



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

## President's Letter.

We are now in our first month of Spring, such crazy weather, extremely hot, cool nights and still no rain. These weather patterns do not stop our members attending the wonderful activities that are being organised.

The Brisbane River cruise held on 21st September 2023 was a wonderful day with 60 members on Board, historian Peter kept us fully informed of the history of the river, the boat building era, and many historical sites.

It is pleasing to see so many of our members enjoying the dining options after our monthly meetings at Magpies. The Kitchen has a good range of dishes, the Lucky Magpie Asian Cuisine with excellent Asian food and Peggy's Café for a light meal or a cup of coffee or tea.

Please wear your name badge, it is easier for new members when they are encountering so many new faces.

Please use the suggestion box situated on the front table to contribute your ideas and suggestions.

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

Sandra Death

## President AMPC

<b>Meeting Dates at Magpies</b>  <b>General Meetings</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 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> ☎ Mob: <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 - 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 September 2023

Funds received so far, this year	\$9,825	
Reduced by our expenses of	\$7,428	
Leaving funds available so far this year		\$2,397
 Add all previous year's surplus funds		 \$10,065
Leaving members funds available		<u>12,462</u>
 ... The above funds consist of cash		 \$21,535
less – mainly member payments for future activities		<u>\$9,073</u>
 Total member funds		 <u><u>\$12,462</u></u>



Angus Dougal 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 Carol Channon's home, **28A Harwood Ave, Mt Kuring-Gai**. Wool, needles and stuffing supplied and the good news is you don't need to be able to knit. Contact Carol Channon.

**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.

**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	Carol Channon
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 <sup>th</sup> 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	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 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		
<b>Committee</b>			
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		

## Brisbane Waters Ferry Trip Report

It was a gorgeous day on the water for 60 members on September 21, followed by a lovely lunch. We cruised as far south as Wagstaff and Ettalong, to Davistown, north to Gosford and back to Woy Woy. Throughout the 3 hours, we enjoyed an extremely informative historical presentation learning about the long-gone boat building industry, people and points of interest of the district.

Peter Rea was asked where AMPC could see some of the wooden boat models. He will have a good number on display at the Davistown Putt-Putt Regatta. It is on Sunday 15th October, starting at 9am.

<https://davistownputtputt.com>



## DAY TRIPS

### ***November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 October meeting



### ***January 18<sup>th</sup> Summer Lunch on the Waterfront***

We will enjoy good company & good food at a waterfront venue. Travel will be by public transport or drive yourself.

- Transport & Venue TBA

**FRIDAY Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Tall Ships lunch cruise & tour of Goat Island**

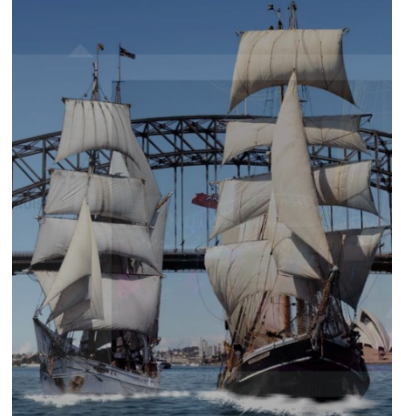
**\$74pp**

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. All this at a significantly discounted price for seniors.

- Depart Cambell Cove Jetty (near Overseas Terminal) at 10:15, please be there 30 minutes early
- Trains TBA
- 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.

Please note that we need to book and pay for this outing soon to secure our places

**\$74 per person. Please sign up and Pay at the October meeting**



**TRIPS AWAY**

**Essentially Barrington 3 Day Tour Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2023**

**Balance is due by September 30**

**\$630 Total per person with a Single supplement of \$ 100**

- **7:53am** Hornsby Station via Newcastle train, meeting coach at Broadmeadow station
- Returning Nov 1<sup>st</sup> approx. 5:40 pm
- **Please update us ASAP with any dietary issues and any room needs such as Single Room or Sharing Twin**

**Victoria High Country Explorer 5 Day Tour Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

In earlier times when buying and selling horses was common, one needed to know the age of the horse being considered. Horses teeth are worn away as it ages, the result of abrasion from its fodder, so an experienced person could judge a horse's age fairly accurately. And today, when we have learned something firsthand, we have that information  
**'from the horse's mouth'.**  
Angus Dougall.

### ***October Speaker***

Our Speaker this month will be Nathan Tilbury

Nathan was first elected as Hornsby Councillor in 2012 and has served ever since.

He was part of the original committee responsible for delivering the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

He has served as Vice President of the Hornsby Historical Society for 6 years so knows his history.

He will talk about Ginger Meggs - Australia's longest-running comic strip.

Ginger was [created in 1921](#) by Sydney cartoonist Jimmy Bancks.

5 cartoonists and 100 years later, we are still enjoying the adventures of the red-headed larrikin kid who never gets old.

Next month we will welcome Graham Sims – a speaker 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



## HOSPITALITY AMPC BIRTHDAY BBQ

Come along to be part of AMPC 15th Birthday BBQ

**WHEN:** Thursday 19th October

**WHERE:** Bobbin Head Picnic Area - Pavilion on Left

**TIME:** 11:00 - not before please

**BRING:** Humour, Your own Cutlery, Plates, Drink & Utensil energy for a game of cricket etc. You may want to bring a Picnic Chair if you aren't comfortable with Bench Seating.

**COST:** \$20 (subsidised cost)

**PAYMENT:** By 5th October Probus Meeting - NO LATER



It's been a long time since we have had a

## LUNCH AT THE FIDDLER

**WHEN:** Wednesday 11th October

**WHERE:** Meet at Hornsby Station Platform 4

**TIME:** 10:25 for 10.31 train.

**COST:** Your Own - hopefully they will still have 2 for 1 Senior meals

Cnr; Commercial & Windsor Road if driving

We would love you to join us,

**HO! HO! HO!**

## AMPC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**WHEN:** Thursday 5 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

### Thursday 26 October

**Where:** Sculptures by the Sea and Bronte Beach.

**Leads :** Laurie & ????

**What:** A coastal walk with steps on the path at Sculptures. The rest is easy.

**Travel:** CCN Train Hornsby 2.52 pm Plat 3 Change at Central Arr Bondi Junction at 3.49. Sculptures Walk 60-70 Mins. 1. Walk to Bronte and 379 Bus to Bondi Junction 2. Linger at the Sculptures and Bus 381 (2 Blocks along Fletcher St) to Bondi Junction Westfield.

**Dinner:** East Leagues Club 6.30 for 6.45 or your own choice.

A booking for 30 has been made with East Leagues Functions.

A CASE OF FIRST IN. You will still be able to use the bistro.

Prebooking of meals is encouraged to facilitate meal delivery.

The menu will be available at today's meeting and will be emailed to those who register at the September meeting. Please advise Laurie of your meal choice - The Thursday meal special is Steak at \$!8+ extras.

### Thursday 23 November

**Where:** Local walk and Christmas function at The Berowra Club

**Please note arrangements are yet to be Finalised.**

**At the October meeting.**

1. **Registrations open** with details of restricted meal options. You will need to signify your choice with your registration.

**At the 3 November meeting**

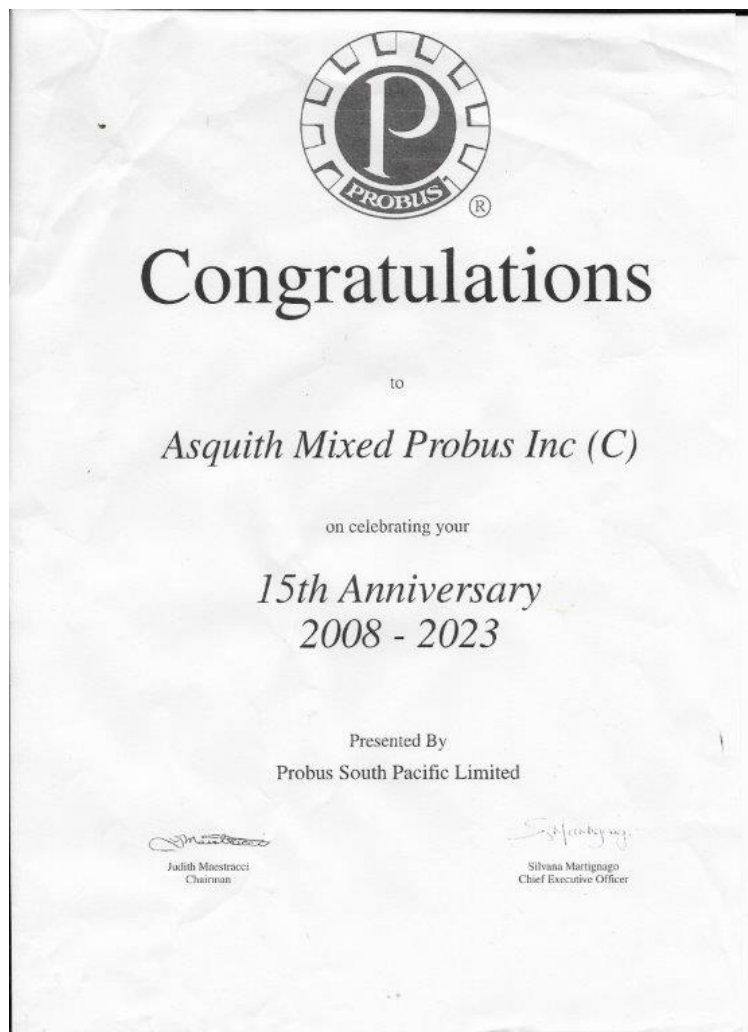
2. **Registrations close.** You will be advised of costs of your meal plus a function service fee.
3. **\*After Friday 3 November Pre-payment for your meal and function fee:** due by Thursday 16 November. Phone the Berowra Club to pay with credit card or visit the Club (closed Mondays). Please note the club will not have our member list until Friday November



## OCTOBER 2023 15<sup>Th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CLUB.

### THE FOUNDING COMMITTEE

Only 3 in the photo are still members Barbara Williamson, Laurie Keaton and Barry Willick plus out honorary member Keith Carson.



## THINGS TO PONDER

Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?

I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

If you find yourself feeling useless, remember: it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, thousands of lives and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously, there's a new strain out there.

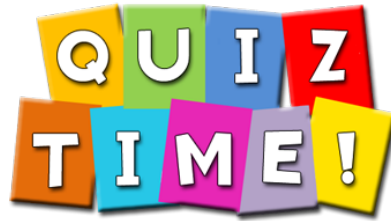
Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.

If a bottle of poison reaches its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	3	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	3	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	3	
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Probus Meeting	Sandra Death		
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Dolls	Carol Channon	3	
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death		
11 <sup>th</sup> October <b>WEDS</b>	Lunch at The Fiddler	Rhonda Wilson	7	
19 <sup>th</sup> October	AMPC Birthday BBQ	Rhonda Wilson	7	
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Sculptures by The Sea Walk	Laurie Keaton	8	
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Barrington 3 Day Tour	Mal Steel	5	
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Probus Meeting	Sandra Death		
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	3	
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Jacaranda Walk Kirribilli & Lunch	Mal Steel	4	
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Local Walk & Christmas Meal.	Laurie Keaton	8	



**Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

**Probus Month Special Price \$5 p.p.**

Berowra District Mixed Probus Club invites any of our members who are interested to attend their monthly trivia afternoon, with Quizmaster Keith Carson.

The quiz consists of 4 rounds of 12 questions, plus True or 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

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