#### THE BULLETIN 1 November 2022

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#### **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 RON MANN

#### Unlike Elvis, Covid has not left the building!



Fading but still around

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.

# October Guest Presenter - Dr John Thorne AM PROBUS ON ICE!



Staunch Probus men
John Thorne and Tony Hope

Our October presenter was Dr John Thorne AM, our current Probus district Chair and past international board member of Rotary. John gave a very positive and encouraging perspective of the benefits of Probus and presented opportunities to keep our club vibrant and attractive.

He mentioned that all clubs had issues with declining numbers due to the age demographic of members. He encouraged our club to constantly be looking for renewal by encouraging friends and acquaintances to join.

John talked of his close association with Iceland. He showed photos taken on his numerous trips there depicting the amazing geology and stunning scenery.

He told of the infamous link between Tasmania and Iceland, both having had the highest incidence of per capita polio and hydatids in the world. Fortunately, both diseases have been eradicated in the modern era.

## GRANDKID'S GAG FOR THE MONTH



Granddaughter: (aged nine): Poppy, what do you call a fake noodle?

Poppy: I have no idea, what do you call a fake noodle?

Granddaughter: An impasta!!!

(The gags are not improving as the grandchildren get older)

# Melbourne Cup 2022



OK all you jock-strappers, saddle up for the biggest race of the year.

Our resident Melbourne Cup horse whisperer, Charles Thomas, will be again managing the club sweep at our November meeting. Remember to get in early to not be disappointed.

There will be three sweeps (3) on offer.

The cost per horse is \$5.00 with prizes being 1<sup>st</sup> \$60.00, 2nd \$40.00 & 3rd \$20.00, based on 24 runners. Should there be any scratchings there will be deductions to the above prizes.

You will need notes or coin of the realm to participate. No King Charles III notes or coins will be accepted as this legal tender has not been minted yet!

Charles (Thomas, not the King) will be at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club between 4.00pm and 5.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for collection. Those prizes not collected will be on hand at the Christmas Luncheon. If you are still not able to collect please ring Charles on 0422 414 861 to arrange collection.

Good luck.

## Lunch Brunch Group - November Lunch Bunch Munch



(Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

Our wind up munch for 2022 will be at a very special venue last visited a year ago.

Our destination is the Cascade Brewery Bar in South Hobart, where a real treat awaits. All the Cascade beers and ciders are on tap and the menu displays the best Tasmanian food. The date is Thursday November 10

from 12 noon. Book your place today or by contacting Geoff on 0418 136 618 or gcmedhurst@gmail.com

### November Outing - Salamanca historical walk



The hugely popular historical touring theme will continue in November with our entertaining resident historian and bard, Tony Hope, leading us on a slow canter around the Salamanca area.

The details are:

**Date:** Tuesday 15 November

Time: 11:00 to midday

Meet 10:45 at the fountain in Salamanca Square.

Lunch: to follow at the newly refurbished Telegraph Hotel

An attendance sheet will be circulated at the next meeting.

## November Guest Presenter - Rosie Barry



Strap yourselves in for a return ride with Rosie Barry. Rosie will deliver another chapter in the adventurous exploits of the Barry family, this time hiking in the heady heights of Nepal.

Rosie says: How many chocolates does it take to circumnavigate a mountain? Find out the answer and see some spectacular scenery as you are taken on a photo journey through Nepal's Manaslu Circuit with her husband and their four children.

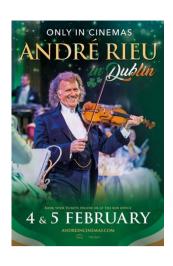
Members who enjoyed Rosie's cycling trip through Europe will be lining up to hear of this adventure.

# Lunch Cancellation - John Carter

John Carter's regular post meeting lunch group is cancelled for November due to the Yacht Club hosting a large Cup Luncheon. Members are asked to make their own arrangements.

Thanks John

# An Evening of fine Music - Andre Rieu



The State Theatre is screening 'Andre Rieu in Dublin', in February 2023.

David Brammall has negotiated a cost of \$40 per head.

David will circulate an expression of interest sheet at the November meeting for a group booking on Saturday 4 February.

This will be a great opportunity to experience Rieu's musical magic on the big screen.

## 40 year Birthday Bash



Dennis Nation making the cut

If you missed that lunch then that was a shame as the birthday party went off with a bang. A fun time was enjoyed by all at the Seagrass Restaurant. The meal was well received and amply catered for the 80 + attendees. Presentations were made for 20+ years membership, and a certificate from PSPL acknowledging the occasion. Entertainment by the Brandivinos and another motley crew helped the party mood. The cake was cut by his eminence, Dennis Nation, as he was the Rotary Club of Hobart President in 1982 when our club was formed. A photo selection is able to be viewed on the club website. (Brian Butler reporting)

The words of the birthday songs written by Brandivino legend, Rob Brand, are provided in this bulletin for your continued amusement and enjoyment.

# 2013 -2022 Pictorial History Booklet

2013 -2022 Pictorial History Booklets were issued to members at the 40th Luncheon and copies for other members will be available at the November meeting, or by arrangement with Brian Butler (0409218567).



#### HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC

Songs performed at the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration *Lyrics by Rob Brand* 

#### Together We Are Probus Sung to: *California Dreamin'* The Mommas and the Poppas

Whether leaves are brown, or the sky is grey,
We walk on a Wednesday at lower Sandy Bay,
Along the promenade, weather come what may,
And chat amongst ourselves, and those along the way,

We are different walkers, and we walk much more. Thursday around Hobart, Mondays the Eastern shore, To be fit and healthy, it's never been a chore, Especially when we end up, at a café door.

On a Friday morning, whether warm or cool, We all get up early, and go up to the pool. We do our aqua aerobics, and then as a rule, We have cake and coffee, to replenish our fuel.

We're the gourmet diners, going out once a month,
To a place where Geoffrey chooses, to have a special lunch.
We've tried most good places, so we're a happy bunch,
Always looking forward, to our next munch.

Together we are Probus, and we do lots of things Trying to stay active, until our bell rings. When we get to heaven, we'll exercise our wings, Happy birthday Probus, Join us and sing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PROBUS
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#### We are Probarians

Sung to: We Are The Champions By Freddie Mercury and Queen

Probus means fun, till we are done, Friendship with like-minded people, Embracing each one. We won't be told that we are too old To go on adventures or journeys That have been designed for the bold.

We are Probarians my friends,
And we're proud of our club,
Hobart Men's.
We are Probarians, we are Probarians,
Fun and adventure for we are Probarians
Of the world.

Some like fine dining, but it's no use whining, If they find some food is too spicy
For their stomach lining.
Some like to walk, others just talk
Aqua aerobics gets some out of bed
But most baulk at the thought.

We are Probarians my friends,
And we're proud of our club,
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Of the world.

REPEAT CHORUS

by

# JOB VACANCIES - Treasurer and Assistant.



For 2023/4, the Management Committee is looking to fill the positions of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

If you think you can fill one of these positions or contribute to the management of the Club in 2023 or beyond, don't sit back, think positive and make a difference by applying for one of the positions or perhaps indicate your willingness to contribute to the Club in future.

Make the move to be part of a dynamic committee that has contributed so much to the success of the club.

To discuss these matters further please talk to our President Elect Rob Brand who can be contacted on 0418 122 671.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Secretary Phil Mathers, and need to be completed before the next Annual General Meeting on 7 March 2023.

## TRAVEL DELIGHTS - KANGAROO ISLAND SA -

#### EARLY FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2024



Our travel group has been working hard investigating a group tour to Kangaroo Island, South Australia in early 2024.

A chance to discover and to explore the remarkable Kangaroo Island and Chase National Park. The detailed itinerary is still to be finalised.

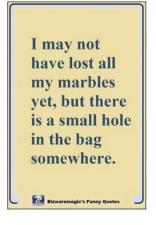
The tour will be 4 nights 5 days, fully guided with tour host, flights ex Hobart, accommodation and all meals, expected to cost around \$2500 per person twin share.

We are seeking expressions of interest only at this stage. If you are interested, please include your name(s) on the list passed around at the November meeting. Please note that partners and friends will be most welcome to join us.

If you are unable to attend the November meeting and are interested or would like further information, please call Mike Walpole 0429001402 or Frank Walker 0417543057.

(Mike Walpole)

When I was young, I was poor. But after years of hard work, I am no longer young.



Thanks to Brian Gallagher and Lewis Hamnett





Royal Yacht Club
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 35 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.

#### 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)



We walk from different venues (eastern shore on Mondays and western shore on Thursdays) with coffee after most walks .

Contact Ian Miller (0407686447)or Brian Butler (0409218567) for meeting points for a 9.30 start.



