



Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

President's Corner.

Having missed most of the October Activities because of time spent in Adelaide with my family, and then a medical procedure with complications, I realize how important Probud is in my life. I really miss the on-going connection with fellow members, and the enjoyable participation in our activities. I am grateful for the wonderful team we have on the Committee, and that everything has run smoothly in my absence.

Having lost a number of members during the lock-down period, it is good to see a steady growth in our membership, and we are now only 12 below our maximum of 150. I encourage you all to be aware of who the new members are, and to make them feel welcome. Interaction between members is an important aspect of our life as a club and we are much more than just an audience at someone else's performance. Next Meeting, WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE, and see if you can find someone you haven't met before!

John Davies

JULIAN LEESER MP VISITED AMPC ON 6th OCTOBER 2022



Meeting Dates

Thursday 3 November 2022, at Magpies, 10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 1st December 2022

No General Meeting in December but we will have our Christmas Lunch at 12 NOON AT MAGPIES.

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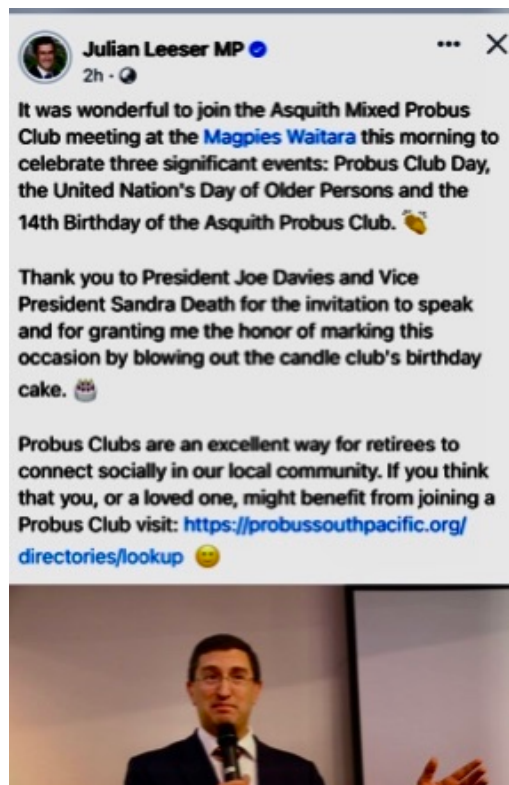
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COMMITTEE NOTES - OCTOBER 2022

1. It is wonderful to see all these new members joining now that we have all been vaccinated for Covid-19. Please check the Bulletin for the many activities we have on offer and remember to put your name down for activities at the tables at the back of the room. Also take a look at the books and jigsaw puzzles.
2. **If you would like to take part** as an Observer at our Committee Meeting, please see a Committee Member. This is a good opportunity for new members to see how we operate. Meeting is held the second Thursday of the month. (the week after General Meeting).
3. **For members who wish to pay cash**, when placing your envelope in the box, you may now request a receipt, this will help you to remember which event you have paid for.
4. If you know one of our members is sick, please **notify Vicki** so she can call that person.
5. Please notify **Barry Willick** to register your attendance or apology for the November meeting. Please do so by the Tuesday before the meeting so he can advise the club of numbers for setup and morning tea.

Pam Slater

Secretary

Treasurer's Report as at 10 October 2022

Funds received so far this year	\$9,677	
Reduced by expenses of	\$9,672	
Leaving funds available so far this year		\$5
 Add all previous year's surplus funds		<u>\$11,290</u>
Leaving members funds available		<u><u>\$11,295</u></u>
 ... The above funds consist of cash		\$49,829
less - mainly member payments for future activities		<u>\$38,534</u>
Total member funds		<u><u>\$11,295</u></u>



Procedure for payment for now is as follows:

All cash or cheques should be placed in an envelope with your name, activity and cost of event written on the outside.

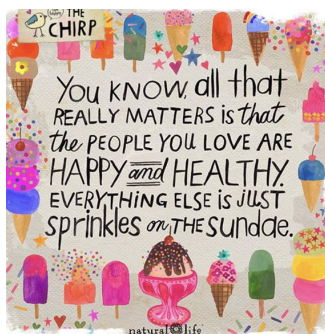
Envelopes will be retained by Treasurer as a receipt, and bank statements will confirm payments by EFT.

Please pay **EFT's** prior to monthly meetings including your name and outing abbreviation. Print and retain a copy of the bank receipt.

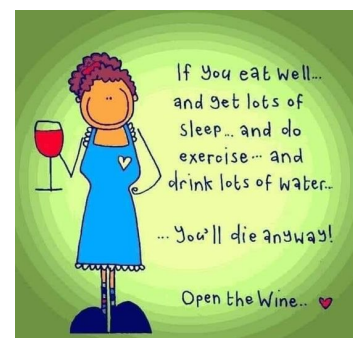
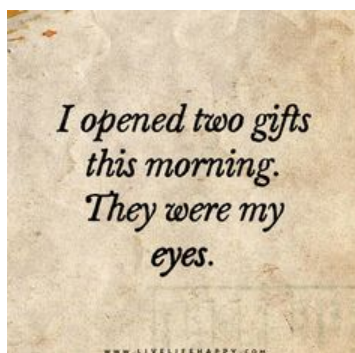
Monies paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) should be made to:

Account Name: Asquith Mixed Probus Club
BSB: 633-000
Account: 139 637 029

Please advise the outings organiser if you are unable to attend an outing and advise Treasurer if refund or transfer to a different activity is required.



Today be thankful and think how rich you are. Your family is priceless. Your health is wealth. Your time is gold.



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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome. Phone Mary at

MEN'S GROUP Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies. Contact Robert Allison
No Meeting in November due to Jindabyne Trip.

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 th 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		
	Committee		
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			
Assistant Walks	Dianne Watson		
Historian/Public Officer	Sandra Death		
Past President	John Channon		

DINING OUT & HOSPITALITY

14th Birthday Lunch

This year the AMPC Birthday Lunch was held at Ku-Ring-gai Wildflower Gardens. Fortunately, it was held indoors in Caley's Pavilion as there was some rain during the lunch. 90 of us squeezed into the pavilion for a spit roast catered lunch. The tables were beautifully set up with checked table cloths, balloons and streamers. There was time to chat before the delicious lunch. After lunch Vince Hughes entertained us with his ukulele and some humorous songs, John Lee stood in for Barry Willick to tell us a joke and lucky door prizes were given to the winning numbers. We were all asked to wear bright clothes for the occasion and Lula Andersen and Barry Mayhew were awarded prizes for the brightest clothes. There was dessert, tea and coffee and more chatting before we all set off for home after a great time together.

Our thanks to Judy Thompson and her team for organising the event and setting things up so well.



WELFARE

I heard of one person who had a fall and has ongoing problems. I'm sure we all wish that person all the best in their recovery.

If anyone hears that someone has a problem please let me know. I will keep confidential about anything I'm told unless I get permission to disclose. I will just make a call to offer condolences and help.

Best wishes to everyone having a birthday this month and remember to grab a chockie from the book table.

Vicki McPherson 😊

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas Lunch will be held at Magpies on Thursday 1st December.

This is our meeting day but at 12noon not 10am as there is no meeting.

Catered for by Magpies. Buy your own drinks.

Sign up now. Must pay \$42 by 3rd November.

regards,
Judy



SPEAKERS

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

We have invited Eric Hiam back to complete his talk on retirement planning.

This a second presentation as the topic is too big to cover in one session.

Before I introduce Eric, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful effort made by Mary Potter who was able to produce a speaker every month for nearly 14 years- an amazing achievement.

Mary please take a bow.

Now today Eric will cover- –

- Granny Flat Rights - Gifting properties to family, also discussing the gifting rules
- Planning for the future - the need for POA, Enduring POA, BDNs, etc.
- Estate Planning & Management - General overview of Probate and planning Tax implications within super fund & Super downsizer initiative

Topics of interest to everyone over 60!

Jim Jeffries

**CONGRATULATIONS ANNE HEATON
ON 10 YEARS MEMBERSHIP of AMPC.**



TOURS & EXCURSIONS

REPORT ON PROBUS HARBOUR CRUISE ON FRIDAY 30 SEPT 2022



On Friday 30 Sept, Probus members took part in a Harbour cruise organized by the Naval Historical Society. We commenced by sailing past the Maritime Museum and saw the destroyer HMAS Vampire and the submarine HMAS Otway. We saw the replica of Cook's Endeavour and were amazed how small it was for the vast voyages it undertook.

On the way over to HMAS Waterhen at Waverton the guide outlined the important role that mines have played in naval operations. We sailed past the four RAN coastal minehunters. They are made of fibreglass to give a low magnetic signature and for increased shock resistance. They use sonar to detect mines and a ROV to inspect mines and destroy them.

Next, we sailed around Cockatoo Island and heard of its vital role in building ships in wartime operations. We then saw Spectacle Island and Snapper Island. These islands are not open to the public but have important histories.

The narration by the speakers from the Naval Historical Society was very well informed and illustrated by most interesting projected slides. Anyone who is interested in learning more about these topics should visit their website at www.navyhistory.org.au.

Jim Thompson



JINDABYNE Trip away 13-18 November 2022

Coach pickup from Hornsby Station at Stand B at 8am.

Please be ready to board at least 10 minutes prior to departure and bring your completed Emergency Medical form.

The bus returns to Hornsby Station

Lunch by the water January 19th 2023

- Start the New Year at a lunch with friends
- Enjoy some fun in the sun, near the water
- Venue TBA
- Costs will be limited to public transport and your own meal

Mayfield Gardens Festival & Oberon in Autumn April 4-6th 2023

3-day tour

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

Single supplement \$150

Please see the Flyer later in this newsletter for full details.

The sign on sheet is available at the November meeting

OnCourse

TOURS AND TRAVEL

MAYFIELD GARDEN

&

OBERON IN AUTUMN

4TH - 6TH APRIL 2023

3 DAY TOUR

Although each season has its own special charm, autumn is particularly beautiful with the mountains cloaked in rich veils of gold and red. We will spend a leisurely 3 days taking in many of the spectacular gardens of the region as well as exploring some of its fascinating towns and villages. Oberon is an interesting town surrounded by state forests and rich grazing country.

A highlight of the tour will be the amazing Mayfield Garden, one of the largest cool climate gardens in the world. It is beautifully designed with manicured lawns, a rose walk, a rhododendron walk, a maze, a croquet lawn, parterre garden, aviary, conservatorium, orchard, vegetable garden, water garden, obelisk, chapel and many more treasures at every turn.

We will travel to Oberon on the Bells Line of Road to Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens where we will enjoy a picnic lunch before continuing on to Mt Wilson. Our return will see us travel over the Great Western Highway taking in all the autumn colour on offer at Blackheath, Leura and Wentworth Falls.

Our accommodation is at the Big Trout Motor Inn at Oberon and our host, will guide us through the region on roads less travelled. At an elevation of over 1,100 metres, you will feel Oberon's crisp cool air doing you good with every breath!

Other features include:

- Mt Tomah Botanic Garden
- Mt Wilson Gardens
- Everglades Garden at Leura
- Villages of Rydal, Tarana & O'Connell
- Katoomba Fine Art Gallery
- Leura Village & Wentworth Falls



Cost per person is \$825.00 twin share, including a group pick up, all meals and admissions. Single Supplement is \$150.00. Big Trout Motor Inn 6336 2100.

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OBERON IN AUTUMN

3 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1

This morning we will enjoy morning tea at Windsor before continuing along the Bells Line of Road through Kurrajong and Bilpin to the Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens at Mount Tomah. The garden was established in 1972 and contains 28 hectares of manicured gardens within a further 120 hectares of native vegetation. It is administered by the Botanic Gardens Trust and there will be time to stroll through the gardens and take in the sublime views from the Visitors Centre.

Our next destination is the delightful village of Mount Wilson which we will explore on the coach with a "Behind the Hedges Tour" before our inspection of the beautiful Windyridge Garden. Roger Davidson owns the garden and designed it in conjunction with landscape architect Gordon Sykes. It showcases a fabulous array of cool climate plants and has become one of the most popular gardens in the mountains. We will enjoy a delicious picnic lunch under the gazebo. This afternoon we will travel across to Oberon on the Darling Causeway through Mount Victoria and historic Hartley. We will arrive at the Big Trout with time to relax before our 3 course dinner at 7.00 pm.

DAY 2

Following a hearty country breakfast we will head to the amazing Mayfield Garden which is sure to be one of the highlights of the tour. It is one of the largest privately owned cool climate gardens in the world, nestled within a 5,000 acre working farm. Although a young garden it is sure to delight. The Water Garden is open year round but each year in autumn and spring the entire 160 acres is open to explore. We will take in the Chapel at the top of the site and then roam through the Rose Garden, The Aviary, The Walled Kitchen Garden and the spectacular 80 metre cascade.

After our picnic lunch today at the Oberon Common we will be joined by our local guide. Maria McGrath's family has been farming in the region for 6 generations and currently has over 4,000 acres of wheat and sheep. Maria will focus much of her town tour on the thriving timber industry and we will see several of the enormous mills that operate around the clock. We will also take in the Oberon Dam before enjoying some time to explore the town on foot. We will return to our motel around 5.00pm with dinner again being at 7.00 pm.

DAY 3

This morning we will travel to Blackheath with morning tea at the Memorial Rhododendron Gardens. We will then visit the excellent Katoomba Fine Art Gallery which always has an excellent range of landscapes on display along with some more unusual pieces of artwork.

Our next destination is the National Trust's Everglades Garden which is an absolute picture in the spring. This treasure from the 1930s, designed by Paul Sorensen, spans 12 ½ acres with breathtaking views over the Jamieson Valley. Following our lunch at Leura we will have a little time to explore the Leura Village with its many fine shops and galleries before continuing on to Wentworth Falls to take in more sublime mountain scenery. We return to Sydney along the Great Western Highway approx 5.30 pm.

Due to any unforeseen circumstances this itinerary may change

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. 65% of Australia seafood (and some great wine) comes from this region and doesn't get any fresher than what we enjoy on our seafood discovery adventures. We explore the stunning outback & coastal scenery of the Eyre Peninsula. An Eco Whale watching cruise awaits us at Fowlers Bay, as well as spotting Southern Right whales & calves from the cliffs at the Head of the Bight.

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

Prices are from Adelaide and don't include local accommodation or airfares from Sydney

The great news is we now have more spaces available; up to 25 people (currently 18 are going)

This is the last month we will advertise it exclusively for Asquith Probus members, so please come and see us if it interests you. Next month we will begin advertising it with local Probus clubs.



WALKS

Despite a number of withdrawals due to threatening weather 23 members attended the Big River Walk at Penrith. Some members may not be aware that a forecast of 90% rain statistically means in a 10 day period there would be rain on 9 days in the designated forecast area. As Penrith was on the very fringe of the designated Forecast area (Sydney Basin) and on the various Bureau of Meteorology Charts the decision was taken to proceed. Only a few spots of rain were received.

The Final walk for the year is at the very picturesque Barnett's and Naa Badu Lookouts.

The Walk to Naa Badu is for the better walkers and will depend on the state of the Berkeley Fire Trail.

Strollers/Stragglers will have about an hour at Barnett's to enjoy a social get together and short stroll to the lookout before adjourning to the Berowra Club for the social evening. Bring nibbles and drinks for the activity at Barnett's. There are ample picnic tables with seating.

Members registered for the activity will have received NSW Government Park Location Map and instructions re payment for the dinner by email. If not on the internet pick up this information at the Walks Desk at the November Meeting.

Evening Walk and End of Year Function

Thursday 24 November 2022

TWO LOOKOUT Walks

4.10 pm – **Assemble at Barnett's Road Reserve Berowra Heights**

At the Roundabout, just before Berowra Heights Shopping Centre turn left towards Berowra Waters Ferry but continue straight off into Barnett's Road and follow it to the very end.

4.20 pm - Very short walk to **Barnett's Lookout** – Wheelchair friendly.

Stragglers Enjoy the park at your leisure.

4.35 pm - **Depart for Naa Badu Lookout** (there is a short but quite steep incline at the start).
Park in Berkeley or Clinton Close at the bottom of the hill.

4.45 - Return walk to Naa Badu lookout.

5.40-45 - Return to Berowra RSL **Club for 6 pm dinner.**

**"LONG WALKERS" PENRITH TWIN BRIDGES SHORT WALK GROUP ENJOYING BREAK
NEAR PENRITH FOOTBRIDGE**



GROUP INDUCTION OF 7 MEMBERS, WELCOME TO AMPC.



Congratulations Kevin, Lorraine and Robin on Receiving your OBE's.





Wednesday November 16th.

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

997 Pacific Highway, Berowra (opposite railway station)

Only \$6 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.

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

HOW THE INTERNET STARTED, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

PLEASE DO NOT GOOGLE THIS ONE OR CHECK WITH SNOPE. THEY WILL LIE TO YOU.

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy (Dot for short).

Dot Com was a homely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success.

Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew.

It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.

Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known.

He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE)

That is how it all began.

And that's the truth. I would not make up this stuff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	5	
1 st & 3 rd Wed. 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	5	
3 rd Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	5	
3 rd November	General Meeting	John Davies		
9 th November	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
10 th November	Committee Meeting	John Davies		
13-18 th November	Jindabyne Tour	Mal Steel	6	
16 th November	Trivia in Berowra	Keith Carson	16	
24 th November	Evening Walk/ end of year function	Laurie Keaton	13	
1 st December	Christmas Lunch at Magpies	Judy Thompson	7	
8 th December	Committee Meeting	John Davies		

The TRUTH is, that all of the "STUFF" here on earth we work SO hard to buy and accumulate..does NOT mean a thing. At the end of the day...people will be cleaning out our "STUFF", going thru our "STUFF", figuring out what to do with all of our "STUFF"this "STUFF" we've accumulated in our life. The only thing of VALUE that remains are the MEMORIES and what we deposit into others. May we all learn to spend less time accumulating "STUFF" and spend way more time making MEMORIES.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

- A cashless society means **no cash. Zero.**
- If doesn't mean mostly cashless and you can still use a 'wee bit of cash here and there'.
- Cashless means fully digital, fully traceable, fully controlled.
- I think those who support a cashless society aren't fully aware of what they're asking for.

A CASHLESS SOCIETY MEANS:

- No more tuck-away cash for those preparing to leave domestic violence.
- No more purchases off marketplace unless you want to risk bank transfer fraud.
- No more garage sales.
- No more cash donations to hungry homeless you pass.
- No more cash slipped into the hands of a child from their grandparent.
- No more money in birthday cards.
- No more piggy banks or tooth fairy for your child.
- No more selling bits and pieces from your home that you no longer want/need for a bit of cash in return.
- Less choices of where you purchase based on affordability.

WHAT A CASHLESS SOCIETY DOES GUARANTEE:

- Banks have full control of every single cent you own.
- Every transaction you make is recorded.
- All your movements and actions are traceable.