



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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*Dianne Watson, Vicki McPherson,
Denise Mayhew, Mary Potter,
Jim & Judy Thompson, Barry
Willick, Sylvia Gratton, John Davies,*

Speakers

Bagpipes galore at the October meeting. A shame there was no haggis to be piped in. Many of us learnt that the bagpipe does not belong solely to Scotland. In fact we were treated to a feast of pipes large and small from a number of countries, complete with the speaker Bill Hart wearing the appropriate headwear.



Bill Hart with his
bagpipes and
hats



Our November speaker will be retired former police woman Debbie Eden. Debbie served sixteen years in the NSW Police Force and was proudly New South Wales' first female police dog handler in 1994.

Meeting Dates

Thurs. 7th November, 2019

Thurs. 5 December, 2019

at **Asquith Golf Club**

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

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Barry Willick
received his OBE
from our
President Sandra

Where did that phrase come from?

If one says - "it's a piece of cake", we take it to mean that something is easy to do, or easily accomplished. This isn't one of those phrases that goes way back in time, in fact some say it relates to a phrase in one of Ogden Nash's poem's of the mid 1930's. Further, the British armed forces used the expression to denote an easy mission during WW2.

Birthday Lunch at Bobbin Head

69 people gathered for the Club's Birthday Lunch at Bobbin Head on a warm but sometimes windy day. We had to watch that our wine glasses didn't blow away (keep them topped up was the best way). It was a very enjoyable occasions with plenty of food. Our thanks to Vicki and her helpers for all their work.



Committee Notes - 12th September, 2019

- **Suggestion Box** - This was very active this month, although a lot of the suggestions were included in the recent survey that was filled in by just under half the club members
- **Bare Foot Bowls** - this is being looked into
- A suggestion that we have a **Register of Mobility Aids/Equipment** that members may like to share when they have finished using them, like crutches, walkers, moon boots etc.

- Please look out for any **volunteer positions** that may be required, they will be asked for at the meeting and in the Bulletin. This may get you a little more involved with your Club.
- Our **Events Team** are working on a Programme for next year; please mark these on your calendar when available.
- A reminder that **membership fees** can be paid at the November Meeting: \$60 singles, \$120 couples.
- A Committee has been looking at the **By-Laws - Standing Resolutions**, these should be finalised soon.
- A list of **Trades People** is to be established. If you know a good "Tradie" that you would like to recommend, please see Yenda.

Pam Slater - Secretary

AMPC Committee Members 2019-20

AMPC Committee Members 2018-19		Phone	Email
	Officers		
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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 7th October, 2019

Income received for year to date	\$8,447
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$7,699</u>
Year to date surplus balance	\$ 778
Add previous year's surplus of	<u>\$ 7,371</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of	<u><u>\$ 8,148</u></u>
This surplus consists of cash of	\$13,791
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance	<u>\$ 5,642</u>
Total member equity	<u><u>\$ 8,148</u></u>

Yenda Holland

8th October, 2019



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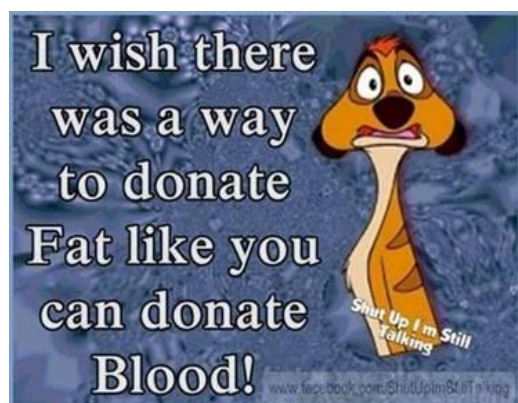
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It is important that your EFT payment is able to be identified. Please write your surname and activity abbreviation in the space provided and print the receipt from the bank. This transaction should be made prior to the general meeting. A copy of the 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.

Recycle your bottle caps



For the members not at our last monthly meeting I mentioned '**Envision Hands**', a not for profit organization printing 3D mechanical hands and arms for children around the world. These limbs are made almost entirely from high-density Polyethylene, in other words, plastic bottle caps. Mt Colah Pharmacy and **Asquith Golf Club** are two convenient drop off points for the collection of your plastic lids and bottle caps. This has to be a much better option than the caps going into your recycle bin and ending up as landfill.



Walks Program: Laurie Keaton

9 members attended the walk with John Britten to Warner's Bay. The attendance was disappointing especially considering the great effort John made in organising the walk. Those attending enjoyed the outing.

A reminder to all members of the club conditions for all activities. On joining we all signed a declaration that we would only undertake activities which we are physically capable of doing. In the case of walks we do offer an easy option on some walks. All other walks assume a level of physical capability and as we all age our expectations may need modifying.



Please note the November activity will be modified in line with heat policy should temperatures be high.

The January and February walks will be the normal evening walks as held in past years.

November 28 End of Year Activity Brooklyn - Mangrove Walk and Mckell Park

- What:** A two part walk from Hawkesbury River Station.
- Part 1:** 20 mins each way to Brooklyn Park and then Mangrove Board Walk of 10 min.
- Part 2:** Mckell Park Walk. Mainly flat with hill/steps if walking up to the park.

Travel: Intercity Dep Hornsby 0924 Plat 5, Berowra 0933, Arr 0948.
Drive if you wish. Meet near Hawkesbury Station exit for walk start.
No lift at Hawkesbury Station.

Morning Tea: Bring your own. Break at Flat Rock Point.

Lunch: At King Tide Brooklyn Marina. BYO wines or purchase at wine shop.
\$1 corkage payable when ordering lunch. Reservation for 30 places has been made.

Tours/Activities: Jim & Judy Thompson

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.

Theatres: Rhonda Wilson

BILLY ELLIOT

13 November, 1:00 Sydney Lyric Theatre, \$80

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

DUE TO MEMBERS NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THERE ARE 3 TICKETS AVAILABLE
CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ANY.

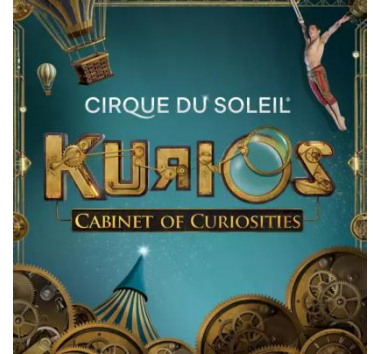
KURIOS - CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

When: Sunday 8 December - 1:30pm

Where: The Showring Entertainment Quarter – Moore Park

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

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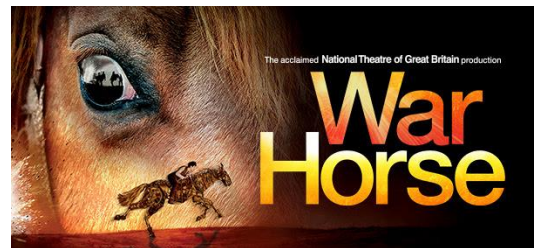
WAR HORSE is an Entertainment Phenomenon, has won 5 Tony Awards as well as Best Play.

When: WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 1:00 PM

Where: SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE

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

Payment by November meeting



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



HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD - MELBOURNE

8 people have expressed interest. I require 10 for a group discount of \$279 for the two sessions.

DID YOU KNOW: That tickets are not confirmed until member's payment is received. I have tickets on hold until AMPC makes payment by date set by Tickmaster, therefore the payment due date cannot be extended. Things happen which may not enable a member to attend a meeting therefore it is strongly advisable to pay for any shows or activity before due by date, this not only helps members but also the organisers. If Electronically transferring payments remember that a payment sheet with attached receipt is always required; show this to payment desk and activity table.

Dining Out - Vicki McPherson

5th of December - Christmas Lunch

at Asquith Golf Club at 12 noon

The cost is \$45 which includes canapes on arrival, a main meal with bread roll and butter, dessert and tea and coffee. Menu can be viewed at Vick's desk.

There will also be a trivia quiz (hint - bone up on your chocolate types), lucky door prizes etc

Payment due: November meeting.



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.

Choices:

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| 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.

Please see Vicki at the meeting to put your name on the list and select from the menu.

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 13 November.

Dolls: Barbara Williamson

When: 27th November - **Dolls Christmas Party**

Where:

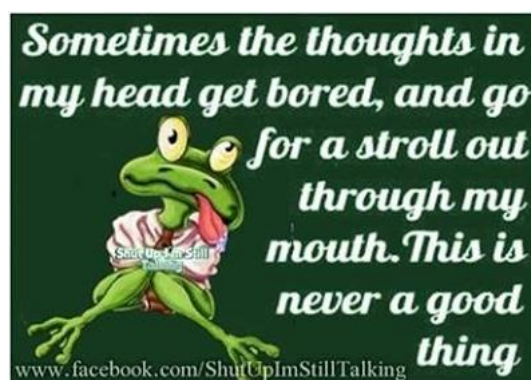
Time: 11.00 a.m.

What to Bring:

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 November, 20th November 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 Robert Allison:

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Convener	Page	Phone
Every Wednesday	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland	7	
6 th & 20 th Nov	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	8	
7 th November	General Meeting	Sandra Death	-	
13 th November	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	7	
13 th November	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	7	
13 th November	Billy Elliot	Rhonda Wilson	6	
14 th November	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death	-	
20 th November	Men's Group	Robert Allison	8	
21 st November	Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens	Jim/Judy Thompson	5	
28 th November	Walks Group End of Year Activity - Brooklyn	Laurie Keaton	5	
5 th December	Christmas Lunch	Vicki McPherson	7	
8 th December	Kurios - Cirque du Soleil	Rhonda Wilson	6	
24 th February	Probus Breakfast	Vicki McPherson	7	
11 th March, 2020	War Horse	Rhonda Wilson	6	
11 th July	9-5 The Musical	Rhonda Wilson	6	

Cowra Tour Report

On Tuesday the twenty fourth of September twenty four people, mostly from our club, set off from



Hornsby with our coach driver, Brad. We stopped at the tourist information office in Glenbrook where we had tea and biscuits. We were soon off to Mayfield gardens near Oberon where we stayed for over two hours. The sixteen hectares gardens are privately owned but open to the public. They are beautifully laid out with lakes, vistas, fountains, waterfalls, a stone chapel and a cafe and produce shop. We

wandered around, enjoying each of the themed garden areas before enjoying refreshments at the cafe. Next stop was Bathurst where we had a brief look around. On the way out we did a quick circuit of Mount Panorama - well not that quick, Brad, very responsibly, stuck to the speed limit but it was fun as he pointed the parts of the circuit and the speeds we might be doing if racing. Then it was off to our motel in Cowra where we stayed for the three nights of the trip. The motel belongs to the RSL

Club, which is across the street. The club itself is where we had breakfast and dinner in our own private dining room. All meals were great quality.

Cowra was the site of a large POW camp during the Second World War, housing Japanese, Italian and Indonesian prisoners. One night over a thousand Japanese prisoners broke out of the camp. Over 300 prisoners died, and five Australians were killed in the breakout and recapture operation. As a result Cowra now has many ties to the Japanese nation forged in the post war years. Our first day was spent in and around Cowra exploring the extensive and tranquil Japanese gardens, designed by a renowned Japanese gardener, the visitors' centre, and the Japanese war cemetery.



Next day we headed out of Cowra. The first stop was McFeeter's Motor Museum, in

Forbes, a large and stunning collection of motor cars and cycles dating from 1905 to more modern times. We had a guided tour which was very interesting, even to a non-enthusiast like myself. After morning tea at their café we headed off to look around the town of Forbes. Then the town of Parkes. First we visited the Henry Parkes Centre and the Parkes museum where we saw a few more motor cars, lots of farm machinery, a film about Henry Parkes' life and achievements and some Elvis exhibits (the town hosts an Elvis weekend once a year), and other things related to the district. Then we went to the main attraction of Parkes which is the radio telescope. The radio telescope is famous for being used to receive the TV pictures of man's first walking on the moon, from where it was transmitted to the rest of the world. This event was the further popularised in the movie "The Dish". On the journey from Parkes to our motel we had a quick stop in Eugowra, a small town which has a number of the large murals on the sides of some of the buildings.



Friday, the last day was upon us. We packed our bags into the coach and set off. Along the way we visited a fudge and jam factory/shop, a distillery/shop and a cherry orchard, all of which were interesting. We had lunch at Maccas at Yass. Then the freeway back home.

In the late evening, we pulled into Hornsby. Overall it was a very busy and interesting trip. The weather was good, for us at least, but the local people desperately need rain. Good food, fun and good company.

Our thanks to Barbara Williamson for organising the trip. *Robert Allison*

Welfare Report - Denise Mayhew

Phyllis Davies has had another operation to her knee as it became increasingly hard for her to straighten it following her first procedure. Modifications have been made to the prosthesis and Phyllis is now at Mt Wilga for physiotherapy, a much happier person.

Merle Robinson reported she didn't feel 'right' at our last meeting, it turns out she was correct as she recently spent 10 days in hospital with a lung infection. Merle is now at home and feeling a lot better.

Wendy Velthuyzen was recently admitted to hospital for stent surgery after finding out she had a 90% blockage to her heart. Wendy is doing extremely well and tells me she is “lucky to be alive”.

Heather Rooke is doing well after surgery to her right foot, she is returning to the specialist on the 4th November to have the pin in her foot removed

Lorraine Csonka is doing extremely well following her recent surgery, still on crutches but very happy with her new hip.

Kaye Hatch is working hard to get herself back on the road, unfortunately her pain is quite intense but she is determined to reach her goal

Judy Thompson is continuing with her treatment following her recent hospital stay.

The stitches Richard Slater had in his hand were dissolving ones, so his hand is now almost as good as new, but unfortunately Doug Carley is still wearing the cast on his fractured wrist possibly for at least another 2 weeks.

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating this month.

Denise Mayhew –

Hawkesbury River Cruise Report

Thursday the 19th was a relaxing and enthralling day of contrasts. Sydney’s recent deluge of rain had stopped and the weather was mild.

Forty-five of us left Brooklyn pier in a large catamaran called the Sorrento.

We were greeted by our guide, Peter Rea, who then proceeded to give a passionate, knowledgeable and fascinating talk on the history of Broken Bay and its surrounds.

We learnt that this pristine and peaceful part of our riverside bush land, initially discovered by Captain James Cook in 1770 and then explored by Governor Arthur Phillip in 1788, was once the scene of some crucial Navy defense installations designed to protect the East Coast Railway from invading enemy forces.

As a weak point in the north/south railway line, the bridge over the Hawkesbury presented an opportunity for disrupting the flow of supplies and armaments from Sydney to Brisbane in WWII.

Peter pointed out gun emplacements, a battery observation point, concrete bunkers, an amenities hall, an inclined railway and the remains of other military structures.



We sailed over the wreck of H.M.A.S. Swan and saw what was left of the hull of the H.M.A.S. Parramatta – both mighty warships in their time. It was hard to believe that enemy submarines, destroyers and numerous other naval vessels once sailed these peaceful waters.

We were all held spellbound by Peter’s expert presentation and the beauty of this lovely part of the world, so close to home.

Many thanks go to Jim and Judy Thompson for organizing this trip. *Helen Vincent*

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