



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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## At Our March Meeting



L: Vice-President Sandra Death presented Merle Robinson with her XC Certificate.

R: She welcomed Suellen and Mal Steel as new members of our Club.



The Committee for 2019 with some new faces was elected at the AGM (details on page 2).



Barry Brown was our mystery speaker

## Meeting Dates

Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019

at **Asquith Golf Club**

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

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**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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## SPEAKERS

After the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, our mystery speaker turned out to be member Barry Brown. Barry drew on his background as a TAFE teacher to co-opt John Channon to visually convey the process of wood turning on a large lathe. The table behind, normally occupied by President, Secretary and Treasurer, was turned into a display of wonderfully turned wooden objects. Thank you Barry and Gai for bringing all these props.

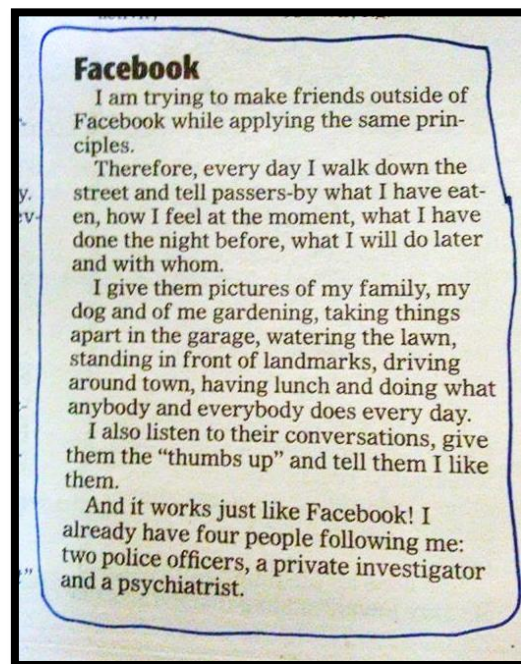
Next month our speaker will be Harvey Broadbent on “Weird and Not-So-Wonderful Histories”. Harvey turns his attention to the lighter side of history — the historical events and figures that feature the bizarre, the eccentric, the ridiculous and the just plain hilarious.

Harvey Broadbent AM is a well-known writer, lecturer, broadcaster, documentary film and TV producer. In January 2016 he received the prestigious award of Member of the Order of Australia for his life time’s work in researching and writing history and producing historical documentaries. The citation reads “For significant service to the literary arts as an author and publisher, to the television industry as a producer, and to tertiary education.”

**Granny, Sydney Morning Herald 19 March 2019**

Column 8 has been printing a number of contributions on the subject of policeman on point duty. This one is an addition to the information we heard about Bea Miles.

“Garth Clarke says his fondest memory the days before traffic lights is of a cop on point duty at a city intersection who spots Bea Miles bearing down on a taxi and, much to the chagrin of the cabbie, holds up the stop signal, allowing the bête noire of Sydney taxi drivers to climb on board. You don’t often see coppers smile but this one had a grin from ear to ear.”



## AMPC Committee Members 2019-20

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Historian/Public Officer	Sandra Death		
Assistant Treasurer	Dianne Watson		
Past President	Sylvia Gratton		

## Other Activities

Cluster Ambassador	Anne Heaton	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Angus Dougall	5 <sup>th</sup> 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	Robert Allison
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Sandra Lees
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Trish Taylor	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Lula Andersen

## Treasurer's Report as at 9 March, 2019

Income received for year to date	\$7,740	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$ 809</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ 6,931
Add previous year's surplus of		<u>\$ 7,370</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$14,301</u>
This surplus consists of cash of		\$21,955
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 7,654</u>
Total member equity		<u>\$14,301</u>

*Yenda Holland*

12 March, 2019



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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.

I rang an old school friend and asked what he was doing.

He explained that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment."

I was so impressed.....

Then on further enquiring, I learnt that he was washing dishes with hot water, under his wife's supervision!



## Walks Program: Laurie Keaton

26 members and one guest enjoyed a perfect evening at Balls Head on 28 February. Closure of the normal picnic area caused some logistical problems. Wal and Jenny Gambells' vehicle solved the problem with walkers able to journey to the look-out and return to the new Coal Loader Sustainability Park for supper. In all a lovely and relaxing evening.



Please be reminded the April Walk is on **Wednesday 24 April** as the normal walk day is ANZAC DAY.

### Wednesday 24 April - Bay Run Walk - Contact is Laurie

**Where:** Iron Cove Bridge Bay Run.  
**7km+.** Flat 2 hours. Capable walkers.

**Travel:** 0827 Train from Berowra, Dep Hornsby 0841 arr Town Hall 0927.  
Bus from Stand L Druitt Street 504, 507, 518 or M50.

**What:** Bring Morning Tea.  
Take-away lunch at Birkenhead or lunch at Drummoyne Sailing Club.

### Thursday 23 May - Historic Windsor - Contact is Laurie

**Where:** Stage 1: 15 Historic Buildings between Windsor Station and the historic Macquarie Arms Hotel for Lunch. Notes by email from Laurie on request.  
Stage 2: North of Windsor Road additional 1-1.5 km time permitting.

**Travel:** Forward. Gosford Train Berowra - 0824,  
Asquith - 0832, Hornsby - 0835 Plat 3.  
Arr Strathfield 0858  
Richmond Train Plat 6 Strathfield 0918.  
Arr. Windsor 01014

**What:** Toilet Break 15 mins at Strathfield.  
Lunch at Macquarie Arms.



## **Tours/Activities: Jim & Judy Thompson**

### **Thursday April 18 - Fish and Chips at Manly**

We catch the 9.11 North Shore train from Hornsby (depart Berowra 8.57) to Wynyard then train to Circular Quay.

Catch the 10.15am ferry to Manly. After a stroll down the Corso we will have "take away" fish and chips on the beach front and enjoy the view.



### **Thursday 16th May - White Rabbit Gallery at Chippendale**

We will catch the 9.11 North Shore train from Hornsby (depart Berowra 8.57) to Central.

A short walk to White Rabbit Gallery which has 3 floors of interesting and varied art. Guided tour at 11am. Free entry. Cafe on site. Lunch at nearby Spice Alley which has a wide range of ethnic restaurants.

### **Thursday 20th June - Wendy Whitely Secret Garden, Lavender Bay**

We will catch the 9.11 train from Hornsby (depart Berowra 8.57) to North Sydney, walk down to the beautiful and unique garden. BYO morning tea .

There are quite a few steps and hills.

Lunch at Kirribilli RSL.

### **Thursday 18th July - Christmas in July**

Waterview Restaurant at Berowra. Details to follow.

### **5 May - 7 day trip to Lakes Entrance - Contact Yenda Holland**

Full cost \$1449T/S. Visit Montague Island for whale viewing.

\$395.00 single supplement. **Final payment today.**

### **24 September - 4 day trip to Cowra - Contact Yenda Holland**

Cost \$780, \$215 S/S. Visit, Mayfield Garden, Parkes and Forbes. 7 names at this stage.

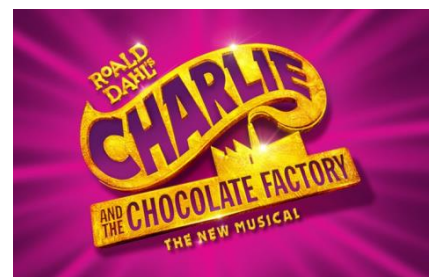
## **Theatres: Rhonda Wilson**

### **CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

Capitol Theatre,  
Tuesday 9 July, 2019 1pm

**\$70 - payment due April meeting - only 2 tickets left**

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.



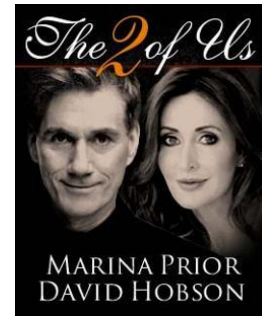
## UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL TOUR

HORNSBY RSL

FRIDAY 5 JULY 8:00pm

TICKETS \$61.00

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION**



## SWEET CHARITY

CONCOURSE THEATRE CHATSWOOD

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY - 1:30pm

\$53 PAYMENT DUE BY APRIL MEETING

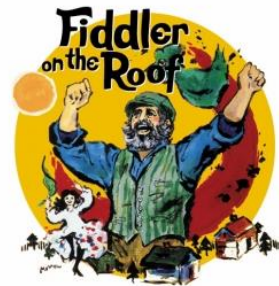


## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

CONCOURSE THEATRE CHATSWOOD

SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1:30

\$53 PAYMENT DUE BY SEPTEMBER MEETING



## CHICAGO

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1:00pm

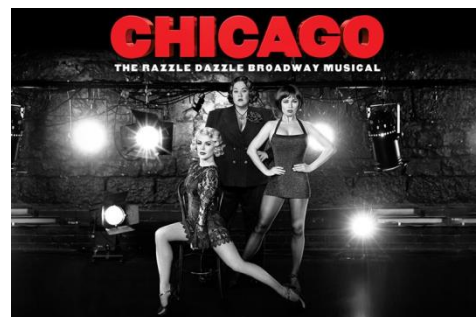
CAPITAL THEATRE - \$70

PAYMENT BY JULY MEETING

..... has everything that makes a Broadway great :one show-stopping song after another and the slickest dancing in town.

Chicago has been honoured with numerous awards and is the longest US show playing on Broadway.

Starring Natalie Bassingthwaite, Alinta Chidzey and fabulous Casey Donovan as Matron "Mama" Morton.



## BILLY ELLIOT

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 1:00

SYDNEY LYRIC

\$80.00

PAYMENT DUE BY NOVEMBER MEETING



No need to blurb on about this show except it

is acclaimed by audiences and critics alike, has now been seen by over 12 million people across 5 continents and is the recipient of 85 awards internationally, including 10 Tony Awards,

5 Olivier Awards and 8 Helpmann Awards.

# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## Trivia Nights: Mary Potter

In April the AMPs group will be attending trivia at Asquith Bowling Club on Wednesday 10 April (Wednesday after the General Meeting). Trivia starts at 7.00pm, and there is no charge.

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

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.  
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

The Book Table has some surprises this month. Firstly there is a lovely quirky book called 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' a funny yet sad tale of loneliness. As well, we now have a novel 'The Stranger by Harlen Coben a newer bestselling author. Here's a chance if you enjoy thriller writers to find another new author.



Another 150 dolls were sent to the hospital this week.

Well done to Barbara and her team.





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Convener	Page	Phone
Every Wednesday	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland	7	9477 3338
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> April	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	7	9482 8114
4 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting	Sandra Death	-	0403 073 667
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	7	9988-0013
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	7	9484 7578
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death	-	0403 073 667
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Fish & Chips at Manly	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	0447 369 524
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Iron Cove Bay walk	Laurie Keaton	4	0409 226 121
5 <sup>th</sup> May	7 Day trip to Lakes Entrance	Yenda Holland	5	9477 3338
16 <sup>th</sup> May	White Rabbit Gallery	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	0447 369 524
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Historic Windsor	Laurie Keaton	4	0409 226 121
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Sweet Charity	Rhonda Wilson	6	0418 870 780
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Wendy Whitely Secret Garden	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	0447 369 524
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Up Close and Personal	Rhonda Wilson	6	0418 870 780
9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Rhonda Wilson	5	0418 870 780
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Christmas in July	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	0447 369 524
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Chicago	Rhonda Wilson	6	0418 870 780
24 September	4 day trip to Cowra	Yenda Holland	5	9477 3338
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Fiddler on the Roof	Rhonda Wilson	6	0418 870 780
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Billy Elliot	Rhonda Wilson	6	0418 870 780

## Darlinghurst Gaol Report

Twenty six members attended the booked tour to the old Darlinghurst Gaol. Arriving shortly after 10am Pam checked in and time was then available to visit the Hangout Café for a welcome coffee. We were later able to realise how aptly named this café in Forbes Street was named.



Our guide Deborah turned out to be a local having been educated at Asquith Girls High. She is also a lecturer at the current occupiers of the buildings – The National Art School.

The tour provided contrasts between original use, varied historical use and a vastly different present day occupancy. The site was a stockade to house convict

gangs from 1924 to 1841. It then became Darlinghurst Gaol. The public hangings near the front gate in Forbes street obviously influenced the naming of the cafe. In all 76 hangings took place at the Gaol.

We were treated to stories of inmates such as Henry Lawson, Captain Starlight and Captain Moonlight. Visits to the Cell block, various tunnels, the Governor's





residence and the chapel provided a moving description of the history of the gaol.

With the completion of Long Bay Complex the prisoners were moved in 1914 and in World War 1 the buildings were used as a detention Camp.

From 1922 – 2005 the buildings House the East Sydney Technical College. As the National Art School was separated from TAFE from 2005 this entity has been the sole occupant of the site.

Many thanks to Barbara for organizing the tour and Pam for coordinating the day.

## **Pot Luck Meal: Rhonda Wilson**

Don't forget to put your names down for this year's pot luck, it's not too late. Groups will be allocated after April meeting.

## **Welfare Report: Denise Mayhew**

How lovely it was to see Phyllis Davies at a recent Probus outing. Only 7 weeks since her knee replacement surgery she is doing brilliantly. I feel the next time we see her she'll probably be 'leaping tall buildings in a single bound'.

Some of you probably noticed Jan Martin had her arm in plaster at our last meeting; unfortunately Jan fell backwards from an escalator and has broken her wrist in three places. With a nurse, a physiotherapist and an occupational therapist coming to her home to assist her, I'm sure Jan's recovery will be a speedy one.

Barbara Williamson is continuing to have her health monitored; she is doing well and is hoping to soon be able to reduce her medication intake.

Our mystery member (the one who fell off a ladder), has reported that he now only has slight pain from the rib that was fractured. A very lucky man indeed.

I heard through the church grapevine that Betty Ryan had a nasty fall 2 or 3 weeks ago. I have now spoken with Betty who told me "fortunately I didn't break any bones", but she does have 4 stitches in her eyebrow and 2 black eyes. I'm sure we'll see Betty back at the meetings as soon as she's able.

Happy Celebrations to our Aries and Taurus birthdays.

Denise Mayhew –

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### **INTRODUCING: Nolene & Henry Sylvester who joined the Club in January**

We were married in 1961 and moved to Hornsby Heights in 1966 where we built our home; we still reside there and hopefully will do so for many years to come.

We have two married Sons and 5 Grandchildren.

Henry worked 38 years at Dept. Motor transport before taking a career change as Payroll manager at the Catholic University, retiring in 1994.

Noelene also worked at D.M.T. Prior to starting the Family; later years in customer service.

Both keen readers, Henry enjoys a game of Mah-jong.

We are looking forward to meeting and socialising with new friends in Asquith Probus.



# Breakfast at Bobbin Head

On a beautiful Monday morning we enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the Bobbin Inn Café. The meal was efficiently served and we had a great time together with much talk and laughter. Our thanks to Sandra and her helpers for making this a lovely occasion.



## ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC

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