



Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

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Denise Mayhew, Mary Potter,
Jim & Judy Thompson, Barry
Willick Sandra Death, John Davies,*

From the President

Our March meeting is the AGM for the Club when we will elect a new Committee. As I step down as President and hand over to John Channon I want to thank all those who have served on the Committee or have organised events over the past year. It has been a very unusual year which has meant a lot of difficult decisions as things have had to be cancelled or done in a COVID safe way. We have worked hard to keep things running as much as possible even if it was only by Zoom.

Thank you to all our members for your patience and for your response when meetings or other events were held. Now things are almost back to normal and should improve as a vaccine is rolled out.

The Committee have been working on plans for 2021 and we look forward to this year being an exciting one with a good lot of activities even if they are only in NSW.

With best wishes

Nick Speyer



This is the story of four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. But Nobody asked Anybody. It ended up that the job wasn't done and Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked ANYBODY.

Meeting Dates

Arrive 9.00 for 9.30 start, finish 11.00 on

Thurs 4 March 2021

Thurs 8 April 2021

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Bendigo Bank details for deposits.

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COMMITTEE NOTES - FEBRUARY 2021

1. A reminder that some members haven't paid their fees. Fees must be paid by March meeting to allow you to vote. Don't forget you still need to "book in" with Barry Willick if you are attending the General Meeting.
2. Mary Potter has some interesting speakers lined up for this year, we hope now that Covid seems to be coming under control and with the expected easing of restrictions, we can anticipate more members attending meetings.
3. Jim & Judy are organising a trip to Yamba in May. We will travel by train to Grafton, then Rail Coach to Yamba. A coach will take us touring each day. Contact Jim to put your name down. We can all do with a break!

They are also proposing a tour to Jindabyne in November.

Some interesting day outings will be published in the Bulletin.

4. Angus Dougall is organising a **Car Fun Run** on 19th August.
5. Vicki hopes to organise another TAFE lunch when there is an availability. It is always a popular event and books out quickly.

Pam Slater - Secretary

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.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor		5 th Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD, Jigsaw	Sunny Dougall	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
	& Robert Montgomery	Theatres	Rhonda Wilson
Dining out	Vicki McPherson	Trivia	Robin Roberts
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 2020-21

AMPC Committee Members 2020-21		Phone	Email	
	Officers			
President	Nick Speyer			
Vice-President Elect	John Channon			
Vice President	Angus Dougall			
Secretary	Pam Slater			
Treasurer	Yenda Holland			
	Committee			
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Hospitality	Vicki McPherson			
Membership	Barry Willick			
Programme	Mary Potter			
Tours/Excursions	Jim & Judy Thompson			
Welfare	Denise Mayhew			
Assistant Secretary	John Davies			
Assistant Treasurer	Dianne Watson			
Historian/Public Officer	Sandra Death			

Treasurer's Report as at 10 February, 2021

Income received for year to date	\$6,242	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$ 791</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ 5,451
 Add previous year's surplus of		 <u>\$ 9,881</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u><u>\$15,333</u></u>
 This surplus consists of cash of		 \$15,048
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ -285</u>
 Total member equity		 <u><u>\$15,333</u></u>

Yenda Holland 16 February, 2021

PAYMENT OF MONIES

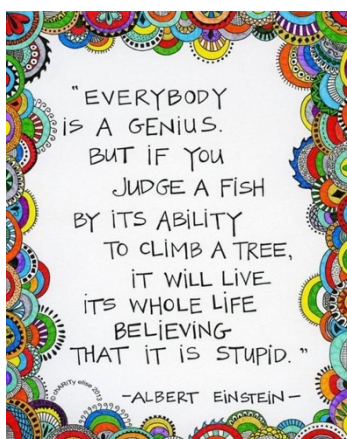
As we are currently unable to have a Payments Desk (no mingling allowed), all cash or cheque payments should be placed in an envelope with your name on the outside and the activity to which the funds refer. This envelope shall be placed in the box on the desk near Barry Willick as you enter the Club.

Unfortunately, at this stage it is not possible to give change or a receipt. The envelopes shall be retained by the Treasurer as receipt for those paying by cash or cheque and the bank statement used for those paying by EFT. Please retain a copy of the bank receipt in case of any problems.

For those paying by EFT, 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. It would also be helpful if you would email a copy of the bank receipt to the Assistant Treasurer. At this stage, there is no need for you to do anything further. Any transaction that cannot be identified will be forfeited to the Club.

All Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) should be made to: Bendigo Bank
 BSB: 633-000
 Account: 139 637 029
 Account Name: Asquith Mixed Probus Club

Thank you for your co-operation.



ACTIVITIES JIM & JUDY THOMPSON

THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021. HARS AVIATION MUSEUM

We will catch the 8.35am Interurban train from Hornsby (Platform 3), Berowra 8.24am and Asquith 8.32am. At Central (Platform 25), we will catch the 9.29am train to Albion Park Rail.

We will have a guided tour of the aircraft in this museum which includes an ex-QANTAS 747.

Morning tea, lunch and the tour are included in the price. Total cost \$32.00.

There is a level walk of 400m from the station to the museum.

It will be necessary to select your lunch from this list:

- A. Homemade pie with mashed potato and peas.
- B. Individual mixed sandwich plate.
- C. Quiche and salad
- D. Crumbed chicken strips and salad.
- E. Homemade soup served with bread roll.

When you sign up for this trip let Jim or Judy Thompson know what your lunch selection is.

This trip was originally scheduled for April 2020 but was cancelled due to COVID.

THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2021 CHAU CHAK WING MUSEUM, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

This is a new museum at Sydney University which brings together collections from several of the museums that were in separate locations. These include the Nicholson, Macleay and the University art collection. We will have a guided tour. There is a café where we can have lunch. We will travel to Central by train and catch a bus to the University.

More details later.

SUNDAY 16 TO FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021 – YAMBA

Departing Hornsby at 7.47am we will travel by train to Grafton and then by coach to our motel at Yamba, arriving at 6.20pm. Return travel is also by coach and train, arriving at Hornsby at 7.38pm.

The detailed daily programme is in this issue of the Bulletin.

The cost is \$1100 pp. Single supplement is \$250 pp.

A deposit of \$100 pp is required by 11 March 2021 and the balance of \$1000 is to be paid by 29 April 2021.

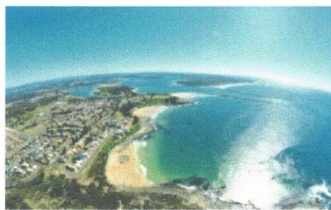
If you have any dietary requirements let us know and we will give you a form to fill out. There may be a surcharge for special diets. For further information re this matter see Jim or Judy Thompson.

You will need to make your own rail reservations from Hornsby to Yamba and return. These can be made on the internet at transportnsw.info or at Central Station. You will need to have details of your concession cards available.

I suggest that you book your train seats as soon as possible. Jim and Judy are in seats 19 and 20 in car B which is in first class and in the same seats for the return trip. Our booking number is ULN349. If you are booking in person at Central or by phone and you quote our booking number they should be able to put you near us. If you book using the computer I think that you will not have any choice.



CLARENCE VALLEY *Explorer* TOUR



Itinerary

Our Clarence Valley Explorer Tour

Accommodation in Yamba, Relaxing Informative Tours, Island Hopping, Exploring the Clarence Valley as only the Locals know.

SUNDAY

Arrival Day – You will be met by your Tour Directors. Settle into your accommodation and Dinner will be either 6pm or 7pm depending on arrival.

MONDAY

Yamba Museum, Ostrich Farm & Fruit Farm

Departing at 8.45am we view Yamba's Beaches and township. Yamba Museum and a wonderful Homemade morning tea. Our drive to the Ostrich Farm takes us through the sugar cane fields on Historic Chatsworth Island. After an entertaining talk a BBQ lunch with fresh salads and fruits will be served by the dam. We return to Yamba via the Fruit Farm. Dinner at a Local Club.

TUESDAY

Lawrence – The Historic River Town.

Departing at 9am viewing Yamba on the way through to Woodford Island and the River Town of Lawrence. We board the car ferry enjoying the view arriving to Homemade morning tea by the River. 2NR radio museum is full of timeless artifacts, radios and lots of interesting pieces from yesteryear. A delicious lunch is served at the Lawrence Tavern. Dinner at a Local Club.

WEDNESDAY

Angourie, Harwood & Maclean

Departing 8.45am for Angourie we discover the fresh water Blue & Green Pools carved out of solid rock and the backdrop of the Yuraygir National Park. We visit nearby Lake Wooloweyah and enjoy a yummy morning tea in The Scottish Town Of Maclean, take time to have a look around. Lunch is served at the Harwood Hotel. Total relaxation follows with a River Cruise on board the M.V. Mirigini meandering your way along the winding banks of the Mighty Clarence River. Returning to Yamba for Dinner at a Local Club.

THURSDAY

Grafton, Carrs Peninsula & Alamy Creek

Departing 8.15am we travel to the "Jacaranda City" of Grafton. The breathtaking sights, heritage listed trees and the famous parks take us to the Olive Farm on Carrs Peninsula. A special guest and a wonderful morning tea, meet the baby animals. A drive through Grafton, Alamy Creek School and then a scrumptious lunch of Prawns and Chicken with fresh salads. Back to Yamba and Dinner at a Local Club.

FRIDAY

Sadly Departure Day

TOUR PACKAGE

Our tours are 5 Nights with guests arriving on Sunday and departing on Friday.

The tour price includes:

*Daily Hot/Cold breakfast, morning teas and lunches. A choice of evening meals.

* 4 Full days Touring

*All costs included.

(Except Alcohol/Beverages)

Tours depart between 8.00 & 9.00am and return between 3.00 & 4.00pm each day. Touring is by air conditioned, seat belted Coach

For information and bookings please call

1800 813 033

vickie@yambatours.com.au



www.yambatours.com.au

Please note: Itineraries are subject to change without notification.

\$1100.00 ppts

All Inclusive

2021



Penrith Fire Museum.

Thursday 18th February, 10 members of AMPC trained to Penrith where a coffee was enjoyed, opposite Penrith station. This was followed by a short walk to the Fire Station. We met up with a further 10 members of AMPC who drove. Regrettably John Davis was unable to attend due to an incident beyond his control!

The Fire Museum provided a very knowledgeable guide who gave an extremely interesting history of the museum. The exhibits were well presented with fascinating stories about each article on display I found the vintage fire engines and their development over the years very interesting.

Everyone enjoyed the visit and Jim had trouble encouraging members to leave for lunch at the Hotel opposite!

John Channon

Observation Fun Run

Thursday 19 August 2021.

Join in a fun day touring around the Hills District with a list of questions for observers to answer.

Morning Tea is included in the cost. And winner presentations after the event, over lunch (own cost) at Galston RSL Club.

Book next month at the activities desk, or email – angusd40@gmail.com



PHRASEOLOGIES In the 17th century England and Holland were strong rivals. They fought wars in 1652 to '54, from 1665 to '67, and 1672 to 1674. The British said (very unfairly) that the Dutch had to drink alcohol to build up their courage. So, we have the phrase - ***Dutch Courage***. Other insulting phrases from that time are ***Dutch Treat*** (meaning you pay for yourself), and ***Double Dutch***, meaning Gibberish.

Angus D

WELFARE REPORT

Tricia Keaton's health continues to improve and I must say that I think the bush walks she is taking are doing her the world of good. It's amazing how terrific being one with nature can make you feel. Keep it up Tricia you really are looking well.

I reported at the last meeting that Barbara Williamson has been admitted to hospital with an erratic blood pressure reading. Barbara was discharged in the early hours of the next morning but unfortunately was readmitted the following Monday for another week with the same problem. Barbara's medication has been altered with the hope this will settle the problem. Taking no chances Barbara is also changing her cardiologist.

Special wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday this month

Denise Mayhew



PROGRAM/SPEAKERS

In February, we had a return visit from Gordon Mar. The title of his talk, "Jesus Christ had a Chinese Brother" sounds somewhat bizarre, but the reality was somewhat more convoluted. The audience was reminded that we never learn from history. Also, that inequity and social injustice can give rise to what appears someone who will restore justice; only to find that human lust for power takes over.

Every person has a story, we just need to search: it may be their hobby, it may be their working life, it may be something to do with their family. The day of the AGM, our March meeting, will be an opportunity to hear their story from two club members. Don't miss it!

Mary.

Walk Activities

Thursday 25 March 2021

- Where:** Waverton to Balls Head
- What:** Easy 2.2 km walk each way and supper by the Harbour.
- Travel:** 1556 train from Berowra. 1610 Hornsby Platform 1. Cars 5-6
Platform 1. Arrive Waverton 1643.
- Bring:** Supper and drinks of choice. Mosquito repellent
If using the BBQ something to repel the bush turkeys

Thursday April 22.

- Where:** Two Walks, both starting at Watson's Bay
1. Cliff top Federation walk from Lancaster Road Dover Heights.
 2. Circuit Walk to South Head Lighthouse.
- What:** **Walk 1:** Limit of 20 walkers due to a 10min bus trip at 1055 to the start.
The walk itself is 5 km but is **restricted to very competent walkers.**
- Walk 2:** The walk is 3.5 km rated easy. **Limit Of 30 participants.** Ample time is provided at South Head to ensure both walks conclude at a similar time.
- Leads will be advised later – likely to be Kevin for Walk 1 & Laurie for 2.
- This outing is the first of 3 multiple walk days to cater for all abilities.*
- Travel:** 0856 Train from Berowra. 0910 Hornsby. 1015 Ferry to Watson's Bay.
- Please note the **short time for transfer from Wynyard to the Ferry of 20 minutes.** Break at Watson Bay for Walk 2.
- Bring:** Refreshments for break. Lunch of Choice at Watsons Bay.

THEATRES

COME FROM AWAY



MAY BE CANCELLED IF THE NUMBERS AREN'T INCREASED BY 10 MARCH

WEDNESDAY 18th AUGUST, 2021 1:00pm

CAPITAL THEATRE **Price \$75.00**

Payment no later than **MAY Meeting**

HAMILTON

ONLY 25 SEATS WERE ALLOCATED SO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

A mistake was made with the pricing which means we have more expensive tickets at a cheaper price. Because of the special \$110 price and the smaller ticket allocation, at the moment, a restriction of 2 tickets for Probus members has been imposed.

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2pm Lyric Theatre

Price: \$110 Due No later than **JULY Meeting**



PREMIERS GALA CONCERT

Tickets are available for collection from Rhonda

Let me know at the meeting if you are interested in attending the following:

ENSEMBLE THEATRE To see David Williamson's play NEARER THE GOD'S Season is 5 November – 24 December.

THE CASTING COUCH with Tod McKenney and Nancye Hayes. Sunday 17 October.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK, 11 June- 24 July.

Stay safe and well.

Rhonda

HOSPITALITY / DINING OUT

On Monday the 8th of Feb. 32 Probians enjoyed a lovely breakfast at Bobbin Inn. A big thank you to Kim and the staff for making this very enjoyable.



BASTILLE DAY 14th of July 2021 at Allegro Function Centre Kenthurst.

I will have more on this after the 10th of March when I am going to see the Centre and book. I will put out an email after that time. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun.



Hoping to arrange another outing for May, keep an eye out in the bulletin

Take care,
Vicki

President Nick, welcoming Rick Hazell and Diane Hall to our Club.

