



Asquith Mixed Probuc Club BULLETIN

President’s Corner.

An amazing year, 15 years old, what a great milestone.

We celebrated at Bobbin Head on 19th October 2023 by the cutting of a luscious birthday cake as well as a gluten free birthday cake decorated in Berries organised by Rhonda Wilson.

With Christmas fast approaching and a nice weather forecast for the holiday season I wish our members good health and happiness in the festive season and the future.

As we enter the New Year, we look forward to what lies ahead. Our next AGM in March, and the election of a New Management Committee. We have had an excellent team this year, activities have been many and varied and well attended with enthusiasm and vigor.

The true spirit of Probuc is friendship, fellowship, and fun.

Sandra Death

President



Meeting Dates at Magpies

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12.00 Start

Thursday 7th December 2023

General Meetings

10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 4th January 2024

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COMMITTEE NOTES – NOVEMBER 2023

1. Can you believe it's almost Christmas and Rhonda has organised a wonderful party for you.

In the new year, we really want members to note down if they are attending events and if they have paid. Rhonda has had to chase members so that she could confirm numbers with Magpies. Don't forget, you can get cash out of the ATM at Magpies if you don't do electronic banking. Let's make it easier for the organiser and Treasurer next year.

2. **Succession Planning.** We need to think about positions that need to be filled at the AGM in March. Mal and Suellen have done a fabulous job for the past couple of years and they are now stepping down. A Trip Coordinator will be necessary if we are to enjoy our Thursday outings. Mal has some ideas to make the position a little easier.

Also, we need a new Secretary, in fact all positions become vacant at the AGM, so please give this some thought.

3. We will be looking for an Observer for Committee Meetings next year, please see Jim Jeffries if you think you could spare a couple of hours on the second Thursday - only once!

4. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you have a safe and healthy New Year. We will resume our General Meeting on **Thursday 4th January 2024**

Pam Slater

Treasurer's Report as at 25 November 2023.

Funds received so far, this year	\$9,909	
Reduced by our expenses of	\$9,680	
Leaving funds available so far for this year		\$229
Add all previous year's surplus funds		\$10,066
Leaving members funds available		\$10,295
... The above funds consist of cash		\$19,433
less - mainly member payments		
for future activities	\$7,914	
Less - Members Fees received in Advance	\$1,224	\$9,138
Total member funds		\$10,295

Angus Dougall : Treasurer's Report 25 November 2023

DOLLS There will be no dolls this month, instead Barbara invites you to join her for a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December at 11.00am at Barbara's home.

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	Lance Williamson
Books DVD	George Gates	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
Jigsaws	Robert Montgomery	Theatres	
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Ambassador	John Channon	Web Site	Robert Allison
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Yenda Holland
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Helen Nancarrow	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Lula Andersen

AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023-24

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email
President	Sandra Death		
Vice-President Elect	Jim Jeffries		
Vice-President	Denise Mayhew		
Secretary	Pam Slater		
Treasurer	Angus Dougall		
Committee			
Bulletin	Sylvia Gratton		
Hospitality	Rhonda Wilson		
Membership	Barry Willick		
Programme	Jim Jeffries		
Tours/Excursions	Mal & Suellen Steel		
Welfare	Vicki McPherson		
Assistant Secretary			
Assistant Treasurer			
Walks Representative	Dianne Watson		
Past President	John Davies		

DAY TRIPS

January 18th Summer Lunch on the Waterfront at the Newport Hotel

We will enjoy good company, fabulous views & good food at The Newport Hotel. The former Newport Arms has been revitalised in 2023 and we have booked the shaded “Tree Area” for lunch. Travel will be by public transport or drive yourself.

- **The Newport**, 2 Kalinya Street, Newport.
 - Order & pay for your meals on the day. No prepayment. Prices from about \$20 to \$35+
 - If driving, we suggest arriving about 11:30 to get undercover parking at the Hotel, otherwise there is limited public parking around the streets. People with limited mobility can be dropped off at the ramp leading to the reserved garden area.
 - The **199 Bus** or **L90 Bus** stop at the Hotel’s front door. Catch the bus from Pittwater Road or Barrenjoey Road
 - Public transport:
 - **9:46am** Train from Hornsby to Gordon
 - **10:15am 197 Bus** Gordon station **Bus Stop A** to Pittwater Place Shopping centre Mona Vale. Walk 100 meters to Barrenjoey Road
 - **199 Bus** from B-Line stop 210323 in Barrenjoey Road to the Newport Hotel (frequent service)
- **Please sign up at the Jan meeting, so that we can be sure of the reservation numbers.**



FRIDAY Feb 9th Tall Ships lunch cruise & tour of Goat Island

\$95pp

We will enjoy a 3-hour *Sydney Tall Ships* cruise that includes a glass of bubbly, lovely lunch, a chance to explore Goat island with a guide as well as sailing past the stately homes of Sydney Harbour.

*We have booked 55 places. However, we need to finalise numbers and pay for everyone in mid-January. **If you wish to go, please sign up straight away.***

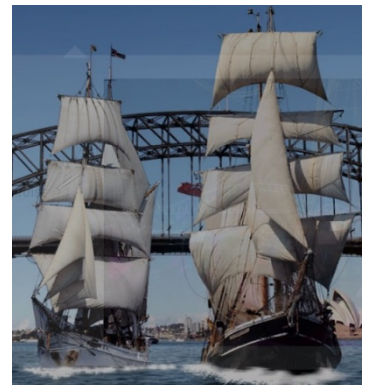
*If you wish to **not go**, you must find someone to transfer your tickets to.*

*If you have not completed your payment, **please fix this up by the January meeting***

- **8.40am train** from Hornsby (8.26 am Ber), Wynyard to Circular Quay 9.33am
- Convicts, Castles and Champagne Tour sailing time is 10:15 AM till 1:15 PM.
- Departs at Campbell's Cove Jetty, The Rocks. Check in time is 10am

Please note the date of **FRIDAY 9th**. (It is not a normal Thursday outing)

- The vessel will be a genuine tall ship from the first Fleet re-enactment. It is not suitable for wheel chairs due to stairs needed to access the facilities
- There is a NO Cancellation policy by *Sydney Tall Ships*. You may transfer the tickets to a friend however.



\$95 per person. Please finalise your booking and Pay at the January meeting

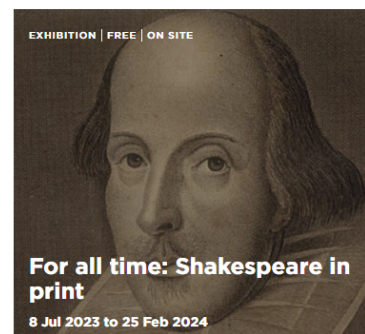
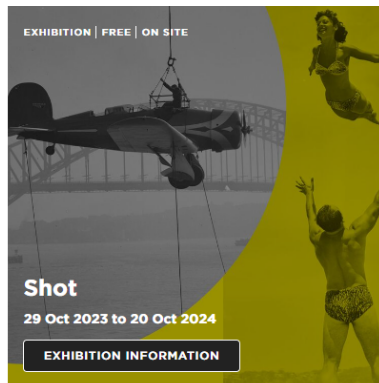
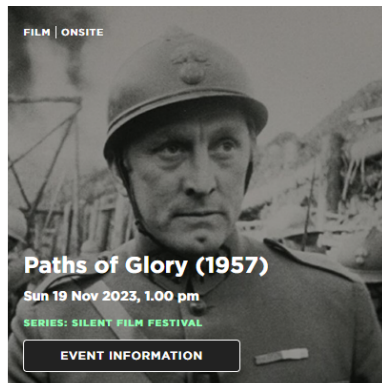
March 21st NSW State Library exhibitions

\$0 free

We will visit the fabulous exhibitions at the State Library, as well as a look at the Map Rooms & NSW Historical Art exhibition. Lots of choice to suit your tastes.

Travel will be by public transport. Details TBA

Lots of local cafes for lunch, at the Library or surrounding areas



TRIPS AWAY

Victoria High Country Explorer 5 Day Tour Tues 7th May – Sat 11th May 2024

This tour is full but we are creating a wait list

Day 1 - Goulburn & Bright

Day 2 - Beechworth, Ned Kelly in the High Country & Yackendandah

Day 3 - Mt Buffalo, Bright & Red Stag Farm

Day 4 - Corryong, Snowy River Museum, Winery & Tumut

Day 5- Blowering Dam, Tumut Broom Factory, Cooma Cottage & Home

\$1250 approx. per person with a **Single supplement** of **\$335**

Balance due March 2024

**Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
From Mal, Suellen, Helen, Lula & Yenda**





Would you like some company?

Share your outing idea with other members by attaching a notice on our community whiteboard at the next meeting

HOSPITALITY

A great time was had by all who attended our Birthday BBQ. Now we move onto our Christmas Lunch.

Thank you to all of those who are attending. In my absence, Judy Thompson has kindly offered to take my place as MC so I know you will be in good hands.

Don't forget to dress up in your "Christmas Best"

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas with a Healthy New Year filled with lots of Joy.

Look forward to seeing you in 2024

Rhonda



Walks Laurie.

Unfortunately, yet another walk had to be cancelled. This year's Sculptures were reported to have been the best yet. We were in danger of having to cancel anyway due to the large number of withdrawals, an issue that is making organisation very difficult.

The walk's policy will have to change in 2024 where on most occasions only one walk will be conducted. Those wishing to do a longer walk will be given a map and can do their own thing. Dual walks will be offered in April, May and August.

For us to continue two things are needed: leads who are prepared to check-out new walks in planning AND regular walkers who are prepared to attend committee meetings as the walks representative.

Future Walks

Thurs 25 Jan Evening Walk

Milsons Point RS, Bridge Walk and Bangaroo. Dinner of your choice.

Thursday 22 Feb TBA

Thursday 28 March

Centennial Park Eastern Section.

Wednesday 24 April

Parramatta River Walks 1. Concord Foreshores

Basic Walk - Rhodes Station to Hospital Grounds and Return for lunch. Longer Walk - Meadowbank Station via Footbridge and return to Rhodes for lunch.

SPEAKERS

The Christmas lunch has rendered us Speaker-less this month.

In January however we will hear how the Sydney Heritage Fleet restores and operates a wide range of boats. This will be a good introduction to the Tall Ships outing planned for February.



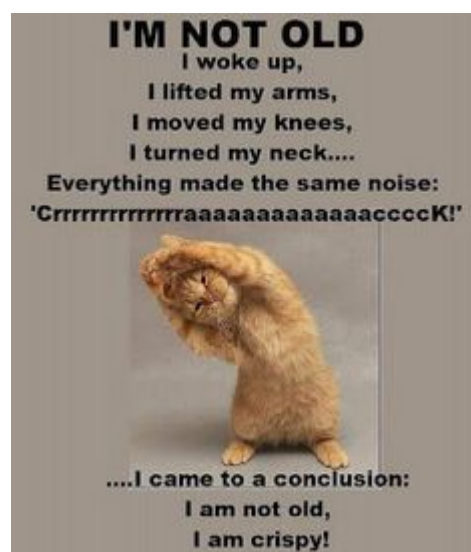
In February, our speaker will introduce an element of romance into the ownership of electric cars.

In March, Hornsby Fire & Rescue will provide an overview of operations and vital safety advice for all homeowners.

Jim

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	3	
1 st & 3 rd Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	3	
3 rd Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	3	
7 th December	Christmas Lunch	Rhonda Wilson	6	
13 th December	Dolls Christmas Party	Barbara Williamson	3	
14 th December	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death		
18 th January 2024	Summer Lunch at the Newport	Mal Steel	4	
25 th January 2024	Evening Walk	Laurie Keaton	7	



They call us "The Elderly"

We were born in the 40-50-60's.

We grew up in the 50-60-70's.

We studied in the 60-70-80's.

We were dating in the 70-80-90's.

We got married and discovered the world in the 70-80-90's.

We venture into the 80-90's.

We stabilize in the 2000's.

We got wiser in the 2010's.

And we are going firmly through and beyond 2020.

Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...

TWO different centuries...

TWO different millennia...

We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.

We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and What's App.

From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, colour TV and then to 3D HD TV.

We went to the Video store and now we watch Netflix.

We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks and now we have gigabytes and megabytes on our smartphones.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long trousers, OxforDs, flares, shell suits & blue jeans.

We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, polio, tuberculosis, swine flu and now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, petrol or diesel cars and now we drive hybrids or electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!

They could describe us as "exennials"; people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.

We've kind of "Seen-It-All"!

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.

It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE".

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE.

-Author unknown

