



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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President's Report January 2022

Hi members of AMPC,

The last month has been an extraordinary period, acquiring suitable new premises for our General Meetings as a matter of urgency.

On behalf of the Members, I would like to thank Pam Slater, John Davies, Yenda Holland, all our Committee Members and those who provided alternative venue suggestions for their hard work in securing Magpies Waitara for our Meetings.

A Change is as good as a holiday.

Note there will be issues to resolve once we are meeting so long as the spirit of goodwill prevails these issues can be resolved.

Following a request confirming AMPC Constitution, Silvana Martignago CEO of PSPL advised me that they will be revising Club Constitutions in 2022, this is badly needed!

In accordance with the Minutes of the Constitution Sub Committee of Friday 17th April 2015 many ambiguities need to be defined and to bring definitions into line with those of The Office of Fair Trading.

I trust all members had a happy family Christmas and are looking forward to a wonderful New Year

S John Channon

President AMPC

Meeting Dates

Next General Meeting

Thursday 6 January 2022 at Magpies Waitara

10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 3 February 2022 at Magpies

10am for 10.30am start.

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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

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 - DECEMBER 2021

1. You will all have received information about our new venue from Thursday 6th January 2022. We will be meeting at Magpies at Waitara - 10.00 am for 10.30 commencement.
2. Jim & Judy Thompson have been busy organising some events for next year. 10 Pin Bowling at Hornsby, Riverboat Postman from Brooklyn, and a coach trip to Canberra in March. See details in the Bulletin, and deposits can be made online, prior to the meeting where possible. Please fill in payment voucher and hand in at meeting. (See back of Bulletin for voucher)
3. Vicki McPherson has organised our Bobbin Head Breakfast for 7th February. Make sure your name is down if you are wishing to attend.
4. A reminder that fees are due - \$70 per person. If you are not renewing your membership, it would be appreciated if you could let either Barry Willick or the Secretary know.
5. Hoping you all had a lovely Christmas and Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

Pam Slater

Secretary

AMPC MEMBERS LAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ASQUITH GOLF CLUB.



Treasurer's Report as at 30 November 2021

Income received for year to date	\$7,375	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$5,554</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ 1,821
Add previous year's surplus of		\$ 9,881
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$11,703</u>
This surplus consists of cash of	\$12,655	
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance	<u>\$ 953</u>	
Total member equity		<u>\$11,703</u>

Yenda Holland

4 December 2021



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Account Name: Asquith Mixed Probus Club
BSB: 633-000
Account: 139 637 029

It is important that your EFT payment is able to be identified. Please write your surname and activity abbreviation in the space provided and print the receipt from the bank. This transaction should be made prior to the general meeting. A copy of the EFT receipt and a completed Activities Payment Voucher (one for each activity) shall be presented at the **Payments desk** to have your payment receipted. The receipted portion of the Activities Payment Voucher shall then be presented at the Activity Organiser's desk who will confirm your attendance and notate their list. Any transaction that cannot be identified will be forfeited to the Club.

Cash or cheque payments are to be presented to the Payments Desk, along with a completed Activities Payment Voucher prior to presentation to the Activity Organiser.

Please remember, if you have listed for an activity and are no longer able to attend, please let the Activity Organiser know as soon as possible.

AMPC CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ASQUITH GOLF CLUB 2021



JANUARY PROBUS SPEAKER

We celebrate January with a face to face meeting, a new venue and an interesting speaker, recommended by one of our members.

Jill Bruce will be talking on *“From Childhood poverty to author of over 100 non-fiction books about Australia”*. We will be spellbound by her story. She will also have books for sale. Even though the meeting will be after Christmas, this will be an opportunity to stock up on books for later in the year at a special price.

Jill B Bruce, B.A., Dip. Ed., J.P.

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Hello Mary - Below are my details. I look forward to speaking at Asquith mixed Probus on Thursday 6th January 2022. I understand as in other Probus clubs you allocate 45 minutes for the speaker and 10 minutes for questions. The Title of my talk **“From childhood poverty to author of over 100 Non-fiction books about Australia.”**



BIOGRAPHY. Jill is a Macquarie University trained teacher librarian and author who graduated when she was 38. She has written over 100 published books. Jill retired from Beacon Hill Public School in 2009 after 27 years as teacher librarian.

Her most recent project was writing **Lady Elliot Island on the Southern Great Barrier Reef** and writing, *pro bono*, bilingual books, written as a gift for Tibetan refugee children. These have now been translated into Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish. Jill has also been writing books *pro bono* for Cambodian schools which they translate into Khmer to print in Cambodia.

Jill was appointed as an Australia Day Ambassador in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. In 2011 Jill was elected as the NSW judge for the Children's Book Council of Australia Children's Book awards for 2012-2013. She was the judge for the Women Writers of NSW children's book awards 2013. In 2014 Jill was awarded the **Lady Cutler Award for distinguished services to children's literature**. Jill serves on the board of the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards Foundation.

For the last 6 years Jill has been lecturing on cruise ships. 2019 – around NZ; from Chile to Easter Island and French Polynesia; from Sydney up Queensland coast to Darwin, Komodo, Bali and Singapore. Sadly Covid ended this in March 2020 with her last cruise around N.Z.

Introduction

“Jill Bruce an Australian author of over 100 published NON-FICTION books. She won the Whitley Award in 1994 given by the Royal Zoological Society for best children's book, Austranimals, plus 2 Wilderness Society Environment awards. Her other works include Australian history, Australia's seashore and native fauna and flora. In 2009 Jill retired as Teacher Librarian at Beacon Hill Public School. 2014 Jill was presented with the Lady Cutler Award for distinguished service to Children's literature. Jill and her husband Roger Marquet are members of Narrabeen Lakes Probus.

Thank you, Jill B Bruce

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 on . 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

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

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 th 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
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Trish Taylor	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Lula Andersen

AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2021-22

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email
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Treasurer	Yenda Holland		
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WELFARE REPORT

Rhonda Wilson is now at home recovering from recent knee replacement surgery, she is doing extremely well and continuing with her physiotherapy treatment.

I guess we could apply the saying: “No show without punch”, to Rhonda, as we were surprised and amazed to see her at the stage show of Hamilton, one week after her discharge from Mt Wilga.

Kevin Brogan is continuing to recover from his recent knee surgery, perhaps a little slower than Rhonda, which is quite understandable, when you consider Kevin had replacement surgery on both knees.

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of two of our much-loved members, Robin Whalen and Flo Campton. Even though both ladies had been in the Sydney Adventist Hospital for quite some time their passing was not any easier.

Robin’s Whalen’s funeral service was held last Monday 13th December. A funeral for Flo Campton is to be held in the New Year.

I wish every one of you, a safe and healthy New Year.

Denise Mayhew –

AMPC MEMBERS RECEIVING THEIR OBE’S



Laurie Keaton



Bob Carr



Judy & Jim Thompson

Welcome Lynn & Bob Carr to AMPC.





VALE

Robin Whalen

1944 – 2001

Robin was born in South Australia, where after her schooling years she became a registered nurse. With lifelong friends and fellow students, they travelled to New Zealand and took a break from nursing to work in a Laundromat but, after a few days of washing, drying and ironing sheets and tablecloths, they decided nursing wasn't so bad after all and returned to Adelaide where not long after she met her future husband Laurie.

After spending time in Singapore and later San Diego with her husband's work, they came back to Australia and settled in Berowra.

Robin commenced work at Bowden Brae Aged Care and eventually became Deputy Director of Nursing, making lifelong friends along the way. After an early retirement, Robin and her husband took the opportunity to take cruises and package trips to Europe, Canada and Alaska as well as trips to Noosa and back to Adelaide to catch up with family and friends

Robin loved to entertain and liked nothing more than pulling together a creative dinner at short notice, having family and friends over for drinks, dinner and good conversation into the late hours, she also loved to bake and when her children visited they were never able to return home without a boot full of Tupperware treats.

As well as the above, Robin found time for hobbies including aqua aerobics, Probus outings, reading, watching tennis, movies with friends and most importantly her love of mosaics eventually mastering to a level of being able to teach others. A standing joke in the family was – if you sat still for long enough she would mosaic you.

Robin struggled, but never really complained about her illness, she was an eternal aunt and grandmother-figure to her family, extended family and friends, all of whom she loved deeply, checking in with a phone call, a text or by popping a gift in the post.

In the words of her family, "She was simply the best – we could ask for no better and no more of her"

'The Dash' by Linda Ellis was a poem read at Robin's service by her best friend. If you have the time, it is good reading, interpreting the 'dash' between when a person is born, to when they pass away

Posted on an Australian Tourism Website!

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is ...

Oh, forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Australia, but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees. (USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

JIM & JUDY THOMPSON

DAY TRIPS & AWAY TRIPS.

20 JANUARY 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

THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 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 on or before 6 January at the General Meeting 2022.

SATURDAY 19 MARCH TO THURSDAY 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. Payment due by 3 February 2022.

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2022. JINDABYNE TRIP.

The Jindabyne Trip that was cancelled in 2021 is on!

Cost is \$875 (no single supplement) More details later.

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)



This must surely be a classic!!!

These were posted on an Australian tourism website, and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials, who obviously have a great sense of humour (not to mention a low tolerance threshold for cretins!).

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: Af-ri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe.

Aust-ra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not ... Oh, forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles. Take lots of water.

Walk Report Laurie Keaton

The next three walks are listed below. Please give your choice for the next walk at the January Club Meeting

Thursday 27 January 2022- Summer Evening Walk

Leads Kevin and Laurie

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

What: Choice of 2 km stroll through the gardens or walk via the Hospital, Art Gallery and Baths. Bring supper and drinks.

Travel: 1526 train from Berowra. 1540 Hornsby Platform 1. Car 4.

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

Thursday 24 February 2022- Summer Evening Walk

Lead John

Where: Tascott to Woy Woy – Summer Evening Walk.

What: Mainly flat walk from Tascott Station (**NO LIFT – STEPS ARE STEEP**).

Duration of walk approximately 1 hour. Shorter option available on registration. Dinner at a local Hotel.

Travel: 16.26 Platform 5 Hornsby(Gosford) Berowra 16.35 Arr Tascott 17.07 **Rear Car Only.**

Short Platform at Tascott Please follow your station Marshall.

Return trains 19.15 and 20.16 stop at Berowra. 19.45 Hornsby only

Registrations CLOSE AT FEBRUARY MEETING.

Thursday 17 March 2022 Cronulla bayside Promenade.

Leads Kevin and John

Where: Cronulla to Bass and Flinders Point Return. Lunch at Cronulla RSL.

What: 6km Flat and easy. Turn around when you wish.

Travel: Intercity Train Cars 2-3 8.54 Berowra 9.04 Hornsby Arr Redfern 8.41

HOSPITALITY

Breakfast at Bobbin Head Monday 7th of February, 9 for 9.30 (Deposit of \$10.00 to be paid at or before January 6th meeting)

I have 6 places left so if you would like to go please email, call or text - vicki

The menu is -

Scrambled eggs on toasted sourdough - \$11.00

Smoked salmon benedict with spinach and hollandaise sauce on toasted sourdough - \$19.50

Ham & cheese omelette with salad(GF) limited to 10 on this - \$17.90

The big breakfast, Bacon, grilled tomato, pork sausage, hash brown, fried egg on toasted sourdough - \$25.90

Double bacon & egg roll on brioche with BBQ sauce, chips/hash brown - \$13.90

Please let me know your choice ASAP

Cheers

Vicki



HUMOUR

- The fastest land mammal is not a cheetah...It's a toddler who has just been asked "What's in your mouth"
- When my wife is mad at me, I tighten all the jar lids so she has to talk to me.
- Covid 19 fact: 87% of gym members don't even know their gym is closed.
- I never make the same mistake twice, I do it five or six times, you know, to make sure.
- I know it's time to clean out my handbag when my car assumes it's an extra passenger who isn't wearing a seat belt.
- Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but a vending machine at work can't recognize a \$5 note with a bent corner
- Some people seem to have aged like fine wine. I aged like milk...sour and chunky.
- A mosquito just landed on my husband's face...easiest decision of my life.

And lastly:

- Crafters philosophy...why pay \$7 for something at a craft show when you can make it with \$92 worth of craft supplies

THEATRE PARTY

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS" CONCERT PRESENTS

BACK IN THE SWING

Join in for a toe-tapping celebration of the great music of the Swing Era and the great swing crooners.

With LIAM BURROWS, BELINDA PARSONS, BERNARD WALZ, THE PACIFIC BELLES

and the 14 piece GOOD OLD DAYS CONCERTS BIG BAND.

When: 2 May 2:15 pm

Where: Sydney Town Hall (CoVid Safe Operations inn place)

Price: \$50 A Reserve.

See Rhonda no **Later than February Meeting** if you are interested in attending.

Don't Miss out - I HAVE 1 TICKET AVAILABLE for:

NORTH BY NORTHWEST Starring David Campbell

16th March 1pm

\$101

I Hope you all had a Happy Christmas and I wish you and your loved ones a safe and more settled 2022. 🎄🏠

Rhonda



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Membership No.

MAGPIES WAITARA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I, ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss

First Name.....Surname.....Date of Birth.....

hereby apply for membership of Magpies Waitara. I agree to be bound by the Clubs constitution and any rules or by-laws of the Club. Should any of the particulars stated below change, I agree to notify the Club within seven (7) days in writing. If my membership card is lost or stolen, I will notify the Club immediately and agree to reimburse the Club for the cost of a replacement card. I declare that I am over the age of 18 years. I apply to join the Club for (please tick one): ☐ 1 YEAR: \$5.50 ☐ 3 YEARS: \$11 ☐ 10 YEARS: \$33

Address (Residential):.....

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Postal Address:.....

Suburb:.....State:.....Post Code:.....

Telephone (Home):.....(Mobile):.....

E-mail Address:.....

Occupation:.....

Reasons for joining Magpies Waitara (please tick one):

- ☐ Live within the 5km area of the club ☐ To attend a function or entertainment show
☐ Introduced by friends ☐ Renewing lapsed membership
☐ Member of a community organisation supported by the Club Other (please specify):.....

Where did you hear about Magpies Waitara?

From time to time the Club posts information to all of its members advising them of special offers, entertainment, events and general club news. Any personal information provided here will be used solely to advise Magpies Waitara members of these upcoming events and/or special offers. Any information provided will never be accessed by any persons or entities other than Magpies Waitara for the purposes stated. Please indicate below to advise the Club of how you wish to be contacted in the future (please tick your choices):

1. I nominate to receive notices via

- ☐ ELECTRONIC MEANS ☐ POST as per Rule 97 & 98 of the Club's Constitution

2. I prefer to receive correspondence (Member Specials, Birthday Rewards & Events) via

- ☐ ELECTRONIC MEANS ☐ DO NOT SEND

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:.....Date:.....

I understand that membership is not transferable and the fee or any part thereof, is not refundable.

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