

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2022/23

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



This month's Greeter is John Thomson

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.

Omicron Variants



Just when we thought Covid was fading and life was getting back to normal, Covid has decided to mutate, with each new variant easier to catch than the last. It has gone from finding someone who has had Covid to finding someone who hasn't. It seems most of my friends are locked down with the virus. The safety message is as strong as ever. Look after yourself, loved ones and friends. - NB

Vale - Terry Bowes



Ian Lewis and Terry
hamming it up

It is with great sadness our club has seen the passing of another stalwart, Terry Bowes. We had many a laugh at his verbal sparring with Ian Lewis (pictured).

Terry was a committed club man, being the President in 2006. He and his wife, Barbara attended as many club events as they could. Sadly, Terry's health started to fail and in recent times he was unable to attend meetings and events.

Our thoughts and sympathies are extended to his friends and family. - NB

July Guest Presenter - Tony Hope



At our July 22 meeting, our scheduled guest speaker was unable to attend due to Covid. Not to be perturbed, Tony Hope drawing on his vast knowledge, gave us an excellent presentation on the life of Dr Alex Jenkins (1924-2017), a Second World War hero to a world-leading Professor of Metallurgy.

During the Second World War, under British Bomber Command, Flight Lieutenant Jenkins was a Lancaster Bomber pilot with an Australian crew of four and two Englishmen. In 1945, he was shot down over Belgium close to the German border. He was the only survivor. He was later to be recognised as a war hero in Belgium where upon his death, flags were lowered at half-mast. His war experiences had a strong influence and bearing on his remaining life.

After the war, Jenkins studied science and metallurgy and was one of the foundation professors at the University of NSW. He worked in mining and

metallurgy and was a consultant to many companies around the world.

An inspiration to many. *(Phil Mathers reporting)*

August Guest Speaker - Dr Tony Webster

Geology, landscape and the British settlement of Hobart



Historical accounts of the 1804 British settlement of Tasmania rarely mention the ways that their decisions were influenced by the landscapes of the places they chose to settle. This talk is about the role that the geology and landscape of Sullivan's Cove played in the foundational years of Hobart, and the earliest land-use choices made as the British adapted to a new environment. It will be shown that despite the intensity of over two centuries of urban development and landscape modification, the geology and pre-European landscapes

of Sullivan's Cove had a profound influence on the early development of Hobart and their effects remain deeply embedded in the modern urban landscape.

Dr Webster is a Hobart-based consulting geologist working with GeoDiscovery Group Ltd, and is also an honorary senior lecturer/fellow of the University of Tasmania and the University of Queensland.

July Outing - MyState Arena (DEC)



Renee welcoming the group



Viewing the new facilities

Our July outing was to the expanded and hugely upgraded MyState Arena, formally known as the Derwent Entertainment Centre.

We were welcomed by the Arena's amazing General Manager Renee, who gave us a rundown on the recently completed \$65 million extensions and upgrades. The complexity of managing the arena and the variety of events is mind boggling, but Renee was on top of it all.

We were taken backstage to the changerooms and heard about the outlandish demands of some of the acts, including special carpet laid for a one night performance, long stem roses, bespoke furniture, and food not readily available in Australia.

Some of the new works focused on accommodating the JackJumpers basketball team. The changeroom doors are 30% taller than normal for the giant basketball players.

Renee was packing up from the Harlem Globetrotters the night before and then immediately setting up for 'Disney on Ice'. We were told there are many acts in the pipeline for the Arena.

We ended the day with a gourmet meal in their outstanding new restaurant looking over the river.

Many thanks go to Rob Brand for organising the tour and Renee for taking time out of her busy schedule to guide us through the upgraded arena. -NB

Luncheon Group - July Munch



Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

Our July 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.

August Outing

History Tour of Richmond



\$9.00 pp entry fee



Followed by lunch at the Richmond Arms Hotel

Tuesday 16th August 2022

Meet in the carpark by the Gaol at 11.15 am

Hobart Probus Club (Men's)
Celebrating



Years

18th October 2022

Seagrass Restaurant

\$50pp

12.00 for 12.30 pm

On Tuesday 18th October 2022 the Club will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary at a luncheon to be held at Seagrass Restaurant, Lower Sandy Bay.

This is a very significant milestone for the club, and it is hoped that most members and partners will attend and enjoy the celebration.

There is a limited a la carte menu at a cost of \$50.00 per person with members responsible for their own beverages. Payment should be made to the club account. Don't forget to include your name.

The Brandivinos will be presenting more clever musical parodies for your enjoyment.

(Rob Brand)

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.

Only a few are left to pay their fees. Let's get that down to zero so the club can carry on with its popular and valued activities.

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.

White Beach



Vanners, Tenters and Cabiners

Our White Beach holiday is scheduled for Monday the 13th of February (power sites) Tuesday the 14th (cabin) to Monday or Tuesday of the following week or whatever suits in between. All the cabins have been reserved for Probus members. As of the 18/7/22 only three remain.

Interested members should therefore contact Bev and Pete (6250 2142) before they are all booked out! Power sites are not really a problem but to get the one of your choice –book now! Thursday night will be our dinner night. (*David Brammall*)

Upcoming Items of General Interest

Luncheon Group - August Feast Geoff Medhurst 0418 136 618



For August we will visit Wrest Point. We haven't been there for a while so a booking has been made at the Boardwalk Bistro for Thursday August 11. Many will be very familiar with the Boardwalk, the atmosphere is casual, the menu caters for all tastes and the prices are all discounted (subject to terms and conditions). We will meet in our own special area at 12 noon.

Terms and conditions - discounts are only available to holders of a current Federal Rewards Club card and this can be obtained or updated at no cost at the entrance to the gaming area on the way in.

Wednesday Walkers (John Carter 0414 765 910)



The Wednesday group **meets at Long Beach ready to start our walk at 9.30.**

Dear Walkers,

We need a reason to get out of bed each day.

A nude swim in the Derwent does not do it for many of us.

How about a brisk walk on a sunny morning along Sandy Bay beach and foreshore then a stimulating cup

of coffee followed by engrossing and challenging conversations with intelligent club members and partners?

That will do it!

Come and try it every Wednesday starting at 9.30 am.

John Carter, ticker offer of attendees.

Aqua-Aerobics Group (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)



Come and join us for some warm water exercises at the Doone Kennedy Pool. Interested members, wives and or partners are welcome to join **us each Friday morning at 7.45 am in the pool** followed by coffee after in the pool café. *Dunk yourself then dunk a biscuit.*

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.**

Warblers



The Warblers are back in action. Choir Master Lil Stevenson informs us that the “Warblers” will be taking a winter break. They will look to **resume on Tuesday the 13th of September.**

While your PROBUS committee notes with some sadness the recent resignation of Bob Brewster, we record our gratitude for the years of skill and leadership he has given to the Warblers. This merry band of male and female singers has given great pleasure to our members, and to the general public on our festive occasions, such as past Christmas luncheons.

Warblers are seen to value their past (from the 1990s, Bill Oates and other conductors), and enjoy their present, (singers who enjoy their song, with no Dame Nellies or Carusos, who have a respected pianist and conductor, and who always pause for a chat and morning tea). They rightly have a future and welcome new members with an affinity for choral performance, particularly from our PROBUS Club.

Enjoy your music, the participation and the fun? Give the Warblers a go - cantare, volare live on!

(Michael Graham - Baritone)

A Little Humour for August

Many thanks to Sarge, Lewis Hamnett and others for continuing to send in cartoons.

Thanks also to many other members who sent funnies that give me a great chuckle but can in no way be published. NB



