

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2022/23

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

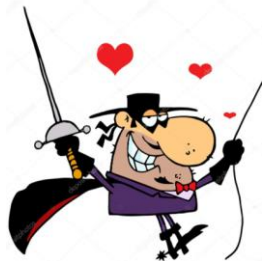


This month's Greeter is George Strickland

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.

BE SAFE - DON'T BE AFRAID TO MASK UP



Wearing a mask in crowded places is an effective addition to protecting ourselves, our friends, and family from COVID. Confusion on how to wear a mask remains. Wearing a mask like Zorro (pictured) might look flash but WILL NOT protect you from the virus. Remember to have the mask over both your mouth and nose for best protection.

Stay safe and protect yourselves and those around you.

New Member - John Thomson



Hobart Mens' Probud welcomes our latest member, John Thomson.

John was introduced to members by Mike Woolley, although John is known to many members as he has been seen around the traps prior to his investiture.

John retired from the Tasmanian Fire Service, where he held the position of Senior Executive Officer. John also spent some time in the military as a diesel mechanic and a member of the recovery crew.

In his early days he had a stint as a jackaroo on Three Hummock Island.

Please make yourself known and welcome John, and we look forward to seeing both he and his wife Robyn at many Probud events.

April Guest Speaker - Professor Mike Coffin

Geological Insights from the Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 Search

Professor Coffin brought together for his audience the manner in which the data from the ultimately unsuccessful search for a missing aircraft and geological knowledge were utilised.

He outlined the history of MH370 and the manner in which the search area was determined, then the deployment of marine resources required in an undersea search. Although the aircraft was not found the seafloor data has been invaluable for geological understanding of the searched area. Comprehensive visuals challenged members to interpret this information but Prof Coffin assisted our understanding with his clear explanations.

– Brian Butler



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES – Injection of Funds Required!

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



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.

John Brodribb and our Treasurer, Bob Clifton, will, however, miss the collection of foreign currency and coins that have been out of circulation for some years being dropped in the collection bowl!

Only 50% of members have paid so far. If you haven't renewed your membership, please get a wriggle on and support the club.



Annual Fee: \$70.00

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.

Club Welfare – Brian Butler

As mentioned in the April bulletin, I have the honour of undertaking the club welfare role. Please let me know if you or another member has any issue which may impact on their attendance or participation with the club. Personal privacy and discretion is assured and assistance will be facilitated if desired and/or possible. Contact by phone, email and SMS message will likely be the predominant means during these COVID times.

I look forward to a period when little such contact will be needed. Stay well everyone!

Phone: 0409 218 567 email: bsbutler@internode.on.net

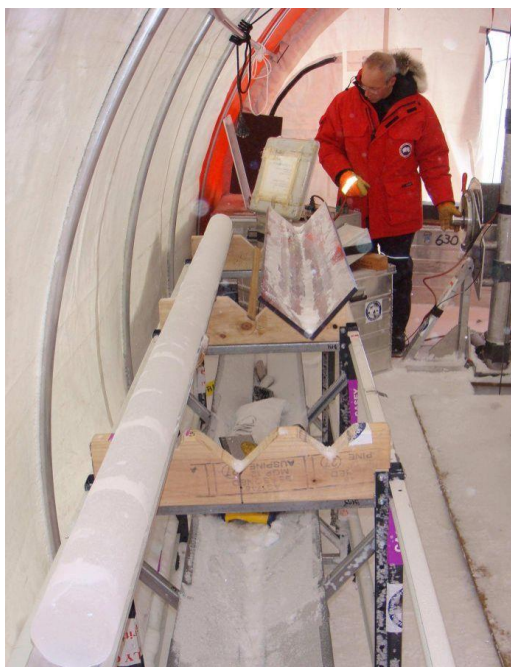
May Presentation

Dr Tas van Ommen - Australian Antarctic Division

ANTARCTICA'S ICE, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



In this talk, Dr van Ommen will provide an illustrated account of what we know about the Antarctic ice sheet and what it tells us about our planet. This will focus on his research using ice cores to study climate, outlining how ice cores work, showing some of the key results from this research and looking at Australia's major project to drill an ice core reaching back over a million years. Tas will also draw on his expeditions undertaking airborne surveys of a large region of the Antarctic continent, charting the ice thickness and underlying bedrock to better understand the response of the ice in a warming world.



Presenter's Background – Dr Tas van Ommen leads the Antarctic Climate Program with the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD). He is a physicist and glaciologist, gaining a PhD in astronomy at University of Tasmania in 1993. He has held positions at University of Tasmania, NASA, and the AAD. His specialty areas of research are the study of past climate using ice cores and airborne studies of the Antarctic ice sheet. His work includes use of ice cores to identify links between Antarctic snowfall and Australian drought, and extensive mapping of the topography of East Antarctica. He oversees Australia's new project to drill the oldest ice core from Antarctica, well beyond a million years. His six field expeditions to Antarctica include deep ice coring camps, over snow traverse and airborne campaigns.

April Outing -TASMANIAN POLICE ACADEMY



Masked Identification Line Up!

Tasmania Police were our hosts for our April outing to the Tasmanian Police Academy. Twenty law abiding citizens rolled up for the tour. The police generously allocated two officers (Sergeant Fred and Senior Constable Lauren) to describe the operation of the Academy and the training of police officers.

The fully self-contained Academy was officially opened on 6 March 1976 by the Premier of Tasmania, Bill Neilson. It was then, and still is, a state-of-the-art police training facility. The Academy includes accommodation, kitchen and dining hall, lecture theatres, meeting rooms, an auditorium, gymnasium, parade ground, police dog training section, a skid pan and wide open spaces for other activities. It is reported to be the envy of other Australian police forces.



Stand back or get a whack!
Baton Technique

They generously answered our numerous questions, and took us through some of the training techniques, including disarming with a baton and how to deploy pepper spray. Handy things to know to keep noisy Probarians under control!

To end the outing, we were treated to a hearty lunch in the Academy dining room.

Finally, in the absence of any outstanding warrants, all members and partners were released on good behaviour, and headed home after a most informative tour.

Thanks to David Brammall and Rob Brand for organising the event and Bob Clifton for managing the financials.

Luncheon Group - April Munch (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



Our April lunch was held at the Royal Tasmanian Golf Club in very salubrious surroundings. Attendance was reduced by the proximity of the Easter holidays, however those who were able to be present reported an excellent experience.

Flinders Island group #2, - Mike and Ingrid Walpole



On a sunny afternoon we took a pleasant flight to Flinders where we were met by our driver/host Gerard, who spirited us off to our lodgings at the Furneaux Tavern at Lady Baron. Unfortunately, our boat trip was cancelled due to engine trouble, however we were more than compensated with an invitation to morning tea at the boat owner's cattle property, where he breeds Black Angus cattle for the Japanese market.

There is an abundance of mutton birds on the island which provide a fine meal for the numerous and enormous black snakes. We were always on the lookout.

Gerard took us to some beautiful beaches and look-outs, accompanied with lots of interesting local stories, in particular the true story of the ship named *Sydney Cove* which was wrecked in Marshall Bay. It was an amazing account of courage and survival thanks to the local Aborigines. The rough roads gave us a good massage.

Thanks to Gerard's phone call we were able to visit Killiecrankie Enterprises where we were able to purchase some Killiecrankie diamonds.

Evening entertainment was provided by members of the group who brought their instruments and fine singing voices. A great time had by all and thanks again to David Brammall for arranging the trip.

May Outing Wednesday 25 May

Waddamana Power Station Museum



Visiting Waddamana Power Station Heritage Site is now set for Wednesday 25th May.

Others can join up until the 5th April meeting by contacting John Brodribb on brodribbs@gmail.com

Morning tea will be held at "The Priory", a historic home in Bothwell.

We plan for members to car-pool.

Cost for the day's outing is \$35 per person, inclusive of a lunch of meat lovers wraps and sweet platters, tea & coffee – John Brodribb, Organiser.

Save the Date **OZMAS**



Save the date for our 2022 demi yuletide celebration:
OZMAS Tuesday 21st June at the Bellerive Yacht Club.

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.

Further details will be provided at the May meeting.

Upcoming Items of General Interest

Luncheon Group -Geoff Medhurst 0418 136 618



Why not join us for nosh & natter at the **Bellerive Yacht Club on Thursday May 12**. These are always great events, just ask those who never miss one. The food is excellent, the beer is cold, the wines are tasty and having a good time is something you can rely upon. **The date is Thursday May 12 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.

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.

Note: Post swim nibbles have been removed from the routine, by the ladies, in the interests of their health and to not undo all the good work achieved in the Aqua-Aerobics session.

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.**





Super Hit List for Seniors

Johnny Nash ---

I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon---

Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

The Commodores ---

Once, Twice, Three Times to The Bathroom

Procol Harem---

A Whiter Shade Of Hair

Leo Sayer ---

You Make Me Feel Like Napping

The Temptations ---

Papa's Got a Kidney Stone

Abba---

Denture Queen

Helen Reddy ---

I Am Woman; Hear Me Snore

Leslie Gore---

It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry if I want to

Willie Nelson ---

On the Commode Again

The Beatles

I need to hold your hand

The Foundations

Help me up Buttercup

The Beatles

When I'm Eighty four

Beach Boys

Bad Vibrations

Steppenwolf

Born to be Mild

Carol King

But Will You Still Remember Me Tomorrow

Bee Gees

Staying Alive