

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2022/23

'Probud-Friendship, Fellowship and Fun: Excelsior!'

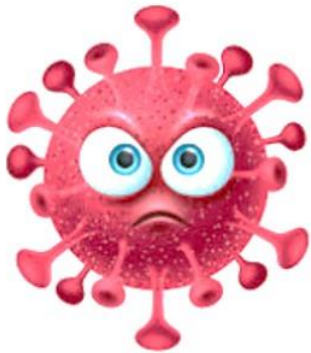


This month's Greeter is Richard Metcalf

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.

COVID – STILL HIDING AROUND EVERY CORNER



Community restrictions are being relaxed around the country giving the impression that Covid is behind us and we can return to pre-Covid behaviours. Covid, however, is rampant in the community with around 1,000 new cases every day and with almost 30% of the population having contracted it. This has included many of our vulnerable members. Only last October we locked down for three days when one infected person ventured into the community. Today there are nearly 6,000 active cases. It is everywhere. This is not the time to forget or ignore that Covid is out and about. Take precautions and stay safe.

New Assistant Secretary – Nick Mason

The position of Assistant Secretary was left vacant at the Annual General Meeting. The call went out for an offsider to assist our hard working secretary Phil Mathers. Nick Mason stepped up to the plate and volunteered to assist Phil in the Club's most busy and important position.

A great strength of our club is the willingness of members to contribute to club functions and activities. The success of our club is totally the result of a significant number of members willing to get involved.

Good luck Phil and Nick with managing the secretariat.

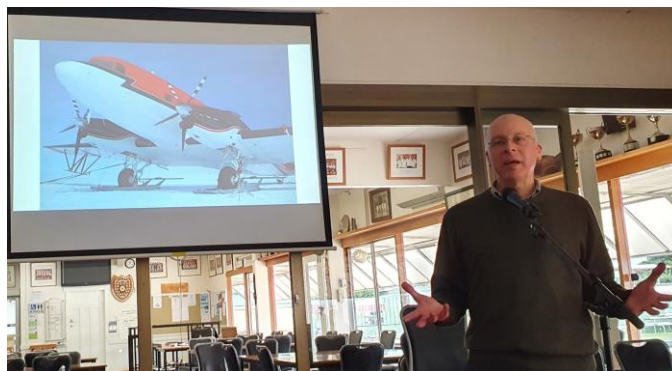


Phil Mathers and Nick Mason

May Guest Presenter

Dr Tas van Ommen - Australian Antarctic Division

ANTARCTICA'S ICE, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



Dr van Ommen took us to the frozen depths of Antarctica to report on his research into the effect of climate change in that area. His research involved taking deep ice cores and analysing the chemical composition to determine the change in climate over the millennia. It was sobering to hear that warming ocean currents are melting the ice sheets from below and even penetrating the continent itself. He noted that in recent times the average temperature has risen

1.5 degrees and we are locked into the current climate patterns we are currently experiencing. The target is to not rise above 2.0 degrees, which is seen as the point of no return. He mentioned that we are slowly entering an ice age phase; however, with global warming that is not likely to eventuate. Some sobering thoughts for future generations.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES – Injection of Funds Required!

- ⊗ It is time again to renew our annual membership and replenish the Club's coffers.

Please renew your membership if you haven't already done so as the club now has to pay Sandy Bay Bowls Club from the membership fees.

The Committee decided at the March meeting, that the annual fee would be \$70. The basic fee of \$40 is unchanged from last year. \$30 was added to cover meeting room costs, so there will no longer be a collection of \$5 at each meeting. This will remove the health risk of handling money and improve efficiency in managing funds. This approach was unanimously endorsed by the members at the AGM.



Annual Fee: \$70.00

The Club's bank details are:

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June Presentation - Rosie's European Cycling Odyssey



In August 2016 the Barry Family (Mum, Dad and four children aged 7 to 11) flew to Paris to spend the next two months cycling the Loire Valley across France to Switzerland. What they actually achieved far surpassed their expectations. Come and enjoy Rosie's entertaining stories from their incredible adventure and marvel at her wonderful photos.

Rosie is a teacher and mother of four teenagers. Her favourite hobbies are traveling and spending time outdoors. She especially enjoys adventurous holidays hiking and cycling with her

husband and children. They were very fortunate to explore distant lands before Covid-19 forced travellers into confinement.

OZMAS - Australian Christmas in June



Our 2022 demi yuletide OZMAS celebration will be held on **Tuesday 21st June at the Bellerive Yacht Club, 12.00 for 12.30 pm.**

All members, partners and friends are invited.

Saint Nicholas (Bob) Clifton is organising another cracker event to celebrate with a very special Australian style winter Christmas dinner.

Cost is \$50 each. It is best if you can pay direct to the club's bank account:

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Cash is still king and Bob will accept Australian currency notes at the June meeting.

Book early as the big attraction will be the return of the fabulous Brandivinos. This year they have a 'Brand' new mystery member of the group. You will need to be there to find out who it is.

Tables are being set up in groups of ten. Members and guests can request a table by contacting Bob Clifton on 0418 262 646 or bobclifton0@gmail.com

May Outing Waddamana Power Station Museum



We were blessed with a crackerjack day as we met at Bothwell for our excursion to the Waddamana Power House Museum.

Our first stop was at the beautiful heritage home of David and Beverley, long time friends of our organisers John and Noel. They provided a generous spread for morning tea, which was eagerly devoured by the throng. Our hosts insisted that they take no payment for their generosity, however, John slipped some vouchers for them to find later.

We discovered that Margaret Brand's Great Great Grandmother, Maria Lord, lived in the Priory for ten years just after it was built in 1848.



Please pass the jam and cream!



Ian spreading the good oil!

Once all the scones had been devoured we headed off down the dirt road to Waddamana to be greeted by Museum curator, Ian McKeon, who provided a brief history of the Waddamana Power Scheme. It was an amazing engineering feat, being completed over 100 years ago.

Those of us with an engineering background felt a warm glow once again being amongst machinery and the smell of oil!

Our grateful thanks go to John and Noel Brodrigg for another enjoyable and well organised outing.

Travel – Passing the Baton



David and Mike

David Brammall has delivered many wonderful travel experiences in past years, and has decided it is time to pass on the baton to our master of good times Mike Walpole.

David, however, will continue to organise our premier annual fun fest at White Beach.

Thanks go to David for his contribution in this and so many other aspects of the club's activities.

We look forward to exciting times with Mike in charge.

Travel Delights – KING ISLAND late February or March 2023



Following the outstanding success of the Flinders Island visits, Mike Walpole has hit the ground running in his new role of travel co-ordinator by calling for expressions of interest for a tour to King Island in early 2023.

Interest has been strong, with 40 indicating their interest, so far.

Tas Vacations has again been tasked with developing the travel package including flights from Hobart and return with Sharp Airlines, four nights' accommodation at Boomerang by the Sea, breakfasts and all meals, locally guided tours, and entry fees to attractions.

As soon as the pricing is available deposits will need to be paid promptly to secure the flights and accommodation.

Looking at the numbers at this stage it appears that we could well have two separate tours of fifteen to twenty on each tour. Get in fast to secure your place.

Any other members wishing to join the tour please contact Mike Walpole 0429 001 402 mwihwalpole@bigpond.com or Frank Walker, fwalker5@bigpond.com or 0417543 057.

Luncheon Group - *May Munch* (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



Our May lunch was held at the ever popular Bellerive Yacht Club. Although we were relegated to down stairs where conditions were a bit noisy we still enjoyed a nice meal and excellent company.

Committee News - Phil Mathers

Records Management

At our 3 May 2022 Committee meeting, the following matters were endorsed:

- Hobart Probus Club meeting and financial records from 2019 will be stored electronically and back-up copies stored on separate memory sticks or hard drives in accordance with HSPL guidelines.
- HPC website is recognised as the primary storage facility for the Bulletin and Club History records.
- Ongoing storage of HPC records at the State Archive Office is no longer required.
- It be noted that HPC will no longer require members to apply for 'Leave of Absence'.

Membership

On 3 May 2022, we had 93 Members and 3 Non-Active Bulletin Only Members. Between February 2019 and May 2022, incremental changes to our membership were as follows:

TOTALS FOR PERIOD	
Inducted	11
Resigned	17
Deceased	14
Bulletin Only	1
Membership Decline	21

Phil Mathers is willing to provide, on request, a list of the members that make up the above list.

In order to increase our membership and bring in new ideas, **Graham Sargison has taken on the task of Membership Recruitment Officer.** Please contact Graham if you can help with this exercise. If you have a friend that may be interested in joining our club Graham will be able to provide you with background information/brochures etc.

Upcoming Items of General Interest

Luncheon Group -Geoff Medhurst 0418 136 618



This month we will be attending the Ausmas lunch to be held at the Bellerive Yacht Club on Tuesday June 21, 12.00 for 12.30. We can look forward to a delicious meal for only \$50 per head and Wives/Partners are very welcome. Be sure to get your name (and wife/partner name) on the list at the June meeting. Enquiries to Bob Clifton, as previously stated.

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.

Aqua-Aerobics Group (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)

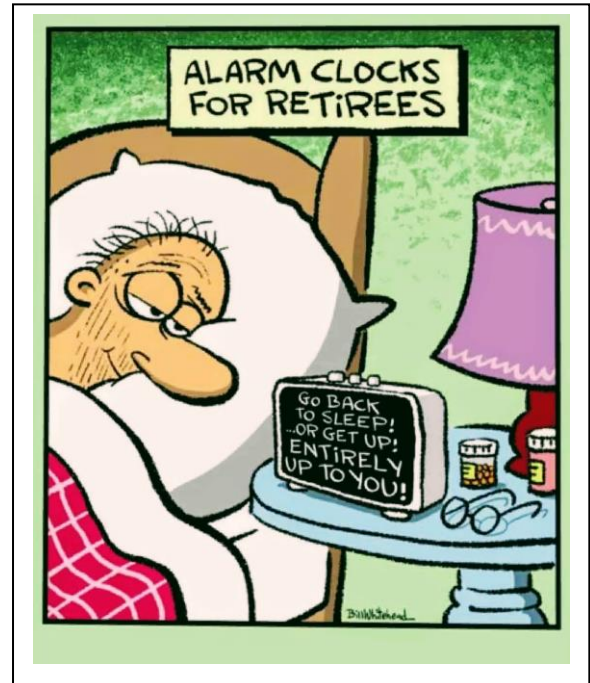
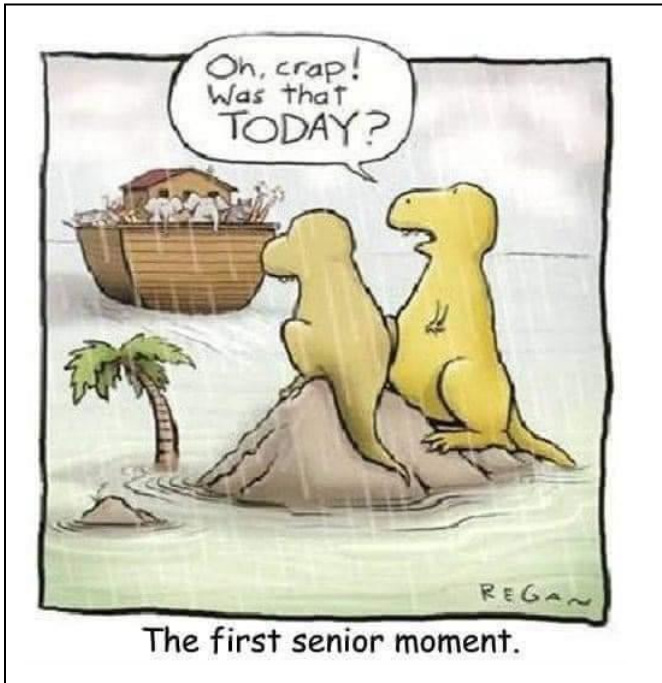


Our activities have recommenced following relaxation of restrictions on the use of the Doone Kennedy Pool. Interested members and/or partners are most welcome to join us **each Friday morning at 7.45 am in the pool.** Coffee follows in the pool café.

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 (0407 686 447) or Brian Butler (0409 218 567) for the **meeting point at 9.30 a.m.**



Senior texting

Many members are tentatively entering the modern world of communicating by text. The younger generation cleverly uses a series of abbreviations to minimise the size of the texts. Eg LOL is 'laugh out loud'. Most of the millennial abbreviations don't necessarily apply to us baby boomers.

Brian Butler has provided a list of relevant abbreviations useful for senior texting.

ATD - At The Doctors

BFF - Best Friend Fell

BTW - Bring The Wheelchair

BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth

FWIW - Forgot Where I Was

GGPBL - Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low

GHA - Got Heartburn Again

IMMO - Is My Hearing-Aid On

LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out

OMMR - On My Massage Recliner

OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas

ROFLACGU - Rolling On Floor Laughing and Can't Get Up

TTYL - Talk To You Louder