



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

## President’s Corner.

Summer is here with very warm humid weather predicted by the weather gurus. The remaining summer months in Australia are likely to be hot and dry, particularly in Sydney and NSW. Combined with the background warming of climate change, climate scientists have warned Australia could be in for a summer of severe heat.

Safe travels to our Members venturing on various tours and trips through the Holiday season.

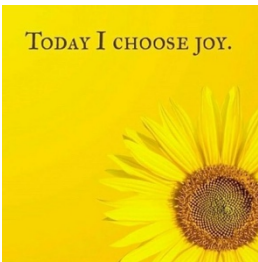
Please wear your name badge as it is very helpful when our new members are trying to remember so many new names.

As you all know the Suggestion Box sits on the table in front of everyone, place your suggestions, ideas, in the Box for the Committee to act upon.

I extend a very warm welcome to our New Members of AMPC and encourage you to become involved in the activities, outings, and meetings where you will meet a very friendly group.

Sandra Death

President AMPC



### Meeting Dates at Magpies

#### General Meetings

10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 AGM

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October 2008.

Club No: 9003799

District: 9685 PD3 Inc. No.: 9890687

**Bendigo Bank details for deposits.**

BSB No: 633-000 Account No.: 139 637 029

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## COMMITTEE NOTES – JANUARY 2024

1. **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.

2. **Excursions and a trip away,** have been organised up to June this year to make it an easy change over for the new Committee.

3. **We endeavour** to keep our membership at 60/40, at the moment it is extremely close. It is great to be welcoming new members regularly, we hope you will participate in our outings, walks etc.

4. **Rhonda** is hoping to organise a breakfast if she can find a suitable venue for such a large crowd, as we know we always get a lot of members attending.

5. **Thank you** to the ladies who have offered to be Observers in the next couple of months, and Trish Taylor who said she learned quite a bit about the Committee after attending in January.

6. **Please remember** when you signed the application form you did agree to participate on the Committee.

Look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

***Pam Slater Secretary***

## HOSPITALITY

I have tickets available for the **Premier's Gala Concert:**

Wednesday 13th March

11:00 session

Aware Super Theatre, ICC Darling Harbour

Come and see me at the next meeting if you would like 2

### DINING OUT

**Obombay Modern Indian**

**24 Florence Street**

**Monday 12th February**

**5:30**

**\$49pp Banquet**



Payment must be received **no later** than 1st February

# Asquith Mixed Probus Club



## Club Revenue and Expense Budget Summary. 1 January to 31 December 2024

### REVENUES

Membership fees	\$10,440
Joining Fees	\$300
Visitors fees	\$110
Interest received	\$506
Other Income	\$100
Outings surplus/deficit	\$100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,556</b>

### EXPENSES

Bank charges	\$0
Bulletin expenses	\$100
Filing & Incorporation Fees	\$275
Computer & software/Internet/Website expenses	\$200
Guest Speakers Expenses	\$500
Other expenses	\$275
Postage	\$270
Pins & Badges	\$200
Probus annual Admin.Fees	\$2,450
Printing & Stationery	\$500
Telephone	\$0
Venue & morning tea	\$6,600
Welfare	\$100
<b>Total anticipated Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,470</b>

<b>Projected surplus for 2024 year.</b>	<b>\$86</b>
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REVENUE & EXPENSES BUDGET SUMMARY 18/1/2024-ACC- TOTALS ONLY

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### February Words

This month we will hear from Margaret McDonald and Hugh Sykes about their love for each other which is best described as electric.

They lived in a retirement village for several years and Margaret had the only electric car.

When a new electric vehicle (EV) drove through the front gates she asked the owner- Hugh if she could see it.

The pair had so much in common, they got hitched in June, about a year after they met.

Their story has been shown on ABC and Channel 9

Next month we have the Annual general meeting then in April Paul Baker from Hornsby Fire and Rescue will discuss potential dangers from fires in the home and how to avoid them.

**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 Barbara Williamson's home. Wool, needles and stuffing supplied and the good news is you don't need to be able to knit! 14 Angophora Place Pennant Hills. **Phone Barbara.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome. **Phone Mary.**

**MEN'S GROUP** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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		
<b>Committee</b>			
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 Rep	Dianne Watson		
Past President	John Davies		

## DAY TRIPS

### **FRIDAY Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Tall Ships lunch cruise & tour of Goat Island**

**CLOSED**

**We have booked 55 places.**

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

- **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**.
- The vessel will be a genuine tall ship from the first Fleet reenactment. It is not suitable for wheel chairs due to stairs needed to access the facilities.
- The ship is covered and will sail in wet weather. Tickets will NOT be refunded due to rain. Bring wet weather gear if it looks like rain, it's all part of the adventure.
- NO refund should you need to cancel.
- For your reference, this is the Lunch menu which is suitable for Vegetarian and Gluten free:

#### STARTERS

- BBQ Chorizo Slices
- Spinach & Cheese Triangles

#### MAIN DISHES

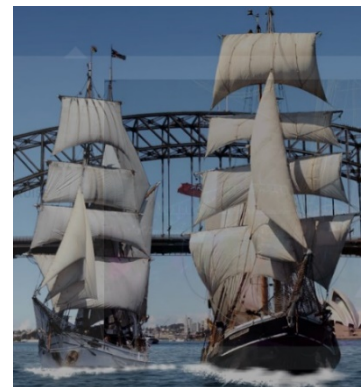
- Classic Butter Chicken with in-house cooked tandoori chicken, cooked in a rich buttery tomato sauce with Indian spices and fresh cream. – *Non-Vegetarian*
- Classic Goan curry sauce, gently simmered with spice roasted cauliflower, chunky sweet potato, chickpeas, lentils, and roasted eggplant. – *Vegan*
- Plain white rice

#### SALADS

- Baby potato salad, almonds, red capsicum & spices in a creamy mayonnaise.
- Green leaf salad

#### DESSERTS

- Chocolate hazelnut brownie – *Gluten Free*



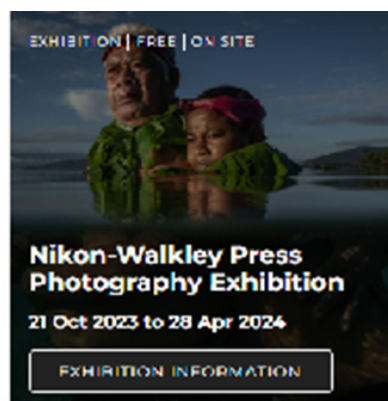
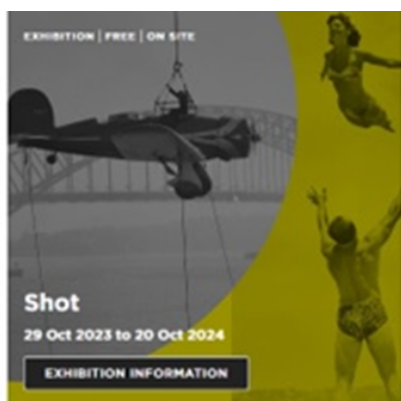
### **March 21<sup>st</sup> NSW State Library exhibitions**

**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 exhibitions to suit your taste



Visit <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/whats-on> to get an overview of what is available so that you know what you would like to explore.



- **9.10am** train from Hornsby (8.56am Berowra) to Wynyard, **walk to Library**
- Lots of local cafes for morning tea/ lunch including at the Library

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**      **DISCOVERY DAY AT WESTMEAD**      cost TBA  
**Children's Medical Research Institute**      **10 -2pm**

Talk/lecture on 'What is in our genes?' in Conference room, small group tour through laboratories meeting and talking with researchers of diseases such as cancer, epilepsy and genetic disorders. Includes delicious homemade morning tea and freshly made sandwiches for a light lunch, tea and coffee

### **TRIPS AWAY**

All those booked on May 2024 **Victoria High Country Explorer 5 Day Tour**  
balance of payment will be due in March 2024

### **Summer Lunch on the Waterfront at the Newport Hotel**

After days of torrential rains, we enjoyed a lovely sunny day at the Newport Pub. The more adventurous members saw a different part of Sydney by using public transport to be dropped at the Pub's front door. We sat in the newly renovated area, shaded by lovely plane trees, relaxing with some good food, wine & great company. An enjoyable way to start the year.

Mal Steel



## Draft Walk PROGRAMME 2024

### EVENING WALKS

**January** Thur 25 **Cancelled** ~~Milsons Point, Harbour Bridge and Barangaroo.~~

**February** Thur 22

4.26 Train - Berowra to Waverton Evening Walk 2.3 km each way Waverton to Balls Head

Evening supper by the Harbour.

### DAY WALKS

#### March

**Thur 23 Centennial Park Mostly Grass and mainly easy**

8.56 -Train Berowra to Central and Light Rail to Moore Park Stop.

**Short Walk:** 1km Walk to Park entry. 2.5km walk via Busby Pond, Rose Garden & Morning Tea at Homestead Pavilion and on to the Federation Pavilion. 10-15 Minute Walk to Easts for Lunch Via York St Gates.

**Longer Walk.** 1km walk to Park entry. 4.5 km Walk Via Busby Pond to the Federation Pavilion including Coffee at the Spruce Goose, Columns, Lily Pond, Labyrinth. 10-15 mins Walk to the Nelson Hotel or Easts Leagues Bistro. **A lead is needed for this group.**

#### April

**Wednesday 24 Please NOTE THIS WALK IS ON A WEDNESDAY**

**Parramatta River Walk 1 Easy.**

9.46am -Train Plat 4 Hornsby. Berowra to Hornsby stations catch 9.26 am train.

**1. Meadowbank Railway Station to Concord & Return to Rhodes**

Walk via the old railway bridge to Rhodes and continue on the Concord Foreshore walk. Return to Rhodes for Lunch. The walk includes the Kokoda Memorial Track. 6.8 km. **A lead is required for this group.**

**2. Rhodes RS on the the Foreshore Walk & Return.** The Walk includes the Kokoda Memorial track. Easy 4.5 -5km

### May CONFIRMED

**Thur 23**

**1:** Stanwell Park to Seacliff Bridge and Scarborough – 6.2km

**2:** Scarborough to Seacliff Bridge and return – 3.2km Rated easy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	4	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	4	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	4	
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	General Meeting	Sandra Death		
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death		
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	<b>FRIDAY</b> Tall Ships Tour	Mal Steel	5	
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Obombay Modern Indian	Rhonda Wilson	2	
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	Waverton Evening Walk	Laurie Keaton	7	
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>AGM Meeting</b>	Sandra Death		
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Committee Meeting	Jim Jefferies		
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	NSW State Library Exhibition		6	
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Centennial Park Walk		7	

Congratulations to our President Sandra  
on receiving her OBE



Welcome to AMPC Margaret, Robyn and Jenny.



DON'T FORGET OUR BBQ ON 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY WHICH IS THE 5<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT GALSTON RECREATION RESERVE. ARRIVE 11-11.30. BYO MEAT, SALAD & DRINKS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR NEW MEMBERS TO SOCIALISE IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.