



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

President's Corner.

I am writing this before Christmas, but it is close enough to have a good forecast for Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Considering the incredible amount of rain, we have had in the past year, it will be a pleasure to enjoy some good Aussie weather for our holiday season. May it be so.

I received some heated criticism about some comments I made at the end of our last meeting, which was our Christmas Luncheon, and I was accused of "preaching religion," which, I was told is against Probus' principles. Since we were celebrating a Christian festival, and singing Christian carols, and had visited the Jewish Museum during the year, I thought I should clarify this issue.

The only statement I could find on this is in our Constitution, point *d.* under Aims and Objectives. This states "*It shall be non-political and non-sectarian.... however, the merits of any public question may be a subject of fair and intelligent study or discussion at a club meeting for the information of members.*" My understanding of this is that we are not to promote a particular political party or religion, but if such an issue is in the public domain, then "*fair and intelligent study or discussion,*" of its merits is in order. It was in this light that I raised the question of whether much of what passed for the celebration of Christmas was really in keeping with the original focus of that event.

As we enter the New Year, we begin to look forward to what lies ahead. One event coming close, is our AGM in March, and the election of a new Management Committee. We have had an excellent team this year, but several members have had to double up, because of the lack of new recruits. We all pledged when we joined the Club, "*to take an active role in both attendance and participation of this club.*" I urge you now to encourage one another to consider what role you could play in carrying the Club forward.

I remind you that "*the true spirit of Probus is friendship, fellowship and fun.*" John Davies

Meeting Dates At Magpies Thursday 5th January 2023. 10 am for 10.30am start. Thursday 2nd February 2023 10am for 10.30am start. Website: https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au Email: info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au	Bulletin: Editor: Sylvia Gratton 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	PRIVACY: In accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 and recommendation from Probus South Pacific, this newsletter is private and confidential for members of Asquith Mixed Probus Club use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.
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COMMITTEE NOTES - DECEMBER 2022

1. **Although** we believe it is important socially to have lunch after a walk or event, it has come to the point where staff shortages and large numbers of walkers is making it impossible to book ahead at cafes and restaurants unless you use their function room which comes at a cost! Therefore, this option is no longer available. The organisers will however endeavour to find several suitable eateries that will be recommended for members to go to, if they wish to do so. Members could also consider taking a small picnic with them as most walks/events may end with a nearby park. Each Committee will do their best to suit these events.
2. **Mayfield Gardens & Oberon Tour** - Mal would like to see some more names down for this April Autumn tour. It is a beautiful time of year for a short break.
3. **It is great to see so many new members**, we would love to see you come to a Committee Meeting as an Observer. This is a good opportunity for new members to see how we operate. The meeting is held on a Thursday (the week after General Meeting). Please think about it for the New Year.
4. **When** putting your name down for an activity, please don't forget to transfer your money and write it in your diary or calendar. It is a good idea to go through the Bulletin and transfer your money before the meeting so you don't forget.
5. If you know one of our members is sick, please **notify Vicki** so she can call that person.
6. **Some Committee Members** are having issues with their internet providers, so it has been decided that only one Bulletin will be sent to each couple (instead of individuals). If you are particular about which of you it goes to, let Sylvia know and she will direct it to the correct email.
7. **The AGM** will be coming up in March, please think about Committee positions which will all become vacant. It is always good to have some new blood and ideas.
8. **The Committee** wishes you all a Happy New Year and looks forward to seeing you all on 5th January 2023. No need to let Barry know you are coming.

Pam Slater Secretary

Treasurer's Report as at 7 December 2022

Funds received so far this year	\$9,809
Reduced by expenses of	<u>\$11,093</u>
Leaving funds available so far this year	-\$1,284
 Add all previous year's surplus funds	 <u>\$11,290</u>
Leaving members funds available	<u><u>10,006</u></u>
 ... The above funds consist of cash	 \$13,182
less - mainly member payments for future activities	<u>\$3,176</u>
Total member funds	<u><u>\$10,006</u></u>
 Funds held for future Activities	 \$807

Angus Dougall 6 December 2022

Procedure for payment for now is as follows:

All cash or cheques should be placed in an envelope with your name, activity and cost of event written on the outside.

Envelopes will be retained by Treasurer as a receipt, and bank statements will confirm payments by EFT.

Please pay **EFT's** prior to monthly meetings including your name and outing abbreviation. Print and retain a copy of the bank receipt.

Monies paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) should be made to:

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

Please advise the outings organiser if you are unable to attend an outing and advise Treasurer if refund or transfer to a different activity is required.



DOLLS **When?** the Wednesday following our monthly 'member meeting' at 10:15 for a 10:30 start. Please join us for tea, coffee, cake and a chat. Wool, needles and stuffing supplied and the good news is you don't need to be able to knit. Contact Barbara Williamson

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. **Starts Wednesday 13th January 2023.**

MEN'S GROUP Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies. Contact Robert Allison on

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 th Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD	George Gates	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
Jigsaws	Robert Montgomery	Theatres	
Dining out	Judy Thompson	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	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 2022-23

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

DINING OUT & HOSPITALITY

BREAKFAST AT WATERSIDE BISTRO BOBBIN HEAD

Monday 20 February 9am there is a 50-metre level walk by the water to the cafe

Cost is \$35 pp

All options can be Gluten Free if you specify by (GF)

1. **Eggs Benedict** softly poached eggs on sour dough with spinach and creamy hollandaise sauce.
 2. **Bistro Grande** 2 farm eggs with charred bacon, spicy sausage, mushrooms, tomatoes, hash browns and relish.
 3. **Pancakes** fluffy, triple stack of pancakes, served with raspberry coulis, cream and maple syrup.
 4. **French Toast** Canadian style egg dipped sour dough, fried and served with maple syrup & bacon.
 5. **Corn Fritters** with smoked salmon, rocket & relish.
- Tea, coffee and a sweet dessert included.

You must sign up, indicate your number of choice & GF and pay no later than February 2nd 2023

Judy Thompson



ENJOYING CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT MAGPIES 2022

Lunch by the water

January 19th 2023

- New Year lunch with friends, enjoy some fun in the sun, near the water
- Costs will be limited to public transport and your own meal
- Woy Woy Bayview Hotel Beer Garden is booked for 12.00
- If you are not driving, we suggest the 10:53 express train from Hornsby which arrives at 11:30. It does NOT stop at Berowra.
- Trains depart frequently, so you could arrive early, enjoy the waterfront park next door & local coffee shops. You could have a Picnic lunch if you prefer.

Defence of Sydney Tour, North Head

February 16th 2023

Accompanied by a volunteer guide, you will marvel at heritage gun emplacements, once capable of firing 26.4km, and descend into the 200-metre-long military tunnel complex. Finally, our guide will demystify an underground bunker once shrouded in secrecy: *The Plotting Room*.

\$8 per senior

Train + ferry+ bus to North Head Sanctuary Visitor Centre (located in the North Fort precinct), Manly

Please note a good level of fitness and mobility is essential for participants to enjoy this tour

The 90-minute North Fort tour includes paved bush tracks, stairs and approx. 20 minutes in underground tunnels, and in another part of the tour approx. 20 minutes in the underground Plotting Room.

BYO picnic Lunch OR fish & chips by the beach OR the many eateries in Manly

Mayfield Gardens Festival & Oberon in Autumn

April 4-6th 2023

3-day tour

Cost \$825pp twin share, all meals & admissions.

Single supplement \$150

Please pay \$100 deposit as soon as possible to secure your place



Enroute to Oberon, we will have a picnic lunch at Mt Tomah Gardens before travelling on to view Mt Wilson gardens.

The highlight of the tour will be the amazing Mayfield Gardens, one of the largest cool climate gardens in

the world. We visit during their Autumn Festival so we will see the extended gardens at their peak autumn colour.

Our time in Oberon includes visits to the villages of Rydal, Tarana & O'Connell with a knowledgeable local guide. Our return journey through the Blue Mountains includes all the colour & mountain scenery in Blackheath, Leura and Wentworth Falls

Full details are available from the team at the sign on desk.

8 DAY EYRE PENINSULA TOUR 20 -27 July 2023

\$3095 pp. Single supplement \$740

\$295 pp deposit to secure your spot.

A Great Coastal Journey to Port Lincoln, Ceduna and the Head of Bight during Whale Season.

A small group tour of no more than 25 people with Australian Iconic Tours showcasing natural wonders, local produce, history and the fabulous hospitality of the Eyre Peninsula.

65% of Australia seafood (and some great wine) comes from this region and doesn't get any fresher than what we enjoy on our seafood discovery adventures. We explore the stunning outback & coastal scenery of the Eyre Peninsula. An Eco Whale watching cruise awaits us at Fowlers Bay, as well as spotting Southern Right whales & calves from the cliffs at the Head of the Bight.

For full itinerary come and see us at the trip desk.

Prices are from Adelaide and don't include local accommodation or airfares from Sydney

The great news is we now have more spaces available; up to 25 people (currently 22 are going)

We have begun advertising this with local Probus clubs.



Walks

WEDNESDAY 25 January 2022- Summer Evening Walk

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. Kevin's group will be doing a longer walk via the Steps near the Opera House and around the western side of Government House.

Travel: 1543 train from Berowra. 1556Hornsby Platform 1. **TBC**

If joining at Circular Quay assemble 1650 at lift to Cahill Expressway.

The lift is at eastern end of Circular Quay.

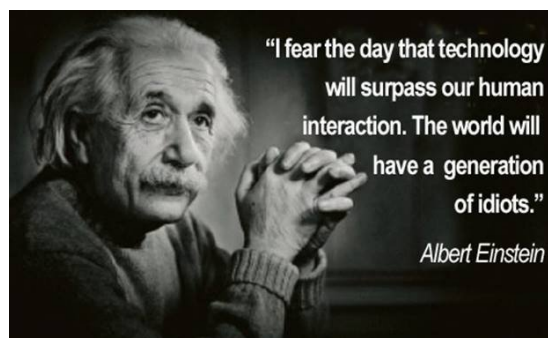
Return via Opera house. Park gates close at 7.00pm

Thursday 23 February 2023- Summer Evening Walk

Where: TBC Greenwich with optional ferry trip home.

Details at the Club Meeting on Registration.

The biggest test of my patience throughout this entire pandemic has been opening a plastic produce bag without licking my fingers.



Paranoia has reached absurd stages...

I sneezed in front of my laptop and the anti-virus started a scan on its own



Wednesday January 18th.

2.30 p.m. Berowra RSL Club (upstairs auditorium)

997 Pacific Highway, Berowra (opposite railway station)

Only \$6 including tea and biscuits

Berowra District Mixed Probus Club invites any of our members who are interested to attend their monthly trivia afternoon. They promise an afternoon of friendship, fellowship and fun, with Quizmaster Keith Carson.

The quiz consists of 4 rounds of 12 questions, plus True & False, and Dead or Alive competitions. The standard team size is 4 or 5, and teams may be formed in advance, or you can join a team on the day.

Please book with Keith, per the contact details below. If you pay electronically or by depositing at Bendigo Bank, that helps to reduce the handling of cash, but the option

Of paying cash on the day is also available.

The Berowra Mixed Probus Club bank account details: BSB: 633 000. Account number: 137 367 892.

Keith Carson

SPEAKERS

January Speaker-

In the spirit of the upcoming tour of the Eyre Peninsular in July, we have invited the well known author Jill Bruce to speak.

She will talk about the beautiful Kangaroo island, 13.5 kms off the South Australian coast first visited by Matthew Flinders in 1802.

Over a third of the island is protected in nature reserves, home to native wildlife like sea lions, koalas and diverse bird species. In the west, including penguin colonies .

Her presentation will include visuals of this beautiful island.,

February Speaker-

Graham Sims is a popular speaker and writer for several magazines.

He has had a 40 year career in education as a consultant, Inspector of schools and Director of Education.

His interests include wildlife conservation, folk history and vintage cars.

His talk will cover the golden years of radio- the 40's and 50's and will include many of the famous personalities of that time.-

Jack Davey, Bob Dyer, The Quiz Kids, the serials and the Lux Radio Theatre

Jim Jeffries

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

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 January	Probus Meeting	John Davies		
12 th January	Committee Meeting	John Davies		
19 th January 2023	Lunch by the water	Mal Steel	6	
25 th January Wednesday	Summer Evening Walk Botanic Gardens	Laurie Keaton	10	
2 nd February	Probus Meeting	John Davies		
8 th February	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
9 th February	Committee Meeting	John Davies		
16 th February	Defence of Sydney Tour	Mal Steel	7	
20 th February	Breakfast Bobbin Head	Judy Thompson	5	
23 rd February	Summer Evening Walk Greenwich TBC	Laurie Keaton	8	