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# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

President: Sandra Death
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Secretary: Pam Slater
Treasurer: Yenda Holland
Dianne Watson, Vicki McPherson,
Denise Mayhew, Mary Potter,
Jim & Judy Thompson, Barry
Willick, Sylvia Gratton, John Davies,

# **GENERAL MEETINGS**



At our June meeting, Mark Bundy spoke about the history of Rookwood General Cemetery. Members had the opportunity to ask a wide variety of questions.

In July Katie Little, the daughter of Jeannie Little, will keep us enthralled with anecdotes about growing up in the Little household.



Mark Bundy speaking at the June meeting

President Sandra Death welcomes Alan and Erica
Wendeborn as new members of the Club

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- 1. Members need to send an apology to the event organiser if you are registered for that event but unable to attend.
- 2. We need to limit the number of visitors on any activity to 6 people. The Club only has insurance cover for 6 non-members.

# Meeting Dates

Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 Thurs. 1 August, 2019 at **Asquith Golf Club** 

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

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# Committee Notes - June, 2019

Suggestion Box - A request for detailed itinerary for Tours on Web site.

Suggested a walk to Auburn Botanic Gardens - next year.

A tour of Rookwood would be interesting after hearing our great speaker in June.

Member's thoughts on Coach trip to Mt Tomah in November.

Cowra 4 day tour - September. We need more members to join us if this is to go ahead.

Looking for proposals for future tours including cruises. See Jim or Judy Thompson if you would be interested in these.

TAFE Lunch - date still to be confirmed. Vicki will organise something else if TAFE can't accommodate us this time.

There were discussions on Risk Management, By-Laws and Constitution.

Pam Slater - Secretary - June 2019

# **AMPC Committee Members 2019-20**

AMPC Committee Me	embers 2018-19	Phone	Email
	Officers		
President	Sandra Death		
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Secretary	Pam Slater		info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au
Treasurer	Yenda Holland		
	Committee		
Bulletin	Nick Speyer		
Hospitality	Vicki McPherson		
Membership	Barry Willick		
Programme	Mary Potter		
	Jim & Judy		
Tours/Excursions	Thompson		
Welfare	Denise Mayhew		
Assistant Secretary	John Davies		
Historian/Public Officer	Sandra Death		
Assistant Treasurer	Dianne Watson		
Past President	Sylvia Gratton		

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

WHEN SOMEONE ASKS WHAT I DID OVER THE WEEKEND, I SQUINT AND ASK, "WHY, WHAT DID YOU HEAR??"

I had my patience tested. I'm negative.

# **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	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland
	& Robert Montgomery	Theatres	Rhonda Wilson
Dining out	Vicki McPherson	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 8th June, 2019

Income received for year to date

Offset by expenses of
Year to date surplus balance

\$ 2,614

Add previous year's surplus of
Gives an overall member surplus of

This surplus consists of cash of
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance
Total member equity

\$ 5,623

\$ 2,614

\$ 7,371

\$ 9,985

Yenda Holland 8 June 2019



MONEYS paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) should be made to: Bendigo Bank

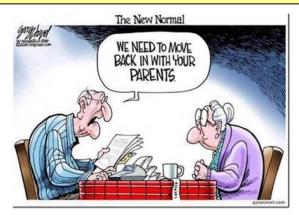
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BSB: 633-000 Account: 139 637 029

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.







# Walks Program: Laurie Keaton



38 Members attended the Windsor Walk which provided its challenges. Most people seemed to have enjoyed themselves and the Macquarie Hotel gave great service in providing the hearty lunch so quickly.

The Long Jetty Walk and the August Walk will be more laid back and should suit those who wish to be less organised. The Sydney Park walk has no schedule and members can do their own thing including organising lunch. It is suggested you visit the web site by entering Sydney Park. However, as part of club risk

management, registration implies all attendees will have read the Environmental Report on Methane gases which appears below. \*\*

The July Walk cannot accept further registrations as with 40 registrations we are over-subscribed. Please note the changes to travel arrangements that were listed in the last bulletin.\*

In the event of doubtful weather Plan B would be to proceed with the Reservoir Gardens and Luncheon at the RSL.

#### \*\* Important information from Sydney Park web site

- You can continue to use the park as normal. Exposure to methane is considered low risk in open spaces such as parks, as it dissipates and cannot concentrate.
- We regularly monitor all buildings and confined spaces inside Sydney Park, and confined spaces next to Sydney Park. So far testing has shown that methane is not accumulating in these areas.
- Fire and Rescue NSW conducted testing of surrounding residential and business properties in November 2018, and all buildings were declared safe.
- If elevated levels of methane are detected at any time, we will notify the Environment Protection Authority and NSW Fire and Rescue.

If you have any questions, you can contact the <u>Environment Protection Authority</u> on 131 555 or their customer service team on 02 9265 9333.

### Future Walks

#### **Centennial Park Thursday 25 July**

What: Busby's Swamp, Centennial Park & Reservoir Gardens Paddington.

Total Walk 5km (3.5 KM + IN THE PARK).

Travel: Intercity Berowra 0954 Hornsby Plat 3 0904 - Arr Central 0944

\* Bus to Anzac Parade and Lang Road Junction from Elizabeth Street

Return bus 440 (central) or 333 (Elizabeth St).

Morning Tea: Kiosk Centennial Park

**Lunch:** Paddington RSL \$10 pre-payment will be refunded en route.

Lunch choice please on the train.

#### **Sydney Park Thursday 22 August**

What: A self-guided tour of the 40 hectare park featuring remnants of St Peter's Brickworks, wetlands, hills to view Sydney, restoration of the old brick-pit and much more. The length and difficulty depends on yourself.

**Travel:** Train to Wynyard Berowra 0926 Hornsby 0940 Plat 1. Arr Wynyard 1023. Change to Bankstown Line 1029. (Central 1040 Plat 22 \*) Arr St Peters 1049.

Morning Tea: Bring your own or use the Kiosk.

**Lunch:** Bring Your Own, Use the Kiosk, McDonalds nearby, Cafes nearby or Sydney Park Hotel. The Hotel is near the station. **Do your own thing**.

**Safety:** Members are reminded of the risk management requirement to only undertake activities for which you are physically able to do. Some of the viewing hills are steep and should be avoided in some cases. Please buddy-up.

# Narrabeen Lake TBC Thursday 26 September

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

On Thursday 20th June we had a beautiful day for a walk in the Wendy Whitely Secret Garden, Lavender Bay. We then enjoyed lunch at Kirribilli RSL with wonderful views over the harbour. Our thanks to Jim Thompson for organising and for his historical talk.



# Thursday 18th July - Christmas in July

Waterview Restaurant at Berowra Waters, Cost \$47. Drive yourself. Be there by 11.45am but allow enough time for the ferry.

# **Other Outings**

**Thu 15 Aug. Goat Island.** dep Circular quay at 10.45am, return at 1.00. We will have a guided walking history tour of the island. Cost \$33. Pay at the July or August meeting. Lunch at the MCA cafe.

**Thu 19 Sep. Hawkesbury River History Cruise**. dep Brooklyn 9.35, return 12.35. Morning tea provided. Cost \$30. There are quite a lot of steps at Hawkesbury Station. If this is a problem you may wish to travel by car. Lunch at Brooklyn.

**Thu 21 Nov. Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens**. We will travel by coach and will have a guided walking tour of these spectacular gardens. A shuttle bus tour will be available for those who are less mobile. More details later.

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

Cost \$780, \$215 S/S. Visit, Mayfield Garden, Parkes and Forbes.

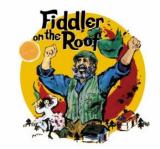
\$100 deposit payable now.

#### **Tour Inclusions**

- Luxury Coach Travel
- 3 night's motel accommodation
- 3 cooked motel breakfasts
- 3 motel dinners
- 3 included lunches see below
- Entry and lunch box at Mayfield Gardens
- Cowra Breakout Hologram and POW Hologram at Cowra Visitors Information Centre
- Locally guided town tour of Cowra
- Entry and self-guided tour at Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre
- Entry, guided tour of museum and morning tea at McFeeters Motor Museum
- Entry and lunch at Henry Parkes History Museum
- Entry including 3D Triple Features at CSIRO Australia Telescope National Facility, Parkes
- Lunch and tasting at Bluestill Distillery, Cafe & Gallery, Young
- Visit and demonstration at Poppa's Fudge & Jam Factory, Young

# **Theatres: Rhonda Wilson**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

CONCOURSE THEATRE CHATSWOOD SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1:30 \$55 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 Bassingthwaighte, Alinta Chidzey and fabulous Casey Donovan as Matron "Mama" Morton.



#### **BILLY ELLIOT**

#### UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO BILLY ELLIOT CLOSING EARLIER (DECEMBER) THE DATE HAS BEEN

CHANGED TO 13 NOVEMBER, 1:00 SYDNEY LYRIC

\$80.00 PAYMENT DUE BY <u>SEPTEMBER</u> MEETING.

Acclaimed by audiences and critics alike, it 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.

#### WAR HORSE is an Entertainment Phenomenon, has

won 5 Tony Awards as well as Best Play. When: WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 1:00 PM

Where: SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE Cost: \$70.00 (Stalls A, B, C rows)



# Dining Out - Vicki McPherson

Tuesday 13th August - Lunch in the Ambassador Room at Ryde TAFE

This is a three course meal including drinks. The cost is \$30.00

From my expressions of interest form at our last meeting I have 38 people, maximum will be 40. I am waiting on confirmation from TAFE regarding the date. TAFE advise me they have 'pencilled' us in as bookings for next term aren't open yet, they will email me when this is confirmed. I will keep everyone updated. Payment will be at July meeting.

# **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

# Trivia Nights: Mary Potter

Usually a group from our Probus club plays trivia at the Asquith Bowling Club on the first Wednesday night after the general meeting. Due to a certain sporting event the club is not available on 10 July.

Next Trivia will be Wednesday 17 July.

# **Dolls: Barbara Williamson**

**When**: Wednesday after the meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> July

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 - No Mah-jong on 3<sup>rd</sup> July

# **Beginners Mah-jong: Yenda Holland**

The course for mah-jong beginners will start on at 1.30pm at the Asquith Bowling Club and will run for eight weeks. Please advise Yenda if you would like to attend.

# Card Playing 500: Mary Glasby

Asquith Bowling Club, Cost Free, 10.00am, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. There will be no cards on 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Enquiries, Mary Glasby

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Convener	Page	Phone
Every Wednesday	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland	7	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	7	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting	Nick Speyer	-	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Up Close and Personal	Rhonda Wilson	-	
9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Rhonda Wilson	-	
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	7	
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Committee Meeting	Nick Speyer	-	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	7	
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Christmas in July	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Centennial Park & Busby Swamp walk	Laurie Keaton	4	
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Dining Out at Ryde TAFE	Vicki McPherson	7	
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Goat Island Trip	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Sydney Park walk	Laurie Keaton	5	
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Fifth Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson	-	
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Chicago	Rhonda Wilson	6	
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Hawksbury River Historical Cruise	Jim/Judy Thompson	6	
24 September	4 day trip to Cowra	Yenda Holland	6	
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Narrabeen Lake walk	Laurie Keaton	5	
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Fiddler on the Roof	Rhonda Wilson	6	
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Billy Elliot	Rhonda Wilson	7	
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens	Jim/Judy Thompson	6	

#### THEM & US (THROUGH THE WINDOWS ON A BUS)

There once was a time - and quite recently too,
When I'd spot in the traffic a bus coming through
'Twould be loaded with old folk going out for the day,
The heads at the windows bald, silver and grey,
And I'd feel quite a pang for those old, past their prime,
I thought, "Did they do this to fill in their time?"
They looked quite inert, staring out from their seats,
Being taken en masse, for interesting treats,
And where were they heading? I wanted to know,
Could it be to the city for lunch and a show?
Now, if 'twas a film, then what would they choose?
Perhaps Sound of Music where they'd have a good snooze,
And wake up refreshed & go on their way
Telling themselves they'd had a great day.

Now the tables have turned, and I'm on that trip,
But our crowd is so different - we're really quite "hip",
Not for us to stare dourly out at the view,
We laugh and we joke, we're young through and through,
But I sometimes do wonder, sitting up there so high,
Do young ones look up as our bus passes by
And think to themselves how old we all look,
How pathetically sad & desperately crook?
But we are exceptional & ever so clever

Retired are we, but growing old? - NEVER!

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#### WHERE DID THAT PHRASE COME FROM

We use the expression according to Hoyle as aligning to accepted standards or rules, or to be in keeping with the way something is normally done. But did Hoyle ever exist, and if so, who was he? Edmond Hoyle (1679 - 1769) of England, was the author of books of rules for card games, and was so highly regarded that other writers used his name on their own books, so that over time his name became synonymous with any rules.

(Author unknown - Submitted by Sandra Death)

# Welfare Report - Denise Mayhew

Having had knee replacement surgery on 4<sup>th</sup> June, Noel Fisher is now an inpatient at Mt Wilga having physio and hydrotherapy. Noel is expecting to be there for at least another week (maybe two) and is very happy with the way he is progressing.

After recent hip replacement surgery, John Channon has amazed everybody (including himself), by how well he has recovered from the surgery. John is now having physiotherapy twice a week at Mt Wilga.

Joan Barnes has undergone carpal tunnel surgery; she is doing well but is hoping that after some physiotherapy, complete feeling will return to her hand.

Georgina Hughes should now be out of her support boot, in her words "thank goodness" and has reported that after not feeling so well her husband Vince is definitely feeling better as he is now looking forward to his meals

It was lovely to see Judy Thompson at our last meeting after an absence due to surgery. Judy looked equally as happy to see us and blessed us with her beautiful smile.

Best wishes to those members not feeling so well and I hope ALL members are managing to stay warm during this cold snap.

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating their special day

Denise Mayhew (If I don't answer, please leave a message)

# **Knitted Dolls**

A very big thank you to the wonderful ladies of Asquith Mixed Probus Club that have completed and sent 490 knitted dolls to the Westmead Children's Hospital so far this year, with a further 145 currently being worked on and nearing completion.

The group have a great time at Barbara's home one morning per month, with lots of laughter, cuppas and chat and indeed knitting, colour matching, stuffing, embroidering eyes and faces and so on. To see the joy and happiness on the faces of children at the hospital when they receive one of our dolls is so rewarding. CONGRATULATIONS LADIES, AN AMAZING EFFORT.



P. S.	ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC PO Box 3140 Asquith NSW 2077 Inc No: 9890687  Activities Payment Voucher	ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC Inc No: 9890687 P O Box 3140 Asquith Receipt NSW 2077
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