

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

**ENJOY AND EXPLORE THROUGH
 FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**



This month's Greeter:



Brian Butler



Last month's meeting.



Harry Quick Last month's speaker was Harry Quick, a retired teacher and federal politician. Harry was a leading person in the Headstone Project in Tasmania, which undertook to provide much deserved acknowledgement for the many returned veterans in unmarked graves. Harry both moved and interested us in his description of the conflict these young men were involved in and the situation they faced on their return home. His passion for, and commitment to this worthwhile project were evident throughout his presentation which was well received by our members.

Harry was presented with our usual token of appreciation and drew Rob Brand as the member recipient for September.

This month's Guest Speaker is Melvin Freestone.

Who is Melvin Freestone?

Melvin migrated with his family to Australia from Ireland in 1977. After extensive work in education at federal and state levels he retired in 2008 as principal of Montagu Bay Primary School. Since that time Melvin has worked in a voluntary capacity assisting educational initiatives in India, Nepal, Thailand, Brunei and the United States. In Tasmania he was President and founding member of Project Hahn Inc. which ran wilderness therapy programs for young people who were 'at risk' or disadvantaged.

Melvin has written numerous educational resources including the full-length books – *A Practical Guide to Technology – from pigs to optical fibres*, and *Thinking for Understanding*. *Moriarty's Super Gene* was his first venture into the field of fiction. *Moriarty's Flight of Fancy* – is a sequel and part of a series he is writing.

Melvin's topic for today is The Mists of Time



September Outing

Retired Air Vice-Marshall Peter Scully hosted two visits of Probus Club members to the RAAF Memorial Centre during September. We viewed a collection of RAAF memorabilia and learnt more of Peter Scully's career. The display of near 100 years of RAAF history, included a WW 1 flying suit, part of a collection of a pilot's kit found in a trunk stored in the garage of a Hobart family home. A leisurely RYCT lunch followed our visit.

Luncheon News (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



Our lunch in September was held at an old favourite from the past, the Cascade Reception Centre. A near record number attended and the staff looked after us as if they wanted us back. We all agreed that they were certainly successful.

October Birthdays

4th David BACK 7th Ken MILTON and Frank WALKER

18th Ian MILLER and Trevor WILLCOX 19th Hamish KYLE 20th Bob BREWSTER

20th Ian EADIE 26th Lew MUNRO

Mobile phone numbers.

Members are reminded of the request made at the last meeting that club records show where possible the mobile phone contact for members.

Items of General Interest

Outings

October's outing is to the Caled Containers Precision Moulding factory south of Huonville. This facility produces precision moulded plastic food containers, dairy and juice bottles, caps, closures, take-away food containers, pails and drums etc.

Our visit is limited to 12 members who will be divided into two groups for a 1-1½ hour guided tour. We will meet at the factory at 29 Maxfields Road, Franklin (4½ km south of Huonville) at 10.30 am and after the visit meet at the Huonville Hotel for lunch. **Bruce Price, 0407 231 007**

October luncheon

Now here's a cool idea! Join us for nosh & natter at the Bellerive Yacht Club on Thursday October 15. These are always great events, just ask those who never miss one. The food is excellent, the beer is cold, the wines are gold standard (almost) and having a good time is something you can rely upon.

The date is Thursday October 15th from 12 noon. Book your place today or by contacting Geoff on 0418 136 618 or gcmehurst@gmail.com



Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas lunch function will be on Tuesday December 1st at the Royal Yacht Club. 12.00 for 12.30. Cost will be \$40 ph. Alternate drop main and dessert with table wine served. Partners welcome.

Attendance Lists to be circulated at our October and November meetings. Table preferences will be circulated at the November meeting.

Payment by EFT preferred. To Hobart Mens Probus Club BSB 017115 AC 10228874

VPs Michael Graham & Graham Standen

Britain to 'Bunna Car Show - Sunday 18th October

A number of members are interested in driving their older cars to the "Predominantly British" Car Show 9:30am – 1:30pm at The Village, 20 Melbourne Street, Triabunna on Sunday 18th October. Others may enjoy a drive and a look at the display. Some Co-driver seats available!

A BYO everything BBQ / picnic will follow at 6 Esplanade, Orford (weather permitting). RSVP to Graham Standen 0419 558 478

A local priest and pastor stood by the side of the road holding up a sign that said: “The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it’s too late!” They planned to hold up the sign to each passing car.

“Leave us alone, will you!” yelled the first driver as he sped by. From around the curve they heard a big splash.

“Do you think,” said one clergy to the other. “We should just put up a sign that says ‘bridge out’ instead?”



Wednesday Walkers

Athol was disappointed that the Walkers did not feature in the Bulletin last issue. This is to make it up to him and to draw attention to the fact that the Walkers gather at Long Beach each Wednesday at 9.30 for a companionable stroll along the sand and/or paths. Coffee follows if desired.

Aquafun Group is not much fun now. The Doone Kennedy Centre is still in renovation mode and likely to be so for a while yet.

November Outing – Dairy Farm

Owner and Host: Phil and Liz Beattie

Venue: 62 Uxbridge Road, Bushy Park

Transport: car sharing, approximately 60 kms from Sandy Bay Bowls Club. Allow 55 minutes to an hour. Suggest depart 915am 10th November 2020. This is the date that is most suitable to the Beatties.

Farm: milking approx. 1,000 cows, 50 cow rotary dairy shed. approx 430 hectares with pivot irrigation. A 2,730 megalitre water right from the Styx River. (one megalitre equals one million litres) for 183 days a year (15 megalitre/day).

Lunch: Pancakes by the Pond, if open, otherwise New Norfolk at the Patchwork Cafe.

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It is terrific to get contributions for our bulletin. Last month's piece from PP Neil prompted the following which, it is hoped, is the second in what may become an on-going feature of our Bulletin.

There is always room for more and perhaps yours will be next.

A memory of my youth.

I was a Bellerive boy for the first 16 years of my life and one of the best play areas for us pre-teens was the Bellerive fort. It was a wondrous but mysterious and somewhat scary meeting place with dangerous, dark and dingy tunnels to explore, huge cannons to pretend to fire, walls to climb [never mind their crumbling condition], invaders to repel and a moat to wade through. Once there an additional favourite pastime of Probian Graeme Howard [neighbour] and myself was to "man" the ramparts and with slug guns in hand see how many frogs in the moat we could eliminate. "Boof" was rather more successful than me at this highly skilled enterprise. I am sure my gun had a bent barrel but it was great fun. Afterwards dressing up in grandpop's clerical gear to give each deceased frog a proper Christian burial seemed to us to legitimise this otherwise barbaric practice.

David Brammall

Thank you Lindsay Lovell for the following ..

Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman.'

'Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?'

'When it was over,' Mike replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees.'

'Really,' said Charles, 'Now that's a switch! What did she say?'

She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little chicken.'



"Want me to get you a shopping cart?"