



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

**President’s Corner.**

I hope all AMPC Members had an enjoyable Christmas and that 2024 is one of good health and happiness for everyone.

We are looking forward to what 2024 brings for our club especially our AGM in March when we will elect a new Management Committee. All positions become vacant at the AGM and we look forward to the input of ideas from our newly elected Committee.

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

Sandra Death

President



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| <p><b>Meeting Dates at Magpies</b></p> <p><b>General Meetings</b></p> <p><b>10am for 10.30am start.</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024</b></p> <p><b>Website:</b><a href="https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au">https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au</a></p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au">info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au</a><br/><a href="mailto:webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au">webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au</a></p> | <p><b>Bulletin: Editor: Sylvia Gratton</b></p> <p><b>Mob:</b></p> <p><b>Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.</b></p> <p>The Secretary AMPC, 9 Warruga Crescent,<br/>Berowra Heights 2082</p> <p>Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on<br/>2 October 2008.</p> <p>Club No: 9003799</p> <p>District: 9685 PD3 Inc. No.: 9890687</p> <p><b>Bendigo Bank details for deposits.</b></p> <p>BSB No: 633-000 Account No.: 139 637 029</p> | <p><b>PRIVACY:</b> In accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 and recommendation from Probus South Pacific, this newsletter is private and confidential for members of Asquith</p> <p>Mixed Probus Club use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.</p> |
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## COMMITTEE NOTES – DECEMBER 2023

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. 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!

3. **Laurie** has some great walks lined up for next year, **Mal & Suellen** have planned some great day trips, and **Jim** has been organising speakers for next year. I'm sure the other Activity organiser's will also have some surprises.

4. Don't forget annual fees are due - \$72.

5. I would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year We will resume our General Meeting on **Thursday 4th January 2024.**

**Pam Slater**

**Secretary**



### Treasurer's Report as at 28 December 2023.

|  |          |          |
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| Funds received so far, this year             | \$9,984  |          |
| Reduced by our expenses of                   | \$12,981 |          |
|  |          |          |
| Leaving funds available so far for this year |          | -\$2,997 |
|  |          |          |
| Add all previous year's surplus funds        |          | \$10,065 |
| Leaving members funds available              |          | \$7,068  |
|  |          |          |
| ... The above funds consist of cash          |          | \$17,534 |
| less - mainly member payments                |          |          |
| for future activities                        | \$7,154  |          |
| Less - Members Fees received in Advance      | \$3,312  | \$10,466 |
| Total member funds                           |          | \$7,068  |

Angus Dougall : Treasurer's Report 28 December 2023

**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.

**MAH-JONG** The group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm at Asquith Bowling Club.

**CARDS** 500 cards held 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome

**MEN'S GROUP** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies.

|                            |                   |                              |                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 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

### **January 18<sup>th</sup> Summer Lunch on the Waterfront at the Newport Hotel**

We will enjoy good company, fabulous views & good food at the upgraded Newport Hotel. We have booked the shaded "Tree Area" for lunch & Spray Misters have been installed around the venue. Travel will be by public transport or drive yourself.

- **You must sign up at the Jan meeting, to be sure of the reservation numbers.**
- **The Newport**, 2 Kalinya Street, Newport.
- Order & pay for your meals & drinks on the day. No prepayment. Prices from about \$20 to \$35+
- If driving, please arrive about 11:30 to get good undercover parking at the Hotel. There is limited public parking on the streets. People with limited mobility can be dropped off at the carpark ramp leading to our reserved garden area.
- The **199 Bus** or **L90 Bus** stop at the Hotel's front door. Catch this bus from Pittwater Road or Barrenjoey Road
- If you want to go by public transport:
  - **9:42am** Train from Hornsby to Gordon
  - **10:15am 197 Bus** Gordon station **Bus Stop A** to Pittwater Place Shopping centre Mona Vale (1 bus per hour). Walk 100 meters to Barrenjoey Road
  - **199 Bus** from B-Line stop 210323 in Barrenjoey Road to the Newport Hotel (frequent service)
- **Heat Cancellation Policy. As this is an outdoor venue, in case of extreme heat I will cancel the booking, in line with club policy. If the forecast is 36°C or hotter for Sydney, I will cancel the booking on the previous day. You can still attend if you wish, but there will be no group booking.**



### **FRIDAY Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

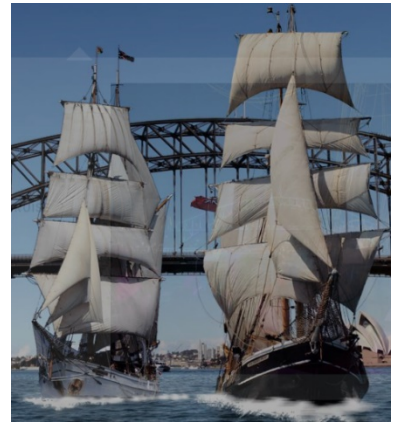
If you have not completed your payment, **please fix this up by the January meeting**

- **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 reenactment. 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**



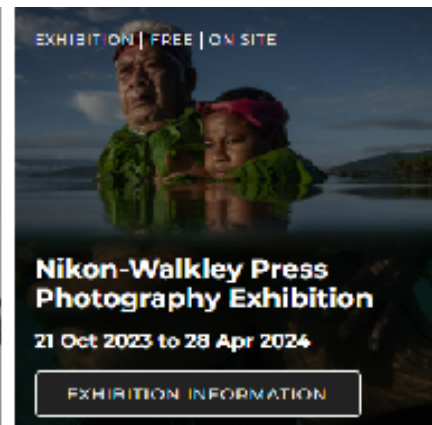
### **March 21<sup>st</sup> NSW State Library exhibitions**

**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 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 7<sup>th</sup> May – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 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



**Would you like some company?**

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

**Walks Laurie.**

**Bridge Walk and Barangaroo Thursday 25 January.**

**What:** Picturesque Harbour Bridge walk from Milsons Point Station.

Entry via Argyle Place and Munn Street to Barangaroo.

Choice of loops North to the Wulugul foreshore Track

back to the Cutaway entrance .

Dinner of choice at the Food Hall or bring your own for picnic in Barangaroo.

**Safety:** You must be aware of steep steps at either end of the bridge.

If too warm we may delay departure by 30 mins. Check your emails.

Bring water and hydrates.

**Travel:** Berowra 4.26pm 4.40pm Hornsby Platform 1.

Return from Wynyard 7-10 mins Walk From Barangaroo.

**Detailed Maps of the Park will be available.**

I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows and nuts.

I won't lie, it was a rocky road.

Sent to me by a friend of mine, thanks Dennis.



## SPEAKERS JIM JEFFERIES

In January, we will hear from Ray Rees, now retired from the navy as a commander after spending thirty years in the Navy.

His last position at sea was as the Marine Engineer Officer in the steam powered guided missile destroyer, HMAS Brisbane, after spending several years in San Diego working on exchange with the USN.



He has been an active volunteer in the Sydney Heritage Fleet, currently serving on the board of directors and regularly sailing aboard the Barque James Craig

The Sydney Heritage Fleet restores and operates a wide range of vessels which are available for the public to experience the bygone days upon Sydney harbour this will be a good introduction to the Tall Ships outing planned for February.

In February, our speaker-Margaret McDonald will introduce an element of romance into the ownership of electric cars. Hugh Sykes was the talk of the village with his new Tesla and she agreed to go for a drive.

They found they had so much in common they got married and lived happily ever after.

No Speaker in March but in April Paul Baker from Hornsby Fire & Rescue will provide an overview of operations and vital safety advice for all homeowners.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| DATE                                       | ACTIVITY                      | CONVENOR           | PAGE  | PHONE NO |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------|
| Every Wednesday                            | Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club | Pam Clarke         | 3     |          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10am | 500 Cards Magpies             | Mary Glasby        | 3     |          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds of Month              | Men's Group Magpies           | Robert Allison     | 3     |          |
|  |                               |                    |       |          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024               | General Meeting               | Sandra Death       | 6     |          |
| 10th January 2024                          | Dolls                         | Barbara Williamson | 3     |          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024              | Committee Meeting             | Sandra Death       |       |          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024              | Summer Lunch at the Newport   | Mal Steel          | 4 & 5 |          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024              | Bridge Walk & Barangaroo      | Laurie Keaton      | 6     |          |
|  |                               |                    |       |          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024              | General Meeting               | Sandra Death       |       |          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024              | Dolls                         | Barbara Williamson | 3     |          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024              | Committee Meeting             | Sandra Death       |       |          |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024              | <b>FRIDAY</b> Tall Ships Tour | Mal Steel          | 4 & 5 |          |