



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

## President's Corner.

This will be my last P.C. as we come to the end of a very busy and enjoyable year and elect a new President and Committee to lead us forward. I must express my gratitude to the retiring Committee for all the hard work they have put in, and the sacrifices they have made in making our Club function so well. The Walks and Tours/Excursions Committees, in particular, have regularly travelled the proposed routes, at their own expense, to determine the best travel arrangements, the safety issues and the comfort stops to ensure the best outcome for every participant. A suggestion was made to the Committee that these leaders should be reimbursed by the Club for their financial outlay, but they rejected this unanimously!

I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of leading the Club for the past year, and experiencing the friendship, fellowship and fun that has characterised our life together. I have also been privileged to welcome the new members who have joined us over this time, as we have seen the Club rebuild after the years of lockdown.

My one disappointment is our continuing difficulty in finding enough volunteers to fill our Committee positions. It is not too late for you to put your name forward.

With every good wish.

John Davies

<b>Meeting Dates at Magpies</b> <b>General Meeting and AGM.</b> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023 <b>10am for 10.30am start. Followed by AGM 11.40am.</b> Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 <b>10am for 10.30am start.</b> Website: <a href="https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au">https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au">info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au</a> <a href="mailto:webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au">webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au</a>	<b>Bulletin: Editor: Sylvia Gratton</b> <b>Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.</b> 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 <b>Bendigo Bank details for deposits.</b> BSB No: 633-000 Account No.: 139 637 029	<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 Mixed Probus Club use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.
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## COMMITTEE NOTES - FEBRUARY 2023

1. **The Bulletin** has been getting bigger and bigger, Sylvia is going to try to keep it to the original 10 pages. If you have a buddy" who isn't at the meeting and there is a Bulletin printed for that member, could you please take it to them, postage is now running at \$1.70 to be posted and they barely fit in the envelope.
2. **Volunteers** - We are looking for volunteers to help out at Morning Tea. We are still waiting for a third Tea/Coffee Station which Magpies did promise. It would help if a member could assist the line to go through faster by adding tea and coffee to the cups and to keep members moving along. Perhaps adding water for some who may find this difficult.
3. **Judy Thompson** has been busy organising some exciting events coming up. Check out Hospitality.
4. **Walker Guides** - The Walking Committee have drawn up a guide for walkers which will be available shortly.
5. **As has been the case** in the past, the Immediate Past President will be seeking Members to act as Observers at Committee Meetings. Meetings are held the week following our General Meeting, and it is a way of seeing the work done in the background, who knows, you may like to take on a Committee position at an AGM.
6. **The AGM** is coming up in March, please think about Committee positions which all become vacant. We have received nominations for some positions but there are still some vacancies. Always good to have some new blood and ideas.

**Pam Slater**

*Secretary*

**I asked the Librarian if  
she had any books  
about Paranoia.**

**She whispered:  
"They're right behind  
you...."**

**IF THERE WAS A PILL TO CURE  
PROCRASTINATION, I WOULD  
PROBABLY TAKE IT TOMORROW.**



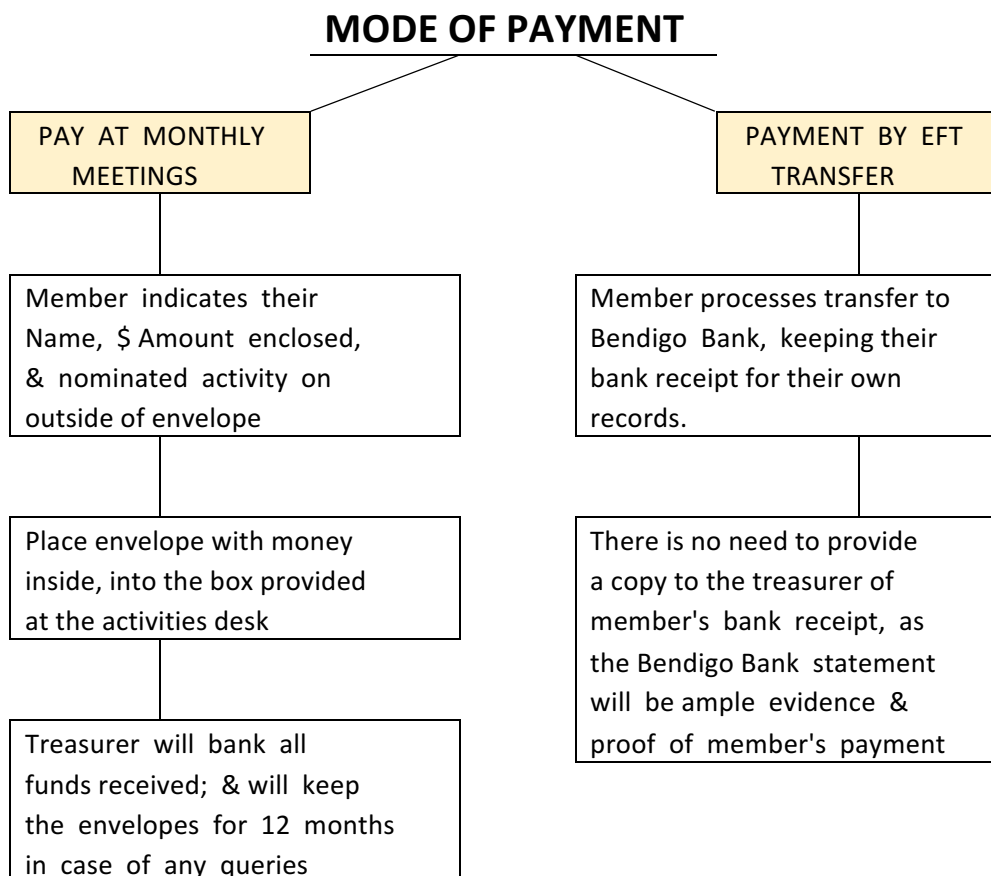
## Treasurer's Report as at 7 February 2023

Funds received so far, this year	\$8,431.00
Reduced by expenses of	<u>\$1,006.50</u>
Leaving funds available so far, this year	\$7,424.50
 Add all previous year's surplus funds	 <u>\$10,065.56</u>
Leaving members funds available	<u><u>17,424.50</u></u>
 ... The above funds consist of cash	 \$23,917.06
less - mainly member payments for future activities	<u>\$6,427.00</u>
 Total member funds	 <u><u>\$17,490.06</u></u>

Angus Dougall     7 February 2023



## PAYMENT FOR ACTIVITIES OR MEMBERSHIP FEES



**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome. Phone Mary at

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

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 <sup>th</sup> 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		
	<b>Committee</b>		
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		

## HOSPITALITY

### BYO PICNIC LUNCH

12 noon at STOREY PARK Old Berowra Road, Asquith.

TUESDAY 7th MARCH.

Just come along and enjoy a time of relaxation and friendship.

Cancelled if wet.

### ONE OFF POT LUCK MEAL

**Date & Time determined by host.**

This Pot Luck Meal is a fun event and an ideal way to meet others. Members decide if they want to be a GUEST or a HOST.

The host would provide the main part of the meal and the guests would be asked by their host to bring extras such as starter, salad, vegetables or dessert.

The guests also bring their own drinks.

Each Host will be allocated 4 other members.

Please sign up by stating your choice of Guest or Host

Judy Thompson

Cycled to the shop to buy a bottle of gin, but then I thought, what if I fall off my bike and the bottle gets broken? So cleverly, I drank it all outside the shop. Good thing I did too, I fell off my bike seven times on my way home



Berowra District Mixed Probus Club invites our members to join them for a Christmas in July lunch at the Allegro Function Centre, 1 Porters Road, Kenthurst. Arrival time yet to be advised.

The cost is \$70 per person, which includes:-

- A glass of bubbly on arrival
- Two bottles of wine plus unlimited soft drinks at every table (for 10 people)
- Entrée
- Main course (2 dishes served alternately)
- Dessert (2 choices served alternately)
- Tea and coffee

Bookings can be made with Berowra's Excursions Officer, Bob Lewthwaite at:-  
[excursions@berowramixedprobus.org.au](mailto:excursions@berowramixedprobus.org.au)

Payment in full should be made to Berowra District Mixed Probus Club:-

BSB 633000

Account no. 137367892



## **DEFENCE OF SYDNEY TOUR, NORTH HEAD**

***February 16th***

On a picture postcard day, 27 members journeyed on Sydney's wonderful ferries to view the underground WW2 defences of Sydney at the North Head Fort. We had the services of 2 fabulous volunteers, Alan & Barry, who took us back in time to understand how the men & women of the Artillery Battalions lived and worked in cramped conditions to keep us safe



Our groups were taken on tours of the underground Plotting room, to discover how the targets were plotted by Army ladies actually lying on the tables. No computers here.

We were also given an insight on the midget sub attack on Sydney harbour, that took place virtually under the North Head cliffs



Our guides took us via the tunnels & engine room to the powder magazines & shell stores, where the enormous shells were kept before being hoisted up to the guns.

From here we toured the gun emplacements, where the 32-ton guns fired 24 km out to sea, way beyond the horizon

Afterwards we adjourned to sunny Manly for a meal, social time & even a swim

Mal Steel



## **DAY TRIPS**

### **PORT KEMBLA – STEELWORKS TOUR OR WORKING PORT TOUR**

**March 16th**

***Please pay on or before the March meeting. First in First Served***

- **9:16am** Train from Hornsby to Coniston arriving 11:55am
- **Lunch** across the road at the lovely Coniston Hotel **at your own cost.**  
Please select your meal when you sign up.
- BOTH of the tours run concurrently beginning at 1:20pm.
- Maximum & Minimum numbers apply to each bus
- Returning by **4:30pm train from Coniston** arriving Hornsby **around 7pm**

Please choose ONE of these tours, either:

#### **2-hour tour of Steelworks \$33 p.p.**

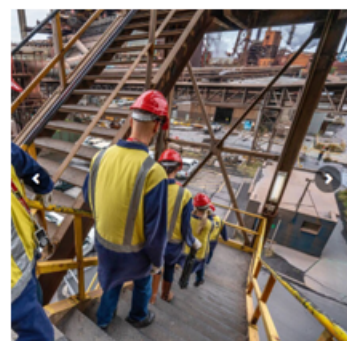
After a quick safety briefing you will be kitted out in safety gear (PPE) before we board the tour bus to begin a truly sensory 'steelmaking' experience. As the tour bus snakes around the Port Kembla Steelworks site, you will spot everything from monster machinery, giant buildings, locomotives and huge stockpiles of raw materials.

Time to turn up the heat as we climb the stairs to visit the colossal Basic Oxygen Steelmaking (BOS) plant and the continuous slab caster to get the best vantage point of steel production – a truly unique experience.

In the tour's final stage, we visit the Hot Strip Mill, where steel slabs are reheated and rolled into coils in a noisy, action-packed process.

Participants must adhere to the following tour clothing/footwear requirements:

- Fully enclosed comfortable non-slip footwear (e.g. sneakers/runners)
- Calf length socks (no ankle socks or invisible socks)
- Full length pants with no rips or splits
- Participation in Steelwork Tours is subject to all guests agreeing to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & signing a waiver
- Please be aware the tour includes around 300-400 stairs and 2-2.5kms of walking



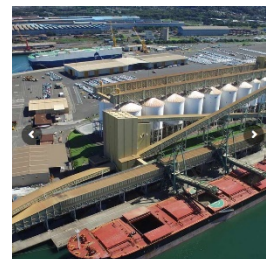
**OR**

**2-hour minibus tour of Working Port \$25 p.p.**

We begin with a short visit to Greenhouse Park – where the full picture of the port is laid out beneath us.

Next, we enter the Inner Harbour where we see the Port's key infrastructures – being Port Kembla Coal Terminal (the second largest coal terminal in NSW), the Grain Terminals, the state's largest motor vehicle import hub and cruise ship berth – a key gateway supporting New South Wales' motor vehicle, mining, agricultural, manufacturing and construction industries.

We travel along the outskirts of the Port Kembla Steelworks and discuss all things Steel whilst travelling toward the Outer Harbour precinct – A short stop at Christy Dr (offering us spectacular views of the Inner Harbour berths), it's now time to discover the additional infrastructure and industries that are in and around the Outer Harbour. We finish our tour on a beautiful high at Hill 60 with amazing panoramic views of the Illawarra coastline, Lake Illawarra and industrial super centre we have just explored.



***April 20th***

**MYSTERY OUTING**

More details in the next Bulletin

***May 18<sup>th</sup>***

**DISCOVERY DAY AT WESTMEAD**

**\$20**

We will go behind the scenes at the Children's Medical Research Institute at Westmead. This follows on from a stimulating talk last year by Jennifer Philip, who spoke on Genetics and the huge advances in childhood disease research.

We start with a talk on Genetics and what is in our genes. You can speak face to face with scientists and join them in their laboratories and find out about diseases such as cancer, epilepsy and genetic disorders

A Devonshire tea and light lunch are included

The Discovery Day runs from approximately 10am to 2pm.

Travel by train and bus, times to be confirmed in the next bulletin.

Disabled Parking available for a couple of cars for those with limited mobility who find train and bus travel difficult.



## **TOURS**

*Please note the change of dates for our Oberon trip*

**Now April 2-4th 2023**

### **Mayfield Gardens Festival & Oberon in Autumn**

3-day tour

Cost \$825pp twin share, all meals & admissions. Single supplement \$150

**Balance due NOW**

If you now find that the new dates suit you to join this trip, please email [malsteel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:malsteel@optusnet.com.au).  
Spaces still available and you will be very welcome.



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.

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.**

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

**Prices are from Adelaide and do NOT include local accommodation nor airfares from Sydney**

**There are 2 places still available and we would love you to join us**

If you are new to the club, this is a great holiday and a good way to get to know members.

## Walks

**Thursday 23 March 2023**

**Leads:** John Britten Kevin

**Where:** Newcastle and Stockton

**What:** Train to Newcastle Interchange & Light Rail (Social Walkers), Longer Walkers will walk from Interchange.

Walk to Queens Ferry Wharf (700m) Ferry to Stockton.

Walk (Social Walkers 750M) Terrain is **FLAT**.

**Bring:** Photo ID and Money. The Ferry is on OPAL Card.

**Travel:** 07.53am Hornsby Plat 5 Car 2 Arr Newcastle Interchange 10.00am. Fast trains: no stop at Berowra. Ferry dep 11am.

**Return:** Ferry 1.50pm. Train 2.20pm Arr Hornsby 4.21pm.

**Thursday 27 April 2023**

**Leads:** Kevin Watson Dianne Watson

**Where:** Blackwattle Bay Foreshore to Glebe Tram Sheds

**What:** Two walks. 1. Central to Wentworth Park via old Goods Line. Thence foreshores to Glebe Tram Sheds

2. Light Rail Central to Fish Markets and then Foreshores to Glebe Tram Sheds.

**Lunch:** A varied cuisine of your choice from numerous cultures.

**Travel:** 9.04 Hornsby Platform 3 to Central. CCN train Cars-2-3



**Friday March 10th**

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

**997 Pacific Highway, Berowra (opposite railway station)**

**Only \$7 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

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Christine Shannon**



**Trish Johnson**



## SPEAKERS

As usual, for our March Meeting we have a mystery speaker!

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April	Ross Clements	Renewable Energy
May	Matt Murphy	Rum- a distilled history
June	Norman King	Qantas
July	Erin Stubbs	Fall prevention

### UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	4	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	4	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	4	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Probus Meeting & AGM	John Davies		
7 <sup>th</sup> March	BYO Picnic Storey Park	Judy Thompson	5	
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee Meeting	John Davies		
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Port Kembla Tour	Mal Steel	7 & 8	
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Newcastle & Stockton Walk	Laurie Keaton	10	
2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Mayfield Gardens/Oberon Trip	Mal Steel	9	
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Probus Meeting	Sandra Death		
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death		
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Mystery Outing	Mal Steel	8	
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Blackwattle Bay to Glebe Tram Sheds	Laurie Keaton	10	
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Discovery Day at Westmead	Mal Steel	8	