



Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to all our members. We have some wonderful news - eight new members will be inducted into our club at the August meeting. Please make them feel welcome and help them find their way around our club activities. Thank you for bringing your friends along to meetings, it has been a helpful way of finding new members. The Bush Telegraph articles have also been a great help in sourcing new members.

Members are reminded that refunds of payments are not always possible due to failure to attend an activity. Refunds need to be applied for with the organiser of the activity. If payment cannot be recovered from a venue, or not enough notice has been received, then a refund will not be possible. This policy will be included on the agenda for the August meeting where it will be clarified in more detail to members.

The committee has decided there will be no general meeting in January due to the number of members away. We will have a '5th Thursday' style BBQ at Galston on Thursday 7 January for those who would like to catchup.

Wishing you all the best.

Mal

Meeting Dates at Magpies

General Meetings:

Thursday 6 August

Thursday 3 September

Thursday 1 October

10am for 10.30am start

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Asquith Mixed Probud Club Inc.

The Secretary: Ruth Barwick

Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on 2 October 2008.

Club No: 9003799

District: 9685 PD3 Inc. No: 9890687

Bendigo Bank details for deposits.

BSB No: 633-000

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ENHANCING THE CLUB: NEW ACTIVITIES

We would like to have some impromptu social activities taking place, such as a movie outing or a coffee morning. Our **club Facebook page** is a good method to not only organise an activity with a few friends, but importantly it allows you invite others along to share the occasion.

If you are not aware of the Asquith Mixed Probus Club Facebook page, it is a private page that only our members can see. Users can post a message to share with others. Membership to our Facebook page can be organised via the committee.

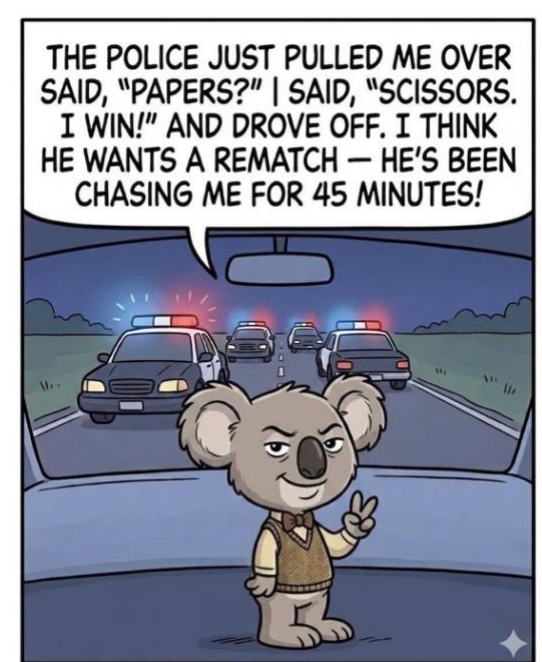
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Denise Mayhew would be happy to hear from people who can assist with welcoming visitors and show them around. Recently we have seen visitor numbers increase, so more helpers will be welcome.

John Davies would appreciate hearing from someone who can fill in occasionally on the PC and Projector or by creating the PowerPoint slides, should he be absent. Basic computer skills or familiarity with PowerPoint would be helpful.



"I know you're in bed with the flu,
but I need the keys to
the filing cabinet."



COMMITTEE NOTES

1. We send our love and extend sincere condolences to Beryl Simpson, whose son Michael sadly passed away recently. It is a very hard thing to lose a child at any age and we are sure that every member is feeling for Beryl at this difficult time.
2. The refund policy for payments made by members for activities was discussed. The issuing of refunds depends upon whether the payment can be recovered from the venue. In some cases, refunds may be possible if enough notice is given, but it is not possible for same day cancellations. The refund policy, which is covered by the constitution, will be included on the agenda for the August general meeting where the policy will be clarified to the members.
3. I received correspondence about a tour with On Course Tours and Travel which looks great and may be of interest to members. It was called the 'Ningaloo Adventure and the WA Coral Coast - Face to Face with Whale Sharks'.
4. Ruth will send the 'Active Retirees' magazine out to members.
5. Probus business cards to promote AMPC will be available for distribution at Mahjong and other groups within the club as requested.
6. We thank those who have helped with Meet and Greet recently, to welcome visitors and new members to our meetings. We are thrilled with the number of recent applications for membership. All were approved by the committee and they will be inducted as members at the August general meeting. Much credit is due to Mal for his efforts in promoting our club, which included a feature about our August speaker, Anita Jacoby, in the Bush Telegraph.
7. Recommendations for local eateries include The Griddle at Berowra Waters, with \$20 meals on specific days and White Olive at Mount Colah. For a day trip, the Carrington Hotel at Katoomba was recommended.
8. I recommend to all members, new and old, that the best way to really feel part of AMPC and make lasting friends, is to attend events and outings including tours and walks. There is limited time available for socialising at the meeting (although many stay at the club and enjoy lunch together) and of course on an outing there are fewer people, so there is more opportunity for conversation.

Ruth Barwick, Secretary

You can't go back and
change the beginning but
you can start where you
are and change the ending.

C. S. LEWIS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Asquith Mixed Probus Club

FINAL Treasurer's Report as at 30th June 2026



Funds received so far this year	8,202.25	
Reduced by club expenses	(4,983.77)	
Net Earnings To Date		3,218.48
Add: Previous years' surplus funds		12,744.59
Leaving members funds available		<u>\$15,963.07</u>
The above funds consist of cash at bank	19,517.07	
Less: Advance tour deposits and members' payments for these future activities and tours	(3,554.00)	
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		<u>\$15,963.07</u>

Funds received can only increase with new members		2 new members paid June 3 new members paid July
Capitation fees paid in April: \$21.50 per member approximating:	\$2,150	
Venue and Morning Teas paid to date	\$2,325	Est Budget Saving \$725
Magpies -Venue	\$485	Payable early July
June Activity - City Walking Tour	\$750	Payment early July
Total unpaid liabilities for future member activities.	\$3,554	Primarily Walking Tour and Lucas Heights

Treasurer's Report as at 30 June 2026



ACTIVITIES

DOLLS' GROUP meets on the first Wednesday following our monthly general 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.

MAHJONG GROUP meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm at Asquith Bowling Club.

CARDS' 500 GROUP meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome.

MEN'S GROUP meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies.

CARERS' GROUP meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm.

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Carol Channon
Auditor	Robert Allison	5th Thursday BBQ	Carol & John Channon
Books/DVDs	George Gates	Mahjong	Pam Clarke
Jigsaws	Robert Montgomery	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Website	Robert Allison
Carers' Group	Yenda Holland	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Yenda Holland
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Jim Thompson

AMPC Committee Members	
President	Mal Steel
Vice-President Elect	
Vice-President	John Davies
Secretary	Ruth Barwick
Treasurer	Kevin Watson
Committee	
Bulletin	Sandra Lees
Hospitality	Jane Platts
Membership	Denise Mayhew
Assist. Membership	Robyn Lee
Speaker Co-ordinator	Jim Jeffries
Tours/Excursions	Trish Taylor
Welfare	Nita Shields
Assistant Secretary	Jim Jeffries
Assistant Treasurer	Pam Slater
Walks Co-ordinator	Laurie Keaton
Assistant Walks	Jim Jeffries
Past President	Barry Willick

TRIPS AWAY

FOLLOW THE MIGHTY MURRAY

10 days from 1-10 April 2027

Following a flight to Adelaide we spend two nights in Goolwa. There is a lot of history along the river which should be very interesting. Day 2 the mouth of the Murray at Hindmarsh Island with a cruise on the PS Oscar W, an authentic wood-fired paddlesteamer. Day 3 we make our way to Murray Bridge and Mannum. Day 4 is Walker Flat, one of the most spectacular spots on the river, then on to Renmark for the night. Day 5 is Mildura, a cruise and the inland Botanic Gardens. Day 6 takes us to Wentworth where the Darling and Murray Rivers meet, then Swan Hill for the night. Day 7 Barham then Echuca for the night. Day 8 we drive through rich fruit growing areas to Rutherglen, then on to Albury for the night. Day 9 we continue to Khancoban for lunch and then to the headwaters of the Murray before arriving in Thredbo for the night. Day 10 we drive to Cooma, then Canberra for our flight home.

The price of this tour is \$6,240 with a single supplement of \$1,072.

If you are interested in joining this tour, can you please see Yenda.

YENDA

DAY TRIPS

LUCAS HEIGHTS DISCOVERY CENTRE

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2026

\$100.00

***NOW CLOSED**

Pick up: Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights, 8.30 a.m. - return approximately 5.00 p.m.

***PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE**

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) is home to some of Australia's most critical scientific infrastructure including the nation's only research reactor, a suite of neutron beam instruments, particle accelerators, cyclotrons and the Australian Synchrotron.

The education officers will explain how through applying their knowledge of the basic building blocks of our universe, scientists are helping solve the big issues surrounding health, climate change and innovation for industry. The tour is customised for our group with non-technical explanations and minimal walking.

Following our tour at ANSTO, we will enjoy a relaxing two-course lunch at the Woronora Boat Shed, a picturesque riverside venue. If time permits, we will finish the day with a visit to Hazelhurst Art Gallery.

***Each member must bring their ID with them on the day.**

***Enclosed shoes must be worn - no open toed sandals.**

Tour includes:

- Morning Tea
- Guided tour of Lucas Heights Discovery Centre
- 2 course lunch at Woronora Boat Shed
- Coach transport

***PLEASE ALSO FILL OUT YOUR DETAILS ON THE ANSTO TOUR BOOKING SHEET.**

TRISH

TOUR OF NSW PARLIAMENT & HIGH TEA

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 2026

\$70.00 per person

***MAXIMUM NUMBER 24**

***PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A FRIDAY TOUR**

TOUR - 11.30 A.M. FOLLOWED BY HIGH TEA - 12.30 P.M.

PAYMENT DUE 6 AUGUST, 2026

Step back in time into one of Sydney's oldest buildings. Over a one hour visit to the historic legislative chambers, experience the beautiful colonial architecture while learning more about the role, history and work of Parliament. The tour concludes in the Strangers Restaurant at NSW Parliament where high tea will be served - including a chef's selection of sweet & savoury items, tea & coffee. The restaurant will cater for Gluten Free & Vegetarian requirements - dairy free is not available.

We will catch the 10.12 a.m. train from Hornsby (Platform 1) to Chatswood station arriving 10.36 a.m. Change to Metro 10.40 am (Platform 2) arriving 10.52 a.m. Martin Place station (Platform 3).

TRISH

SECRETS OF THE CITY CIRCLE RAIL LOOP

WALKING TOUR

Our members certainly enjoyed our guided walking tour of the City Circle. The tour focused on more than a century of history since John Bradfield, the visionary chief engineer, decided to extend the line from Central through the city - first to Museum and St James (1926), then to Town Hall and Wynyard (1932) and finally Circular Quay (1956). What an interesting and informative day for our members.



WALKS

Please note changes to our draft calendar. These have been necessary because of uncertainty regarding the opening date of the Bankstown Metro Line as well as clash of dates with our club activities.

Thursday, 27 August 2026, FEDERATION WALK, WATSON'S BAY

This walk includes spectacular coastal scenery and history. We will stop at Macquarie Lighthouse if the grounds are open. Inspection of the Lighthouse is only open on Saturdays.

WHERE: Lancaster Road, Dover Heights to Watson's Bay.

WHAT: Long walk: 5.4 km, Lancaster Road to The Gap.

Lead: TBA

Short Walk: 3 km, South Head Cemetery to The Gap.

Lead: Laurie

TRAVEL: 8.43 Berowra, 8.57 Hornsby platform 1, arrive Wynyard 9.40.
10.15 Ferry to Watsons Bay, arrive 10.38. Bus 380 to start points.

LUNCH: Coffee at the Quay and lunch at Doyle's takeaway.

Thursday, 24 September 2026, BALMORAL BEACH

WHERE: Balmoral Beach
Details to be advised

TRAVEL: Berowra 9.13, Hornsby 9.27, Platform 1, Arrive St Leonards 9.56
Bus 114, 10.04: Bus commences at Royal North Shore Hospital

Thursday, 22 October 2026, GREENWAY WALK

Details to be advised.



Thursday, 26 November 2026, Lunch at Berowra RSL

10.00 – 12.00: Morning Tea and local walk in Mount Kuring-Gai.

12.00 for 12.30: Lunch at Berowra RSL.

Before you complain...

Have you
Volunteered yet?

Members: Here is an invitation for your friends. All visitors are welcome.

Your personal invitations are working and have led to several new members who will join in August.



Invitation to Asquith Mixed Probus club's August meeting

Meet Anita Jacoby, a champion for women in leadership.



Anita Jacoby AM is one of Australia's most distinguished television producers. A former CEO of ITV Studios Australia, she co-created popular TV programs with **Andrew Denton**, including **Enough Rope**, **The Gruen Transfer** and **Hungry Beast**. A gifted storyteller, she has interviewed global figures from **Sir David Attenborough** to **Bill Clinton**. With over 35 years' experience, she chairs the ABC Advisory Council, supports multiple charities, created an annual scholarship for young journalists and in 2022 published **Secrets Beyond the Screen**.

Asquith Probus offers retirees a welcoming club with opportunities for **new social connections, interesting outings, walking groups, and stimulating speakers.**

Come along, learn something valuable, and enjoy good company.

We meet at Magpies Club, Waitara, on the first Thursday of the month at 10:15 for 10:30.
Contact Denise: 0416 179 383 or ampcmembers@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY

Probus Birthday Lunch at Bobbin Head, Thursday, 16th October 2026, 12 noon

- All food provided for the BBQ: Sausage, salad, bread roll and Birthday Cake
- Cost is \$20 per person.
- Please bring your own plate, cutlery, drinks and glass.
- Payment is now due, thank you.

End of Year Lunch at Asquith Bowling Club, Thursday, 19 November 2026, 12 noon

- Two course meal
- Cost is \$50 per person
- Payment is now due, thank you.

I look forward to seeing you all and enjoying each of the lunches.

Cheers,

Jane Platts



SPEAKERS

Our **August** speaker will be Anita Jacoby – a professional storyteller!



Anita is one of Australia's most distinguished television producers and was appointed managing director of an international production company, ITV.

Prior to this, Anita managed films with Andrew Denton producing *Enough Rope*, *The Gruen Transfer*, *Elders*, *Country Town Rescue*, *AFP* and *Hungry Beast*.

She has worked in senior production roles with the ABC, SBS and Foxtel on programs such as *60 Minutes*, *Sunday*, *Witness* and *Today*.

Anita's gift for storytelling has seen her explore the lives of presidents and royalty, showbiz legends and broadcasting giants including Sir David Attenborough, Jane Fonda, Dame Helen Mirren, and Bill Clinton... to name just a few.

She has received ten nominations and four AFI/AACTA Awards, a Logie Award, an Order of Australia Media Award, a Human Rights Award and an Asia Broadcasting Union Award.

Anita is currently Chair of the ABC Advisory Council and is a leading advocate for women in media and leadership.

In **September** we will hear from Sue Alexander, a former professional tennis player.

At age 17, she was number one Junior in NSW and played the number one position for NSW in an interstate Junior competition. She also won the South Australian Junior Championship and the Australian Junior Doubles.

In her first international tournament, she won the World Junior Hard-Court Championship in Monte Carlo. She played at Wimbledon - in the singles in 1967, and in 1971.

A chronic back injury forced her to hang her racquet up. It was then that Susan's creative side blossomed and resulted in her writing a memoir with a background of the glamorous European tennis circuit, her life in Madrid under the Dictator Franco and her hasty marriage to a devastatingly handsome Spaniard.

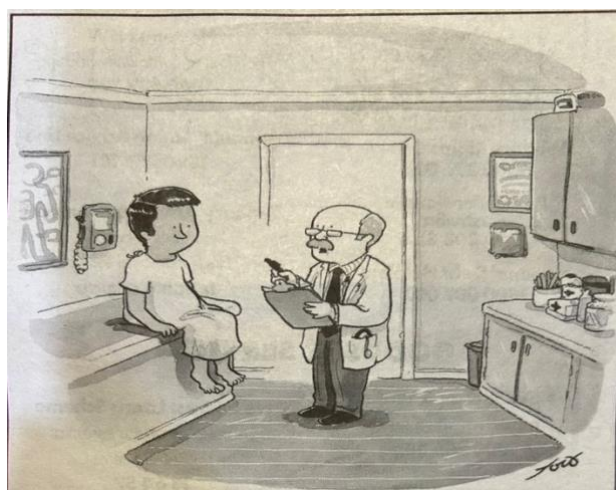
*Jim Jeffries presenting
our July Speaker,
Margaret Russell, with a
Certificate of Appreciation.*



DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	3	
1 st & 3 rd Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	3	
3 rd Wed of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	3	
3 rd Tuesday of Month	Carers' Group	Yenda Holland	3	
6 August 2026	General Meeting	Mal Steel		
13 August 2026	Committee Meeting	Mal Steel		
12 August 2026	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
20 August 2026	Lucas Heights Discovery Centre	Trish Taylor	6	
27 August 2026	Federation Walk Watson's Bay	Laurie Keaton	9	
3 September 2026	General Meeting	Mal Steel		
10 September 2026	Committee Meeting	Mal Steel		
9 September 2026	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
18 September 2026 (Friday)	Tour of NSW Parliament and High Tea	Trish Taylor	7	
24 September 2026	Balmoral Beach Walk	Laurie Keaton	9	



Just look for something in my price range.



Try to reduce your stress level and if you somehow succeed please let me know how in God's name you did it.