



2013

Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc

Annual Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2013/14

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your President this year.

We have made a number of improvements in the last 12 months.

1. Instigated the implementation of a laptop computer for accounts.
2. Developed a new system for the computer to use in the speedy recording of trips and payments.
3. A major achievement for the year was the implementation of the power operated screen and projector system, without our Probus club's contribution the system as installed would not have been made.
4. The screen has allowed to presentation of various features as they are being discussed thanks to our bulletin editor Jeremy Steele.
5. We have many interesting speakers thanks to our Speaker Seeker, Richard Slater.

This has been a year of further establishing the club and working together with a great committee to make Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc the best possible club for you, the members. I thank you for the opportunity you have given me through your enthusiasm and support in this role.

I especially want to thank Barry Willick, for the efficient way he has carried out the task of Secretary, this is a very important role in the life of our club. Having served as President for the two years your experience and support has been invaluable. I have had 2 Vice Presidents that have given me great support, Laurie Keaton and our other Vice President/Treasurer Angus Dougall has been a great asset to me personally in the control of our Finances and his wonderful sense of humour, thank you Angus for being so professional in your tireless work as our Treasurer. To the Committee thank you for your energies and the wonderful work that you all do throughout the year.

Thanks to Jan Ferguson and Sunny, Denise, Waverly, Barbara and Carol for sitting at the front desk at various times marking off your names each week, this is an important role as it saves you having to sign in at every meeting. Thank you to those members who have provided support in this activity during the last 12 months, it is so nice to have our members greeted on arrival. Our Tours Organiser, Sylvia with Jan and Sue as her assistants have arranged excellent and interesting day trips and trips away and I am sure all the members will join me in a big thank you to them.

Thanks to those unnamed who have offered to help out on particular projects at short notice.

Thank you Richard Slater, our Programmes Officer, for the level of interesting speakers during the year, they certainly covered a variety of topics.

Huge thanks to our Bulletin Editor, Jeremy Steele, your innovative ideas and journalism has kept us wonderfully informed with his quirky sense of humour. The production of our monthly Newsletter and slides are very professional. Thank you for all the wonderful bios of our members, it certainly is a way to get to know everyone, and to Jan Ferguson for sourcing the names of our members for your articles. Vince Hughes, again a big thank for your continued support in setting up and providing our electronic microphone that makes our job easier.

Phyllis while being assistant Treasurer this year has been a great help to our Treasurer and Activities desk in keeping things flowing with the bookings, also a big thank you to Bill for all your assistance during the year on the desk.

There are many members of our club that organise our various groups, Laurie with the great walks he organised again this year. Judy who arranges what movies we see, coupled with her role with the Craft group. Thank you Rhonda for your enthusiasm for the Theatre/shows that you arranged which I know has brought immense joy to us throughout the year. Welfare Officer Denise Mayhew provided our Club with wonderful support in looking after the welfare of our members who have been most appreciative of her cards, contacts and advices. I personally know of the wonderful support offered by when in hospital.

To all our activity organisers thank you for the role that you play within our Club.

We have had a number of members leave again this year for various reasons and new members have joined us to take us back up to 150 members. Our new and existing members have melded well and our club continues to be a very friendly club.

To the members who have indicated they will not be renewing their membership this year, we wish them well and look forward to the new friends we will make as new members join with us.

Finally again thanks to you all, for your support. I hope you will again get behind the new incoming committee with the same support you have given to the committee this year.

I have enjoyed the friendship and socialisation with many new friends I have made in Probus.

I wish the incoming committee and member's happiness, friendship and good health in the following 12 months.

John Channon
President
Asquith Mixed Probus Club

REPORT ON THE ASQUITH PROBUS CLUB SPEAKERS FOR THE YEAR 2013

Our guest speakers for the year were very interesting and entertaining. There were no problems and our members enjoyed their talks. There were many questions asked after each talk which is usually a good sign that all is well.

There were no problems in obtaining new speakers. Those speakers who had attended on previous occasions were able to speak on broader subjects.

Regarding 2014, all speaker slots have been filled.

Richard Slater
Programmer

TREASURERS REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 6 MARCH 2014.

Our honorary auditor - The Abby Practice have provided Audit Certification for The Asquith Mixed Probus Club accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013, as well as final audited financial report.

This certification and the financial figures are included in this treasurer's report. However, if a summary will suffice, then the financial position of the Club is:

INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT SUMMARY – 2013 YEAR.

Club income for year	\$ 8,358.32
Club expenses for year	<u>\$10,067.46</u>
Net deficit for year 2013	<u>\$ (1,709.14)</u>

CLUB FINANCIAL POSITION SUMMARY AT 31 DECEMBER 2013.

Cash	\$ 4,383.12
Other debtors	\$ 728.00
Fixed Interest Investment	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total Assets	\$10,111.12
 Less: Club Liabilities	 <u>\$ 2,741.17</u>
Accumulated Funds	<u>\$ 7,369.95</u>

The club is now over 5 years old, so it may be appropriate to review how our Accumulated Surplus has been derived. It consists of the surpluses from the initial 15 months to year-end 2009 of \$3,301.01: - then year-end 2010 of \$3,190.19; 2011 of \$1,549.78: - 2012 of \$1,038.11; - less the deficit in 2013 [brought about by our contribution to the overhead projector] of \$ (1,709.14) producing our accumulated surplus funds of \$7,369.95.

It is pleasing to report that this year has seen the adoption of EFT payments for our expenses, as well as the facility for members to pay club membership and tour costs by EFT. We are working towards using the clubs laptop computer at the tour desk, as this would streamline our procedures, and integrate the tours into the clubs financial system.

The 2014 budget assumes a running cost of the club at \$ 7,806, so with accumulated surpluses around that figure, the club meets the Probus South Pacific capitalisation guidelines.

Your committee has worked well together again this year, with thanks to John Channon who has been an able and amiable president, and once again, my special thanks to Phyllis Davies whose accurate assistance at our meetings in receiving funds has proved invaluable.

Angus Dougall.
Treasurer
12 Feb.2014.

PROBUS ANNUAL REPORT 2013

ACTIVITIES

Asquith Mixed Probus had a number of interesting tours during 2013. We started off the year in January with a very low key trip heading to Brooklyn to have fish & chips by the waterfront.

In February a coach trip to Riverwood Downs in the foothills of the Barrington Tops "World Heritage Wilderness proved to be very popular with our members.

March saw us descending on Sydney University for a guided Heritage Tour which was a very interesting experience.

In April we thought we would try lunch at Pie in the Sky as it is local and people car pooled which kept the cost to a minimum, this proved to be a very enjoyable social time.

In May some of our members joined forces with Berowra Probus for a Port Hacking Cruise, what an amazing day that was with plenty of opportunities for our photo enthusiasts me included! We also went on a Macquarie Princess Cruise with Hornsby Probus Club.

In June we went to the State Theatre for another guided tour which always proves popular with everyone and was well worth the visit.

July was a bit disappointing as we had to cancel the Vaucluse House trip due to lack of numbers.

August saw us once again joining forces with Berowra Mixed Probus for a visit to the Mounted Police Museum. The sharing of trips between Probus groups seems to be an answer to low number participation in some clubs and gives everyone a chance to get to know other Probus members. We also had a History & Heritage tour of the State Library which is an incredible building especially the Mitchell Library and the Shakespeare Room.

September's trip had to be cancelled.

October saw us celebrating our 5th Birthday at Bobbin Head with good food and even better company.

November was I think the best excursion of the year! We travelled by coach to The Australian Pioneer Village at Wilberforce and travelled back in time with our aptly dressed guide. The weather was beautiful, the Devonshire tea was yummy and the BBQ lunch at the Uniting Church in Ebenezer was very tasty. We also had an interesting & informative talk about the original settlers/pioneers of Ebenezer.

Then finally we finished off our year with an excellent Christmas lunch at Asquith Golf Club and once again this was the most popular event number wise during the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jan Phillips for all her help during the year and for the many times she filled in for me when I was unable to be there. Also thanks should go to Sandra Death, Judy Lafrenais and Jan Ferguson for their enthusiasm and help during the year.

Thanks are also needed for Berowra Mixed Probus and Hornsby Probus for including us in their trips and making us feel very welcome, perhaps we can do the same for you in the coming year!

Finally thank you Jan for the organization of our enjoyable trip to Eden which took the pressure off me and enabled me to have a restful holiday. As the ad says Eden is a natural paradise and we certainly agreed

with that description. The food was top class and our coach driver was a joy especially when he regaled us with his many experiences over the years!

INTEREST GROUPS

Craft: A small group of card makers meet at Judy's home on the 3rd Friday at 7.30pm, learning the art of card making over a cuppa, or just come along to socialise.

Contact Judy on 9987 4090

Dining: There are a group of members that meet every couple of months in a variety of restaurants, to experience different food choices and enjoy the company of the other diners. Mary has again given us a wide variety of dining experiences. All members are welcome just watch the news sheet for details.

Contact Mary on 9940 3645

Morning/Afternoon tea group. A small number of members have joined this new group and have met on 2 occasions. It would be great if we could get a few more names. The group is open to both men and ladies, we only have 6 names at present and it would be good to have about 18 so we could form 3 lots of members to give greater opportunity to meet others.

Contact Barry until we get a real contact.

Movies: Movie enthusiasts meet at Gloria Jean's about 9.15 on the Monday following our club meeting, to see a selected movie. We have also attended senior's morning tea and movie when Greater Union have held them.

Contact Judy on 9987 4090

Pot-Luck dining groups: This year we have had 3 groups of 8 people and 1 group of 10 meeting 4 times a year in various homes. Each person contributes to the food and drink for the lunch or evening meal, with the hosts providing the main course. We are keen to extend the number of groups for this next year. This is another good way to get to know your other members better.

Contact Sandra on 0403 073 667

Snooker: Is held in John Channon's home on the 3rd Tuesday each month when a small number join together for a fun evening. He is always looking for more players or spectators.

Contact John on 9489 6269

Theatre: Rhonda has arranged tickets for a number of varied shows this year including the Premiers Gala Concerts in March.

Contact Rhonda on 9482 5727

Walking group: The monthly walks have been well attended this year thanks to some interesting walks. We have had a number of members who cannot walk far and they have been able to join the walkers for lunch at a number of venues.

Contact Laurie on 9457 7061

The committee is very grateful to those who have given of their time to arrange each of these interest groups and to all those who have active roles in the club. Keep up the good work as it makes this club one that people are keen to join. If you are not involved in any of these groups why not give some thought to joining in with your fellow members.

I would like to thank our president John for the very active role he played this last year. He was the liaison with the Bowling Club over the installation of the projector and screen, I think we would all agree that it has added extra interest to our meetings.

I would like to thank all who have served on the committee this last year. It has been a very active committee.

Sylvia has decided it is time to move on from her role as Activities coordinator, and we wish her well with whatever she chooses to do this year.

Angus standing for President is passing over the club's finances.

Jan is giving up her role of hospitality and will be assisting in other areas.

The President has covered the thanks to other's on the committee.

Barry Willick
Secretary.

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