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Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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

AGM - Notice of Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be Thursday 5th March, 2020, 10:15 for 10:30am start At Asquith Golf Club, Lord Street, Mt Colah

Nominations for Committee positions should be submitted by the February Meeting. Forms are with this email or available at the meeting.

Notice of Motion

Standing Resolutions

- 1. 2nd Paragraph add **and a** maximum of **9** Committee Members
- 2. Amend 2(c) to read: Three people, being the current President, Treasurer and Secretary, are authorised by the Management Committee to sign club withdrawals, either by EFT or cheque. Of these three, two must sign every withdrawal.
- 3. 5. The maximum membership of the club shall be 150: add active members.

These changes have been approved by the committee and seek membership approval.

Moved John Channon (Vice President)

Seconded by Sandra Death (President)

Presidents Message

It has been a sad start to the year with the tragic events that have unfolded through our summer. Our hearts and minds are with all regional communities that are enduring such hardship on such a huge scale.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful Committee for their service this year and all those other Members who gave their time to help make this club function so well.

Sandra Death (President)

Meeting Dates

Thurs. 6 February, 2020 Thurs. 5 March, 2020 at **Asquith Golf Club**

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

Website:

http://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au/ Email: info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au Bulletin: Editor: Nick Speyer

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Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on 2

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Bendigo Bank details for depositing: BSB No: 633-000 Account No.: 139 637 029

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AMPC Committee Members 2019-20

AMPC Committee Members 2018-19		Phone	Email
	Officers		
President	Sandra Death		
Vice-President Elect	Nick Speyer		
Vice President	John Channon		
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		
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	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	Website & Men's Gp	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 4 January, 2020

Income received for year to date \$3,500
Offset by expenses of \$8
Year to date surplus balance \$3,492
Add previous year's surplus of \$6,713
Gives an overall member surplus of \$10,205
This surplus consists of cash of \$21,641
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance \$11,436
Total member equity \$10,205

Yenda Holland 6 January 2020



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.

Committee Notes - January 2020

There was discussion on our website. We hope members are using this facility.

For the Armidale - Moree Trip Jim Thompson our tour leader advises to get your train booking done as soon as possible. Payment needs to be paid by the February meeting. Why not do an EFT payment at home and bring your bank receipt and form to the meeting?

Jim Thompson has been getting dates and prices together for a cruise later in the year. We should know more about that exciting trip at February meeting.

Fees are now due, filling out forms at home can save a lot of time at the meeting. Paying from home is a breeze. \$60 per person for renewals.

Succession Planning - The AGM will be held in March, all positions will become vacant, it would be wonderful to see some of our new members become involved, it's a way of getting to know people a lot faster.

Pam Slater

Speakers

Once again in January we were challenged in our understanding of world events by the speaker Gordon Mar as he talked about the origins and causes of the "Opium Wars" in the 19th century. I wonder how many other political situations or family conflicts could be minimised or avoided by an understanding of other people's culture.

The planned speaker for February is now unable to attend. We are fortunate Bob Davis has agreed to talk to us about The Power of Music and to answer questions.

Bob grew up in Asquith and has written a book on "Growing up in Asquith, Gramma Pies and Gum Trees"; married 63 Years this month, has four children; four grandchildren; a Toastmaster for many years and a part time teacher of Public Speaking and Beekeeping; Foundation president of Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Life education and Brooklyn Community Assoc.; Presented with the State Premier's Award for Community Service and a strong believer in Global Warming.

Walks Program: Laurie Keaton

Thursday 27 February 2020 - Summer Evening Walk

Where: Waverton to Balls Head

What: Easy 2.2 km walk each way and supper by the Harbour.

Bring supper and drinks of choice.

Travel: 1626 train from Berowra. 1640 Hornsby Platform 1.

Arrive Waverton 1713

Thursday 26 March 2020

Where: Cremorne Point Wharf to Mosman Rowers

What: Easy 2.5 km walk With stopover at Roberston Point.

Time to view the Lex and Ruby Graham Gardens. Lunch (TBC) Mosman Rowers.

Return Ferry From Mosman wharf.

Lunch only participants catch 1100 or 1130 ferry to Mosman.

Travel: 0856 Train from Berowra. Dep Hornsby 0910 arr Wynyard 0953.

20 min coffee break at Circular Quay. 1030 Ferry to Cremorne Point.

Return Ferry from Mosman wharf at 25 & 55 mins past hour.

The Cremorne walk is yet to be finalised due to negotiations on Lunch costs. A 20 %deposit is required for all members attending to be paid by the March meeting. To make this easier I will set this at \$10. The club wanted a set 2 course menu of \$49. At the time of submitting this report the club had not responded to a single course option.

AMPC DRAFT WALKS PROGRAM.

Date	Venue	Day/Eve	Description	Organiser
23/01/20	1.Mrs <u>Macquaries</u> Chair and Botanical Gardens	E	Easy 2 km each way Plus evening supper. BYO	LK
20/02/20	2. Balls Head	E	Easy 2.2 km each way Plus evening supper. BYO	LK
26/03/20	3.Cremome Point and Mosman Rowers	D	Easy 2.4 km walk plus luncheon at club	LK
23/04/20	4.Dover Heights to Watson Bay	D	Limited numbers (30) due to Bus travel. No Stragglers	LK
28/05/20	5 Collaroy Area./ Northern Beaches Walk	D	TBA. When feasibility of a short component is finalised.	BB
25/06/20	6.Cronulla Area	D	TBA	JВ
23/07/20	7.Nepean River	D	Long walk 7.4km plus return walk to station Lunch at Rowers Club. Easy option being investigated.	LK
27/08/20	8.Gosford Gardens and Cherry Trees	D	Train and Bus to Gardens. 3.4 km walk from Gardens to Gosford Leagues for Lunch.	JВ
17/09/20	9.Local Walk	D	Apple Tree Bay area or Heritage Park Castle Hill.	WV or JS
22/10/20	10.Anzac Bridge and Darling Harbour	D	Walk via Bridge and Glebe WV or Park. Return to Darling Harbour. Distance TBA	
26/11/20	11.Tascott to Woy Woy	E	Easy 1 hour flat walk. Steps at Tascott. End of year get together at a local.	JB and LK
	Note Date change			

NOTES

A number of other walks were considered. The Spit Manly walk is now rated too difficult for most members of the group. Hunters Hill is popular but was deferred until 2021. The southern walk of Oatley (two parks) and rail bridge walk is also deferred until 2021. Glebe was considered but was done in 2017. Bundeena was also considered and deferred until 2021.

Walks 1,2.3,8 and 11 should be suitable for nearly all members. Walk 4 has a strict limitation of 30 members due to bus travel from Bondi junction.

Hopefully the schedule covering Northern and Southern coastal areas, Harbour, Central Coast and local area has provided sufficient diversity. 3 first time walks are included.

Laurie

Tours/Activities: Jim & Judy Thompson

Thursday February 20, Rookwood Cemetery Tour.

On this tour we will learn about the fascinating history of Rookwood. We will have a guided tour. Coach leaves from Hornsby 9.00 am.

Morning tea at the Rookwood Cafe at your own expense.

Following the tour we will have lunch at Dooleys at Lidcombe, again at your own expense.

Arrive back at Hornsby by 4 ppm.

Cost \$30 pp. Pay at the Jan or Feb meeting.

Armidale-Moree Tour - March 2020

The schedule for our trip to Armidale and Moree in March 2020 is as follows:

Fri 13 March: Travel by train from Hornsby to Armidale. Dep Hornsby 10.03 am, Arr. Armidale 5.35 pm. A coach will take us to our motel.

Sat 14: In the morning we will have a familiarisation coach tour of Armidale. In the afternoon we will visit and have a guided tour of Saumarez House which is a historic property just out of Armidale.

Sun 15: Today we will head out on the Waterfall Way and see some of the spectacular scenery and waterfalls. At Dorrigo we will visit the National Park and walk among the tree tops. We will drive past and view the Dorrigo railway museum (Not open to the public)

Mon 16: Today we will visit the Armidale Art Gallery and the New England University which has several interesting museums. There may be some time for retail therapy.

Tue 17: Today we will be travelling from Armidale to Moree. A little way north of Armidale we will be visiting a sheep property. This will be a unique opportunity to see a real sheep property in operation. This visit has been arranged by one of our members. We will have two nights in Moree.

Wed 18: Moree is famous for its heated artesian spa baths with their reputed health benefits. Our motel has its own spa bath so you can indulge yourself. We will be having guided tours of a cotton plantation and a Pecan nut orchard.

Thu 19: Travel by train from Moree to Hornsby, Dep Moree 8.05 am, Arr Hornsby 4.03 pm.

Here are the details of what is included and what will be at your expense.

1: You will have to make and pay for your own train booking (more details below)

- 2: In Armidale accommodation and evening meals are included. Breakfasts will be at your expense at the café next door. Lunches not included.
- 3: In Moree the motel provides dinner, bed and breakfast. Lunches not included.
- 4: Any meals on the train are at your expense,
- 5: All admission fees are included.

You can make your train booking on the internet (www.transportnsw.info) and follow the various options. Those on a Centerlink pension travel for free on economy class however there is a small fee for first class. If you have a Senior's Card you travel for half fare. If you are not able to do the booking on the internet you can do it by phone (132232 between 7am and 10pm and have your concession card details handy). Another option is to make your reservation at the Booking Office at Central Station.

It is recommended that you make your train booking as soon as possible.

The cost of the trip is \$890 per person twin share and the single supplement is \$344.

This has to be paid in full at the Feb 2020 meeting at the latest.

Thursday 19 March 2020

Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum - \$12.00pp admission This includes morning tea, museum tour and chapel tour

We will catch the 8.24am train from Berowra / 8.35am from Hornsby to Central This is a Central Coast train and will depart Hornsby on platform 3
We will then proceed to Eddy Ave – Stand 3 where we will board a 393 bus to Little Bay Lunch will be at a nearby cafe at your own cost.
Enquiries to Diane & Kevin Watson

Theatres: Rhonda Wilson

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

Inspired by the hit film, this hilarious smash-hit West End musical is about teaming up, standing up and taking care of business.

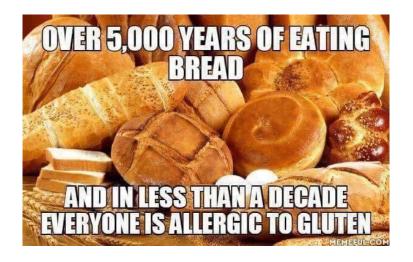
WEDNESDAY 1 JULY,2020 - 1:00pm

SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE

\$70 PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL MEETING



I got called 'pretty'
today!
Well actually the full
statement was
'you're pretty
annoying'
But I only focus on
positive things



Dining Out - Vicki McPherson

Monday 24th February, 2020 - Probus Breakfast

Bobbin Inn Café at Bobbin Head

Breakfast served at 9.30 a.m. (Sharp)

A deposit of \$10 is payable at either the January or February meeting when you make your selection, and will go towards your Breakfast costs when you pay for your breakfast at the Restaurant.

There are **5** choices to choose from at the meeting.

1.	Big Breakfast	\$20.90
2.	Scrambled eggs on Turkish bread with chips	\$12.90
3.	Smoked Salmon Benedict with spinach	\$19.50
4.	Ham & Cheese omelette (GF) with salad	\$15.90
5.	Bacon, egg & tomato on Turkish bread	\$15.90

Tea and coffee available for purchase from Bobbin Inn Cafe.

Our quota has been met for this outing. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Pot Luck Meal

Groups of 6 or 8 members come together 3 times per year for a meal, be it Brunch, Lunch, Dinner, Picnic or whichever you decide.

The rule of thumb is the host provides a main course and by agreement, the other couples provide nibbles, entrée, dessert or whatever the group decide. Once organised, the groups are autonomous and work date and food component with each other. Members bring own wine or drinks.

Groups are changed annually so you have the opportunity to get to know other members.

No partner? Not a problem, we will try and match 2 singles together.

Singles are more than welcome to make a couple.

I have a small home? No excuse. Members can eat on laps, eat in the park, on a veranda, the list is endless. The whole idea of the Pot Luck is to socialise and does not have to be formal dining.

What it is not! It is not a celebrity chef challenge but an opportunity to enjoy company over a meal regardless of your cooking expertise.

How do I join a group? Please put your name on the Pot Luck sheet at next meeting. We have quite a few new members and existing members who do not know each other. This is a great way to change that. The committee encourages you to sign up and give it a go. Groups will be formed after the March Meeting. Rhonda Wilson

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.

Next trivia will be on Wednesday 12 February. Enquiries Mary Potter:

Dolls: Barbara Williamson

When: Wednesday after the General Meeting

Where:

Time: 11.00 a.m.

What to Bring: Sewing needles

Contact: Confirm with Barbara

<mark>Mah-jong: Yenda Holland</mark>

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:**

<mark>Men's Group</mark>

The members present resolved to meet again on the third Wednesday in the month - at 10:30 at Magpies Club, opposite Waitara Station. Coffee is available as well as normal pub drinks. The Bistro is available for lunch if you wish to stay. Contact John Channon:

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Convener		Phone
Every Wednesday	Mah-jong (no meeting 18 & 25 December)	Yenda Holland	8	
5 th & 19 th Feb	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	8	
6 th February	General Meeting	Sandra Death	-	
12 th February	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	7	
12 th February	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	7	
13 th February	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death	-	
19 th February	Men's Group	Robert Allison	8	
20 th February	Rookwood Cemetery Tour	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	
24 th February	Probus Breakfast	Vicki McPherson	7	
27 th February	Walk to Balls Head	Laurie Keaton	3	
11 th March	War Horse	Rhonda Wilson	-	
13 th -19 th March	Armidale-Moree Tour	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	
19 th March	Prince Henry Hospital Museum	Dianne Watson	6	
26 th March	Cremorne Point to Mosman Rowers Walk	Laurie Keaton	4	
11 th July	9-5 The Musical	Rhonda Wilson	6	

Welfare Report - Denise Mayhew

I was advised on 8th January that Barbara Williamson had been admitted to Hornsby Hospital after not "feeling right". Barbara's doctor had ordered her to have blood tests, a stress test and an angiogram. Unfortunately, Barbara had a very serious (adverse) reaction to one of the injected drugs which resulted in all medical staff running to her assistance. Pending a visit to her cardiologist, Barbara was discharged under strict instruction to return to hospital should she experience any pain whatsoever. Barbara saw her cardiologist (Dr Hellestrand) 2 days after being discharged and was readmitted to Hornsby Hospital to complete the ordered angiogram, the results of which made it necessary for Barbara to undergo an angioplasty. Barbara is now at home feeling much better and believe it or not, tells me she is taking things easy,

Happy birthday to all members celebrating their special day in January.

Denise -

DAVISTOWN OUTING REPORT



Such a great day out was had by 40 members when we embarked on our outing to Davistown. We travelled to Woy Woy where we got on the Sorrento Ferry for a scenic one and a half hour cruise of Brisbane Waters. We had interesting commentary on the way and learnt some of the history of the area while we admired beautiful scenery and some amazing waterfront homes as we sailed along.

Among other things we learnt that the Rip Bridge was so named because it goes over The Rip, which is a bit of fast-flowing water in the narrow section between the Woy Woy peninsula and Daleys Point. Our ferry driver also told us that Bensville and Davistown were named after Ben Davis, a shipbuilder whose family established a series of successful ship building firms in the area in the second half of the 19th century. We also discovered that the modern day development of St Hubert's happened in the early 1970s by L J Hooker.

Our cruise finished at Davistown where we left the ferry and made the short walk/bus trip to Davistown RSL where we all enjoyed a lovely two course lunch before heading back to the ferry wharf for our journey home. All in all a wonderful day out which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Jim and Judy for organising.





January Meeting



Gordon Mar was our speaker On how England bullied China



Julie and George Gates rejoined the club



Tim Csonka received an OBE

















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