



Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

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Willick, Sylvia Gratton, John Davies,*

Goat Island Outing

"I just couldn't believe it!" That was a comment from one of the 33 AMPC Members who toured Goat Island on Thursday 15th August. Many did not know where Goat Island was, until our chartered ferry from Circular Quay turned left under the Harbour Bridge. Goat Island is the first island we met, tucked between Balmain to the South and Balls Head to the North. It is a small island that, like a number of Harbour islands, gets its name from its shape.

There is evidence of early Aboriginal occupation, and legend says that Bennelong and his wife Barangaroo relaxed there often. In the early 1830's, Governor Bourke ordered the construction of a Magazine on the island to store the colony's gunpowder. A squad of convicts, with a detachment of soldiers to guard them, were sent to the island to quarry beautiful sandstone blocks which were used to build the large Magazine and elegant soldier's quarters which still stand today. All explosives were finally removed from the island in 1900.

In 1835 the Colony's Water Police were relocated to the north end of the island and a water level ditch was cut across the island to separate the police from the convicts. Water Police continued

to operate from the island for many years. In the 1990's the island became the base for the TV series *Water Rats*. In 1901 the island was given to the Sydney Harbor Trust, and a magnificent residence was built for the Harbour Master, with views right down the Harbour to the East, and Darling Harbour to the South.

Much more could be written about boat building, social activities such as tennis and dances, rock concerts, etc., but suffice it to say that we all enjoyed an excellent tour, led by two very well informed National Parks guides. John Davies



Meeting Dates

Thurs. 5th September, 2019

Thurs. 3rd October, 2019

at **Asquith Golf Club**

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

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

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District: 9680 Inc. No.: 9890687

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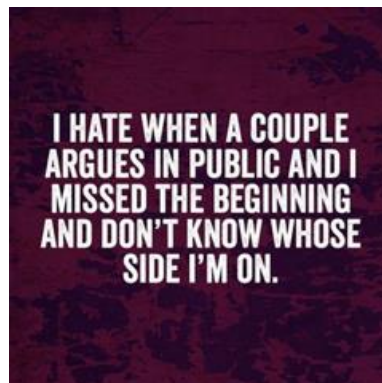
Committee Notes - August, 2019

- It was reported that some Evaluation Forms have been returned, and we are expecting a lot more to be returned at the next General Meeting.
- There was a discussion about getting to know new members. A Buddy System was one of the suggestions.
- The President informed the Committee that Asquith Golf Club has 2 CPR machines, and Staff have been trained to use them.
- New First Aid Kits have been purchased for Outings and Walks for our member's benefit.
- There has been a great response to Hawkesbury River Cruise in September and the Mt Tomah Coach Tour in November.
- Please remember to use the Suggestion Box if you have any outing ideas.
- Don't forget to put your name down for the October Birthday lunch at Bobbin Head, it will be catered for by Stuart from the Golf Club, and our club will supply wine, juice and water.
- The Men's Group is taking shape. There have been three meetings. Speak with Robert Allison if you would like more information.

Pam Slater - Secretary

AMPC Committee Members 2019-20

AMPC Committee Members 2018-19		Phone	Email
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	Committee		
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Programme	Mary Potter		
Tours/Excursions	Jim & Judy Thompson		
Welfare	Denise Mayhew		
Assistant Secretary	John Davies		
Historian/Public Officer	Sandra Death		
Assistant Treasurer	Dianne Watson		
Past President	Sylvia Gratton		



Other Activities

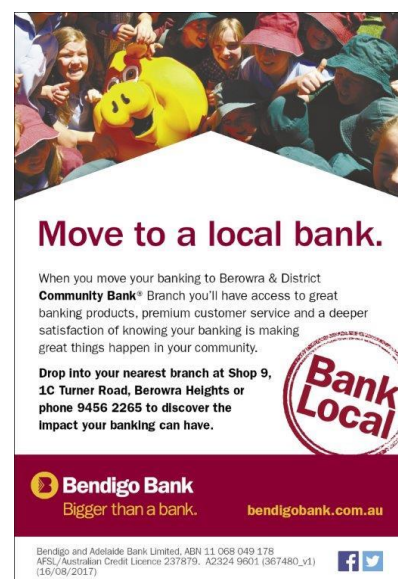
Cluster Ambassador	Anne Heaton	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Angus Dougall	5 th Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD, Jigsaw	Sunny Dougall & Robert Montgomery	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland
		Theatres	Rhonda Wilson
Dining out	Vicki McPherson	Trivia	Mary Potter
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
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 6th August, 2019

Income received for year to date	\$8,365	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$6,946</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ 1,419
Add previous year's surplus of		<u>\$ 7,371</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u><u>\$ 8,790</u></u>
This surplus consists of cash of		\$13,158
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 4,369</u>
Total member equity		<u><u>\$ 8,790</u></u>

Yenda Holland

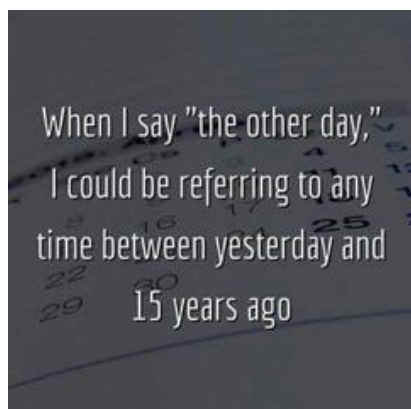
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MONEYS paid by **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** should be made to: Bendigo Bank

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.



August Meeting



Beryl Simpson received her OBE



Helen Vincent & Geoff Bensley
were welcomed to the Club



Jan Ferguson received a Certificate of Thanks for bringing
morning tea to Committee members attending activity
tables

Speaker Program

AUGUST — Wayne Stevens, Berowra Station Officer, NSW Fire and Rescue kept members informed and amused as he responded to a Q and A session on bushfire safety.

Some of the points raised:

- terminology is moving from using the word bushfire to wildfire
- it is recommended in a fire emergency that you leave and not stay; this cannot be enforced but others' lives may then also be placed at risk
- never re-enter a house once you leave
- the Fire Brigade will change batteries in your smoke alarm and check placement
- Stored Water Supply (SWS) — if you live in a bush fire prone area and have a swimming pool or dam on your property, it is possible to register the fact.

Much appreciation to those who helped with the roving mike.



Anne Heaton thanked Wayne

SEPTEMBER — Author David Hunt

David Hunt will regale us with tales of Australia's past. His first book, "Girt: The Unauthorised History of Australia", won the Australian 2014 Indie Award for Non-Fiction Book of the Year. The sequel, "True Girt", was shortlisted for Audiobook of the Year at the 2017 Australian Book Industry Awards and for the 2017 Russell Prize for Humour Writing. David also presented the ABC Radio Australian history podcast Rum, Rebels & Ratbags and is a presenter on the History Channel's Aussie Inventions That Changed the World.

David has a birthmark that looks like Tasmania, only smaller and not as far south.

Walks Program: Laurie Keaton

38 members attended the Busby Ponds, Centennial Park Walk in perfect weather. Confusion reigned with trains and despite mixed messages we eventually arrived at Busby's Cairn. An enjoyable jaunt in the park. Unfortunately not all of the Reservoir Gardens were open. Paddington RSL provided a great lunch.



Busby's Bore Cairn



John Britten will host the next walk to Warner's Bay. Please do not contact Laurie who is will be in Cowra. If boarding at Hornsby please board cars 6-7. Wendy will board at Asquith and mark attendance.

A reminder that apologies need to be submitted prior to departure by phone or by email by the previous evening (). For the Warners bay walk contact John Britten on the number listed below please.

Thursday September 26 - Warners Bay Walk

Leader John Britten

What: 5.7 km section of Great North Walk from Teralba to Warner's Bay.
Steep Steps at Teralba Station. Easy walk of 90 mins.

Travel: Hornsby 0822 Intercity from Platform 5 Asquith 0824
Berowra Plat 1 0830. Carriages 6-7 please.
Return Buses depart John Street Warners Bay at 1320 and 1416
to near Booragul Station. 10 in walk. Trains depart 1358 or 1459.
Arr. Berowra 1539 or 1651 Hornsby 1550 or 1640

Morning Tea: Quick stop at Teralba for toilet and coffee. Bring your own if you wish.

Lunch: Warners Bay Sports Club lunches from \$11. Menu at our meeting.



Seen lurking at the August meeting

Thursday 24 October - Narrabeen Lake

Leader: Barry Brown

What: **Long walk** 8.4 km round trip. + 0.6 km after lunch back to bus stop.
Formed track or paved pathway. Rated Moderate because of the distance.
Participants must be capable of 4 kph pace. No stragglers on this walk!
A short option of 4km with registrations at the October meeting depending on numbers on the long walk.

Travel: Wyong Train (Blue Front) Berowra 0814 Hornsby 0824 Plat 1. Gordon 0836
Wynyard arr 0905 - This train does not stop at other stations.
As it is peak hour please board cars 3 and 4.

B Line Express to Narrabeen - Departs Carrington St every 2-7 minutes. ETD 0915.

Latecomers will have to make their own way .

If travelling to Wynyard independently wait near the bottom of the up escalator near the left of the George St ramp exit (main concourse).

Morning tea: For Long Walk bring your own plus water. Coffee shack probably NOT available.

Lunch: Sands Hotel. Ocean Street Narrabeen (Cnr Ocean St and Robertson St).

\$10 seniors option available. Hotel Ph: 9970 5700

Link for this walk: <https://www.hellosydneykids.com.au/narrabeen-lagoon-trail-8km-stroller-walk/>

Contact: Laurie for attendance. Barry for info re long walk.

November 28 End of Year Activity

Original plans have not been possible. Replacement activity details will be in the October bulletin.

Laurie

Tours/Activities: Jim & Judy Thompson

Thu 19 September - Hawkesbury River History Cruise

Dep Hornsby 8.23am, dep Asquith 8.26 am, dep Berowra 8.34. 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 November - Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens

Dep Asquith Golf Club 8.30 am, return 4.30 pm. We will travel by coach to these spectacular cool climate botanical gardens. Morning tea on the way.

There are several options available:

Option A: Guided walking tour of the gardens \$48

Option B: Garden admission only \$35

Option C: Garden shuttle tour for the less mobile (20 mins). \$43

Option D: Same as Option C for DSP card holders. \$35

Lunch at your expense.

There is a restaurant on site (see menu at www.potagermounttomah.com.au) or BYO lunch.

Pay Aug, Sep, Oct, or Nov.

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

As we were not able to get the 30 people required for this trip, Barbara has negotiated with Hopkinsons and the following has been agreed - for an extra \$10 per head and no lunches provided, the trip will go ahead with the 22 people who have already paid their deposit. We do hope that this meets with your approval.

Visit, Mayfield Garden, Parkes and Forbes.

Final payment is required at the **AUGUST** meeting.

Cost \$790, \$215 S/S.

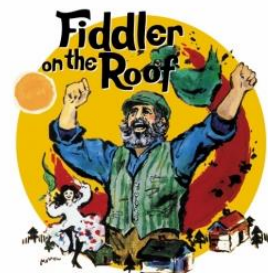
Theatres: Rhonda Wilson

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

CONCOURSE THEATRE CHATSWOOD

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 1:30

\$55 PAYMENT DUE BY SEPTEMBER MEETING

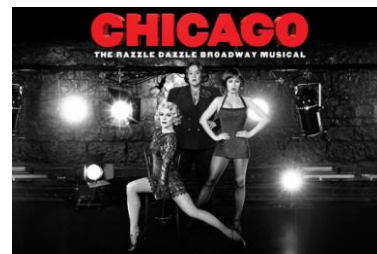


CHICAGO

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1:00pm

CAPITAL THEATRE - \$70

Don't forget to collect your tickets today



BILLY ELLIOT

13 NOVEMBER, 1:00 SYDNEY LYRIC

\$80.00 PAYMENT DUE BY SEPTEMBER MEETING - Wait list.

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.

KURIOS - CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

It has been described as the company's most entertainment show in a long, long time.

When: Sunday 8 December - 1:30pm

Where: The Showring Entertainment Quarter – Moore Park

Price: adult: \$70.00, child: \$64.00

Payment due: October meeting.

NOT MANY TICKETS LEFT.

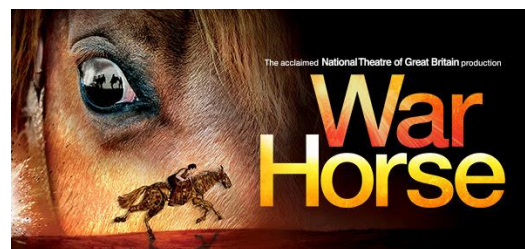


WAR HORSE is an Entertainment Phenomenon, has won 5 Tony Awards as well as Best Play.

When: WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 1:00 PM

Where: SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE

Cost: \$70.00 (Stalls A, B, C rows)



HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD

Show will not be coming to Sydney

For those Harry Potter fans I am asking for an expression of interest in organising a group booking to see the 2 plays in Melbourne.

I require 10 for a discounted price of \$279 (normally \$310) for the two sessions (same day) excellent seats. I was thinking of making it in the first 1/4 of next year but am open to suggestions.

Dining Out - Vicki McPherson

17th of October - Birthday Picnic at 12 noon in the Pavillion at Bobbin Head.

This year it will be catered for by Asquith Golf Club.

The cost is \$25.00. **Please note: this now includes food, drinks and drinking vessels.**

There will be an attendance form and the menu at the activities desk at the August meeting.

Payment by the September meeting.

Vicki would like to know of any food allergies/intolerances people may have, please add your name to the list at the activities desk.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Trivia Nights: Mary Potter

A club group attends trivia at Asquith Bowling Club on the Wednesday night following the monthly general meeting. Starts at 7.00pm and there is no entry fee. Enquiries Mary Potter:
Next date is Wednesday 11 September.

Dolls: Barbara Williamson

When: 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**

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 any number of tables.

Enquiries, Mary Glasby:

Men's Group

The members present resolved to meet again on the third Wednesday in September, 18th September at 10:30 at the Blue Gum pub, back bar/bistro, at 10:30. Coffee is available as well as normal pub drinks. The Bistro is available for lunch if you wish to stay. Contact Robert Allison:

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Convener	Page	Phone
Every Wednesday	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland	8	
4 th & 18 th Sept	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	8	
5 th September	General Meeting	Sandra Death	-	
11 th September	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	8	
11 th September	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	8	
12 th September	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death	-	
18 th September	Men's Group	Robert Allison	8	
19 th September	Hawksbury River Historical Cruise	Jim/Judy Thompson	6	
24 September	4 day trip to Cowra	Yenda Holland	6	
26 th September	Warner's Bay Walk	Laurie Keaton	5	
17 th October	Birthday Picnic at Bobbin Head	Vicki McPherson	7	
20 th October	Fiddler on the Roof	Rhonda Wilson	6	
24 th October	Narrabeen Lake walk	Laurie Keaton	5	
13 th November	Billy Elliot	Rhonda Wilson	7	
21 st November	Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens	Jim/Judy Thompson	6	
28 th November	Walks Group End of Year Activity	Laurie Keaton	6	
8 th December	Kurios - Cirque du Soleil	Rhonda Wilson	7	
11 th March, 2020	War Horse	Rhonda Wilson	7	

TAFE Lunch

A fine time was had by all those attending the lunch. The food was terrific (I don't think anyone will be having much for dinner) and the staff very pleasant.



PROBUS SONG by Paul Paviour (Submitted by Sandra Death)

We have done our share of duty,
working hard in town and country.
All our obligations done,
we take a well-earned rest;
Probus member are delightful,
never angry, never spiteful,
Living life with all our might,
we're up there with the best.

Speakers, trips and dinners
which have proven winners;
Membership in Probus offers
fellowship to all, saints and sinners;
We of Probus have a chorus,
life has lots of pleasures for us.
Raise you voice and sing this chorus:
fellowship for all.

Welfare Report - Denise Mayhew

At our last meeting Betty Ryan told me she had been in hospital for a week after suffering a fall. I spoke to Betty recently and she informed me she is now "on the up and up".

President Sandra had a short stay in hospital recently to have the rods removed from her foot. Everything has gone well and Sandra has one final specialist appointment to go.

Phyllis Davies was admitted to Northwest Hospital for surgery on 12th August, amazingly she was discharged home on 16th August. I saw Phyllis yesterday (20th) and she looked fantastic, nobody could have guessed how recent her surgery had been.


Jo Willick was admitted to SAH on 12th August to undergo spinal surgery. Jo is doing well considering the serious surgery she had and has now been transferred to Mt Wilga for some weeks of rehabilitation. I will pass on your best wishes to Jo for a great recovery.

Mary Power had been unable to attend a few meetings due to not feeling 100%. I'm very pleased to report Mary is now fit and well, so fit she has taken up indoor bowls. Obviously there's no holding this 95yo back now that she feels so well.

To any member in hospital at this time I wish you all the very best for a speedy recovery.

Love to Noelene, Judy, Flo and John

Denise Mayhew

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