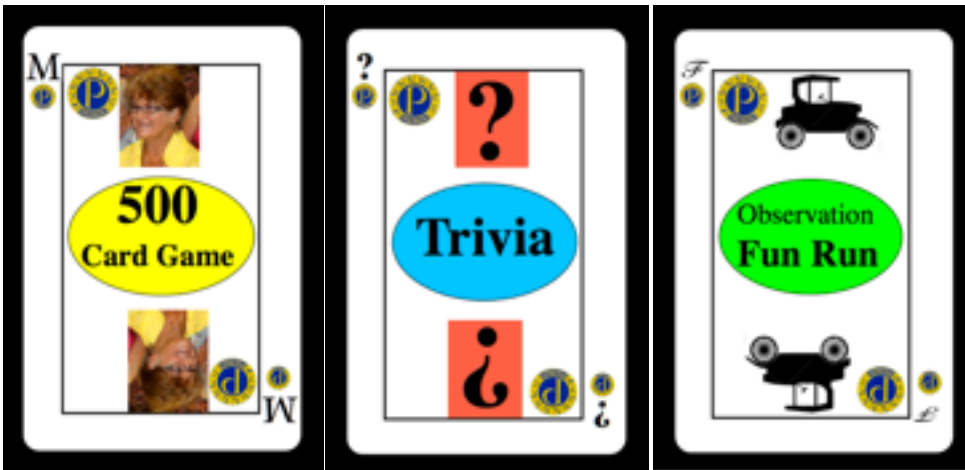


Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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Choices a-plenty



AMPC members have never had such an array of activities to choose among. Most of these are low cost or virtually free. Others are inspirational, with much in between. You can opt for simple personal enjoyment — or do something useful for society. There are trips away to Broken Hill and far-off Cairns, another to the Temora Air Show. There's Mahjong, Movies, there's Snooker, and Theatre parties, Philately and Circle Dancing are on offer. There are 5th Thursday BBQs, monthly walks, 500 Card game, Trivia and who knows what else is in the pack of cards. Why not just shuffle along?



“Well, where have you been?”, asked putative member Rastus Braithwaite. **“Fooling about as usual!”**

“Oh, hi there, Rastus”

responded fellow putative member Ambrose Nuther.

“I’ve been looking at how well our Club has been getting on lately.” And he added: **“That president Myrtle really put some life into it.”**

“Hmmp. All this change. It’s becoming a circus” sniffed Rastus. **“And what do you mean, ‘our’ club? They still have some standards for whom they let in. Certainly not you.”**

“Look who’s talking! By the way, how do you like the Bulletin these days?”, enquired Ambrose.

“At least that is something they have got right. Much better. Quick to read. Good plain headings.” And he added, **“And none of that awful flim-flam!”** **“What about the Committee?”** **“Much better now, too. That Bally Whatsit is telling jokes again. And that Felicity is a good secretary at last. I’m thinking I might join up.”**



Next meeting

Thu. 2 June 2016
 in the Bowling Club

Registration 10.15 a.m.
 for a 10.30 start

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Committee page



At the Committee meeting held in the Bowling Club on 12 May there were, going round the table from the left: Barbara Williamson (away trips), Robin Roberts (VP-elect), Con Caratzas (cttee), Kevin Brogan (asst treas.), John Channon (Bulletin), Denise Mayhew (welfare and VP), Sandra Death (asst secretary/historian), Phyllis Davies (secretary), Barry Willick (president), Vince Hughes (treas.), Mary Potter (past pres.), Yenda Holland (cttee: obscured), Angus Dougall (asst-asst tours/excursions), Jane Platts (asst tours/excursions), Evelyn Olney (cttee) and Sunny Dougall (guest observer). Not present: Kerry Bower (tours/excursions) Jeremy Steele took the photo.

May committee meeting

Barry Willick, president, reports on the 12 May 2016 Committee meeting:

John Channon, Sandra Death and Vince Hughes are looking at a proposed new constitution, for Probus South Pacific. This is not a change to the AMPC constitution.

Should any member wish to have *Active Retirees* to read on line, this can be arranged from the PSP website at a cost of \$8 per year.

Angus Dougall added an outing to Woy Woy, in May.

Members are urged to support the Club's Car Fun Run on 16 June: \$15 each person plus lunch at own expense.

Microphone problems at general meetings await updating of the system by the Bowling Club.

At general meetings, the front table arrangement will be modified so that those at the table do not look into the light from the projector.

Organisers of all activities are required to have with them an incident report, an insurance currency certificate, and a list of members attending with each person's name ticked off —and preferably initialled.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vince Hughes reported on the financial affairs of the Club as at 30 April 2016:



Treasurer's Report - as at 30.4.2016

Income received for year to date	\$7,744
offset by expenses of	\$3,757
year to date surplus balance	\$3,987
Add previous years surpluses of	\$8,065
gives an overall member surplus of	\$12,052
... This surplus consists of cash of	\$14,234
less liabilities - mainly activities paid in advance	\$2,270
Total member equity	\$11,964

Vince Hughes 30-Apr 2016

Editorial

Dear readers. It has been a pleasure doing this *Bulletin* for you, and inflicting some flim-flam on you once again. New members will probably not like it — perhaps just like most of you don't. But your guest editor has been delighted to re-visit some old friends.

Jeremy Steele



Outings 2016



Jane Platts, assistant Tours/Excursions organiser, has advised that the following are planned for 2016:

JUNE

Date: 16 June
Event: Observation Fun Run

JULY

Date: 21 July
Event: Christmas in July: Waterview, Berowra

AUGUST

Date: 18 August
Event: TBA
[No booking possible for Victor Chang Institute & Art Gallery in 2016]

SEPTEMBER

Date: 15 September
Event: Garden Island Tour

OCTOBER

Date: 20 October
Event: AMPC Birthday Barbecue, Bobbin Head

NOVEMBER

Date: **Friday** 18 November
Event: NSW Government House (NB: **Fridays** only)

DECEMBER

Date: 1 December
Event: Christmas Lunch, Asquith **Bowling** Club

June 16 th	ABC Studio Tour
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The tours organisers advise that the ABC Studio Tour, previously advertised for 16 June, has been replaced by the Observation Fun Run. The Studio Tour is now likely to be scheduled for sometime in 2017.

Welfare



Denise Mayhew (Welfare Committee member) reports that three AMPC members were admitted to hospital in April/May and are now undergoing physiotherapy. Sonia Hayes is in Hornsby Hospital recovering from a fractured ankle, and both John Cole and Nancy Fisher are at Mt Wilga. John tore quad tendons away from his knee, and Nancy had carpal tunnel surgery. On behalf of all members she wishes all three a speedy recovery.

She also reports that Wal Gamble and Nev Thornton have both recovered from falls, thankfully with no long term effects.

Rosemary Davies was present at the May monthly meeting, having recovered from a virus that had led to her hospitalisation. Continued prayers and love were sent her way.

Observation Fun Run

The June monthly outing will be completely different. All those who normally go on the AMPC outings will probably want to be in it. But those who have not tried one for a while



might well be thrilled to give this one a go. This is not trudging off to museums. It is not a half-marathon sports competition, in spite of its name. This is a day out, doing it yourself, or rather with a companion, in the comfort of

your own car. So no running at all.

The 'Observation Fun Run' is an Angus Dougall initiative. It is he who has worked out every aspect of what is to be done on the day. However, the *Bulletin* cannot reveal what this program entails, for tight information security is part of the anticipation and surprise of the event.



There is no cause for concern. Members have been repeatedly assured that Olympic aspirants are not the target participants for this challenge. Instead, who this day is for is AMPC members of all ages and dispositions. 'Fun' is what this is about: cross-country sprinting is no fun, so this Fun Run is not that sort of 'run' at all.



The instructions so far are these:

When: Thursday 16 June 2016

Place: The Observation Fun Run starts in Lodge Street, outside Asquith Bowling Club.

What: All participants should be there by 9.00 am for a briefing, instructions, and receiving paperwork.

Next: Several cars will leave about every minute or so, starting at 9.15 am. All cars should be away by around 9.30 or 9.35am.

What then: A fun day touring around the Hills District, observing and answering the questions asked along the way.

Dollars: Cost is \$15 person, including morning tea.

Lunch: At your own expense, at Galston RSL Club, after the drive.

Come along and have some fun and enjoy all the tall tales told. This is a new activity for the Club.

Late booking: If you have not already booked, contact Angus Dougall on 9476 5404, or 0407 139 909. If you do not have a partner for this event, ask to see what might be done for you in this respect.

Temora, Wagga Wagga & Junee 4 Day Away Trip.



THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◇ see flights by some of the Museum's aircraft.
- ◇ Return to Wagga Wagga via 1920's heritage villages of Ariah Park and Ardlethan.
- ◇ Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory.
- ◇ visit the most haunted house in Australia - 'Monte Cristo' Homestead, built in 1885.
- ◇ the 'Captain's Walk' - Jubilee Park, Cootamundra.
- ◇ visit Borambola Wines
- ◇ Temora Rural Museum
- ◇ visit Wollundry Grove Olives.
- ◇ Temora Aviation Museum
- ◇ Junee Roundhouse Railway Museum.
- ◇ visit Sir Donald Bradman's birthplace

THE TRIP:

4 day / 3 night tour with KTG Tours.

Hostess escorted, in a luxury coach.

Accommodation : 3 nights at 3.5 star Wagga Wagga motel

Meals : 3 x continental breakfasts, 4 x lunches, 3 x dinners.

Cost : \$ 660 p.p. twin share, with single supplement of \$ 180.

Date : 31 March to 3 April 2017.



Observation Fun Run

Thursday 16 June 2016

Join in a fun day touring around the Hills District, observing and answering the questions asked along the wayLunch - at your own cost, will be at Galston R.S.L Club, after the drive Where you can enjoy all the sad tales of woe, bad luck stories and tall tales to be told !

Starts 9.15am at Asquith Bowling Club, with a mornings drive around the Hills District. You will have route directions, and a list of questions for the observer to answer As a mid-point break, we have Morning Tea at historic Pittown village Questions are all based on observation, some easy, some a little harder. With one exception, all questions are visible from your car So, come along and have some fun book at the activities desk

Cost is \$15 p.p. which includes morning Tea.

This had to go in at the last minute so sorry about those who really got the joke

It's a joke

What people thought in May about the President's joke telling:

Christmas in July

The annual 'Christmas in July' event will be held again at the Waterview Restaurant at Berowra Waters. There will be a 3-course 'Christmas' lunch, with wines, soft drinks, and tea/coffee. Entertainment will be provided by Lonnie Lee, with laughter and enjoyment assured. The venue can seat up to 60: given this limitation, early bookings are recommended.

Where did that come from

Here is a little story for the *Bulletin* :

The Mississippi River was the main way of travelling from north to south in mid-west USA in the 1800s. Riverboats carried passengers and freight, but they were expensive so most people used rafts.

Everything had the right-of-way over rafts, which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a 'riff', and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

[from Angus Dougall]

OUTING Hyde Park Barracks



On 21 April, about 30 AMPC members travelled to historic Macquarie Street, the first straight street in Australia, to see the Hyde Park Barracks. It proved to be a D-I-Y experience. However, in spite of no guides, there were some intriguing displays giving information about early Sydney.



This elegant three-storey brick building is set in its parade-ground compound. It was designed by the convict architect Francis Greenway in 1818-19 at the behest of Governor Lachlan Macquarie, and was built by convicts.

It has World Heritage Listing. Of the eleven sites in Australia so listed, three others are in Sydney: the Old Great North Road, Old Government House and Cockatoo Island.



Its original purpose was to house male convicts, including boys. AMPC members looked down a row of 20-30 comfy hammocks, and looked at similar hammock racks in the huge room, as well as in adjacent rooms on the top floor. Possibly all floors once had such hammock set-ups. No-one seemed anxious to relive the experience of those inmates, attempting to sleep so crowded together: tossing, turning, snoring, getting up nights, tripping over one another, swearing, cursing, stinking; to be woken up next day for hard labour . . . and no going off to a nice lunch in town — as all these AMPC visitors could, and most did.



One of the displays gave an inkling of the times. It showed convicts arriving from a ship, including a gentleman crim carrying a trunk. One non-British felon, behind the convict woman. Greeting them is the raggedly splendid Aboriginal identity Bungaree, wearing the Governor's cast-off clothing. In attendance is a redcoat soldier.



Another display showed the point from which the Harbour Bridge now springs to North Sydney. It was called 'Tar-ra', now Dawes Point, and it was here that William Dawes set up an observatory as directed, and near where there is an observatory to the present day. Here, too, were the defences of the settlement: Dawes Battery, for Dawes was in the Marines, with artillery expertise. Campbells Cove within Sydney Cove was known as *Meliyahwool*. It was Dawes, by the way, who laid out the original street plan for Sydney, and Parramatta.

Walks Report

The AMPC walks program is organised by Laurie Keaton

Two creeks walk East Roseville



Some 33 AMPC members took part in the Echo Park, East Roseville, walk on Thu. 28 April. Most caught the train at Hornsby, changed at Chatswood, and thence by bus to just before the Roseville Bridge. The best parts of the walk that followed were alongside the waterway. There were sandstone outcrops, and views of the Roseville Bridge that was later walked under, and of a big pipeline crossing the water.



One of the party [A...s D....!!], almost overcome by nostalgia, relived childhood swimming in the long demolished public baths. Only the fence stopped him!

Echo on the Marina restaurant was the destination for lunch. Details of a visiting leech have been struck from the record.

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Future Walks

DATE: Thu. 26 May [organised by John Britten, 4368 2660, 0409 814 825; Laurie Keaton overseas until 19 June]
WALK: John's Mystery: Cronulla and Bass & Flinders Walk
Rating: Easy. 5km.
Rations: Lunch Cronulla RSL
Travel: Intercity train Platform 3 / Car 3: **Hby 8.20 am**
Return: To Hornsby 4.22.

DATE: Thu. 23 June
WALK: Cabarita Park
Rating: For members who are the most mobile. Actually the walk itself is very easy. 2-3 km total
Rations: Lunch Sanders Kiosk (prob. less than \$20); coffee en route
Travel: Train car 3: Brwa 9.27; **Hby 9.40**; C.Quay ferry 10.37
Return: Unspecified.

DATE: Thu. 28 July
WALK: Bicentennial Park and Brickpit Ring
Rating: OK for most members. 4-5 km in the Park
Rations: Morning tea. Lunch in precinct. [BYO?]
Travel: Intercity train Platform 3 / Car 3: **Hby 8.90 am.** Bus 525 to Park.
Return: Unspecified.

DATE: Thu. 25 August
WALK: Hunters Hill
Rating: Moderate: but easy option available. 5 km + 800 m to ferry on return
Rations: Lunch at Woolwich Pub. Bring own morning tea
Travel: Train to Chatswood. Bus to Joubert St.
Return: Ferry, train: unspecified.

DATE: Thu. 22 September
WALK: Waverton Stn via Berry Island to Wollstonecraft
Rating: Moderate, 3-4 km
Rations: Bring own lunch. Coffee at Waverton.
Travel: Train car 3: Brwa 9.27; **Hby 9.40.** Arr. Waverton 10.40
Return: Unspecified.

DATE: Thu. 27 October
WALK: Sculpture by the Sea (NB Sculptures are listed for 20 Oct to 6 Nov.)
Rating: For all mobile members. 2-4 km depending on ability. At own pace.
Rations: Dinner Easts Leagues Club TBA
Travel: Train car 3: Brwa 2.27; **Hby 2.40.** Arr. Town Hall 3.27
Return: Departure points Tamarama and Bronte.

DATE: Thu. 24 November
WALK: Christmas Get-Together: details TBA

Speakers 2016

Mary Potter, program organiser, reports that the following speakers have agreed to address the Club at its forthcoming monthly meetings:

JUNE

Date: 2 June
 Speaker: Paul Cleary, from Hornsby Police
 Subject: General Policing

Senior Constable Paul Cleary, Crime Prevention Officer for the Kuringai Command, has been a police officer for over 23 years with six years in the domestic section of the force. Originally a fitter and turner, he joined the force after doing his HSC as a mature-aged student. Following his talk to the Club exactly a year ago there were many requests for a return visit.

JULY

Date: 7 July
 Speaker: Phil Bennett
 Subject: History of Sydney Water

AUGUST

Date: 4 August
 Speaker: Noel Ackland
 Subject: Zigzag Railway, and the restoration of the 3810.

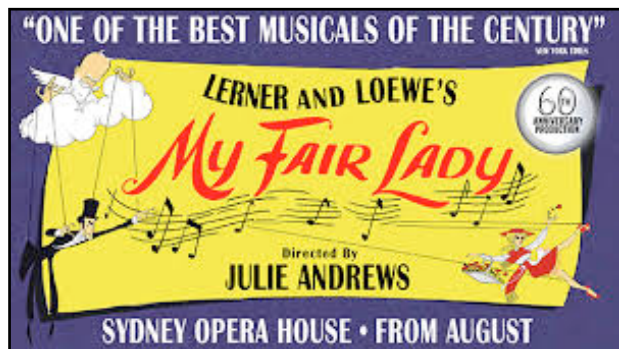
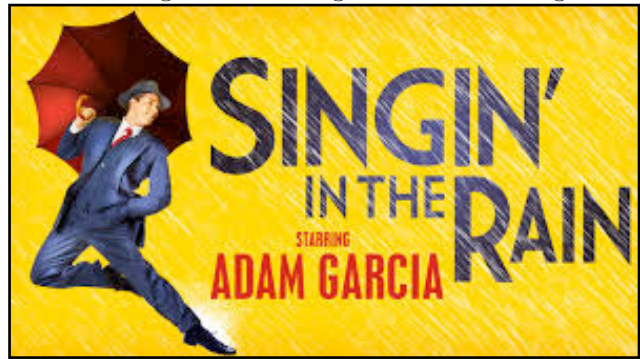


On Sunday 6 May 1990 there was a rail smash featuring the historic steam engine 3801 and its timber carriages. There were six fatalities including three figures connected with the University of Sydney. The special VIP carriage they were in bore the brunt of it. The disaster resulted from anti-slip sand released onto the rails causing every single (metal) wheel to have no connection with the metal rails, and the signals thus not detecting the presence of the train. This total improbability led to an intercity train running into it, in the dark at 7.20 pm, when the 3801 had stalled, trying to climb the steep gradient from the Hawkesbury to Cowan.



Theatre parties

The following theatre outings have been arranged:



DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME	DOLLARS
Wed. 20 July 2016		Lyric	1.00 pm	Fully subscribed
Wed. 19 Oct. 2016		Sydney Opera House	1.00 pm	\$80 no later than 4 August
Tue. 25 October		Lyric	1.00 pm	\$66 no later than 4 August

Dream Lover reveals the extraordinary story of legendary singer, songwriter and actor of Bobby Darin, who together with his movie star wife Sandra Dee lived a very interesting life. Cast of 40 on stage including an 18-piece big band.

Theatre parties are organised by Rhonda Wilson.

Speaker Report

Bernd Anner: Growing up in China

The talk by AMPC member Bernd Anner at the 5 May 2016 general meeting was met with genuine enjoyment and appreciation. So many of us have lived all our lives in Australia with its attendant stable political situation, so Bernd's talk was new and interesting. He had lived in China through WW2 as a



boy, and then experienced the revolutionary political transfer to a communist country. This was a veritable history reading on world events, with names we all remember such as Chou En-Lai, Chiang Kai-Shek, and Mao Tse-Tung.



Detail from a map of Beijing. A panel on it states: 'A map and history of Peiping; formerly known as Peking; capital of provinces, princedoms, and kingdoms since 1121 B.C.; in 1264 A.D. the capital of the Mongol Empire of Kublai Khan; made the capital of the Ming Empire and built as it is today by Yung Lo in 1421; continued as the capital of the Chinese Empire through the Ming and Ching Dynasties; and now a city which will live long in the memory of man as one of the greatest the world has ever known. Completed on this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-six.'

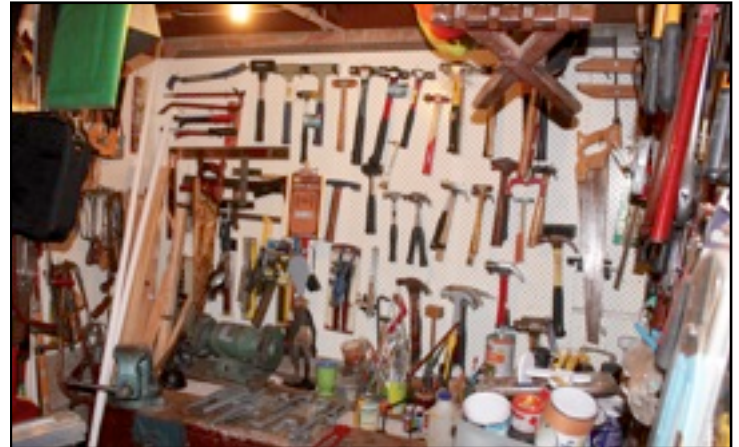
As a boy Bernd seemed to do all that a 5-year-old boy does – and then some. Living in the atmosphere of the Legation (with the accepted 3 servants) within a walled diplomatic-based community, and then inside the overall walled city of Beijing, must have been an experience that probably no-one else of us has had.



A one million yuan note, just one of a collection of banknotes, illustrating a great inflation, making the money nearly worthless

When Bernd was 4-to-5 years of age, in the midst of WW2, it would have been impossible to grasp the meaning of war,

but clearly some things have stayed in his mind. I'm sure bartering with the street hawkers when he was a boy would have been a good grounding for his adult life in Australia, travelling the world negotiating and buying tools for F.H. Prager, where Bernd worked for 40 years or so, and became a recognised expert in hand tools.



A small part of Bernd Anner's extensive collection of hand tools in his Hornsby home and workshop

Bernd brought along a variety of exhibits, old books and artefacts from that period, and we were all hugely impressed with both the value and the workmanship in the silver bowl, teapot, and cutlery, which had been all designed by his father, and made by craftsmen in his father's business.

From this first part of Bernd's story we see that hardship and privation doesn't hurt anyone, and he seems so relaxed and contented in Australia.

So, thank you Bernd for such an enthralling and totally different talk, and we will never again complain about our toast being burnt!*

[By Angus Dougall]



Angus Dougall congratulating, and presenting the Club's certificate of appreciation to, Bernd Anner at the end of his address.

* Following comments about the household's toast never being burnt, an enquiry was made to the kitchen. The toast maker revealed that he filled his mouth with water and sprayed the slices before toasting them in the red-hot coals.

Trivia

AMPC Trivia Nights are held in the Bowling Club on the second Wednesday of the month. Trivia nights are actually held every week at



Asquith Bowling Club (as the advertisement indicates), but AMPC members collectively attend only one night per month, the Wednesday after the general meeting.

Participants should be there at 7 pm. So far up to 12 members have been attending, and competing under the team name of 'The AMPCs'.

This initiative was introduced during 2015-16. Where at first it was just an evening out with friends, by now a desire to win has begun to develop. And evidently the degree of enjoyment too. One participant enthused after the May evening: 'Yeh! another win (please read equal 3rd) to the AMPs. Our bottle of wine was taken home by the 'keeper of the lollies', and will be enjoyed at the next 5th Thursday BBQ. Only those who go know what the 'lollies' reference is about.

An AMPC-Trivia reporter went on to say that while two of the usual AMPC team members were missing in May, a newcomer, Jeff Moore, helped them secure the win, and wine. He or she added: 'It is such a fun night, and most go home having learnt something trivial. Please come along and enjoy the night. There is much entertainment, a little frustration at missed answers, and a few small prizes have been the result.'

500 Card Game



Where: Asquith Bowling Club
When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
10.00 am

Charge: Nil

Members are invited to join some of their fellow members, to take part in games of '500'. The card game is simple to learn.

It is a friendly group, of between 10 and 14 members. Numbers are drawn to determine the playing groups. A great

advantage of 500 is that although four people per group is ideal, it can be played with three.

Mary Glasby is the convenor and can be contacted on 9482 8114.

Mahjong



The Mahjong occasion had to cancel in April. While there were just enough players for a game (it can be played with 3 people), more importantly, there was no mahjong set. Perhaps the scheduled day should be changed from Wednesday to Monday. This is a new activity for the Club, and an excellent one; some settling-in procedures will take a few sessions for it to establish smoothly.

Potential participants should know that it is certainly not too late to come along if you would like to learn. Most of those currently attending are novices and still on the learning curve. Consequently, should you be interested, contact Anne Heaton 9489 6415 or Mary Potter 9940 3645.

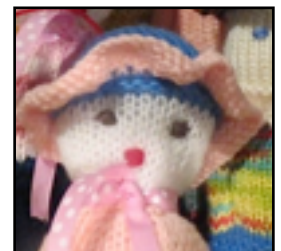
Dolls Sweatshop

Every so often a number of members of the AMPC brigade meet at the home of Barbara Williamson to craft dolls. Not just the paltry few dolls seen on the table below, but hundreds of them. Probably thousands of them by now. They are knitted to a basic pattern, but because each is hand done, and because of different wool thicknesses and different styles of the knitters, each one is different.



Around the table: Mystery Volunteer, Rosemary Davies, Pam Clarke, Sunny Dougall and Jennie Gambell. Others turned up later.

First there is the knitting of the basic doll. Then there is stuffing. Then there is shaping with stitches to form the arms and legs. Then a label is sewn on, to show that the doll is the work of the AMPC team. And then they go off to get their personalities, when in a separate sweatshop the eyes and mouths are added, and they practically spring to life. When all is done they are given to the Westmead Children's Hospital, and then, one by one, to the children. Soft toys, warm hearts.



Trips away

When they come off, trips away lasting up to a week, or perhaps longer, are one of the very best things AMPC does. They are always splendid adventures, and participants get to know one another.

Barbara Williamson has arranged numerous such trips in the past, and in 2016-17 has assumed the role of O-i-C Trips Away. First she has to identify possible trips, ones likely to have intrinsic interest to the members, and ones that people might be prepared to outlay the necessary sum for — if the trip is immediately appealing enough, or if its real merits are pointed out decisively. The following three are possibilities.

BENDIGO COACH TRIP



Bendigo city centre

Tour: 7 Days/6 nights with 'Coach Holidays' (Rod & Coleen)

Travel break: Overnights in Albury, there and return

Highlights:

- Ballarat Goldfields
- Bendigo City
- Magnificent architecture
- City Gardens
- Visit Echuca

Cost: \$1155 p.p. twin share. \$100 deposit.

Date: 30 October 2016.

BROKEN HILL TRIP



Indian-Pacific transcontinental train in Broken Hill

Tour: 8 Days / 7 nights with 'Silver City Tours'

Travel by Countrylink train (use concession) at own cost

Highlights:

- Menindee Lakes, with wetlands boat cruise

- Art Galleries (Pro Hart & Jack Absalom etc.)
 - Line of Load Miners Memorial
 - Silverton village
 - City Tour
 - White's Mining Museum
 - Sunset rock sculptures
 - White Cliff's opal fields
 - underground motel
 - Australia's oldest solar power station
- Ample free time to explore on your own.
Cost: \$1600 p.p. twin share

CAIRNS TRIP



Tour: 8 days / 7 nights with 'On Course Tours'

Highlights:

- Port Douglas
- Green Island
- Atherton Tablelands
- Kuranda
- Daintree cruise
- Barren River

Cost: \$2650 p.p. flights to and from Cairns included.

Deposit: \$600

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Meet the members

Robin Roberts was elected Vice-President Elect for the year 2016-17, on 7 April. She was invited to provide some background information about herself:

Robin Roberts, Vice-president Elect

I was born at Neutral Bay and lived there for a short time before moving to Beresfield, NSW with the family. My father worked as a radio technician at 2NC.



From there we moved to Mount Colah, and I have been here pretty much ever since.

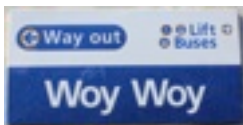
My schooling was at Mt Colah Primary then Hornsby Girls High School. From there I worked at AC Nielsen Market Research for some years before leaving to have my daughters. I had a few casual jobs then returned to work at ING superannuation, which then was taken over by ANZ. Having been made redundant in 2013, I took an interest in some craft groups, indoor bowls and Probus.

I have worked in a voluntary position on the now defunct community radio station North FM and had my own travel program, as well as doing a couple of outside broadcasts, which was great fun.

My days are now taken up with a lot of knitting for charity, bowls, Probus, and I enjoy a weekly trivia night.

Woy Woy outing

On Thursday 19 June, 38 AMPC members took the train on a late-notice excursion to Woy Woy. The half-hour trip in perfect conditions took this group out of its everyday surroundings. After immediate coffee taken on arrival, there was a short stroll around Woy Woy. Lunch was fine and the return train was



leisurely. All this is what the organiser wanted reporting.



The *Bulletin* can add that the train ride is one of the world's prettiest, with water views everywhere, and sandstone tunnels. There is a historic bridge that is also an engineering marvel, replacing an earlier one that failed, built to link the Qld and NSW railway networks.

Woy woy is an Aboriginal word used in Sydney and at the Hunter River, meaning an expanse of water.

The outing was organised by Angus Dougall.

Gracie and Flo

"**Hallo, Gracie**", said local resident Florence Wallflower, "**Have you been on a cruise?**" "**No, Flo**", replied Gracie Gadfly, who is often seen round the Bowling Club, "**I've not been anywhere. Not like some.**"



"**Really?**", said Florence looking up from her sewing. "**You don't mean those ProBus people by any chance?**"

"**ProBOAT more likely. Seems half are away on cruises**", replied Gracie. "**That walks fellow. Even that good new editor. They had to get the old one back.**"



"**Pretty drastic. Anything else going on?**"

"**Biscuits too soft.**"

"**Go on. Anything serious?**" asked Flo.

"**There was some trouble about bear footballs**", disclosed Gracie. "**Whatever that might be. And Mondays.**"

"**Brisbane bears? What about good news, Grace. Heard anything at all?**"

"**Perhaps you might like to knit some dolls, Flo**", said Gracie. "**They're not just ProBOAT: they're ProSEW!**"

Exchange table

At each general meeting there is a table, just to the right of where you come in. On it are arranged various items: books, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs and the like. New members to the Club might wonder what this is about. This is the 'Exchange table'.

The idea at first was to bring a book you had enjoyed, to exchange with one brought by someone else, both to be returned at the next meeting, to keep them circulating. Now you can borrow books without having brought any to share. And borrow as many as you like, no time limit, provided you return them and keep them circulating.

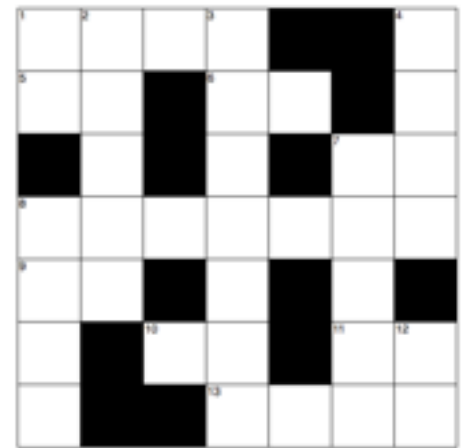
In due course jigsaws and DVDs were added, following the same sharing principle.

Sunny Dougall superintends the books and Margaret Steele the jigsaws and DVDs.

[Margaret Steele]

AMPC Crossword

This puzzle is about your Club, and people in it, with some irrelevancies.



- | Across | Down |
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| 1. Shrub beyond the black stamp (4) | 1. A degree of stiffness (2) |
| 5. Old Norse preposition (2) | 2. Don't be this for 4 (5) |
| 6. Some sort of bullock (2) | 3. Junior AMPC executive (7) |
| 7. Jolson's first (2) | 4. Might be Buster's speciality (4) |
| 8. Senior AMPC executive (7) | 7. First Angus could observe nilly navigators (5) |
| 9. See 10 (2) | 10. Where do you have to be to win [2 2] (2) |
| 10. Where do you have to be to win [2 2] (2) | 8. Women's interfaith sharing, Hornsby, in your dreams (4) |
| 11. Not soccer, for starters (2) | 12. We are in America (2) |
| 13. Dingoes residences (4) | |

You do not need to know any foreign languages, but knowing some entertainers of the 1920s would help. And two answers are on page 1 of this *Bulletin*.

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Thu	26	Walk: Cronulla: Hnsby train Platfm 3: 8.20 am
Fri	27	
Sat	28	
Sun	29	
Mon	30	
Tue	31	
JUNE		
Wed	1	500 CARDS: Bowling Clb: 10 am [1 & 3d Wed]
Thu	2	MEETING: SPEAKER: Paul Cleary [General Policing]
Fri	3	
Sat	4	
Sun	5	
Mon	6	Movies [1st Monday after meeting]
Tue	7	
Wed	8	DOLLS sweatshop 10–12.30: [1st Wed. after mtg]: at Barb. Williamson's: 14 Angophora Pl., PH MAHJONG: Bowling Clb: 1.30 [2nd & 4th Wed] TRIVIA : Bowling Club: 7 pm
Thu	9	Committee meeting: 10 am Bowling Club
Fri	10	Cardmaking/craft [2nd Fri. of month]: 7.30 pm: 1/36-38 Florence St, Hornsby
Sat	11	
Sun	12	
Mon	13	
Tue	14	
Wed	15	500 CARDS: Bowling Clb: 10 am [1 & 3d Wed]
Thu	16	CAR FUN RUN: Start Bowling Club 9 am
Fri	17	

Sat	18	
Sun	19	
Mon	20	<i>Bulletin sent by email</i>
Tue	21	
Wed	22	MAHJONG: Bowling Clb: 1.30 [2nd & 4th Wed]
Thu	23	Cabarita Park: Hnsby train Platfm 3: 9.40 am
Fri	24	
Sat	25	
Sun	26	
Mon	27	
Tue	28	
Wed	29	
Thu	30	5th Thu BBQ: Galston Rec. Res. 12.00
JULY		
Fri	1	
Sat	2	
Sun	3	
Mon	4	
Tue	5	
Wed	6	
Thu	7	MEETING: SPEAKER: Phil Bennett: History of Sydney Water

Some future events

- 20 Jul: THEATRE: Singing in the Rain [Lyric: 1 pm]
- 21 Jul: OUTING: Christmas in July
- 18 Aug: OUTING: Victor Chang Institute & Art Gallery
- 19 Aug: SNOOKER resumes
- 19 Oct: THEATRE: My Fair Lady [Sydney Opera House 1 pm]
- 30 Oct. TRIP: Bendigo 7 days
- 31 Mar. 2017 Temora Air Show [4 days]

