



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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Barry Gill, Denise Mayhew,  
Barbara Williamson, Mary Potter,  
Angus Dougall, Barry Willick,  
Pam Clarke, Jeremy Steele*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Another year of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun in retirement**

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

In 2018 our year ended with a wonderful Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club. We enjoyed a meal of Christmas fare, a teasing quiz, some songs from Vince Hughes, we sang some carols and Santa handed out the door prizes. Our thanks to those who organised the event and ran the program on the day.



Our President gave a 10 year certificate to Helen and Peter Nancarrow and an OBE to Gloria England.  
More photos from the lunch are on the next page.

## Meeting Dates

Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019

Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

at **Asquith Golf Club**

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

Website: <http://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au/>

Email: [info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au](mailto:info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au)

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*Bulletin: Editor: Nick Speyer*



**Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.**

P.O. Box 3140, Asquith 2077

Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on 2  
October 2008.

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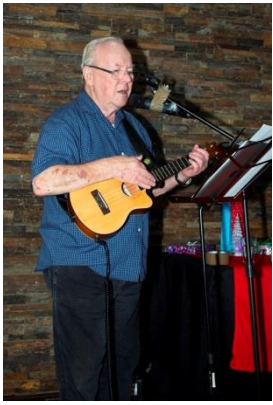
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## **PUT YOUR HAND UP FOR A POSITION AT PROBUS**

Would you like to have fun, enjoy a wonderful volunteering experience? Now is the time for all of us to think about the future of our Club.

Probus means FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP

Some Positions are elected and some appointed.

These are the positions that needed to be filled for the

2019/2020 year, all Positions become vacant. Elections will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Get yourself nominated on the form on page 11.

**Vice President Elect:**

**Vice President:**

**Treasurer:**

**Assistant Treasurer:**

**Activities – Tours:**

**Activities – Tours Assistant:**

**Bulletin Editor – Assistant**

**Hospitality**

Please contact the current holder of the position if you would like more information about the position you are interested in. Remember you are never on your own. We work as a team and there is always someone ready to assist if required.

The Club has had an exciting 10 years and as our newer members have an amazing set of skills, let's all work together and continue to grow our club.

## **Committee Meeting December, 2018 – Notes**

Two exciting tours coming up - Lakes Entrance, including a trip across to Montague Island.  
Also a 4 day tour to Cowra and surrounding districts.

Don't forget breakfast at Bobbin Head - 4th March 2019. Select from the menu and pay your deposit at January meeting.

Looking for volunteers to fill positions on Committee - we need some new faces and ideas. All positions become vacant, so please think about it. Nominations forms are in the Bulletin.

The Committee was presented with a list of walks for the new year, thanks to Laurie Keaton who has done a splendid job over the past 10 years. Good to see Laurie has engaged some new blood into the walking group program planners.

Discussion on minor amendments to Life Membership and Awards Policy.

*Pam Slater* - December 2018

## AMPC Committee Members 2018-19

AMPC Committee Members 2018-19		Phone	Email
	<b>Officers</b>		
President	Sylvia Gratton		
Vice-President Elect	Sandra Death		
Vice President	Robin Roberts		
Secretary	Pam Slater		<a href="mailto:info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au">info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au</a>
Treasurer	Yenda Holland		
	<b>Committee</b>		
Bulletin	Nick Speyer		
Hospitality	Robin Doohan		
Membership	Barry Willick		
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 <sup>th</sup> Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD, Jigsaw	Sunny Dougall	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland
	& Robert Montgomery	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

## Treasurer's Report as at 28 November, 2018

Income received for year to date	\$7,620	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$7,752</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ -132
Add previous year's surplus of		<u>\$12,405</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$12,273</u>
This surplus consists of cash of		\$14,433
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 2,161</u>
Total member equity		<u>\$12,273</u>

*Yenda Holland*    6 December 2018



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## MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2019

**Members are reminded that membership fees are now due  
Singles \$55    Couples \$105**

In order to avoid congestion at the payments desk at the January meeting it would be appreciated if as many members as possible would pay by EFT. Please ensure that:

- You use your savings account and not a credit card for the payment
- Your name appears on the transaction, and
- You print a receipt of the transaction for your own records
- You email the receipt to yenda33@bigpond.com

There is no need to complete an Activities Payment Voucher when paying your fees electronically BUT it is strongly advised that you retain a copy of your bank receipt for your records. Thank you.

**MONEYS 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: Mary Potter

Due to the varied entertainment offered at the successful Christmas lunch, there was no guest speaker in December.

The speaker at our meeting on 3 January will be Tom Sweeney, President of Willoughby Theatre Company. Find out how Willoughby Theatre Company can stage such mega musicals as Wicked, Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera and Mary Poppins — and survive.

## Walks Program: Laurie Keaton

### 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. 16.10 Hornsby.

What: EVENING WALK  
Bring Drinks and supper for evening meal at Mrs Macquarie's chair.

## Thursday 28 February - Contact is Laurie

Where: Evening walk and supper at Balls Head

3-4 km easy walk from Waverton Station to Balls Head and return but slight uphill on the return walk

Travel: 16.26 Train from Berowra. Depart Hornsby 16.40  
Arrive Waverton 1713. Does not stop at Warrawee, Wahroonga or Pymble.

What: Bring Drinks and supper for Harbour- side supper

## Thursday 28 March Coogee to Maroubra. Details next bulletin.

### Draft Walk Programme 2019

March 28: Coogee to Maroubra 5 Km (exposed) Mainly easy. Lunch RSL.  
April 24: (Wednesday) Note Date Change to avoid Anzac Day, Iron Cove Bay Run 7km easy  
May 23: Historic Windsor 4 km easy. Lunch at Historic Macquarie Hotel.  
June 27: Long Jetty to the Entrance ( John Britten)  
July 25: Centennial Park and Nelson Hotel (Lunch)  
August 22: Sylvan Grove Nature Park Picnic Point 5km (Jim Thompson)  
September 26: Narrabeen Lake.  
October 24: Teralba to Warners Bay, Thirroul to Bulli or Cronulla to Bass and Flinders Point  
November 28: Dangar Island (Wendy V) Easy. Limited numbers.

## Tours/Activities: Barbara Williamson

### JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> – Drummoyne Sailing Club

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

Travel by train: 10.11 from Hornsby Station, then bus from Druitt Street.

### FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup> - Darlinghurst Gaol Tour

10.30am

Travel by Train: 9.11 from Hornsby Station  
Then bus 333 from Elizabeth Street

\$20 - limit of 30 people

### MARCH 14 - Fiddler St Patrick's Day Lunch

\$45

### 5 May - 7 day trip to Lakes Entrance

### 24 September - 4 day trip to Cowra



For details of these trips see the email sent out in December or check with Barbara.

## BREAKFAST AT BOBBIN HEAD: Sandra Death

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

Time: 9.30am

Cost: \$10 deposit - menu available at January General Meeting

## Theatres: Rhonda Wilson

### CHARLEY AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Capitol 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

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH - 7.30pm

C RESERVE \$99 (Heavily discounted)

FLEET STEPS, MRS MACQUARIE POINT

FULL - WAITLIST HAS BEEN CREATED.

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.



### SENIORS MOMENTS

A funny and fresh collection of comic senior moment's sketches and songs.

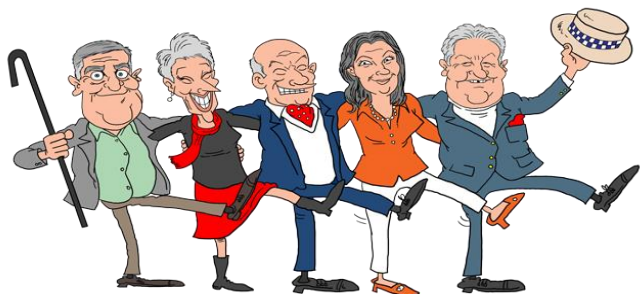
Stars include John Wood & Max Gilles with maestro Geoff Harvey

SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 4:30pm

CHATSWOOD CONCOURSE

TICKETS \$57

PAY: January Meeting





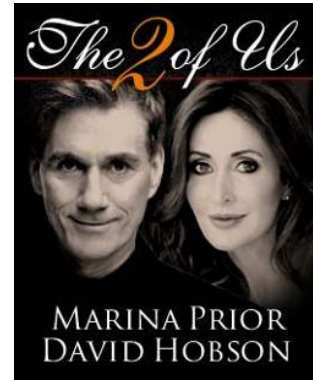
## UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL TOUR

HORNSBY RSL

FRIDAY 5 JULY 8:00 P.M.

TICKETS \$61.00

PAYMENT DUE: FEBRUARY MEETING



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Trivia Nights: Mary Potter

There will be NO trivia at the bowling club in January.

Next AMPS trivia will be on Wednesday 13 February, 7.00pm at Asquith Bowling Club.

Enquiries phone Mary Potter

### Dolls: Barbara Williamson

**When:** The Wednesday after the meeting

**Where:**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m.

**What to Bring:** Sewing Needles

**Contact:** Confirm with Barbara



### Mah-jong: Yenda Holland

Mah-jong will start again on 16<sup>th</sup> January

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

**Any enquiries:- Yenda Holland**

### Card Playing 500: Mary Glasby

Asquith Bowling Club Cost Free, 10.00am, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, resuming on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

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

With the number of thriller writers represented in books on the 'Book swap table' it would seem this is a genre of interest to our members. At present we have really excellent novelists such as John Grisham, Craig Thomas, Lee Child, James Patterson, Dean Koontz, and Mathew Reilly available on the swap table. However, if this is not your choice of reading – have a look, there may be something there that would suit you.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Convener	Page	Phone
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	General Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Dolls Thank you lunch	Barbara Williamson	8	
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Committee Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	
16 <sup>th</sup> January	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	8	
16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland	8	
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Drummoyne Sailing Club - lunch	Barbara Williamson	6	
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Evening Walk to Mrs Macquarie's Chair	Laurie Keaton	5	
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Senior's Moments	Rhonda Wilson	7	
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	8	
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Darlinghurst Gaol Tour	Barbara Williamson	6	
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Evening Walk to Balls Head	Laurie Keaton	6	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Breakfast at Bobbin Head	Sandra Death	7	
7 <sup>th</sup> March	AMPC Annual General Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Lunch at the Fiddler	Barbara Williamson	6	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	West Side Story	Rhonda Wilson	7	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Walk Coogee to Maroubra	Laurie Keaton	6	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Up Close and Personal	Rhonda Wilson	7	
9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	Charley and the Chocolate Factory	Rhonda Wilson	7	

## Vale Helen Oakenfull

*"What an amazing and much loved woman". (Denise)*



The second born twin to older brother Frank, Helen spent her early years in Tasmania. Frank was in attendance at the memorial service with a number of other members of the Walker family – Helen's family.

Despite a long history of health problems the eulogies shared the common theme of determination especially in bringing-up daughter Susie who club members might recall passed away from pancreatic cancer some three years ago. Helen endured her problems in a most positive and accepting manner.

One who enjoyed dinner parties and afternoon lunches, Helen's capacity as a hostess is legendary. Rev Brian Heath stressed chosen bible readings highlighted Helen's commitment to inclusivity and in welcoming dinner guests to her table. David highlighted his role in acting in working as directed.

She was very active in St Swithun's Parish at Pymble and St John's Asquith and a large number of mourners attended from both parishes, including the past Pastor of St Swithun's, Dr Roger Chilton. Dr Chilton was a close family friend for many years.

Although she was brought up in a time when young females were encouraged to leave school and pursue a secretarial role in life she later in life gained adult matriculation to University and completed an Arts degree. This she used in a career in education especially in private schools.

Helen's last days were spent in Neringah private hospital where Helen showed determination to gain release for Christmas. She passed away on Tuesday 18 December.

President Sylvia extends sincere condolences on behalf of the club to husband David and all of the extended family.

# POT LUCK DINNER

A great night was enjoyed by our group at our last Pot Luck Dinner. As you can see in the photo from L-R. Barry, Pam, Bella and Peter (mine hosts), Gai, Rhonda, Anne and Sandra, lots of special stories around the table peppered with such a special menu. The choices of all courses blended smoothly, with wonderful stories, anecdotes and above all else friendship and camaraderie."



## Been here before?

Have I been here before?  
I sense that something  
looks familiar to my mind.

The way the road curves  
and that old house there  
somehow seem to ring a bell.

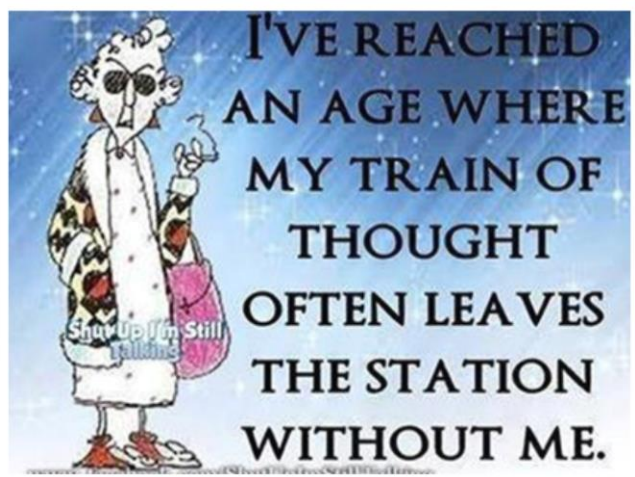
Sights and sounds  
or smells can trigger  
this déjà vu from deep within.

It could be something  
from my childhood  
that stirs this echo in my heart.

Or am I simply  
growing older  
forgetting things I should know well?

Has my mind  
just turned to porridge  
and lost the treasures it once held?

Nick Speyer 2018





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## Nomination Form 2019-20

### Officers

Officer Position	Nominee
President	
Vice-President (Elect)	
Vice-President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	

Nominated by: .....

Seconded by: .....

Nomination accepted: .....

*Nominations close: Thursday 7 February, 2019*



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## Nomination Form 2019-20

### Committee Members

Nominee	Preferred role (Tick)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Editor
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tours and Excursions
	<input type="checkbox"/> Welfare
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program (Speakers)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality & Functions
	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Secretary
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Treasurer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Tours/Excurs.

Nominated by: .....

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The affairs of the Asquith Mixed Probus Club are managed by a Committee, elected at each Annual General Meeting. Members who have recently joined the Club are as entitled as anyone else to stand for one of the Committee positions. For many being a member of the Committee greatly enhances their experience of being a member of AMPC itself. Here are the nominations forms:



## Special note:


Mary Glasby wishes to thank everybody for their warm wishes and cards sent to her while she was in hospital.

## Trauma Dolls Christmas Party

There was a very festive spirit at Barbara's on Wednesday 12 December. for our end of year ladies doll making Christmas luncheon. Whilst a few could not attend, 13 ladies were there enjoying the happy company and the scrumptious array of food presented. Despite much light hearted conversation and good fun, we feel we are contributing to a very worthy cause.

*Sunny Dougall.*



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