



Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

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Barbara Williamson, Mary Potter,
Angus Dougall, Barry Willick,
Pam Clarke, Ieremy Steele*

Merry Christmas

to all our members and their families

Christmas Lunch - 6th December, 11.00am for 11.30am - see page 6



President's Message

Well, it has come to that special time of the year once again and I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and Joyous Christmas filled with hope for the future.

It has been a busy year and the Committee have worked tirelessly to keep your Club running smoothly. Please consider getting involved in the Committee next year, we are always looking for enthusiastic people with new ideas.

Our 10th Anniversary was memorable and we can all be very proud of the way our Club has progressed. May the next 10 years be just as enjoyable as the first.

Just a reminder that the December Meeting is our Christmas Lunch so get your thinking caps on as I am sure the Trivia will be as entertaining as last year but hopefully not so controversial!

Take care

Sylvia Gratton

Meeting Dates

Thurs. 6th December, 2018

Thurs. 3rd January, 2019

at **Asquith Golf Club**

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

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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	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 6 November, 2018

Income received for year to date	\$7,520	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$7,752</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ -232
 Add previous year's surplus of		<u>\$12,405</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$12,173</u>
 This surplus consists of cash of		\$13,630
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 1,458</u>
Total member equity		<u>\$12,173</u>

Yenda Holland

6 November 2018

MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2019

Members are reminded that **MEMBERSHIP FEES** are now due
Singles \$55 Couples \$105

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE
NO ONE TAKING MONEY AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

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 mark your transfer with your name and "fees" for easy identification. 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.

CLUB 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.

Committee Meeting 8 November, 2018 – Notes

There will be about 90 people attending Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club. A Committee Member will be seated at each table. Thanks to Barbara and Sandra and their team for taking over for Robin who has broken her leg.

Barbara Williamson is looking at a Coach trip to the Central Coast. If you know any interesting places up there, please advise Barbara.

The club is looking at a 7 day Coach tour to Lakes Entrance and the High Country. This will involve a trip to Montague Island and another couple of boat trips. Keep April in mind for this trip, and watch this space!

A 4 day Coach trip to Cowra, Mayfield Gardens - Forbes - Parkes - Harden and Young are on the cards for next September.

Another Bobbin Head Breakfast has been proposed for Monday 4th March. Put this date on your calendar. It will be limited to the first 40 who pay their deposit when requested in the New Year.

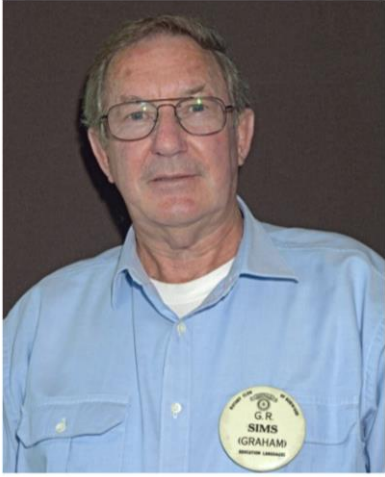
Discussion was held about AMPC website from which we frequently get new member enquiries and information from other clubs. We hope to be setup to issue a "member's password" in the New Year.

Archive photos will be captioned and put on the website when available.

Pam Slater - Secretary - November 2018

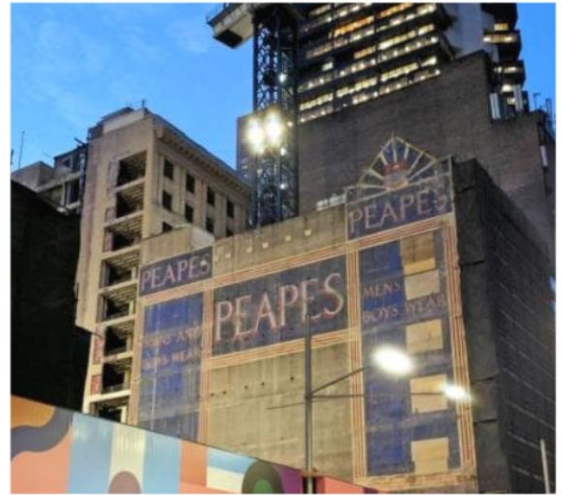
Speakers: Mary Potter

There will be no speaker at the December meeting as it will be the Christmas lunch. The speaker at the January meeting will be Tom Sweeney, President of the Willoughby Theatre Company. His presentation is very entertaining as well as informative, about the many facets of putting on a musical production.



At our November meeting we had the privilege of hearing Graham Sims share some of the knowledge he has gained about Bea Miles. Many of us were surprised that behind the caricature eccentric old woman was a brilliant young mind, and a somewhat tragic upbringing with a very domineering father. Most Sydney born and

raised members would have known of Peapes menswear store in George St, but who knew of the Miles family's connection with the store?



Walks Program: Laurie Keaton

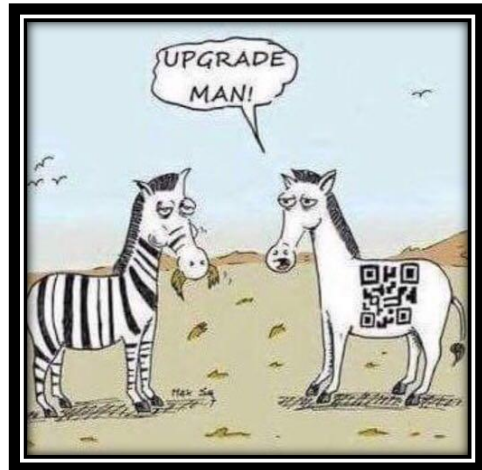
A large group attended the Christmas get together and enjoyed themselves despite the wind. Apologies for the fact some photos were blurred and do not appear in the bulletin.



Laurie, Jim Thompson Wendy Velthuyzen and John Britten have come up with the walks for 2019 with several new walks which will appear in draft format in the next bulletin. The draft format will be sent to committee prior to finalization.



Barbara supervises the second course



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.

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.

Tours/Activities: Barbara Williamson

JANUARY 17th – 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 21st - Darlinghurst Gaol Tour

10.30am

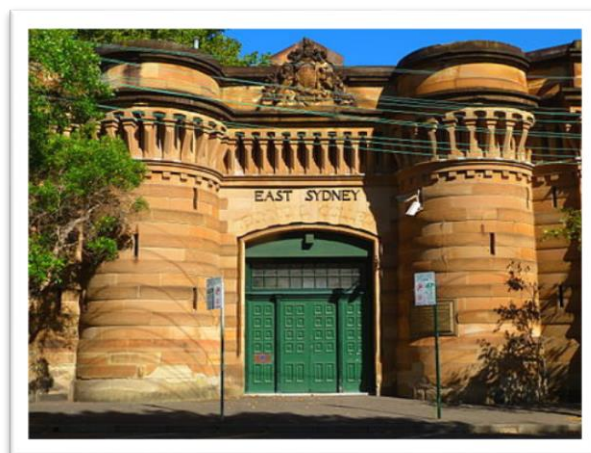
Travel by Train: 9.11 from Hornsby Station

Then bus 333 from Elizabeth Street

\$20 - limit of 30 people

MARCH 14 - Fiddler St Patrick's Day Lunch

\$45



Christmas Lunch: Barbara Williamson

Thursday 6th December, 11.00 for 11.30am

Cost: \$40 - drinks at own expense

Note: Tables of 10 which will have a Committee member and their partner on each table

BREAKFAST AT BOBBIN HEAD: Sandra Death

Date: 4th 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

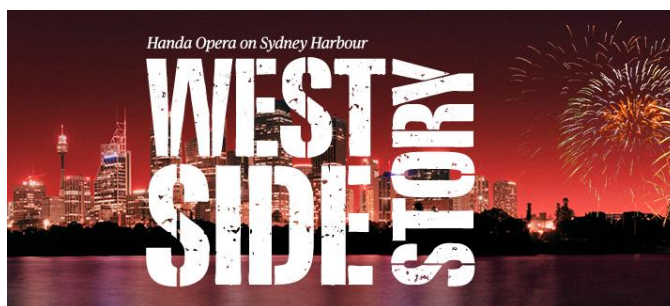
WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH - 7.30pm
C RESERVE \$99 (Heavily discounted)
FLEET STEPS, MRS MACQUARIE POINT

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

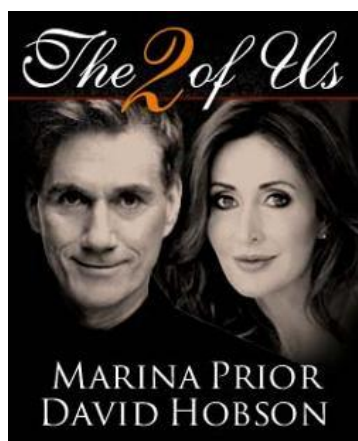
A funny and fresh collection of comic senior moment's sketches and songs.
Stars include John Wood & Max Gilles with maestro Geoff Harvey

SUNDAY 24TH 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

The final trivia for the year will be Wednesday 12 December (the Wednesday after the General Meeting). It will be at Asquith Bowling Club starting at 7.00pm

Never fear if you cannot attend the trivia at the bowling club, as there will be a Christmas trivia of some description at our Christmas lunch meeting.

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
5 th & 19 th Dec	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	8	9482 8114
Every Wednesday	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland	8	9477 3338
6 th December	Christmas Lunch	Barbara Williamson	6	9484 7578
12 th December	Dolls Thank you lunch	Barbara Williamson	8	9484 7578
12 th December	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	7	9988-0013
13 th December	Committee Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	0404 108 677
3 rd January, 2019	General Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	0404 108 677
17 th January, 2019	Drummoyne Sailing Club - lunch	Barbara Williamson	5	9484 7578
24 th January	Evening Walk to Mrs Macquarie's Chair	Laurie Keaton	5	0409 226 121
24 th January	Senior's Moments	Rhonda Wilson	7	0418 870 780
21 st February	Darlinghurst Gaol Tour	Barbara Williamson	6	9484 7578
28 th February	Evening Walk to Balls Head	Laurie Keaton	5	0409 226 121
4 th March	Breakfast at Bobbin Head	Sandra Death	6	0403 073 667
14 th March	Lunch at the Fiddler	Barbara Williamson	6	9484 7578
27 th March	West Side Story	Rhonda Wilson	7	0418 870 780
5 th July	Up Close and Personal	Rhonda Wilson	7	0418 870 780
9 th July, 2019	Charley and the Chocolate Factory	Rhonda Wilson	6	0418 870 780

Welfare: Denise Mayhew

After a very quiet few months of having nothing to report (because most of our members are so fit and healthy) I have to tell you this altered somewhat in October and November.

Jan Cunningham was the 'observer' at our last committee meeting and it was there I found out she had had double knee replacement surgery. I'm sorry I didn't get to send her a card because she completely slipped under my radar, but I'm happy to report that her surgery and physiotherapy went extremely well.

Robin Doohan had an unfortunate accident on some stairs at her home resulting in a broken fibula and two broken bones in her ankle. Originally admitted to Hornsby Hospital and was then transferred to SAH for surgery and later transferred to Mt Wilga Hospital for rehabilitation. Unfortunately Robin has more surgery ahead of her but at the moment is quite happy zipping around on her leg scooter.

Mary Glasby had surgery at SAH to her spine and is also in Mt Wilga Hospital. I saw Mary pre surgery and it was quite obvious she was suffering incredible pain. I visited Mary this week and I'm so pleased to report that I saw a totally different lady. Mary is going home this week, still recuperating and I hope taking things easy, but definitely a much happier person.

Merle Robinson was admitted to SAH suffering terrible pain, I'm happy to report that I visited Merle who is now in Mt Wilga Hospital for pain management and some rehabilitation and I'm happy to report she is much improved.

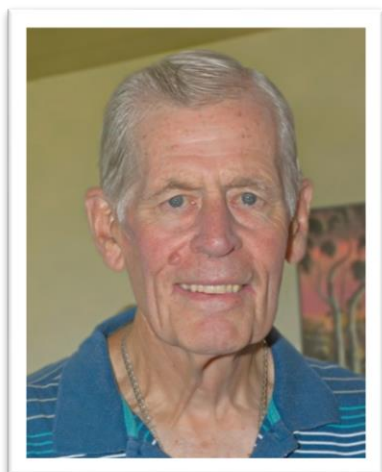
I'd like to thank everyone for the good wishes and kindness shown to me during my recent hospital stay. I've learnt my lesson and will now pick my feet up when I walk.

To everybody who missed out on my 'melodious' singing birthday wishes, I sincerely apologise and hope you all had a really fabulous special day.

Denise Mayhew

Vale Philip Simpson

26/12/1937 – 23/10/2018



Philip Simpson was sent to Australia from England as a 10 year old and was housed in Dalmar Children's Home, where he spent his formative years. After completing his schooling Philip worked with P & O for a period of 32 years. Semi-retired he became a commercial painter and through his love of his Baptist religion became a 'good Samaritan' to members of the parish helping and supporting them wherever he could.

Philip met his future wife through their church and in 1966 they bought a home and settled into the Hornsby area.

Philip was one of our new members having joined our club with his wife in April 2018, friends had suggested membership over the years but because of commitments in their lives it couldn't be

considered until this year. Philip was eager to participate in our club activities but sadly after their first trip away he suffered 2 strokes and passed away.

Philip is survived by his wife Beryl, two sons and one daughter. A beloved granddaughter was married on 27th October and I'm sure the family took comfort with the thought that Philip was watching over them.

Where did that phrase come from?

Originally a shamble was a bench. Butchers used to set up benches to sell meat from, and in time the street would become known as the Shambles. (This street name survives in many towns today). But back then, butchers would throw offal into the street, and so shambles came to mean a mess or something very untidy or disorganized.

Bundeena by Train and Ferry

On Thursday 15th November an intrepid bunch, 29 in all, set out from all points north to find another great place for lunch. The target this day was The Bundeena Community Club.

For those of you who have never been to Bundeena it is a small village situated close to the south eastern most point of the Royal National Park on beautiful Port Hacking.

It is an interesting exercise to get people who reside around Asquith to this village of Bundeena which is one of two within the Parks boundaries, the other being Maianbar.

We firstly had to travel to Central by train (bus and train for some) to find platform 25 which is located down in the bowels of the suburban rail system. A comment was overheard that the escalator down was akin to its counterpart in Prague which was Russian built during the cold war.

Having found the appropriate platform we needed to board the train to Cronulla. This route, it was learnt by the writer, was the Eastern Suburbs line which runs from Bondi Junction to Cronulla and return. The trip to Cronulla highlighted to us all the development of the southern suburbs of Sydney, especially "The Shire", as well as the number of colourful Jacaranda trees along this route.

Alighting at Cronulla station was like stepping into the past. Nothing seems to have changed since the writer was a teenager.

We had coffee time then a leisurely walk down to the ferry walk which was quite picturesque with a great view of Gunnamatta Bay with its waterfront homes and watercraft at their moorings.

We boarded MV Curranulla at 1130 bound for Bundeena. The Curranulla is a "purpose built" timber ferry that started this run to Bundeena on 12th May 1939. It is now the oldest commuter ferry operating to a timetable in Australia. This boat was built in Sydney by Morrison and Sinclair Pty Ltd. This company was one of the oldest shipbuilders in Australia and was situated in the western corner of Blackwattle Bay, Balmain.



Waiting for the ferry at Cronulla



Lunch at Bundeena RSL

Enough of this historical stuff. The voyage to Bundeena started as a lovely sightseeing trip as we admired the beautiful waterfront homes precariously perched atop rocky outcrops. Then one member of our group, who shall remain nameless, after feeling raindrops through an open window, made the comment that “we may need all hands on deck on the way home”. The rain eased as we went ashore at Bundeena wharf. The Club was approx. 100m, a reasonable walk, up the hill. A bus was supplied by the Club for our convenience.

Hacking to Cronulla. The food was scrumptious and the company entertaining.

Many thanks to Barbara and her assistant Pam for the organisation of us all and making sure that we were all fed according to our liking. A Great Day had by all!

PS We did not have to “man the pumps” on the way back to Cronulla as the Sun God shone on us.

Barry Brown

Our lunch venue was well worth the trip. We had 2 large tables with the view across Port

Warbirds Downunder - Temora 2018

The report was in the November Bulletin. Here are some photos.



Carol Channon at Temora



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