



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

President's Corner

Hello to all our members.

Well, we are really feeling the chill of winter, but the sun shining does make it a little better I hope you are all keeping warm and well.

The committee is asking for donations to help with the cost of materials for making the Dolls for the Children's Hospital around \$145 was donated at the last meeting. The donation box will be out again this month and again in November. We are only looking for small donations. Carol Channon will explain more at the meeting on 7th August.

If you need a new badge these can be ordered with the membership officer or myself. At a cost of \$5.

I guess you have all been trying out new herbs following Herbies talk at the last meeting.

There will be group tables set up for us to have lunch together in the Pavilion off the dining area to allow us to have fellowship together over lunch.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 7th.

Regards Barry

Meeting Dates at Magpies

General Meetings

10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 7th August 2025

Thursday 4th September 2025

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COMMITTEE NOTES AUGUST 2025

1. The Committee discussed various aspects of the Draft of New Standing Resolutions in the Constitution
2. 18 people enjoyed the Archibald visit and tour with our excellent guide Pamela, who highlighted many interesting works, including in the Wynne and Sulman exhibitions. We were also greatly impressed with the astonishing talent displayed in the Young Archies this year. Many thanks to Trish and the Tours Committee for their fantastic work on planning a great program for next year including the Newcastle Harbour Tour and away trip to Macksville.
3. Don't forget to put our Birthday Barbeque, October 16 into your calendar. This annual gathering for lunch at the Pavillion Bobbin Head, will be very kind to the wallet this year due to Jane's BYO economies!
4. Last month's talk by Ian Hemphill (Herbie) about herbs and spices was most interesting and informative. Our August speaker, Judy Dunn comes highly recommended (thank you Mary Potter). Old cemeteries, her topic, are a fascinating historical source.
5. At our General Meetings, you are encouraged to participate in the process when motions are proposed, by moving or seconding.
6. Take care everyone and stay warm! As I write this, we are 1 month past the shortest day, so warmer weather is on the way!

Congratulations Anita on your OBE



Ian "Herbie" Hempell, spoke on Herbs & Spices.



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**

MAHJONG 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**

CARER’S GROUP Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm at Asquith Golf Club. **Contact Yenda**

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		
Carer’s Group	Yenda Holland	Web Site	Robert Allison
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AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025-26

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email
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Assistant Treasurer			
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Past President	Jim Jeffries		

TRIPS AWAY

AWAY TRIP – MACKSVILLE

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS - \$1,660

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

15-20 MARCH 2026

Tour Price Includes: Pick up and return to Hornsby station
Quality coach travel with seatbelts
All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

This tour stays at the Midcoast Motel, Macksville and travels out each day. All meals are supplied except for lunch on the forward and return journey.

Day 1 travel to Macksville

Day 2 visit Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Corindi Beach, drive through Woolgoolga to the Solitary Islands Aquarium

Day 3 is a scenic drive through the Bellinger Valley to Dorrigo Mountain. Here we visit Bellingen, the Scenic Skywalk, Dangar Falls and Dorrigo Steam Trains

Day 4 we go south to the Wauchope Creative Hub, a Fudge Factory, Douglas Vale Winery and board a port jet boat for a cruise

Day 5 we visit Bowraville Museum then a leisurely drive to South West Rocks, Trial Bay Gaol, Gladstone Hub and Kempsey's Boutique brewery

Day 6 following breakfast we board the coach for our homeward journey

An itinerary will be available at the back desk.

Yenda

A \$75 deposit need not be paid until September
Balance to be paid directly to the motel upon arrival

DAY TRIPS

HYDE PARK BARRACKS

21st AUGUST, 2025

11.00 a.m

Hyde Park Barracks is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site in the heart of Sydney. Originally built to house convicts, the Barracks have also served as an immigration depot, asylum, law courts and government offices.

Discover the stories of Hyde Park Barracks through a self-guided immersive experience, using interactive audio technology. Hear the stories of male convicts, immigrants and women in need, as well as the Aboriginal nations that were impacted by colonial Australia. Duration: 1-1.5 hours.



Catch the 9.42 a.m. train from Hornsby platform 1, arriving at Town Hall Station at 10.27 a.m. Then it's an 11 minute walk via Park Street and Hyde Park to the Barracks.

SANDRA LEES

HAWKESBURY BREWING CO

**900 Pacific Highway
LISAROW 2250**

18th SEPTEMBER, 2025

11.45 - 12.00 pm

The Hawkesbury Brewing Co crafts beers (tastings before purchase if you wish) and drinks. They offer special food deals, including a free schooner or glass of wine with each meal. Meals range from pizzas, craft burgers & chips to chicken tenders & drummetes. They offer gluten free buns & pizza bases.

We will catch the 10.26 am Newcastle train from Hornsby, platform 4 (back 4 carriages of the train as the train is longer than the platform at Lisarow station.) Arriving at Lisarow station 11.26 am.

Approximate 20minute walk to Brewery. Paved pathway from Lisarow station for 2/3 of the way, then a narrow, unsealed, rough section, opening to a grassy, uneven, sloping section.

***This walk is not recommended for those with mobility issues. It would be advisable for people with mobility issues to drive to the venue. (2 hour guest parking available.)**

Return Trains: 1.48pm, 2.48pm and 3.48pm.

TRISH

QUARANTINE STATION MANLY

20th NOVEMBER, 2025

\$98.00 per person

Pick up: Rofe 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

NEWCASTLE HARBOUR LUNCH CRUISE

19 FEBRUARY, 2026

\$66.00 per person

11.45 a.m. for 12.00 noon

**\$20.00 PER PERSON *NON REFUNDABLE* DEPOSIT
*REQUIRED BY 4 SEPTEMBER MEETING**

FINAL *NON REFUNDABLE* \$46.00 BALANCE OWING:

**CASH PAYMENTS BY 6 NOVEMBER MEETING
EFT PAYMENTS BY 4 DECEMBER MEETING**

Catch the 8.56 a.m. (platform 4) CCN train to Newcastle, arriving 10.53 a.m. Change to the 11.15 a.m. Light Rail to Civic Station, arriving 11.20 a.m. Board 11.45 am. at Lee Wharf Pontoon for 2.5 hr cruise.



Enjoy the sights of Newcastle Harbour as we cruise the world's largest coal export port and one of the most diverse regional ports in Australia. Discover Newcastle's renewed picturesque foreshore,

venture to the mouth of the Koorangang wetlands and see the port's coal loading facilities, tugboats and big ships up close.

Enjoy a freshly prepared buffet lunch, sweets, tea and coffee. A full range of drinks is available from a fully licensed bar.

TRISH

Mosman Rower's Club Walk



WALKS

As circulated to those who had registered, we will conduct a single walk in August. The walk involves a 30-35minute bridge walk with lift access.

Accessing Argyle Street via the southern pedestrian tunnel with a street walk to the Reserve where they will be free time to explore the top level.

The coffee break is in Windmill Street where we will use an internal lift to access ground level and Reserve entrance. Options are available for walkers who do not wish to do this part of the walk.

The details for the September and October walks will be available by the September meeting.

Barangaroo Please Note the changed arrangements

**Milson's Point-Harbour Bridge to Barangaroo Merriman St Gates.
Thursday 28 August.**

LEADS: Laurie, Anne and Russ Dorey, Jim

WHERE: **The walk:** Milson's Point to Merriman St Gates -
Barangaroo Reserve Approx 3.0 km. Easy.

Suitability:

Lifts at Both ends of the Bridge. One set of steps

in the Bridge Tunnel but Easy. **Return:** Walk about 200 metres from Barangaroo lift to Metro on Hickson Road. Level 2 Lift at Barangaroo may only go to level 1 if out of order. If so a set of steps is required down to access Ground Level

Return to Metro: Walk about 200 metres from Barangaroo to the station on Hickson Road.

TRAVEL: **913 Berowra 927 Hornsby Arr: 1006 Milson's Point.**

Return from Barangaroo Metro.

LUNCH: Palisade, Lord Nelson, Captain Cook Hotels or The Canteen at Barangaroo South 10-15 min walk. **Walkers choosing to proceed to The Canteen** are deemed to have left the walk at Merriman Street Gates.

Speaker- August

Our Speaker this month is Judith Dunn who has a passion for Australian history.

She holds a Fellowship in Colonial History and is Past President of the Society Council of Parramatta & District Historical Society

She initiated the Historic Graves Committee over twenty years ago and is author of the Parramatta Cemetery Series, a set of five books about the oldest cemeteries in Australia

She will give a lively and interesting talk revealing the feisty nature of convict pioneer women, noted in the official records as, "the very dregs of society". Individual crime reports from the Sydney Herald, illustrate the larrikinism and inner strength which allowed the convict women to survive. .

Although humorous, this is also a thought-provoking talk describing the transport and goal system endured by these women and how they survived it.

Next month Eira Battaglia will give an amusing insight into a nurses's life in London in the swinging sixties.

HOSPITALITY

Birthday Probus Lunch on 16th October cost is \$20 at Bobbin Head Pavilion from 12 noon. Payment in by September please.

Christmas Lunch on 4th December cost \$55 at Magpies, from 12 noon.

5th Thursday BBQ

When 31st July 2025, Where off Galston Road at the Community Recreation Reserve adjacent to the Galston indoor Aquatic Centre. A large undercover barbeque area is provided with 4 Gas fired stainless steel BBQs. Tables and chairs are provided you may like to bring your own picnics chairs. Bring your own food and drinks.

John & Carol Channon

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	
3 rd Tuesday of Month	Carer's Group	Yenda Holland	4	
7 th August 2025	Probus Meeting	Barry Willick		
13 th August 025	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
14 th August 2025	Committee Meeting	Barry Willick		
21 st August 2025	Hyde Park Barracks	Trish Taylor	6	
28 th August 2025	Barangaroo Walk	Laurie Keaton	8 & 9	
4 th September 2025	Probus Meeting	Mal Steel		
10 th September 2025	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
11 th September 2025	Committee Meeting	Mal Steel		
18 th September 2025	Hawkesbury Brewing Co	Trish Taylor	6	

