



# Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

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Many of our members have been enjoying getting back into travelling. One group spent an amazing 7 days on Norfolk Island and another group have just returned from a wonderful trip to Yamba. This is a good way to spend time with new and old Probud friends, discovering new and old places. Jindabyne is our next trip in November, why not come along and have some fun with us? NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT TO PAY, YAY.

Kingston, Norfolk Island Trip.



Beach at Norfolk Island



Iluka Yamba Trip



Vintage Car at the Ostrich Farm on Yamba Trip



## Meeting Dates

Arrive 9.30 for 10.00 start, finish 12.00 on

**Thurs 3 June 2021**

**Thurs 1 July 2021**

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**Asquith Mixed Probud Club Inc.**

The Secretary AMPC.

Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on  
2 October 2008.

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District: 9680 Inc. No.: 9890687

**Bendigo Bank details for deposits.**

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

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## COMMITTEE NOTES - MAY 2021

1. Mary Potter has some interesting speakers lined up for this year. June meeting Jim Haynes will speak about the Secrets of Sydney.
2. A visit to Prince Henry Hospital will be held in June, and Bowling at Hornsby RSL in July.
3. Vicki McPherson has been planning some lunches and even a Brunch including a Bastille Day lunch at Allegro. Also, a Brunch at Vanilla Cream Cafe at Annangrove. Check the Bulletin for up to date information.  
  
The Pavilion at Bobbin Head is to be booked for our Birthday Lunch in October.
4. Please see the Bulletin for Theatre shows organised by Rhonda Wilson. She has some great shows coming up so get together with a few friends and support her efforts.
5. We have advice that the Golf Club has new software installed. Instead of using a coffee card, you must swipe your Member's card each time you purchase coffee and you will automatically be given points, which eventually enable you to receive a free coffee.
6. Please note that Asquith Bowling Club no longer have Trivia.

*Pam Slater Secretary*



## Treasurer's Report as at 7 May, 2021

Income received for year to date	\$7,157	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$4,085</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ 3,072
Add previous year's surplus of		<u>\$ 9,881</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$12,954</u>
This surplus consists of cash of		\$17,538
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 4,584</u>
Total member equity		<u>\$12,954</u>

*Yenda Holland* 9 May 2021

### Payment of Monies

The bank statement. It is difficult to give a ruling because there is no consistency between banks.

In the good old days, the banks listed every name you had including Mr, Mrs, etc which now take up valuable space. If you use EFT as a means of paying people, it would be a good idea to check with your bank and make sure you only have one Christian name (perhaps an initial) and your surname so that there is room for the surname to print on the receiver's end of your transactions. The name on the account is printed loud and clear although it sometimes misses the surname completely.

There seems to be two spaces where one can write the name of the activity. Please put it in both as every bank is different and it is not easy to ascertain which spot will print on the receiver's bank statement.

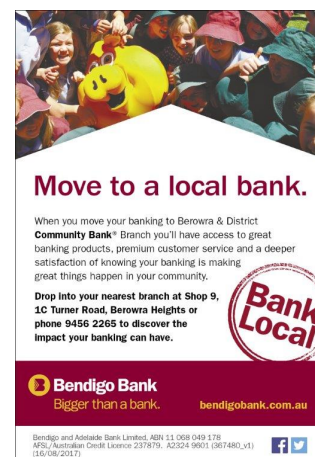
Once you have made a transaction, please print the bank receipt. For those who use a tablet or phone to make a transaction, and the only available option is to print a receipt (NAB for example), write "no receipt" on the Activities Payment Voucher.

Payments should be made at our monthly meetings. They can be in cash (please tender the correct amount if possible), cheque or by EFT and should be accompanied by a completed Activities Payment Voucher. If paying by EFT this should be done prior to the monthly meeting so that the EFT receipt can be submitted at the monthly meeting.

If you are unable to attend the next general meeting email the bank receipt together with a completed Activities Payment Voucher to the Assistant Treasurer. If attending the meeting there is NO need to email your receipt to Dianne. Attach a copy of the receipt to your completed Activities Payment Voucher and hand them both to the Payments Desk who will initial your receipt and return it to you. The receipt should then be taken to the activity organiser so your name can be marked as "paid" on their list.

If paying for several activities in one payment you need to complete a separate Activities Payment Voucher for each activity.

Please note that if your payment is made after the monthly meeting prior to your activity it may be too late to include your attendance at that activity as venues are often paid in the week following the meeting.



## CARDS

Cards 500 is now back on at the bowling club so come & join in, good fun & very casual

A nice lunch & a drink afterwards makes for a good break plus good company

See you all there 11am the first & third Wednesday of the month. Mary Glasby

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor		5 <sup>th</sup> 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
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## AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2021-22

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## ACTIVITIES JIM & JUDY THOMPSON

### THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2021 – PRINCE HENRY HOSPITAL NURSING AND MEDICAL MUSEUM

This is a museum celebrating the history of one of Sydney's oldest hospitals. Prince Henry was a general hospital which also treated infectious diseases. The museum shows the advancements in nursing care from World War I when Sydney underwent the Spanish Flu Pandemic, through World War II to the 1970s. We will have a guided tour and the cost is \$13 pp. A couple of cafes are nearby for lunch. We will travel to Central by train and catch a bus to the Museum.

Train from Berowra (8.24am) and Hornsby (8.35am) – Central Coast train departing Hornsby from platform 3. When we arrive at Central travel will be by 393 bus from Eddy Avenue to Little Bay.



**TEN PIN BOWLING, 15 JULY 2021 Hornsby RSL.** 1.00 to 3.00 pm. Cost \$8 pay on the day. We are limited to 24 so sign up. If you have never bowled before don't worry it should be a fun day.

**TOUR TO JINDABYNE.** Sun 14 Nov to Fri 19 Nov 2021. We will travel by train to Canberra and then by coach to Jindabyne. We will be staying at the Lake Jindabyne Hotel and going on an excursion each day to scenic attraction of the Snowy Mountains including, Smiggins Hole, Perisher, Eucumbene Dam, Dalgety, Bombala and much more.

The total cost is \$845 (all meals included). There is no single supplement. Deposit of \$100 to be paid by 9 Sept 2021. Balance of \$745 to be paid by 24 Oct 2021. Let us know of any dietary requirements or allergies. The detailed daily programme is in this Bulletin.

Jim Thompson

# *Life of Riley*

## TOUR ITINERARY

### **Sunday**

- Dinner in the Bistro from 6.30 pm

### **Monday – 8:20 am**

- Jindabyne Visitors Information Centre
- Morning Tea at Banjo Patterson Park
- Wild Brumby Distillery
- Ski Tube and Bullocks Hut
- Lunch at Thredbo
- Chairlift Ride with afternoon tea at Eagles Nest
- Walk around the Thredbo village.
- Dead Horse Gap

### **Tuesday – 8:30 am**

- Jindabyne Town Tour
- Gaden Trout Hatchery and Morning Tea
- Drive to Perisher Valley/Charlottes Pass/Smiggins Hole
- Back to hotel for BBQ Lunch
- Free afternoon

### **Wednesday – 8:20 am**

- Tour Cooma Goal and Morning Tea
- Drive to Mt Gladstone and onto Berridale
- Berridale town tour and Lunch
- Berridale Historical Society
- Depart to Dalgety and town tour

### **Thursday – 8:00 am**

- Drive over Eucumbene Dam Wall
- Snowy Scheme Museum Adaminaby and Morning Tea
- Depart for Cooma with Lunch in the park
- Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre Cooma

### **Friday**

- Depart Jindabyne at 8:00 AM

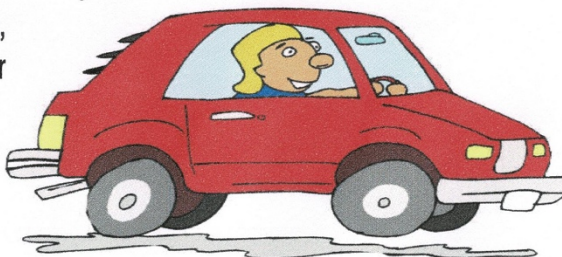
# Observation Fun Run

**Thursday 19 August 2021**

Join in a fun day touring around the Hills District, observing and answering the questions being asked along the way ... The Fun Run starts at Galston RSL Club at 9.15 with all cars away by 9.30am, with a morning drive around the quieter streets of the area. Route directions are provided, with a list of questions for the observers to answer ..... These questions are simply observation, with some quite easy, and some a little harder. Time allowed should be ample, so there is no need to rush.



At the end of the first stage, we have a pleasant Morning Tea break arriving around 10.30 to 10.45 am .... Then at around 11.30am we are off again on a slightly longer stage 2. The run will conclude at The Galston Club around 1.00pm where lunch is at your own cost. Enjoy the Club's various lunch specials ~ or perhaps enjoy an *a la carte* meal. After lunch we have the raffles and awards presentations ! Why not bring some friends with you, or if you don't wish to drive, come along as an observer ~ we will be happy to find you a host car to travel in. Cost is \$15 p.p. with Morning Tea included. So, come along for some fun ..... New members especially welcome.



**Book at the activities desk.**

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## Yamba Trip May 2021

The Yamba trip was a kaleidoscopic experience of beautiful weather, interesting historical sites, frequent food stops, corny jokes, lush green sugar cane fields and laughter and friendship.

The recent floods meant that everything, except for soybeans was lush and green. Unfortunately, the soybean crop has drowned.

The Clarence River valley was exploited and developed after red cedar was recognised.

Matthew flinders discovered the estuary but because of the numerous islands did not recognise that there was a river. He thought it a bay.

We had a great team with our Tour Director Rick and Driver Chris. Their care, planning and knowledge was outstanding. The itinerary allowed us to see unexpected parts of the Valley.

We were introduced to the history of Yamba, drove through Iluka, Harwood, Ulmara, Lake Wooloweyah and Grafton and had time to explore the Scottish town of Maclean. We visited a Peach Farm and Ostrich and Emu farm which also happened to have an unexpected collection of much prized vintage cars and bikes.

We visited the popular surfing site at Angourie and saw the Blue and Green pools which were initially quarries for rock for the breakwaters. We drove past fish and prawn farms and cruised on the river from Iluka back to Yamba.

On the outskirts of Grafton we visited a shed which housed the biggest collection of memorabilia imaginable including a restored Chevrolet, 50 sewing machines, 300 Arnott's biscuit tins, and many other things too numerous to mention! Bill Kearns, a bush poet, had us in gales of laughter with his clever poetic descriptions of life with Seniors.

This trip could well be described as a "Foodathon". We ate at a pub which just before Easter was flooded and another pub which had had water lapping at the door step. Morning tea was invariably "scrumptious". Evening meals were at the local Bowling Club.

This tour has been an incredibly special week of beautiful weather, great food, many and varied experiences. I feel sure the happy memories will remain. Thank you very much to Jim and Judy and to Yamba

Thanks to Helen Nancarrow for writing this report.



## Walk Activities

### WALK REPORT

A fine turn out for the Watson's Bay walks started out with some drama due to a cancelled train. To improve communications a plan B will be advertised wherever possible and a contact boarding at Berowra and Hornsby will be designated to pass on information for each activity. I did have difficulty in reaching contacts resulting in my missing the alternative train whilst finding somewhere to park. A great day nevertheless and the lunch wine was great.

Special thanks to Kevin and Diane for assembling and conducting the Cliff top walk.

Please note we have record registrations for Como (58). **Your registration is confirmed on payment for the lunch** which closes at the end of the June meeting no later. Organisers and the treasurer are dealing with and out-sourced booking agency (booking and payments) and the hotel management (function centre organisation).

## Future Walks

### Thursday 24 June

**Where:** Oatley to Como Hotel via Old rail bridge pathway & Como Pleasure Park.

**What:**

1. **Easy 2.8 k walk** from Oatley station. Coffee stop at Como Pleasure Park.
2. **Medium 3.6 km walk:** Miles Dunphy Reserve (no stragglers) and Oatley to Como Hotel Walk. Coffee at Pleasure Park. **Lead is Kevin**

**Travel:** Hornsby 09.04 Intercity Platform 3. Cars 2-3. Change Redfern. Arr Oatley 10.15.

Due to the large number of Registrations will probably have to use cars 5 & 6 also

**I have not been able to ascertain if Platform 1 Redfern is served by lift as yet.**

**Morning Tea:** Use one of two cafes in the Pleasure Grounds. Map sent to registrations.

**Lunch:** 12.00- for 12.30 **Lunch at historic Como Hotel.** We have booked the function room at no extra cost. Enter via the car park entry left side as you face the hotel.

Prepaid & booked Lunch at a cost of \$16. Payable at today's meeting. **This includes a \$6 Non-refundable deposit (after Thursday 10 June) Plan B: In the event of the 9.04 train being cancelled. We will catch the next Fast Train from the same platform but transfer will be at Central.**

## Thursday 22 July.

**Where:** Kincumber Macca's to Davistown RSL

**What:** A scenic bus tour (included on your \$2.50 opal fare) followed by a picturesque walk along Kincumber Broadwater. Medium distance on flat formed paths.

**Travel:** Hornsby 09.24 Central coast Train Plat 5. 09.33 Berowra. Arr Woy Woy 10.01.

Return Ferry from Davistown is not included in \$2.50 Opal fare.

*Congratulations Richard Slater on receiving your OBE and welcome to our new member Lesley Buchanan*



### MEN'S GROUP

Men who would like to join AMPC Men's Group for friendly, social discussion please contact Robert Allison. We normally meet at Magpies Club, Waitara at 11:00 on the third Wednesday of the month

## WELFARE REPORT

This month I've been in touch with members who this year have missed meetings for various reasons including not feeling well, double bookings on our meeting day, or still not being comfortable with being out and about and gathering in groups during this time of Covid.

Please let me assure you that Asquith Golf Club adheres to all necessary Government requirements *ie*: registering your attendance by using the Service NSW app and/or by signing in with Barry Willick upon arrival.. If you feel more comfortable by wearing a mask then by all means do so and, as more people are having their Covid injections this also makes our meetings more secure.

I'm pleased to report that John Davies is recuperating at home after having 2 serious surgeries. John states he's feeling really well but is taking his recovery one day at a time.

Heather Rooke and Lance Williamson have both fully recovered from their hospital stays and I must say having spoken to both recently you could hear the 'wellness' in their voices.

To members who have had recent surgery, are getting ready to undergo surgery and other members recuperating in hospital at this time. I wish you all the best for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you back at our meetings very soon.

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating their birthday this month.

Denise Mayhew

9477 2779 or 0416 179 383

### Pot Luck Dinners.

Hooray, after shutting down for so long our 2021 Pot Luck Dinner program is now up and running. I wish all those involved lots of fun, good food, great conversation and growing friendships. Enjoy.

Anne Heaton



## PROGRAM/SPEAKERS

## SPEAKERS

At the May meeting Robert Green gave us a comprehensive overview of the settlement of the suburb of Asquith. The names of early holders of land grants are commemorated in street names from Mount Colah to Thornleigh. Robert had many “before” and “now” photos showing the rapid changes in Asquith, many taken from the same spot with only a five, ten or twenty year difference.

Our speaker at the June meeting will be well known author and broadcaster Jim Haynes. He was awarded the Order of Australia in 2016 “for service to the performing arts as an entertainer, author, broadcaster and historian”.

Jim will have books available for purchase after the meeting.

Mary.

## HOSPITALITY / DINING OUT

### Hospitality / Dining Out

Brunch at Vanilla Cream Café Monday 7th June at 9:30. Order and pay on the day. There are still spaces available for this.

If you don't want to eat a huge meal there are plenty of options, see Vicki at the June meeting for the menu. Vanilla Cream Café is located at Amaroo Park, 233 Annangrove Road, Annangrove



Bastille Day at Allegro Function Wednesday 14th July at noon. \$65.00 payable by the June meeting. There are still a few spaces available for this. If you have your name down and you can no longer attend please let Vicki know. Allegro is located at 1 Porters Road, Kenthurst.



Winter lunch special at Doyles Restaurant Watsons Bay Monday 9th August at noon.

Cost is \$39.50 each, payable by the July meeting.

Menu is - Chowder followed by fish and chips. Included is a glass of Doyles house wine or a soft drink.

Travel times will be advised in the next bulletin.



## Norfolk Island

We set off for our seven nights stay on Norfolk Island on the 17<sup>th</sup> April.

On arrival, we were driven to our resort. Unsurprisingly wherever one looked there were Norfolk Island pine trees, we later learned that the island had been almost entirely devoid of trees at one time and that most of the pines dated from the early twentieth century.

Many of the organised tours focussed on the history of the island. The first inhabitants were Polynesians. One legacy of that is the large number of wild chickens that still wander the island. They had abandoned the island by the time the British arrived as part of the 1788 settlement of Australia.

Early on, the Sirius, one of the ships of the First Fleet, was wrecked not far of one of the beaches and is still there today. That period of settlement came to an end in 1814 but the island was again used as a convict settlement from 1825. Dating back to that time is a row of grand sandstone buildings in the capital Kingston. Although it is still the capital the main modern settlement is Burnt Pine about three kilometres to the north.

As the convict settlement wound down Norfolk Island received its first permanent settlers, descendants of the Bounty mutineers who had outgrown Pitcairn Island

In 1914 Britain gave the island to Australia to administer as an external territory.

Most of the people we met on the various bus tours were descendants of the Bounty mutineers and knew their lineage back to the individual mutineer, Fletcher Christian being ancestor to many of them.

One of the bus trips was a *son et lumiere* tour of the row of houses in Kingston detailing the history of each. Another was a progressive dinner at two houses, entrée at one and main course and dessert at the other (delicious!!). Another night we had fish feast on the foreshore in Kingston.

Amusingly most of the people we encountered had multiple jobs. One bus driver was the church organist, he also served and cleared up at the progressive dinner and the fish dinner and delivered the cocktails at the Sunset Bar. Off the island, he is an electrician building solar farms.

The other bus driver concluded a tour by taking us to the RSL, and served us drinks before explaining the history of the place. He was also the main character in a play that some of our tour attended.

We did a tour of food producers. The bus driver on this occasion was the office admin, she took us to see a honey producer – none other than the regular bus driver who took over for the rest of the tour, a beef and dairy farm with yoghurt and sausage samples, the last visit was a cooking demonstration.

Other highlights included a glass-bottomed boat over a coral reef, a visit to the Cyclorama, a 360 degree mural of the journey and arrival of the Bounty Mutineers (far more impressive than I expected). Sunday markets or church services. Colleen McCullough's house.

Thanks to Rhonda Wilson for organising the trip.

Thanks to Robert Allison for writing this report.



**Here's a short quiz put together by anonymous members who enjoyed the recent Norfolk Island trip.**

- i) Whose room was known as Party Central? (hint - not the two gay guys)
- ii) Who was the Canasta champ? (hint - not an AMP member)
- iii) Who was the Table Tennis champ? (hint - someone with a sunny disposition)
- iv) Who was the 8-Ball champ? (tie between Minnesota Fats Jeff and Eddie Angus Charlton)
- v) Who led the night pilgrimages to the RSL? (hint - a state south of NSW)
- vi) Who had Sex on the Beach? (hint - most of the ladies...it's the name of a cocktail drink!)
- vii) Who was the best dancer? (toss up between Lilian, Colleen and Jeff)
- viii) Who was the swimming champ? No contest....Lesley. She also won best suntan to be the only multiple winner.
- ix) Who was the best photographer? (hint - close contest, winner just got there in the nick of time)
- x) Who was the best tour organiser? Rhonda!!!...and so say all of us.

Thank you, Paul Sorrell for contributing this item to our Newsletter.

## **THEATRES RHONDA WILSON**

### **GOOD OLD DAY CONCERT - CLOSED**

Monday 21 JUNE 2PM

Tickets will be distributed when received.

### **COME FROM AWAY - CLOSED**

Wednesday 18th August, 1:00pm

Tickets will be distributed when received.

### **HAMILTON - FULL**

Saturday 16 October 2pm Lyric Theatre

DON'T FORGET TO PAY NO LATER THAN JULY MEETING - or BEFORE

### **THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA - CLOSED**

Sunday 5th September

Tickets will be distributed when received.





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Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, beyond 30 November 2020, Probus will no longer be offering travel insurance through Chubb Insurance Australia Limited. However, PSPL is committed to supporting Probus Club members when travelling and hope to make an announcement on an alternative insurer as soon as practicable.

### Existing policy and coverage inquiries:

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