



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: - John Channon

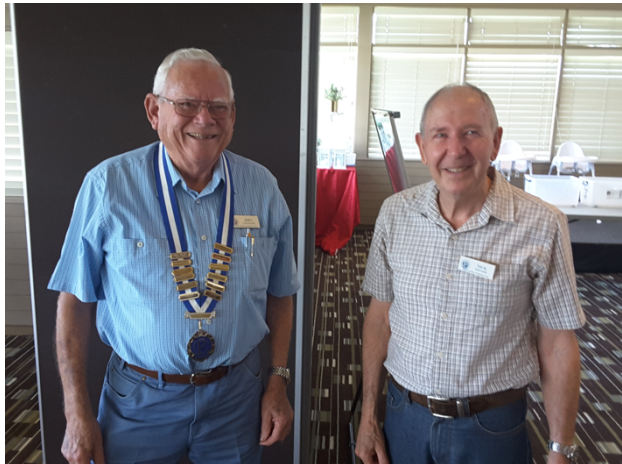
I would like to take the opportunity to thank Nick Speyer and his team for a remarkably successful 20-2021 Probud year considering issues with the Coronavirus.

Well, we are starting a new Probud Year with lots of activities being planned. Laurie has been busy planning walks for the year through to November. Vicki has planned a luncheon at Allegro Restaurant to celebrate Bastille Day. There are 18 now going on a trip to the Red Centre from 16th June. Jim and Judy have been busy planning outings for the coming year, a very full year. Details will be published in each Bulletin.

Stay healthy and active. See you all at the April 1st meeting, No Joke.



New AMPC Committee 2021-22 Absent Sylvia Gratton



President John Channon. Outgoing President Nick Speyer

Meeting Dates

Arrive 9.00 for 9.30 start, finish 11.00 on

Thurs 1 April 2021

Thurs 6 May 2021

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2 October 2008.

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Bendigo Bank details for deposits.

BSB No: 633-000 Account No.: 139 637 029

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COMMITTEE NOTES - MARCH 2021

1. Don't forget you still need to "book in" with Barry Willick by Tuesday, if you are attending the General Meeting.
2. Mary Potter has some interesting speakers lined up for this year. April will be interesting with the talk entitled "How sweet it is."
3. If you are unwell, or you know a member who is unwell, please call our Welfare Officer - Denise Mayhew who enjoys making contact.
4. Jim & Judy Thompson and their sub-committee have been busy planning some great outings throughout the year, including a visit to Prince Henry Hospital Museum, 10 pin bowling at Hornsby RSL. These events will be published in the Bulletin. So, make sure you put your name down if you wish to attend.
5. Vicki McPherson has been planning some lunch and dinners including a Bastille Day lunch at Allegro. A Chinese dinner at Asquith and a TAFE lunch when a booking can be made. Check out the Bulletin for details.
6. Angus Dougall is organising a **Car Fun Run** on 18th August.
7. Laurie Keaton and his team have put together a great walk's programme for the year for the energetic members.
8. Rhonda Wilson will have some great shows promoted in the Bulletin.
9. As you can see, our Committee hasn't changed from last year, so it is time for some of you younger members to think about joining the Committee next year. Some new blood brings new ideas.

Pam Slater Secretary.

CARDS

Cards 500 is now back on at the bowling club so come & join in, good fun & very casual

A nice lunch & a drink afterwards makes for a good break plus good company

See you all there 11am the first & second Wed in the month. Mary Glasby

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor		5 th Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD, Jigsaw	Sunny Dougall & Robert Montgomery	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
		Theatres	Rhonda Wilson
Dining out	Vicki McPherson	Trivia	Robin Roberts
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Pot Luck Meals	Anne Heaton	Web Site	Robert Allison
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Sandra Lees
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Trish Taylor	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Lula Andersen

AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2021-22

AMPC Committee Members 2021-22		Phone	Email	
	Officers			
President	John Channon			
Vice-President Elect	John Davies			
Secretary	Pam Slater			
Treasurer	Yenda Holland			
	Committee			
Bulletin	Sylvia Gratton			
Hospitality	Vicki McPherson			
Membership	Barry Willick			
Programme	Mary Potter			
Tours/Excursions	Jim & Judy Thompson			
Welfare	Denise Mayhew			
Assistant Secretary	Sandra Death			
Assistant Treasurer	Dianne Watson			
Historian/Public Officer	Sandra Death			

Treasurer's Report as at 7 March, 2021

Income received for year to date	\$7,047	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$ 855</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ 5,451
 Add previous year's surplus of		 <u>\$ 9,881</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$16,074</u>
 This surplus consists of cash of		 \$20,556
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 4,482</u>
 Total member equity		 <u>\$16,074</u>

Yenda Holland 8 March 2021

PAYMENT OF MONIES

As we are currently unable to have a Payments Desk (no mingling allowed), all cash or cheque payments should be placed in an envelope with your name on the outside and the activity to which the funds refer. This envelope shall be placed in the box on the desk near Barry Willick as you enter the Club. Payment forms are on the last page of the Bulletin.

Unfortunately, at this stage it is not possible to give change or a receipt. The envelopes shall be retained by the Treasurer as receipt for those paying by cash or cheque and the bank statement used for those paying by EFT. Please retain a copy of the bank receipt in case of any problems.

For those paying by EFT, 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. It would also be helpful if you would email a copy of the bank receipt to the Assistant Treasurer (watsonkd@hotmail.com). At this stage, there is no need for you to do anything further. Any transaction that cannot be identified will be forfeited to the Club.

All Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) should be made to: Bendigo Bank
 BSB: 633-000
 Account: 139 637 029
 Account Name: Asquith Mixed Probus Club

Thank you for your co-operation.

MEN'S GROUP

Men who would like to join AMPC Men's Group for friendly, social discussion please contact Robert Allison. We normally meet at Magpies Club, Waitara at 11:00 on the third Wednesday of the month.



ACTIVITIES JIM & JUDY THOMPSON

THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2021 CHAU CHAK WING MUSEUM, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

This is a new museum at Sydney University which brings together collections from several of the museums that were in separate locations. These include the Nicholson, Macleay and the University art collection. We will have a guided tour. There is a café where we can have lunch. We will travel to Central by train and catch a bus to the University.

Dep Berowra 8.53am, Hornsby 9.04am Interurban train.

Cost of tour is \$10 pp. Please pay by EFT or by cash at the April meeting.

SUNDAY 16 TO FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021 – YAMBA

Departing Hornsby at 7.47am we will travel by train to Grafton and then by coach to our motel at Yamba, arriving at 6.20pm. Return travel is also by coach and train, arriving at Hornsby at 7.38pm.

The detailed daily programme was in the March issue of the Bulletin.

The cost is \$1100 pp. Single supplement is \$250 pp.

A deposit of \$100 pp should have been paid by 11 March 2021 and the balance of \$1000 is to be paid by 29 April 2021.

You will need to make your own rail reservations from Hornsby to Yamba and return. These can be made on the internet at transportnsw.info or at Central Station. You will need to have details of your concession cards available.

Each person must fill out a personal particulars form. These will be placed in a sealed envelope and returned at the end of the trip. Each person must also fill out a Dietary Form. There may be a surcharge for special diets. Details are on the Dietary Form.

We will have these blank forms at the April PROBUS Meeting. It would be good if you could fill them out at this meeting.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES (MORE DETAILS LATER).

17 JUNE. Tour of Nursing Museum at Prince Henry hospital

15 JULY. 10 PIN Bowling at Hornsby RSL.

19 AUGUST. Car Fun Run organised by Angus Dougall.

THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2021 – PRINCE HENRY HOSPITAL NURSING AND MEDICAL MUSEUM

This is a museum celebrating the history of one of Sydney's oldest hospitals. Prince Henry was a general hospital which also treated infectious diseases. The museum shows the advancements in nursing care from World War I when Sydney underwent the Spanish Flu Pandemic, through World War II to the 1970s. We will have a guided tour and the cost is \$13 pp. A couple of cafes are nearby for lunch. We will travel to Central by train and catch a bus to the Museum.

HARS Aviation Museu

On Thursday, 18th March, 20 intrepid Probus Trippers enjoyed a visit to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) Aviation Museum at Albion Park. The weather was lovely and our guides were excellent...

We saw a wide range of historical aircraft, both commercial and military, from a Tiger Moth biplane of the 1930's to a swing-wing F111 fighter-bomber of our modern era. There was a Catalina, which could land on both water and land, and which played an important role in the Pacific campaign of WW2, and a Caribou Transport, which was highly valued in the Vietnam War. There were several DC-3's, including one, in which one of our number had flown as Hostess with TAA, and another, still being restored, in which Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip had flown during their visit to Australia.

Probably the most outstanding exhibit was the Lockheed Super Constellation. This had been lovingly rescued from the aeroplane "graveyard" in the US, where it was the only one that had not been "cannibalised" for parts. The only reason was that a window had been left open, and many pigeons over the years had left a deposit! A photo on the Airport Stairs alongside this aircraft showed the Beatles using these stairs on their visit to Sydney. A number of the aircraft are still flying, and some will feature in the RAAF Centenary Flyover of Canberra on 31st March.

We were only able to view from the outside the QANTAS 747, "City of Canberra" that made the first non-stop flight from London to Sydney in 1989. The inside was occupied by a film crew working on the George Miller movie "Three Thousand Years of Longing," that is being produced in Sydney at present. Nevertheless, a great day, and great memories.



F111 Fighter-Bomber



Super Constellation

Observation Fun Run

Thursday 19 August 2021.

Join in a fun day touring around the Hills District with a list of questions for observers to answer.

Morning Tea is included in the cost. And winner presentations after the event, over lunch (own cost) at Galston RSL Club.

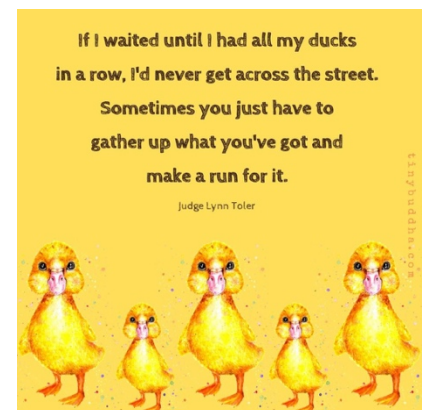
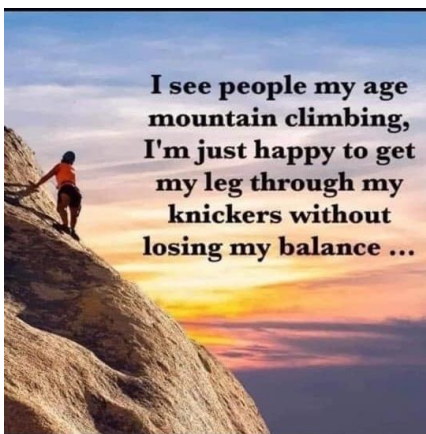
Book at the activities desk.

Angus D



Today the phrase '**Swinging the lead**' means a far-fetched tale, or avoidance of work. Though many years ago, ships had a lead weight attached to a rope, with a knot tied every 6 feet along its length. This was then flung overboard, and when it sank to the seabed, by counting the knots in the water, this told you how deep the sea was. Some sailors felt it was an easy job and so '**swinging the lead**' came to mean avoiding hard work.

Angus Dougall



WELFARE REPORT

I'm incredibly pleased to write that I have nothing to report this month. I sincerely hope the reason for this is because you are all fit and well and not because you are being secretive. I do like to know if a member isn't well for any reason and I assure you that, anything I'm told stays with me unless I have your permission to let other members know.

As much as I'm sure we all love having injections, I guess it won't be long before we'll be lining up for the Covid jab and then joy of joys, the flu and pneumonia vaccinations. I don't know about you, but I get really excited about the thought of having them (NOT), although it certainly beats the alternative.

Special wishes to our members celebrating their birthday this month

Stay well, try to stay dry and please join me in saying: rain, rain go away *etc, etc.*

Denise Mayhew

Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you, your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.

If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it," that way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

PROGRAM/SPEAKERS

Those attending our AGM heard fascinating talks by two Probus members. Robert Allison explained to us how increasing sophistication in DNA testing opens doors to linking disparate (and previously unknown to each other) family members at least to grandparent level. We heard from Barb Moulds that there are a number of insects identified and named after the family, including a newly identified dragonfly named after her. Not content with that, she was also involved in caving and again there are a number of caves named after the family.

HOW SWEET IT WAS

At our April meeting we have a return visit from Graham Sims whose topic will be “ How sweet it is”. Graham previously spoke about Bea Miles.

Mary.

Barb Moulds



Robert Allison



Coronacoaster: noun; the ups and downs of a pandemic.

One day you're loving your bubble, doing work outs, baking banana bread and going for long walks and the next you're crying, drinking gin for breakfast and missing people you don't even like.

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Walk Activities

The Calendar was circulated to all members, by Pam, recently. Please consult this to see our great program for the year.

As the John Whitton Bridge cycle-way is still closed the May 27 Walk will be modified. We will now be walking to Meadowbank Park from the station and then follow the Riverside path under the two bridges. It is more picturesque than as originally planned. This walk will be followed by other walks along the Parramatta River in future years. Anyone who would like to research various sections please see Laurie.

Registrations for this walk will close at the April Meeting. Registrations for the June walk to **Como will close by the end of May meeting.** As both walks should attract large numbers planning will necessitate earlier registration than normal.

Will see two earlier built railway bridges on these walks, both of which were built by the same engineer. Historical information will be given on both bridges.

Future Walks

Thursday May 27

What: Parramatta River pathway from Meadowbank Station to Kissing Point Ferry Terminal.
Ferry to Cabarita Park for Lunch and ferry/rail trip home. **Easy 3.4 walk.**

Travel: T9 Train Hornsby Platform 4 Dep 09.16 arr 09.42 Cars 4-5.

11.16 or 11.46 Ferry to Cabarita (6 mins).

Return Ferries to Barangaroo – 22 and 52 mins past the hour (31 mins)

Return Ferries to Meadowbank. - 19 and 49 mins past hour (11 mins).

Bring/Lunch: Bring refreshments for morning tea - stoppage by the River bank.

Picnic Lunch and suitable refreshments – Cabarita Park

Sanders Kiosk would not be able to cater for more than 15 for lunch .

Takeaway fish and chip is available.

Thursday 24 June

Where: Oatley to Como Hotel via Old rail bridge pathway & Como Pleasure Park.

What: 1. **Easy 2.8 k walk** from Oatley station. Coffee stop at Como Pleasure Park.
2. **Medium 3.6 km walk:** Miles Dunphy Reserve (no stragglers) and Oatley to Como Hotel Walk. Coffee at Pleasure Park. **Lead is Kevin**

Travel: Hornsby 09.04 Intercity Platform 3. Cars 2-3. Change Redfern. Arr Oatley 10.15.

I have not been able to ascertain if Platform 1 Redfern is served by lift as yet.

Morning Tea: Advice will be given at the May meeting. We will probably be using the cafe at Como Pleasure Grounds (see picture in bulletin).

Lunch: Lunch at historic Como Hotel. Advice will be given at the May meeting as to whether the courtesy bus will be available after lunch



THEATRES

STOP PRESS.....

THE GOOD OLD DAYS CONCERTS ARE BACK (under strict Co-vid safe guidelines)

THIS PERFORMANCE IS CALLED'

"FAMILY REUNION" With **BERNARD WALZ** and **DAVID HOBSON**

SYDNEY TOWN HALL

21 JUNE 2PM

TICKETS \$45

MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID BY 8 APRIL

at April Meeting.

COME FROM AWAY

TO GO AHEAD WITH BOOKING I NEED 4 MORE NAMES



WEDNESDAY 18th AUGUST, 1:00pm

CAPITOL THEATRE Price \$75.00

Payment no later than MAY Meeting

HAMILTON ONLY 25 SEATS WERE ALLOCATED SO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

A mistake was made with the pricing which means we have more expensive tickets at a cheaper price.

Now opened up to Non Probus

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2pm

Lyric Theatre Price: \$110 **Due No later than JULY Meeting**



HOSPITALITY / DINING OUT

Brunch at Brewhaha Café Tuesday 6th April at 9.30 -

This is fully booked but if you'd like to go on the waiting list please let me know.

Dinner at the Tasty Chinese Restaurant Tuesday 27th April at 6.30 -

This too is fully booked but if you'd like to go on the waiting list please let me know.

I am planning another brunch in early June at Vanilla Cream Café in Annangrove. If you're interested please email me.

Vicki.

10 YEARS MEMBERSHIP



Congratulations to Heather Rooke, Barry Rooke and Jane Platts



DINE & DISCOVER NSW VOUCHERS

From today, if you haven't already, **you can apply for your Dine & Discover NSW vouchers**. You can apply online in a few simple steps or you can visit a Service NSW office.

Every NSW resident 18 and over can apply to receive:

- **2 x \$25 vouchers for eating in** at restaurants, cafes, bars, wineries, pubs and clubs (not redeemable for alcohol).
- **2 x \$25 vouchers for entertainment** and recreation, including live music, recreational activities, cinemas and arts venues.

Vouchers can be used 7 days a week, excluding public holidays.

Each voucher can only be used once. If you don't spend the full \$25, the remaining balance cannot be used.

You can find participating businesses in your area on the Service NSW app or go to the [Dine & Discover NSW business finder](#).

HOW IT WORKS

Dine & Discover NSW will roll out across the state during March and April.

Your vouchers can be used across NSW and are **valid until Wednesday 30 June**. By applying today, you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the best of NSW.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit [Service NSW.gov.au](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au) website and go to MyServiceNSW Account. If you do not already have an account you can create one. Or you can visit your local ServiceNSW office in person and the staff will help you. You will need 2 forms of ID to obtain your vouchers, ie. Driver's licence and Medicare card. Vouchers will be sent to your mobile phone.

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