
HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC

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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

**ENJOY AND EXPLORE THROUGH
FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**



PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAG

As the festive season rapidly approaches, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your friendship and support during my Presidential year.

I have really enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in all of the activities that we have been able to offer to our members, although the first half of the year has been a very different year for all of us. In previous years many of us travelled both interstate and overseas visiting family, relatives and friends. Unfortunately since March this year, for reasons we are all well aware, this has not been possible and many of us have not been able to see them for some considerable time. It is hoped that sooner rather than later we will be able to get back to some normality with regard to travel and be able to be with our loved ones.

So, for us seniors, Christmas is a time of memories – of Christmas past and child-hood memories of our parents long gone. Maybe we received just one or two small presents but they were given with so much love. Now with grandchildren still believing (if only for a short time) that the magical story of Christmas still exists in spite of our modern world and technology. It has been quoted “Children do not remember what is said, they remember how they felt”. May the love in Christmas continue on to future generations.

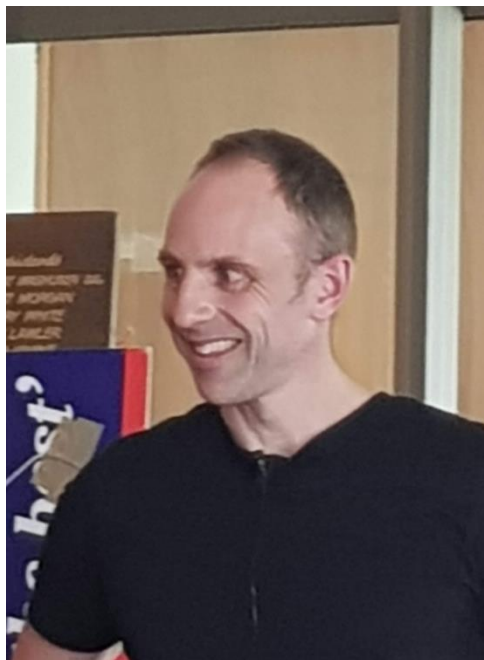
I wish you one and all, best wishes over the holiday season and hope that you are able to spend some time with your relatives and friends and reflect on the events of the year.

Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mike Walpole

President

Last month's meeting.



Andrew Bonsey gave us reasons to think about the level of exercise and general care required for continued healthy living as we age. His high level of knowledge and experience were evident in his discourse and responses to the questions which followed.

Andrew drew the members raffle and wine was won by Frank Walker and Carl Lawton won the book from Tony Hope.

Vale Dr Harry Stanton.

Dr Harry Stanton joined our Probus Club in 2001. He was very prominent in the Academy at UTAS Sandy Bay for many years.

He was a keen sportsman very involved in the Tennis Community and a long time member of the Royal Hobart Bowls Club. He was seen regularly for many years with his Red Sports Convertible around Sandy Bay.

Harry and his wife Val were participants in our Walking Group until they developed health problems which stopped him walking but he still came down to Lower Sandy Bay twice a week Wednesday & Friday for coffee with the group, the last two weeks ago. We enjoyed his sense of humour but not his habit of giving us losing tips for Saturday afternoon races.



November Outing

Philip and Elizabeth Beattie of Styx River Farm were our hosts on Tuesday 10th November 2020. This dairy farm was a conversion is now milking approx. 1,000 cows. Twelve members and family were given a very good review of the farm operations including pivot irrigation, staffing, herd replacement, silage and hay systems and the conversion from sheep and grazing in 2004. Followed by an enjoyable lunch at Pancakes on the Pond at Salmon Ponds.



White Beach Holiday

Members are reminded that our annual holiday at White Beach Tourist Park is scheduled to run from Monday, February the 8th (for Vanners) and Tuesday the 9th (for cabin dwellers) to Tuesday the 16th or any part thereof. Once again our musical group will be in attendance and Graham “Sargy” will be organising a walk on the Wednesday. Thursday will be our traditional dinner night. All Probianas with family and/or friends are welcome.

Bookings should be confirmed with Pete or Bev at the park on phone 6250 2142. Mention that you are part of the Hobart Men’s Probus Club to obtain your discount. Any queries should be directed to David Brammall

Luncheon News (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

November Lunch

Our final lunch for the year was held at the fabulous Tasmania Golf Club on the shores of Pittwater. Our group had a good view of putters in action trying to cope with the howling gale whilst we were enjoying a coldie in the comfort of the bar. The meal served was excellent as usual and we all gave the day a well-deserved gold star.

December Birthdays

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

Items of General Interest

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

Our lunches are having a short break over Christmas and January. Look forward to an announcement about our first lunch on Thursday 11th February 2021 at the Doctor Syntax (providing Covid allows).

Wednesday Walkers

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.

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Members Photos

Please check the latest Gallery on the Club website or at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2yZ46jnMPEAHLKQA6>

and if your photo is missing PLEASE send one to the club email address before the start of the new Probusteam year. It would be great to have all members represented in 2021 .

The Parrot

This man buys a pet parrot but after a few days of owning it, he notices that it seems to have a bad attitude and foul vocabulary. He tries everything to change the bird's attitude and clean up its talk but nothing works. Finally, in a moment of desperation, he puts the parrot in the freezer. For a few moments he hears the bird squawking, kicking and screaming and then, suddenly, all is quiet. He opens the freezer door.

The parrot steps out and says: "I'm sorry that I offended you with my language and actions. I ask for your forgiveness."

The man is astounded at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what changed him when the parrot continued: "By the way, may I ask – what did the chicken do?"

