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# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

### President's Corner.

It is great to be welcoming new members to our meetings this year. For many years, there was a waiting list, but the disruption caused by 2 years of the Covid pandemic, and the attrition of advancing age, has seen our numbers drop below our limit of 150. Our Club is known for its friendliness, but I encourage all of you to particularly reach out to our new folk, and not just leave that to Vicki, our Welfare Officer. But if you know of someone who has a particular need, make sure you let Vicki know. My experience of years as a Pastor, is that I was often the last person to know of someone in need, or in hospital.

The Committee has noted that we do need to encourage younger people to join the Club, so that we will have the leadership we need in future years. If you know any such potential members, why not invite them? I would remind you of the need to notify Barry Willick that you are coming to our monthly Meeting, as we need to notify the Magpies Club for their provision of Morning Tea. But it is important also that you notify him if you CANNOT attend. Our Constitution states that "Membership of this club shall be contingent upon attendance at regular meetings of not less than fifty per cent in any club year, subject to leave of absence in cases of sickness or on any other reasonable grounds." This principle carried over from Rotary, from which Probus originated. While our Club has a wonderful program of extra activities, the heart of our membership is our Monthly Meeting, so please get there if you can.

I remind you that "the true spirit of Probus is friendship, fellowship and fun."

John Davies



### **Meeting Dates**

**General Meeting.** 

Thursday 1 September 2022 at Magpies, 10am for 10.30am start.

Thursday 6 October 2022, at Magpies, 10am for 10.30am start.

Website:

https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au Email: info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au **Bulletin: Editor: Sylvia Gratton** 

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Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.

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 Bendigo Bank details for deposits.

BSB No: 633-000 Account No.: 139 637 029

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Asquith

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### **COMMITTEE NOTES - AUGUST 2022**

- 1. **Judy** has organised a dinner at Surena Persian Restaurant in Hornsby on Thursday 8th September at **6.00 pm.** Cost is \$35.This is a great opportunity for new members to get to know others. See Bulletin for details.
- 2. Thursday 20th October will be our Probus Birthday Picnic held at the Wildflower Gardens, St Ives. This will be catered for. More to come on this event. There will be carpooling for those who don't wish to drive. This event will be subsidised by our club, and your cost will be \$15.
- 3. **We are looking to have an Observer** at our Committee Meetings, so you can see what we get up to. It would be great for our new members to participate. Please see a Committee Member if you would like to take part one Thursday (the week after General Meeting).
- 4. **Don't forget the Buddy system** for those who don't have access to email. Members have been matching up with a friend who will let them know of anything important happening, that they need to know about before the meeting.
- 5. Please notify **Barry Willick** to register your attendance or apology for the September meeting. Please do so by the Tuesday before the meeting so he can advise the club of numbers for setup and morning tea.

Barry Willick -

email -

Mobile -

Landline -

Pam Slater

Secretary



# Treasurer's Report as at 8 August 2022

Funds received so far this year	\$9,176	
Reduced by expenses of	\$8309	
Funds available so far this year, up to 8 August		\$867
Add all previous year's surplus funds	_	\$11,290
Leaving members funds available	=	\$12,157
The above funds consist of cash		\$23,845
less - mainly member payments for future activities		\$11,688
Total member funds	=	\$12,157



Angus Dougall. 10 August 2022

# **Payment of Monies**

The 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.







**DOLLS** When? the <u>Wednesday</u> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies. New players welcome. Phone Mary at

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	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Robert Allison	5 <sup>th</sup> 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 2021-22**

<b>AMPC Committee M</b>	embers	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**

17 of us enjoyed a nice lunch at Frankie's Restaurant at Flower Power recently.

# **SURENA PERSIAN RESTAURANT** at 5 Dural Lane, Hornsby

On Thursday 8th September at 6pm

This is an upstairs venue and has 24 steps to the restaurant.

Sign up at desk and pay cash in envelope or EFT \$35

BYO there will be a corkage fee to pay

**Our 14th Birthday celebration** will be held on Thursday 20th October at the Wildflower Garden Caley's Pavilion 420 Mona Vale Road. St Ives at 12noon.

How about wearing your loudest, brightest shirts!

This event is heavily subsidised by the generosity of our club at only \$15.

This will be fully catered with a spit roast BBQ and dessert by "Family Affair".

BYO and drinking vessels please.

Please sign up and pay cash in envelope or EFT by 6 October

Please indicate dietary needs and if you require transport.

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

This is our meeting day but at 12noon not 10am!

More details later. But sign up now. Pay \$42 by 3rd November

# **SPEAKERS**

**September**- Our speaker will be Rafaele Joudrie.

Rafaele is a well known author and speaker and has a background in social work and community education.

She pioneered the first portable Sound Therapy program in Australia in 1989, to help people overcome auditory problems enabling individuals to improve ear and brain function to enhance hearing and learning.

October - We will welcome Warren Henry.

Author, Warren Henry- author of The Ark in Your Pocket tells about how you can help your children and grandchildren learn who they are and where they came from and how you can produce an entertaining and enduring family legacy.

That is, how do you pass on what's been important in your lifetime- the memories, keepsakes, ancestral stories and traditions that made your family what it is.



## AUBURN CHERRY BLOSSOM OUTING

Our coffee and baklava morning tea at Gaziantep Sweets was somewhat sticky but delicious.

We were certainly blessed by sunny weather as the Auburn Botanical Gardens turned on a treat for us. Not only the Cherry Blossoms were spectacular but many other glorious plants were in full bloom.

Our driver Belinda chauffeured us back and forth to Auburn where we had fun checking out the different shopping as well enjoying some really delicious Afghani food. While 27 of us struggled to finish off the yummy banquet at Khaybar Restaurant, my correspondent tells me that" Nine of our group ate at Pak-Afghan Restaurant, and we all really enjoyed sharing our six delicious dishes, accompanied by rice, Naan bread, yoghurt and salad. We left replete and appreciative of a superb Afghan meal. Wish this restaurant was in Hornsby"

## **AUBURN GARDENS**





# NAVAL HISTORY CRUISE OF SYDNEY HARBOUR FRIDAY 30th September

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSED** 

3-hour Cruise with Navy Historical Society.

\$65 p.p Balance overdue

Train: 8:02 Berowra, 8:12 Asquith, 8:16 Hornsby to Wynyard @ 8:59am - 3rd carriage

- Use **Exit 4** at Wynyard Station to the **Barangaroo Tunnel** (North West corner of station.)
- Commentary on the cruise is supported by a complimentary booklet of photos. Complimentary Morning Tea & snacks included.
- DIY Lunch. Low cost at 'South St Bakery' or 'The Canteen', just north of ferry wharf 2. Or have pub type fare at the eateries along the waterfront

# JINDABYNE Trip away 13-18 November 2022

The tour is FULL

**\$875pp** No single supplement **Balance due by the October meeting** 

Coach pickup from Hornsby Station, returning to Hornsby Station

# 8 DAY EYRE PENINSULA TOUR 20 -27 July 2023

\$3095 pp. Single supplement \$740

\$295 pp deposit to secure your spot.

2 places remaining

A Great Coastal Journey to Port Lincoln, Ceduna and the Head of Bight during Whale Season.

A small group tour of no more than 20 people with <u>Australian Iconic Tours</u> showcasing natural wonders, local produce, history and the fabulous hospitality of the Eyre Peninsula.

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

Prices are from Adelaide and don't include airfare or accommodation to/from Sydney

# **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**



# **Walk Report**

Special thanks to Kevin and Diane for the most enjoyable walks in the Rouse Hill area which attracted 31 participants. Lunch at Lusso's Italian restaurant was a very pleasant change. One patron enjoyed an extra journey on the metro train because of rapidly closing doors.

This month's walk is in some doubt because of the train strike and cannot be rescheduled this year as arrangements for the next two months have been finalised.

# FUTURE WALKS GREAT RIVER WALK THUR 22 SEPTEMBER

**Lead: Laurie & Kevin** 

Where: Emu Plains to Nepean Rowing Club

What:

1. Long Walk 6.9km loop Bridge to Bridge + 1.4 km (Total) from and to stations. FLAT- formed paths. 5km per hour approximate pace. TRAFFIC ALERT crossing to the Rowers.

2. Short Walk 800 metres from Station to Yandah (Green) Bridge) and then 60-80 min return walk . 20 mins to station.

**Morning Tea:** Long Walkers at the half way point. 5 coffee outlets.

Short Walkers Relax at the new Log Cabin with river views.

**Lunch:** Two bookings at Nepean Rowers. Short walk (20) 12.30

Long Walk (20) 12.45.

Travel: CCN (Plat3) Cars 2/3. Hornsby 0851 Strathfield 0915

Strathfield 09.31 (Toilet /coffee). Emu Plains 1010

Return Penrith 1402 (1451 Strath) 1424 (1502)

# POINT CLARE TO WOY WOY THUR 27 OCTOBER

**Leads John Britten and Kevin Watson** 

WHERE: WALK 1 Point Clare to Woy Woy 4.9 km Mainly Flat 1 hill.

**WALK 2** Koolewong to Woy Woy 2.1 Km. Flat with water views.

**TRAVEL:** Plat 5 Hornsby 10.23 Berowra 10.33 Arr Koolewong 11.03 Point Clare 11.08

At Koolewong, you must alight through the rear car – Point Clare through the last 4 cars.

TRAFFIC ALERT for crossing the Road at Koolewong.

Return From Woy Woy 1413 (B.1442 H 252) or 1512 (B 1541 H1553)

**LUNCH:** BAY VIEW HOTEL

### **LEXOPHILE**

Lexophile" describes those that have a love for words, such as

"you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish",

"To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

" An annual competition is held by the New York Times to see who can create the best original lexophile. This year's submissions: I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Police were summoned to a day care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

That's the point of it. I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When chemists die, they barium.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

# **WELFARE REPORT JULY 2022**

Maureen Sharpe had an operation on 18<sup>th</sup> August in the SAN hospital. Sending Maureen our love and good wishes for a quick recovery.

Vicki McPherson our lovely Welfare Officer has broken her humerus but it is not very really very funny, she is having an operation on her upper arm at the SAN today. Sending all our love and best wishes to Vicki for a speedy recovery.



# Wednesday September 21st.

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 (an honorary member and founder of our club).

Participants are formed into teams of either 4 or 5, with larger or smaller groups quite OK, but subject to a handicap or bonus respectively. Teams may be formed in advance, or on the day. You would be most welcome to join a team of Berowra members if you like.

There are 4 rounds each of 12 questions, plus True or False and Dead or Alive contests (similar to Heads or Tails).

With the occasional exception, trivia is on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

## **OBE CONGRATULATIONS TO**



## JAN FERGUSON

# **UPCOMING EVENT**

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NO
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	4	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	4	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds of Month	Men's Group Magpies Robert Allison		4	
1 <sup>st</sup> September	General Meeting	John Davies		
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Surena Persian Restaurant	Judy Thompson	5	
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Committee Meeting	John Davies		
21 <sup>st</sup> September- Weds	Trivia Berowra	Keith Carson	10	
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	The Big River Walk	Laurie Keaton	8	
30-th September	Naval History Cruise	Mal Steel	6	
6 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting	John Davies		
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	4	
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Committee Meeting	John Davies		
20 <sup>th</sup> October	14 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration	Judy Thompson	5	
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Point Clare to Woy Woy Walk	Laurie Keaton	8	
13-18 <sup>th</sup> November	Jindabyne Tour	Mal Steel	6	

THE FACT THAT
THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO
HELL AND ONLY A
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
SAYS A LOT ABOUT
ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC
NUMBERS.

### Our Strange Language Lord Cromer

When the English tongue we speak, Why is "break" not rhymed with "freak"? Will you tell me why it's true We say "sew" but likewise "few"; And the maker of a verse
Cannot rhyme his "horse" with "worse"? "Beard" sounds not the same as "heard"; "Cord" is different from "word"; Cow is "cow", but low is "low"; "Shoe" is never rhymed with "foe". Think of "hose" and "dose" and "lose"; And think of "goose" and yet of "choose". Think of "comb" and "lomb" and "bomb"; "Doll" and "roll" and "home" and "some", And since "pay" is rhymed with "say", Why not "paid" with "said", I pray? We have "blood" and "food" and "good"; "Mould" is not pronounced like "could". Wherefore "done" but "gone" and "lone"? And, in short, it seems to me Sounds and letters disagree.

