

Mr Anthony (Tony) John Panos
5th January 1944 – 15th February 2022
Member of the League
Roll No.237



Tony was employed by the CBC Bank from 1962 until 1995. He joined the CBC London Office straight from School and employed in the Banking Branch.

In 1960 Tony married Noreen, the love of his life. With all his family in England they immigrated to Australia as “10 Quid Tourists” in 1965. ‘We travelled from Tilbury via the Panama Canal & New Zealand, on the Italian cruise vessel MV Flavia, took six weeks. First cruise and longest paid holiday I ever had’.

On arrival in Sydney in 1965 Tony was appointed to the Overseas Department at CBC Head Office, dealing with customers importing and exporting. He considered these the best years of his career. Over the years Tony was promoted and transferred to CBC Royal Exchange

Branch and became Manager International, dealing with shipping companies especially Wilhelmsen Shipping Company in Sydney who were agents for Royal Viking Cruise Line.

Tony and another staff member would board the cruise vessels for the exchange of foreign currency for passengers & crew. Initially this was done alongside and then requested to join vessel sailing down the harbour and finally at the heads. Tony and assistant scaled the pilot ladder of the moving vessels with a bag of cash and a Webley 38 in a shoulder holster. Tony's day job was assisting various export customers and promoting the banks services. During his four years at the Branch, over \$200,000.000 worth of exports were handled and staff increased five-fold. Later Tony was transferred to International Service Head Office Branch doing much the same work.

In 1982 the CBC was taken over by the National Bank (now National Australia Bank). Tony remained in the International Division for some years then transferred to Branch banking as a Lending Manager and left the bank in 1995. He then worked in Telesales for two companies until 2007 and then retired.

Tony's two great passions after his wife Noreen & his family were his interest in the American Civil War with an almost encyclopaedic memory and his miniature soldier collection.

Tony died two days after attending his granddaughter's wedding and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Information from bio that Tony wrote for The Port Club.