



Asquith Mixed Probus Club BULLETIN

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Hello to all our members. I trust you all had a good break over Easter and Anzac Day.

The 5th Thursday BBQ is coming up soon. It’ll be a great time to get together and enjoy the lovely Indian Summer sunshine. Please try to attend as it’s the last opportunity until July.

Trish has organised the Harbour Cruise for the Midget Submarine Anniversary at the end of this month and the NSW Art Gallery excursion in June. Laurie and Paul have organised the Cronulla ‘Hungry Point and Bayside Promenade’ Walk for 28 May.

We recently had a scam email going around to some members, pretending to be *Mal Steel President of Probus*. Please try to vigilant about these things, not only was the email address not mine but there were a number of obvious errors. If in doubt, grab a copy of the Bulletin and check the suspicious email address against the genuine committee email addresses listed on page 4.

Jim has lined up some great speakers over the next few months. This presents a great opportunity for members to bring visitors along to our meetings so that they can get a feel of what our club’s all about.

Wishing you all the best.

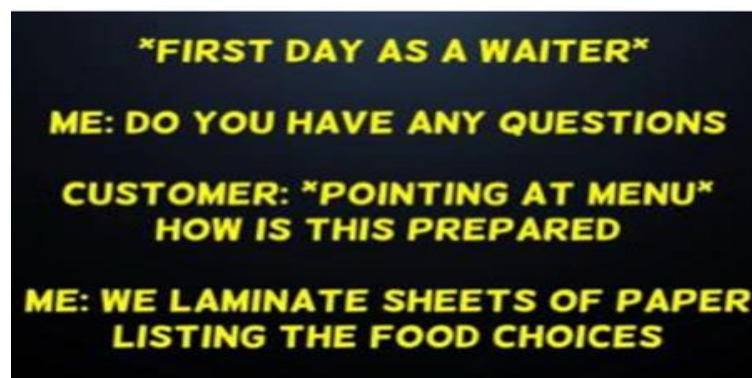
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<p>Meeting Dates at Magpies</p> <p>General Meetings Thursday 2 April Thursday 7 May Thursday 4 June</p> <p>10am for 10.30am start.</p> <p>Website: https://www.asquithmixedprobus.org.au Email: info@asquithmixedprobus.org.au webmaster@asquithmixedprobus.org.au</p>	<p>Bulletin Editor: Sandra Lees</p> <p> Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc. The Secretary: Ruth Barwick 37 Alan Avenue, Hornsby 2077 Formed by the Rotary Club of Berowra on 2 October 2008. Club No: 9003799 District: 9685 PD3 Inc. No: 9890687 Bendigo Bank details for deposits. BSB No: 633-000 Account No: 139 637 029</p>	<p>PRIVACY: In accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 and recommendation from Probus South Pacific, this newsletter is private and confidential for members of Asquith Mixed Probus Club use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.</p>
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COMMITTEE NOTES

1. For those who like to have lunch after the monthly Meeting, Jane will resume booking tables in the Pavilion.
2. Kevin is settling in to his new role as club Treasurer, and with his accounting experience is already doing a great job. Pam Slater has kindly agreed to act as Assistant Treasurer in his absence. Thank you again to (happily retiring) Angus, for your efforts.
3. Nita spoke about various transport entitlements available, including a free Transport Entitlement card for ex-defence with a disability, apply at Services Australia; Hornsby Kuring-gai Community Transport, transport included on an Aged Care Plan and a free seminar at Hornsby Library, Room 8, on June 2 at 1.00pm re aged care options on the Home Community Program. We wish a few members recovering from illness and injury a speedy return to full health.
4. Thank you to Trish for a most interesting guided GPO Heritage Tour. The guide on my group, Leisa, was truly passionate and knowledgeable about her subject, our beloved GPO, which is central to some of the most significant events of Sydney's history. A few of us enjoyed a Devonshire tea in the café afterwards. Looking forward to some great tours coming up in the next few months. The Tours Committee have already planned a couple of tours for 2027.
5. There will be meetings on the 1st Thursday in November, December and January due to the end of year lunch now being held on November 19.
6. The whiteboard at the Meeting tends to fill up. We are requesting that a small table be placed next to it for the overflow.
7. Laurie will continue to plan the Walks program, an important part of our club activities.
8. A great Speaker last month in Ken Enderby, with many questions from the Members about his extensive experiences in the Middle East.
9. Lots of ideas raised at Committee about promoting our club, including flyers/notices in libraries, supermarkets, doctors' surgeries. Do invite your neighbours and friends, also please make visitors and new members welcome. We are hoping to appoint a 'Meet and Greet' person for our meetings.

Ruth Barwick, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT
as at 31 March 2026
Asquith Mixed Probus Club



Funds received so far this year	8,002.25	
Reduced by club expenses	1,615.77	
Net Earnings to date	6,386.48	
Add: Previous years' surplus funds		12,744.59
Leaving members funds available		\$19,131.07
The above funds consist of cash at bank	20,397.07	
Less: Advance tour deposits and members' payments for these future activities and tours	1,266.00	
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$19,131.07	

Members fees will only increase when new applicants are accepted.
 Capitation Fees @ \$21 per member due in April, Estimate \$2,200.
 Advance Tour Liabilities will vary month to month depending on impending tours.
 Treasurer's Report as at 31st March 2026

PRIVACY REGARDING THE USE OF IMAGES

To increase membership of the club we plan to promote AMPC in local media and Facebook.

This will sometimes necessitate using images of members enjoying outings. If you do not wish to have your image included, please notify me, Denise Mayhew, so that I can record this.

email: ampcmembers@gmail.com

Denise



ACTIVITIES

DOLLS' GROUP meets on the first Wednesday following our monthly general meeting at 10.15 for a 10:30 start. Please join us for tea, coffee and a chat at Carol Channon's home. Wool, needles and stuffing supplied and the good news is you don't need to be able to knit! 28A Harwood Avenue, Mt Kuring-Gai.

MAHJONG GROUP meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm at Asquith Bowling Club.

CARDS' 500 GROUP meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at Magpies. New players welcome.

MEN'S GROUP meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Pavilion at Magpies.

CARERS' GROUP meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm.

AMPC Men's Group	Robert Allison	Dolls
Auditor	Robert Allison	5th Thursday BBQ
Books/DVDs	George Gates	Mahjong
Jigsaws	Robert Montgomery	Walks
Cards 500	Mary Glasby	Website
Carers' Group	Yenda Holland	Assist. Tours/Excurs.
Public Officer & Historian	Sandra Death	Assist. Tours/Excurs.

AMPC Committee Members	
President	Mal Steel
Vice-President Elect	
Vice-President	John Davies
Secretary	Ruth Barwick
Treasurer	Kevin Watson
Committee	
Bulletin	Sandra Lees
Hospitality	Jane Platts
Membership	Denise Mayhew
Assist. Membership	Robyn Lee
Speaker Co-ordinator	Jim Jeffries
Tours/Excursions	Trish Taylor
Welfare	Nita Shields

DAY TRIPS

ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE MIDGET SUBMARINE ATTACK The Naval Historical Society of Australia

THURSDAY, 29 MAY, 2026

\$70.00 per person

THIS OUTING NOW CLOSED

***NOTE: THIS IS A FRIDAY TOUR**

LIMIT OF 25 PERSONS

King Street Wharf 3, Darling Harbour

Check in time: 9.30 am

Boarding Time: 9.45 am for 10.00 am departure

Return: 1.00 pm

We will catch the **8.16 am** train from Hornsby (platform 1) to Wynyard arriving at 8.55 am. We will then walk to Darling Harbour to join our cruise at King Street Wharf 3.

This cruise will provide a detailed description of events leading up to and during the attack. We will be taken to sites on the Harbour where key events occurred and a comprehensive description of how those events on 31 May & 1 June, 1942 unfolded.

The story will be told by expert narrators from the Naval Historical Society of Australia.

Morning Tea is included.

TRISH

NSW ART GALLERY ARCHIBALD, WYNNE AND SULMAN EXHIBITION

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE, 2026

\$37.00 per person

***FINAL PAYMENT DUE 7TH MAY, 2026**

Please make your own way to the NSW Art Gallery. We will meet at the main front entrance Naala Nura. **Please arrive by 9.45 am** for entry to the Gallery for our **10.00 am** private tour.

15 min walk to Art Gallery across the Domain

10.00 am - 1hr guided, private group tour of the exhibition. We will meet our guide in the Kalder Hall of Naala Nura, opposite the welcome desk.

Option to explore the Galleries at your leisure after the tour.

Return walk to Martin Place/Wynyard Station OR bus 441 from Art Gallery to QVB at Town Hall.

TRISH

SECRETS OF THE CITY CIRCLE WALKING TOUR

THURSDAY, 16 JULY, 2026

\$25.00 per person

MAXIMUM 30 PEOPLE

*FINAL PAYMENT DUE 4TH JUNE, 2026

This unique tour uncovers the hidden stories, quirky history and surprising secrets of Sydney's iconic City Circle train loop. We explore each station's design, forgotten features and fascinating tales - all while travelling on regular trains in a fun, hop-on hop-off format.

Key details:

- **Starting/End Point:** Central Station Platform 1
- **Duration:** Approximately 3 hours
- **Style:** Hop-on, hop-off format visiting all City Circle stations
- **Walking Level:** Low amount of walking, some stairs involved at some stations
- **Transport:** You'll need an Opal or contactless debit/credit card to tap on/off trains

Catch the **8.49 am** train from Hornsby (platform 3), arriving at Central 9.26 am.
Return CCN trains 1.20 pm., 1.50 pm, 2.20 pm, 2.50 pm, 3.20 pm.

TRISH

LUCAS HEIGHTS DISCOVERY CENTRE

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST, 2026

\$100.00 per person

Pick up: Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights, 8.30 am - return approximately 5.00 pm.

*FINAL PAYMENT DUE 2 JULY, 2026

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) is home to some of Australia's most critical scientific infrastructure including the nation's only research reactor, a suite of neutron beam instruments, particle accelerators, cyclotrons and the Australian Synchrotron.

The education officers will explain how through applying their knowledge of the basic building blocks of our universe, scientists are helping solve the big issues surrounding health, climate change and innovation for industry. The tour is customised for our group with non-technical explanations and minimal walking.

Following our tour at ANSTO, we will enjoy a relaxing two-course lunch at the Woronora Boat Shed, a picturesque riverside venue. If time permits, we will finish the day with a visit to Hazelhurst Art Gallery.

***Each member must bring their ID with them on the day.**

***Enclosed shoes must be worn - no open toed sandals.**

Tour includes:

- Morning Tea
- Guided tour of Lucas Heights Discovery Centre
- 2 course lunch at Woronora Boat Shed
- Coach transport

***PLEASE ALSO FILL OUT YOUR DETAILS ON THE ANSTO TOUR BOOKING SHEET.**

TRISH

An interesting day for our members at the Heritage Tour of the GPO



WALKS

Please be vigilant concerning train travel as train times invariably change. As on the last occasion they sometimes fail to show. It does help if following leads is practised, especially where late changes are required.

Thursday May 28, 2026

Leads Laurie and Anne, Russ, Kevin and Paul

WHERE: HUNGRY POINT CRONULLA AND BAYSIDE PROMENADE WALK

WHAT: Long walk: 4.5 km. Steps down to walkway, then easy. One hill up to Bass and Flinders point.

Shorter Walk: 2.2 km including access to the walkway and return to the RSL.

TRAVEL: Intercity Hornsby, plat 3, 8.49. Change at Central plat 25, Arr Cronulla 10.49
Bus Route **971, 11.00** to Ewos at Nicholson Parade, 7 minutes.

Shorter walk return by bus 12.07 or 12.37 to Cronulla Station, 5 min walk to RSL.
Trains return every 15 mins. Travel time 1 hour 45 mins to Hornsby.

LUNCH: Bonfield Restaurant, Cronulla RSL 12.30pm-12.45pm, phone 9523 683
Meals are required to be pre--ordered in order to avoid long waits.
Payment at the club from set list.
Withdrawals on the day may be liable for costs incurred.

Thursday June 25, 2026

Leads Laurie + TBA for the longer walk.

WHERE: MEADOWBANK AND CABARITA PARKS

Composite Walk: Meadowbank Park, Riverside Walkway to Kissing Point Wharf, ferry to Cabarita Park.

WHAT: Long walk: Via Meadowbank Park and Anzac Path, follow riverside path to Kissing Point wharf, ferry to Cabarita Park and walk at Leisure to lunch venue.
Distance is 4.5 km-5km.

Shorter Walk: 3.5-4 Km, in well-spaced segments.
Mainly flat but some sections have steps.

TRAVEL: Hornsby Platform 3, 9.09. Arrive Meadowbank at 9.34.
Depart Kissing Point Wharf 11.16 or 11.36
Return ferry to Barangaroo or Meadowbank.

LUNCH: Morning Coffee at the Meadowbank Wharf coffee cart.
Lunch is BYO, fish/chips from kiosk or sit down at outdoor cafe if available.

HOSPITALITY

Probus Birthday BBQ

On 15 October, at 12 noon, we will have our annual birthday BBQ at Bobbin Head in the pavilion.

Sausages and salad will be provided. Please bring your own Cutlery, plates, glasses and drinks.

Cost is \$20 per person.

End of Year Lunch

On Thursday 19th November at 12 o'clock we will have our end of year lunch at Asquith Bowling Club.

There will be a two-course lunch consisting of a main and a dessert.

Cost is \$50 per person

Galston High School Morning Tea

Eighteen members enjoyed morning tea recently at Galston High School in their Waddell Café. The café is a student-run enterprise and is operated by year 9 and 10 students. Led by Annette, they all did a great job. It was a chatty morning with good company.

Jane

WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;
But imagine the feminine . . . *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!

- ANONYMOUS

SPEAKERS

May

The past 11 years have been the warmest on record. On the East Coast we have seen catastrophic flooding and cyclones and in the West severe heatwaves and bush fires.

Our May Speaker, Denys Angove, will look at whether these events are normal fluctuations in the weather. Dennys is an atmospheric scientist who retired from the CSIRO Energy Flagship in August 2014 and managed research projects to study the effect of fossil fuel emissions.

Dennys has provided voluntary climate and related assistance to the Lake Macquarie City Council, Hornsby Municipal Council and Blacktown City Council. He is a director of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, Australia.

June

In June Julie Evans will paint a vivid picture of our visitor destinations, including North Head Sanctuary (Manly), Headland Park (Mosman), Cockatoo Island (Sydney Harbour), Sub Base Platypus (North Sydney), Woolwich and Macquarie Lightstation (Vaucluse).

She has been is a volunteer with the Sydney Harbour Trust since 2007 and finds being able to share Trust presentations with community groups both fascinating and rewarding.

Members: Here is an invitation for your friends. All visitors are welcome.



Invitation to Asquith Mixed Probus club's May meeting



With our wet summer likely to become a severe drought, what better time than to clarify some misconceptions about Climate Change.

Dennys Angove is a retired atmospheric scientist from the CSIRO *Energy Flagship*, where he managed research projects to study the effect of fossil fuel emissions on air quality in the urban atmosphere. He will clarify the facts and fiction about the human role in modern climate change. Topics will include an overview of the Greenhouse Effect, measuring the mean global temperature and possible causes of global warming.

Asquith Mixed Probus Club is open to new members who want to make the most of life. If you enjoy relaxed social activities, love a great walk or wish to learn something new from our informative speakers, our club offers an excellent way to stay active, connected and curious.

We meet at Magpies Club, Waitara on the first Thursday of the month at 10:15 for 10:30.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	PAGE	PHONE NUMBER
Every Wednesday	Mah-Jong Asquith Bowling Club	Pam Clarke	3	
1 st & 3 rd Wed 10am	500 Cards Magpies	Mary Glasby	3	
3 rd Wed of Month	Men's Group Magpies	Robert Allison	3	
3 rd Tuesday of Month	Carers' Group	Yenda Holland	3	

7 May 2026	General Meeting	Mal Steel		
14 May 2026	Committee Meeting	Mal Steel		
13 May 2026	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
28 May 2026	Hungry Point to Cronulla Walk	Laurie Keaton	8	
29 May 2026	Anniversary of Japanese Midget Attack Tour	Trish Taylor	5	

4 June 2026	General Meeting	Mal Steel		
11 June 2026	Committee Meeting	Mal Steel		
10 June 2026	Dolls	Carol Channon	4	
18 June 2026	NSW Art Gallery Tour / Archibald Wynne and Sulman Exhibition	Trish Taylor	5	
25 June 2026	Meadowbank and Cabarita Parks Walk	Laurie Keaton	8	

