

# HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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 PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR



**“Developing Friendships and Networks”**

## *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

The magi, as you know, were wise men — wonderfully wise men who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents.

### *Last meeting*

President Neil introduced Bernard, well known to us all as a recent, cheerful Probust membership officer. The Bulletin described his Tasmania-wide career in the Education Department, both in classrooms and senior management. He was honoured by colleagues with volunteered leadership positions Australia-wide over many years. A single line at the end of this CV announced he would be talking today about his career as a cricket umpire and this was what we had all come to hear. We were not disappointed. Like most newly graduated teachers, Bernard's career began with three innings of country service. He found the students turned up each day as requested, but were hard to convince on matters of Pythagoras and Shakespeare. Cricket, on the other hand was fiercely competitive, “take no prisoners” and especially when playing against the school just one valley away. “Putting one over” the coach, scorer or umpire served to compound the hilarity and satisfaction of the players. Promotion to more civilised schools saw him ascend the umpiring grades; on secondment in London, the Creators of Cricket ushered him through to First Class games, a position that filled him with pride, fear and no small amount of attempted umpire tampering. Our guest was reassured that it was a privilege to participate in a game that was played for five days, always stopped for Tea at Three and even then may not end in a decision. President Neil thanked Bernard for his entertaining talk and presented him with a bottle of wine. The members' enjoyment was warmly apparent. The auxiliary bottle of wine was passed over by five absentees, and the winner was Neil Blaikie..

*With thanks to Michael Graham*

### **Question:**

You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person.

What position are you in?

*Answer on last page*



## Club Support and Welfare ♥

*Robin Holmes has advised that after 4 years as the Club Welfare Officer he will not be continuing in this role. Robin has done a sterling job in that time and his caring and sympathetic nature has been valued by many members in that period. This is an important position for the club as it is vital we maintain contact with our membership in times when things are not going well for them. Any member who feels able to contribute in this role is asked to discuss this with Robin or President Neil.*

## Last Month's Activities Report

### MV Egeria

A windy day dawned on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> for the planned trip on the Derwent aboard the luxurious MV Egeria. 23 members and partners arrived at the Motor Yacht Club in Lindisfarne on time for our scheduled departure and were treated to a most enjoyable cruise to Sandy Bay and return.

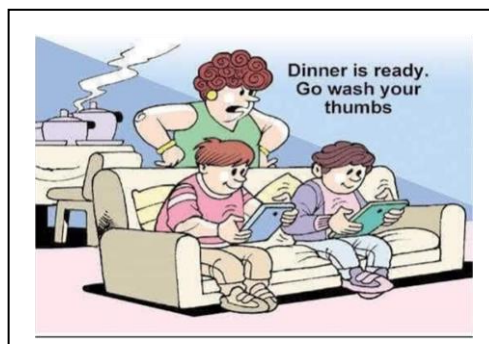
Only one wave dared dampen our clothing, but not our spirits as we made our way back to the mooring. A highlight was a peek via depth sounder at the Lake Illawarra sitting on the floor of the river under the reconstructed bridge.

A delicious lunch ended a most interesting and good value day. Thanks to VP Terry for his organization of the outing.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

### White Beach Holiday Group

For reasons of economy [for those using cabins] our Holiday week is beginning on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February **not** Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Those using powered sites for Vans are unaffected. They can start and finish whenever they like. If uncertain speak with David Brammall.



**IT Interest Group** next meets on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at SBBC at 10.00 am.

### Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

For our first event next year we have booked the Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS) dining room where we will have the choice from their excellent menu plus drinks at very reasonable prices. The date is Thursday February 13 and the bar opens at 12 noon. Place your booking on the list at our February meeting or by contacting Geoff on 0418 136 618 or [gcmehurst@gmail.com](mailto:gcmehurst@gmail.com)

### Aquarobics (Ian Miller 62252560) 🐬

The group meet each Friday at the Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre at 7.45 am for exercise, splash, and the opportunity to discuss local and world events. It was pleasing to welcome **Phil Mather** as a new participant to the group and with 12 members and partners present on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> the group was back to strength. Coffee and nibbles follow in the cafe. The group welcomes casual participants should you feel you may benefit from a bit of clean fun.

## CLUB BANK ACCOUNT CHANGED

Members are reminded that the club now banks with ANZ for electronic banking. The Commonwealth Bank account is CLOSED.

Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc  
Sandy Bay Branch ANZ Bank BSB 017 324  
Account number 4172 49848

Please always ensure any deposit made includes your name to identify it.

### 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 9:30 a.m. Partners are welcome.

### 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.

## DECEMBER and JANUARY Birthdays

### December

5<sup>th</sup> Graham Standen      6<sup>th</sup> Roger Ibbott      10<sup>th</sup> Ivan Pearson and Rob Brand  
11<sup>th</sup> Charles Thomas    13<sup>th</sup> Bernard Knight    18<sup>th</sup> John Honeysett and Wayne Wallace  
26<sup>th</sup> John Brodribb      30<sup>th</sup> Michael Hannon

### January

3<sup>rd</sup> Rob Irvine      12<sup>th</sup> Dan McNeill      14<sup>th</sup> Ted Best      17<sup>th</sup> Robin Holmes      18<sup>th</sup> Brian Sims

*Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath.*

*This made him .....A super callused fragile mystic vexed by halitosis.*

Please Note:

### CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told SANTA that you have been GOOD this year



**He Died Laughing**



## ***Members with responsibilities!***

President	Neil	Blaikie	0407870302
Immediate Past President	Hamish	Kyle	0408544601
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Assistant Treasurer	Bob	Clifton	0418262646
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Club Outings	Hamish	Kyle	0408544601
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Membership	John	Brodribb	6225 0897
Support & Welfare	Robin	Holmes	62459326

## ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sandy Bay Bowling Club at 10.00 am.

## **Understanding ENGINEERS ...**

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want." The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

*Member's contributions to the Bulletin and the website are always welcome and are eagerly sought. In particular photos taken when on club activities, and any comments or items of general interest can be sent to the club's email [hobartmensprobus@gmail.com](mailto:hobartmensprobus@gmail.com). The greater number of guest reporters the more varied and interesting the Bulletin content can be.*

*Answer to Question.*

If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

**Thanks.** The club's new website is up and running and our thanks are offered to **Wes James** for the time and effort he is putting in to ensure it is maintained and relevant.





More pictures can be viewed on the club website at [www.hobartmensprobus.org](http://www.hobartmensprobus.org)

