

MAYFIELD BRANCH HISTORY

The Mayfield Branch was opened in 1921 as the National Bank of Australasia LTD at 280 Maitlands Road (corner of Waratah Street) Mayfield as a Receiving office. It became a branch on the 16th May 1922 and was then downgraded to a branch in 1923. It was upgraded to a branch in 1923, it was then downgraded to a Receiving Office 1st October 1933. In 1934 it was upgraded to a Sub Branch. It was upgraded to a branch in 1942.

The first Manager was J.A.McDonald. The Manager in 1956 was Hugh McNeil and he was overtaken by John Newman in 1956. He then left in 1959. The new Manager in 1959 was Mr.R.A. Plaisted. In 1986 the Manager, was B.J.Blakeney.

- as a Memorandum, Metropolitan Office, Statement for 27th June 1921 - was submitted.

Staff Changes - were dealt with as per Register.

Bonds Stocks C. It was reported that £10,000 Victorian 5½% stock has been sold at 98% net, the book value being 98½% - This was approved.

Red Form applications Nos 1803 to 1807 were considered and dealt with as per Register.

Bills discounted and purchased, totaling £28,139:12:11, as per Register, were confirmed.

Bank Premises, Mayfield, NSW - Tender of Thomas Southon at £2,770 for erection of new premises, was accepted.

Red Form applications from Victorian Branches were considered and dealt with as per Register.

Staff Changes, Victorian Branches were approved as per Register.

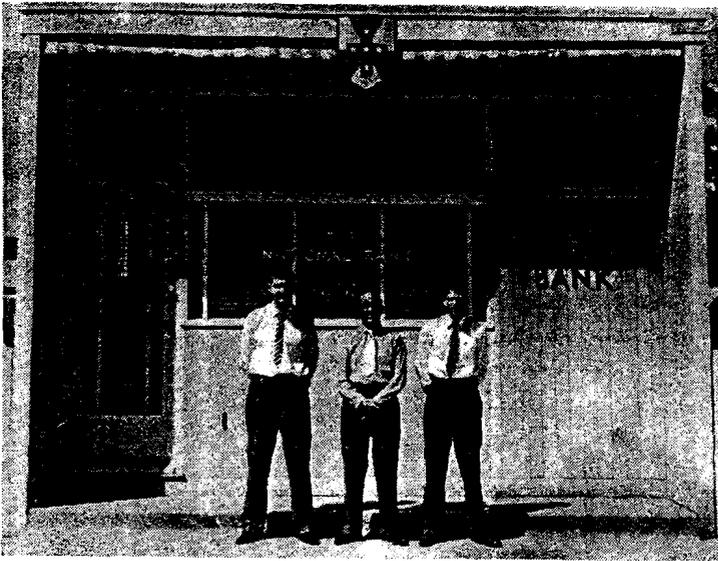
Read and confirmed
Monday 11th July 1921.

John Grace
Chairman

Thursday

7/7/21.

NATIONAL BANK BOARD MINUTES



LAVINGTON NTH. ALBURY JUNCTION

Lavington/North Albury Junction staff pose for the "Nautilus" camera outside their attractive temporary premises: Left to right —Frank Willmot, N. C. Bell (Manager) and Bruce James.

ORANGE PARS

Orange Branch greets "Nautilus" readers again with a few short pars. concerning the staff.

Our staff consists of six: Mr. H. J. Rose, Manager, who has been with us since April, 1956; Accountant D. J. Maddison; Teller David Bowditch; Ledgerkeeper "M" June Matthews; Typiste/Clerk Margaret Cameron; and Junior Graeme Weeks.

In farewelling Ledgerkeeper Peter Stephenson to the Relieving Staff, we congratulated him on attaining his majority. June Matthews, previously our Typiste/Clerk, has taken over from Peter.

Margaret Cameron, who joined the Service here in 1951 and departed for Broadway Branch in 1957, has returned to replace June as Typiste.

David Bowditch, who will be leaving us for Liverpool Street, is to be replaced, we understand, by Gordon Grainger from Molesworth Street, Lismore, Branch.

Graeme Weeks, who came to us from Hastings, Victoria, Branch, has settled down well, but regrets he cannot indulge his hobby of sailing.

That's all for now; best wishes for '59 to all our friends and fellow officers.

FROM "TICKLER BOX" TO "NAUTILUS"

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Once again our "Tickler Box" reminded us of our pleasant duty to report to our friends through "Nautilus."

Several staff changes have taken place during the past year: Mr. J. M. Newman, our former Manager, was bidden farewell by a small gathering of staff members from Newcastle, Newcastle West and Mayfield Branches when he left the Newcastle District to take up the position of Manager Wagin Branch in his home State of Western Australia;

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Malcolm Wade reported for duty as Teller Dubbo, but since then we understand he has been "slinging" a rifle over his shoulder doing his National Service Training; and Col Dunn, our former Teller, should, by now, be having no trouble in saying "Hello" to familiar faces at Parkes.

In their places, we have welcomed Mr. R. A. Plaisted, from Gnowangerup (W.A.) Branch, as Manager, Ron Wilkinson, from N.S.W. Relieving Staff and formerly of London Office, as Teller, and Selwyn Taylor, from Newcastle West Branch, as Ledgerkeeper. Mara Evalks was transferred from Albury Branch and took over the Junior duties from Palela Vaughan who has since resigned from Newcastle West Branch to be married. Wedding bells were ringing in Mara's ears when she resigned on Christmas Eve and returned to Albury to be married. Our best wishes went to both girls for their future happiness.

Regarded as "permanent" members of the staff are amiable Accountant C. H. Robins and Typiste-Clerk Peggy McCall, while our newest member is Junior Clerk Brian Smith who has just joined the Service.

Our big social event of the year was held at Newcastle West Branch when the staffs of Newcastle, Newcastle West, Maitland and Mayfield Branches, together with their wives and friends, celebrated our Bank's centenary. A wonderful time was had by all.

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URGENT REMINDER !

**DEADLINE JUNE ISSUE—
APRIL 28**

**Address Contributions:—Nautilus,
C/o Your Capital Office**

LEDGER DEPARTMENT

Ledger Department have decided to celebrate the move to their new premises on the 1st floor with a note to "Nautilus".

There was great excitement when the date was finally set for this **Great Event**. What a vast difference to our old cramped quarters! We find we can now walk (or slide) quite a way without bumping into anybody. The place looks very gay and bright, with flowers on every window sill, and there is great rivalry between the Ledger Sets as to who has the best display.

Guess who the "Customer" was that Lyn Jordan found wandering around the banking chamber looking lost and worried? With her usual charm she asked him could she assist, only to be courteously thanked in a "Broad English Brogue." Surprise! Surprise! We all thought Mr. Chapman was well known!

Have you seen Mrs. Donald lately? Nearly lost behind the Manager's old desk doing the new rates! About time, Ruth, after the cramped working space of former years.

Joan Wyatt's looking very glamorous in a new model pair of red glasses and Pat Jones feels quite "high society" after shaking hands with Lord and Lady Mountbatten at a Reception held in their honour at the Trocadero.

Nancy Price, Margaret Talbot, Joan Wyatt and Joan Cleary are flashing diamond rings third finger left hand. The first Engagements in Ledger Department for many a long year! Engagements affect different people in different ways. Margaret seemed to fare badly—she has just returned after a fortnight's sick leave!

"Special" set have now returned to the fold after being absent for quite a few months. They couldn't stand the mad rush in our old quarters, so gathered up their belongings and a few machines and took themselves off to the peace and quiet of the 2nd floor.

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This is, as far as we can find out, the first contribution to Nautilus that has been made from Mayfield Branch since commencement of business in 1921!

The Branch is situated right in the middle of all the steel mills with which the district abounds, and as a result soot and grime is not uncommon.

Hugh McNeil having recently departed for Brisbane, the reins are now held by John Newman (late of Midland Junction, W.A.), who is finding that paspalum and ki-kuyu grows a lot faster over here than they do in the West.

Charlie Robins, as Accountant, has the difficult job of keeping the staff in line, but he carries it off with a skill and verve that is admired by all.

Barry Cooper, our dynamic Ledgerkeeper, is at present on holidays in his home town of Woodenbong (don't ask us where that is), and Malcolm Wade is handling the relief.

Our Typiste/Teller's Clerk, Peggy McCall, spends her out-of-office hours leading a girls' hockey team.

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The situation looks grim in this photo. of Molesworth Street, Lismore; but despite that, damage was small; the town and the Bank having a lucky escape.

Scene. Lismore N.S.W. (Never So Wet!).

Dramatis Personae. Male Officers, Molesworth Street, Branch (Chadney, Dedman, Endean).

Act. In a Canadian-type canoe, imagine the above D.P. paddling along the city streets at 9 a.m., Sunday morning, 19th February, followed by ironical Red Indian war-whoops! Neither red carpet on the steps nor welcome party awaited their arrival at the end of their hazardous journey—the steps of Molesworth Street Branch! At least one member of the party had felt chary of accepting the invitation to embark about one mile from the "workhouse", and would probably have found urgent business elsewhere except for the thought of the scorn of the many junior "Davy Crocketts" milling around at the point of embarkation! Before the Branch was reached, said member more than once felt like getting out to walk (and several times almost did so without the wish!), but fortunately no casualties were suffered.

'Twas a "fortunate" introduction to flooding for some of the staff. Adequate warning of the impending floodwaters on the Saturday, combined with sunshine on the Sunday, minimised what could have been a nasty situation. The electricity and 'phone services were unaffected, and as there was a good supply of water (in this case from taps!) we soon had the Bank cleaned up with the assistance of cleaner, Ted Simes, and his hose. Monday, saw "business as usual", and, although there were many weary men about, all were thankful that the damage had been small.

Only further incident occurred some days later when a use was found for a round ruler (Norm Taylor please note). A snake (reported to have infiltrated from the Bank of N.S.W. next door) met a sad fate in the Banking Chamber! Another met a similar fate when he (?) approached the Enquiry counter a week or so ago. It was rumoured that he was about to ask, "When are you going to open your Savings Bank?" If so, his sudden end was most appropriate!

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branch for so long, is now Second Officer at our newly formed Leichhardt Branch. Bill Frew and Bob Lanyon are frequently affording relief duties here, in fact, they are almost "one of us."

Although Mrs. Joyce Llewellyn now reports here every afternoon to assist our typistes, their endeavours are oftentimes accompanied by very strong adjectives, even Daphne Pike says "dash" instead of "blow" now! We have been so busy down there that even our singing Junior, Cec. Davey, has not had time to sing. Speaking of singing, Bob Somerville has had several successes in quartettes, duets and choir items at a recent Eisteddfod.

Recent arrivals at Royal Exchange are Kevin Bryant, Relieving Officer John McConnell and Mr. C. E. Woodman, who has now taken up his position as General Clerk after a long illness.

Occasionally our Ledger Department has a little difficulty in its weekly balance, but we think our Chief Clerk, Charlie Ludlow, has ten times more bother in balancing the clean and soiled towels each week.

On the occasion of their birthday on August 16th, our Ledger Department "twins"—Shirley Taylor and "Sully" McAlpin—were each presented with a large all-day sucker and a luscious cake. We believe there was some "wild" celebrating later in the day at Christy's.

TAREE

Here is a little of our background. Strawberry and paspalum grass are the backbone of this area and our dealings are mainly with the species of "homo sapiens" known as the "cow cocky." We have E.1 water and sewerage, also bowls and golf. The nearest surfing beach is 10 miles away. As this is a safe Country Party electorate, Mr. Chifley with his petrol tax, etc., has never heard of us nor our roads. We visit the capital cities each year mainly to see what a few miles of bitumen road looks like. However, we have our fun inside and outside the office. Inside—as when the Manager asked the customer if he was pleased with the girl his son had just married. "My word, she is a great girl," was the reply. "I have been on the Manning for 44 years and she is the best milker for a woman that I have seen in all that time." There you are girls, you need a lot of S.A. (Strawberry Appeal) to put it over on the North Coast if you aspire for a rural career as an unpaid domestic.

Our present staff is four but if any Victorian readers would like to add to our number, we would be pleased to hear from them. However, they will have to conform to the standard physical requirements of the staff, viz., height 5ft. 10ins. to 6ft., and weight 13 to 16st. We cannot let the standard slip.

WAGGA WAGGA

On Bankers' Holiday about eighty bankers from all over the Riverina congregated on the local golf course to do justice to the game.

Messrs. Whitebrook and Wadson won for the National the teams' match and were presented with a £15 trophy which we hold for the ensuing twelve months. Gordon Whitebrook also won the "B" Grade event, thereby making it a real National field day.

MAYFIELD IS SAYING . . .

Although we are so close to the heart of the coal industry we are not without our troubles. During the recent rationing of domestic heating we wrote to a customer requesting him to confirm a bad signature. His reply contained the following:—"Any departure of my signature from the normal I must put down to the recent weather conditions and restrictions on domestic heating. I appreciate your enquiry and am pleased to know that someone is looking after my interests."

Although this is probably our first appearance in "Nautilus," we are not neglected in the local press as the following extract will show:—

Face Lift

"Mayfield Shopping Block is now undergoing a much needed facial. We notice that the commencement was made at the right spot, the Grand National, first, and then followed by others in sequence. We know that businessmen and all concerned will look upon the painting and general work now being carried out as a good omen for the future, when, we understand, business will become bigger, better and keener with the advent of a newcomer to the field."

The latter part of the extract refers to the arrival of the Wales in our midst.

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ADELAIDE OFFICE

Adelaide Office, we feel, is the centre of the "New Look", in S.A.—and this is not only a reference to the ladies' fashions. Stu. Loutit reverted to his old favourite, the bow tie, but his post-war adornments are bigger and much brighter than the pre-war variety, making Share Dept. a definite eye-catcher (no wonder business is better!). Hal Rodda followed the fashion in Ledgers, and with the latest cost of living rise becoming due, we expect more to present a colourful appearance in readiness for the Royal visit.

The Staff Club held a picture evening in the Staff Rooms on 29th July and an interesting programme of gazettes was shown for about 1½ hours, after which refreshments were served. Later the old walls resounded with music and "singing" as a few dances were enjoyed with Val Clisby and Aub. Welsby (plus pipe) taking turns at the piano. Val has since appeared in the chorus of "Carmen" at the Tivoli, and her training for punching ledgers was evident in the fighting scenes.

Quite a good representation from the National attended the Bankers' Ball this year and met in the Staff Rooms beforehand for a savoury or so. The Ball was very