



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

**President’s Letter**

Our new Committee was appointed at the Annual General Meeting on March 14 and held its initial meeting at Bobbin Head after a breakfast organized by Rhonda Wilson.

New members Nita Shields and Trish Taylor were warmly welcomed but we do have a number of positions still vacant and we would like to hear from those who may be interested.

A big thank you to John Davies who is acting as a temporary Secretary until we can find a volunteer to take over this very important position.

This position must be filled permanently for the Club to continue.

Let us look forward to a year full of “fun, friendship and fellowship” and making new members welcome and involved in all activities and meetings.

President

Jim Jeffries



**Meeting Dates at Magpies**

**General Meetings**

10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

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## COMMITTEE NOTES – MARCH 2024

1. The major concern of the new Committee is the difficult result that has been left us by the Annual General Meeting. Fortunately, under Section 4.d of the Constitution, the Committee was able to appoint Trish Taylor to the vacant Tours/Excursions position. However, that still leaves unfilled the Committee positions for Vice President Elect (for next year's President), Hospitality and Walks Rep. These are important roles, and the life of our Club will be diminished if they are not filled.
2. The most serious vacancy is the position of Secretary. The Probus Club Handbook states that "Each Club is required by its constitution to have a Secretary." The definition of the role of the Secretary, begins with the statement "The role of the Secretary is vital to the Club."
3. John Davies has made the following statement: "My present position is that I offered at the AGM to be Acting Secretary for a short time, to get the Club moving forward. But, as I have commitments in several other organisations, and have several health issues, I cannot continue for more than another month or two. However, as Assistant Secretary I can help anyone who offers to take on the role of Secretary."
4. The new Committee considered this at length, and agreed that it is a crucial issue. A motion was moved that "If no Secretary could be found by the next Meeting, a motion would be moved to close the Club."
5. There was a complaint that some people at the AGM felt they were being "bullied" over this issue, but members of the Committee have been quietly approaching potential Secretaries for months, without any success. We have now reached the point where we are desperate for someone to put up their hand. And we are willing to help that person wherever help is needed.
6. We now have a membership of 140, but there are some who have not yet paid. Payment must be made by the next meeting, as that is when our per capita fees are paid to Probus Headquarters.

John Davies – Acting Secretary



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club

## Treasurer's Report as at 12 March 2024.

Funds received so far, this year	\$9,927	
Reduced by our expenses of	\$2,042	
Leaving funds available so far for this year		<u>\$7,885</u>

.... The above funds consist of cash		\$44,609
less accumulated Member's Equity	\$10,906	
less - mainly member payments		
for future activities	\$25,818	<u>\$36,724</u>
		<u>\$7,885</u>

Treasurer's Report as at 12 March  
2024:Angus Dougall.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSIE DOUGHTY AND BARB MOULDS ON RECEIVING THEIR OBE'S

**DOLLS When?** The Wednesday following our monthly 'member meeting' at 10.15 for a 10:30 start. Please join us for tea, coffee and a chat at Barbara Williamson's home. Wool, needles and stuffing supplied and the good news is you don't need to be able to knit! 14 Angophora Place Pennant Hills. **Phone Barbara.**

**MAH-JONG** The group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm at Asquith Bowling Club. **Contact Pam Clarke for more information.**

**CARDS** 500 cards held 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome. **Phone Mary.**

**MEN'S GROUP** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies. **Contact Robert Allison.**

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday BBQ	Carol & John Channon
Books DVD	George Gates	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
Jigsaws	Robert Montgomery	Theatres	
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Ambassador	John Davies	Web Site	Robert Allison
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Yenda Holland
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Sandra Lees	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Lula Andersen
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Jim Thompson		

### AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024-25

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email
President	Jim Jeffries		
Vice-President Elect			
Vice-President	Vicki McPherson		
Acting Secretary	John Davies		
Treasurer	Angus Dougall		
<b>Committee</b>			
Bulletin	Sylvia Gratton		
Hospitality			
Membership	Barry Willick		
Asst Membership	Denise Mayhew		
Programme	Jim Jeffries		
Tours/Excursions	Trish Tailor		
Welfare	Nita Shields		
Assistant Secretary	John Davies		
Assistant Treasurer			
Walks	Laurie Keaton		
Past President	Sandra Death		

## DAY TRIPS

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **DISCOVERY DAY AT WESTMEAD**

**Children's Medical Research Institute**

**10 -2pm**

**cost \$25**

Talk/lecture on 'What is in our genes?' in Conference room, small group tour through laboratories meeting and talking with researchers of diseases such as cancer, epilepsy and genetic disorders. Includes delicious homemade morning tea and freshly made sandwiches for a light lunch, tea and coffee

- **Payment due at the April meeting**
- Please talk to us about **dietary needs** or possible disabled parking
- \* **8.39 am** train from **Hornsby** to Strathfield & Westmead, stops Berowra & Asquith
- \* Arrive Westmead at **9.33 am**. **Optional 711 bus** at **9.46 am** to Westmead Hospital Precinct, or flat walk 15 minutes

We may be sharing this tour with Mt Colah club.

## TRIPS AWAY

### **7th-11th May 2024 Victoria High Country Explorer 5 Day Tour**

#### **Now closed**

- The total price is \$1165pp with single supplement of \$335
- Coach departs Hornsby Station, **stand A** (like Jindabyne)
- Please talk to us at the **April meeting** about **dietary needs**
- The Coach company recommends good travel insurance in case of last-minute issues

## WALKS

### APRIL

**Wednesday 24** PLEASE NOTE THIS WALK IS ON A **WEDNESDAY**

**WHERE:** Parramatta River Walk 1 Meadowbank to Hospital  
Foreshore Concord. Rated Easy.

**TRAVEL:** Berowra 9.26 Change to **Hornsby 9.46am** Train Plat 4 . **Cars 5-6**

**1. Meadowbank Railway Station to Concord & Return to Rhodes**

Walk via the old railway bridge to Rhodes and continue on the Concord Foreshore walk. Return to Rhodes for Lunch. The walk includes the Kokoda Memorial Track. 6.8 km. **Lead Paul Campbell and Juliana Luk**

**2. Rhodes RS on the the Foreshore Walk & Return.** The Walk includes the Kokoda Memorial track. Easy 4.5 -5km. Alight Rhodes Station. **Lead Laurie**

**Morning Tea/ Lunch:** Bring your own morning tea. We stop at the front of Historic Rivendel. Lunch venue is you own choice. Further advice next meeting.

### MAY

**THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024**

This activity is rescheduled from the cancelled outing from last year.

**WHERE:** **Seacliff Bridge – South Coast**

**LEADS:** **Long Walk (1)** - Kevin Watson.

**Short Walk (3)** - Laurie Keaton.

**WALK 1:** Stanwell Park to Seacliff Bridge and Scarborough Stn – 6.2km

**WALK 2:** Possibility subject to numbers and walkers' ability  
Coalcliff to Sea Cliff Bridge and Scarborough Station – 3.7km

**WALK 3:** Scarborough to Seacliff Bridge and return – 3.2km

**TRAVEL:** 8.02am - Berowra), **8.16am (Hornsby)** via North Shore Line

9.27am - Central - Platform 25 to Helensburg)

10.25am - Helensburg to Stanwell Park, Coalcliff & Scarborough

**LUNCH:** Imperial Hotel, Clifton

**BRING:** Water, morning tea snacks - **Hats and Sunglasses essential**

**RETURN:** Scarborough Station - Allow 20min walk from Hotel to Station

Sydney bound trains depart Scarborough 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm

### **Speaker Program**

Fires in Queensland and Victoria in recent times have made us aware of the potential dangers of fire.

This month we have invited Paul Baker from Hornsby Fire & Rescue to outline possible fire hazards in the home and how to avoid them.

Paul is the Station Officer at Hornsby and has a wealth of experience.

Fire & Rescue protects 90% of the State's population from emergencies involving fire, motor vehicle accidents and other dangerous situations including hazardous materials emergencies and building collapse.

In May, we will hear from Alex Kane- General Manager of The Village Chef by Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels services have been delivering nutritious meals, social connection and wellbeing checks within Australian communities for 70 years.

A friendly visit and chat can be more important than a meal to lonely people.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	4	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	4	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	4	
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Probus Meeting	Jim Jefferies		
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
11 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Committee Meeting	Jim Jefferies		
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Discovery Day at Westmead		5	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 WEDNESDAY</b>	Parramatta River Walk	Laurie Keaton	6	
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Probus Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Committee Meeting	Jim Jefferies		
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Seacliff Bridge Walk	Laurie Keaton	6	