



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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Willick Sandra Death, Rhonda  
Wilson.



WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS 2021 AND A PROMISING NEW YEAR AND HOPING 2022 IS A MUCH BETTER YEAR FOR US ALL.

**THE NEXT AMPC GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON  
6 JANUARY 2022 AT MAGPIES WAITARA.**

## Meeting Dates

Christmas Lunch 11.30am for 11.45am.  
Thursday 2 December Asquith Golf Club.

### Next General Meeting

Thursday 6 January 2022 at Magpies  
Waitara.

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### Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.

The Secretary AMPC, 9 Warruga  
Crescent, Berowra Heights 2082  
Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on  
2 October 2008.

Club No: 9003799

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## COMMITTEE NOTES - NOVEMBER 2021

"Because there have been great changes in the conditions for future meetings offered by the Asquith Golf Club, our President, John Channon has exerted himself, with great passion and commitment, and with the help of the Committee Members, to locate and procure a suitable site for next year.

Because of the urgency of this, the Management Committee has had a special meeting, and decided that Magpies Waitara is the best alternative. This will be the site for our next meeting on the 6th January, 2022.

In order to meet the legal obligations of our Constitution, motions will be put to the Committee Meeting on 9th Dec, that, with 21 day' notice, the Meeting on 6th Jan should consider an Amendment to Standing Resolutions to formalise the move to Magpies, and that a letter explaining the reason for such a move be sent to all members."

1. We had an interesting talk from Meredith Burgmann by Zoom in November. Meredith declined the fee that we pay our speakers, so it was agreed to donate the \$30 to the ladies who make dolls for Westmead Children's Hospital, to purchase supplies as required.

2. Hopefully we will be able to get some day trips and tours organised now that we are fully vaccinated.

Ten Pin Bowling at the RSL will be held on 20th January, drop Jim Thompson an email if you wish to attend.

A coach trip to Canberra is planned for 19-24th March.

3. Probus has advised that Travel Insurance is now available, using Alliance. Please check the website for information to see if it suits your requirements. If using this service, you will need to produce your Probus Membership No. If you have trouble locating this, please phone the Secretary who can give you the details.

4. The annual Bobbin Head Breakfast will take place on Monday 7th February at 9.00 am.

5. The Committee thanked John Davies for organising our Zoom meetings over the past few months, and it is hoped that we will be able to meet face to face from now on.

Thanks also go to Nick Speyer who recorded the meeting and speaker for those who wished to watch it at a later time.

6. Robert Allison would like to update the Gallery photos on the Website. Please make yourself known to Robert if you do not wish your photo to be on our Website Gallery.

7. Succession Planning was again discussed. Please think about positions on the Committee that you may be able to assist with. New blood is required at our AGM in March.

8. Please note that our next face to face meeting will be **6th January 2022 at Magpies Waitara.**

*Pam Slater*

*Secretary*

## Treasurer's Report as at 6 November 2021

Income received for year to date	\$7,375	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$5,420</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ 1,955
Add previous year's surplus of		<u>\$ 9,881</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$11,836</u>
 This surplus consists of cash of		 \$13,553
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 1,717</u>
Total member equity		<u>\$11,836</u>

*Yenda Holland*

7 November 2021



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## SPEAKERS

Hopefully November was the last meeting at which the speaker presented over Zoom. There were some advantages such as being able to see photos and illustrations clearly. Against that was the situation of fewer members using zoom to be part of the meeting. Many of the monthly meetings were recorded and it is worthwhile listening to some of the presentations.

November speaker, Meredith Burgmann, stirred our memories and had some of us reminiscing about people and incidents of the Sixties and Seventies. We were fortunate to have her as our speaker.

No speaker for the December meeting, and an interesting program lined up for next year.

Mary Potter



## MAH-JONG

The Bowling Club has given us permission to play mah-jong once again. We are hoping that, given no more inconveniences by the dreaded covid, we will be in a position to begin teaching once again on 12 January 2022. Should you wish to join our happy little group and learn how to play the game, please contact Pam Clarke. The course takes eight weeks and it would be appreciated if you could set aside every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 for that period

**CARDS** restarted on 11 November at Asquith Bowling Club.

The cards group meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11am in the auditorium Please come along if you would like to play.

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD, Jigsaw	Sunny Dougall & Robert Montgomery	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
		Theatres	Rhonda Wilson
Dining out	Vicki McPherson		
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
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## AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2021-22

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email	
President	John Channon			
Vice-President				
Elect	John Davies			
Secretary	Pam Slater			
Treasurer	Yenda Holland			
	<b>Committee</b>			
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			

## WELFARE REPORT

Kevin Brogan was admitted to SAH for a double knee replacement surgery at the beginning of November. Kevin's wife Noelene tells me he's doing well and they are both extremely happy with and cannot fault the treatment he has been getting since his surgery. If all continues to go so well it is expected Kevin will be going home on Friday.

Rhonda Wilson had knee surgery at SAH on 11<sup>th</sup> November, she is also doing well and has been transferred to Mt Wilga for a programme of rehabilitation. It is expected Rhonda will be at Mt Wilga for at least another week or two.

Robin Whalen is in the SAH recovering from health issues she has had for some time. Robin tells me she is taking things slowly, and after having treatment is starting to have "good days". Robin would like me to pass on her thanks for the kind wishes she has received from our Probus members.

Barbara Williamson tells me she feels no different since she's been fitted with a pacemaker and other than experiencing some bruising all is going well. Unfortunately, Barbara's husband Lance is having a short stay in hospital. Experiencing a feeling of not being well, Barbara called an ambulance, being concerned that if he got worse overnight, she is not able to drive (at the moment). Lance has been admitted to hospital and at this time is undergoing tests.

After a health scare and hospitalisation last month, Bill Davies tells me everything is going very well and after a recent post-surgery visit with his specialist Bill is happy to report he doesn't need to be seen again for another 12 months.

I hope members are starting to feel life is getting back to being a little more 'normal' inasmuch as we can now visit friends and relatives and also dine out. Even so, please still use QR codes and remember to take with you, and use masks wherever and whenever necessary

Denise Mayhew

## THEATRE PARTIES

Great News for the Arts Industry that Theatres are opening up 🎭🎪🎨🎤.

Hamilton

Our members had a choice of a refund or exchanging tickets for a December performance. The majority are keeping their fingers crossed to attend a real live performance.

Moulin Rouge the Musical -Providing Daniel behaves and lets us in, 12 people are looking forward to kicking their heels up in Melbourne at the beginning of February.

All other shows have been put off until 2022.

Take care and keep safe  
Rhonda





## JIM & JUDY THOMPSON

### 20 JAN 2022 10 PIN BOWLING AT THE HORNSBY RSL

This should be a fun event. Don't worry if you have never been bowling before. From 11 am to 1 pm. Two games total cost \$16. Pay on or before 6 Jan. Numbers are limited so give me your names ASAP by email

### SAT 19 MARCH TO THU 24 MARCH 2022. CANBERRA DISCOVERY TOUR.

More details elsewhere in this Bulletin. The price is all inclusive and we will be picked up at and dropped back at Hornsby Station.

### THU 17 FEB 2022 RIVERBOAT POSTMAN CRUISE ON THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

The cost is \$49 which includes morning tea and lunch and a three and a bit hour cruise. Travel details later.

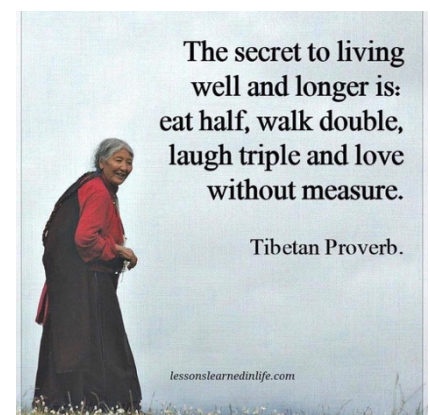
This will be a great opportunity to enjoy the magnificent Hawkesbury River while the mail is delivered to isolated settlements along the river.

Payment required by 6 January at the General Meeting 2022.

Regards

Jim Thompson

Our visit to the Wendy Whitely Garden was absolutely beautiful, magnificent plants and of course the stunning view of the harbour on such a lovely sunny day.  
We enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Kirribilli Club.



# CANBERRA DISCOVERY

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

Saturday 19 March - Thursday 24 March 2022



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Parliament House & Old Parliament House Museum of Democracy
- Mt Ainslie Lookout
- Lake Burley Griffin Cruise
- National Museum of Australia
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Telstra Tower
- Embassy Row
- National Gallery of Australia - Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly Series & Blue Poles by Jackson Pollock
- Gold Creek Village
- Cockington Green
- National Film & Sound Archive
- Canberra Space Centre
- Australian War Memorial
- Australian National Botanic Gardens
- Royal Australian Mint
- National Portrait Gallery
- The Canberra Glassworks
- Bungendore Village
- The Wood Works Gallery

**PLUS MUCH MORE!**

## TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Luxury coach travel with seatbelts
- Quality motel accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (11 meals)
- All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

## TOUR COST:

**\$1698.00 per person twin share (single supplement \$395.00)**





## HOSPITALITY



**The Christmas lunch** will be held at Asquith Golf Club on Thursday 2nd of December, 11:30 for 11:45. This is currently full. Those coming please remember that you will be required to show your double vaccination proof to the Covid marshal at the door, the club will refuse entry to anyone who does not show this.

**Breakfast at Bobbin Inn at Bobbin Head** will be held on Monday 7th of February at 9am service starting at 9:30. We are limited to 40 people so get your names down if you wish to come. \$10 payment is required for the Bobbin Head breakfast at the January meeting.

## HOSPITALITY OFFICER WANTED.

Please give some consideration to standing for the Hospitality position as it will be declared open at the next AGM. It only requires organising 3 events a year. For any information please contact Vicki who is more than willing to help with any questions you may have.

Vicki 

## WANTED – NEW ASSISTANT TREASURER

This position is not as scary as you think  
It is a really great way to meet new people

You don't need a fantastic knowledge about spreadsheets  
Just a **very basic** knowledge – we will even train you

As most members now pay by EFT you just have to  
Bank any cash received at the monthly meeting  
Make a list of payments received during the month  
Then forward this to the Treasurer and Activity Organisers  
All the above take about 2-3 hours per month

**PLEASE SEE DIANNE WATSON FOR DETAILS**

## AMPC WEBSITE

Robert is intending to include more photograph in the "Gallery" section of the website. This will document some of the Club's group activities. Names will not be included in the caption except for rare instances when explicit permission will be obtained from those named. If you do not wish your face to be shown on any of these photographs please contact Robert.



# Walk Report

18 Members enjoyed the Davistown Bus Tour, Walk and Lunch organised by Central Coast and Newcastle guru John Britten. John has consistently provided a variety of enjoyable experiences for our walk group and we are indebted to him for his effort and organisation.

It is important for all members to be aware that COVID restrictions have required changes from time to time in how we operate. This often occurs at short notice. Where a social activity is involved we can no longer assume we can just turn up for a meal. Businesses are almost universally facing staffing and patronage issues. This means booking and prepayment is more likely to be the norm.

Your assistance in a prompt response to communication is most appreciated.

We will try to conduct the very popular January activity after a two year lay-off due to weather and COVID issues. Depending on registrations we will try to organise a more purposeful walk as well as the traditional garden browse.

## Thursday 27 January 2022- Summer Evening Walk

Please pre-register interest by Thursday Dec 23 to [ljkeaton@bigpond.com](mailto:ljkeaton@bigpond.com)

**Where:** Botanical Gardens and Lady Macquarie's Chair. Earlier start to allow time in the gardens en route.

**What:** Easy 2 km walk each way and supper by the Harbour.  
Bring supper and drinks of choice.

**Travel:** 1526 train from Berowra. 1540 Hornsby Platform 1.  
If joining at Circular Quay assemble 1640 at lift to Cahill Express way.  
The lift is at eastern end of Circular Quay.  
Return via Opera house. Park gates close at 7.00pm

Walks for February and March will be advertised in the January Bulletin.

## WHERE DID THAT PHRASE COME FROM?

Often asked, is why zero scores in tennis are called 'love'?

In France where tennis became popular, a round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf', which is French for 'egg'. When tennis was introduced in the USA, Americans mispronounced it 'love'.

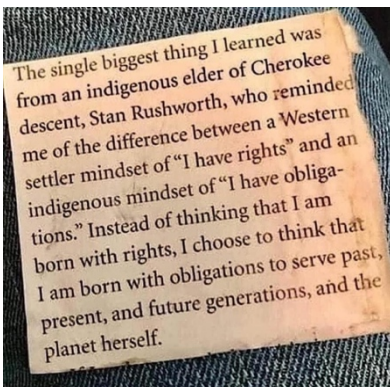
Angus Dougall

## AUTHORS.

Many of us will remember the 'Jack Irish' series

on TV, about the less than upstanding lawyer who, based in Melbourne, could not stay out of trouble. Unlike a lot of TV programs, this series was adapted from novels written by an author, in this case - Peter Temple, with his novels being printed in over 20 countries. For his novel *The Broken Shore*, he won the world's most prestigious prize for crime writing - the Crime Writers Association Gold Dagger, in 2007 - the first Australian to do so. He won the Miles Franklin Award for his novel '*Truth*'. Perhaps the finest *noir* style crime writer Australia has seen. Peter Temple was married to Anita, with one son Nicholas, and died aged 71 in Ballarat in Victoria, in 2018.

Angus Dougall.



Tonight I'm gonna have possum  
soup made from Himalayan  
possum, because I found  
Himalayan on the road.

