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# HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



Founded: 5 October 1982 by the Rotary Club of Hobart  
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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR  
**"Friendship and Fellowship"**

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Today's Greeter is David Ratcliff  
*Last month's meeting*

Our October speaker was Club member Ted Best who spoke on the history of the Kimberley region and his two visits there ... one a coastal small boat cruise involving fishing and inshore exploration; the other an extensive 4 week coastal and inland tour with APT. Ted was surprised to find just how many members had been to this remote and intriguing area and how many fond memories were reported later.

### *Guest Speaker this month*

Nick Brodie will talk about the Vandemonian War.

Nick is a professional history nerd. He has a doctorate in late medieval vagrancy, worked as a field archaeologist, taught at university for a decade, and now writes a growing suite of acclaimed popular histories. During his first-ever radio interview, Nick Brodie was told that he was too young to be a historian. Granted, he was wearing a hoodie and not a cardigan at the time.

Background is: New South Welshman by birth. PhD in medieval/early modern British history. Currently work as writer and part-time archivist. Author of a few books (inc. Kin, 1787, The Vandemonian War). On ABC News24's "Matter of Fact" as their resident historian.

## ***CLUB BANK ACCOUNT CHANGED***

Members are asked to note that the club has changed its bank account for electronic banking. Please ensure all payments are made to Probus bank account

**BSB 017324 Account number 417249848**

*The Xmas Lunch will be held on Tue 4 December, 12.00 for 12.30 at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.*

*Like last year, the menu is based on a set main with alternate drop desserts for \$35 per person.*

*We are most fortunate in having acquired The Brandivinos for a guest performance.*

*He who laughs last thinks slowest.*

## *Last Month's Activities Report*

### **Men's Luncheon**

For October, a dozen of us sat down to a very pleasant lunch at the Tasmania Golf Club. It was a beautiful day with very convivial company.

Ted Best shamed us all by heading out to the practice range immediately after lunch. Despite his urging, I couldn't be persuaded to join him on the tee so my golf skills are still languishing!!

### **Outing Report.**

On Tue 16th Oct 14 members and guests had a fascinating tour of Plastic Fabrications at Prince of Wales Bay. David Lipscombe, Executive Manager of Production, took us on a most educational exploration of the PFGs facilities. His explanation of the modus operandi of the works was most illuminating. We were all amazed at how efficient the layout of the workshops were. The management emphasis on continual improvements on the use of time, stock handling and use of resources has led to the most organised and safe work place I have ever seen. It is a credit to the company and an asset to Tasmania. Bob Pratt.



## ***CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS***

### **White Beach Holiday - Vanners etc. Open to all.**

Members are reminded of the following:

**WHITE BEACH—FEBRUARY 11th**

Our stay at White Beach is from Monday the 11th to Monday the 18th of February. The invitation to attend is open to all Probian, wives/partners and friends for all or any part thereof. Thursday night is the scheduled “Grand Dinner” evening. I will need to know numbers by/at our meeting on February 5th. for dinner-booking purposes. If you are looking to make a booking at the Tourist Park the phone number is: 6250 2142 and our hosts are Bev and Peter Baily.

### **West Coast Tour**

**WEST COAST TOUR – MARCH 19 – 21**

Reservations are in place for 28 participants. The following have booked places: Trevor Abbott (2), Brian Austen (1), Ted Best (2), David Blackburn (2), David Brammall (2), John Brodribb (2), Robin Holmes (2), Hamish Kyle (2), Lindsay Lovell (4), Geoff Medhurst (2), Graham Standen (2), Athol Wilkes (2) and from the Sandy Bay Ladies club: Josephine Carter, Dawn Ransley, and Helen West.

I have not yet been advised of the actual cost (ball park, \$900 pp) nor the travel details but they should be in hand by our December luncheon. I am away for our November meeting.

I will keep you in the loop where needs be.

You can contact me on 6225 1273 or 0417 06 5511 or by e-mail- david.brammall@bigpond.com

### **Men’s Luncheon Group (Graham Sargison 0417 548 379)**

For our November lunch we are heading to the Richmond Arms Hotel in Richmond. A two course lunch with a glass of red or white wine has been booked for 12 noon.

The cost of the lunch, including the glass of wine is \$30 per head.

We will be joined at the lunch by the intrepid classic car crew who will be departing from the Bowls Club at 10.00am and heading to Richmond via a circuitous route that Graham Standen has devised!!

I welcome you to join us for a fun lunch in beautiful Richmond on Thurs 15 November.

### **Club Welfare (Robin Holmes 62459326)**

Members are requested to contact Robin if they are aware of any member who is ill, in hospital, or otherwise indisposed and either he or his family may be in need of assistance.

### **Warblers (Bob Brewster 62251964)**

The Warblers meet in the SBBC Clubrooms at **10:00a.m.** on the **second and fourth Tuesday of each month.** Extra voices are always welcome.

### **Aquarobics (Ian Miller 62252560)**

The group meet each Friday at the Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre at 7.45 am for a splash, exercise and gossip. Coffee and nibbles follow in the cafe. The group welcomes casual participants should you feel you may benefit from a bit of clean fun.

***It's OK to disagree with me ... I can't force you to be right!***

## **InfoTech Group (Brian Butler 0409218567)**

Next meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> at clubrooms 10 am.

**Outings (Bob Pratt 62252317) or [bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com](mailto:bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com)**

### **Classic Car Run 15 November**

On Thurs 15 Nov a group of "petrol heads" will be cranking up their classic cars to let them stretch their legs in the country before heading to Richmond for lunch.

At the last count the classic cars among us numbered about 6 so we should have roughly 10 seats spare if anyone would like to join us on the run. If we run out of seats, you may wish to join us in your own vehicle on our mystery run. The speed will only be very moderate or as fast as Neil Blaikie's Morris will allow!!

Come and join the cavalcade!! (Especially if you have mechanical skills!!)

### **Strollers (Athol Wilkes 62241673)**

This committed group of walkers enjoy the walk along the Sandy Bay Foreshore each Wednesday at their own pace. Some are fast and furious, others resemble slow snails and yet others simply stroll. There is a place for all! It is followed by coffee at a nearby restaurant. Meet near Beach House, Lower Sandy Bay at 9:30a.m. Partners are welcome.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be the Christmas Lunch at Royal Yacht Club on Tuesday December 4th 2018

### **BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Cavanagh, Gordon Goward, Ian Lewis 4<sup>th</sup> Max Brown, 6<sup>th</sup> David Lovett  
7<sup>th</sup> Brian Roberts 8<sup>th</sup> Tony Starr 10<sup>th</sup> Peter Calvert, Carl Lawton 15<sup>th</sup> Rob Loney  
16<sup>th</sup> Stephen Graetzer, 18<sup>th</sup> Ewen Cummins 19<sup>th</sup> John Carter 23<sup>rd</sup> Nick Mason

### **Members with portfolios!**

President	Hamish	Kyle	0408544601	
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\* OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Ian Eadie, Geoff Medhurst, John Brodribb, Carl Lawton, Tony Hope.

*Member's contributions to the Bulletin are always welcome. The greater number of guest reporters the more varied and interesting the Bulletin content can be.*