

Asquith Mixed Probus Club

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16



The **Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc.** was formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on 2 October 2008.

Club No: 9003799

District: 9680

Inc. No.: 9890687

This is its seventh annual report

NAME

[Constitution: 1]

The name of this club shall be The Asquith Mixed Probus Club Incorporated

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

[Constitution: 2]

(a) The purpose of this club shall be to advance intellectual and cultural interests among adult persons who have retired or are semi-retired from their former occupations.

(b) It will hold regular meetings and arrange activities to provide opportunities for fellowship, the development of acquaintance and social interaction.

(c) It shall strive to be seen as a worthwhile organisation by the local community.

MEMBERSHIP

[Constitution: 3]

(a) Membership of this club shall be open to retired and semi-retired professional and business people and others from any worthy vocation who appreciate and value opportunities for social contact with others in similar circumstances.

(b) Membership of this club shall be primarily for residents of Asquith & surrounding suburbs and districts.

The maximum membership of the club shall be 150 members. [Standing Resolutions: 6]

The Management Committee shall endeavour to maintain a gender balance of not more than 60% of any one gender. [Standing Resolutions: 7]

Membership 2015-16

As reported under Membership later, there were 143 members at the end of the 2015-16 year.

Annual Report 2015-16

Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc. (AMPC)

PO Box 3140, Asquith 2077

This *Annual Report* compiled by Jeremy Steele

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MANAGEMENT

[Constitution: 4]

The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee, comprising a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer (collectively "Committee Members"), and such number of other members of the Management Committee ("Officers") as provided in the By-laws or the club's Standing Resolutions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

[Constitution: 5]

An annual general meeting for the election of Committee Members and Officers shall be held on or before March 31 of each year.

Meeting dates

The annual general meeting was held on Thursday 5 March 2015 and Thursday 3 March 2016.

COMMITTEE 2015-16

At the March 2015 Annual General Meeting the following were elected:

Officers

President	Mary Potter
Vice-President Elect	Laurie Keaton
Vice-President	Barry Rooke
Secretary	Jeremy Steele
Treasurer	Vince Hughes

Committee

Bulletin	John Channon
Hospitality	Barbara Williamson
Membership	Barry Willick
Programme	Richard Slater
Tours/Excursions	Kerry Bower
Welfare	Denise Mayhew
Assistant Sec/Historian	Sandra Death
Assistant Treasurer	Kevin Brogan
Assistant Tours/Excursion	Jane Platts
Past President	Angus Dougall

During the year, Barry Rooke resigned as vice-president and was not replaced.

President's Report

Mary Potter reported for the year as follows:

Asquith Mixed Probus has recently celebrated its seventh birthday. I appreciate the opportunity to follow in the steps of previous presidents of the Club. Each of us has brought something unique to the role — our different experience and skill sets have meant we enter our term as President with a different aim for the year. For me, the hope was that we would further expand the range of activities already available to members.

Innovations this year

To encourage new ideas, all members were invited to a Think Tank held over coffee and sandwiches following the committee meeting on 8 October 2015. Following this meeting a number of new activities have been slowly implemented. Trivia, 500 card game and Mahjong have commenced, and Dining Out will shortly be starting. The Ten Pin Bowling was not proceeded with owing to misinformation given by the venue. In addition several one-off activities, a car rally and a weekend away to an air show, are in the planning stage for the coming year. I appreciate the attendance at the Think Tank of members Con Caratzas, Noelene Brogan, Jan Ferguson and Bill Bullock, and subsequent actions by Noelene and Jan. This year also saw the introduction of Fifth Thursday Barbecues, reported on later.

Several other new features during this year are mentioned in greater detail by the Treasurer in his report. I merely wish to say there is value for members in now being able to pay for activities and membership fees by plastic card in addition to cash and cheque. With changes in booking procedures, payments and the set-up for morning tea, members have more time for booking activities and chatting with others.

Innovations past

The Club has continued with several initiatives from the previous year. The *suggestion box* has been of value to the committee, as both bouquets and brickbats have been squeezed into it. The Committee has also benefited from the presence of a *guest observer* at Committee meetings. Fresh eyes lead to fresh



comments and suggestions. In addition to benefits to the Committee, I trust that the guest observers have recognised that the Committee is no closed shop for a select few, and that decisions, sometimes difficult, are transparent. It would be good if this participation should transfer into new Committee members in the future, as has happened in the past. My thanks to those who have attended as guest observers during my Presidency: Rhonda Wilson, Robyn Doohan, Jan Wilson, Bill Bullock, Bert Giovenali and Dale Young.

Club contributors

Importantly, no club, no president, could operate without the assistance of a committee willing to go the hard yards. I have indeed been blessed with a committee of men and women who have certainly put in a great deal of time visibly, and much more behind the scenes. My thanks go to each one, Angus Dougall, Laurie Keaton, Jeremy Steele, Vince Hughes, Denise Mayhew, Barbara Williamson, Barry Willick, Kevin Brogan, Sandra Death, Kerry Bower, John Channon, Richard Slater and Jane Platts. The job of President would have been very difficult without their support and wise advice, and I repeat, it has been much appreciated.

Of course, the Club runs on the work of many others apart from the elected committee. At the risk of neglecting someone, in which case my apologies in advance, I thank the following for contributions wide and varied: Rhonda Wilson, Judy Lafrenais, Barry Rooke, Margaret Steele, Carol Channon, Jan Ferguson, Sylvia Gratton, Sunny Dougall, and the many hands chopping salads, shopping for food or Christmas treats, setting tables and cooking sausages, and of course producing the trauma dolls.

Renovations

Our club is grateful for the ongoing support provided by Asquith Bowling Club in providing premises for our meetings. For the first four months of 2015 our club met at Asquith Golf Club due to renovations at the Bowling Club. Appreciation is expressed to Sandra Death, President of the Golf Club for facilitating this.

Annual Report

As we enter a new Probus year with a new committee I urge members to try something new. (*We are certainly never too old to learn something new.*)

Committee Reports

Secretary



The role of secretary is a standard one. The occupant, this year Jeremy Steele, is charged with looking after the

administrative interests of the organisation. This mostly means preparing the agendas for meetings, and writing up the minutes. Another function is to manage the correspondence of the organisation not directly handled by other officers. There is the occasional document to be submitted to Probus South Pacific, representing 'correspondence out', while various commercial interests send fliers and the like seeking business from the outings organiser, or the bank sends occasional statements.

During the year there was some amending of the Standing Resolutions, and the procedures for doing so need to be followed, and copies of the amended documents held. Equally, file copies must be kept of the agendas and minutes mentioned.

During 2015-16 the Secretary sought to adhere to certain basic practices in an attempt at better record keeping. These included: —placing a prominent ACTION entry at the end of a Committee minute, to ensure that the officer responsible could not miss it: this at the suggestion of the President; —ensuring that any official document from the Club had the

Club's name on it, and that there was a date included; —always mentioning people by first name and surname, as there might be several with the name 'John' or 'Joan'; —in the case of the Annual Report, to produce a document that strove to explain where the Club stood during the period reported on. Consequently reports from several other members contributing to the activities of the Club have been included in order to give a fuller picture. In its seventh year an introductory page has been devised to set out what the Club is now, and how it got to where it is.

The Emergency Contacts List was updated during 2015-16.

Treasurer

Vince Hughes reported for the year as follows:

The auditor, *The Abby Practice*, has provided Audit Certification for the Asquith

Mixed Probus Club accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015 as well as a final audited financial report.

This certification and the financial figures are included in the AMPC Annual Report.

The Abby Practice not only carry out our annual audit on an honorary basis but have also been available at all times to assist in any MYOB accounting software questions I may have had, and I



am truly grateful for that assistance.

In my first full year as Treasurer I have come to realise that the role includes being the collector and consolidator of the work of many other people. Those who have been staffing the payments desk, the activities and tours desk, the theatre desk, birthday and Christmas party events and so much more, do a terrific and sometimes stressful job in recording and processing payments and receipts. Without their attention to detail and accurate recording of transactions, the responsibilities of Treasurer would be impossible to fulfil. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their support.

During the year we were able to introduce electronic payments using the Bendigo Bank GoPos Lite system. This has proved to be popular with members as they no longer have to carry cash to pay for outings, and can meet booking deadlines by swiping a debit card.

We have also re-organised the physical flow for bookings at the general meetings so that members can fill in their Booking Forms at the Forms Desk, pay for activities at the Payments Desk and then confirm their registration at the Bookings or Theatre Desks.

We look forward to continuing to improve and simplify procedures for members, and welcome suggestions through the suggestion box.

Program

One of the principal features of a Probus club is the address by a good speaker at the monthly general meetings. The role of the organiser of the speaker program is to arrange a balanced collection of informed speakers for the year. The duration of the address is around 40 minutes, with up to 10 minutes for questions. Speakers are volunteers and receive a token payment in appreciation.

Richard Slater, the program organiser, reported for the year as follows:



Our speakers throughout the year covered a wide range of subjects, and feedback from club members was encouraging. Talks covered medical subjects, the Australian Antarctic Territory, life in submarines, performing arts, policing and of course Australian issues. Peter Kirkwood's display of his didgeridoo skills was outstanding and well received by members.

There were no problems sourcing speakers. Probus Clubs assist each other by passing on speaker suggestions. Our own members are also a source of speaker subjects and this is always to be encouraged. The speaker list for 2015-16 was the following:

April 2015	Gary Cook	Cockatoo Island Dockyard
May	Hastings Pawsey	A sea voyage to the AAT
June	Paul Cleary	Policing
July	Douglas Edwards	Life in submarines
August	Rachel Qu	Shen Yun Performing Arts Sydney

September	Donna Hendry	Macular Degeneration Foundation
October	Andrew Tink	Australia 1901-2001
November	Paul Storm	Emden crew in Australia
January 2016	Peter Kirkwood	Didgeridoo
February	Rhonda Alexander	St. John Ambulance Service NSW

Our members were invariably supportive with applause, and when time permitted expressed their interest through comments and questions after the talks.

Outings



Kerry Bower reported as follows on the AMPC third-Thursday event: Outings:

The Outings year started with 37 members for lunch at Manly, with an exciting ferry trip home because of a bomb scare at Circular Quay.

In February 37 members toured the Museum of Sydney, at which Jeremy Steele provided an informative talk at historic Macquarie Place. 26 members lunched at Darling Harbour.

King Tide Cafe at Brooklyn Marina again was a success with 35 members at this March outing.

April featured a tour of Sydney Hospital, the oldest in Australia. Most of our 37 tourists had lunch at the NSW Leagues Club.

In May there was the first coach trip for the year: the Royal Tour in the Blue Mountains. This was well attended with 44 enjoying the day.

On a fine sunny day in June it was to Doyle's at Watson Bay for lunch, which proved to be a

beautiful spot for the 32 members who attended.

A boisterous Christmas in July was then held at the Waterview at Berowra. Attendance: 56.

The second coach trip was in August, 'From the Highlands to the Sea'. This was well attended, featuring a big bus and 54 members having a big, big, day.

The Club's 7th Birthday Party was held on 15 October at Bobbin Head. Many helped to make this a great day: it was one of the best attended events of the year. There were around 65 at this function.

A scheduled Canberra Trip in November had to be cancelled, but at short notice 27 members ended up having a wonderful day out on the Hawkesbury River with a Bar Island tour and lunch.

The most popular event of all is the Christmas Party at the Asquith Golf Club.

Barbara Williamson and her team of helpers made this probably the best such event held so far.

The organiser of outings can only act if others help, and this proved to be the case time and again, and thanks go to all those who generously assisted with the outings and functions in 2015 and especially to Jane Platts, the assistant outings organiser.

Walks

AMPC is a club based on Thursdays. There are four or five Thursdays in a month, the first being allocated to the monthly general meeting and the second to the Committee meeting. Other Thursdays are for the Club's flagship activities. The fourth Thursday is one such, and that is filled by the monthly Walk. Usually about 25-40 go on the scheduled excursion. Often the strolls are not strenuous, but at other times it is tramping along bush tracks, frequently with outstanding views

along the way. All walks offer the chance to join fellow members for a while, and find out what their interests are. Walks are one of the best ways for fulfilling the social side of the Club's objectives, which is why they are as popular as they are. The Club is indebted to Laurie Keaton for his oversight of the walks over a number of years.

Laurie Keaton reported for the year as follows:



Walks/outings were organised by the following:

- Barbara and Lance Williamson to Ettalong;
- John Britten to Davistown and Newcastle; and
- Kerrie and Arthur Bower to Cockatoo Island.

—Laurie Keaton organised events to Dover Heights and the Gap, Manly Dam and Sydney Rowers' Club.

Walks cancelled or re-scheduled were those to Brick-Pit Ring, Olympic Park; Manly Dam; and Cabarita Park.

Special thanks are due to the organisers listed above, and to Kevin Brogan and Robert Montgomery who acted as marshals.

Despite two cancellations the average attendance was 26. The program still managed variety and diversity despite weather conditions. No-one was really lost this year and we were largely injury free.

Bulletin

John Channon, *Bulletin* editor, reported for the year as follows:

The *Bulletin* is a monthly magazine of between 10 to 12 pages, sent to members by email on about the 21st of the month. For those

without email Bendigo Bank prints 40 copies each month for distribution at the monthly general meeting. The club encourages all members to avail themselves of modern technology, and the sooner the better. With the increased cost of postage for mailing out copies not picked up the Club may need to consider a surcharge for this service.

It has been a learning exercise preparing the *Bulletin* for 2015-16.

However, after some much needed initial assistance from the previous editor, Jeremy Steele, it all fell into place. For someone with no previous experience preparing a club magazine, it all worked well.

The following helped in the *Bulletin* operation, and their contributions were much appreciated:

- the members who contributed articles for their portfolio on time;
- Sylvia Gratton, who stood in as editor when I was away
- Jeremy Steele, for the use of his computer at general meetings to show the meeting slides, necessary as the video system at the Bowling Club did not always recognise my laptop;
- Angus Dougall, for the monthly contribution 'Where did that phrase come from', an interesting and informative insert;
- Doug Carley, for providing photos of special events, so enhancing the interest of the *Bulletin*.

Hospitality

The role of the hospitality officer is to promote the social character of the

Club. He or she is always on the lookout for any activity that might be arranged that will encourage greater participation by members of the Club.

Barbara Williamson reported for the year as follows:



At general meetings during 2015-16 members have enjoyed morning

teas being served not only with cake and biscuits but also with gluten-free products for the first time. In addition, the separation of the urns from these treats made the customary long queues vanish.

Over 70 members attended the Club's 7th birthday lunch at Bobbin Head enjoying fine food, delicious desserts and cakes.

The Christmas Lunch was well attended in 2015. There was sumptuous Christmas fare for the 96 members present, with a special Christmas cake. A member of the Committee was seated at every table. Entertainment provided by individual club members was 'outstanding'. Member Lance Williamson as Santa Claus delighted the group once again with his presence.

Barbara was always the 'go-to' person when there was a hiccup at meetings. The matter would generally be sorted out within minutes.

Mary Potter, President

Welfare

Denise Mayhew reported for the year as follows:

WELFARE: the health, happiness and well-being of a person or group.

WELL-BEING: the state of being comfortable, healthy and/or happy.

Welfare and well-being are two words with almost the same meaning, both of which I try to incorporate into the position I hold as Welfare Officer.



The Club membership would be unanimous in saying what a remarkable job Denise Mayhew does in relation to the welfare of the members. She finds out who has had any misfortune and makes contact with them by telephone and or personal visit. One would have to be thoroughly determined to avoid Denise's showing her concern for your welfare. What would we do without that lovely singing of 'Happy Birthday' over the phone?

Mary Potter, President

Membership

The role of the membership officer is to keep a watch over the membership, seeking to achieve a full enrolment of 150 while maintaining a

gender balance within the limits of 60:40. He receives applications for admission, refers them to the committee for considering, procures membership badges, manages awards for those reaching 80 and 90 years of age, keeps a record of attendance at meetings. No-one in the Club can match Barry's ability immediately to recognise and provide a name for the other members.



Barry Willick reported for the year 2015-16 as follows:

We had 5 members resign during 2015, and we were saddened to have 4 members pass away: Ros Burrowes, Dave Ferguson, John Martin and John Sharpe. There were 6 new members welcomed into our club during the year. This left the membership at 143 members at the end of the year.

Public Officer

Laurie Keaton had occupied the position of public officer for the

Club for a number of years. With his impending assumption of the presidency in 2016 he relinquished the position in June 2015. It was accepted by the Assistant Secretary and Historian Sandra Death.

The Public Officer is the liaison person between the Club and the State government Department of Fair Trading. The Public Officer is responsible for ensuring that the Club operates within its Constitution and within the requirements of the State Model Rules.

Often there is little to do, but occasionally a matter of importance arises. It is the Public Officer who makes sure that it is handled correctly.



Historian

The AMPC was formed on 2 October 2008 yet who can remember everything about it? The minimum role of the historian (or archivist) is to maintain the records of the Club. These include:

- secretarial (meeting papers: agendas, minutes, associated documents)
- secretarial (correspondence)
- financial (budgets, balance sheets, financial reports, etc.)
- newsletter (back issues)
- other: reports, proposals etc.



Potluck Dinners

Potluck Dinners are a cordial way for members to get to know one another

better. They are smaller group settings, with no agenda to follow. At the end of the year the groups are re-formed differently by the organisers, and it all begins again, with new opportunities of getting to know others.

Sandra Death reported for the year as follows:



We have had five groups of eight people meeting four times this 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.

The choice of courses is not known until the dinner commences, hence 'Pot Luck Dinners'. Lots of laughter and excellent discussions take place around the table. This is another good way to get to know your other members better.

Theatre Parties

Rhonda Wilson reported for the year as follows:

A wide variety of shows with different price tags was offered to our members throughout the year. These were mainly musicals.

Matilda, Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, Anything Goes and Les Miserables were popular. Other



group bookings were made for *Shen Yun*, and *Aladdin*: these catered for a different group of members.

Because of lack of numbers and timing *Circus Oz* was cancelled. There were no takers for *Lord of*

the Dance. Theatre parties cater for a specific group of members and not all members are interested but there is a need for live shows for those who do enjoy them.

Sometimes it is difficult to space the shows and their payments throughout the year, which arises because I have no control as to when the shows are offered, nor over the price.

Carol Channon agreed to step in anytime during the year when I was absent. Denise Mayhew on such occasions did the presentations at the monthly meetings.

Snooker

John Channon supervised monthly snooker sessions, and reported:



Snooker evenings were held throughout the year at the Channons' place. Around five to six people come along on the Tuesday following the Committee meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m.

No-one is a Walter Lindrum but there is fun to be had and always a jovial encounter.

Fifth Thursday Barbecues

As was mentioned under Walks, the AMPC is a club based primarily on recurring activities on Thursdays. Hitherto months in which five Thursdays occurred had

no activity for such days. So this year the 'Fifth Thursday Barbecues' were introduced,



superintended by Barry Rooke. A venue would be selected, and members would turn up and provide almost

entirely for themselves. Barry always brought extras for general conviviality and communal consumption.

The average attendance at these informal events was 37. They were held as follows:

30 April: Galston Rec. Reserve

30 July: Galston Rec. Reserve

29 October: Crosslands Reserve

Movies & Craft

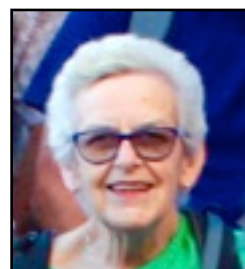
Judy Lafrenais arranges 'Movie Days' held on the Monday after the Probus meeting.

Members are informed of the

movie choices at the general meeting. People choose the movie they prefer to see. Numbers vary according to time of year and films available.

Craft is a separate activity held on the second Friday of the month at her home. Judy prepares a sample card for what could be made that evening. Materials are supplied, and those present complete cards with their own individual touch. Judy is a patient teacher and her hospitality is appreciated by the five to seven members attending each month.

Both craft and the movies offer members additional opportunities to socialise at low cost.



Knitted teddies

Sandra Death contributed the following account of AMPC's 'dolls for the hospital' project:



This activity was begun by Barbara Williamson on her own over five years ago, when a conversation with a few ladies started what is now known at the 'dolls group'. They meet at Barbara's home on the second Wednesday of each month to socialise and to produce a remarkable item: the knitted teddy. Among the volunteers are those who knit, members who fill the teddies and sew the parts together, and others who make the faces and so complete the gift. During this period over 1500/1800 of these teddies have been donated to Westmead Children's Hospital for distribution to the children.

Thanks are due to these volunteers for their assistance and contributions that allow our Probus Club to maintain this enjoyable and worthy activity.

Pastimes table

Margaret Steele reported for the year as follows:

The swap table was started about 3 years ago as a book exchange. The idea was to bring a book you had enjoyed reading to exchange



with one brought by another member, both to be returned when read to keep them circulating.

As the number of books grew, and to enable more members to participate, the exchange aspect was dropped. You can now borrow books without having brought any to share. You may borrow as many as you like, no time limit, as long as you keep them circulating.



Pam Cole finds a book she likes the look of

At first a number of different people took short-term responsibility for taking the books to and from the meeting, but for some time now it has been in the hands of Sunny Dougall.

In early 2014 jigsaws were added to the table following the same sharing principle, and likewise DVDs in mid 2015.

Several people have been introduced to new authors and several more have discovered the enjoyment (and challenge) in completing a jigsaw. But there is a more important by-product and measure of success of this activity

and that is the buzz around the table, conversation that now takes place between members who had not previously spoken to each other at meetings. Gathering around the table with other borrowers is an easy non-threatening way to break the ice with the 'unknown' person beside you. Ask: 'Have you read/seen this, ever done a jigsaw?'

Fresh activities Trivia

Asquith Bowling Club has a weekly Trivia night. Up to 12 members have attended on the second Wednesday of the month under the team name of 'The AMPCs'. Much enjoyment, a little frustration at missed answers, and a few small prizes have been the result.

500 card game

Under Mary Glasby's direction, a number of members started playing twice a month at the Asquith Bowling Club. It is early days but an enthusiastic core attends.

Mahjong

February saw the start of a mahjong group. Anne Heaton ran a double series of four weekly basic lessons in her home, on Tuesday and Thursday nights. It was expected individuals would form ongoing groups in other homes.

Philately

Richard Slater proposed a group for those interested in collecting, identifying or disposing of stamps, first day covers or other philatelic material.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1 January – 31 December 2015

The Probus year runs from April one year to the end of March in the following year. AMPC follows this formula, running from a March AGM until the next March AGM. Because accounts have to be finalised before an AGM, the AMPC financial year has been decreed to be the

same as the calendar year. Consequently for this AMPC Annual Report 2015-16, the following AMPC Financial Report is for the year 1 January to 31 December 2015.

The Auditors have reported as follows:

ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2015

ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC SPECIAL PURPOSE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Income		
Membership Fees	6,873.00	7,435.00
Visitor Fees	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Income	30.00	115.50
(Deficit)/Surplus Excursion Income	(1,569.63)	1,370.97
Surplus Raffle Income	120.05	84.00
	5,553.42	9,105.47
Less Expenditure		
Bank Charges	100.08	4.40
Filing Fees	53.00	52.00
Other expenses	775.56	419.79
Pins, badges, etc	76.15	112.12
Postage	115.00	123.00
Printing & Stationery	380.95	282.41
Probus Administration fee	2,048.00	1,550.00
Subscription		800.00
Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Venue etc	3,507.50	3,923.60
	7,056.24	7,267.32
Operating (Deficit) Surplus for Year	(\$1,502.82)	\$1,838.15

The above Special Purpose Income and Expenditure Report should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Reports and the auditor's Report attached thereto.

ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Operating Profit (Loss) Before Income Tax	(1,502.82)	1,838.15
Income Tax Expense	-	-
Operating Profit (Loss) After Income Tax	(1,502.82)	1,838.15
Retained Surpluses at the beginning of the year	9,568.27	7,730.12
Retained Surpluses at end of the year	\$8,065.45	\$9,568.27

The above Special Purpose Statement of Financial Performance should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Reports and the auditor's Report attached thereto.

**ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC
SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
POSITION AS AT 31 December 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	3,567.45	6,132.87
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
Total Cash	3,767.45	6,332.87
Fixed Interest Investment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Investment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Current Assets	8,767.45	11,332.87
Total Assets	8,767.45	11,332.87
Current Liabilities		
Membership Fees in Advance	302.00	1,670.00
Excursion Income in Advance	400.00	
Total Current Liabilities	702.00	1,764.60
Total Liabilities	\$702.00	1,764.60
Net Assets	\$8,065.45	\$9,568.27
Retained Earnings	\$8,065.45	\$9,568.27

The above Special Purpose Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Reports and the auditor's Report attached thereto.

**ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC
NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL
REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2015**

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

The Committee has determined that the Club is not a reporting entity as defined in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1: Definition of a Reporting Entity, and therefore there is no requirement to apply accounting standards in the preparation and presentation of these reports.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Law, the following applicable accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements:

- AASB 1002 Events Occurring after Balance Date
- AASB 1018 Profit and Loss Accounts
- AASB 1019 Measurement and Presentation of Inventories in the Context of the Historical Cost System
- AASB 1021 Depreciation of Non Current Assets
- AASB 1025 Application of the Reporting Entity Concept and Other Amendments

No other applicable accounting standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements have been intentionally applied.

The financial reports have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money value or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following specific accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

(a) Income Tax:

The Club does not provide for income tax on the basis that it is a mutual organisation, its income is mutual income and therefore not liable for income tax.



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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC

Scope

I have audited the Special Purpose Financial Reports of the Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2015 consisting of the Special Purpose Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Financial Performance and Income and Expenditure Report. I have conducted an independent audit of these reports in order to express an opinion on them.

My audit had been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial reports are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial reports. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial reports are presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting concepts and standards and statutory requirements as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Club's financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit expressed in this report had been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

With the exception that:

- The club is a small service organisation and we have not been able to carry out any audit on the receipt of cash amounts.
- Cash receipts are a source of fundraising revenue for Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc. The Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc. has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of cash receipts prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to me regarding fundraising revenue from this source was limited, my audit procedures with respect to cash receipts had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. I am therefore unable to conclude whether the recorded cash receipts of Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc. are complete.

In my opinion, the Special Purpose Financial Reports of the Club are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31 December 2015 and the results for the financial year ended on that date and that they are in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.

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