermann sisters, Nicky and Simone, are iconic in the world of fashion. From humble beginnings at Sydney's Paddington Markets in the 1990s, they have become a global phenomenon.

This painting takes its inspiration from Frida Kahlo's 1939 work *The two Fridas (Las dos Fridas)*. 'When I sketched the sisters, Nicky remarked that the holding of hands was symbolic of the emotional support between them. In their other hands are a needle and thread that unites them,' says Caroline Zilinsky.

'I have replaced Kahlo's dark, moody sky with the glowing blue of the outback as a nod to the Australian iconography that informs their designs.

'I find it amusing that someone as poorly dressed as myself was charged with depicting two individuals who have shaped Australian and global fashion. The process felt like a child drawing princesses, and I allowed the colours to take the direction they wished. With the current state of the world, we could do with some colour and holding of hands.'

JUNE LUNCHEON PHOTOS:



Colin Ware & Peter Beaumont



Gwen Smith



**Frank Scurr, David Wyndham
& Norm Peverell**



Margaret Powell & Phil Treloar



**Julie Fletcher, Peter Beaumont
& John Ness**



**Mario Di Bernardo, Fran & Russell Ecob
Julie Fletcher & Peter Beaumont**



Bernie Stewart, Graeme Vine, Rick Reeks



John Kenny & Bill Crandell



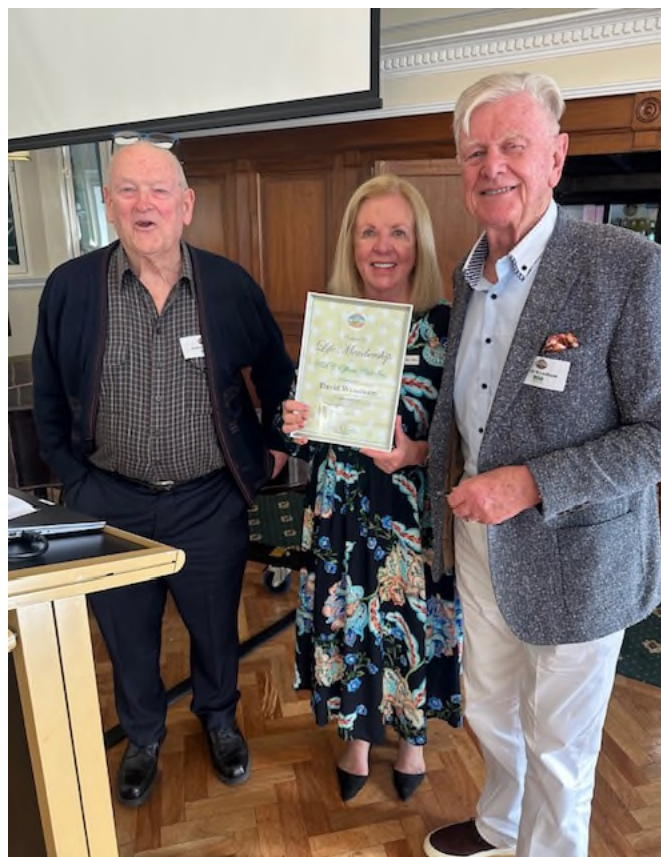
Darryl Semmler & Philip Reed



**Ian Christopherson, Michael O'Brien,
Darrell Leeson, Phill Treloar**



Ray Knight



**David Wyndham's Life Membership
certificate presented by Bob Handel &
Margaret Powell**



Dennis Lee, Richard Mion, Neil McManus



Doug Harding, Chris Cassar, Tony Adnum



Rozlyn Hayes, Margaret & Peter Sewell



Peter Sewell & Paul Brett



CBC GOLDEN OLDIES CRICKET CLUB

At the present time five matches have been arranged for the coming season.
The opening match will be against Mid North Coast at Tuncurry on Monday 14th September, 2026. Eleven players have confirmed their availability with another possibility. A good start to the season.
The other matches are as follows:
Hunter Lord's Taverners at Toronto on Wednesday 14th October, 2026.
Port Jackson Cricket Club at Kensington on Wednesday 21st October, 2026.
Johnny Taylor versus Hugh Massie Intra Club match at Bradman Oval, Bowral on Sunday 7th February, 2027.
Hunter Lord's Taverners at Toronto on Sunday 14th February, 2027.
John Granata is continuing his quest to arrange further matches and find a "home" ground after the loss of Woodlands Park, Wilberforce.
The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday 9th September, 2026.

Tony Adnum & Paul Brett

MEMORABILIA



Dubbo 1954 by Col Ware



Cassilis in 2025



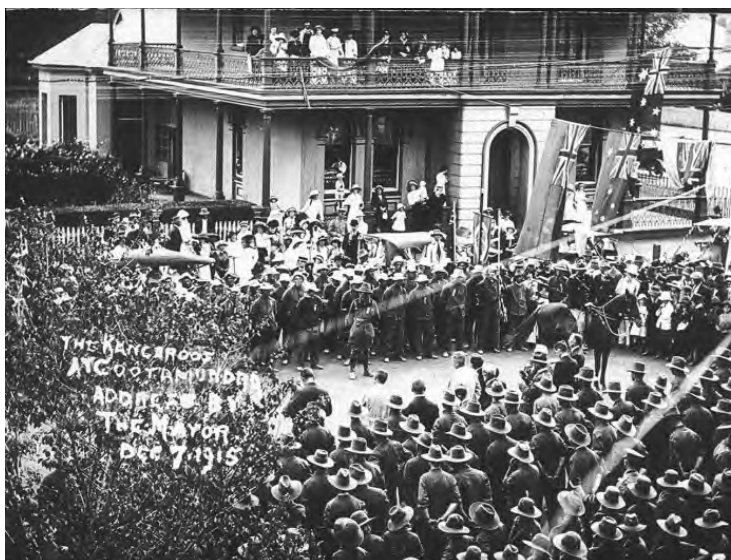
**Goodooga branch & residence
1963**



Weethallie 1963 by Doug Hargrave



**Frank Scurr & Norm Peverell
from Current Accounts 1969**



Cootamundra 1915



Cronulla 1957

Alan King, Manager
Doug Hargrave, Junior ledger
Bob Bird, 2nd officer
Mary Lamont, ledger machinist



Murwillumbah 1956 a year before Ian Holston joined, taken by his friend Ross Johnston



Surfers Paradise 1974 panorama (CBC is the blue building)



Bank of Victoria, Camperdown



Molong, NSW 2026

IN MEMORIAM:

MEMBERS

Col GARNER
John WEBB

NON-MEMBERS

FAMILY

Jean DITCHFIELD

Jean DITCHFIELD 31/8/1939 – 4/5/2026

Richard Nott wrote: Mark Ditchfield, Jean's son, advised that his mother died. Jean was 86 and I have known the family well since I came to Sydney in 1964 and worked with her husband John as instructors at the junior/Teller training courses and I owe a lot to John in encouraging me to undertake various study courses. He died shortly after the merger and Jean is survived by her two children Mark and Elizabeth with a group of grand- children, and surviving brothers in law well into their 90's living in the country. I became a de-facto guardian to her son Mark upon her husband's death and helped steer him through a successful career in the corporate world.

David Wyndham advised: Sad to read of Jean's passing.

I well remember the Nott /Ditchfield Team at Kings Cross for Teller/Junior courses and the temptations of big bad Kings Cross for poor unsophisticated juniors at the time.

I did not ever meet Jean but am sure she will be sadly missed by their children.

Col GARNER 31/8/1949 – 4/5/2026

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of our brother, Col, following a long and courageous battle with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia.

Col was predeceased by his wife, Patricia, formerly of the Riverstone Branch. He is survived by his three sons, Matthew, Brad and Trent, their partners, and eight grandchildren.

Col joined the CBC in Gloucester in 1967 and served at The Entrance, Riverstone, Fairfield, Head Office, Pitt Street, Bathurst Street, North Auburn and Parramatta. He later managed the Katoomba, Toukley, Macksville, Lismore and Forster branches before retiring in 1997.

Col will be fondly remembered by his family, friends and former colleagues.

Kind Regards Alan Garner 0418 187724

John WEBB 28/6/1942 – 27/6/2026

Ian Holston: Sad to read the news of John's passing, one of the true gentlemen of the CBC.

I have known John for some considerable time and always had respect for his advice on Legal matters in the marketing area in both CBC and then NAB.

His advice was always received promptly and his opinion respected
After leaving the Bank and setting up the CBC Golden Oldies Cricket Club Inc. the Club sought his opinion and advice on legal matters setting up the Constitution and Incorporation of the Club which we had modelled on another club which some of our members were then associated .

John joined the CBC bank at Moss Vale, NSW on 17.2.1958 working as a junior, then ledger keeper/receiving officer.

He transferred to Willoughby, NSW branch on 23.11.1961 as a second officer.

He then transferred to Branch Securities [Legal] Head Office on 10.4.1964.

John held various positions in this department until his appointment as Assistant Chief Securities Officer on 21.6.1971

He was then appointed Chief Securities Officer on 20.6.1973.



He was Chief Securities Officer of NSW/ACT when CBC and National banks merged on 1.1.1983.

John retired on the 7.7.1995.

Thanks once again to all the contributors, and:

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

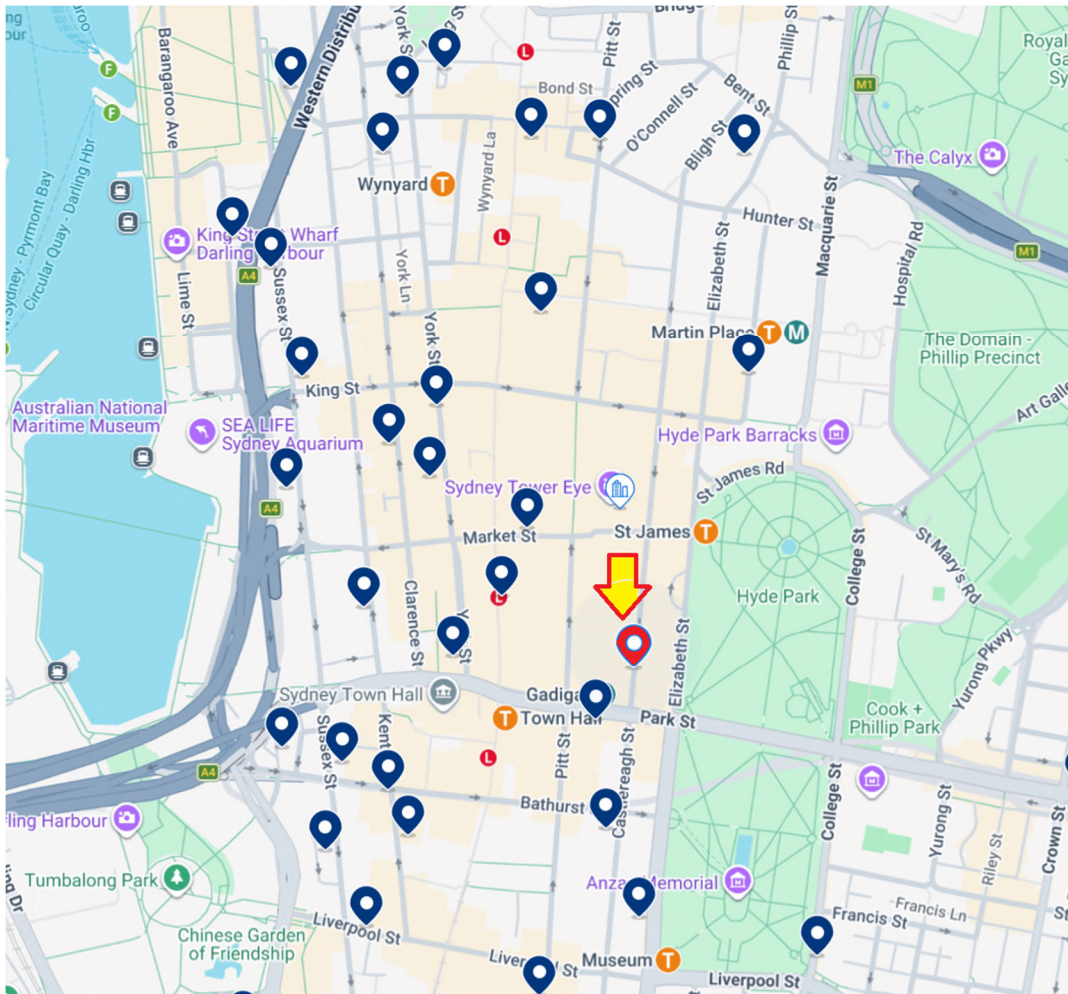
Pam Strykowski for the Minutes of the previous meeting

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 lunch will be at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel.

The Tamworth Out of Sydney luncheon will be on Saturday 17th October.



John M. Ness



**John Ness,
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster**