



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

President’s corner.

Spring is here with a very warm summer predicated by the weather gurus. The remaining months of 2023 in Australia are likely to be hot and dry, particularly in Sydney and NSW. Combined with the background warming of climate change, climate scientists have warned Australia could be in for a summer of severe heat.

Our 15th Birthday celebrations held on Thursday 19/10/23 at Bobbin Head was an outstanding event, thank you Rhonda Wilson and your team for all the catering, very much enjoyed by one and all. Thank you to our chefs, Jim, and John D.

Safe travels to our Members venturing on various tours and trips.

Please wear your name badge, it is most helpful when our new members are welcomed, and one can’t remember your name.

As you all know the Suggestion Box sits on the table in front of everyone, place your suggestions, ideas, in the Box for the Committee to act.

I extend a very warm welcome to our New Members to AMPC and encourage you to become involved in the activities, outings, and meetings where you will meet a very friendly group.

Sandra Death

President AMPC



<p>Meeting Dates at Magpies</p> <p>General Meetings</p> <p>10am for 10.30am start.</p> <p>Thursday 2nd November 2023</p> <p>CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12.00 Start</p> <p>Thursday 7th December 2023</p> <p>Website:</p> <p>https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au</p> <p>Email: info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au</p> <p>webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au</p>	<p>Bulletin: Editor: Sylvia Gratton</p> <p>Mob:</p> <p>Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.</p> <p>The Secretary AMPC, 9 Warruga Crescent, Berowra Heights 2082</p> <p>Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on 2 October 2008.</p> <p>Club No: 9003799</p> <p>District: 9685 PD3 Inc. No.: 9890687</p> <p>Bendigo Bank details for deposits.</p> <p>BSB No: 633-000 Account No.: 139 637 029</p>	<p>PRIVACY: In accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 and recommendation from Probus South Pacific, this newsletter is private and confidential for members of Asquith</p> <p>Mixed Probus Club use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.</p>
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COMMITTEE NOTES - SEPTEMBER 2023

1. **Plans for Birthday picnic at Bobbin Head** on 19th October are well advanced. If you haven't already put your name down, please make sure you do at the October meeting and have your payment of \$20 available. Better still, do it electronically before the meeting.

Discussion was held on the **Christmas Party** to be held on Thursday 7th December, details will be given when finalised.

2. There is concern about the area where we all congregate to put our names down for various activities and choosing books. The Committee is looking at taking one event down near the front entry, so be prepared to take a further look when putting your names down. When you have finished doing your business there, please move out of the way so others can look at the sheets.

3. For those who missed out on the Children's Medical Research Institute tour recently, Mal has secured a booking for 30 people in April next year so, keep this in mind.

4. Can Members who bring visitors with them, with the intention of them joining our club, please assist them if they wish to look at booking activities etc. They need to be shown the procedure of booking in for walks, hospitality, excursions etc., and also explain the payment system. if in doubt, refer to a Committee person.

Pam Slater

Secretary

Treasurer's Report as at 11 October 2023.

Funds received so far, this year	\$9,872	
Reduced by our expenses of	\$8,199	
Leaving funds available so far for this year		\$1,673
Add all previous year's surplus funds		\$10,065
Leaving members funds available		\$11,738
... The above funds consist of cash		\$37,441
less - mainly member payments		
for future activities	\$25,127	
Less - Members Fees received in Advance	\$576	\$25,703
Total member funds		\$11,738



Angus Dougall : Treasurer's Report 11-October-2023

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 at Barbara Williamson's home. Wool, needles and stuffing supplied and the good news is you don't need to be able to knit. Contact Barbara.

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

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

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls	Carol Channon
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 th Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD	George Gates	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
Jigsaws	Robert Montgomery	Theatres	
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Ambassador	John Channon 0429 096 996	Web Site	Robert Allison 0412 196 943
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Yenda Holland
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Helen Nancarrow	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Lula Andersen

AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023-24

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email
President	Sandra Death		
Vice-President Elect	Jim Jeffries		
Vice-President	Denise Mayhew		
Secretary	Pam Slater		
Treasurer	Angus Dougall		
Committee			
Bulletin	Sylvia Gratton		
Hospitality	Rhonda Wilson		
Membership	Barry Willick		
Programme	Jim Jeffries		
Tours/Excursions	Mal & Suellen Steel		
Welfare	Vicki McPherson		
Assistant Secretary			
Assistant Treasurer			
Walks Representative	Dianne Watson		
Past President	John Davies		

DAY TRIPS

***November 16th* Jacaranda Walk at Kirribilli and Lunch**

We will explore the stunning tunnel of Jacarandas at McDougall St, Kirribilli.

Catch a midmorning train from Hornsby to Milsons Point station & have a leisurely walk to McDougall St to enjoy the Jacaranda trees. Morning tea / Lunch at your own cost & choice..... Lots of bakeries near station OR Picnic lunch OR Flying Bear café@ Kirribilli

OR Paragon Hotel at Circular Quay OR MCA rooftop café OR any of the eateries at Circular Quay

- **9.10am** Train from Hornsby (8.56am Ber) to Milsons Point
- Please sign up at the November meeting



***January 18th* Summer Lunch on the Waterfront at the Newport Hotel**

We will enjoy good company, fabulous views & good food at The Newport Hotel. The former Newport Arms has been revitalised in 2023 and we have booked the shaded “Tree Area” for lunch. Travel will be by public transport or drive yourself.

- **The Newport**, 2 Kalinya Street, Newport.
- Order & pay for your meals on the day. No prepayment. Prices from about \$20 to \$35+
- If driving, we suggest arriving about 11:30 to get undercover parking at the Hotel, otherwise there is limited public parking around the streets. People with limited mobility can be dropped off at the ramp leading to the reserved garden area.
- The **199 Bus** or **L90 Bus** stop at the Hotel’s front door. Catch the bus from Pittwater Road or Barrenjoey Road
- Public transport:
 - **9:46am** Train from Hornsby to Gordon
 - **10:15am 197 Bus** Gordon station **Bus Stop A** to Pittwater Place Shopping centre Mona Vale. Walk 100 meters to Barrenjoey Road
 - **199 Bus** from B-Line stop 210323 in Barrenjoey Road to the Newport Hotel (frequent service)



- **Please sign up at the next meeting, so that we can be sure of the reservation numbers.**

FRIDAY Feb 9th Tall Ships lunch cruise & tour of Goat Island

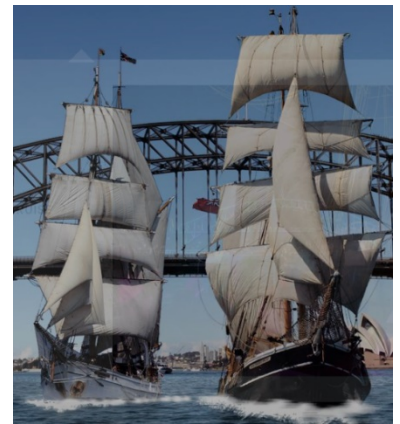
\$95pp

Thank you all for paying the previously advertised \$74 so promptly. However, the price error was beyond our control. Can you please pay the balance of \$21 by the January meeting.

We have booked 45 places, but we are still able to add to that if anyone wishes to sign up

We will enjoy a 3-hour *Sydney Tall Ships* cruise that includes a glass of bubbly, lovely lunch, a chance to explore Goat island with a guide as well as sailing past the stately homes of Sydney Harbour.

- **8.40am train** from Hornsby (8.26 am Ber), Wynyard to Circular Quay 9.33am
- Convicts, Castles and Champagne Tour sailing time is 10:15 AM till 1:15 PM.
- Departs at Campbell's Cove Jetty, The Rocks. Check in time is 10am
- Please note the date of **FRIDAY 9th**. (It is not a normal Thursday outing)
- The vessel will be a genuine tall ship from the first Fleet re-enactment. It is not suitable for wheel chairs due to stairs needed to access the facilities
- There is a NO Cancellation policy by *Sydney Tall Ships*. You may transfer the tickets to a friend however.



\$95 per person. Please sign up and Pay at the next meeting

TRIPS AWAY

Victoria High Country Explorer 5 Day Tour Tues 7th May – Sat 11th May 2024

This tour is full but we are creating a wait list

Day 1 - Goulburn & Bright

Day 2 - Beechworth, Ned Kelly in the High Country & Yackendandah

Day 3 - Mt Buffalo, Bright & Red Stag Farm

Day 4 - Corryong, Snowy River Museum, Winery & Tumut

Day 5– Blowering Dam, Tumut Broom Factory, Cooma Cottage & Home

\$1250 approx. per person with a **Single supplement** of **\$335**

Balance due March 2024



Would you like some company?

Share your outing idea with other members by attaching a notice on our community whiteboard at the next meeting

BIRTHDAY BBQ

Our 15th BBQ was a great success; the sun shone, birds sang, some running away with food, whilst our members were able to chat over a relaxed meal in a lovely setting.

A BIG THANKYOU to everyone who made this day the success it was.

The helpers who purchased & picked up food, making of scrumptious cake, the many helpers on the day and to all to those who attended. THANK YOU 🎉🎉

I am passing on another THANK YOU from ***The Dish*** for our donation of the leftover food. For those who do not know The Dish feeds the homeless and needy in the Hornsby Area.



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AMPC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WHEN: Thursday 7th December

WHERE: Waitara Magpies

TIME: 12:00

COST: \$46 pp 2 course Christmas Lunch, Prizes

PAYMENT: by November Meeting



We would love you to come along and help celebrate the festive season with friends.

There may even be a surprise visit from a very special person
(only if we're good).

Rhonda

Walk Report

Another year complete and apart for weather intervening on the Seacliffe Bridge walk we enjoyed a highly successful year with very good attendances. Particular thanks goes to Kevin and Dianne Watson, Barry and Gai Brown, John Britten, Jeffrey Moore and Anne and Russ Dorey for leads.

Kevin, Dianne and I will be scaling back our participation thus leaving the need for others to come forward in the planning and conduct of walks. Please advise us at the November meeting if you can help and we will organise a planning meeting in November.

LOCAL WALK & CHRISTMAS FUNCTION Thursday 23 NOVEMBER

LOCAL WALK: 4.15 pm Assemble at Barnett's Rd Reserve. 2 Walks Local

Lookout and Trail Walk to Na Badu Lookout. Times will be mailed out to Registrations

FUNCTION: Annual Christmas Get Together and End of Year Celebration

Venue: The Sky Deck The Berowra Club (RSL) opp. Railway Station.

Cost: \$5 per head Service Charge and your meal cost from the restricted menu (6 choices).

The meal is to be **pre-paid** to the Berowra Club by phone 94561844 **after 3.30 pm on Friday 3 November and Before Friday 17 November.** Credit or Debit Card.

November Speaker

Our speaker is Graham Sims who is well known to many Probus Clubs.

He will cover THE GOLDEN YEARS OF THE WIRELESS a trip down memory lane.

Graham had a 40+ year career in education as a teacher, consultant, Chief of Public Relations, Principal, Inspector of Schools and Director of Education.

He writes for several magazines and has become a popular speaker on over 30 topics at various clubs and retirement villages.

AMPC FOUNDING MEMBERS



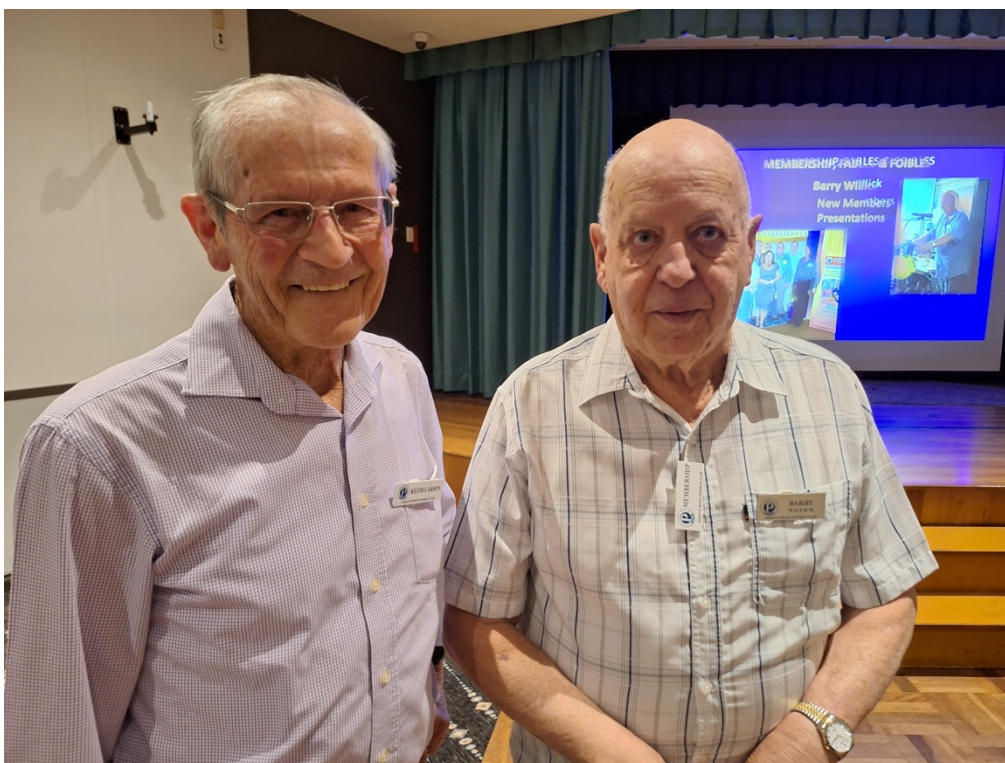
Welcome, new member Joan Wilson



Congratulations Carol Channon OBE.



KEITH CARSON ROTARY SPONSOR OF OUR CLUB AND BARRY WILICK



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	3	
1 st & 3 rd Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	3	
3 rd Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	3	
2 nd November	Probus Meeting	Sandra Death		
8 th November	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	3	
9 th November	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death		
16 th November	Jacaranda Walk Kirribilli & Lunch	Mal Steel	4	
23 rd November	Local Walk & Christmas Meal.	Laurie Keaton	7	
30 th November	BBQ Galston	Lance Williamson		
7 th December	Christmas Lunch	Rhonda Wilson	6	
13 th December	Dolls Christmas Party	Barbara Williamson	3	
14 th December	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death		

Cars vs Computers (I found this Gem from 2010!)

BILL GATES AND GM: For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on. At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, 'If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.'

In response to Bill 's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating:

If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash..... ...Twice a day.
- 2.. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- 3... Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason, you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car Has Performed an Illegal Operation' warning light.
- I love the next one!!!
7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call 'customer service' in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!!!!