



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

President's Corner

Spring has well and truly sprung which will be ideal for some excellent activities in October.

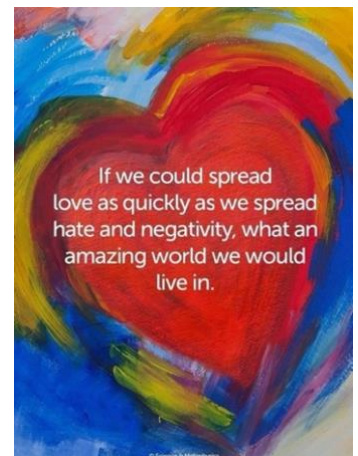
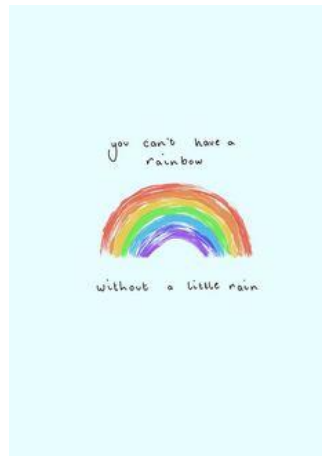
We will walk to Sydney Park at St Peter's which is the site of the old Tempe Brick Pit and will celebrate the Club's 16th birthday at the Pavilion in Bobbin Head.

Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc was formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on 2 October 2008 and as the members run everything to do with the Club; every member is invited to stand for election to the Committee at the next AGM.

Make sure you put your name down and join in.

Jim Jeffries

President



Meeting Dates at Magpies

General Meetings

10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Thursday 7th November 2024

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October 2008.

Club No: 9003799

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COMMITTEE NOTES - SEPTEMBER 2024

1. The Committee discussed what the club might look like in the future and a 'succession plan' for people willing to accept positions to keep it running.
2. An amendment of the minutes for the last General Meeting: the attendance was 91, not 80 as reported.
3. Nita Shields reported on a number of Members facing or recovering from health challenges including Mary Potter, Dale Young, Anne Heaton, Georgina Hughes, Caroline and David Esson and Jan Wilson. We welcomed Barry Willick back to the meeting.
4. The Garden Island Tour was a great success and most interesting (albeit on a hot and windy day). A number of members purchased books on the history of the site. Did you know how it got its name? Just days after settlement, Governor Phillip chose this small island (as it was then) to grow fresh vegetables to combat scurvy, which was an ongoing problem for the Navy. Many Members enjoyed lunch at 2 Woolloomooloo hotels.
5. Trish will book the Archibald for next year after a successful visit in August. We look forward to the visit to the Parramatta Female Factory in November followed by lunch at Parramatta Leagues Club.
6. If you haven't yet booked for our Birthday Barbeque at Bobbin Head 17 October, you can still book at the October meeting. We'd love to see you there! And in February, there will be a Breakfast at the Bobbin Head Inn.
7. Jim has booked some great speakers for our Meetings well into next year. First will be Paul Baker from Hornsby Fire and Rescue, and then in November Graham Sims will talk about Bea Miles, a fascinating character from Sydney's past.
8. If you would like to publicise a community event or anything else of interest to Members, please feel free to use the whiteboard at the Meeting.
9. Ian Mackenzie-Smith attended the Committee Meeting as an Observer. He and his wife Jan came from Tea Gardens. Ian was involved in a number of organisations there including Probus. We are very happy to welcome them to AMPC.

Ruth Barwick

Secretary

Treasurer's Report as at 9 September 2024

Funds received so far this year	\$10,602.86	
Reduced by our expenses of	<u>\$8,871.99</u>	
		<u>\$1,730.87</u>
 Add all previous year's surplus funds		<u>\$10,906.16</u>
Members funds available		<u><u>\$12,637.03</u></u>
The above funds consist of cash		\$13,011.42
Less - mainly members payments for future activities		<u>\$374.39</u>
		<u><u>\$12,637.03</u></u>

Treasurer's Report 9 September 2024: Angus Dougall.



Useful reminders

'In style' means the clothes which fit
 You don't need anger management, you need people to stop annoying you
 'On time' is when you get there
 Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it muffles the sound
 Lately you've noticed that people your age are so much older than you
 Growing old should have taken longer
 Ageing might have slowed you but it hasn't shut you up
 You haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will
 One for the road means going to the toilet before you leave home

More gems from Anne Dorey

DOLLS When? The Wednesday following our monthly 'member 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.**

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.

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	Barbara Williamson /Carol Channon
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 th Thursday BBQ	Carol & John Channon
Books DVD	George Gates	Mah-jong	Pam Clarke
Jigsaws	Robert Montgomery	Theatres	
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Ambassador	John Davies	Web Site	Robert Allison
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Yenda Holland
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Sandra Lees	Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Lula Andersen
Assist. Tours/Excurs.	Jim Thompson		

AMPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024-25

AMPC Committee Members		Phone	Email
President	Jim Jeffries		
Vice-President Elect	Barry Willick		
Vice-President	Vicki McPherson		
Secretary	Ruth Barwick		
Treasurer	Angus Dougall		
Committee			
Bulletin	Sylvia Gratton		
Hospitality	Judy Thompson		
Membership	Barry Willick		
Asst Membership	Denise Mayhew		
Programme	Jim Jeffries		
Tours/Excursions	Trish Taylor		
Welfare	Nita Shields		
Assistant Secretary	John Davies		
Assistant Treasurer			
Walks	Laurie Keaton		
Past President	Sandra Death		

DAY TRIPS

APPLICATION FOR THIS TOUR NOW CLOSED

COCHLEAR MANUFACTURING TOUR MACQUARIE PARK

21st NOVEMBER, 2024

11.00 am

MAXIMUM 35 PEOPLE

9.31 Train from Hornsby (platform 4) to Epping. Changing at Epping for 9.54 am Metro (platform 5) to Macquarie University. Arrive 9.58 am.

Short 15 minute walk (slight incline) to Cochlear, 1 University Avenue, Macquarie Park.

- * 30 minute tour to see how implants are manufactured.
- * We will need to provide a list of attendees to Cochlear and they will provide a name tag when we arrive.
- * There is a cafe on the premises if you would like a coffee and Macquarie Shopping Centre close by for lunch.

Cochlear help people around the world to gain access to clearer sound and a lifetime of better hearing. Cochlear is the global leader in implantable hearing devices for people with moderate to profound hearing loss.

Join us on a 30 minute tour to see how these implants are manufactured.

TRISH

THE ANGLERS REST HOTEL BROOKLYN

16th JANUARY, 2025

12.00 pm

11.23 am train from Hornsby Station (platform 5) to Hawkesbury River. Arrive 11.47 am. Approximate 5 minute walk to the Anglers Rest Hotel. Return train to Hornsby runs hourly - 2.27 pm, 3.26 pm, 4.27 pm.

Join us for a relaxed lunch at the Anglers Rest Hotel and perhaps after lunch wander down to the Marina for an ice cream.

TRISH

NEPEAN BELL LUNCH CRUISE

20th FEBRUARY, 2025



Pick up: Hornsby Station 9.00 a.m. - returns approximately 5.00 pm

\$111.00 per person - PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY 7/2/2025

***Please note 2024 price, may change in 2025**

Includes:

- Morning Tea at Nurragingy Reserve with time to explore the Chang Lai Yuan Chinese Gardens
- Embark on Paddle Wheeler “Nepean Bell” travelling upstream from Penrith through picturesque Nepean Gorge
- Buffet lunch, consisting of shared platters for the main course and dessert, followed by tea or coffee
- Commentary of the region
- Visit to Penrith’s Regional Gallery

TRISH

MARITIME MUSEUM SYDNEY

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH, 2025, 10.30 am

\$16.00 per person

9.04 am train from Hornsby platform 3, arriving Central station 9.44 a.m. Catch the 9.52 am Light Rail L1 (Exit 1 Grand Concourse) to Pyrmont Bay, arriving 10.02. Short walk to Maritime Museum.

Each of these tours is about 1hr in duration. After the tour, you are free to explore the rest of the vessels and exhibitions at your own leisure. There are numerous places to have lunch at Darling Harbour or coffee/lunch at the Museum’s Cafe.

HMAS VAMPIRE

HMAS Vampire is a tour on board a navy destroyer. Access onto the vessel is conditional based on mobility. Pushers are not allowed on any of the vessels for safety reasons. Walking sticks are permitted, however, please note that there are steps and slopes that need to be navigated, so it might be difficult.

OR

GALLERIES OVERVIEW TOUR

The volunteer guide will show visitors the different parts of the galleries and some of the highlights in each one. Because objects get rotated for conservation, these tours differ slightly depending on which exhibitions/objects are on display during the visit. This tour is suited for visitors with accessibility needs and is friendly for those with mobility difficulties.

TRISH

PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY

17th APRIL, 2025

11.00 am

\$10.00 per person

This Governor Macquarie & Francis Greenway site was once home to at least 5,000 convict women transported "*beyond the seas*". Hear the inspiring stories of the women's lives, learn about their survival, their legacy and much more.

Tour duration 1hr - 1.5 hrs. Closed-in walking shoes must be worn. There are a few places on the site where the ground is uneven, or you need to step over a gutter. Make sure if it is hot to bring water, hat and sunscreen.

***Please note these travel times are not definite. Travel will depend on tides and whether or not the Parramatta Light Rail is operational at this time.**

Catch the 8.51 am train from Hornsby (Platform 3) to Strathfield - arrives 9.15 am. Change to Platform 6 for the 9.18 am train to Parramatta - arrives 9.31 am.

Then catch the Free Parramatta Bus Shuttle 900 (Corner of Church & George Street) to Parramatta Leagues Club (runs every 15 minutes) - easy 10 minute walk to Parramatta Female Factory, 5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta. (After Leagues Club, turn left at Fennell Street this runs into Fleet Street.)

Return trip RiverCat or by train.

***Lunch will be at Parramatta Leagues Club. Please indicate in the separate column on attendance sheet if you wish to be included in the bookings at the Leagues Club.**

TRISH

BARE ISLAND & LA PEROUSE MUSEUM

14TH MAY, 2025

***NOTE THIS IS A WEDNESDAY TOUR**

Pick up: Hornsby Station 8.30 am - returns approximately 4.30 pm

\$91.00 per person - PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY 1/5/2025

***Please note 2024 price, may change in 2025**

Includes:

- Morning Tea before our 1.5 hr guided tour of Bare Island. Bare Island Fort is situated at the mouth of Botany Bay. The fort was built in 1885 to protect the “back door” of Sydney from attack by sea.
- Two course lunch at Yarra Bay 16’ Sailing Club followed by tea or coffee.
- Return to La Perouse for a guided tour of the La Perouse Museum. The museum is housed within the historic Cable Station building, once Australia’s only link to the rest of the world. Almost 2,000 items across several rooms of exhibits document the 1787-1788 expedition of French explorer the Comte de Lapérouse. **TRISH**

Speaker

In October, we will welcome Paul Baker who joined Fire and Rescue NSW in January 1996.

Paul is the Station Commander at Hornsby Fire and Rescue and has been involved in numerous deployments both in regional areas as well as interstate for bushfires and floods.

Hornsby Fire has been involved in everything from bushfire flare ups to rescuing Plover chicks from a drain at Hornsby Hospital.

Paul’s talk is timely as Greater Sydney is one of the most bush fire-prone areas in Australia and Hornsby Shire is one of the most vulnerable to bush fire risk with 34% of properties currently identified as Bush Fire Prone.

With a total fire ban across the Greater Sydney Area and gusty winds the calls can come in thick and fast.

Next Month well known presenter Graham Simms will regale us with the adventures of one of Sydney’s most famous characters-Bea Miles.

Bea was well educated and quite well-off but preferred to live in the Park and generally cause havoc. An amazing person.

Jim

AMPC 16th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Thursday 17th October at 12noon

The Pavilion at Bobbin Head

BYO drinks and glasses

Prize for most interesting hat

Bring a picnic chair if uncomfortable with bench seating

Games for the energetic

Catered for by “Family Affair”

Come along and be part of our celebration

Cost \$36 payment by 3rd October.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT MAGPIES 5TH DECEMBER 2024

Doors open at 11:30

Join us for our yearly Christmas lunch. This will be instead of our December meeting.

The menu is Beef & Pork stack with gluten free gravy, Plum pudding & custard or mini pavlova

Tea and coffee. The bar will be available for you to purchase any other drinks.

There will be lucky door prizes and a quiz, also with 'marvellous' prizes

There might even be a prize for the best outfit.

Santa will make an appearance to present the prizes and judge the best outfit.

The cost will be \$50.00 per person payable at or before the November meeting.

Contact Vicki to put your name on the list.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Vicki



WALKS

31 Members plus one guest attended the Parramatta Walk which turned out to be one of our most successful for the year. Thanks to Kevin and Stan in assisting the planning. The October walk is the last for the year.

The November activity will be a reunion initially restricted to those who have participated as an organiser and emeritus (past regular members) walkers who no longer participate for one reason or another. This will be held at Laurie's residence

Invitations and information will be forwarded this week.

We will resume in January with the popular Mrs Macquarie's chair evening walk.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 SYDNEY PARK ST PETER'S

WHERE: The park is situated on the site of the old Tempe Brick Pit. The entrance close to St Peters Station with the main entry on The Princes Highway.

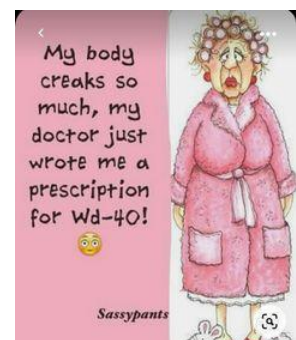
WHAT: The park has a number of alternatives so members will be free to choose whatever suits their interest and capabilities.

Maps will be available and there is a suitable base café

TRAVEL: Berowra 9.26. Hornsby 9.40 Plat 1. To Chatswood

Catch Metro for 23 min journey to Sydenham. Short T3 train (If Running)

Back to St Peters.



Refugees

They have no need of our help
 So, do not tell me
 These haggard faces could belong to you or me
 Should life have dealt a different hand
 We need to see them for who they really are
 Chancers and scroungers
 Layabouts and loungers
 With bombs up their sleeves
 Cut-throats and thieves
 They are not
 Welcome here
 We should make them
 Go back to where they came from
 They cannot
 Share our food
 Share our homes
 Share our countries
 Instead let us
 Build a wall to keep them out
 It is not okay to say
 These are people just like us
 A place should only belong to those who are born there
 Do not be so stupid to think that
 The world can be looked at another way
(now read from bottom to top)

I had a hen who
 could count her
 own eggs.
 She was a
 mathemachicken.

TODAY

HUMOUR

What do you get
 if you cross an
 angry sheep with
 a moody cow?
 An animal that's
 in a baaaaaaaaad
 moooooooooood.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	4	
1 st & 3 rd Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	4	
3 rd Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	4	
3 rd October 2024	Probus Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
9 th October 2024	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
10 th October 2024	Committee Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
17 th October 2024	16 th Birthday Celebration	Judy Thompson	9	
24 th October 2024	Sydney Park St Peter's	Laurie Keaton	10	
7 th November 2024	Probus Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
13 th November 2024	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
14 th November 2024	Committee Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
21 st November 2024	Cochlear Tour	Trish Taylor	5	