



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

President's Letter.

Such glorious weather for August, and as we all know Spring is just around the corner.

As the days become warmer, they become longer during the spring months. Plants bloom and trees blossom – one of the most beautiful times of the year in our wonderful Country is in Queensland during the Jacaranda season (through October) when vibrant purple blossoms fill the jacaranda trees.

Our August outing to Belgenny Farm and the Razorback Winery was full of surprises and experiences, thank you Mal and Suellen for a wonderful day.

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. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of “fun, friendship, and fellowship.”

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. If you know of someone who has a particular need, make sure you let Vicki know.

Finally, please see if you can speak to someone you haven't met before, especially if they are new, or visiting.

And don't forget to wear your badge.

Sandra Death

President



BELGENNY FARM TRIP.

Meeting Dates at Magpies

General Meetings

Thursday 7th September 2023

Thursday 5th October 2023

10am for 10.30am start.

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2 October 2008.

Club No: 9003799

District: 9685 PD3 Inc. No.: 9890687

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COMMITTEE NOTES - AUGUST 2023

- 1.** Planning for the Birthday picnic at Bobbin Head on 19th October is going well thanks to Rhonda and her team.

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 we all congregate in to put our names down for various activities and choosing books. The Committee is looking at moving one event near the entry, so be prepared to take a further look when putting your names down.

- 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.

Pam Slater

Secretary

Treasurer's Report as at 17 August 2023

Funds received so far, this year	\$9,815
Reduced by our expenses of	<u>\$7,379</u>
Leaving funds available so far this year	\$2,436
 Add all previous year's surplus funds	 <u>\$10,065</u>
Leaving members funds available	<u><u>12,501</u></u>
 ... The above funds consist of cash	 \$22,561
less – mainly member payments for future activities	<u>\$10,060</u>
 Total member funds	 \$12,501

Anqus Dougal 7th August 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. 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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome. Phone Mary.

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
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	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		
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		

Eyre Peninsula Tour

Our tour departed Adelaide early on July 20th with 25 on board our minibus.

We travelled over 3,000km in the 8 days and visited places that many of us would never have seen.



We had a fun and entertaining hands-on oyster shucking lesson and witnessed the art of filleting fish in Port Lincoln. We walked in the national park at Coffin Bay and experienced the spectacular rugged coastline of



Whalers Way.

We explored the stunning



Talia Caves and the well-known Murphy's Haystacks.

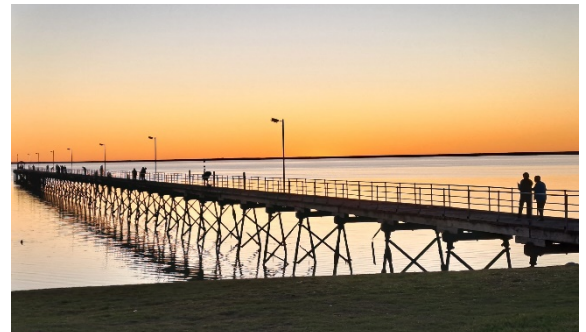
Although the whales at the Head of the Bight were hard to see, the Bunda Cliffs were beautiful.



We indulged in great food & wine everywhere

we went, not only at dinner in restaurants but picnic lunches and morning teas.

The sunsets at Ceduna were spectacular.



Rita, our wonderful driver and guide, looked after us really well. She filled us in on the history of the regions as well as the plants and animal life throughout our journey.



This trip very much reflected the Probus motto of "Fun, Fellowship and Friendship".

DAY TRIPS

September 21st A HISTORY & HERITAGE CENTRAL COAST BRISBANE WATERS

RIVER FERRY TOUR

This outing is FULL to capacity and we have a waiting list, should anyone cancel.

- **8.23am train from Hornsby**, stops Asquith and Berowra arriving Woy Woy station 9.02am
- Ferry from **Woy Woy wharf @ 9.35am** returning around 12.30-12.45pm
- Award winning audio visuals & commentary by an historian
- Morning tea is included
- Optional Lunch at Bayview Pub at your own cost has been booked OR picnic OR do your own thing

TRIPS AWAY

Essentially Barrington 3 Day Tour Mon 30th Oct. – Wed 1st Nov. 2023

Day 1

Train from Hornsby to Broadmeadow station - coach pickup

Morning tea if time

Stroud Historical Tour & Stroud Pub Lunch

Local Vineyard

Book in to Bucketts Way Motel

Country Dinner Waulkivory Hall & entertainment

Day 2

Copeland Gold mine and Indigenous Cultural Tour Morning Tea

Barrington Tops Tour and Lunch

Free Time at Gloucester mid afternoon

Dinner Chinese Banquet & entertainment

Day 3

Foster & Morning tea at Smith's Lake

Topi free range farm talk

Great Lakes Paddocks for lunch

Broadmeadow station returning to Hornsby Station



Includes: Coach 3 days, Hostess 3 days, Motel 2 nights, 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners and entertainment

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

Please sign up with a \$50 deposit, payable as soon as possible.

Balance due by September 30

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 as it so far in the future

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



Belgenny Farm

What a wonderful day out for 43 members to Camden on August 17! We could not have asked for better weather.

After a delicious Devonshire tea on arrival at Belgenny Farm we leisurely toured the centuries old farm buildings of John and Elizabeth Macarthur's farm including the Belgenny cottage.

We enjoyed a fabulous lunch at Camden Valley Inn and sampled the wines at Razorback Wines after a very informative tour and talk about wine making.





Would you like some company?
Share your outing idea with other members by attaching a notice on
our community whiteboard at the next meeting

TRIVIA

Wednesday September 20th

Starting at 2.30 p.m. in the upstairs auditorium at Club Berowra.

997 Pacific Highway, Berowra (opposite railway station)

Only \$7 including tea and biscuits

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

You will experience friendship, fellowship & fun by joining your fellow Probians on the third Wednesday of the month for an afternoon of Trivia.

Please book 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.

Our Probus Club bank account details: BSB: 633 000. Account number:

137 367 892.

Keith Carson.

Remember when people
used to have diaries and
got mad when someone
read them?

Now they put everything
online and get mad
when people don't.

Walks

The Bundeena walk went smoothly apart from a rather jerky start at Strathfield and a 10-13minute delay. The weather was perfect making for a very nice ferry trip and walk. Thanks to Jeffrey and Paul on the longer walk.

32 attended (including 1 guest).

Thursday 28 th September.

Where: Seacliff Bridge South Coast

Leads: 1. Long Walk - Kevin Watson.

2. Short Walk - Dianne Watson.

Walk 1: Stanwell Park to Seacliff Bridge and Scarborough – 6.2km

Walk 2: Scarborough to Seacliff Bridge and return – 3.2km **Rated easy**

Travel: 8.02am (Berowra), **8.15am (Hornsby) Platform 1** via North Shore Line

9.27am (Central to Helensburg)

10.25am (Helensburg to Stanwell Park and Scarborough)

Lunch: Imperial Hotel, Clifton

Bring: Water and morning tea snacks

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 Bus to Bondi Junction 2. Linger at the Sculptures and Bus 381 (2 Blocks along Fletcher St) to Bondi Junction Westfield.

Dinner: To be arranged. Probably East Leagues for definite starters only.

HOSPITALITY

AMPC BIRTHDAY BBQ

Come along to be part of our 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 put in 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: 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, the booking sheet will be available at the September Meeting.

Rhonda

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September Speaker

Our Speaker for September is Ambre Hammond - a renowned concert pianist.

She completed her Diplomas in piano at the age of 11 and at 16 made her orchestral debut in an international Music competition.

She has never attended school or university but has broken world records and won international competitions.

AND she has added composing to her list of accomplishments.

Her mission is to bring beautiful music to destitute people.

October Speaker

Our Speaker will be Cr Nathan Tilbury- Councillor for Hornsby Shire Council since 2012.

He will present the story of Ginger Meggs, who was born in Hornsby and is Australia's longest-running comic strip.

He was [created in 1921](#) by Sydney cartoonist Jimmy Bancks and the strip remains the most widely syndicated Australian comic strip today.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEITH CARSON, JAN WILSON AND MICHAEL OSBORN ON RECEIVING THEIR OBE CERTIFICATES.



In the Dark Humour

Due to the cost of living crisis and the increase in electricity prices, the light at the end of tunnel has been turned off.

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	
7 th September	Probus Meeting	Sandra Death		
13 th September	Dolls	Carol Channon	3	
14 th September	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death		
21 st September	Brisbane Waters Ferry Tour	Mal Steel	5	
28 th September	Seacliffe Bridge Walk	Laurie Keaton	8	
5 th October	Probus Meeting	Sandra Death		
11 th October	Dolls	Carol Channon	3	
12 th October	Committee Meeting	Sandra Death		
11 th October WEDS	Lunch at The Fiddler	Rhonda Wilson	9	
19 th October	AMPC Birthday BBQ	Rhonda Wilson	9	
26 th October	Sculptures by The Sea Walk	Laurie Keaton	8	
30 th Oct – 1 st Nov	Barrington 3 Day Tour	Mal Steel	5	

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

JAN & IAN MACKENZIE-SMITH.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRICIA TAYLOR

ON 10 YEARS MEMBERSHIP OF AMPC.

