



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

Presidents Corner

Hello to all our members

A reminder that our next meeting is the AGM on 5th March

It would be great to have everyone there to help our club move into a new Probus committee year.

We have had a number of our members that have not renewed their membership for the coming year.

Your new committee will be looking for support from PSPL for a membership drive as our membership has slipped to just over 100.

Our main requirement at the AGM is a Treasurer to enable our club to continue, please give this position some thought.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 5th.

Regards Barry

Meeting Dates at Magpies

AGM

Thursday 5 March

General Meetings

Thursday 2 April

Thursday 7 May

10am for 10.30am start.

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Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.

The Secretary: Ruth Barwick

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COMMITTEE NOTES MARCH 2026

1. The Committee was pleased to welcome Tim Hinitt and Sandra Lees as Observers at the meeting last Thursday.
2. Nita reported that Neil Elder had a private funeral.
3. There are good booking numbers for Tours and Excursions planned for this year. Trish Taylor is going to continue as Tour Coordinator for another year.
4. Jane has booked for lunch at The Fiddler, March 25 (Wednesday) - 2 for 1 deal. Our Christmas Lunch will be held on the 3rd Thursday in November.
5. Some great walks are planned for the first half of 2026.
6. There are some interesting talks coming up.
7. There is a new Probus club opening in Hornsby Heights. As our club has room for new members, please encourage your friends and neighbours who have not yet discovered the fun and fellowship of Probus to come along and experience our wonderful club and great activities.
8. A Treasure is still needed. You would get lots of support in learning the job, (and ongoing support, if needed).
9. Mal will attend an Afternoon Tea as President to celebrate the Probus Golden Anniversary at Government House.

Ruth Barwick, Secretary

Asquith Mixed Probus Club

Treasurers Report as at 9th February 2026

Funds received so far this year	\$5,220.00	
Reduced by our expenses of	<u>\$725.00</u>	
		\$4,494.00
Add all previous years' surplus funds		<u>\$12,744.59</u>
Leaving members funds available		<u>\$17,238.59</u>
The above funds consist of cash		
Less mainly members payments for future activities	\$4,753.00	
Less Member Fees received in advance	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$4,753.00</u>
Total member funds		<u>\$17,238.59</u>

Treasurer's Report 9th February 2026 Angus Dougall



DOLLS When? The Wednesday following our monthly 'members meeting' at 10.15 for a 10:30 start. Please join us for tea, coffee and a chat at Carol Channon's home. Wool, needles and stuffing supplied and the good news is you don't need to be able to knit!
28A Harwood Avenue, Mt Kuring-Gai. **Phone Carol 0412 399 991.**

MAHJONG The group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm at Asquith Bowling Club. **Contact Pam Clarke for more information 0416 216 962**

CARDS 500 cards held 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome. **Phone Mary 9482 8114**

MEN'S GROUP Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies. **Contact Robert Allison On 0412 196 943**

CARER'S GROUP Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm at Asquith Golf Club. **Contact Yenda by email at yenda33@bigpond.com**

AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025-26

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Carol Channon
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 th Thursday BBQ	Carol & John Channon
Books DVD	George Gates	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
Jigsaws	Robert Montgomery	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Cards 500	Mary Glasby		
Carer's Group	Yenda Holland	Web Site	Robert Allison
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Yenda Holland
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Sandra Lees	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Jim Thompson

AMPC Committee Members	
President	Barry Willick
Vice-President Elect	Mal Steel
Vice-President	John Davies
Secretary	Ruth Barwick
Treasurer	Angus Dougall
Committee	
Bulletin	Sylvia Gratton
Hospitality	Jane Platts
Membership	Denise Mayhew
Asst Membership	Robyn Lee
Programme	Jim Jeffries
Tours/Excursions	Trish Taylor
Welfare	Nita Shields
Assistant Secretary	
Assistant Treasurer	
Walks	Laurie Keaton
Past President	Jim Jeffries

TRIPS AWAY

PROBUS CRUISE

ROYAL PRINCESS - 10 NIGHTS

25TH NOVEMBER - 5TH DECEMBER, 2026

We are planning to join a **Princess Line Cruise** on 25th November, 2026. The itinerary is as follows:

ROYAL PRINCESS - 10 nights

Departs **Sydney**, stops at **Airlie Beach, Yorkey's Knob (Cairns), Port Douglas, Willis Island, Brisbane**, returns **Sydney**.

Prices range from \$6,238 for two people to \$8,266 for two people (price will vary depending on choice of cabin). *Please note prices are subject to change.

No passport needed – Driver's Licence or Photo ID required.

If you are interested in joining this cruise, can you please book **as soon as possible** with:

Alison Lord
Travel Associates Cruise Boutique
Shop 5, 5-7 Rohini Street
Turrumurra NSW 2074

02 9440 8727
alison_lord@travelassociates.com

Any questions please contact Jim Thompson
thstokes@ihug.com.au

BROKEN HILL WITH TRADE TRAVEL

24-30 AUGUST 2026

This trip goes up to Broken Hill by train which is a great journey and you will stay at the Hilltop Motel. Three days are spent in Broken Hill taking in many of the major attractions. On day 5 it continues by coach to White Cliffs and stays in the unique White Cliffs Underground Motel. Then on to Dubbo, Bathurst and home via the Three Sisters.

Cost is \$2,798 with a single supplement of \$588 and a \$200 deposit upon booking.

We already have a wait list for this tour unfortunately but please see me if you are interested.

YENDA

DAY TRIPS

GPO PRIVATE HERITAGE TOUR

16TH APRIL, 2026

10.00 A.M.

***MAXIMUM 30 PEOPLE**

PAYMENT DUE 5/3/2026

\$20.00 PER PERSON

Discover the rich history and culture of Sydney's former General Post Office (opened in 1874) and let the tour guide take you on a journey through time on this 90 minute Heritage Tour. Discover the stories, tales and legends of the city's iconic Grand Dame.



Included in the tour - a visit to the Tank Stream (can be accessed via an escalator), the exterior of the building, The Grand Staircase and the Heritage Ballroom (subject to availability).

Please note that the 90 minute tour involves stairs, continuous standing and walking.

We will catch the **8.36 am** train, platform 1 from Hornsby Station and alight at Wynyard Station 9.19 am. It is then a short walk to the Fullerton Hotel (former GPO) - meeting point Concierge Desk.

ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE MIDGET SUBMARINE ATTACK

The Naval Historical Society of Australia

WEDNESDAY, 29TH MAY, 2026

\$70.00 per person

THIS OUTING NOW CLOSED

FINAL BALANCE TO BE PAID BY 2ND APRIL, 2026 LIMIT OF 25 PERSONS

King Street Wharf 3, Darling Harbour

Check in time: 9.30 am Boarding Time: 9.45 am for 10.00 am departure

Return: 1.00 pm

We will catch the **8.16 a.m.** train from Hornsby (platform 1) to Wynyard arriving at 8.55 a.m. We will then walk to Darling Harbour to join our cruise at King Street Wharf 3.

This cruise will provide a detailed description of events leading up to and during the attack. We will be taken to sites on the Harbour where key events occurred and a comprehensive description of how those events on 31st May & 1st June, 1942 unfolded.

The story will be told by expert narrators from the Naval Historical Society of Australia.

Morning Tea is included.

NSW ART GALLERY
ARCHIBALD, WYNNE AND SULMAN EXHIBITION

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE, 2026

\$37.00 per person

Please make your own way to the NSW Art Gallery. We will meet at the main front entrance Naala Nura. **Please arrive by 9.45 am** for entry to the Gallery for our 10.00 am private tour.

15 min walk to Art Gallery across the Domain

10.00 am - 1hr guided, private group tour of the exhibition. We will meet our guide in the Kalder Hall of Naala Nura, opposite the welcome desk.

Option to explore the Galleries at your leisure after the tour

Return walk to Martin Place/Wynyard Station OR bus 441 from Art Gallery to QVB at Town Hall.

TRISH

LUCAS HEIGHTS DISCOVERY CENTRE

20th AUGUST, 2026

\$100.00

Pick up: Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights, 8.30 a.m. - return approximately 5.00 p.m.

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) is home to some of Australia's most critical scientific infrastructure including the nation's only research reactor, a suite of neutron beam instruments, particle accelerators, cyclotrons and the Australian Synchrotron.

The education officers will explain how through applying their knowledge of the basic building blocks of our universe, scientists are helping solve the big issues surrounding health, climate change and innovation for industry. The tour is customised for our group with non-technical explanations and minimal walking.

Following our tour at ANSTO, we will enjoy a relaxing two-course lunch at the Woronora Boat Shed, a picturesque riverside venue. If time permits, we will finish the day with a visit to Hazelhurst Art Gallery.

***Each member must bring their ID with them on the day.**

***Enclosed shoes must be worn - no open toed sandals.**

Tour includes:

- Morning Tea
- Guided tour of Lucas Heights Discovery Centre
- 2 course lunch at Woronora Boat Shed
- Coach transport

***PLEASE ALSO FILL OUT YOUR DETAILS ON THE ANSTO TOUR BOOKING SHEET.**

TRISH

OUR NEWCASTLE HARBOUR LUNCHEON CRUISE

Our members certainly enjoyed the sights Newcastle Harbour had to offer as we cruised the port and picturesque foreshore. The Port of Newcastle is the world's largest coal export port. The port has the capacity to handle 10,000 ship movements and over 200 million tonne of cargo annually. At present over 2,200 trade vessels visit the port each year - exporting valuable cargo such as coal, grain, vegetable oils, alumina, fertiliser and ore concentrates to markets overseas.

Our freshly prepared buffet lunch was very much appreciated as was the beautiful sunny weather and sparkling water. A very interesting day with the bonus of happy, friendly company.



TRISH

Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share It

WALKS

AMPC WALKS PROGRAM 2026

Date	Destination	Details	Lunch
Mar 26	Como to Oatley including Como Park Pleasure Gardens Historic Railway Bridge Scenic Views of Georges River.	2-3 km one way 2 walk groups Downhill and then flat, easy. <i>Travel details to be provided at the March meeting.</i>	Oatley Hotel
Apr 23	Huntley's Point via Gladesville Bridge to Drummoyne Sailing Club	3.2 km. Hilly at the start and then a steep incline to the top of the bridge. 1.8 km short walk from Drummoyne Ferry Wharf.	Drummoyne Sailing Club
May 28	Hungry Point Walkway to Cronulla via Cronulla Beach Walk.	<u>Feature Walk 1</u> An extension of the Cronulla Beach walk. 4.5 km. Easy with some steps. Bus to Start.	Scenic Views from the RSL Club
Jun 25	Meadowbank station to Olympic Park Wharf and Riverside Walk.	TBC	
Jul 23	Reserve Day		
Aug 27	Dover Heights to Watsons Bay		Doyles
Sep 24	Reserve Day. Hopefully Greenway Walk.		
Oct 22	Balmoral Beach	2 easy walks, the long walk involves steps down from Middle Head Road.	BYO or fish n chips at baths.
Nov 26	Greenway Walk Dulwich Hill to Fish Markets.	<u>Feature Walk 2</u> 6.2km if doing entire walk. Follows the tram track.	Fish Markets

Please Note

1. There is no Christmas function listed in the above program due to a numbers issue and a clash with dates.
2. Two replacement dates have been booked with Berowra RSL for a Christmas function: Tuesday 7 December 6pm or Wednesday 8 December 12.30pm.
3. Reserve Days are listed to enable rescheduling of cancelled walk activities due to weather or personal issues. The November walk will be rescheduled when we have certainty as to when the Bankstown Metro opens.

Laurie

HOSPITALITY

Lunch Outing at The Fiddler, Rouse Hill, Wednesday 25th March

There is a great value Seniors 2 for 1 meal deal available

Train Times:

Berowra 10.43, Mt Kuring 10.47, Mt Colah 10.50, Asquith 10.53, arr Hornsby 10.57.

11.11am CCN train Hornsby to Epping, platform 3

Change at Epping to 11.56 Metro train, platform 6, down escalator, alight at Rouse Hill

Then it's a comfortable 15 minute walk to The Fiddler.

Returning Home:

Rouse Hill Station

1.50 train, platform 1, alight Epping 2.11

Change to platform 3, up escalator, 2.15 CCN train to Hornsby, arriving 2.25.

OR

2.00 train, platform 1, alight Epping 2.21

Change to platform 2, up escalator, 2.28 train to Hornsby, arriving 2.45.

Hope to see you there.

Morning Tea: Somewhere different and new on the market

Galston High School in Canteen Area, Tuesday 31 March, 10am

Coffee and tea, freshly-made scones with jam and cream as well as other cakes to choose from.

Address: 403 Galston Road, Galston (tables and chairs provided)

Looking forward to seeing you there and helping promote Galston High School.

Jane

SPEAKERS

Everyone who has ever been employed will have had a Superannuation account – an entirely legal construct, so we thought it was appropriate to ask a legal expert to discuss this topic.

We consequently invited Mark Squire- a director and Team Leader – Wills and Estates, at Vinden Lawyers in Chatswood to speak in February.

He is a lawyer of long standing who specialises in Estate planning, including Superannuation issues, and the resolution of poorly drafted Wills.,

He discussed Will disputes and other elements of modern life including blended family challenges.

In March at the AGM Robert Allison will give a talk, he will discuss unexpected finds in family trees discovered by the genetic analysis using DNA.

Robert is a well-regarded member of the Club who is not only our webmaster but also audits the accounts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	3
1 st & 3 rd Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	3
3 rd Wed of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	3
3 rd Tuesday of Month	Carer's Group	Yenda Holland	3
5 March 2026	Annual General Meeting	Barry Willick	
12 March 2026	Committee Meeting	Barry Willick	
11 March 2026	Dolls	Carol Channon	3
25 March 2026	Lunch at the Fiddler	Jane Platts	9
26 March 2026	Como to Oatley Walk	Laurie Keaton	8
31 March 2026	Morning Tea Galston High	Jane Platts	9
2 April 2026	General Meeting	Mal Steel	
9 April 2026	Committee Meeting	Mal Steel	
8 April 2026	Dolls	Carol Channon	3
16 April 2026	GPO Tour	Trish Taylor	5
23 April 2026	Huntley's Point to Drummoyne Sail Club Walk	Laurie Keaton	8

