



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

President's Corner.

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas with family and friends - it is a lovely time of the year.

I must thank our Committee Members for all their efforts during the year providing excellent activities-

Tours/ Excursions, Dining out and Walks.

We are looking forward to another good year in 2025 with continued friendship, fellowship, and fun.

We will elect a new Committee at the AGM in March when all positions become vacant.

So, now's the time to think about how you can contribute to our continuing success and to help us celebrate the New Year. Step forward to volunteer for one of those positions which you might enjoy and please ask one of us and we'll be happy to let you know what's involved;

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Jim



Meeting Dates at Magpies General Meetings 10am for 10.30am start. Thursday 2nd January 2025 Thursday 6th February 2025 Website: https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au org.au Email: info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au	Bulletin: Editor: Sylvia Gratton ☎ Mob: Asquith Mixed Probos Club Inc. The Secretary: Ruth Barwick 37 Alan Avenue, Hornsby 2077 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 Probos South Pacific, this newsletter is private and confidential for members of Asquith Mixed Probos Club use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.
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Asquith Mixed Probus Club					
Treasurer's Report as at 9 December 2024					
Funds Received so far this year	\$10,696.86				
Reduced by our expenses of	\$10,102.48				
					\$594.38
Add all previous year's surplus funds					\$10,906.16
Members Funds available					<u>\$11,500.54</u>
....The above funds consist of:					
Less mainly members payments for future activities	\$3,606.00				
Less Members Fees In Advance	\$689.00				\$4,295.00
					<u>\$11,500.54</u>
Treasurer's Report 9 December 2024: Angus Dougall.					



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CARDS 500 cards held 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome. **Phone Mary.**

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AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson /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	Sylvia Gratton			
Hospitality	Judy Thompson			
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			

REPORT - COCHLEAR MANUFACTURING TOUR

Australian physician, scientist and inventor Graeme Clark changed the lives of tens of thousands of hearing-impaired individuals with his creation of the multi-channel cochlear implant. The idea of this wonderful implant first commenced when Graeme Clark was on holiday in 1977. He was fiddling with a shell and a blade of grass and realised there was a safe way to insert electrodes into the inner ear. Since then Cochlear has been helping people around the world to gain access to clearer sound and a lifetime of better hearing.

Our Probus members found this tour extremely interesting and were amazed to see how precise and labour intensive each of the processes were in order to make a Cochlear Implant.

Our two tour guides Doreen and Laura were very welcoming and extremely knowledgeable. Our members learnt so much from their explanations and we were very appreciative of their knowledge. Also, a big thank you to Peter Nancarrow who has experience with his own Implant. Peter also helped to explain to us how the device works and his own personal experience with auditory training.
Thankyou Peter.

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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 Coachmans 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.

GRAND TASMANIA TOUR

An email has been received from Coach Holidays and Tours advertising two tours in the summer of 2025/26. They are offering a 10% discount for those who sign up prior to 31 January 2025 (by paying a small deposit). Being 12 months out prices could be subject to change.

The cost of the tour is \$4,680 ppts and \$5,240 for solo travellers. It does not include costs to and from Launceston. The itinerary which is very comprehensive is as follows:

- Day 1 – Arrive in Launceston (D)
- Day 2 – Journey to Port Arthur (B,L,D)
- Day 3 – Port Arthur (B,L,D)
- Day 4 – Richmond to Hobart (B,L,D)
- Day 5 – Hobart and Huonville (B,L,D)
- Day 6 – Hobart free day (B)
- Day 7 – New Norfolk and Queenstown (B,L,D)
- Day 8 – The Gordon River (B,L,D)
- Day 9 – Cradle Mountain (B,L,D)
- Day 10 – Stanley (B,L,D)
- Day 11 – Burnie and Devonport (B,L,D)
- Day 12 – To Launceston (B,L)

AROUND AUSTRALIA TOUR

One can do the whole trip or opt to do a “leg” only.

Around Australia 50 Day Tour	\$24,490 per person twin share \$31,490 solo traveller
Sydney to Darwin 17 Day Tour	\$8,490 per person twin share \$10,990 solo traveller
Darwin to Broome 9 Day Tour	\$4,490 per person twin share \$5,790 solo traveller
Darwin to Perth 21 Day Tour	\$10,690 per person twin share \$13,790 solo traveller
Broome to Perth 14 Day Tour	\$6,890 per person twin share \$8,890 solo traveller
Perth to Sydney 16 Day Tour	\$7,190 per person twin share \$8,890 solo traveller

If anyone is interested in doing either tour, please contact Yenda (yenda33@bigpond.com) who will send you a more detailed itinerary. It all sounds a little airy fairy at the moment but, with or without the discount, they sound like great trips. From my understanding, there are a number of dates available and I think the company is trying to get a feel for how the tours will be received.

The Tasmanian tour will be booked as a Probus group but the Around Australia tour will need to be booked individually. Yenda will be happy to assist with planning.

YENDA

DAY TRIPS

THE ANGLERS REST HOTEL BROOKLYN

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

16th JANUARY, 2025

12.00 pm

11.27 am train from Hornsby Station (platform 5) to Hawkesbury River. Arrive 11.50 am. Approximate 5 minute walk to the Anglers Rest Hotel. Return train to Hornsby runs hourly - 1.55 pm, 3.05 pm, 4.05 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.

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NEPEAN BELL LUNCH CRUISE

***PAYMENT DUE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2025**



20th FEBRUARY, 2025

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

\$111.00 per person

***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

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MARITIME MUSEUM SYDNEY

***PAYMENT DUE 6TH MARCH, 2025**

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 onboard 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.

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PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY

***PAYMENT DUE 6TH MARCH, 2025**

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.**

Catch the 8.49 am train from Hornsby (Platform 3) to Strathfield - arrives 9.14 am. Change to (Platform 3) for the 9.21 am train to Parramatta - arrives 9.33 am. Then catch the Free Parramatta Bus Shuttle 900 (Corner of Church & George Street) to Parramatta Leagues Club (runs every 15 minutes) - easy 10 minute walk to Parramatta Female Factory, 5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta. (After Leagues Club, turn left at Fennell Street this runs into Fleet Street.) ***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.**

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BARE ISLAND & LA PEROUSE MUSEUM

***PAYMENT DUE 1ST MAY, 2025**

14TH MAY, 2025

***NOTE THIS IS A WEDNESDAY TOUR**

Pick up: Rofe Park, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights - 8.30 am - returns approximately 4.30 pm

\$91.00 per person

***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.

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Hospitality

Breakfast at Bobbin Inn Bobbin Head on Monday 10th February 9am.

\$27.50 pay at either Jan or Feb meeting. Please select which meal you would like and record it on the list.

This is always a fun get together.

Evening meal at TORU JAPANESE Restaurant on 10th March at 6pm

Westfield Hornsby.

\$25 pay by 6th March

Great food

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

Speakers Program

We will have David Short from the RFDS in January, then Leonie Dillon from OzHarvest in February.

We may have a surprise occasional speaker at the AGM in March.

In April Noel Phelan will talk about the role of the Navy at Gallipoli.

Faye Yarrol will take the stage in May and not only talk about hearing dogs but will bring one in to assist.

WALKS

THURSDAY JANUARY 23 - Summer Evening Walk

Where: Botanical Gardens and Mrs Macquarie's Chair. Earlier start to allow time in the gardens en route.

What: TWO WALKS 1. (LONGER) STARTS AT GADIGAL STATION
2. SHORTER WALK STARTS AT MARTIN PLACE STATION.

Bring supper and drinks of choice. Ground sheet if grass is damp. Both return via Opera House.

Travel: 1543 train from Berowra. 1537Hornsby Platform 1. Cars 3 - 4.

Change at CHATSWOOD TO METRO. Times to confirmed if on holiday Timetable.

Bring: Your evening supper and drinks. Ground sheet recommended.

A lead is needed for the longer walk. If no volunteers one will be appointed from the registration list.

FEBRUARY If no other planned walk is forthcoming – Balls Head.

AMPC Christmas Party 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	2	
1 st & 3 rd Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	2	
3 rd Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	2	
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	
6 th February 2025	Probus Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
10 th February 2025	Bobbin Inn Breakfast	Judy Thompson	9 & 10	
13 th February 2025	Committee Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
20 th February	Nepean Belle Lunch Cruise	Trish Taylor	7	

Important notice

Members 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 with cash put in 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

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Phone 9653 2285 or 0419 985 458

