

## 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 Chris Jones*

### 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.*

### **YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD BRANDIVINO DOWN**



Brandivino Virtuosi, and Principal Probud Pianist, Rob Brand, is seen here channelling Jerry Lee Lewis and other honky tonk favourites as the members gathered for the May meeting.

Rob was absent last month but was back in force to lead the throng in the national anthem which, as a result, made the singing sound much more like the tune we are familiar with!

Tickling the Ivories

# 'The Rise and Demise of the Concorde'

Air Vice-Marshal Peter SCULLY, AO, RAAF (rtd)



At our May meeting, members were presented with another fascinating presentation from Air Vice Marshal (Rtd) Peter Scully. This time on the rise and demise of the Concorde aircraft.

Peter set the scene by describing the amazing development of aviation. In just sixty years aircraft progressed from open wooden framed units powered by primitive engines to the jet propelled supersonic Concorde.

The crash of the Concorde had little to do with the plane's design but was more influenced by the human factors of maintenance, and operations. Politics and the GFC also contributed to ending its time in the sky. The factors that caused the Concorde crash could bring down any plane. A sobering thought.

Our grateful thanks are extended to Peter for attending our meeting and providing us with an insight into this interesting topic.

I heard a whisper that our Kiwi Secretary, Sarge, was expecting the New Zealand comedy duo The Flight of the Conchords! He did enjoy the presentation, regardless. - NB

Note: Peter was at one time the leader of the 'Telstars' aerobatic team, flying Vampire aircraft. Below is a YouTube link to their successor, the modern day Roulettes, over Hobart. Strap on your seatbelts and enjoy the ride.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLaydbb75\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLaydbb75_I)

## ***JUNE Guest Speaker***



Our June presenter is:

**Kyna Hart, General Manager of Tasmanian Youth Orchestra (TYO)**

The cognitive and academic benefits to children from participating in music education have been well documented over decades of research. In 2020, under Kyna's leadership, the TYO chose to support the health and wellbeing of its young musicians by 'playing on!' throughout the pandemic.

The organisation re-tooled within two weeks to move rehearsals online and delivered an ongoing program of musical education and development to around 150 young Tasmanian musicians and singers – as well as nine live 2020 performances under full COVIDSafe conditions.

The presentation will look at how the challenges of 2020 have provided the TYO with new insights into the role and value of music education – and how we are responding in 2021 and beyond.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES – Now Due



- Membership fees are now due and our Treasurer is pleased to report that just over half of the members have now paid. Whether that is a good or bad result depends on whether you are a piggy bank half full or half empty type of person!

Payment can be made direct to our Treasurer, Bob Clifton, however the preferred method remains direct deposit into the Club's bank account.

**Annual Fee \$40.00**

**The Club's bank details are:**

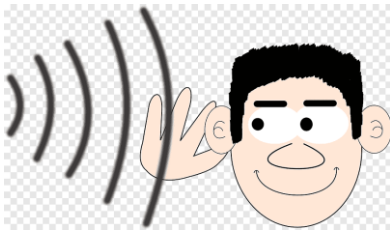
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**A/C Number 4172-49848**

**Please include your name in the transfer details.**

## Hearing Clearly at Monthly Meetings



There has been a great deal of interest in our move to improve the members' ability to hear clearly at the monthly meetings. It has become apparent that a significant number of members would benefit from improved sound quality, and we have received many positive suggestions in this regard.

Many of the hearing issues would be overcome by every speaker using the microphone properly, and speaking slowly and clearly. Members with hearing difficulties are also encouraged to sit close to the sound system speaker.

Members are asked to be aware of these requirements when speaking at future meetings.

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)

## Ausmas Dinner



Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Bellerive Yacht Club  
12.00 for 12.30 pm



**\$40.00** per person



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## ***MAY OUTING – WINDEWARD BOUND & MISTRAL 11***

A small group of members enjoyed an extraordinary experience visiting the Windeward Bound and the Mistral 11 (currently being rebuilt). We were hosted by Windeward Bound's First Mate Suzie, who guided us around both ships and told us of the ship's goals and achievements in engaging with troubled youth. Their triumphs have been substantial and a great credit to them. Suzie's stories were inspiring and some members seemed keen to join the sailing crew only to find that sadly they had exceeded the crew age limit by 50+ years!

Trevor Abbott had previously sailed on the Windeward Bound and entertained the group with salty tales of manning the helm in wild seas off Tasmania's west coast.

There was only a 50mm swell at the dock so there was no need for the seasick pills this time. To round off the day lunch was had at the Customs House (seafood, of course).



Host Suzie with Rob Brand keeping watch for seagulls



Trevor Abbott  
Man of the Sea



Incredible Hulks inspecting the incredible hulk (Mistral 11)



Landlubbers  
at Lunch

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

Our May lunch was held at the ever popular Tasmanian Motor Yacht Club in Lindisfarne. Although our numbers were down a bit the solid core of regular diners were all there because they knew what an enjoyable time they would have.

## *June Birthdays*

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

12 Denis Nation, 20 George Ellwood, 23 David Lane, 26 Bob Pratt, 27 Garry Southwell, Peter Voss, 28 Kevin Hendry, 29 Ron McMeekin, 30 Trevor Abbott

## *Upcoming Items of General Interest*

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



This month we will be attending the Ausmas lunch to be held at the Bellerive Yacht Club on Tuesday June 29, time 12 for 12.30. We can look forward to a delicious meal for only \$40. Drinks are extra, purchased from the bar. Be sure to get your name (and wife/partner name) on the list at the June meeting. Enquiries to Bob Clifton

## *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 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.



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



Eastern Shore  
Walker

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.

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



Western Shore  
Walker

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



If swimming is so healthy, why can't I get a gold fish to survive longer than three weeks?

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.

## **TRAVEL GROUP – FLINDERS ISLAND** (David Brammall 6225 1273)



The following draft itinerary is provided as a likely itinerary for the excursion to Flinders Island (FI):

**Day1.** Depart Hobart 3.25 pm (Sharp Airlines). Arrive FI 4.25pm.

**Day2.** ½ day fishing trip/Cruise 9-12 am. Lunch picnic on Yellow Beach, visit East Coast farms, Patriarch Sanctuary & Furneaux Lookout.

**Day 3.** Full Day Sight Seeing. North to Castle Rock, NE River Palana, Picnic Lunch at Killiecrankie. Pm Furneaux Museum and Wybalenna.

**Day 4.** Pick up 9.30am, tour Whitemark. Flight departure 11.15am, arrive Hobart 12.15pm Wednesday.

Guided driver and coach provided.

Accommodation, with meals included at the Furneaux Tavern.

Approx. cost \$1,450 per person (Twin Share)

## *Norfolk Island Holiday-A Place to go! (David Bramhall)*

The “not official” Probus, Mottershead researched visit to Norfolk Island has been and gone. It was a resounding success thoroughly enjoyed by all the eighteen participants. It was worth the wait.

The visit began and ended with a group evening meal at the Bowls Club and the Bounty Bar and Bistro respectively. Both were most enjoyable. Over the week we were there (each couple had a car) we drove over every available road and street (130 odd kilometres in total on offer) visiting a variety of attractions and “must see” sites but not in “lock step”. We each did our own thing.

Possibly the most unexpected highlight was to observe- “on and off”- the unloading of a long awaited barge of supplies from Brisbane (about 1700 Kms) which had to be towed over by two tugs. There is no real harbour and so normal freight delivery by ship is impossible. The supplies had to be craned off the barge and onto lighters which were then in turn towed somewhat hazardously to a pier inside the reef to be lifted by crane on to terra firma. The cargo included buses, cars, building materials, food, liquor –everything! The Island itself seemingly has little manufacturing capacity or locally produced goods in any quantity. By the time the unloading was completed the whole Island would have turned out to watch the spectacle which took over four days to achieve. Cars were lined up along the bank in prestige viewing spots.

Other highlights included a tour of historic sites and buildings at the Kingston Penal settlement and cemetery; a swim and snorkel in Emily Bay (for very few); a visit to numerous “lookout” points – Mt Pitt being a must; a circumnavigation of the island by boat (John Brodribb); a most impressive “Sound and Light” show; a personally Administrator-conducted tour for a lucky few (10) of Government House; a Fish Fry meal with Islander dancers; a Progressive Dinner including a most entertaining and irreverent account of what really happened with the Mutiny –not the “Fake News” fed to us in the history books; some tax free shopping in the township (Burnt Pine) where shoes were very much in demand; a visit to “Cyclorama” where on view is a 360 degree, three dimensional local painting and account of “The Mutiny”- absolutely marvellous; a conducted tour of Colleen McCulloch’s home, its furnishings and her wonderful artifact collection; and of course numerous coffees and meals at a wide variety of take-aways, cafes and restaurants.



**Wise Words** provided by Geoff Medhurst.

Thanks Geoff for your contribution.

The ten cannots by the Rev J.H. Boetcker

- You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
- You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
- You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
- You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
- You cannot help the small man by destroying the rich.
- You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
- You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred.
- You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money alone.
- You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.
- You cannot help men permanently by doing for them that which they can, and should do for themselves.

