#### THE BULLETIN **August 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**

## **HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC**



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\* Website: www.hobartmensprobus.org \* PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

ENJOY AND EXPLORE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP



#### VALE- JOHN MILLINGTON (1935 – 2020)

John joined our Club in 2000 after a career in teaching at Melbourne Grammar but mainly at Hutchins. John was a student at Hutchins for 13 years and spent 44 years of his professional life teaching there {1957-2000]. He is the school's longest serving teacher. During that time he was Head of the Middle School (1970 – 95) and then Administrative Assistant to the Headmaster from 1995 - 2000.

During John's 20 years in Probus his involvement included: Secretary for a number of years; membership officer; part of the now defunct "Brewers" club; an enthusiastic "Warbler" and a Friday morning Aquarobic's man. Whatever John did he totally committed. He was known for his diligence, efficiency and for his willingness to participate and serve whenever he could. Declining health over the past few years severely limited his active participation in our affairs.

Friends remember him with affection and respect for his loyalty and many other qualities.

We're back! It's great to be able to have face-to-face meetings again even with social

distancing.

#### This month's guest speaker – Ian Miller

A special thank you to Ian for offering to be our first speaker in these unusual times.

Ian Miller is an active member of our Hobart Probus Club. Ian is a familiar face at our Probus lunches, a member of the walking group and coordinator of the popular Aqua Aerobics group. His activities are not limited to these of course and lan and his wife Tricia are part of the 'cruise set'.

Tricia and Ian have done several interesting cruises and today he will talk about one of their favourites. Sailing on the brand new Viking Ocean cruise ship, Viking Sea, their itinerary took them from Harwich in England to the very northernmost point in Europe. Nordkap, calling in to many fiords and ports in Norway on the way. Spending 3 days on the ship in Bergen they sailed into the Baltic for another two weeks, finishing in Stockholm from where they flew home. The 29 day voyage was two back to back cruises called "Into the Midnight Sun" and "Baltic Jewels". We look forward to hearing and seeing some of the highlights of this fascinating cruise experience.

## Willow Court Outing



Our first post-Covid outing was a tour through Willow Court at New Norfolk on 10<sup>th</sup> July, enjoyed by 15 members and 5 partners.

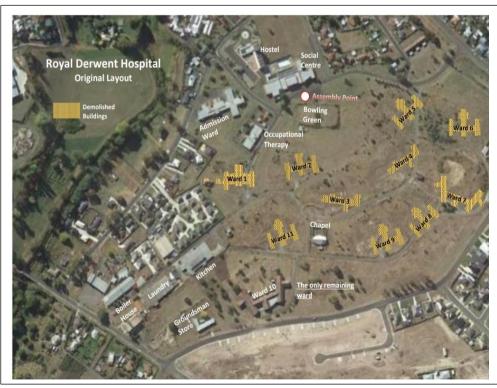
The group met on a chilly winter morning at the site of the old Royal Derwent Hospital, where our guide Hamish Kyle explained the layout and functionality of the original site. Most of the residential buildings have been demolished, but we were able to gain entry into the last remaining "asylum ward", which evokes visions of a Russian concentration camp.

Our photo is taken on the internal veranda of this building.

We then headed over to the Willow Court precinct, where Hamish explained the origins and use of the buildings, most of which are now occupied by private sector tenants and thus access was not available. The group was then pleased to head to the warmth and hospitality of the Patchwork Café, which is located within the precinct. While waiting for our lunch orders, entertainment was provided by the Brandovinos with Neil Blakie as guest artist with his guitar.

A pleasant and informative day was enjoyed by all, with special thanks to Hamish for his preparation and delivery of our tour and history lesson.

The attached maps and plans may be of interest to those unable to attend.







## GALLERY

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

#### Welfare Report

## **Activity Groups**

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

Our Welfare Officer, Hamish Kyle, is currently looking after the welfare of Anne and his good self with a visit to the warmth of Queensland. He is keen to see borders open before his return to this safe state and thus avoid quarantine. We offer all our members our best wishes and a swift recovery from any issues however minor.

## Luncheon News

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

In June we enjoyed the hospitality of the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club that was attended by 14 of our members who judging by the animated conversation had a jolly good time. The day was fine, the surroundings superb and the meal was delicious.



#### **August Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Frank Lawrence 5<sup>th</sup> Don McLeod and Neil Blaikie 8<sup>th</sup> Bill Mottershead 11<sup>th</sup> David Blackburn 13<sup>th</sup> Roger More 16<sup>th</sup> Geoff Medhurst 17<sup>th</sup> Max Banks 19<sup>th</sup> Michael Thomson 20<sup>th</sup> Wes James 21<sup>st</sup> Braithe Wedd 24<sup>th</sup> Graham Brownell 28<sup>th</sup> Ron Mann

#### Items of General Interest

#### Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

We certainly enjoy being back at our lunches. For August we have booked the DSS where we will have the choice from their excellent menu plus drinks at very reasonable prices. Check out the specials on Parmas or roast of the day.

The date is Thursday August 13 from noon. Book your place today or by contacting Geoff on 0418 136 618 or <u>gcmedhurst@gmail.com</u>

#### Aquafun Group

With the closure of the 25m pool at the Aquatic Centre until October there is little prospect of an early return for this activity group.



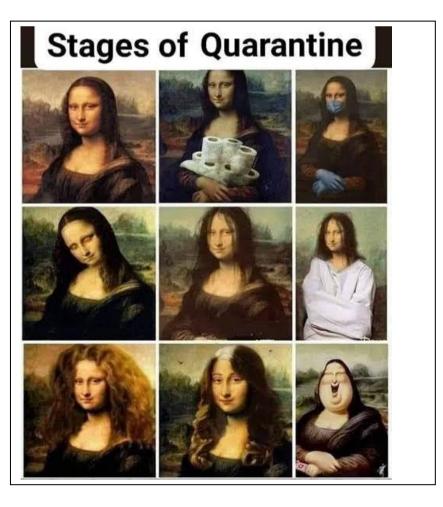


"Did you know there's a miniature woman tied to the train tracks who looks remarkably like me?"

| Office bearers / coo         | ordinator | rs for 2020 |            |
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| President                    | Mike      | Walpole     | 0429001402 |
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The amount of jokes about coronavirus virus has reached worrying numbers. Scientists claim we are in the middle of a pundemic



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#### General Meetings

Covid-19 Arrangements

Until further notice, the following arrangements will apply in respect of attendance at General Meetings of the Hobart Men's Probus Club.

## 1 Attendance

MEMBERS WHO HAVE THE SLIGHTEST SYMPTOMS OF FEVER, COLD OR FLU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

## 2 General

In compliance with State Government regulations for gatherings, the maximum number of attendees allowable at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club dining room is 64, and 55 in the bar area. Furthermore, Bowls Australia have provided strict rules of operation of the facility that are mandatory for all users. These are outlined below.

# 3 Hygiene

The facility will have been cleaned prior to occupation by the club. On arrival, all members must use the hand sanitiser provided prior to approaching the administration desk.

All seats will be cleaned prior to the meeting but hygienic wipes will be available on request to those wishing to take additional precautions.

## 4 Separation

When queuing for payment and badge collection, members are required to maintain 1.5 metres of separation

#### This will also apply for queues at morning tea.

Seating will be arranged in accordance with separation protocols. Immediately following registration, members are requested to take a seat. Under no circumstances may seats be moved or added to the room.

## 5 Morning Tea

#### Members are encouraged to use hand sanitiser again prior to queuing for morning tea.

Morning Tea will continue to be available at both the servery and the bar area. Beverages may only be served by designated member. No self-serve is allowable.

Milk, sugar and biscuits will be provided in individual packaging at a second station. Members are requested to quickly collect drinks, milk etc. and return to their seats or move to a clear area and maintain social distancing.

Mike Walpole <u>President</u>