



# Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

## *President's Corner*

At last Spring is just around the corner and we can look forward to some warmer weather. This will be ideal for some excellent activities next month.

We have a visit to Garden Island which is usually closed to the public and the Gladesville Bridge walk finishing at the Drummoyne Sailing Club which overlooks Cockatoo Island.

Make sure you put your name down and join in some of our organized events.

If you see any new members, please invite them into your group to ease the initial entry into our Club.

Jim Jeffries

President



New Members Carolyn & David Esson



President Jim & Nathan Tilbury

### Meeting Dates at Magpies

#### General Meetings

10am for 10.30am start.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

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**☎ Mob:**

**Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.**

The Secretary AMPC, 37 Alan Avenue,  
Hornsby 2077

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 2024

1. Members enjoyed a most interesting talk by Councillor Nathan Tilbury about the history of the Hornsby Quarry at our August Meeting.

We look forward to interesting talks from Cheryl Cartwright about Sydney Airport and Paul Baker from Hornsby Fire and Rescue.

2. The President commended Judy, Trish and Laurie for an excellent program of activities. 15 members attended the Brunch at Dural where they enjoyed excellent food. Be sure not to miss our catered Birthday Barbeque in October, and you can sign on for the Christmas Lunch at the next meeting (September).

29 people attended an enjoyable outing to the Art Gallery of NSW to view the Archibald Exhibition. The guides were extremely knowledgeable and certainly enhanced our experience. Upcoming tours are to Garden Island and the Cochlear Implant Facility.

We were blessed with a lovely day with 31 attending the Parramatta River Walk which began with the cruise downriver from Meadowbank. There was much of historical interest to see throughout the Park, followed by lunch at Club Parramatta. We look forward to the Gladesville Bridge walk in September.

3. Nita reported on a number of members facing health challenges involving accidents or illness, including Lula Andersen, Mary Potter, Georgina Hughes, Dale Young and Barbara Williamson. We are thinking of you and wish all of you the best of care and a full recovery.

### Treasurer's Report as at 4 August 2024.

Funds received so far this year	\$10,602.86	
Reduced by our expenses of	\$8,239.74	
Leaving funds available so far this year		\$2,363.12
 Add all previous year's surplus funds		 \$10,906.16
Leaving members funds available		<u>\$13,269.28</u>
 .... The above funds consist of cash		 \$15,110.67
less - mainly member's payments		
for future activities	\$1,841.39	
Less : Member Fees received in Advance	\$0.00	\$1,841.39
Total member funds		<u><u>\$13,269.28</u></u>



Treasurer's Report, 4 August 2024  
Angus Dougall.

**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.**

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

## TRIPS AWAY

**APPLICATION FOR THIS TRIP NOW CLOSED**

### **GRIFFITH SPRING FESTIVAL 19-24 OCTOBER 2024**



This is a 6 day 5 night fully escorted tour (Hornsby to Hornsby) with Trade Travel which includes all meals and will take us to the heart of Australia's food bowl. Accommodation is at the Kidman Wayside Inn, travelling from there each day. The variety of attractions include the Temora Aviation Museum, gardens, amazing citrus sculptures, Altina Wildlife Park, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, War Memorial Museum, a winery, some silo art, the Cowra POW Hologram Theatre and the Southern Cotton Gin where we will learn about the cotton industry and ginning process - something different.

**\$2,148.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$440.00)**

**APPLICATION FOR THIS TOUR NOW CLOSED**

## DAY TRIPS

### **GARDEN ISLAND DOCKYARD HERITAGE TOUR**

**THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

**10.00 AM**

**\$30.00 per person**

We will have a guided walking tour of GID. (Duration 2.5 hours starting at 10.00 am).

Catch the **8.01 North Shore train at Hornsby** (Platform 1) cars 2 & 3. NB Berowra 07.47, Mt Kuring-gai 07.51. Get off at **Wynyard** and proceed to the **York St bus stop G**. Catch the **311 bus at 9.08am** to GID.

We need to be at the GID gate by 9.45am for check in. The names of those attending must be supplied to PROBUS as we have to give this list to GID 2 weeks before the tour.

The tour includes stairs and uneven surfaces. Wear sensible shoes. No cameras.

After the tour finishes, there are several hotels nearby (including Harrys-cafe-de-Wheels) for lunch. You can walk back to the city or catch the 311 bus which leaves at 17 and 47 minutes past the hour.

**JIM THOMPSON**

**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**

### 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***

For those planning to fly in the near future, our guest speaker- Cheryl Cartwright may have some useful tips.

Cheryl worked as a volunteer at one of the many Help Desks at Sydney Airport for years.

She takes a light-hearted look at life from behind the Help Desk and the comical situations that arise from among the 100,000 travellers that pass through each day.

In October, we will welcome Paul Baker from Hornsby Fire and Rescue.

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

**Jim**



# Morning Tea Anyone?

**(Only For Seniors)**  
**AND Learn how to keep fit at home**



**When?**  
 Friday 6th September  
 10am to 12 pm

**Where?**  
 St. Peter's Anglican Church  
 207 Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby

**RSVP:** Text 'I'm in' to 0400 390 591  
 or call for more information

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**THE DISH**

## AMPC 16<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Octobe



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT MAGPIES 5TH DECEMBER 2024

Doors open at 11.30am

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.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Vicki





## WALKS

32 members attended the July walk at Cooks River with 31 attending the August walk at Parramatta. Thanks to Long Walk leads on each occasion and Planning: Nick Speyer for Cooks River and Kevin Watson for Parramatta. Observer, Stan Jedovnický, joined us in planning Parramatta.

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26 GLADESVILLE BRIDGE & DRUMMOYNE

**WHERE:** HUNTLEY'S POINT WHARF TO DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

**Leads 1. Anne/Russ Dorey 2. Laurie**

**WHAT:** Two Walks Part of Sydney Harbour Circle Walk and The Local C1

Walk. A Map will be attached to the Mail Out for Registrations.

**Walk 1.** Cross the Bridge. Leave Victoria Rd & Loop Back to Drummoyne Ave. Sharp Right to Wright's Road. Left at Wolseley Road until St Georges Crescent. Stops at Queen Victoria (Spectacle Island) and Peppercorn (Schnapper Is). Short Stroll to the Club

Both Walks should take 90- 105 mins. Allowing stops. 4km+

**Walk 2.** Short cut joining St George's Crescent at Lyons Road.

**TRAVEL:** Hornsby Plat 4 9.00 am Arr Meadowbank 9.27 Dep Ferry 9.51

**Return:** 5-10 min walk to Buses 504&506 (Victoria Road Before Day).

**Bus Destination Domain City.** Alight at Park St for Town Hall.

**LUNCH:** A booking for up to 40 is available at the Drummoyne Sailing club.

**Advice is required. Photo ID is essential.** Nearby Birkenhead is an alternative for lunch.

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 SYDNEY PARK ST PETER'S

**WHERE:** The park is situated on the site of the old Tempe Brick Pit. The entrance is 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 cafe

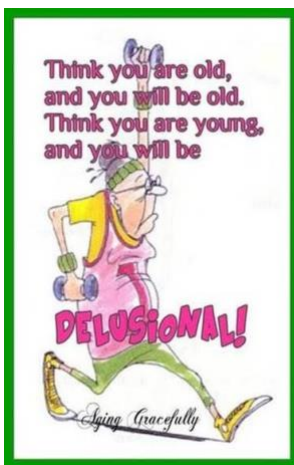
**TRAVEL:** Probable travel is Berowra 9.26. Hornsby 9.40 Plat 1. To Chatswood

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

Back to St Peters.

## 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> September 2024	Probus Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Dolls	Carol Channon	3	
12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Committee Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Garden Island	Trish Taylor	4	
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Huntley Pt to Drumoyne	Laurie Keaton	9	
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Probus Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Dolls	Carol Channon	3	
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Committee Meeting	Jim Jeffries		
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	16 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration	Judy Thompson	8	
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Sydney Park St Peter's	Laurie Keaton	9	



### 'Where did that phrase come from?'

The young Benjamin Franklin tells the story, where, as a youngster a man once praised Franklin's father's grindstone and asked young Benjamin to demonstrate how the grindstone worked. As Franklin complied, the stranger placed his own axe upon the grindstone. When the axe was sharpened, the man laughed at Franklin and walked away, giving the boy a valuable lesson about people with "an axe to grind."

**Thanks Angus**

Why did the art thief's van run out of gas as he drove away from the museum?

Because he had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh.