

## HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2021/22



**'Probud- Friendship, Fellowship and Fun for Fellas'**

*This month's Greeter is our New President GRAHAM STANDEN*

### An Important Reminder

*We again need to make members aware that before coming to the meeting everybody once again considers the Covid -19 protocols regarding their current health status, recent travel and exposure to others who may have been interstate etc. If in doubt please don't attend until you ensure everything is in order and that there is no risk to yourself or to our members.*

### Annual General Meeting



On March 2, our AGM saw the incoming President, his committee, and other significant leaders of the club, duly elected to their positions. Outgoing President Mike Walpole presented the new President, Graham Standen with his Chain of Office.

The full list of incoming positions can be found at the end of the Bulletin.

Note: Mike's President's report can be found on the club web page: <http://www.hobartmensprobud.org>

### A Word from our new President - Graham Standen

Thank you all for the privilege of being your President of Hobart Men's Probud Club for 2021-22. Special thanks to those who have agreed to hold office and support the vibrant life of our Club in many ways. I, and all Club members, are grateful.

I was introduced to Probud by my neighbour Lewis Hamnett and joined in 2015. I knew that my father was a member in rural SA but did not know much else. Having worked in women's health with nurses and midwives throughout my career, it was refreshing to join a proudly men's group! I immediately felt welcome and knew several members from Rotary and from the NW coast, even Apexians, where I worked in my early days. Seeing the lively greetings and talk at meetings I found that this was not just a group of Old Farts as I had thought. There was, and is, an "all care, no responsibility" feeling compared to Rotary from which Probud was founded in UK in 1965, and Probud South Pacific in 1974. There

are now approximately 1,700 Clubs and 125,000 members in Australia and New Zealand and our Club was founded in October 1982 – nearly 50 years ago.

The extent, variety, experience and value of every member is impressive. The amount of talent in the room when we meet shows this. We get all this, an excellent Bulletin, Probus magazines and a cup of tea for just \$5 a month out of our pensions. What value! And there are many activities between meetings to enjoy – outings, walking groups, aqua-aerobics, men only luncheons, dinners, warblers, theatre outings and all are most enjoyable.

I am sure that each one of you knows at least one friend or acquaintance who you could talk to about Probus and invite them to a meeting or other activity if they are interested. We would welcome them as all of us have been welcomed.

There are further fun activities planned for the next year, and I urge you to get involved and to make suggestions of things that you and others would enjoy. It is your Club and your ideas are most welcome. Just speak with any of the Committee or organizers. Perhaps a fishing interest group or a gentle exercise group or local history group? U4+A? Don't forget to look at the Club website, and if you need help just ask.

I look forward to an interesting, knowledge expanding and particularly fun year!

*President Graham Standen (“Stando”)*

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## ***March General Meeting***

The March General meeting preceded the AGM and therefore there was no guest speaker, however, the popular Brandivinos entertained the members with more of their ingenious political and social satire. It was worth the price of admission!

## ***Congratulations to our new Life Member – David Brammall***



Congratulations to our new Life Member David Brammall. This award is in recognition of David's long and outstanding contribution to our club.

David joined the club in 2001 and was quick out of the blocks, taking responsibility for outings and entertainment in 2003. He soon took on Committee responsibilities becoming Vice President in 2004 and leading the club as President in 2005. He has been a stalwart of the entertainment side of club activities forming the Vanners Group, the Travel group and being the grand master of the annual White Beach excursion.

Well done David, the club members have greatly benefited from your leadership, and long may it continue.

## ***New Bulletin Editor***

For my numerous past sins, I have been handed the editorship of the bulletin. I take the reins from Brian Butler, who has delivered an informative and entertaining bulletin for the past four years. Well done Brian. I will continue his lead in providing unabashed and honest reporting on club issues and events. I can assure you that Rupert Murdoch will have no influence over the content.

I would greatly appreciate any pictures, activity reports, items of interest or even humour sent to me at [hobartmensprobus@gmail.com](mailto:hobartmensprobus@gmail.com) Attention: Bulletin Editor.

*Neil Blaikie - Editor*

## ***This Month's Guest Speaker***

### **THE REMARKABLE CAPTAIN JAMES KELLY OF VAN DIEMEN'S LAND**

#### **Presenter: Tony Hope – Tasmanian Historian Extraordinaire**



The members are fortunate to experience another presentation from outstanding Tasmanian, historian, author and club member Tony Hope.

James Kelly, the son of an Irish convict woman, was born in Parramatta in 1791 and at the age of thirteen, was apprenticed to Cable and Underwood for five years to learn to be a master mariner. He became Australia's first master mariner and later moved to Hobart in 1814.

The story of James Kelly is better than fiction!

After his epic circumnavigation of Van Diemen's Land in 1815/16 in a five oared whaling boat, during which time he named Port Davey, Macquarie Harbour and Sarah Island, encountered different bands of Tasmanian Aborigines and was mistaken for a bushranger.

You will hear more of this epic tale when Tony recounts significant Tasmanian historical events from his recently published book covering the exploits of Captain James Kelly.

## ***Hearing Clearly at Monthly Meetings***



It has come to the Committee's notice that some members may be having difficulty hearing presentations clearly at our monthly meetings. Hearing issues are common in the demographic of our membership. Mike Graham and Neil Blaikie are commencing a survey of members to determine the extent of any hearing issues and to research solutions, if required.

As a first step we would appreciate any information from members on the types of difficulties they experience and to offer any solutions that the club may consider.

We recognise that your hearing health may be a personal issue and you will not be identified in any report to the Committee on the subject.

If you wish to provide information, please contact Mike Graham 0400 031 946 [mjgraham17@bigpond.com](mailto:mjgraham17@bigpond.com) or Neil Blaikie 0407870302 [neilblaikie@iprimus.com.au](mailto:neilblaikie@iprimus.com.au)

## *New Members*

A warm welcome to our club for new members who joined us at our March meeting:



Paul Caccavo



Roger Billingham

## *All afloat on the Lady Nelson* - Saturday 20 March

In March, all sorts of old salts gathered for a happy day out bobbing across the Derwent in the Lady Nelson. Thanks to the organiser, our resident 'Salty Sailor' John Brodribb, who put in a grand effort to pull the day together.

As we drifted towards Risdon Cove thoughts floated back to the hardships and deprivations suffered by first white settlers who arrived on the original Lady Nelson in 1803, but not for long as rations of bubbly and canapés were distributed by our hosts, John and Noel.

We had several attempts to get Past President Mike Walpole to walk the plank, but to no avail.

Thanks are also extended to the crew of the Lady Nelson. It was quite a show raising and adjusting the sails to manoeuvre the boat, and not a drop of bubbly was spilt! - NB



'Old Salts' Mike & Phil



Why won't they let me near the helm??



Our hosts John and Noel

## *Annual Fees now Due - Bob Clifton, Treasurer*

### Annual Subscription

Subs for 2021/22 year are now due

As resolved at the AGM the amount is \$40

The preferred method of payment is by direct transfer to the club's ANZ A/C

BSB 017-324

A/C NO. 4172-49848

Please make sure you include your name.

Cash or cheque will be accepted at the next meeting

## *AUSMAS 2021 Save the date*

### Ausmas

Please note that the mid year Christmas lunch will be held as follows

Date: Tues. 29/06/2021

Venue: Bellerive Yacht Club

Further Details: TBA

## *Luncheon News* (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

For our March lunch we met at the Wrest Point Boardwalk and very enjoyable it was.

We sat at our table in a secluded position so chatter was easy, almost as easy as eating.

Most of us selected Roast of the day, either Pork or Lamb, both of which were pronounced "delicious".

## *April Birthdays*

1 Glenn Pearce, 11 Bruce Maddock, 21 David Ratcliff, 27 Bob Clifton

Another year older, another year wiser.

# Autumn Outing Tuesday 20 April 2021

## Mystery Drive and Lunch

Meet up at Sandy Bay Bowls Club at 9.00 am in your special or every-day car.

Join us for a mystery tour including a quiz relating to the journey and ending with a meet up for lunch.

Bring your partners or friends. Car share with others to increase the camaraderie.

(You can leave your car at the Bowls Club.)

Don't miss this fun activity.



## Items of General Interest

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

Our April lunch will again be close to home (at least for Sandy Bay members) for we will again enjoy the great atmosphere of the Derwent Sailing Squadron. Our last visit was highlighted by the great lunch specials and generous serves and I am assured that this time will be the same. The date is **Thursday April 15 from 12 noon**. You can register at the meeting by adding your name to the form as it comes around.

### *Wednesday Walkers* (John Carter 0414 765 910)

The Wednesday group meets at Long Beach ready to start our walk at 9.30. There are plenty of options available. Some of us walk along the foreshore and then along the beach to the jetty opposite Lipscombe Larder and back. Others take shorter walks around the burbs and have coffee at either the Nosebag or Beach House. Who you walk with and where, at what pace and which place you wish to have coffee (or not) is your choice. Keep walking and keep well.

### *Monday & Thursday Walkers* (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)

We walk from different venues (eastern shore on Mondays and western shore on Thursdays) as per the schedule sent to all members on 4/3/21. Contact Ian Miller (0407686447) or Brian Butler (0409218567) for the meeting point at 9.30 a.m. Walk locations and starting points are also located in the club web calendar.

<https://www.hobartmensprobus.org/club-calendar/>

### *Aquafun Group* (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)

Our activities have recommenced following relaxation of restrictions on the use of the Doone Kennedy Pool. Interested members and/or partners are most welcome to join us each Friday morning at 7.45 am in the pool. Coffee and nibbles follow in the pool café.

## *Warblers* (Bob Brewster. 6225 1964)

It is pleasing to see that the Warblers have been able to begin their activities again. The group assembles each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the Sandy Bay Bowls and Community Club at 10.00 am. Members are warmly encouraged to join the group.

## **TRAVEL GROUP** (David Brammall 6225 1273)



Further to my remarks at our March meeting, I can add that I am in touch with another party to see if I can come up with a better (cheaper) deal for a three night stay on Flinders Island. (I will ask for a King Island option as well.)

I am operating on the basis of it being a **package** deal with all expenses covered. That includes travel –both to and from- internal sightseeing with driver/guide, meals, accommodation and “entry charges”. I may be able to update at the April meeting but my contact is away until the end of the month.

As was pointed out at the meeting the trip can be done much more cheaply if we: self-cater in rented cottages, self-drive, self-guide, self-organise etc but I suspect that that is not what those interested in going wish for. Please advise me if that is not the case.



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**“This hammer keeps hitting  
two inches to the left.”**



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### ***Members Photos***

The latest Gallery can be seen on the Club website under 'Members' and the current status is shown below. If your photo is missing PLEASE send one to the club email address ***or ask to have yours taken at our meeting.*** It would be great to have all members represented and we have a way to go to reach that target.