

# HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

**ENJOY AND EXPLORE THROUGH  
FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**



**Our Greeter forforth April's meeting will be spared the task!**

## ***NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MEMBERS***

I am very pleased, indeed proud, to have been elected to the position of President for your Club for the year 2020-2021.

We have an excellent group of coordinators /leaders of our activities/events who I am sure will make it a great year of friendship and fellowship for us to enjoy.

We need to acknowledge the success of the past, Neil and his team last year provided many and varied activities, I thank him on your behalf and hope this year will follow a similar pattern.

Our Club is proud to enable members to enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people and to explore new experiences available within the Club activities. We do this by providing members an opportunity to join together and progress healthy minds and active bodies through social interaction.

My President's theme for the year is "ENJOY AND EXPLORE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP".

I look forward to joining you all, in becoming more involved within the Club and its activities.

Mike Walpole

## ***Last Month***

Our AGM and General meeting went smoothly thanks to the background organisation of the office bearers. Thank you all.

A new member was introduced by Wes James and inducted by President Neil.

Welcome Robin Smith.

***A Bulletin will be prepared for member's information on an ad hoc basis.  
Contributions from members welcomed.***

# ***Club Meetings Suspended March 17, 2020***

After a brief consultation between available committee members this morning, it has been decided, in view of the latest medical advice and in the best interest of our members, to cancel all future Probus meetings, outings and activities until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this decision may cause but as our Probus membership falls into such a vulnerable group because of age and compromised health conditions, we considered that it was the only responsible action to be taken.

The exceptions to this decision are: the Norfolk Island trip which is outside the Probus ambit and Wednesday Walkers and Thursday Luncheon Groups which may wish to continue outside of the Probus ambit under their own steam. Please contact the Group leaders directly if you wish to continue these activities.

We will endeavour to keep you advised of developments through the Club Bulletin,

Regards,  
Michael Walpole  
President

Please note: Also, as the Sandy Bay Bowls and Community Club has given notice that, "the Club will be closed for all events, except for games played on the greens" their clubrooms will no longer be available for Probus meetings until further notice.

## ***April Birthdays***

- 1 Glenn PEARCE
- 21 David RATCLIFF
- 27 Bob CLIFTON
- 28 Harry STANTON

## ***Travel Group***

The next meeting was scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> but has been postponed to a date and time to be determined. Travel plans are generally on hold now but it is hoped to have some options ready for consideration once this madness is over.

## ***Activity Groups***

Information about the various club Activities can be found on the relevant page on the club website and in the Club Calendar.

## ***GALLERY***

Remember to check out the club website Gallery for photos of club Activities submitted by members.

Corona beer changes their name to avoid association with the Coronavirus outbreak



## ***Welfare of Members***

We are keen that members continue to support each other during the coming weeks and months with phone calls and messages when we know someone is experiencing difficulties. Visiting is difficult but continuing human contact from a friend is so uplifting. Please be sure to let Hamish know if you are ill or just desirous of contact so we can manage some support.

**The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be a great occasion!**

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### ***Position Vacant***

An interesting and non-time-consuming position is currently open as Deputy Bulletin Editor. Some limited knowledge of Microsoft Word an advantage. Personal/email expressions of interest welcomed. [bsbutler@internode.on.net](mailto:bsbutler@internode.on.net) 0409218567

### ***Information Technology Activity Group***

This group was set up with the idea of assisting members with coping with, and learning how to apply, new technologies such as phones and tablets to their daily lives.

After nearly 3 years it has become apparent that this purpose is no longer relevant to members. Assistance with phones/tablets has proven to be a matter best achieved on a one-to-one basis rather than in a group situation.

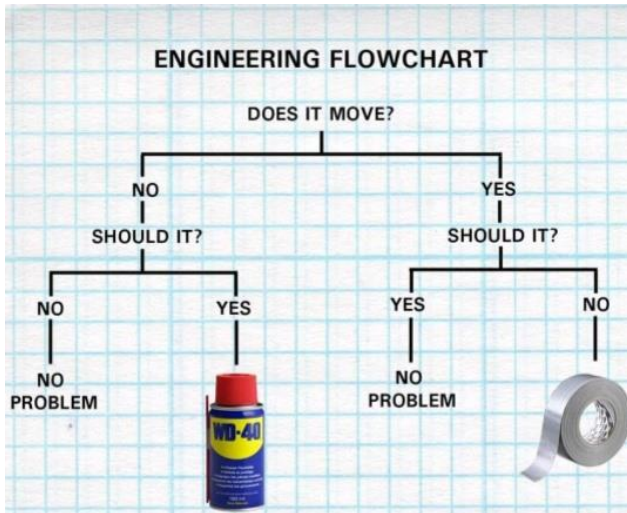
The group is now in recess until / unless informal discussions between interested parties determine a new direction / format / purpose.

### **Luncheon Group**

It was a jovial group that enjoyed a delicious lunch at Longley on March 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasant drive to a country pub and all concerned seemed to consider it worthwhile to step outside the city environs. There were 4 lady partners present and we believe they enjoyed themselves and the invitation to join the luncheon was appreciated.

#### **Office bearers / coordinators for 2020**

President	Mike	Walpole	0429001402
Immediate Past President	Neil	Blaikie	0407870302
Senior VP	Graham	Standen	0419558478
Secretary and Public Officer	Graham	Sargison	0417548379
Assistant Secretary	Neil	Blaikie	0407870302
Junior VP	Michael	Graham	0400031946
Treasurer	Bob	Clifton	0418262646
Assistant Treasurer	David	Back	0407895255
Guest Speakers	Carl	Lawton	0422486722
Club Outings	Rob	Brand	0418122671
Bulletin & Publicity	Brian	Butler	0409218567
Membership	John	Brodribb	6225 0897
Support & Welfare	Hamish	Kyle	0408544601



There once was an old man who was about to die. He told his wife to put a bag of money in the attic. "When I die, I'll get it on my way up," chuckled the old man. When the old man died, the wife went up to the attic and found that the bag of money was still there. "I knew I should have put that money in the cellar!" said the old woman.

## Competition!!

Each Bulletin will publish 3 of the best photos received of members using their isolation to good effect.

Censorship will be applied as necessary to comply with community standards.

Entries to be emailed (original quality) to the club email address – [hobartmensprobus@gmail.com](mailto:hobartmensprobus@gmail.com)

**Simplified urine test**  
Go outside and pee in the garden.  
If ants gather:- **Diabetes.**  
If you pee on your feet:- **Prostate.**  
If it smells like a barbecue:- **Cholesterol.**  
If when you shake it, your wrist hurts:- **Osteoarthritis.**  
If you return to your room with your penis outside your pants:- **Alzheimer**

## **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) – advice from the Committee 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear Members,

Your committee has exchanged emails regarding the outbreak of COVID-19.

We want to propose some sensible precautions that should be taken by the Club right now. These are outlined below. We do not presently plan to cancel any meetings, get togethers, activities or outings, but we will keep monitoring this based on advice from the federal Department of Health ([www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)) and the state authorities (e.g., [dhhs.tas.gov.au](http://dhhs.tas.gov.au)).

For the moment, we ask Club members to adhere to the following:

### **Self-Isolation**

You probably know that if you have returned from a country or region that is at higher risk for COVID-19 (the list is growing; see [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)), you can not attend work for 14 days if you work in a setting with vulnerable people. We are asking that members exercise common sense; if you've been in contact with someone from those places, please stay away from any Club activities until you're sure you're not infected (we won't kick you out for non-attendance!).

### **General Conduct**

- We won't shake hands (or generally touch each other) at Club meetings, outings or get togethers.
- Instead, we'll simply "pat each other on the back". That seems a better precaution than the recommended "touching of toes or elbows".
- Serving food is an obvious point of risk – multiple people preparing food, breathing over it and serving it. We suggest it would be best to wear protective gloves for serving the morning tea on the day of the meetings to avoid serving others using fingers.
- Frequently clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs.
- Try not to touch your face (you'll find this harder than standing on one foot!)
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with anyone who has symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, shortness of breath. Chances are, they just have a cold or other respiratory illness, but it's best to be cautious.
- If you are unwell, please stay home (again, we won't kick you out!).

We will keep you updated if advice from the Department of Health changes.

Regards,

On behalf of the Committee

Mike Walpole

President



Members enjoyed a Car Rally to Bangor and Lewisham. A superb day.

