

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

**ENJOY AND EXPLORE THROUGH
FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**



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Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under

A Bulletin will be prepared for member's information on an ad hoc basis depending on available relevant content.

Contributions from members eagerly sought and welcomed.

Vale Fred Heather

Our long time member Fred Heather passed away on April 27th. We extend our condolences to his family and his many friends. He is remembered as a quiet bloke, very good company, and loved a quiet beer and BBQ. He was very keen on his daily swimming exercise in his home pool, probably about 25 feet long. No doubt that helped him reach 96 years.

Fred was a truly inventive engineer who contributed significantly to the development of Cadbury's and Cascade's manufacturing operations. At Cadbury he worked closely with Sir Victor Burley in the design of unique production lines for products such as Crunchie, Flake and Picnic. Then, after declining a move with Cadbury to Melbourne, he went on to lead a progressive investment program at the Brewery.

Fred was a memorable personality and great company. His gentle and often self-deprecatory wit was enjoyed by all. He was always very fit and active finishing our Aquarobics sessions with a signature width of the pool underwater swim that harked back to an earlier love of scuba diving.

.Welfare of Members

Our Welfare Officer Hamish has been assiduous in his attempts over the past month to make contact with each of our members to assure us of their wellbeing and ability to cope with our current social situation. We look forward to the day we are able to again meet together and resume the club's normal functioning.

Geoff Medhurst is recovering from his operation and is in St Johns Hospital in South Hobart. Phone calls welcome.

Ted Best is recovering from a hernia operation, and is in good health. Phone calls welcome.

Message from the President

Normally we would be catching up next Tuesday for our monthly Probus meeting and guest speaker. But normal doesn't apply anymore and perhaps when this pandemic is over, who knows we could well have a new "normal".

The events over the last few weeks have highlighted how quickly our lives can change, and how important it is that we continue to stand together and support each other through these challenging times. It has also shown how flexible and resilient we can be in the face of an ever-changing environment. The impact of this pandemic has been far reaching and has affected every one of us. We could very well know someone going through hardship due to changes, at present being made almost daily, but we are told they are essential for the long-term sustainability for our State.

Due to the isolation and distancing requirements our monthly meetings and activity / hobby groups have been suspended but your Committee has continued to meet monthly online, to keep in touch and deal with any matters that require attention. Where we can, some activities are continuing. Amongst these, Brian Butler is doing a great job with the monthly Bulletin. The monthly photo competition continues to be a fun exercise and Hamish Kyle is performing the very valuable welfare role in keeping in touch with members who are not travelling so well at this time. The Aqua- aerobics group are catching up enjoying a weekly virtual morning tea and the Committee is exploring the possibility of keeping us engaged by having online guest speaker talks. More on this later as this unfolds.

Our Probus Club has been in operation for 38 years. Together with our members we have "weathered a few storms" but possibly none so limiting as this one.

In the short term, some of the restrictions placed on the community could possibly be relaxed, but while we still might be hibernating until the storm passes, we can always keep in touch. Isolation can be a debilitating thing for those who may be on their own and lonely, so don't forget to make contact, a phone call or text might be just the tonic, for a family friend or club member who may be doing it tough. So why not keep in touch where you think it is needed.

Let's be positive and look towards the future when, as a Club we can return to engaging and enjoying each other's company through fun, fellowship and friendship as we have done in the past. In the meantime, lets make sure we stay safe, and look after each other.

Mike

May Birthdays

3rd John Linton 8th Brian Austen, Terry Kay, Chris Park 11th Brian Gallagher

15th Paul McCann 25th Alex Young 28th Barry Simpson, Athol Wilkes

You see a girl sitting down,
but you can't sit in her place even
if she stands up and leaves.
Where is she sitting?

George Washington, Sherlock Holmes,
William Shakespeare, Ludwig van Beethoven,
Napoleon Bonaparte, and Nero – who is
significantly different from all the rest?

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
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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
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Support & Welfare	Hamish	Kyle	0408544601

Isolation Photo Competition!!

Round 3 (After the Lockdown) ending May 31.

Congratulations to Trevor Willcox winner of round 2.

Judge's Comment.

The photo is eye catching due to colour, the balance of the photo and the feeling of contentment that emanates from the picture.

The selection of books on display cover Philosophy, indicating a high level of intellect: Gardening, at one with nature: Humour, indicating a balanced mind, and a fish landing net displaying physical activity.

The photo competition has been moved onto the club website.

Look up the Galleries as directed on the home page if you have difficulty finding it.

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

GALLERY

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

Activity Groups

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



Engineers are a prickly lot. The following email was received the day following publication of the previous Bulletin.

Brian

Lay off the engineer jokes or there'll be trouble!!!

You wouldn't print this one would you? Too many members would be offended. So be kind to a minority group who have contributed so much to our modern day living.

(Name redacted)

The teacher in Johnny's school asked the class what their parents did for a living. One little girl said her father was a doctor, another said her mother was an engineer. When it was Little Johnny's turn, he stood up and said "My mom's a whore." Naturally, after that remark, he got sent off to the principal's office. Then, 15 minutes later, he returned. So the teacher asked "Did you tell the principal what you said in class?" Johnny said, "Yes." "Well, what did the principal say?" "He said that every job is important in our economy, gave me a pocket full of lollies and asked for my phone number ..."

I try not to look out the window in the morning these days otherwise I'll have nothing to do in the afternoon.

Several people were asked to jump over a pencil put on the floor, but none of them could do it. Why?

Favourite Mum Sayings

- What part of no don't you understand
- I don't care who started it
- Because I said so, that's why
- Wait until your father gets home
- Your face is going to freeze like that
- Get in the car
- Get out of the car
- Your hands are not broken
- No one said life is fair
- Eat your dinner
- Put your shoes on
- Go. To. Sleep

It is time to look at how accountants and other money-launderers are viewed. Engineers are welcome to contribute to this series of observations.

A business man was interviewing applicants for the position of divisional manager. He devised a simple test to select the most suitable person for the job. He asked each applicant the question, "What is two and two?"

The first interviewee was a journalist. His answer was "Twenty-two."

The second was a social worker. She said, "I don't know the answer but I'm glad we had time to discuss this important question."

The third applicant was an engineer. He pulled out a slide rule and showed the answer to be between 3.999 and 4.001. The next person was a lawyer. He stated that in the case of *Jenkins v Commissioner of Stamp Duties (Qld)*, two and two was proven to be four.

The last applicant was an accountant. The business man asked him, "How much is two and two?" The accountant got up from his chair, went over to the door and closed it then came back and sat down. He leaned across the desk and said in a low voice, "How much do you want it to be?"

He got the job.

My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.