



2016

Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc

Annual Report

President's Report 2016/2017

I thank you all for the privilege it has been to serve as your President this past year. It was with surprise that having nominated as Vice President elect for this year that I found myself in the job a year ahead of when I thought I would serve. It has been a year with a difference with us having to make the decision to change venue to the Asquith Golf Club and a big thank you to them for being so willing to accommodate us.

I want to thank all the committee and members for their support throughout the year especially during my operation and recovery.

A special thank you to Phyllis Davies who has been a great help to me in her role as secretary and has done a really good job.

The year started with Vince Hughes as treasurer, unfortunately, Vince found he could not continue in this role; however he has been a great support in setting up on line payments. In September committee member Yenda Holland agreed to take over the role of treasurer and I thank her for the work she has put in and getting the annual finance report ready. A big thank you to John Cole for taking on the Audit of the club's funds at short notice, it is great when members stand up and help out.

I have had 2 vice presidents giving me good support, but unfortunately neither felt that they could step up as president in the coming year.

Kevin Brogan has done an excellent job as assistant treasurer along with the help of his wife Noelene and Con Caratzas in taking the money at meetings and reporting to those concerned. Sandra has again filled the role as assistant secretary and historian, along with the role as public officer, many thanks Sandra for keeping us on track.

Mary has arranged some interesting speakers for us on a wide range of topics, John has been putting together the bulletin and the overhead screen presentation which has been a great help giving us a visual presentation each month.

Kerry and Jane have put together some good outings again this year with help from Angus when they were away, many thanks to the 3 of you. Angus has also put together a trip for next month which has been well supported. Barbara has arranged a number of trips away and members will be looking forward to these.

Denise does a great job with welfare and I know the contacts she makes are much appreciated.

Laurie has again been very active with some very enjoyable walks also including some dining experiences; he has been helped by some members doing walks for him.

Lance has taken on the 5th Thursday BBQ's and these are a great time of getting to know members in a small relaxed way. Mah-jong, cards and trivia have added to the variety that we are able to offer along with card making and movies with Judy.

What a good year of entertainment has Rhonda arranged with the shows she has booked, well done Rhonda. We have had 5 potluck dinner groups getting together for good food and fellowship this year and I thank those who have been involved this is a good way to spend quality time with members getting to know them.

Evelyn has taken on the dining out group with a couple of good venues to dine at and we look forward to more in the year ahead. Sunny and Carol have been a great help to me in arranging the Birthday BBQ and the Christmas Lunch both events were a great success, many thanks to you both. There have been those who helped by manning the front desk for the sign in, getting morning tea for those busy with booking outings and taking the money, without your help the club would not run in a smooth manner. If I have not mentioned anyone who has helped in any way, you know what you have done and I thank you.

Finally thanks again for your support in making Asquith Mixed Probus Club the happy and friendly club that it is. I hope you will get behind the incoming committee with the same support that you have given this year. Barry Willick-President 2016-17.

Treasurers Report

As the recently appointed Treasurer I have been very gratified to have taken over a set of accounts in good shape. My thanks to Vince Hughes for keeping an accurate set of records and also for his assistance in getting me under way. I would also like to express my appreciation to Angus Dougall who also assisted me with my new duties and more recently to John Cole for his guidance.

The Assistant Treasurer, Kevin Brogan, has been a huge help by maintaining precise records of monies taken at general meetings and reporting them in a clear format. Also, a big thank you to Con Caratzas for coming up with such good ideas to streamline the money process. Not to be forgotten are all the people who man the payments and activities desks and do such a good job, not only in sourcing and arranging activities for us all to enjoy, but recording and processing transactions to enable these activities to take place. Thank you all very much.

Thank you also to John Cole who has very recently stepped into the role of Auditor. His certification and the financial figures are included in this report.

Yenda Holland

Outings Report

Thank you to all who helped with the outings and functions in 2016 and a special thanks to Jane when I was away on holidays.

Our year started with 35 members for lunch at the Brooklyn Marina.

In **February** 35 of us enjoyed lunch on the water at Mosman Rowing Club.

A large group toured Hyde Park barracks and lunched at City Tattersalls club on our **April** outing. The **May** trip away saw a small group do a 7 day Murray Tour and from all reports had a wonderful time.

A car rally was organised by Angus in **June**, it was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

A large party went to Christmas in **July** at Berowra waters.

Our **August** Outing, we had a great day at Danger Island with 35 people attending for morning tea, a casual walk around the Island and lunch at the cafe.

In **September** we had a guided tour at Garden Island and lunched at Watson Bay Pier.

Our 8th Birthday Party at Bobbin Head in **October**. Many thanks to the volunteers who make this a great day for so many members.

In **November**, 30 members attended the tour of our oldest library, the Mitchell Library. We went on to City Tattersall's for lunch.

Our Christmas Lunch this year was at Asquith Bowling Club, and was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this a special day.

Thank you to everyone who attended our outings and made them so successful.

Cheers Kerry.

Membership

2016 was not very different to any other of our 8 years. At the end of 2015 we had the usual number of members that did not renew their membership.

During 2016 we had 18 new members join leaving us at the end of 2016 with 150 paid up members plus 1 honorary member. Made up of 94 ladies and 57 men.

Current continuing foundation members total 64, being 40 ladies & 24 men. And I am happy to have been membership officer from the foundation of our club.

Barry Willick.

Hospitality

Hospitality was a position that was not filled so I opted to take it on.

I have been very well assisted by Sunny Dougal and Carol Channon and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on a great effort, without them I would not have been able to carry out the tasks.

The birthday BBQ was well attended and a good day was had by all, many thanks to those who helped and went the extra bit to make the day a success.

Our Christmas get together saw us at Asquith B/C for lunch with 94 attending. Due to my being laid up this entire function fell to Sunny and Carol with the help of their other halves Angus and John in support. A big thank you to them and to those who helped on the day. A great array of prizes awaited those with the lucky numbers.

Barry Willick.

Club Speakers Report

Thank you to Richard Slater for organizing the speaker program for the past three years, and arranging coverage for the first three months after I took over its responsibility. There has been a varied program of outside speakers and club members.

Topics covered included Sydney Harbour Trust, Growing up in China, Community Policing, Restoration of the 3801, Crime in the 1920s in Sydney, Growing up in the Holocaust, Fire Safety, Police Rescue and Trauma Support.

In addition, members stepped in where there were unexpected cancellations or delays. As the person charged with the responsibility of arranging speakers for our meeting, I am very grateful to the members who were willing to stand up and entertain us at short notice. I would be pleased to have more volunteers to add to my emergency list

SBS often advertises itself by saying "*9 million stories and counting*". I am sure some of these stories are within our membership.

Mary Potter

WELFARE REPORT

Last year was a reasonably busy year in as much as several members were admitted to hospital for various reasons and quite a few others had a bad run with their health, especially towards the latter part of the year.

I made contact with these members through either phone calls, cards and wherever possible hospital visits.

I tried to stay on top of the 'not so well list' but appreciated any member letting me know when somebody wasn't feeling 100%.

I spoke at the monthly meetings on any member who wasn't well, only ever with their permission. I also presented written reports to the committee at their monthly meetings.

I tried to phone every member on their birthday and if they couldn't be reached I either left a message or phoned back later.

Denise Mayhew

INTEREST GROUPS

BBQ Lunches: The 5th Thursday BBQ Lunches continue to be very successful under the guidance of Lance Williamson they have been well attended and the venue at Galston is an all weather venue with plenty of cover.

Contact Lance Williamson 9484 7578

Craft: Our card making evenings during 2016 were, as usual, filled with fun and lots of laughter. With cups of tea or coffee in hand, cards completed include birthday cards with ribbons and bows, Christmas cards with baubles, tree toppers and sparkles. We learnt how to attach decorative motifs to the cards while our fingers were covered with glue, use coloured stamp pads without smudging colour everywhere and using fine toothpicks - not for teeth - but to press out intricate designs for the cards. There has been the occasional 'under the breath' mutterings, which nobody could decipher - probably because all of us were muttering at the same time!!

The leader of all the frivolity - Judy - has been a great teacher; going to a lot of effort organising the evenings and lovely, interesting cards. On the occasions when we were unable to go to Judy's, Sonia Hayes stepped in and co-ordinated a couple of fun evenings and provided much hilarity with her glass topped table. I think Sonia was fortunate that the glass didn't end up on the floor!! Odd that the next time at Sonia's, she put us at the kitchen table.....

Our thanks go to both these ladies for their efforts in providing these great evenings and we look forward to more such evenings in 2017. Robin Roberts

Contact Judy 9987 4090

500: A group of 10 regular players meet at Asquith Bowling Club on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month for a relaxed and enjoyable morning of cards come and join us, experienced or inexperienced players welcome a great way to make new friends.

Contact Mary Glasby on 9482 8114

Dining Out: For the last six months I have been the organiser with the task of finding different places to eat out. Keeping in mind costs location and that little something different.

We have had High Tea, Japanese Dinner, and Breakfast at Bobbin Head.

I am pleased to say each of these experiences have been enjoyed by between 30-40 Probus members.

At all places I have made sure there is a Vegetarian and Gluten free meals available.

This year we hope to find a few more eating places but we would love to have a few suggestions from you members, either places you have been too or friends have recommended to you.

Place a message in the suggestion box with your name so we can get in touch with you.

Thanking you members and committee for your support

Evelyn Olney.

Contact Evelyn on 9482 2858.

Dolls: Approximately 12 dedicated ladies join Barbara Williamson to make trauma dolls for the sick children at Westmead Children's Hospital. Approximately 1000 dolls have been donated this year.

A very rewarding endeavour

Contact Barbara on 9484 7578

Mah-jong: Following some very patient teaching by Anne Heaton and Sylvia Gratton, some very enthusiastic people decided to play mah-jong on a regular basis. We are a mixed group consisting of five stalwart players although, on quite a few occasions, numbers have increased to 11. Mah-jong can be played with either three or four players.

We are still very much in our infancy as players and, although we try to be serious and play difficult hands, these seldom eventuate but there is much rejoicing when they do. We also analyse each other's hand when the game is over in order to discuss strategy and suggest different options for play. As you can see, we are still learning.

If anyone would care to join us it is not too late and they would be very welcome.

Contact Yenda on 9477 3338

Movies: Movie enthusiasts meet 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 has held them.

Contact Judy on 9987 4090

Pot-Luck Dining Groups: *Contact Barry 9653 2285 or Sandra on 0403 073 667*

Snooker: During the year the Snooker group of 4 to 6 members had 8 meetings throughout the year. Those that took part had an enjoyable fun evening at 143 King Road Wahroonga.

No one person excelled in skill but all had an enjoyable time with a glass of wine, cheese with lots of laughter and fun.

Come join us on the third Tuesday of the Month but please ring on the previous day if coming.

John Channon

Contact John on 0429 096 996 or 9487 4856

Theatre Parties: It has been a positive year to the Theatre Parties organised this year.

My Fair Lady was the winner this year, with 30 attendees sitting in the first 2 rows of the theatre; with Ghost probably the least popular. Singing in The Rain, Dream Lover were also very popular with positive feedback.

Aladdin the Musical which is showing in February was booked out with a wait list.

Bookings for Kinky Boots closed at the February meeting; this show was also booked out with a wait list. I was able to accommodate some of the members on the wait list as always, numbers go up and down, with people forgetting they put their name down, don't know how many people etc. etc.

Bookings are picking up for Bodyguard the Musical in May.

On an average 23-30 members attend each Theatre Party. There is a pattern with the members attending Theatre Parties which is positive that there is a need for these outings.

Rhonda Wilson

Contact Rhonda on 9482 5727

Trivia: In 2016 the Committee introduced new social activities (incurring no cost) to our Members. One of these was Trivia, held at Asquith Bowling Club. Serious players attend weekly, but our team – the AMP's – play once per month on the Wednesday night after our monthly meeting. We have a small team and occasionally have a 'win', but would love to have more members join us for this fun night.

Contact Denise on 9477 2779

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. Special thanks to a number of people who have organised walks or assisted in their conduct. John Britten stepped up to the plate with another outing to the central coast in my absence. Lance and Barbara's assistance in the Balls Head evening was again appreciated. Robert again organised check in for the central coast walk. A number of males performed a great effort in extricating Christine after her injury at Wollstonecraft.

Best wishes to George and Julie on their move to Avoca.

2017 will see a number of new walks.

To all who participated thank you for the great friendship shown.

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 Barry and Assistant Secretary Sandra for all the assistance they have given to me this year. Yenda stepped up and took on the Treasurer's job at a moment's notice and is doing a great job.

I would like to thank all who have served on the committee this last year it has been a pleasure working with you. But as all things must come to an end after 8 years on committee it is time for me to step down. It has been a privilege to have been able to serve on the committee of this Club.

Phyllis Davies
Secretary

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Balance Sheet

As of 30/12/2016

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Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account	\$6,722.77	
Petty Cash	\$200.00	
Total Cash On Hand		\$6,922.77
Investments		
Fixed Interest Investments	\$5,000.00	
Total Investments		\$5,000.00
Total Current Assets		\$11,922.77
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Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Unknown deposit received	\$212.00	
Membership Fees In Advance	\$585.00	
Activity Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,050.85	
2017 Act Income in Advance		
Temora Air Show	\$100.00	
Broken Hill	\$600.00	
Townsville	\$200.00	
Total 2017 Act Income in Advance		\$900.00
Total Current Liabilities		\$2,747.85
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Net Assets		\$9,174.92
Equity		
Surplus/Deficit B/Pwd	\$8,065.45	
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,109.47	
Total Equity		\$9,174.92

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Profit & Loss Statement

1/01/2016 To 30/12/2016

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Income	
Membership Fees	\$7,844.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$30.00
Visitors fees & new member fee	\$115.00
Interest Received	\$465.87
Total Income	\$8,454.87
Total	\$0.00
Gross Profit	\$8,454.87
General Expenses	
Bank Charges	\$106.21
Office Expenses	\$1,318.70
Filing and Incorporation Fees	\$49.00
Guest Speaker Fees	\$125.00
Other Expenses	\$274.95
Pins, Badges, etc.	\$220.06
Postage	\$261.50
Printing and Stationery	\$215.93
Probus Administration Fees	\$1,028.50
Subscriptions	\$360.00
Venue & Morning Tea costs	\$2,585.55
Total General Expenses	\$7,345.40
Operating Profit	\$1,109.47
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$1,109.47

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Audit Verification of Asquith Mixed Probus Club.

I have examined the reports of AMPC as at 31/12/2016.

I found all reports true and correct representing the picture of where AMPC now stands financially.

I have viewed the Balance Sheet and it shows the Bank Account being \$6,722.77, Petty cash as \$200.00 and a term deposit of \$5,000.00 all totalling \$11,922.77 which is very healthy for AMPC.

There are also retained earnings of \$9,174.92.

The Profit and Loss for December reflects all December transactions.

The bank reconciliation agrees with the above figure of \$6,722.77.

I have spoken to Yenda on several occasions to verify some matters, and now commend her for her work on these accounts.

John Cole MIAA.

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