

Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

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AMPC Gone to the Dogs



"Oh, not you again", said putative member Rastus Braithwaite **"You've been away. Prison I suppose."** **"No. Work. Some of us have to do it"**, replied fellow putative member Ambrose Nuther. **"But I had to get back for this."**

"Huh? What?" queried Rastus. **"And where have you been anyway? Siberia? Back for a Jailbirds Jamboree?"** **"Haven't you heard? It's the big shindig of that AMPC mob you should join."** **"AMPC? That Auto-Motors for the Public Clique? That transport lobby group. They're going to the dogs"** affirmed Rastus. **"What could they be fussing over? Winding themselves up?"** **"Of course not!"** retorted Ambrose. **"Far from it. They're celebrating! Big time."** **"I can't stand these modern expressions you use"**, moaned Rastus. **"But I suppose they do at least have a proper president now, not like last year"**, he added. **"And that rag of theirs hasn't been so bad since they got rid of that flimflam fanatic."** **"No, no no, nothing like that"**, clarified Ambrose. **"It's their tenth anniversary. Next month! Whacko!"**



President Sylvia Gratton records for posterity that not all of the labradors are golden

Labradors, fit labradors, obedient, loveable, golden labradors. On Wednesday 15 August, not Thursday for some reason, over thirty AMPC members had a day out dog patting, and photographing. A big Telfords coach came and picked the party up at the Golf Club, and took them out beyond Windsor and into the fields and

farmlands, places few had ventured to before, to a town none had heard of, Glossodia. There they entered the world of dogs and dog training, for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. But first things first with Probus, a slap-up morning tea with bountiful cakes.

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Next meeting

Thu. 6 September 2018
at the **GOLF Club**
Registration 10.15 a.m.
for a 10.30 start

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Committee page

There are 15 members of the AMPC committee, who are elected each year at the AGM. They look after most aspects of the running of the Club, although there are others who contribute significantly without being members of the Committee. The Committee meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Asquith Golf Club, meetings usually being held in the board room. Not on 9 August, however. At this meeting in the auditorium were: Pam Clarke (Asst Tours/Excursions), Judy Holt (Observer*), Mary Potter (Programme), Angus Dougall (Asst Secretary), Sylvia Gratton (President), Yenda Holland (Treasurer), Robin Doohan (Hospitality), Barbara Williamson (Tours/Excursions), John Channon (Ambassador*), Sandra Death (Vice-President elect), Barry Willick (Membership). Not present were Pam Slater (Secretary), Nick Speyer (Bulletin), Denise Mayhew (Welfare), Barry Gill (Asst Treasurer), Robin Roberts (Vice President). Jeremy Steele (Past President) took the photo.

*Not on the Committee



From the President's desk

It has turned out to be an unexpected honour and pleasure to have been elected president of the Asquith Mixed Probus Club for the year in which it celebrates its tenth anniversary, to occur two days before the next monthly meeting, in October.

A club is begun with high hopes and a full group of new people, all with no past, and an uncertain future, a future that is theirs to make something of. Ten years on and where are we? AMPC is a successful and stable club that we can all be proud to be part of. There are activities, and walks, and talks. We go on adventures away, lasting several days. Our Club also does the 'dolls for the hospital' project, bringing joy to many children while they are in hospital. There are occasions when we get together and socialise, for this is what a Probus club is about. In recent years our main meetings have become slicker, with overhead slides, our speakers can use visuals on a big screen, and we have our own website. From February 2015 we have been meeting at the Asquith Golf Club rather than at the Asquith Bowling Club, and although this change of location was not of our choosing, probably no-one would want to move from this present location with its sweeping views over lawns and trees. These achievement details would have been beyond imagining at the outset. In the same vein, none of us knows where our Club will be at its twentieth anniversary. We had 44 of the original 126 foundation members as of this month, August 2018. We can only hope they will all be there for the next big occasion in 2028.



[Sylvia Gratton, President.]

Secretary's notes

Angus Dougall, assistant-secretary, reports on the 9 August 2018 Committee meeting:



10th Anniversary Celebrations: Tony & Margie Hall have accepted our invitation to attend the Luncheon. Tony was the Club's first President, in 2008.

97 members have paid their \$10.

Your \$10 Booking fee must be paid by the 6th September General Meeting if you wish to attend. Already 97 members have done this.

Check your calendar for May next year. Looks like a good 4- or 5-day trip is being offered to the Central West. There is always a lot of fun.

Sept. speaker: 'Australia's Quilt Lady', Jan-Maree Ball.

Plans are in hand for our Christmas lunch at the AGC, and the grand breakfast at the Bobbin Head Inn in February.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as at 7 August 2018

Income received for year to date	\$7,422	
Offset by expenses of	\$6,935	
Year to date surplus balance		\$487
Add previous year's surpluses of		\$12,405
Gives an overall member surplus of		\$12,891
... This surplus consists of cash of		\$20,101
less liabilities - mainly activities paid in advance		\$7,209
Total member equity		\$12,891
Yenda Holland — 7 August 2018		



AMPC Gone to the dogs



Two young ladies, Cindy and Kirsty, did the presentation while Fin the Ambassador Labrador, nosed round the room where the AMPC group sat and got on the with patting and stroking by turns. We heard how the Guide Dogs enterprise all began with Arnold Cook, a lecturer with an eye problem, from Perth. He got his first labrador, then set up a centre, which he brought first to Camden and then the Richmond area (the mysterious Glossodia). The 25-acre place was bought, and so the dog institution got under way, with the subsequent help of major benefactors, and everyone else with their small gifts. In fact, only 5 percent of the revenue is from the government, the rest from the community. And there are volunteers, because everyone loves the dogs, especially these dogs.

Training

At four weeks of age, dogs go to a breeding centre, to learn to be touched, around their ears, their paws, tail and so on. At this age a puppy can be trained, including 'going to the toilet' on the sound of a buzzer. During puppy raising, a dog cannot be left on its own for more than four hours. Despite the fact that much is done for nothing, by volunteers for example, it costs \$35 000 to train a guide dog.



Elizabeth, a fulltime Kennel Attendant, with one of the puppies

People with vision impairment

Some people, blind from birth, have never seen a dog, of course, and do not know what they are capable of. For those of us who can see, it is hard to imagine what it is like. So it

was that when a blind child was asked to draw a tree, she drew a circle: for her only real experience of a tree was putting her arms round them. Mobility instructors provide the 'clients' (the visually impaired people) with the tools to go out into the community, familiarising them not only with dogs and trees but also with iPad, iPhone, and so on, to help them manage in the world on their own. The dogs help their 'clients' immensely at handling railway stations and travelling, at traffic lights and much much more.

Roles for the dogs

These dogs do much more than assist the blind. For example, some go to nursing homes, to offer companionship to people there who need it. Some, like Fin, are 'ambassadors', and show what therapy a dog can do for them. One day, after some incident, a traumatised child climbed onto a roof. It was Halo, an 'ambassador', who brought the child down.

Dogs also are on courthouse duties, court houses being scary places, the dogs going and sitting with people before they go into the courtroom.

Retirement

There was much more. Trained dogs might function for about ten years, and the clients usually get greatly attached to them. They all end up well provided for, including the last resort: a waiting list of those wanting one of these very special dogs as a pet.

From JMS

10th Anniversary Celebrations

LUNCHEON

We are celebrating our tenth anniversary with a special luncheon on Thursday 4 October in the Asquith Golf Club.

Start

The start is 10.30 for our regular monthly meeting, followed by the luncheon.

Cost and deposit

The luncheon is **free** for members. However, visitors and members' guests will be charged.

Members pay a \$10 deposit to book a place. Others will need to pay \$25.50 on booking.

The members' \$10 will be refunded to those members attending on the day.

Foundation members

We have 44 of the foundation members still in membership out of 126 on the day the club formed on 2 October 2008.

Bookings

Bookings after payment should be made at the activities desk. **Bookings close at the September meeting.**

Let's make this a special day of celebration!

Barry Willick, Membership Officer.

Asquith Mixed Probus Club Formation

The perceived need for a Mixed Probus Club predates its actual formation by several years, as outlined below.

Probus clubs can only be formed by Rotary Clubs, and Asquith Mixed Probus Club is one of four clubs formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra. The first Probus club formed by Berowra Rotary was a male-only club, the **Probus Club of Berowra**, in 1992.

When I was Vocational Service Director for Berowra Rotary in 2003, I considered that there was a need for a Mixed Club in the area, as there was not one in existence between North Turramurra and the Hawkesbury River. There was an obvious need for a Probus club that would

cater for retired people of both genders, not just of one.

I approached Berowra Rotary to determine whether they would be prepared to convert to a Mixed Club, but they declined the opportunity. Accordingly, I proceeded with coordinating the necessary arrangements to form **Berowra District Mixed Probus Club**, which was founded with 85 members on 3 November 2003. Membership of that club now stands at 140.

Given that success, I was emboldened to seek the formation of a Mixed Club in Mount Colah, and approached the Mount Colah men's club to determine if they would like to convert, but was again greeted with a negative response.

Accordingly, I proceeded with coordinating the necessary arrangements to form **Mount Colah Mixed Probus Club**, which was founded on 23 May 2005 with 75 members. Membership of that club now stands at 120.

Given the great success of those two Mixed Clubs, and similar rejection of conversion by the Asquith men's club, I convened a foundation meeting for the **Asquith Mixed Probus Club** on 2 October 2008. I was pleasantly surprised by the level of interest displayed, as it exceeded our experience in both Berowra and Mount Colah. The club was formed on that date, with 137 foundation members, and a membership limit of 150, which is approximately where membership stands at present.

The Foundation Meeting was attended by well over 100 people. At the meeting:

- **Berowra Rotary's** then President Warwick Randell acted as Chairman;
- Pat Atkinson (General Manager, **Probus Centre – South Pacific**) gave the keynote address;
- Ann Ineson from **Berowra District Mixed Probus Club** explained why that Club was working so successfully;



- Joe Natoli from **Mount Colah Mixed Probus Club** explained why that club was working so successfully;
- I announced arrangements that I had made for the initial guest speakers and excursions, and handled all of the necessary formalities and resolutions;
- The initial committee was elected, including Tony Hall as Foundation President.



Celebrating 2008: Lyn Foster, Janice Mallett, Jim Lucas and Margie and Tony Hall

The level of interest was very high, and the only item of contention was the membership limit, which had been proposed as 130, but was increased to 150 owing to there being in excess of 130 people present and wishing to join.

Probus Centre – South Pacific's involvement springs from their administrative role on behalf of all Probus clubs in Australia and the South Pacific region, ranging from issues surrounding accreditation, development of standard constitutions, arrangement of insurance, and many other such matters.

Interestingly, two of the local men's clubs have since converted to Mixed Clubs; **Hornsby** in 2009, and **Berowra** in 2014.

This now means that north of Hornsby, Asquith has both a Mixed Club and a men's club, Mount Colah also has both, and Berowra has 2 Mixed Clubs. The total membership of these 4 Mixed Clubs is approximately 470.

I extend my hearty congratulations to **Asquith Mixed Probus Club** on its tremendous success over its 10-year history. During all of those 10 years, you have had very effective committees, well developed procedures, an excellent bulletin, excellent general meetings with professional presentations and interesting guest speakers, a wide range of excursions, many interest groups etc. etc.

The future also augurs well, particularly if you can be successful in attracting young retirees to replace your older members as they move on from the club owing to age, ill-health etc.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the fact that your club so generously bestowed honorary membership on me a few years ago, and I continue to endeavour to attend your meetings whenever I can.

Very best wishes for a bright future.

Keith Carson
Honorary Member AMPC



The first Committee

Back: Laurie Keaton (Secretary), xxx, Laura xxx, Tony Hall (President), Keith Carson, Warwick Randell, Gordon Bartlett (Vice-President), Barry Willick (Senior Vice-President). Front: Barbara Williamson (Excursions), Ron Shapiera (Bulletin), Wendy Hillsdon (Treasurer), Pat Atkinson



Keith Carson argues the case for AMPC



The crowd includes Noel de Souza, Richard Slater, Lorraine Buckle and Pam Slater



Warwick Randell



Pat Atkinson: General Manager, Probud Centre – South Pacific



Recognise this fellow? It's Barry Willick



Joe Natoli



Ann Ineson, Berowra District Mixed Probud Club

Outings 2018

Barbara Williamson, Tours/Excursions organiser, advises that the following are planned for the rest of 2018:

SEPTEMBER

Date: Thu. 27 September

Event: Leura by train

Lunch: At own expense—you choose where

Out: Hornsby 8.50 am Change Strathfield, Pl.3: 9.31 am

Leura 14.24. Change Strathfield, Pl.3: 16.12. Hornsby 16.36

OCTOBER

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

Date: 15 November 2018

Event: Bundeena by train and ferry

Travel: Train and ferry: times to be advised

Lunch: Bundeena RSL at own expense

DECEMBER

Event: Christmas Lunch, Asquith Golf Club

Trips away

Great Ocean Road

When: Tue. 18 Sept: 8 days to following Tuesday

Event: Great Ocean Road trip

Staying: 3 nights at Warrnambool*, other nights each at a different place.

Who for: 20 going on the trip. Fully booked.

Pick up: Hornsby Station bus terminal opposite Railway

Hotel: 7.15 for 7.30 departure.

Operator: Hopkinson



*The Mahogany ship, a wreck in the dunes west of Warrnambool, was first officially noted in 1836. No sightings reported after 1890. The Spanish and Portuguese, with Asian colonies from the 15th century, might have explored around here. If this wreck were rediscovered and if it were from 300 years before Captain Cook, Australia's early history would have to be rewritten. [See <<http://www.stradbrokeislandgalleon.com/mahoganyship.html>>]

SPEAKERS 2018

Mary Potter, program organiser, reports that the following speakers have agreed to address the Club at its monthly meetings during the remainder of 2018:

SEPTEMBER

Date: 6 September

Speaker: Jan-Maree Ball

Subject: Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags)

OCTOBER

Date: 4 October

Speaker: None: 10th Anniversary Luncheon

NOVEMBER

Date: 1 November

Speaker: Graham Sims

Subject: Bea Miles

DECEMBER

Date: 6 December

Speaker: No speaker: AMPC Christmas Lunch

Next speaker

The speaker at the September meeting will be Jan-Maree



Ball, founder of Aussie Hero Quilts.

Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags) is an online community group that makes and sends personalised quilts and laundry bags to our deployed men and women whilst they are serving overseas. Donors of quilt items range from the elderly to schoolchildren, and such

donors are in every state. Such a personalised gift from a stranger is a warming gesture that expresses gratitude for the contribution made on our behalf by such personnel overseas, and for the sacrifice they necessarily make in so serving us.

Wherever members of the Australian Defence Force serve overseas, washing machines and dryers are hung or draped with brightly coloured laundry bags. At the end of long days spent in grey or camouflage-coloured places, members shed their uniforms and crawl under a colourful quilt created to their individual tastes, a last reminder before their head hits the pillow that what they are doing is valued and appreciated by more than just their family and friends.

Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags) is the brainchild of Jan-Maree Ball, herself a veteran. It has sent out well over 8000 quilts and 17 000 laundry bags in the last 6 years. The organisation is one very simple way the Australian public can say 'thank you' to the members of the Australian Defence Force every single day.

Speaker Report

MY HEALTH RECORD

'My Health Record' [MHR] was the subject of the presentation at the monthly meeting on Thu. 2 August. MHR is a government innovation that has scared many. It is an electronic record created for every individual, about his or her health situation. There are shades of George Orwell's 'Big Brother is Watching You' about such a universal oversight of the entire population, and many have been worried as a consequence. Some medical professionals, who might have been expected to be the most informed about it, have publicly declared they will be opting out of the scheme. For opting out is a possibility open to everyone, until 15 October.*

MHR had been much in the news at the time of the meeting, and despite this being a thoroughly dry topic, interest in it was keen.



Mary Potter introducing Eric Dunn and Damian Long.

There were two presenters. The first was Eric Dunn, Digital Health Manager at Northern Sydney Health Network. His associate was Damian Long, Communications Manager. Eric Dunn spoke first about the health record, what it means for us as patients, and how to opt out.

We were given a thorough introduction to MHR. We were repeatedly assured that personal details would be safeguarded. We were given examples of how, say in the case of an accident, the MHR information, immediately available to authorised personnel, might make the difference between survival and not.

Following the combined presentations were the questions. And on this occasion a record might have been created: the questions came almost from everyone present, or so it seemed.

While some might have had their reservations about



being in the scheme, others thought it to be a very sound idea.

From JMS

* Mary Potter, Programme Organiser, advises that the Health Minister Greg Hunt has since extended the opt-out period until mid-November.

An advertisement for Bendigo Bank. At the top is a photo of a group of people smiling. Below it, the text says 'Move to a local bank.' followed by a description of the benefits of moving to a local branch. It includes the address '1C Turner Road, Berowra Heights' and a phone number. The Bendigo Bank logo is prominent, along with the tagline 'Bigger than a bank.' and the website 'bendigobank.com.au'. At the bottom, there is fine print and social media icons.

The Bendigo Bank has been supporting this Bulletin since April 2009

STOP PRESS Dining out: Korian BBQ

The latest dining out experience for AMPC members was held at the Bivwon Korean BBQ in Peats Ferry Road, next to Habitat in Old Hornsby, on Wednesday 22 August. Thirty-two AMPC members attended. The organiser, Robin Doohan (Hospitality), reported on the event:

"Laugh when you can, apologize when you should, and let go of what you can't change. Life's too short to be anything... but happy."

To which the Bulletin can add that in the 1960s a Thai general remarked equally helpfully:

"Do not bruise lotus blossoms; do not muddy clear waters; do not anger frogs; do not harm little frogs."

She actually added: 'All enjoyed with flavoursome Korean side dishes' whatever that means. Perhaps the photo says it all:

Walks Report

Huntley's Point Wharf to Drummoyne

Thirty-three AMPC. members took part in the monthly walk, held on Thursday 26 July. It being Sydney, it was a glorious sunny day as usual. The walk was billed as 'Huntley's Point Wharf to Drummoyne Sailing Club: approx. 5 km loop, via Gladesville Bridge.'

This is what it proved to be, with Laurie Keaton, Walks Organiser, looking after the party every step of the way.

Once in the city, the party took a ferry from Barangaroo wharf. There was the inevitable coffee along the way. It was a beautiful ferry ride to Huntleys Point wharf, where there was a choice of 40 steps for those believing themselves to be the fitter members, or catch the lift for the others. Two members inadvertently joined another walking group, and had to be given a 'Hoy!'



Laurie related that 75 000 tonnes of concrete had been used in the Gladesville bridge. The concrete experts then walked over this bridge, to go and have a look at an old home with stained glass windows. Well, what a surprise it was when it was discovered it had been turned into units. And so they slogged their way to the

Drummoyne sailing club, for a lunch rated 'great'.

The recorder of this outing noted 'that the views had been amazing in taking in our wonderful city'. They then caught the bus from Victoria Road back to the city. A great day out was enjoyed by all. Bad luck all the other AMPC members who missed it.



Gladesville Bridge, with Harbour Bridge behind

From Wendy Velthuyzen

Future Walks



The APMC walks program is organised by Laurie Keaton

DATE: Thu. 20 September 2018

NOTE CHANGE TO THIS ACTIVITY FROM PREVIOUS INFO

WALK: Umina Beach to Ettalong RSL.

Rating: Flat and easy beach-side stroll.

Rations: Morning Tea: Umina. Lunch: Services Club Ettalong RSL.

Travel: Train Dep. Hornsby 10.22 Plat 5. *Marshal: Paul Sorrell.* Dep. Berowra 10.31. Arr. Woy Woy 10.53. *John Britten will meet you at Woy Woy.* Bus to Umina.

Contact: John Britten: 0409 814 825

DATE: Thu. 26 October 2018

WALK: Sculptures by the Sea: c. 1.5 hours at Sculptures

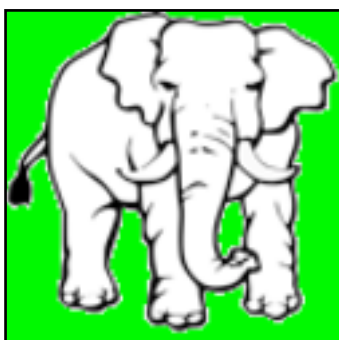
Afterwards: Bus from Tamarama for strollers. Or 45 min walk to Bronte and 440 Bus to Bondi Junction.

Rations: Dinner at Easts – Bondi Junction: 6.30 pm (TBC)

Travel: Train: Dep. Berowra 14.27. Dep. Hornsby 14.41. Arr. Town Hall 15.27. Train to Bondi Junction. Bus to N. Bondi.

Contact: Laurie Keaton: 0409 226 121

Where did that come from



White elephants (yes, white) were once considered highly sacred in Thailand. The animal even graced the national flag until 1917. But they were also wielded as a subtle form of punishment.

According to legend, if an underling or rival angered a Siamese king, the royal might present the unfortunate man with the gift of a white elephant. While ostensibly a reward, the creatures were tremendously expensive to feed and house, and caring for one often drove the recipient into financial ruin. Whether any specific rulers actually bestowed such a passive-aggressive gift is uncertain, but the term has since come to refer to any burdensome possession, of dubious value.

From Angus Dougall

Meet the members

At the meeting on 2 August, two new members were welcomed into the club by acting president, Sandra Death:



Mike Osborne has been living in Hornsby for forty years. Originally from England, he left London for Australia at the age of 14, and attended Manly Boys High. He then enrolled in the University of New South Wales, studying psychology.



This led to a career in human relations. His interests include reading and gym.

We at AMPC will all have to distinguish between MO2 above and, MO1: Michael Osborn. The way to tell them apart is that MO1 is *without*, and MO2 *with*: that is, with or without an 'e' at the end of the surname.



Jennie O'Connell was brought up in Castle Cove, and attended PLC Pymble. She has two daughters and three grandchildren. Things have looked up in 2018, she said: she used to be in Kiama but moved to Hornsby Heights; she now has a new partner; *and* she has joined AMPC. She likes knitting, gardening, travel, playing Rummykin, and indoor bowls.

Letters to the Editor

Actor/playwright daughter

Editor:

My daughter, Cassie, will be appearing in a play at the upcoming Sydney Fringe Festival in September. It's called "It Doesn't Snow Here". As well as appearing in the play....she is also the author!



Where and when

The venue is The Living Room, 104 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville (inside the Erskineville Town Hall). The play starts at 7 pm each night and runs for 50 minutes. The cost is between \$19 and \$25. The limited 'season' is from 4–8 September 2018.

Details and tickets

You can read Cassandra Sorrell's teaser about the play ("Heartbreaking, relatable, funny and brutally honest") online at www.sydneynfringe.com and search "snow". [Hit 'Buy tickets', then under the pink bar at the top there is a line with a magnifying glass at the right-hand end. This is where you search, by typing *snow*.] This is also the easiest place to buy tickets.

I know some AMPC members saw Cassie in her last performance, at the Belvoir in Surry Hills, called "Greater Sunrise". Her dad thought she was great!

Paul Sorrell, 13 August 2018

Welfare

Even though most days have been warm and sunny, I hope everyone is staying rugged up on the cold and typically windy days we have in August. Hay fever is another problem that has come with the wind (and also the bushfires) so should this be a problem to you, make sure your medication is always at hand.



If any member is not feeling quite well and would like a friendly and encouraging chat, or if you know of any member who might appreciate a phone call, please don't hesitate in letting me know. I'm always happy to pass on the best wishes of our Probus club.

To all members celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month, congratulations and/or happy birthday.

Denise Mayhew, Welfare Officer: 0416 179 383

Theatre parties

EVITA

Starring Tim Rice & Tina Arena. Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

MADIBA

A Celebration of Nelson Mandela. This powerful and uplifting Musical is a soul-stirring celebration of Nelson Mandela with pulsating African dance, haunting drama and stunning visuals.

Tickets: Pick up tickets from Rhonda

JERSEY BOYS

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

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Roald Dahl's delicious tale 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.

Trivia

A team from Asquith Mixed Probus will be competing at Asquith Bowling Club (7.00 pm start) on Wednesday 12 September. 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.

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME	DOLLARS
Wed. 26 Sep. 2018	 Evita	Opera House, Joan Sutherland Theatre	1.00 pm	\$72
Wed. 3 Oct. 2018	Evita	as above	1.00 pm	as above
Wed. 7 Nov. 2018	 Madiba the Musical	State Theatre	1.00 pm	\$81 Pick up tickets from Rhonda
Sat. 10 Nov. 2018	 Jersey Boys	Capitol Theatre	2.00 pm	\$80 by August meeting
Tue. 9 Jul. 2019	 Charley and the Chocolate Factory	Capitol Theatre	1.00 pm	\$70 by April 2019

Theatre parties are organised by Rhonda Wilson: 9482 5727

Fifth Thu. BBQs

There is a Fifth Thursday Barbecue on 30 August. At the Galston Recreation Reserve, again. This locality is known as Woop, and is some distance west of Hornsby and Asquith. An alternative site for a change had been suggested at Woop Woop (a little further away, in Glenhaven). But ... covered area not good enough, said organiser Sir Galahad. Gas heaters not up to scratch. Restroom facilities not close enough, etc.

AMPC members have now identified an ideal situation just a bit further north west, in Outer Woop Woop. Fabulous views, parking even for coaches, plentiful covered seating, free gas barbecues, handy restroom with outside lock.



Intriguing special feature



Stunning views

Restroom just at end of covered seating



Where? Wyndham.
Worth an extra drive.

Book Exchange table

Is there anything better than a good spy thriller? Who knows, but anyway we have a few such page-turners available for your reading pleasure, including *The Ambler Warning* by Robert Ludlum, and *Secret Asset* by Stella Rimington (the former Director General of MI5!). Finally, *The Unlikely Spy* by Daniel Silva, is dark and forbidding, and an excellent example of the spy genre.



The Exchange Table, superintended by Robert Montgomery and Sunny Dougall, also includes jigsaws and DVDs. It's all free. You just help yourself to whatever you might like. And perhaps you will bring it back when finished with it, or bring something of your own to add to the table.

From Angus Dougall

Gracie and Flo



"They've done a fair bit so far", said Gracie Gadfly who is often seen around the golf club these days, **"but what next?"**

"Talking about that ProCoach lot again are you, Grace? They're having some kind of anniversary?" queried Florence Wallflower.

"Yes. They've been going ten years now", said Gracie.

"Walks and talks and outings. But could there be more?"

"Doubt it, Grace. You know what they're for. Just to have a good time," said Florence. **"They don't actually do anything ... except those dolls I suppose."**

"Well, perhaps they could be more adventurous," ventured Agnes. **"A walk round Ayers Rock—that's Uluru—maybe."**
"Bit far, Grace. Usually got to be able to get there and back in a day. But it could be part of an away trip, perhaps."



"What about doing the Great North Walk in stages, then?", suggested Grace. **"By train to the start of each separate stage, then back home from the finish of it?"**
"Only \$2.50 a time," commented Florence. **"Might work."**
"What about trips away, then?" Agnes tried another tack. **"To the top of Cape York Peninsula? Somewhere exciting."**
"Travelling in Australia can be really pricey, Grace."
"See the pyramids! Niagara Falls! Pitcairn Island! Or going on the Trans Siberian Railway!" said Grace, getting more and more carried away.
"Got to be what ordinary tour operators can't do cheaper", commented Florence sagely. **"Maybe something where a whole mob doing it might bring the price down."**
"I suppose so," lamented Gracie reluctantly. **"But we'll just have to see what these ProBoaters have done by 2028, won't we?"**
"That's if they're still here, Grace", said Florence.

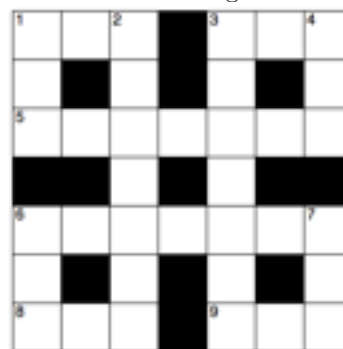
Extract from the first bulletin, Vol. 1 Issue 1

"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."

It never happened.

AMPC Crossword

This puzzle is about your Club, people in it, and uses simple words known to children in kindergarten.



Across

1. Bawl as an abusive yankee acronym (3)
3. This club's electrical power (3)
5. Draw when dazzled (7)
6. Her current majesty (7)
8. For morning, afternoon or dinner (3)
9. Eschewed not chewed by coeliacs (3)

Down

1. Exactly so (3)
2. Greeks say a strange foreigner is on our outings (7)
3. How to match the matchless (7)
4. Needed like a needle to get in (3)
6. Obtain in the altogether (3)
7. The name of a maiden in Christopher Robin Eeyore, Pooh (3)

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Thu	23	Walk: Circular Quay to Barangaroo. Brwa 09.27, Hby 09.40 a.m.
Fri	24	
Sat	25	
Sun	26	
Mon	27	
Tue	28	
Wed	29	MahJong: Every Wed.: ABC
Thu	30	5th Thu BBQ: Galston Rec. Res. 12.00
Fri	31	
SEPTEMBER		
Sat	1	
Sun	2	
Mon	3	
Tue	4	Sorrell play 'It Doesn't Snow Here': 4-8 Sep. See p.9
Wed	5	500 Card game: 1st & 3rd Wed.: ABowIC MahJong: Every Wed.: ABC
Thu	6	MEETING at GOLF CLUB: SPEAKER: Jan-Maree Ball: Aussie Hero Quilts
Fri	7	
Sat	8	
Sun	9	
Mon	10	
Tue	11	
Wed	12	Dolls sweatshop: [1st Wed. after mtg]: at Barb. Williamsons': 14 Angophora Place, PH ??? Trivia: ABowIC: 7.00 pm start MahJong: Every Wed.: ABC
Thu	13	Committee meeting: 10 for 10.15 am GOLF Club
Fri	14	
Sat	15	
Sun	16	
Mon	17	
Tue	18	Great Ocean Road Trip: 8 days: See p.6

Wed	19	500 Card game: 1st & 3rd Wed.: ABowIC MahJong: Every Wed.: ABC
Thu	20	WALK: Umina Beach to Ettalong RSL :Hby 10.22; Brwa 10.31
Fri	21	
Sat	22	
Sun	23	
Mon	24	
Tue	25	
Wed	26	THEATRE: Evita: Opera House: Joan Sutherland Theatre: 1.00 pm MahJong: Every Wed.: ABC
Thu	27	OUTING: Leura by train: Hby 8.50 a.m.
Fri	28	
Sat	29	
Sun	30	
OCTOBER		
Mon	1	
Tue	2	AMPC 10th Anniversary
Wed	3	THEATRE: Evita: Opera House: Joan Sutherland Theatre: 1.00 pm MahJong: Every Wed.: ABC
Thu	4	MEETING: SPEAKER: No speaker: 10th Anniversary Luncheon

Some future events

18 Oct.: OUTING Minigolf, Thornleigh
 26 Oct.: WALK Sculptures by the Sea
 7 Nov.: THEATRE 'Madiba the Musical'
 10 Nov.: THEATRE 'Jersey Boys'
 15 Nov.: OUTING Bundeena by train and ferry
 9 Jul. 2019.: THEATRE: Charley and the Chocolate Factory'

Editorial

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 Normal service by the official editor Nick Speyer will resume
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Solution to the crossword on page 11.