



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

President's Corner

Thank you all for giving me the honour of serving again as your President I am looking forward to the year ahead. Congratulations to all that have been elected for this year.

We were saddened with the passing of our Foundation Member Vince Hughes on Saturday the 8th March. A good number of our members attended the service for Vince on the 17th at Berowra Catholic Church where he had served for many years. Laurie Keaton has written about Vince which will appear in this bulletin.

We enjoyed a lovely night out at the Toro restaurant with good food and 40 of our members attending. Thankyou Judy, it was a great finish to some really good outings that you arranged.

Jo and I attended a very enjoyable lunch at the Golf club with the carers group that Yenda has been arranging, this is a great idea and I would encourage any carers to give it a try. It is very important that carers get support. See Yenda's remarks elsewhere in this bulletin.

The cooler days and nights have been a relief after the very hot spell.

Barry Willick, President.

Meeting Dates at Magpies

General Meetings

10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 10th April 2nd Thursday of month.

Thursday 1st May 2025

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The Secretary: Ruth Barwick

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COMMITTEE NOTES MARCH 2025

1. Barry Willick, presided over our Committee Meeting as our new President on March 13. We also welcomed Mal Steel and Jane Platts to the Committee.
2. Do access Active Retirees Magazine through the Probus South Pacific website. There are many great travel options and other interesting articles including in the most recent issue, one on The Eden Project in Cornwall UK. Contact me if you need the Link.
3. Our Membership is dropping a little, not surprising in a mature club, with costs an issue for many. Please encourage your retired friends and neighbours to join. We are going to invite members of Hornsby Ladies Probus which has closed, to join AMPC.
4. Trish continues to manage a stimulating program of Tours and Excursions. 29 members enjoyed a great day out at the Maritime Museum, with most taking on the challenge of the Destroyer HMAS Vampire. We look forward to learning the history of the Parramatta Female Factory in April.
5. We welcome 2 new members Max Lowery and Tim Hinitt whose applications were confirmed by the Committee.
6. A formal vote of thanks was made to Judy for her excellent work in Hospitality. Jane Platts is taking over the reins from Judy with the first event being the Biggest Morning Tea (Cancer Council) at her home in May.
7. A great program of Walks is coming up thanks to Jim and Laurie, including the previously cancelled Gladesville Bridge - Drummoyne Sailing Club. A big thank you to those leading these walks.
8. Jim is wearing 2 hats, Walks and Talks. We look forward to the interesting program of Speakers arranged for the first half of the year.
9. We thank those using the Suggestion Box. Be assured your ideas receive serious consideration.

Ruth Barwick
Secretary



AMPC Committee 2025-2026.

Asquith Mixed Probus Club

Treasurer's Report as at 10 March 2025.

Angus Dougall

Funds received so far this year	\$8,569.00	
Reduced by our expenses of	\$2,018.70	
Leaving funds available so far this year		\$6,550.30
Add all previous year's surplus funds		\$11,654.54
Leaving members funds		\$18,204.84
The above funds consist of cash	\$21,030.94	
Less, mainly members payments		
for future activities	\$2,826.10	
		\$18,204.84



Speaker April

Our Speaker in April will be Noel Phelan - a past President of the Northbridge Rotary club. He spent many years as sailing captain of his sailing club.

He also spent several years with Marine Rescue and the Rural Fire Service and has also organised a speaker's program for the Navy Historical Society where the presentations are delivered by ZOOM to the 500 members around Australia.

He will talk about the role of our RAN ships and the decision by Churchill to attack Constantinople and stop it joining the AXIS forces. There were multiple attacks on the forts to put them out of action so the minesweepers could clear the ten rows of Turkish mines. The Turks laid another line of mines that sank three battleships with hundreds of sailors killed.

When the Navy could not get through the decision was taken to land the Army to destroy the forts from the land. The ANZACS were landed at the wrong place and could not get much further than the beach. Over 250 ships were involved in landing the soldiers and supplies.

AE2 was the first submarine to get through to the sea of Marmara and sink Turkish ships. This success changed the direction of the whole campaign. The evacuation. This was done at night in secrecy in December by over 100 ships without casualties.

In May Faye Yarroll will talk about the gift of hearing and her Lions Hearing dog named "Sydney" who helps her in her daily life to alert her to various sounds.

DOLLS When? The Wednesday following our monthly ‘members meeting’ at 10.15 for a 10:30 start. Please join us for tea, coffee and a chat at Carol Channon’s home. Wool, needles and stuffing supplied and the good news is you don’t need to be able to knit! 28A Harwood Avenue, Mt Kuring-Gai. **Phone Carol 0412 399 991**

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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome. **Phone Mary.**

MEN’S GROUP Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies. **Contact Robert Allison.**

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

AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025-26

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email
President	Barry Willick		
Vice-President Elect	Mal Steel		
Vice-President	John Davies		
Secretary	Ruth Barwick		
Treasurer	Angus Dougall		
Committee			
Bulletin	Sylvia Gratton		
Hospitality	Jane Platts		
Membership	Denise Mayhew		
Asst Membership			
Programme	Jim Jeffries		
Tours/Excursions	Trish Taylor		
Welfare	Nita Shields		
Assistant Secretary			
Assistant Treasurer			
Wallks	Laurie Keaton		
Past President	Jim Jeffries		

TRIPS AWAY

AWAY TRIP – SAPPHIRE COAST –9 NOVEMBER 2025

Application for this trip is now closed. However, if you are interested in coming, please contact Yenda and she will enquire as to whether there is any accommodation still available.

DAY TRIPS

***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, AGAIN**

PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY

APPLICATION FOR THIS OUTING IS NOW CLOSED

5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta

17th APRIL, 2025

11.00 am

\$10.00 per person

This Governor Macquarie & Francis Greenway site was once home to at least 5,000 convict women transported “*beyond the seas*”. Hear the inspiring stories of the women’s lives, learn about their survival, their legacy and much more.

Tour duration 1hr - 1.5 hrs. Closed-in walking shoes must be worn. There are a few places on the site where the ground is uneven, or you need to step over a gutter. Make sure if it is hot to bring water, hat and sunscreen.

Catch the 9.19 am train from Hornsby (Platform 3) to Strathfield - arrives 9.42 am. Change to Platform 6 for the 9.46 am train to Parramatta - arrives 10.00 am.

Walk to Macquarie Street to catch Parramatta Light Rail - **Parramatta Square Station** alight at **Ngara Station**, then short walk to the Parramatta Female Factory.

Optional Return trip from Leagues Club - Bus 600 to Pennant Hills Station (every 10 minutes).
Train or bus 590 (Stand B) to Hornsby Station.

OR

Bus 550 to Epping Station (every 8 minutes). Train to Hornsby. Could be a faster option as you may get a fast train to Hornsby.

Bus stop is directly outside Parramatta Leagues Club.

***Lunch will be at Parramatta Leagues Club. Please indicate in the separate column if you wish to be included in the bookings at the Leagues Club.**

TRISH

BARE ISLAND & LA PEROUSE MUSEUM

***PAYMENT DUE 3RD APRIL, 2025**

14TH MAY, 2025

***NOTE THIS IS A WEDNESDAY TOUR**

Pick up: Rofe Park, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights - 8.30 am - returns approximately 4.30 pm

\$91.00 per person

Includes:

- Morning Tea before our 1.5 hr guided tour of Bare Island. Bare Island Fort is situated at the mouth of Botany Bay. The fort was built in 1885 to protect the “back door” of Sydney from attack by sea.
- Two course lunch at Yarra Bay 16’ Sailing Club followed by tea or coffee.
- Return to La Perouse for a guided tour of the La Perouse Museum. The museum is housed within the historic Cable Station building, once Australia’s only link to the rest of the world. Almost 2,000 items across several rooms of exhibits document the 1787-1788 expedition of French explorer the Comte de Lapérouse.

TRISH

COCKATOO ISLAND TOUR

THURSDAY 19 JUNE, 2025 - 11.00 am

We will have a 1 hour conducted tour of this historic island in Sydney Harbour.

Catch the 8.57 a.m. train from Hornsby down the North Shore line. Get off at Wynyard and walk to Barangaroo wharf 1. At 10.18 a.m. catch a ferry to Cockatoo Island where there will be time for a coffee and a toilet stop before the guided tour starts at 11.00 a.m. The walk involves irregular surfaces and steps.

At the end of the tour you can go back to Circular Quay (ferries depart 01, 21, 41 minutes past the hour) or catch a ferry to Meadowbank (ferries depart 06, 26, 46 minutes past the hour). At Meadowbank there is a short uphill walk to the station.

Payment is \$16.00. to be paid on or before 6 June, 2025.

JIM THOMPSON

**NSW ART GALLERY
ARCHIBALD, WYNNE AND SULMAN EXHIBITION**

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 2025

Payment of \$27.00 per person by 3 July, 2025

Please make your own way to the NSW Art Gallery. We will meet at the main front entrance Naala Nura. Please arrive by 9.15 a.m. for early entry to the Gallery for the 9.30 am private tour.

15 min walk to Art Gallery across the Domain

9.30 am - 1hr guided, private group tour of the exhibition

Option to explore the Galleries at your leisure after the tour

Return walk to Martin Place/Wynyard Station OR bus 441 from Art Gallery to QVB at Town Hall.

TRISH

**QUARANTINE STATION
MANLY**

20th NOVEMBER, 2025

\$98.00 per person

Pick up: Rofo Park, Hornsby Heights, 9.00 a.m. - return approximately 3.00 p.m.

We commence our day travelling to Manly Beach where morning tea will be set up. From there we travel to the Quarantine Station at North Head. On arrival at the Reception area we will transfer to a smaller mini bus to make our way down through the National Park to the wharf. Here we will be met by our guide who will share the history of Q Station and the buildings in the Wharf Precinct, including the hospital.

After the tour, we will have lunch at The Terrace, still within the grounds of the Q Station.

Tour Includes:

- Morning Tea at Manly Beach
- Guided Tour of Q Station
- Lunch consisting of sandwiches, cakes, fruits, tea and coffee
- Coach transport

TRISH

Walks

Thursday April 24 Hills District.

Where:

Kellyville to Rouse Hill

Kevin and Diane

What:

Walk: easy 4 km Woodlands Walk (Kellyville to Rouse Hill Stations). Lead Kevin & 0402 118 122 Diane Watson 0414 623 560. Flat and easy

Travel:

Berowra 9.37 CCN Train Hornsby 9.49 Plat 3, Car 2 & 3

Arr Epping 10.00, change to 10.16 Metro To Bella Vista or Kellyville

Morning tea:

Coffee Cart at Kellyville. *Please ensure you alight from the train at Kellyville.*

Lunch:

Lusso Italian Restaurant opp. Rouse Hill Station. (L Pizzas from \$18 or Mains from \$25. Wines reasonably priced).
www.lussoitalian.com.au There are many other local eateries available and a food court.

Thursday May 22 Gladesville Bridge and Drummoyne

WHERE:

HUNTLEY'S POINT WHARF TO DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

Lead: Laurie

WHAT:

60-90 Min Walk. The Bridge Walk is relatively steep in parts.

Those who wish to quit after the Bridge frequent buses may be caught to Day Street and there is a 400 metre walk to the club.

TRAVEL:

Hornsby Plat 4 9.00am to Meadowbank **Ferry 9.51** Arr. Huntley's Pt 10.14. **Return:** 5-10 min walk to **Buses 504&506 Victoria Road Before Day.**

Bus Destination Domain City. Alight at Park St for Town Hall. 3km.

LUNCH:

Drummoyne Sailing Club Sailing Club. **Photo ID is Required.**

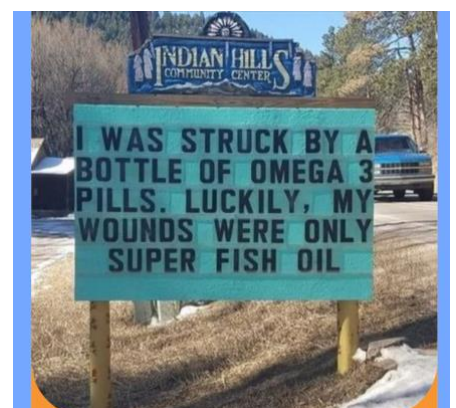
Reservation for 40 at Drummoyne Sailing Club. The alternative is do your own thing at Birkenhead.

CARERS' GROUP

Pam Slater and I think that a Carers' Group would be of benefit to some members of the Probus Club. In order to give the carer a proper break, we thought lunch would be the way to go. Both the carer and partner are welcome to attend. The idea being that people can talk to others, discuss how to negotiate the Aged Care system and have a good laugh.

We decided that the group will meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 12.30 at the Asquith Golf Club. So that we can let the dining room know how many to expect, if you are interested in joining us please email me.

Thank you, Yenda



VALE VINCE HUGHES

Vince and wife Georgina were foundations members of our club. From the very early stages of our club Vince was to have a very profound influence on club management and culture.



The size of the club soon revealed “varied” procedures, especially in the Treasury area that needed attention. After a loss of two treasurers in a very short time Vince showed clear thinking introducing a simple methodology at processing payments. The meeting day we arrived to find a clear sequential system of labelled tables for processing and payment was brilliant. Of course, the Treasurer was strategically placed at the end of the line with welcoming personnel assisting in the direction of lost sheep.

We did not have to wait long for Technology to be used with a swiper for card payments and then Electronic funds transfer. His good humour, clarity in problem solving and attention to detail saw him then come to play an outstanding role in framing the Constitution, Incorporation and Standing Orders of the Club. The sample Constitution provided contained many inconsistencies to say the least. Vince solved one of the more vexatious issues for clubs by “a very well placed full stop“ thus giving us the desired result. The structure of our Committee is the testament of overcoming the vagaries of language given us. Vince was also the Bulletin Editor for a while.

We must not forget the Ukulele at Christmas parties, sometimes accompanied by members of his club. The delivery of free printing by Bendigo Bank was yet another contribution. One wonders how he got time for all the services he gave to his local church.

Vince was indeed good company. Legendary for locating a source of soothing drinks, especially Chardonnay. Vince’s easy conversational style and quick wit marked him as a member of considerable style.

“Missed by all”

HOSPITALITY



DATE: Monday 19th May 2025

TIME: 10am – 12 Noon

PLACE: Jane Platts home, 25a Nicholson Ave, Thornleigh, please park in the street.

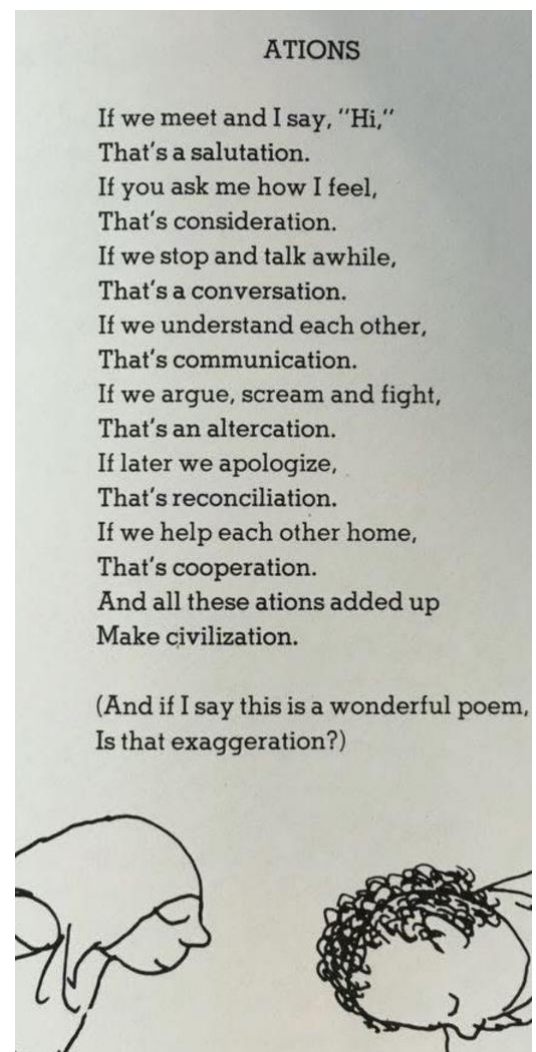
Bring a plate, bring a friend, all welcome.

Birthday Lunch at Bobbin Head – price to follow.

Thursday 16th October 2025.



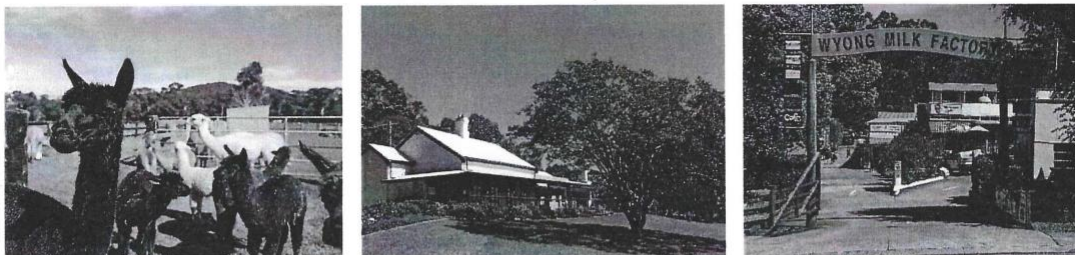
George Gates Master Joke Teller.



Berowra District Mixed Probus Club has scheduled an excursion for May (details attached) for which they look like being a few bookings short of the minimum number required and wondered if any members from our club would be interested.

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IRIS LODGE ALPACAS & ALISON HOMESTEAD

Friday, 9 May 2025

Just an hour away from Sydney, this eco-certified farm offers a unique experience to get up close and personal with a herd of 120 alpacas and 10 llamas. On arrival we will enjoy morning tea before our 1 hour immersive experience where we delve into the captivating world of alpacas, hand-feeding them and discovering the joy of cuddles and neck rubs from these affectionate animals. The team will be on hand to provide fascinating insights about their behaviours and characteristics.

Alison Homestead is set on two hectares in a rural setting on Wyong's first land grant, dating back to 1825. On arrival we will enjoy a two-course set lunch before our self-guided tour of the museum. This museum houses displays of memorabilia, photos, household items, equipment, machinery and tools all relating to the early settling of Wyong and surrounds.

After lunch we will visit The Chocolate Factory Gosford, home of Nougat Limar, Sydney Marshmallow Company and Bon Bon Fine Chocolates. Our guided tour will teach us first-hand how they create their Nougat, Marshmallows and Chocolates.

Tour Details:

- What's Included: Morning tea, 2 course set lunch, admission and luxury coach transport
- Lunch: Enjoy a two-course lunch of Mixed sandwiches, pavlova, tea, coffee
- Duration: Departs at approx. 8:45am and returns at approximately 4:30pm (WARRINA ST OUTA BEROWRA)

Price Per Person:

- \$92.00 (based on a minimum of 30 people).

BANKING DETAILS BSB 633 000

ACC 137 367 892

REFERENCE - ALPACA / NAME (YOUR NAME) CLUB.

PLEASE CONTACT: BOB LEWTHWAITE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

P- 0411 541710

EMAIL - LEWTHWAITE@bigpond.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	4	
1 st & 3 rd Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	4	
3 rd Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	4	
9 th April 2025	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
10 th April 2025	Probus Meeting	Barry Willick		
10 th April 2025	Committee Meeting	Barry Willick		
17 th April 2025	Parramatta Female Factory	Trish Taylor	5	
24 th April 2025	Kellyville to Rouse Hill Walk	Laurie Keaton	8	
1 st May 2025	Probus Meeting	Barry Willick		
7 th May 2025	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
8 th May 2025	Committee Meeting	Barry Willick		
WEDNESDAY TRIP 14th May 2025	Bare Island & La Perouse Museum	Trish Taylor	6	
19 th May 2025	Biggest Morning Tea	Jane Platts	11	
22 nd May 2025	Gladesville to Drummoyne	Laurie Keaton	8 & 9	

Welcome to AMPC



Debra Warsow