



Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

President’s Corner



2024 is rapidly coming to a close and our last meeting will be the Christmas Lunch on December 5, so make sure you put your name down.

It has been a good year. We have enjoyed excellent Walks, Excursions, Lunches and even some decent Talks so a big thanks to those people for all their efforts.

I must also mention all the other roles that have made the Club such a success - Secretary, Treasurer, Web Master, Exchange Table, Cards, Dolls, BBQs and Mah Jong - all things faithfully recorded by our brilliant Bulletin Editor Sylvia Gratton.

You can contribute to our continuing success by coming forward to volunteer for one of these positions or act as an assistant; please ask one of us and we’ll be happy to let you know what’s involved.

So, may I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and good health and happiness for the New Year.

Jim

Meeting Dates at Magpies

General Meetings

10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 2nd January 2025

Thursday 6th February 2025

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COMMITTEE NOTES - NOVEMBER 2024

1. Hard to believe Christmas is almost upon us. Feels like the last one was weeks ago to me!

Angus Dougall will investigate the cost/benefit of a portable card reading machine to facilitate payments by members. People are not always carrying cash these days, or at least a lot less of it. However, Angus reports that a number of members still prefer to use cash so that will still be available into the foreseeable future.

2. Nita Shields reported (from Denise) that Barry Mayhew is improving with therapy. Margaret Young thanks everyone for their concern for Dale. Nita has phoned a number of people who have not been attending the Meeting recently. We are grateful to Nita who is doing an excellent job attending to the welfare of our Members.

3. 8 AMPC members enjoyed a great trip to Griffith recently. There has been a good response to the Sapphire Coast (Eden) trip November 2025. See details for other excursions in this Bulletin including Anglers' Rest Brooklyn and Nepean Belle (note pickup location). Correction: in my last Committee Notes I referred to the Parramatta Female Factory visit as November, that is actually April 17 2025. Thanks to Trish and Yenda for all your hard work.

4. Barry Willick reports current Membership numbers at 144 including the two recent new members.

5. Judy Thompson will be retiring from the Committee. She has done a fantastic job with Hospitality and we appreciate her efforts. The next event is at the Bobbin Head Inn. The venue has requested full payment in advance, not just the \$10 deposit (due to staffing).

6. Looking forward to the Christmas lunch December 5. Vicki has organised a great program and we have heard whispers that Santa may make a detour from his world reindeer flight to visit us.

7. Sylvia Gratton was commended for her service on the Bulletin. She will continue in this role and thanked John Davies for doing the overheads at the Meeting.

8. Anne Dorey will be retiring from the Committee, we thank her for assisting Laurie Keaton with Walks. Stan Jedovnický will be taking over as Assistant Walks Coordinator. Laurie will need to step back in 2025 and requests regular walkers to contribute by taking turns to plan walks – transport, points of interest, lunch etc.

9. Lots of great talks coming up in 2025, thank you Jim! The first, in January is the Royal Flying Doctor Service and in February, OzHarvest.

10. It was agreed that the Ambassador role is no longer needed at AMPC and Jim will advise PSPL. We thank John Davies for his service as our most recent Ambassador.

Ruth Barwick

Secretary

Treasurer's Report as at 12 November 2024



Funds received so far, this year	\$10,671.86	
Reduced by our expenses of	<u>\$9,527.48</u>	
		<u>\$1,144.38</u>
Add all previous year's surplus funds`		<u>\$10,906.16</u>
Members funds available		<u><u>\$12,050.54</u></u>
....The above funds consist of cash		\$14,850.54
Less - mainly member's payments for future activities		<u>\$2,800.00</u>
		<u><u>\$12,050.54</u></u>

Treasurer's Report 12 November 2024: Angus Dougall.

Payment of Monies.

The procedure for payments for activities or annual fees is:

CASH PAYMENTS.

1. Envelopes will be supplied for use in paying monies for activities or fees, available at activities table.
The envelopes will have space on the outside for - your name / cash amount enclosed / activity / activity date.
2. Enter your name, the activity and date, on the outside of the envelope;
place the **cash**, inside the envelope.
3. Seal the envelope, and place it in the small box on the activities table.

EFT PAYMENTS.

1. The procedure when paying by EFT, is to transmit payment to the bank details below:

Bendigo Bank
Our Account: Asquith Mixed Probus Club

BSB : 633-000

Account No : 139 637 029

2. Please pay EFT transmissions prior to the monthly meeting.
3. On all EFT transmissions, please note clearly your surname & activity.
4. Clearly, the amount received should agree with activity cost.

If unable to attend an activity, please advise the activities organizer as soon as you can. Also, advise treasurer if a refund, or transfer to a different activity is required.

22 November 2024

Important notice.

Hi Members it is that time of the year again.

Membership fees are due on 1st January 2025 for the next year.

The fees this year have a small increase and are \$75 per member or \$150 for a couple.

Fees can be paid at the January meeting in cash put into an envelope with your name and membership on it.
or by direct debit.

The club account with the Bendigo Bank is Asquith Mixed Probus club.

BSB 633-000 Account Number 139637029 include your name and membership with the deposit.

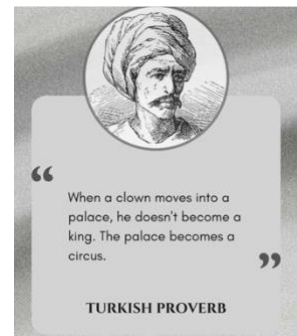
Should you decide not to renew your membership please advise me.

Barry Willick

Membership Officer

Email

Phone



Congratulations Noelene Brogan, 80 years young



Welcome to AMPC Club Shirley Barbiero



DOLLS When? The Wednesday following our monthly 'member 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.**

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	Theatres	
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Ambassador	John Davies	Web Site	Robert Allison
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Yenda Holland
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Sandra Lees	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Lula Andersen
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Jim Thompson		

AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024-25

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email
President	Jim Jeffries		
Vice-President Elect	Barry Willick		
Vice-President	Vicki McPherson		
Secretary	Ruth Barwick		
Treasurer	Angus Dougall		
Committee			
Bulletin			
Hospitality			
Membership	Barry Willick		
Asst Membership	Denise Mayhew		
Programme	Jim Jeffries		
Tours/Excursions	Trish Taylor		
Welfare	Nita Shields		
Assistant Secretary	John Davies		
Assistant Treasurer			
Walks	Laurie Keaton		
Past President	Sandra Death		

TRIPS AWAY

AWAY TRIP – SAPPHIRE COAST –9 NOVEMBER 2025

\$1,595 ppts, Single \$1,970 (see below)

PLEASE NOTE: Coach Holidays and travel apologises and advises that there has been an increase of \$30pp for this tour due to the fact that planning was done prior to supplier pricing being finalised. **The new prices are \$1,625 ppts and singles \$2,000**

This tour stays at the Coachman's Motel, Eden and travels out each day. All meals, including a cooked breakfast, are supplied.

Day 1 travel via Canberra to Eden.

Day 2 visit the National Trust village of Tilba Tilba which includes a stop at Tilba Cheese then Bermagui for lunch followed by a flower and citrus farm in Cobargo.

Day 3 is a scenic drive to the Merimbula Aquarium for a tour then Tathra, lunch and free time in Merimbula.

Day 4 is an Eden town tour, a lunch cruise on Two-Fold Bay and a visit to the Killer Whale Museum.

Day 5 we cross the border to Mallacoota, place of the dreadful 2020 fires, and visit the WW2 Operations Bunker. Lunch will be provided at the Mallacoota Pub.

Day 6 we visit Mogo Zoo before heading home.

As accommodation is limited, I would be pleased if you would email me your intention to join this tour as soon as possible so I can secure accommodation. An itinerary is available at the back [desk](#).
[Yenda](#)

A \$100 deposit will be required at the February meeting.
Balance to be paid at the October meeting.

DAY TRIPS

THE ANGLERS REST HOTEL BROOKLYN

***NOW REACHED MAXIMUM NO OF PEOPLE FOR SPACE RESERVED**

16th JANUARY, 2025

12.00 pm

11.26 am train from Hornsby Station (platform 4) to Hawkesbury River. Arrive 11.50 am.
Approximate 5minute walk to the Anglers Rest Hotel. Return train to Hornsby runs hourly - 2.23 pm, 3.23 pm, 4.23 pm.

Join us for a relaxed lunch at the Anglers Rest Hotel and perhaps after lunch wander down to the Marina for an ice cream.

TRISH

NEPEAN BELL LUNCH CRUISE

20th FEBRUARY, 2025



Pick up: Rofe Park, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights. 9.00 a.m. - returns approximately 5.00 pm

\$111.00 per person - PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY 7/2/2025

***Please note 2024 price, may change in 2025**

Includes:

- Morning Tea at Nurragingy Reserve with time to explore the Chang Lai Yuan Chinese Gardens
- Embark on Paddle Wheeler "Nepean Bell" travelling upstream from Penrith through picturesque Nepean Gorge
- Buffet lunch, consisting of shared platters for the main course and dessert, followed by tea or coffee
- Commentary of the region
- Visit to Penrith's Regional Gallery

TRISH

MARITIME MUSEUM SYDNEY

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH, 2025, 10.30 am

\$16.00 per person

9.04 am train from Hornsby platform 3, arriving Central station 9.40 a.m. Catch the 9.52 am Light Rail L1 (Exit 1 Grand Concourse) to Pyrmont Bay, arriving 10.02. Short walk to Maritime Museum.

Each of these tours is about 1hr in duration. After the tour, you are free to explore the rest of the vessels and exhibitions at your own leisure. There are numerous places to have lunch at Darling Harbour or coffee/lunch at the Museum's Cafe.

HMAS VAMPIRE

HMAS Vampire is a tour on board a navy destroyer. Access onto the vessel is conditional based on mobility. Pushers are not allowed on any of the vessels for safety reasons. Walking sticks are permitted, however, please note that there are steps and slopes that need to be navigated, so it might be difficult.

OR

GALLERIES OVERVIEW TOUR

The volunteer guide will show visitors the different parts of the galleries and some of the highlights in each one. Because objects get rotated for conservation, these tours differ slightly depending on which exhibitions/objects are on display during the visit. This tour is suited for visitors with accessibility needs and is friendly for those with mobility difficulties.

TRISH

PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY

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.

***Please note these travel times are not definite. Travel will depend on tides and whether or not the Parramatta Light Rail is operational at this time.**

Catch the 8.51 am train from Hornsby (Platform 3) to Strathfield - arrives 9.15 am. Change to Platform 6 for the 9.18 am train to Parramatta - arrives 9.31 am.

Then catch the Free Parramatta Bus Shuttle 900 (Corner of Church & George Street) to Parramatta Leagues Club (runs every 15 minutes) - easy 10minute walk to Parramatta Female Factory, 5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta. (After Leagues Club, turn left at Fennell Street this runs into Fleet Street.)

Return trip RiverCat or by train.

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

TRISH

BARE ISLAND & LA PEROUSE MUSEUM

14TH MAY, 2025

***NOTE THIS IS A WEDNESDAY TOUR**

Pick up: Rofo Park, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights. 8.30 am - returns approximately 4.30 pm

\$91.00 per person - PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY 1/5/2025

***Please note 2024 price, may change in 2025**

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

REMINDER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT MAGPIES 5TH DECEMBER 2024

Doors open at 11:30

Join us for our yearly Christmas lunch. This will be instead of our December meeting.

There will be yummy food & great entertainment

Contact Vicki

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Vicki

HOSPITALITY

BREAKFAST at BOBBIN HEAD INN

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025 9am

Join us for a delicious breakfast at this wonderful setting

Judy

BOBBIN INN CAFÉ

Group Special Weekday Breakfast

Minimum 20 people, 7 days pre-booking and dishes pre-ordered essential
Please note: One payment is required in cash or by card, no split bills. Thank you!



Scrambled Eggs \$27.50*

Served with bacon, baked beans, grilled tomato, hash brown, and sourdough
Gluten Free Bread +\$2.50

Smashed Avocado \$27.50* Vegetarian

On sourdough served with cherry tomatoes, fetta cheese, and fried egg
Gluten Free Bread +\$2.50

Eggs Benedict \$27.50

Two poached eggs and spinach on sourdough topped with hollandaise sauce, and
served with bacon
Gluten Free Bread +\$2.50

Waffles \$27.50* Vegetarian

Served with maple syrup, yoghurt, and fruits

Hot Drinks

Self-serve tea & coffee station
English breakfast tea & instant coffee

*Price includes breakfast, unlimited tea/coffee from self-serve station & table water

Barista made coffee and soft drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Our menu contains allergens and is prepared in a kitchen that handles gluten, eggs, nuts, milk, and shellfish. Whilst all reasonable effort is taken to accommodate customers dietary needs, we cannot guarantee that our food will be allergen free.

Please be advised of 1.5% card surcharge

WALKS

Regretfully I am forced to cut back on commitments to walks relinquishing the role as co-ordinator for the Next Probus Year. My commitment will be to organise no more than 2-3 walks for 2025.

I have had discussions with President Jim who will inform the meeting of a proposal to return the activity to the way it operated for years with 4-5 people likewise organising 2 walks. This requires participants to be more heavily involved.

Our next scheduled walk will be the January evening walk to Mrs Macquarie's Chair with start points at Martin Place and Gadigal Metro Stations on Thursday 23 January 2025.

The November activity is an invitation activity for walk organisers, past and present.

Laurie

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	
5 th December 2024	Christmas Lunch 11.30am	Vicki McPherson	9	
12 th December 2024	Committee Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
11 th December 2024	Dolls Christmas Party	Carol Channon	4	
4 th January 2025	Probus Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
11 th January 2025	Committee Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
16 th January 2025	The Anglers Rest Brooklyn	Trish Taylor	6	
23 rd January 2025	Mrs Macquarie's Chair Walk	Laurie Keaton	11	



WORDS TO LIVE BY

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Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

Your job won't take care of you when you are sick; your friends and parents will: stay in touch.

You don't have to win every argument; agree to disagree.

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

Don't compare your life to others; you have no idea what their journey is all about.

Over prepare, and then go with the flow.

Be eccentric now; don't wait for old age to wear purple.

Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this even matter?"

What other people think of you is none of your business.

Your children only get one childhood.

If we threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

-Regina Brett, 90 years old