

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2021/22

'Probud - Friendship, Fellowship and Fun for Fellas'

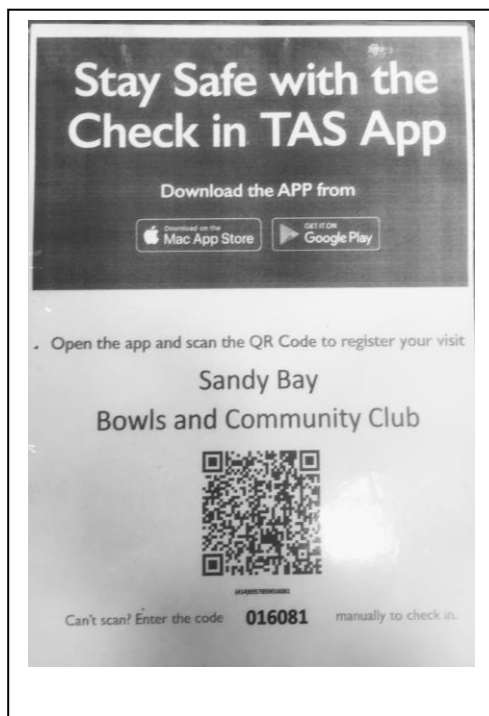


This month's Greeter is BRIAN CANNON

An Important Reminder – past protocols are still in place.

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.

NEW COVID 'CHECK IN' REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT



You will have heard in the news that regulations have come into force requiring anyone entering a business, venue or event to 'CHECK IN'. This includes members attending our monthly meeting at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club, or indeed any other Probud function.

The quickest and most convenient way to check in is to use the 'CHECK IN TAS' app on your smart phone. Members will be present to assist you if required.

If you are unable to use the app you will need to check in manually. Forms will be available near the registration desk.

Normal \$5 meeting payment arrangements, and ticking your name off the attendance list, will remain unchanged.

Please support the club by checking in. It not only a legal requirement but also a simple and sensible act to track COVID and keep it from spreading through our community.

Committee in Motion



I had a representation from a Committee member suggesting that last month's picture of the Committee should have been a video to display their dynamic activity. I pointed out that in this case there was little difference between a video and a still picture!!! NB

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO THE THRONG



Two new members were welcomed and inducted into our club at the July meeting, by our illustrious President Stando. Richard Metcalf was introduced by Roger Ibbott and Peter Tierney by Frank Lawrence.

President Stando is a retired gynaecologist and scared the life out of our new members by stating that he was going to induce them. He quickly corrected himself stating he meant he was going to induct them.

All went well after that.



Richard Metcalf

Members could clearly see that Richard is a 'man for all seasons', (footy seasons, that is). He has lived in Geelong, follows Collingwood, and was inducted resplendent in Essendon colours.

He is always on a winner!



Peter Tierney

Peter stated at his introduction that the last three clubs he was in have folded, however, not through any fault of his own.

Peter would be pleased to know that, like the big four banks during the global financial crisis, Hobart Men's Probus is too big (and too excellent) to fail.

We are looking forward to Peter and Richard being in for the long haul.

Change to our Constitution



The Club constitution was amended at the July meeting to remove the limit of five life members to a number decided by members at a general meeting. Note: the number remains at five until changed, as per the new constitutional rule. The bye-laws were consequently changed to state that: Nominations for Life Membership shall be submitted in writing to the Management Committee for consideration.

Many thanks to Robin Holmes and Sarge for drafting the changes.

JULY Guest Speakers - Sound Preservation Society of Tas. (SPAT)



Ray McNab (President, SPAT) and Phil Tyson (Vice President) provided an overview of the history, mission, current position, and aspirations of their organisation. They displayed and demonstrated some of the recordings and equipment from the Association's collection.

The members seemed right at home among the historical sound equipment. Each ancient artefact was greeted with cries of 'we had one of those when I was a kid'.

One local item of particular interest was a hand wound tape recorder that was especially constructed in Tasmania, by our member Tony Hope's father, for recording the 1956 Olympics. It was a fascinating trip back in time and the limited positions for the SPAT museum visit on 20 July were quickly snapped up.



His Master's Voice



The 'Hope Recorder' 1956
Constructed by Tony Hope's
father.

July visit to the Sound Preservation Museum



Wandering down memory lane

Clicks, buzzes, and the distortions of the old sound equipment brought back nostalgic memories for the members attending the visit to the museum of the Sound Preservation Association of Tasmania.

The museum is crammed with exhibits displaying the progression of sound equipment from the wax cylinder to modern day digital units. The display had many related items of interest including sound bites from historical Tasmanian events. Thanks again to our hosts Ray McNab and Phil Tyson, and to our event organiser John Brodribb.



The members headed off to the Bellerive Tavern for lunch. A young waitress asked if any of us were seniors. Once the laughter had quietened down the answer was ‘now that you mention it - yes’.

It is truly a wonderful little museum and well worth a visit, if you or your partner have not been there.

“Yes, yes I can hear you. You are sounding like a cracked record.”

August Presentation – The District Nurses



Louise Andersson and Kate Pendlebury from The District Nurses will be our presenters at our August Meeting.

Louise is the Home Care Packages team leader and specialises in critical care, psychiatry and immunisation.

Kate is the Home Care Packages case manager.

Louise and Kate will provide information on home care packages and provide an understanding of the programs and services delivered by The District Nurses. They will also discuss community services available to all ages, to help people remain independent and supported at home.

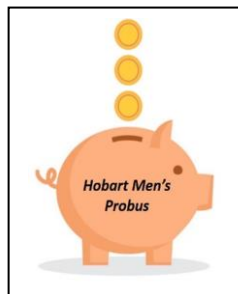
August Birthdays



Many happy returns to those clocking up another year in August.

1 Frank Lawrence, 5 Don McLeod, 5 Neil Blaikie, 8 Bill Mottershead, 11 David Blackburn, 13 Roger More, 16 Geoff Medhurst, 17 Max Banks, 19 Michael Thompson, 21 Braithe Wedd, 24 Graham Brownell, 26 Ron Mann

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES – *Nearly all in!*



Well done to those who have supported the club by submitting their annual fees. There are only a few injections of funds outstanding.

Unfortunately, herd immunity is only achieved when all injections are complete.

Please remember that payment is painless with no side effects. One injection of funds will last 12 months when a booster will be required for continued membership.

Payment may be made in person to the Treasurer (no appointment necessary) or preferably direct to the club's bank account.

Annual Fee \$40.00

The Club's bank details are:

Name: Hobart Men's Probus
BSB 017 324
A/C Number 4172-49848

Please include your name in the transfer details.

Hearing Clearly at Monthly Meetings



Member Carl Lawton has generously offered the use of his hi - fidelity microphone system which provides higher and more stable sound quality. It was trialled at our July meeting with great success.

The upgraded sound system and improved meeting procedures have received strong positive feedback.

We have met our initial goals for improving the hearing quality at our meetings. We are, however, always interested to hear any suggestions for further improvement. If you have any ideas, please contact Mike Graham 0400 031 946 mjgraham17@bigpond.com or Neil Blaikie 0407870302 neilblaikie@iprimus.com.au.

Luncheon Group - July Munch



This July we ventured into the high country at the Ferntree Tavern expecting to be snowbound, but this was not to be. Nevertheless, our group of regulars enjoyed a hearty meal together with plenty of chatter and a welcome tipple.
(Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

IN REMEMBRANCE OF A SAD LOSS



Those on the recent car rally will remember Michael Graham's questions of 'What is on the high hill to the right as you pass through Apsley towards Melton Mowbray and 'what is the story behind it'.

Most participants located the large cross on the hill but did not know the back story.

Michael Graham has provided the poignant back story in the article below:

The Cross on the Hill at Apsley

The cross commemorates Pilot Officer Jack Mitchell RAAF, of Apsley, Tasmania who flew with the RAF in WW2 as a pilot of Lancaster bombers. While on active service on 22 January 1944, his aeroplane was lost to enemy action; of the pilot and six crew there were no survivors. His father, Mr Cliff Mitchell, an Apsley farmer, erected a wooden cross on top of Sugarloaf Hill in his son's memory. The cross became a focus of an annual commemorative service on 22 January and when it succumbed to the elements, Tony Bisdee, a local landowner and member of the Southern Midlands Council saw to it that the cross was replaced in metal, bearing the names of Jack Mitchell and his entire crew. The regular pilgrimage of 22 January endures, supported by the local community and on occasions, uniformed RAAF attendance.

August Outing

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Tuesday 17th August 2021

Theatre Royal
&
Hedberg Centre
11.00 for 11.15 am



29 Campbell Street
Hobart

Maximum
25 Participants



Followed by Lunch at the
Hope & Anchor Tavern

Upcoming Items of General Interest

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

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This month we are going to a new high prestige venue for our lunch on Thursday August 12. Where you ask? The Royal Hobart Golf Club at 7 Mile Beach. Be prepared for an excellent meal served in sumptuous surroundings but at a very reasonable cost. See you at the nineteenth hole from 12 noon onwards

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

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.

Warblers (Bob Brewster. 6225 1964)



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

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

Aqua-Aerobics 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.

Monday & Thursday Walkers (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)

We walk from different venues (**eastern shore on Mondays and western shore on Thursdays**). Contact Ian Miller (0407686447) or Brian Butler (0409218567) for the meeting point at 9.30 a.m.

The schedule of walks for July /Dec 2021 is now available for interested members. Copies will be available at the meeting or on email from Ian Miller or Brian Butler.



IRISH WOLF HOUND WITH SUB WOOFERS

Unfortunately, not on display at the sound Museum



"Don't blame me. I was cleaning his cage and he flew up the pipe."

Club History Project



As outlined at the last meeting the preparation of the club history 2013 - 2022 has begun. The request for any photos, memories and anecdotes members can contribute is ongoing. We were delighted to receive from PP Ted Best and Peter and Carol Voss their saved digital copies of the club's Bulletins. These will be a valuable resource and time saver. Brian Butler / John Carter

What a Racket - by TONY HOPE



While playing tennis recently with a mixed group of different ages, I realised during one of the sets that at age 81, I was the youngest playing this set with the next oldest 87, followed by 92 and 94. Is this some kind of a record for four elderly people playing the same set together?