



Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SOME THOUGHTS ON 2020

What I missed — hugs, hugs and hugs BUT I gained cherishing, cherishing and more cherishing as the family made sure we had food and toilet paper!!

What I missed — singing in church, BUT the joy when we were able to come back to it.

What I missed — lots of social activities especially early on, BUT found lots of new places to go walking.

What I missed — face to face gatherings, talks, church, BUT I learnt the wonders of Zoom — and I now have the joy of not Zooming everywhere.

What I missed — the book exchange table at Probud, BUT I discovered all these street libraries in unexpected places.

These are just some of the things I missed during the COVID lockdown months. Why not add yours next month?

Mary Potter



Meeting Dates

Arrive 9.30 for 10.00 start, finish 12.00 on

Thurs 6 May 2021

Thurs 3 June 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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BSB No: 633-000 Account No.: 139 637 029

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COMMITTEE NOTES - APRIL 2021

1. Mary Potter has some interesting speakers lined up for this year. May meeting Robert Green will speak about the History of Asquith.
2. Jim & Judy Thompson and their sub-committee have been busy planning some great outings throughout the year, with our trip to Yamba in May, a visit to Prince Henry Hospital 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.
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. Laurie Keaton is looking at an online programme called "Sydney Wild Walks" - that should prove interesting.
6. A robust conversation was held around Succession Planning for future Office Bearers and Activity organisers. Please think about some of these positions, as next year there needs to be new members taking on these positions. This will be good for the club, as it will bring new ideas. So please think about it.

Pam Slater

Secretary

Treasurer's Report as at 6 April, 2021

Income received for year to date	\$7,157	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$ 1,392</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ 5,765
 Add previous year's surplus of		 <u>\$ 9,881</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$15,647</u>
 This surplus consists of cash of		 \$22,890
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 7,243</u>
 Total member equity		 <u>\$15,647</u>

Yenda Holland 7 April 2021



Payment of Monies

As we are now back to normal and trying to eliminate as much congestion as possible round the activity desks, the procedure for payment will be as follows for those paying by EFT.

Monies paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) should be made to: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633-000

Account: 139 637 029

Account Name: Asquith Mixed Probus Club

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. A copy of the EFT receipt and a completed Activities Payment Voucher shall be presented at the **Activity Organiser's desk** to have your attendance confirmed and a receipt provided. It would also be helpful if you would email a copy of the bank receipt to the Assistant Treasurer. Any transaction that cannot be identified will be forfeited to the Club.

Those people **paying by cash** or cheque are to first take their payment and a completed Activities Payment Voucher to the Payments Desk prior to taking it to the Activity Organiser.

Please remember, if you have listed for an activity and are no longer able to attend, please let the Activity Organiser know as soon as possible.

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

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 & second Wed in the month. Mary Glasby

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor		5 th Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD, Jigsaw	Sunny Dougall & Robert Montgomery	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
		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 2021-22

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ACTIVITIES JIM & JUDY THOMPSON

SUNDAY 16 TO FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021 – YAMBA

YAMBA. 25 members are off to Yamba in May. We depart Hornsby by train (Grafton XPT) at 07.47 am platform 5 on Sunday 16 May 2021. We return at 7.38 pm on Friday 21 May. Could you please pay the final amount of \$1,000 pp by 26 April (plus single supp of \$250 pp if applicable). We are staying at the Aston Motel, 37 Colestream St, Yamba ph 02 66462199, 0491 300 261.

10 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.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES (MORE DETAILS LATER).

15 JULY. 10 PIN Bowling at Hornsby RSL.

19 AUGUST. Car Fun Run organised by Angus Dougall.

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.



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, with a morning drive around the area. Route directions are provided, with a list of questions for the observers to answer
The questions are simply observation, with some easy, some a little harder; with ample time allowed, so there is no need to rush.



At the end of the first stage, we have a pleasant Morning Tea break probably from around 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 prize 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.

University of Sydney New Chau Chak Wing Museum

By Jeremy Steele

On Thursday 15 April some twenty-odd AMPC members, on an excursion organised by Jim and Judy Thompson, visited the new museum in the University of Sydney. The Chau Chak Wing Museum opened in November last year. It principally combines the collections of the former Nicholson Museum of Antiquities, the Macleay Museum of science, anthropology and natural history, together with the university's art collection.



The museum, a modern airy structure of concrete and glass on the site of the old tennis courts, occupies pride of place in front of the Great Hall. It is, after the Ross Street gatehouse, the first significant structure the visitor encounters on entering the University at what is effectively its main entrance.

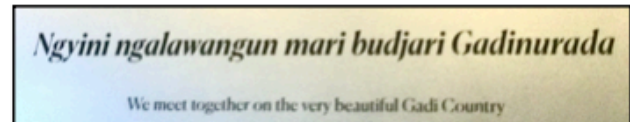
The day's guide was Fran Keeling, a graduate student in the Archaeology Department, with interests in classical archaeology, mythology, and excavations in Cyprus.

The former Nicholson Museum was the leading collection of classical and near-eastern antiquities in Australia. It was begun by Sir Charles Nicholson, one of the founding fathers of the university and its second provost/first chancellor.

The Macleay collection is no less significant. Divisions cover Australian insects, fish, birds, reptiles, molluscs, fossils and scientific instruments. Its rich repertoire includes historic photographs, as well as as several 'type specimens', these being the first specimens of particular species to which later examples were compared. So varied is the Macleay that one international visitor exclaimed: '*Quelle mélange extraordinaire!*' (what an astonishing mixture).

In the Museum's art collection component, attention was drawn to the works of John Power. It was not until the death of his widow in 1961 that the university became aware of its largest ever bequest at the time, one that this donor had made for contemporary art. The university duly established a

fine arts department, a gallery and a research library, but the Power Bequest did not find real fulfilment until 1989 with the establishment of the Museum of Contemporary Art in the old Maritime Services Building at Circular Quay in the city. At least now some of Power's works are on public display in the new museum within the university to which his spectacular benefaction was made.

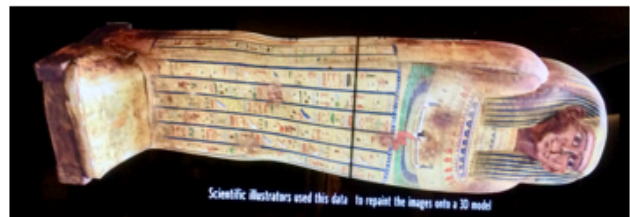


A statement of welcome in the entrance acknowledges the traditional owners of the land: literally: 'you, we two, sit in very good Gadi country'. The university is actually in the country of the Wangal, or people of Wonn, the most famous of whom was Bennelong.

Tour highlights included the following: On one of the four floors there was a temporary display of paintings from Arnhem Land, together with cultural artefacts such as intricately woven fishing nets and dilly bags. On another floor there were the earliest computers including Silliac, built in the university in around 1956, then occupying three rooms: today your camera has more computing power, we were told.



A mummy case: Hieroglyphs give the name of the owner as Mer-Neith-it-es, from about 2500 years ago.



Recently the mummy case was opened, and found to contain detritus left by tomb robbers seeking valuables in the funerary wrappings. It was examined using today's scientific capability.



Guide Fran Keeling showing some of the AMPC members grave plaques and related objects in the Roman section.



Also in the Roman section of the museum is a thematic representation of the city of Pompeii. This portrays landmarks and events from over the ages—all made of Lego. Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.



Another section of the museum contains a wall-sized display case full of stuffed birds, some lying prone and straight on their backs, preserved like this for scientific study. Others are mounted in lifelike poses, including these specimens of the *Lophochroa cockatoo* from dry regions such as Dubbo in New South Wales. The particular pair illustrated are *Leadbeater* cockatoos from Central Australia. As everyone knows, birds travel around using their wings: this led the guide to jest that this particular bird room had become known to staff as the Chau Chak Wing 'wing' Wing.

When the tour was over, the whole AMPC group opted to have a little something in the museum's cafe overlooking the Ross Street sandstone gate house. Where in any other cafe there might be a *potplant* or a fish tank, here beside the tables was a limestone sarcophagus decorated with garlands and 'Winged Victories': Italian from c. AD 100-250. Any other university, too, might give a lot for such an item, but once again this object appears to have been deemed not quite good enough in archaeological excellence to be admitted into the museum proper.



The place where the head went can be seen at the far end. Previously this sarcophagus was nearly lost amongst the shrubbery outside the original Nicholson Museum in the south-west corner of the quadrangle.



The Main Building of the university, including the clock tower and great hall at the right hand end, as seen from the Chau Chak Wing Museum forecourt.

Chau Chak Wing, according to Wikipedia, has been a generous benefactor to numerous institutions in Australia, the latest instance of his largesse being the munificent gift to the university of the Chau Chak Wing Museum visited by AMPC. A Chinese-Australian property developer, CCW is the founder of the Kingold Group based in Guanhzhou in China. Over the last twenty years CCW has also had interests in newspapers that he founded. He was born in 1954 in Guangdong province and is reputed to be a multi-billionaire.

WELFARE REPORT

Heather Rooke was admitted to the SAH with a chest infection, she was put on a course of intravenous and oral antibiotics and was discharged to her home 4 days later. Heather still doesn't feel 100% well but is very appreciative of the caring being given to her by her husband Barry.

John Davies has been in the SAH for the past 2 weeks and has undergone some serious procedures. Firstly, John's heart had an irregular beat, which his son thought may have been indicative of atrial fibrillation, this proved not to be the case and there is still no explanation as to the irregularity. Since that time, John has undergone surgery for a bleeding duodenal ulcer. As a result of scans John had undergone during and after this surgery, he was diagnosed with bowel cancer. John has undergone successful surgery and also the necessary testing performed when cancer is diagnosed. John tells me he has "seen the hand of God" because all tests carried out have come back clear of any cancer. John will remain at the SAH for at least 1 more week and then possibly go to Mt Wilga for rehabilitation.

Lance Williamson was admitted to the SAH on 17th April suffering with cellulitis, he was placed on intravenous antibiotics until last Wednesday then discharged home with enough antibiotics to last until the weekend. Still not feeling well, Lance saw his GP today and has been put on antibiotics for another week as the cellulitis is still present. A message from Lance, "He'll see everybody at the 5th Thursday BBQ.

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating their birthday this month

Denise Mayhew

Pot Luck Dinners.

Hello Everyone, now that restrictions are being lifted and we are all keen to get out and about I would like to encourage you all to join in the POTLUCK DINNERS.

It is a wonderful way to meet and get to know your fellow Club Members.

Six people agree to meet at a time that suits them all, taking it in turns to Host the gathering in their homes.

The Host couple are responsible for the main course and the other two couples for Entrée and Dessert.

This is not meant to be onerous, just something simple. The whole idea is to enjoy each other's company.

I already have 14 on the list but would like to see many more participating.

Anne Heaton.

Walk Activities



Ball's
Head
Walk



Ball's Head Bush Supper

WALK REPORT

The Ball's Head walk was very enjoyable despite threatening weather on the way. Thank you to all the late stand-ins who conducted the walk.

The Meadowbank walk is intended to be very social, historical and leisurely. Please note payment for lunch at Como would be appreciated today. See Laurie to make your meal choice at the May or June meeting. Final bookings and payment to the management company are required before 10th June.

Future Walks

Thursday May 27

What: Parramatta River pathway from Meadowbank Station to Kissing Point Ferry Terminal. Ferry to Cabarita Park for Lunch and ferry/rail trip home. **Easy 3.4 walk.** Historical component at Kissing point including Bennelong's Burial Site and Memorial and Squires Brewer (Research by Jeremy Steele)

Travel: T9 Train Hornsby Platform 4 Dep 09.16 arr 09.42 Cars 4-5.

11.16 or 11.46 Ferry to Cabarita (6 mins).

Return Ferries to Barangaroo – 22 and 52 mins past the hour (31 mins)

Return Ferries to Meadowbank. - 19 and 49 mins past hour (11 mins).

Bring/Lunch: Bring refreshments for morning tea - stoppage by the River bank.

Picnic Lunch and suitable refreshments – Cabarita Park

Sanders Kiosk would not be able to cater for more than 15 for lunch .

Takeaway fish and chip is available.

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.

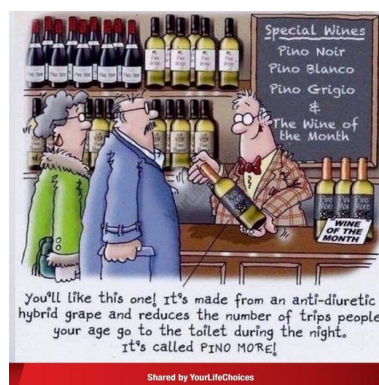
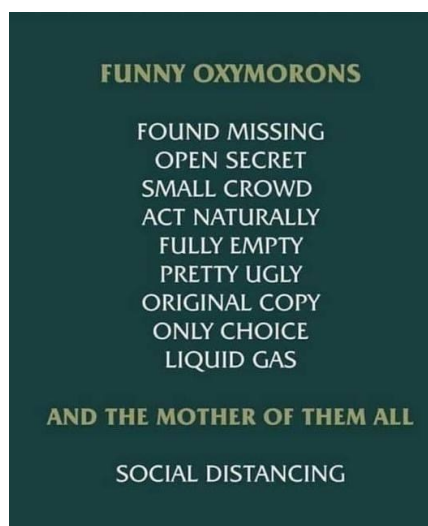
Due to the large number of Registrations will probably have to use cars 5 & 6 also

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 by today's meeting. **This includes a \$6 Non-refundable deposit (after Thursday 10 June)**



PROGRAM/SPEAKERS

SPEAKERS

We welcomed back Graham Sims as our April presenter. Who remembers Jaffas, or Fantaes, maybe Poly Waffles or blocks of honeycomb?



It was quite nostalgic as members remembered the lollies of their childhood, along with other memories of buying bags of broken biscuits at the corner shop.

The May meeting brings something quite different as local Robert Green talks a little about the history of Asquith. His book on the subject is being released the day after our meeting, and Robert will be taking orders at the conclusion of our meeting.

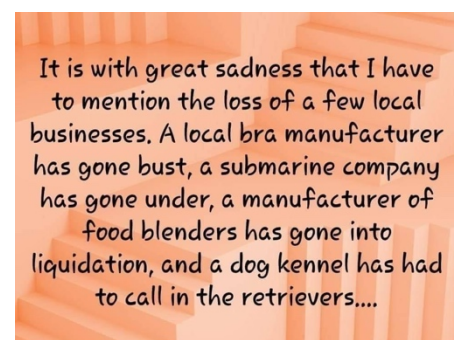
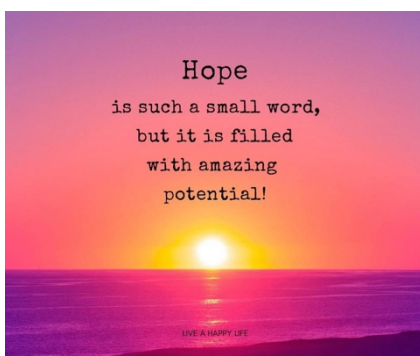
Mary.

HOSPITALITY / DINING OUT

Bastille Day lunch at Allegro 14th July

Still places left at \$65 if anyone's interested.

Vicki.



THEATRES RHONDA WILSON

GOOD OLD DAY CONCERT - with Bernard and DAVID HOBSON

I've had a disappointing response for this, so will do an individual booking rather than having priority booking.

Monday 21 JUNE 2PM

Sydney Town Hall

\$45

Interested? email me or see me at May Meeting

COME FROM AWAY

WEDNESDAY 18th AUGUST, 1:00pm

CAPITOL THEATRE

Price \$75.00 Payment **no later than MAY Meeting**

HAMILTON

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2pm Lyric Theatre

Price: \$110 Due No later than JULY Meeting

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA - Sydney Opera House

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 1PM

\$110

NOTE - Tickets are marked Restricted Viewing

PAYMENT - BY 15 MAY



I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event

It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

At what point can we just start using 2020 as profanity?

As in: "That's a load of 2020." or "What in the 2020." or "abso-2020-lutely."

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

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