



Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

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10th Anniversary Lunch



There were 46 of the 52 Foundation Members present at the lunch, and they were presented with a certificate by Peggy Saunders, President of Berowra Rotary.



Merle Robinson and Sue Manwaring cut the Anniversary cake before we all shared it for morning tea. After the business part of the morning we enjoyed a lovely lunch together.



Meeting Dates

Thurs. 1st November, 2018

Thurs. 6th December, 2018

at **Asquith Golf Club**

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

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AMPC Presidents past and present



Jeremy Steele was presented with his OBE



Sylvia Gratton being presented with her certificate by Peggy Saunders



Our thanks to the Anniversary Committee for organising this event and to all the office holders and event organisers over the last ten years for the time and effort they have put into building the Club up to its present level. It is great to be part of a Club that is well run with a great variety of activities. It is also pleasing to have a wonderful group of members who join in these activities and offer friendship to each other. We look forward to the next ten years together.

AMPC Committee Members 2018-19


AMPC Committee Members 2018-19		Phone	Email
	Officers		
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Programme	Mary Potter		
Tours/Excursions	Barbara Williamson		
Welfare	Denise Mayhew		
Assistant Secretary	Angus Dougall		
Historian/Public Officer	Sandra Death		
Assistant Treasurer	Barry Gill		
Assist. Tours/Excursion	Pam Clarke		
Past President	Jeremy Steele		

Other Activities

Cluster Ambassador	John Channon	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Angus Dougall	5 th Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD, Jigsaw	Sunny Dougall & Robert Montgomery	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland
		Theatres	Rhonda Wilson
Dining out	Robin Doohan	Trivia	Mary Potter
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Pot Luck Meals	Rhonda Wilson	Web Site	John Channon

Committee Meeting 13 September, 2018 – Notes

- Christmas Lunch - remember to pay your \$40 at the November meeting.
- There was discussion of seating arrangements at official lunches
- Planning is in progress for a breakfast at Bobbin Head, date to be confirmed. Numbers will be capped at 40, so it will be first in first served for this popular event.
- Discussion was held as to where the Club will store the digital photos that have been taken over the past 10 years.



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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as at 8 October, 2018

Income received for year to date	\$7,422	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$7,739</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ -318
 Add previous year's surplus of	 <u>\$12,405</u>	
Gives an overall member surplus of	<u>\$12,087</u>	
 This surplus consists of cash of	 \$10,557	
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance	<u>\$ -1,530</u>	
Total member equity	<u>\$12,087</u>	

Yenda Holland

8 October, 2018

CLUB OUTING FEES paid by **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** should be made to:

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000
Account: 139 637 029
Account Name: Asquith Mixed Probus Club

It is important that your EFT payment is able to be identified. Please write your surname and activity abbreviation in the space provided and print the receipt from the bank. This transaction should be made prior to the general meeting. A copy of the EFT receipt and a completed Activities Payment Voucher shall be presented at the payments desk where a receipt will be provided. This receipt shall then be presented at the Activity Organiser's desk to have your attendance confirmed and your receipt endorsed by the organiser. Any transaction that cannot be identified will be forfeited to the Club.

Speakers

After Jan-Maree Ball talking to us about quilts for members of the Australian Defence forces we realised the power of one person taking action. Did members read an item by Jenny Noyes in the Sydney Morning Herald on 16 October about retired nurse Kath Ryan demonstrating the power of one individual in bringing encouragement to wounded servicemen?

It started when her sister was ill in hospital. Kath brought in some cake and her sister ended up sharing some with other patients who happened to be wounded soldiers. After they requested more, Kath rang the hospital finding they had 35 soldiers admitted. She baked enough cake for them all and brought it in. After meeting some of the men she was struck by their courage, humour and cheek. From then (2009) to 2014 it was 500 portions of cake a week, 24,000 a year, just for that one hospital.

Kath the cake lady has become a feature of Invictus program wearing a precious 'HMS Cake' sailor's cap made especially for her.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: Most of us have heard of Bea Miles and her exploits, but how many know the story behind the legend? Come along to hear Graham Sims sharing with us what he has learnt about her.



Walks Program

The largest group for some time ventured from Circular Quay to Barangaroo. Construction near the overseas terminal meant much of the board walk was closed resulting in the group being split. Nevertheless it was an enjoyable outing with most lunching at the Food Court in Tower 2.

On the August walk to Barangaroo foundation member Rhonda Daish went missing from her group. Smart camera work by Barry Brown seems to have solved the problem. The significance of the Eureka flag is also symbolic.

Thursday 22 November Contact is Laurie

- Where: 30 A Harwood Avenue Mount Kuring-gai. Christmas get together.
- Travel: Car or train (dep Hornsby 1600, 1630, 1656) 5 mins from platform at Mt Kuring-Gai. Left at bottom of steps to Harwood across the foot bridge.
- What: Walk at 16.30pm. BBQ 1730-2100. Bring drinks salad or desert.

Thursday 24 January Contact is Laurie

- Where: Circular Quay to Mrs Macquarie's Chair Via Botanical Gardens.
3-4 km easy walk. Return via Opera House gates which close at sun-down.
Lift at the Quay to walkway.
- Travel: 15.56 train from Berowra. 16.09 Hornsby.
- What: EVENING WALK
Bring Drinks and supper for evening meal at Mrs Macquarie's chair.

Tours/Activities: Barbara Williamson

NOVEMBER - Bundeena by train and ferry

- Date: 15 November 2018
- Travel: Train and ferry: times to be advised
- Lunch: Bundeena RSL at own expense

JANUARY – Drummoyne Sailing Club

January 17 will be a lunch at Drummoyne Sailing Club at own expense.

Christmas lunch: Robin Doohan

Thursday 6th December 11am for 11:30am

Cost: \$40 - drinks at own expense

Note: Tables of 10 with will have a committee member and their partner on each table

MENU

Chef's selection x 2 of cold canapes on arrival

Main

Trio roast of Pork loin w/ crackling, turkey breast and honey baked leg ham with spiced pumpkin, herb roast potatoes and seasonal steamed greens

Dessert

Meringue topped w/ crumbled pudding with brandy anglaise, berry compote & wafers

Self-serve tea coffee station

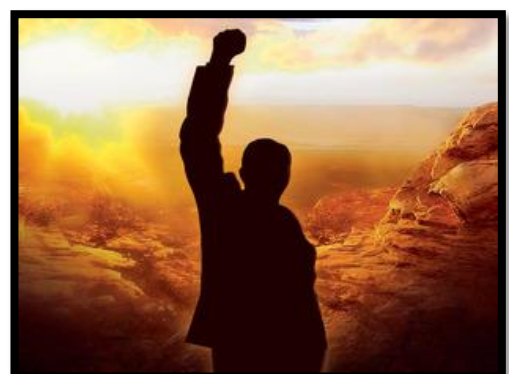


Theatres: Rhonda Wilson

MADIBA THE MUSICAL

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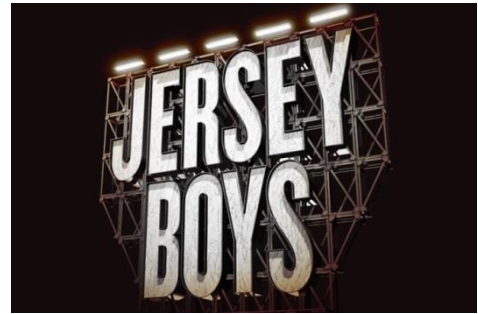
Wednesday 7 November 1pm



JERSEY BOYS

The theatrical triumph of the story of
Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons

Saturday 10 November 2pm Capital Theatre



CHARLEY AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Capital Theatre,
Tuesday 9 July, 2019 1pm
\$70 - payment due April, 2019.

Roald Dahl's delicious tale, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, is a delectable treat featuring songs from the original film, including *Pure Imagination*, *The Candy Man* and *I've Got a Golden Ticket*, alongside a brand new, toe-tapping Broadway score.



WEST SIDE STORY

In 2019, *West Side Story* takes the iconic stage at Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour. Raise a glass as the sun sets and drink in the view as you share a meal in one of the pop-up bars and restaurants on site. Then sit back to enjoy the enthralling show, complete with live orchestra hidden beneath the dramatic stage and fireworks in the balmy night air.



WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH - 7.30pm
C RESERVE \$99 (Heavily discounted)
FLEET STEPS, MRS MACQUARIE POINT

FULL - WAITLIST HAS BEEN CREATED.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Trivia Nights: Mary Potter

A team from Asquith Mixed Probus will be competing at Asquith Bowling Club (7.00 pm start) on Wednesday 7 November. There is no cost to enter. Anyone may participate. You do not have to know the capital of Florida, and it is actually very entertaining.

All members are welcome to join with the AMPs (Asquith Mixed Probus) team.

Enquiries phone Mary Potter

Dolls: Barbara Williamson

When: The Wednesday after the meeting
Where: Barbara's place
Time: 10.00 a.m.
What to Bring: Sewing Needles
Contact: Confirm with Barbara



Mah-jong: Yenda Holland

1.30pm at the Bowling Club **every Wednesday**

Any enquiries:- Yenda Holland

Card Playing 500: Mary Glasby

Asquith Bowling Club Cost Free, 10.00am, 1st & 3rd Wednesday

The game lends itself to varying numbers of players, which is helpful as numbers vary from seven to fourteen. There is plenty of room at the club so we can make up a number of tables. Again, no cost unless you choose to buy coffee or a drink. **Enquiries, Mary Glasby**

Book Exchange Table:

Sunny Dougall and Robert Montgomery

We have all heard of Morris West and John Grisham – but have you read any of their novels ? On the 'book exchange table' we have West's "Masterclass"- involving money, artwork by Raphaels, greed, conniving etc – a very good read by an accomplished author. Grisham's first and perhaps his best book was "A Time to Kill" – on racism, rape and revenge, with a young lawyer facing a town's racialism and long standing prejudices. Another good read in the legal genre.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Convener	Page	Phone
1 st November	General Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	
7 th November	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	8	
7 th November	Madiba the Musical	Rhonda Wilson	6	
7 th November	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	7	
7 th & 21 st Nov	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	8	
8 th November	Committee Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	
10 th November	Jersey Boys	Rhonda Wilson	7	
15 th November	Bundeena Outing	Barbara Williamson	5	
22 nd November	Walks group Christmas	Laurie Keaton	5	
6 th December	Christmas Lunch	Robin Doohan	6	
11 th December	Dolls thank you lunch	Barbara Williamson	-	
17 th January, 2019	Drummoyne Sailing Club - lunch	Barbara Williamson	6	
24 th January	Walk	Laurie Keaton	5	
21 st February	Sydney Cricket Ground tour	Barbara Williamson	-	
27 th March	West Side Story	Rhonda Wilson	7	
9 th July, 2019	Charley and the Chocolate Factory	Rhonda Wilson	7	

Where did that phrase come from?

We understand that unusual and distinctly American word **gerrymander** to relate to vote rigging.

The expression came about after an 1812 re-drawing of district boundaries by the then Massachusetts governor Elbridge Gerry, whose changes to a voting district resulted in its precinct map being shaped like a salamander. So, this then and still to-day is known as a gerrymander.

Welfare: Denise Mayhew

It is with sadness I advise our members that Rosemary Davies passed away on 29th September 2018. R.I.P Rosemary.

It is also with sadness that I need to tell you that Phillip Simpson passed away in Royal North Shore Hospital. His funeral will be 31st November details tba. Phillip and Beryl are newer members only joining in April this year. R.I.P. Philip.

Diane Anderson is in the SAH recovering from double knee replacement surgery. Diane is progressing well (using 1 walking stick only) and hopes to be going home soon.

Helen Oakenfull is now at home after a short stay in respite care and is doing well.

To all our Scorpions – Happy Birthday.
Denise

Vale Rosemary Davies

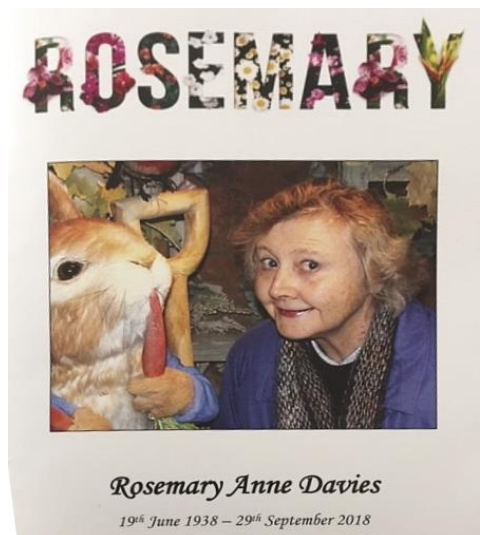
19/6/1938 – 29/9/2018

Rosemary joined our Probus Club in March of 2010. Over the duration of her membership we got to know Rosemary well, always very friendly, always smiling, always positive and with an unbelievable inner strength drawn from her faith and attitude to life. Not one to let things get her down, none of us realized at that time how seriously her health was impacted as she attended as many functions and outings as she was able to and always as the happy person we knew her to be.

I share with you a small part of a vision had by one of her granddaughters, “I saw grandma in a white gown.... she had a look of absolute joy and carefree happiness.... she turned to me and said, “Don’t worry about me, I’m all right....” “and then I started to cry because it’s true, she is no longer suffering”

Along with her family we rejoice that Rosemary has been set free and is now with the Lord she loved.

Rosemary is survived by her husband John, their four children, thirteen grandchildren and as John said her five much loved horses.



Ocean Road Trip



On Tuesday the 18th September a merry gang of 20 Probeans and friends ventured forth to re-explore The Great Ocean Road, many of us had been before but like me had not been back since the 70's, and we were to discover that things had changed.

On the way down we stopped for lunch near Yass at Cooma Cottage, what a delightful surprise, a single story colonial home with coach house, stables and forge, built in 1835 it was the home of Hamilton Hume. They had three rescued Shire Horses in the adjoining field and one old boy caught my heart he was so big, gentle and appreciative.

We stayed overnight in Albury and were pleasantly surprised by our accommodation. The next day we set off for The Ocean Road a 243 kilometre stretch between Torquay and Allansford. Built by returned soldiers between 1919 and 1932 and dedicated to soldiers killed during WW1. We drove from Anglesea through Lorne and on to Apollo Bay. This area is known as The Shipwreck Coast.

At aprox 3.30 we came to a grinding halt, our Coach driver valiantly battled with the engine with plenty of "advice" from the men amongst us, and after about an hour managed to get it going again. Our journey then took us inland somewhat through lovely forest and in the evening light the tall straight trunks looked most impressive.

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You guessed it we broke down again in the forest just around a bend on a narrow road. Once again our driver did his best but to no avail. It was decided to call for help --- not one of our phones had reception – SOS only!!! So SOS it was and the local Police were on their way. Now dark and getting late our fearless leader decided to buck the rules of no food or drink on the bus and decided we would have Happy Hour. A good time was being had by all when a highly amused delightful local policeman arrived and assessed the situation. At the same time the owner of the motel at Skenes Creek also arrived having realized something was amiss. They loaded up six members and off they went whilst we continued to party on! Then along came the local bus, stopped and picked up the rest of us plus our luggage and even drove us directly into the Motel, country kindness at its best. Our hosts supplied us with a late modified meal and Grandma played the accordion. As you can guess this event had brought the group together very nicely. Our bus driver had called for a mechanic who came out from Melbourne two and a half hours away and they fixed it at about 1am, blocked fuel lines was the prognosis.

We head off in the morning through more splendid forests of the Otway National Park and arrived at Cape Otway Lighthouse to learn about the shipwrecks and history. Many of us climbed the lighthouse and enjoyed the ocean views. Then continued along the Shipwreck Coast where we saw the Twelve Apostles, huge pillars which loom out of the surf. The only problem is that there are no longer 12, only seven and a half and London Bridge has fallen down, no longer accessible it collapsed in 1990 stranding a handful of very lucky or unlucky visitors! Along this stretch of coast more than a 100 ships were wrecked.

It was at this point that we were inundated by Chinese tourists and understood why along our route we had many road signs which caused us great amusement, they were in Chinese, and encouraging them to drive on the left hand side of the road and to stop at red lights!

The next day we explored Warrnambool, the Botanical Gardens, enjoyed a Cheese tasting and had plenty of time to enjoy the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, this was a delightful museum recreation the late 1800,s and we returned there in the evening for a sound and laser show "Shipwrecked" which told the story of the "Loch Ard".

Next day we set off for Port Fairy, visiting the Tower Hill State Game Reserve situated in a volcanic crater, where we were lucky enough to see a koala and of course emus. I had fallen for Port Fairy back in 1973 and it did not disappoint, what a lovely place with its rich maritime history and quaint colonial character ---I could think of moving there but the winters are bleak.

Starting to head for home visiting a very eclectic house called Tarndwarncourt Homestead, one of the oldest in Victoria and was the birthplace of the first Australian sheep, crossing the Marino's with Lincoln sheep. We also visited Barwon Court Mansion a large Victorian Pile, and now part of the national Trust.

We explored Geelong, the town, waterfront, gardens, and the National Wool Museum today. Another of the highlights was the Portland tram ride, it was cold but they provided us with blankets and we braved the inclement weather.

All in all we had a great time and were surprised by how green and prosperous the farming community was; those Victorians must have taken all our rain!!

A big Thank You to Barbara, who as always, did a sterling job of keeping us on the move.

Anne Heaton.

Warbirds Downunder - Temora 2018

The only missing item at the Temora Warbirds was the theme music to "The Air Adventures of Biggles" or the song "Those Daring Young Men in their Flying Machines."

The two days of the air show were constantly filled with planes of all colours, shapes and sizes buzzing around, looping the loop, banking, almost hitting one another, but somehow missing, showing amazing precision flying and impressing everyone with their skill and daring. The planes covered the range from twin wing Tiger Moths to F/A-18 Hornet. The Hudson Bomber is the only one in the world still flying and has been restored at the Temora Aviation Museum

Many of the planes are owned by the Temora Aviation Museum. The RAAF displayed a variety of aircraft, some are privately owned and there were planes visiting from interstate and overseas.

The sun shone very brightly and even though sun screen was used there were a number of very red, sunburnt faces.

The party from AMPC numbered 23 and included friends of members of our club.

We stayed at Wagga and travelled the road to Temora each day in a comfortable Allen's Coach. This enabled travellers to talk, snooze or knit.

We enjoyed the company and spent our evenings at the local RSL, Chinese restaurant and the final night we had a stunning BBQ planned by Sunny and Angus and organised by our host at the Lincoln Inn Motel in Wagga. This included a very careful selection of choice wines.
Our thanks to Angus and Sunny for the vision and planning which made this weekend so successful.

MINI GOLF DAY 18TH OCTOBER 18


On a cloudy morning about 21 members gathered for a game of mini golf at the Thornleigh Brick Pit. While waiting for everyone to arrive we had a leisurely coffee at the cafe before dividing into groups of 4 and 5 to commence the challenging course.

There were 'experienced' golfers there and even for them some of the holes were very tricky. There were obstacles in the way like rocks, creeks, bridges, humps, hollows and anything to make it difficult. There are 2 different 18 hole courses. We split up into 2 groups and all played 18 holes before taking a break for morning tea to enjoy Barbara's yummy cakes!!! Mmmmm, not good for the waistline!

Then we went out again to play the other 18 holes. Well, it is amazing just what the designers of the course dreamed up to frustrate us. We had a small shower of rain and everyone pulled out their spray jackets but as quickly as the rain came, it stopped and later we had lovely sunshine.

We heard that there were a few people who had a hole in one, and some had more than one!! A certain amount of skill came into it but there was a lot of luck and also some strange shots that left some of us just dumbfounded!

We stayed and had lunch at the cafe and solved the problems of the world before we reluctantly went home to do the housework. A lovely day was had by all and I think most of us would like to do this again.

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