



# Asquith Mixed Probud Club BULLETIN

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition



This photo is of the first committee formed on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008. It also shows Keith Carson who set up our club, plus the president of Berowra Rotary our forming club. There are also two ladies from Probud South Pacific.

Our meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October is our special 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch. We are looking forward to a great time together as we celebrate 10 years of Asquith Mixed Probud Club.

### PLEASE NOTE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

1. Booking tables will only be open from 10am to 10.30am. They will not re-open later in the day. Please get there early if you want to make a booking and it would be quicker to pay on line and fill in a booking slip in advance (page 12 of this Bulletin).
2. There will be NO Books and Jigsaw table this month. Please don't bring any to contribute. Keep them for next meeting.
3. We will be seated at tables from the beginning of the meeting. Morning tea will be served at the tables. Each table will have a Committee member as host.

### Meeting Dates

Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2018  
Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018  
at **Asquith Golf Club**

Registration 10.15am for a 10.30am start

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P.O. Box 3140, Asquith 2077

Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on 2 October 2008.

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# First Bulletin

Here is the very first Bulletin of 2 October, 2008, Volume 1 Issue 1 (the whole edition). It says, "... it is hoped that numerous "'mini-clubs' can be formed." Well we have certainly done that and continue to add new ideas.

## ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB FOUNDED 2 OCT 08

Volume 1 Issue 1 Oct 08

Meetings will be held at Asquith Bowling Club on first Thursday each month at 10.30 A.M. If that day is a public holiday, the meeting will be on the second Thursday.

Asquith Mixed Probus Club has been formed. The convenor was Keith Carson, past President and current Treasurer of Berowra Rotary. Chairman of the meeting was Warwick Randell, current President of Berowra Rotary. Thanks to you both for helping us to our first shaky steps. Hopefully, we will soon be up and running well and judging by the great turnout at the inaugural meeting that will happen quickly. Our membership has been set at 150, and 126 paid up on the day.

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### OFFICERS ELECTED:

President: Tony HALL 94773820

Vice Presidents: Barry WILLICK 94771823

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Secretary: Laurie KEATON 94577061

Treasurer: Wendy HILLSDON 91446566

Committee: Ron SHAPIERA 94774531

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Lynne GARDINER 94445386

John CHANNON

-Our new members have many diverse interests and hobbies and it is hoped that numerous "mini-clubs' can be formed. If you have an interest in forming or joining any activity, please contact the Secretary so that others with similar interests can be notified. Activities are endless, so do make yourself known.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Our guest speaker for Thursday November 6th is Bob DAVIS. He will be speaking on "The fascinating world of the honey bee." Apparently we can learn a lot from the lifestyle of these little creatures.

2. The meeting for December will be a Christmas Lunch at Asquith Bowling Club. This will be a 2 course meal of ham and turkey with vegetables, followed by plum pudding and brandy sauce, or fruit salad and cream, then tea or coffee. Drinks are not included, but they can be purchased at the Club. Cost is \$25 per person, and booking with payment must be made to Barbara WILLIAMSON, 14 Angophora Pl., Pennant Hills, before 24th November. Cheques to be payable to: Asquith Mixed Probus Club. Guests are welcome.

3. Forward to July 6 09. If there is interest in a trip from Darwin to Broome for 14 days from that date, Barry Willick, one of our Vice Presidents, would like to hear from you. It is a guided tour of 26 persons, stopping in Darwin, El Questro Wilderness Park, the Bungle Bungles. Cruising the Ord River, Fitzroy River, and Yellow Waters Billabong. Numerous excursions. Cost is \$5795 per person, and includes everything. Airfare to Darwin is extra.

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# 10 Year Retrospective

## Asquith Mixed Probus Club Has NOW Been Active For Ten Years!

The Asquith Mixed Probus Club (AMPC) was started by Berowra Rotary Club, as a Rotary community service with the aim of providing an interesting activity for retirees, with Keith Carson their representative. When established, the maximum membership was set at 150 members and later with Keith being granted honorary membership. The initial meeting was held at Asquith Bowling Club and subsequently at that club for around 8 years. The AMPC has now held meetings at Asquith Golf Club for 2 years, and to the present.

The monthly meeting format consists of business matters which follows an established Probus format, after which there is morning tea providing an opportunity for mixing socially or for booking trips or activities. Next there is a speaker on a subject chosen to be of interest to most members. Over the years we have had many really notable speakers, where we all wished they could just keep on talking to us.

Along with the various announcements at monthly meetings, the other main medium of communication for our Club is our monthly 'Bulletin' magazine published by email and in hard copy. This publication has had five editors to date, and is well received by Club members – with the exception of course of the notorious putative members 'Rastus Braithwaite' and 'Ambrose Nuther' who appear in its pages from time to time. So that all members are able to know details of forthcoming events, the organisers for these activities provide The Bulletin with appropriate information for publication.

Most months over the 10 years, we have enjoyed some form of local outing usually by rail or coach. While these are always well attended and good fun, some, however, have been standouts. Diverse outings such as 'The Riverboat Postman', 'Visiting the NSW Parliament', the 'TAFE lunches', and the 'Nan Tien Temple', illustrate the variety of interesting outings we have enjoyed.

Our Club has been on a number of extended away trips as well, generally about once a year, all of which have been fun, visiting such varied areas as Taree, the Murray River and Kangaroo Island, Jindabyne and the Snowy Mountains area, Nambucca Heads, Broken Hill, and Eden and the South Coast — and anyone who participated in it will not quickly forget our week in Yarrawonga.

One of the intentions and advantages of Probus is that you make friends. And in this regard it is great to acknowledge that a number of other trips have come about simply when friends have joined onto someone else's future trip — "OK, I'll go too". In this way, on one occasion 14 AMPC friends cruised around New Zealand. A number of other such trips have eventuated.

Every month a different walk is undertaken, with a strong group of walking supporters regularly taking part, usually followed by lunch and refreshments of such abundance as to undo all the walkers' best intentions. As well, on a regular basis, block bookings are made for the theatre, with a range of shows being enthusiastically supported. These are just two of our regular activities — but there are many more, such as Trivia, dining out, 500 cards, Mah-jong, 'Pot Luck' dining, the book and jigsaws exchange table, the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday BBQs, and the craft group who make knitted dolls for the young patients at Westmead Children's Hospital.

Probus rules place the Club's management in the hands of an elected president, secretary and treasurer, with specific roles allocated to other elected Committee members, who then guide the club and its various activities. Over these 10 years our Club has achieved a slow but fairly steady turnover of members filling the committee positions, and this ensures that the Club remains vital by injecting new energy and perspective from fresh faces from time to time. It is felt that these new and differing attitudes help to make the Club stay continually enjoyable, interesting and relevant to members' expectations.

Since inception the Club has maintained its 150 membership maximum, often with a small waiting list; so it would seem that the Club does fulfil a need in the community. As members leave the Club for whatever reason, the interest and applications from new members over these 10 years have kept the club at full membership level. Assuming the committee continues to provide entertaining meetings, enjoyable luncheons, interesting new speakers and appealing activities, there is every reason to believe the future of our club is assured.

Angus Dougall: 10 Sept. 2018

## **AMPC Committee Members 2018-19**

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## **Other Activities**

Cluster Ambassador	John Channon	Dolls	Barbara Williamson
Auditor	Angus Dougall	5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday BBQ	Lance Williamson
Books DVD, Jigsaw	Sunny Dougall & Robert Montgomery	Mah-jong	Yenda Holland
		Theatres	Rhonda Wilson
Dining out	Robin Doohan	Trivia	Mary Potter
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Walks	Laurie Keaton
Pot Luck Meals	Rhonda Wilson	Web Site	John Channon

# Committee Meeting 13 September, 2018 – Notes

- 10th Anniversary Celebrations -

Everything is now prepared for this celebration.

13 tables will be set up, with a Committee person on each table.

Morning Tea will be taken to the tables.

Please don't return books or jigsaws to this meeting as there won't be any on display.

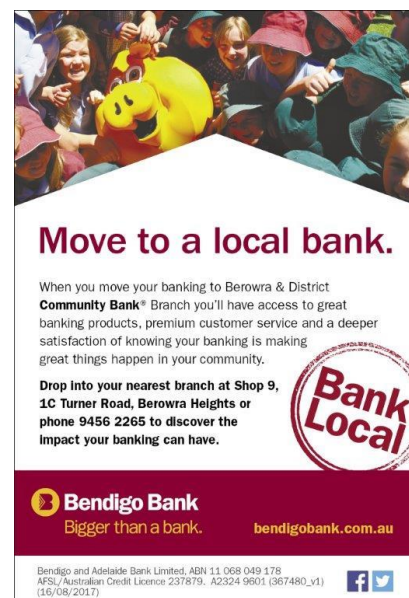
All future activity payments need to be paid before the meeting commences as there will be no other opportunity to pay. A good idea would be to pay by the internet. Remember to fill in your form and hand to the correct person.

- The speaker for November will be Graeme Simms, who will be speaking on Bea Miles.
- We are looking for more members to attend Mini Golf at Thornleigh in October
- An Irish lunch at The Fiddler is planned for March next year

## Treasurer's Report

### Treasurer's Report as at 10 September, 2018

Income received for year to date	\$7,422	
Offset by expenses of	<u>\$7,693</u>	
Year to date surplus balance		\$ -271
 Add previous year's surplus of		<u>\$12,405</u>
Gives an overall member surplus of		<u>\$12,134</u>
 This surplus consists of cash of		\$15,152
Less liabilities – mainly activities paid in advance		<u>\$ 3,019</u>
Total member equity		<u>\$12,134</u>



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*Yenda Holland*

11 September 2018

### **CLUB OUTING FEES** paid by **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** should be made to:

Bendigo Bank      BSB: 633-000  
Account: 139 637 029  
Account Name: Asquith Mixed Probus Club

It is important that your EFT payment is able to be identified. Please write your surname and activity abbreviation in the space provided and print the receipt from the bank. This transaction should be made prior to the general meeting. A copy of the EFT receipt and a completed Activities Payment Voucher shall be presented at the payments desk where a receipt will be provided. This receipt shall then be presented at the Activity Organiser's desk to have your attendance confirmed and your receipt endorsed by the organiser. Any transaction that cannot be identified will be forfeited to the Club.



# Speakers

## THE POWER OF ONE

The September speaker Jan-Maree Ball caused quite a few moist eyes as she, herself a defense force veteran, told us about the genesis of Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags).

“There are three main reasons I feel the need to do something to give back to our defense force. . I started Aussie Heroes for a number of reasons – I hated the way our Vietnam Veterans were treated. That can never be allowed to happen again. I heard of an Aussie soldier given a quilt by the Americans in Germany and was ashamed that there was not an Aussie Quilt for him. He now has one of ours and I have since met him and his wife a couple of times and they tell me that he uses his quilt all the time. Finally, I just felt that we, the Aussie public, needed a way to say thank you to our Defense members for their service.”

The quilt makers care about the people - not the politics or the mission.

Aussie Heroes has been up and running since January 2012 but it began with Jan-Maree sending quilts and laundry bags, with the help of her quilt group, to one particular soldier and his team in late 2011.



Jane Platts thanks Jan-Maree



Maureen Sharpe is given her OBE by President Sylvia Gratton

The organisation has sent well over 8000 quilts and 17000 laundry bags in the last 6 years. A wonderful example of someone who saw a need, and did something about it — the power of one.

Many members asked to have donation details placed in the Bulletin, so here they are:  
Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags)  
BSB 032 376  
ACCT 301 860

There will be no speaker at the October meeting due to the Tenth Birthday celebrations.  
November speaker will be Graham Sims talking about well-known identity Bea Miles.

## Walks Program

The largest group for some time ventured from Circular Quay to Barangaroo. Construction near the overseas terminal meant much of the boardwalk was closed resulting in the group being split. Nevertheless it was an enjoyable outing with most lunching at the Food Court in Tower 2.

Registration is essential for the next walk to Sculptures and an evening meal at Easts Club. Please note the amended train times as the new timetable starts on 30 September and it is slightly different.

On 20 September John Britten led a group for a walk around his stamping ground at Umina.



### Thursday 25 October. Contact is Laurie 0409226121

**Where:** Sculptures by the Sea and Dinner at Easts – Bondi Junction.

**Travel:** 14.26 train Dep Berowra. 14.40 Hornsby Town Hall arr 15.27.  
Train to Bondi Junction. Bus to N Bondi.

**What:** approx. 1.5 hours at Sculptures. Bus from Tamarama for strollers.  
Or 45 min walk to Bronte and 379 Bus to Bondi Junction.  
Dinner at 6.30 pm (TBC)

**Registration is essential**

### Thursday 22 November.

The annual get together will occur. Arrangements will be announced at the October meeting and appear in the next bulletin.

## Tours/Activities: Barbara Williamson

### OCTOBER - Mini Golf – Thornleigh Driving Range

Date: Thu.18 October, 9.30 a.m. (drive yourself)  
Event: Mini Golf: Thornleigh Driving Range, Brickpit Park,  
142-178 Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh  
36 holes to be done.  
Morning tea: At own expense—cakes provided  
Lunch: At own expense  
Cost: \$15.00 pp

## **NOVEMBER - Bundeena by train and ferry**

Date: 15 November 2018

Travel: Train and ferry: times to be advised

Lunch: Bundeena RSL at own expense

## **DECEMBER - Christmas Lunch**

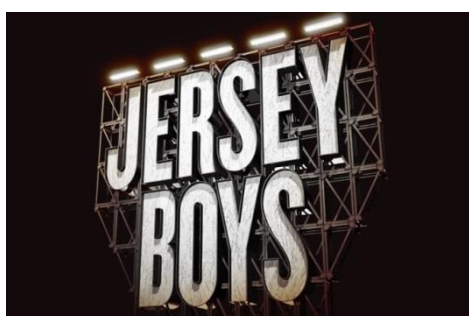
Asquith Golf Club - 6<sup>th</sup> December

## **Theatres: Rhonda Wilson**

### **MADIBA THE MUSICAL**

State Theatre

Wednesday 7 November 1pm



### **JERSEY BOYS**

The theatrical triumph of the story of  
Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons

Saturday 10 November 2pm Capital Theatre

### **CHARLEY AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

Capital Theatre,

Tuesday 9 July, 2019 1pm

\$70 - payment due April, 2019.

Roald Dahl's delicious tale, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, is a delectable treat featuring songs from the original film, including *Pure Imagination*, *The Candy Man* and *I've Got a Golden Ticket*, alongside a brand new, toe-tapping Broadway score.





## WEST SIDE STORY

In 2019, *West Side Story* takes the iconic stage at Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour. Raise a glass as the sun sets and drink in the view as you share a meal in one of the pop-up bars and restaurants on site. Then sit back to enjoy the enthralling show, complete with live orchestra hidden beneath the dramatic stage and fireworks in the balmy night air.



WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH - 7.30pm  
C RESERVE \$99 (Heavily discounted)  
FLEET STEPS, MRS MACQUARIE POINT

FULL - WAITLIST HAS BEEN CREATED.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Trivia Nights: Mary Potter

A team from Asquith Mixed Probus will be competing at Asquith Bowling Club (7.00 pm start) on Wednesday 10 October. There is no cost to enter. Anyone may participate. You do not have to know the capital of Florida, and it is actually very entertaining.

All members are welcome to join with the AMPs (Asquith Mixed Probus) team.

Enquiries phone Mary Potter on 9988 0013 or 0409 652 566

### Dolls: Barbara Williamson

**When:** The Wednesday after the meeting  
**Where:** 14 Angophora Place, Pennant Hills  
**Time:** 10.00 a.m.  
**What to Bring:** Sewing Needles  
**Contact:** Confirm with Barbara – 9484 7578



### Mah-jong: Yenda Holland

1.30pm at the Bowling Club **every Wednesday**

**Any enquiries:- Yenda Holland 9477 3338.**

### Card Playing 500: Mary Glasby

Asquith Bowling Club Cost Free, 10.00am, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

The game lends itself to varying numbers of players, which is helpful as numbers vary from seven to fourteen. There is plenty of room at the club so we can make up a number of tables. Again, no cost unless you choose to buy coffee or a drink. **Enquiries, Mary Glasby: 9482 8114**

## Book Exchange Table: Sunny Dougall and Robert Montgomery

**Not operating on 4 October - please don't bring books or jigsaws**

We have all heard of Morris West and John Grisham – but have you read any of their novels ? On the 'book exchange table' we have West's "Masterclass" - involving money, artwork by Raphaels, greed, conniving etc – a very good read by an accomplished author. Grisham's first and perhaps his best book was "A Time to Kill" – on racism, rape and revenge, with a young lawyer facing a town's racialism and long standing prejudices. Another good read in the legal genre.

### Where did that phrase come from?

How often have we said that something has the **ring of truth** to it?

Well, in the past coins were actually made of gold, silver or other metals, and their value depended on the amount of gold or silver they contained. Of course, some people would make counterfeit coins, by mixing the gold or silver with cheaper metals. However, you could check if a coin was genuine by dropping it. If it was made of the proper metal it would 'ring true' or have the 'ring of truth'.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Convener	Page	Phone
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> October	500 Cards, Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Glasby	9	9482 8114
4 <sup>th</sup> October	APMC 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch	Sylvia Gratton	-	0404 108 677
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Trivia @ Asquith Bowling Club	Mary Potter	9	9988-0013
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Dolls	Barbara Williamson	9	9484 7578
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong, Asquith Bowling Club	Yenda Holland	9	9477 3338
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Committee Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	0404 108 677
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept & 3 Oct	Evita	Rhonda Wilson	-	0418 870 780
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Mini Golf	Barbara Williamson	7	9484 7578
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Sculptures by the Sea	Laurie Keaton	7	0409 226 121
1 <sup>st</sup> November	General Meeting	Sylvia Gratton	-	0404 108 677
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Madiba the Musical	Rhonda Wilson	8	0418 870 780
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Jersey Boys	Rhonda Wilson	8	0418 870 780
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Bundeena Outing	Barbara Williamson	8	9484 7578
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Walks group Christmas	Laurie Keaton	7	0409 226 121
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	Robin Doohan	8	0401 847 970
27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019	West Side Story	Rhonda Wilson	9	0418 870 780
9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	Charley and the Chocolate Factory	Rhonda Wilson	8	0418 870 780

## Welfare: Denise Mayhew

Our weather has been crazy since my last report and I think we've experienced all 4 seasons in the last fortnight although I'm sure we'd all agree a bit more rain would have been good.

Everybody must be well because I've had no phone calls to tell me otherwise. I hope this pattern continues for a long time.

Happy birthday to our September/October birthdays and especially to the Asquith Mixed Probus Club on turning the grand age of 10 years.

Special thoughts and prayers to Rosemary.

Denise – 0416 179 383

## Stepping Out



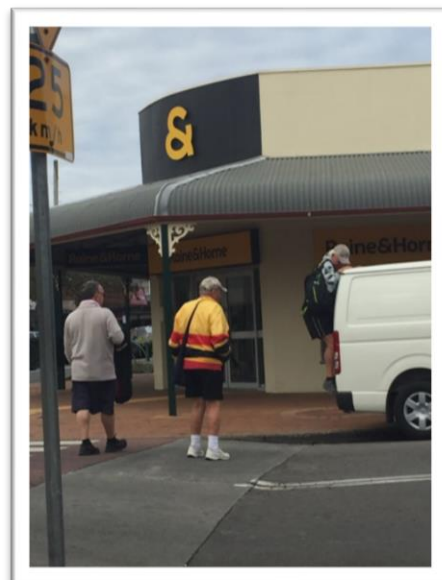
8 Asquith Probus members at “Stepping On” this was organised after the speaker at a previous meeting. We have all found this very helpful and interesting.

Susan Manwaring



This sign tells you to assemble here if there is a bushfire and wait for instructions from staff, DO NOT EVACUATE.

Good advice??!!



A photo from the Umina walk. One heavy weight to help this driver to get off the footpath. Dad and Dave looking on. So Probus members are always there to help. Wendy

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