

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2022/23

'Probus-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.

September Greeter - John Carter



You will always receive a friendly smile from our September Greeter, John Carter. Being greeted by a school principal in our youth could be a little confronting, but that is never the case with being greeted by past principal John.

John is seen here greeting our financial wizard, Bob Clifton, who was about to report that the books continue to balance.

Smiles all around.

Fun and Frivolity Ahead



Get strapped in for the next few months of fun and frivolity as we march towards Christmas. Our fun master Rob Brand has a big program ahead with our 40 year birthday party on Tuesday 18 October and the Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 6 December.

Our fun master and his team have devised a grand program. Details are later in the bulletin.

It is a great time to consider the benefits of Probus and get your friends involved.

September Guest Presenter - Peter Cripps

To Conserve Port Arthur



Our September presenter was one of our own, esteemed architect Peter Cripps. Peter recounted his extensive cutting edge contribution to the preservation of the Port Arthur historical site. Peter originally found this site of such national importance in a decrepit state and nearing collapse. The challenges he and his team faced were enormous. The early fathers of Port Arthur built a penal settlement that was never intended to become an historical monument. Many engineers and architects would have walked away from a task too difficult. Piece by piece Peter's team restored the site to what exists today. It is a testament to their skill and dedication.

Thankyou Peter for another excellent and enthralling presentation - NB

October Guest Presenter - Dr John Thorne AM

Probus on Ice!



Dr John Thorne AM is our current Probus district Chair and past international board member of Rotary. John has dedicated much of his life to volunteering and community service. John received his Member of the Order of Australia (AM) “for service to the community through a range of executive roles with Rotary International and with disability organisations and to education.”

John will speak to us in two parts:

- He will share with club members some interesting highlights of recent interaction with Probus clubs in Tasmania. There will be items of contrast and also matters to consider to keep Hobart Mens' Probus vibrant and attractive; and
- John and his wife have visited Iceland twice in recent years and have close friends living there. Iceland is fascinating, different and challenging - but it also has historic links with our State. The talk will be illustrated.



GRANDKID'S GAG FOR THE MONTH



Hannah (aged Nine): Say **silk** ten times

Poppy: silk, silk, silk, silk, silk, silk, silk, silk, silk, silk

Hannah: What does a cow eat?

Poppy: Milk

Hannah: NO poppy, a cow eats hay

Poppy: Damn it, tricked again.

September Outing - Oatlands



Every man and his dog (well, Rob Brand and Oscar, at least) navigated the Midlands Highway road works to Oatlands for our September outing.

We were met at the Oatlands Historical Museum by our volunteer guides Pete and Steph. We rummaged around the old museum artifacts before being given a potted history of Oatlands. We then walked up the main street with stories strange but true regarding many of the buildings.

The tour was cut a little short as the group refused to pass the restaurant without having lunch.

I had a drive around the backstreets on my way out and was surprised to see so many historical buildings in good condition. It turns out that Oatlands has more heritage buildings than any other town in Australia.

There is a lot to see in Oatlands. I'm sure many of us will be back soon to finish our discovery of this lovely town.

Thanks again go to Rob Brand (and Oscar, of course) for organising another great day out. - NB

Luncheon Group - September Lunch Bunch Munch



Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

In September we munched at the Marquis of Hastings Hotel where we got our hands on their magnificent buffet. Three to four courses was the order of the day gathered from tables laden with delicious fare and not a guilty face to be seen. A great day to be sure.



Anniversary Celebration

18 October 2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Participation

Numbers have reached capacity for the restaurant. Any late starters will be placed on a waiting list for inclusion in the event of cancellations.

Arrival

Arrival time is 12.00 noon for a 12.30 start to proceedings. Guests are requested to refrain from earlier arrival to allow staff time to prepare following closure to the public.

Venue

Seagrass Restaurant is an elevated building accessed by stairs. The stairs are equipped with a traveller to enable access by persons with limited mobility. This equipment can only be operated by qualified staff.

Any person requiring assistance to gain access should contact Rob Brand on 0418 122 671. Rob will ensure assistance is available and will provide instructions on arrival time etc.

Beverages

Beverages may be ordered from the bar on arrival. Once seated, beverage ordering will only be available through the staff, who will have mobile EFTPOS to facilitate payment on order.

Seating Arrangements

Most seating has been pre-arranged by members. A seating schedule identifying table numbers will be available at the entrance. Due to limited space, it is requested that guests are seated at their earliest convenience.

Dietary Requirements

If guests have any special dietary requirements, please email Rob Brand on rmbrand@bigpond.com with details at least one week prior to the event.



Christmas Luncheon



Royal Yacht Club

Tuesday 6th December

12.00 noon

\$50.00 per person



Christmas is approaching and it is time to start jingling your bells for our Christmas lunch is now only 54 sleeps away!

Senior Vice President Rob Brand and President Michael Graham have been beavering away organising the 2022 Christmas Lunch.

The details have been finalised, as follows.

Date: Tuesday 6 December

Venue: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

Time: 12:00 for pre-dinner drinks. Seated 12:30 pm for lunch

Cost: \$50 per head

Lunch includes main and dessert. Red and white table wine, and orange juice are included. Pre-dinner drinks will be at your own expense.



Musical entertainment will be provided by The Jamsetters who will delight you with favourites from our baby boomer era (60s & 70s) and lead you in a chorus of popular Christmas carols.

Numbers are capped at 120 (12 tables of 10), so **book early** and secure your place.

Preferred method of payment is by bank transfer.

BSB: 017 324

Account: 417249848

Acc. Name: Hobart Men's Probus Club

Please include your name in your payment details.

Arrangements are for 10 per table. Please contact Michael Graham at mjgraham17@bigpond.com if you wish to make up a table with friends.

Please notify Michael if you have any special dietary requirements.

VALE WARBLERS



It is with regret and sadness that we advise Club Members of the demise of the “Warblers”.

It was founded in 1987 by Frank Williams as director and Ian Simpson as conductor. It was Frank in 1989 who suggested the title “Warblers” be adopted as the choir’s name. This Probus members singing group developed into a choir which in time began to meet twice a month developing a repertoire of an eclectic range of songs. Originally it was for club members only but it gradually morphed into a mixed gender choir with wives, members from adjoining women’s Probus clubs and even non- member women and men. At its peak the choir had over thirty members.

It was formed to accommodate those who just liked to sing but it wasn’t long before it began to entertain other clubs and then on to numerous retirement homes in the Hobart district - Glenview, Sandown Park, Mount St Canice, Guilford Young, Mary’s Grange and Mary Ogilvy all come to mind. On one occasion they even sang at a Rotary Changeover dinner. For many years they always performed at our Christmas Luncheons and led the singing at funerals of prominent Probians. Who would have thought all this from its humble beginnings?

Alas, membership has dwindled over the past few years, not helped by Covid of course which shut the choir down for the best part of two years.

In the past the “Warblers” enjoyed the enthusiastic leadership of a number of men and women. Bill Oats took over from Frank Williams in 1991 with Ric Burgess as the accompanist from 1992 – 2006. David Gill succeeded Bill Oats as choirmaster in 1999 and on his death Keith Bailey assumed the baton (2008) with Lil Stephenson as his accompanist. She was followed by Judy Pearson. When Keith departed for Queensland Lil became the leader with Judy continuing on as accompanist. Robin Short replaced her when ill health forced Judy to retire. With Keith Bailey’s departure Bob Brewster became our Probus Club member responsible for its activities. He had been a “Warbler” since 2000.

The Club and the “Warblers” owe much to the commitment of these men and women.

Adrian Graley was without doubt the longest serving member of the choir, not retiring from it until very recently having joined in the 1990’s.

So, 1987 to 2022 – quite an innings! Well done and “thank you”.

(David Brammall)

BEYOND THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE



Our club has finally settled on a sound system that suits our members' hearing needs at the monthly meetings. Our sound guru, Carl Lawton, lent us a system of his to try, and it worked perfectly. Carl has now purchased a similar system for the club, which had a highly successful test run at our last meeting. No more fuzzy words and feedback, well not at least from the sound system!

Many thanks to Carl for testing the system options and sourcing a new one for us. - NB

Upcoming Items of General Interest



Luncheon Group - October Feast

Geoff Medhurst 0418 136 618

Our October munch will take the form of our 40th anniversary lunch to be held at the Seagrass Restaurant, Sandy Bay on October 18th, starting at 12 noon. Members please note: this is the only opportunity we will ever have to celebrate a 40th birthday again, and without a midlife crisis! See you there.

Lunch Bunch sneak preview

In November we will be seen at the Cascade Brewery Bar on Thursday November 10. Save the date.

Wednesday Walkie Talkers (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)



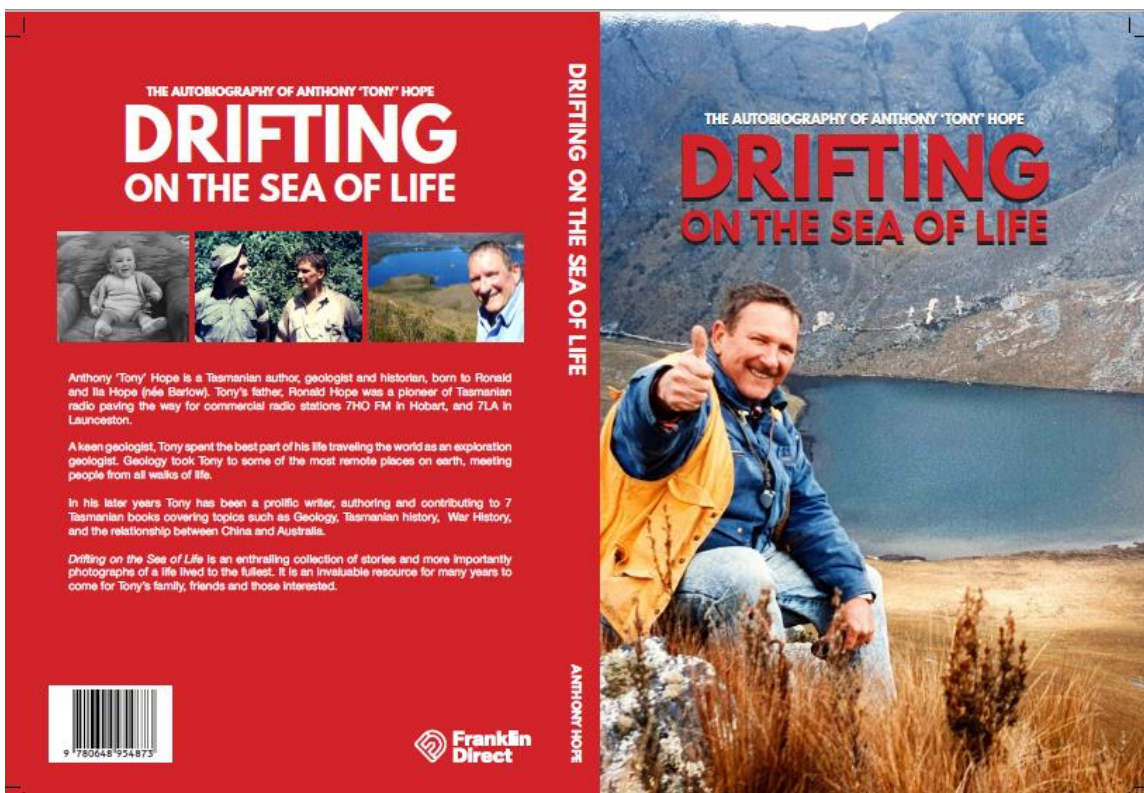
15 walkers made a cheerful group enjoying the sunshine on Thursday 25th August at Cornelian Bay. Coffee and a 'bacon buttie', for Roger, followed.

The group on Mondays and Thursdays welcome more participants. The schedule of venues can be obtained from Ian Miller or Brian Butler.

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.**

Our Bard Publishes his Autobiography

Our club's bard and renowned author, Tony Hope, has published his autobiography 'Drifting on the Sea of Life'. We have heard snippets of his interesting life through his books and presentations. I'm sure the members would like to hear more on this one. - NB



WITH AGE, I REALIZE...

- 1. I talk to myself. Sometimes I need an expert's advice.**
- 2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.**
- 3. I don't need anger management. I need other people to stop pissing me off!**
- 4. My people skills are just fine but my tolerance for idiots needs a little work.**
- 5. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "Oh, you'll remember."**
- 6. Nap time is not a punishment. It's a reward.**
- 7. The day the world runs out of wine is too terrible to even think about.**
- 8. Duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.**
- 9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer and come out wrinkle-free and 3 sizes smaller?**
- 10. "Getting Lucky" actually means walking into a room and remembering why I came in.**



"Is the lady coming back, sir?"

**A police officer called the station on his radio.
"I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."
"Have you arrested the woman?"
Not yet. The floor's still wet.**

Thanks to Lewis Hamnett (You can blame him!)