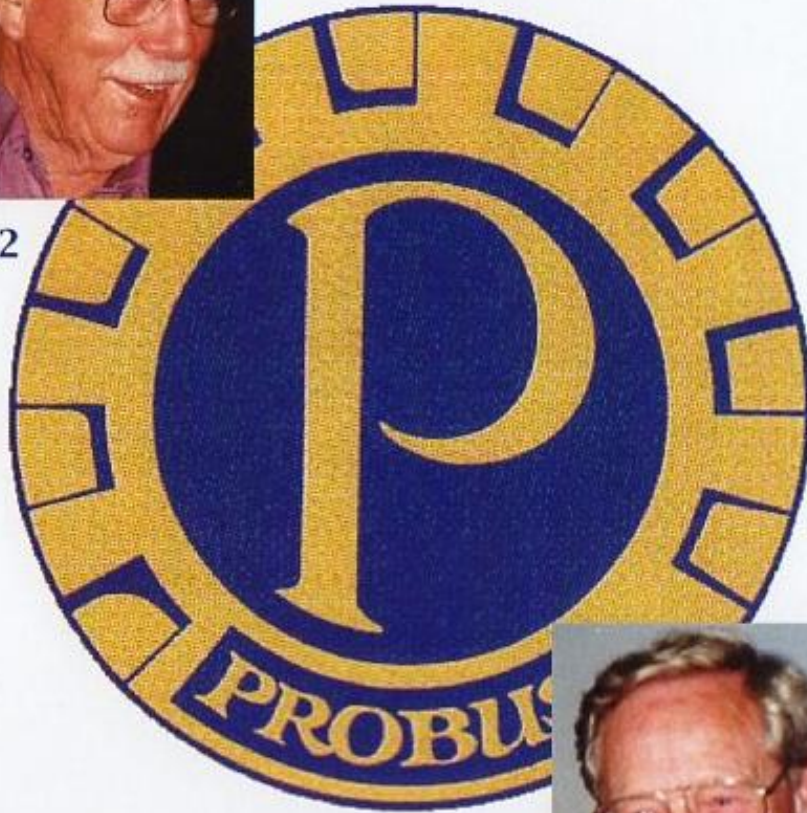




**“TWENTY YEARS OF
FELLOWSHIP”**

1982



**THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS OF
THE
HOBART PROBUS CLUB**



2002

Earlier in the year the "Hobart Probus welcomes you" song composed by Ric Burgess, in 1990, was finally adopted by the Club to be sung at the induction of all new members.

1993

The anniversary year being over, the 1993 Committee was filled by the following officers:-

President, Jim Lawler.
Vice-President, Rob Irvine.
Past-President, Terry White.
Secretary, John Wythes.
Treasurer, Owen Carrick.
Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips.
Visits and Entertainment, Alan Thurley.
Membership, Charlie Hay.
Bulletin, Len Reynolds.
Liaison, Bert Morgan.
Auditor, Hedley Sealy.

The Brewers group had continued to be very active over the past few years with special banquets being held during the year at either the Ming Court or Flourishing Court Chinese restaurants, Ted Pool providing intriguing competitions to interest members between courses. The special banquets were later reduced to one mid-year and they were finally abandoned due to the passing of Ted Pool and the ill health of Geoff Potter, one of the driving forces behind the Brewers group.

Member George Billing's standing in the photography world was again recognised when he was appointed a judge for the Federation of Photography exhibition in Hobart in November and December.

Despite the criticism surrounding the

1992 Christmas luncheon at Wrest Point that venue was again chosen for the 1993 occasion and it seems to have been more satisfactory with the function being described as "excellent".

1994

Max Lyall, who had been an foundation member with Les Thirgood was made a Life Member at the March meeting in 1994 and presented with the honour by Les Thirgood in April.

The committee for 1994 resulted:-
President, Rob Irvine.
Vice-President, Roy Greenhough.
Past-President, Jim Lawler.
Secretary, Jim Wishart.
Treasurer, Owen Carrick.
Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips.
Visits and Entertainment, Bert Morgan, assisted by Alan Thurley.
Membership, Charlie Hay.
Liaison, Jim Lawler.
Bulletin, Fred Heather, assisted by Len Reynolds.
Auditor, Hedley Sealy.

Early consideration was given to the venue for the next Christmas luncheon as the Committee had been informed that the only room available at Wrest Point on the required day would be quite unsuitable. The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania was selected as the best option and continued to be the venue for several years until a decision was made to support the D.S.S. where our general meetings were held but unfortunately this turned out to be a disappointment due to very slow service (shades of 1988) and after two years the Club returned to the R.Y.C.T.

Member Sam Webb raised the matter of the "Errol Lane Memorial" bowls trophy, the competition for which appeared to have fallen into abeyance for a number of years. The whereabouts of the trophy was unknown at that time and although Club members were enthusiastic supporters of local bowls it was considered that they showed little interest in intrastate contests thus causing them to lapse, but Alan McKenzie, the bowls coordinator of the time, agreed to keep the matter in mind.

Having regard to the number of members unable to attend meetings due to health problems, the Committee proposed a finite set of guidelines for the granting of Honorary Membership. These were:- Members were no longer able to attend meetings due to ill health; Prior regular attendance for, say, 7 years or having served the Club in an executive capacity for, say, 3 years; Each case to be considered on its merits by the Management Committee and all cases to be reviewed each 12 months.

As the Club had had no set procedure for recognising the passing of members, the Secretary arranged for the printing of cards carrying the Probus logo and having a suitable message of sympathy from the Hobart Club. These were accepted by the Committee.

Aquarobics every Friday in Max Windsor's pool had become popular in 1994.

The Brewers hobby group looked forward in great anticipation to their February 1995 meeting when a

bottle of Port of "considerable age" was to be sampled. This had been donated to the group at the 1994 November meeting accompanied by a convincing account of its' history. When the old metal cover was removed it was with some horror that it was noticed that the "cork" was actually a plastic stopper; this somewhat placing grave doubts on it being of "considerable age". Apparently the contents were of reasonable quality but;the mystery still remains as to who "got at it"

1995

A few weeks before the 1995 Annual General Meeting, Vice-President and President-Elect, Roy Greenhough passed away after a short illness and Treasurer Owen Carrick was nominated and became President. Other office-bearers elected were:-

Vice-President, Norm Potter.

Past-President, Rob Irvine.

Secretary, Jim Wishart.

Treasurer, Bert Morgan.

Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips.

Visits and Entertainment, Col Burrows.

Membership, Charlie Hay.

Bulletin, Fred Heather.

Liaison, Jim Lawler.

Auditor, Hedley Sealy.

Later in the year President Owen represented the Club at a Civic Reception to welcome the incoming Governor, Tasmanian, Sir Guy Green.

Past-President Rob Irvine commenced the setting up and printing of the Club Bulletin in April thus making a significant saving in costs to the Club and this has continued to the present time.



President Owen at Xmas Lunch

After a prolonged battle with local council bureaucracy Vice-President Norm Potter was at last able to advise the Club at the November meeting that the long awaited Probus sign would finally be erected outside the DSS on the following week. The sign advised passers-by that four Probus Clubs met there. Despite it being made from sheet steel it was vandalised by being bent a couple of years later but fortunately was able to be straightened.

1996

In February 1996, President Owen Carrick, Vice-President Norm Potter and Secretary Jim Wishart met with a party of West Australian Probians who were touring the State and a mutually beneficial discussion on such matters as Probus Associations and Travel Clubs took place.

At the 1996 A.G.M. the Committee elected consisted of:-
 President, Norm Potter.
 Vice-President, Alan McKenzie.
 Past-President, Owen Carrick.
 Secretary, Jim Wishart.

Treasurer, Bert Morgan.
 Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips.
 Visits and Entertainment, Col Burrows.
 Bulletin, Fred Heather.
 Liaison, Jim Lawler.
 Membership, Charlie Hay.
 Auditor, Hedley Sealy.

It was announced at the meeting that the Probus Centre had been able to negotiate a very comprehensive insurance policy covering all clubs, not only being of a financial benefit due to lower premiums but giving a greater cover to members.

A new concept for members, "Help Line" was introduced by President Norm Potter at his first meeting in 1996. This was designed as a service for members who, because of circumstances, required assistance to provide for essential needs such as shopping etc. Fortunately the service has had little call upon it.

Members were pleased to embrace the concept of having the Rossmoyne Club in West Australia as a link club with Hobart. The formation of a Probus Association in Tasmania as existed in W.A. was not favoured by our club. The most horrifying happening at Port Arthur in April was noted with deep regret by the Club and members stood in silence as a mark of respect for the those affected by the event.

The new insurance policy announced by the Probus Centre came in handy for the convenor of the Hobart Probus fishing group, Life-Member and foundation President, Les Thirgood, when he

broke his arm after enjoying considerable success in catching seven trout.

Despite the matter having, to all intents and purposes, been laid to rest some years previously, incorporation of the Club was again raised and again rejected. The Club Memorial Board, first presented to the Club in 1985, for the purpose of recording the date of joining and the time of passing away of members was abandoned having regard to the membership makeup. It was decided that only Life-Members would be recorded on a revamped Memorial Board.

1997

1997 saw the following members elected to the committee:-
President, Alan McKenzie.
Vice-President Alan Austin.
Past-President, Norm Potter.
Secretary, Jim Wishart.
Treasurer, Bert Morgan.
Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips.
Visits and Entertainment, Col Burrows.
Bulletin, David Gill.
Liaison, Jim Lawler.
Membership, Pat Mulquiny.
Auditor, Hedley Sealy.

Rotary District Probus Chairman, Murray Yaxley, attended the August meeting and spoke on a number of matters of interest. At the time 67 Probus Clubs had been established in Tasmania and he was hoping for a good attendance of members at the impending visit by the President of Rotary International.

In June, the Tasmanian "representative of the House of Windsor", member Max Windsor, reported that he had received

notification from "his cousin Elizabeth" asking that he might invest our foundation President and Life-Member, Les Thirgood with the honour of OBE. This was duly attended to and it was recorded that Les was a worthy recipient of the "over bloody eighty" award.

Members at the September 1997 meeting were saddened by the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and a special minute of sympathy was recorded.

At the November meeting a particularly interesting Guest Speaker for the day, member Ian Lewis, former Professor from the University Medical School, gave an in depth talk on the history of serious diseases of the past such as the "Black Death" in the 1300's and the London plague in the 1600's. Even in these modern times in countries where immunisation is virtually unknown, simple diseases such as measles are responsible for the deaths of vast numbers of children. He sounded a warning against complacency due to the growing list of infections becoming drug resistant.

1998

March 1998 welcomed a new committee consisting of:-
President, Alan Austin.
Vice-President, Col Burrows.
Past President, Alan McKenzie.
Secretary, Jim Wishart.
Treasurer, Bert Morgan.
Assistant Treasurer, Adrian Graley.
Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips.
Visits and Entertainment, Harry Lenehan.
Bulletin, David Gill.

Liaison, Norm Potter.
Membership, Pat Mulquiny.
Auditor, Hedley Sealy.
The "Bulletin" producer, Rob Irvine,
accepted the invitation to join the
Committee.

In December 1998, one of our
foundation members, former
President and Life Member, Max
Lyll, passed away. He had been a
leading tailor in the town and was
outfitter to many Tasmanian
Governors.

A special hobby of Vice-President
Col Burrows was the construction of
replica models of ships and the fact
that a full sized replica of the sailing
ship, Lady Nelson, which had been
a part of Tasmania's maritime
history had recently been launched,
inspired him to make a model of
that ship. He presented it to the Sail
Training Institute on behalf of
Hobart Probus.

1999

At the 1999 A.G.M. Col became
President but unfortunately he was
absent due to illness and the
outgoing President, Alan Austin,
continued in the chair. Committee
members elected were:-
Vice-President, Jim Wishart.
Past-President, Alan Austin.
Secretary, Owen Carrick.
Treasurer, Adrian Graley.
Assistant Treasurer, Bill Bovill.
Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips (for
the 13th. time).
Bulletin, David Gill.
Liaison, Ric Beams.
Membership, Pat Mulquiny.
Bulletin Production, Rob Irvine.
Visits and Entertainment, no
nomination received.
Auditor, Hedley Sealy (also for the

13th. time).
Following a request from the
President, Harry Lenehan agreed to
continue in the position of Visits
and Entertainment for another term.
At the April meeting in 1999
members were saddened to learn
that Bill Oats O.B.E. had taken ill
and it was hoped that he would
soon be back with us. The Club had
been very fortunate to have Bill as
the mentor and conductor of the
Warblers Choir for the previous 8
years. He did come to the May
meeting but regretted that he could
not continue with the group and
handed the baton to David Gill who
has continued the good work, ably
assisted by pianist Rick Burgess.
Bill's illness unfortunately got
progressively worse and Life
Membership was granted to him just
before he passed away in July. His
beloved Warblers sang his
favourite, "The Chorus of the
Jewish Slaves", at his Thanksgiving
Service. Bill had been a member of
Rotary for 50 years with the position
of District Governor of Rotary
International being one of his many
appointments.

At the July meeting a change in the
proceedings of meetings came
about when the following motion
was passed. "Minutes of the
previous meeting not be read, but
be taken as read and confirmed". It
was considered that most
information regarding meetings was
well covered in the Bulletin.
Business arising should still be
raised if appropriate.

At the September meeting the
granting of Life Membership to Max
Windsor, a long standing member
and President in 1988, when he

was responsible for the introduction of the concept of Hobby Groups which had proved so popular, was carried by acclamation.

Overall 1999 finished up as a "not so good year" for the Club because we lost another prominent member, the ever popular Ted Pool. His standing in the community was amply shown by the large congregation which almost filled St. David's Anglican Cathedral in September for his funeral service. He had been a sign writer by trade but had touched the lives of many by his concern for the problems of others. His talents became channelled to painting and he won many prizes at Rotary, and other art shows. Because of the unparalleled enthusiasm with which he undertook any task Ted's passing left a gap in the Club and all other organisations to which he had belonged. The golf trophy for the Club Championship presented by Norm Potter was named the Ted Pool Memorial Trophy in his memory.

The Christmas Luncheon was held at the D.S.S. and was unfortunately the subject of some criticism due to slow service and consideration was given early in 2000 to a change in venue, however it was decided to give the D. S. S. another chance for the next luncheon but the service was again severely criticised with the inevitable change of venue back to the R.Y.C.T.

2000

The 2000 annual general meeting saw the following committee of management elected:-
President, Jim Wishart OAM;
Vice-President, Ian Lewis AO.

Past President, Col Burrows.
Secretary, Owen Carrick.
Treasurer, Adrian Graley.
Assistant Treasurer, Bill Bovill.
Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips.
Bulletin, Bill Carrick, AM.
Liaison, Ric Beams.
Membership, Lew Munro.
Bulletin Production, Rob Irvine,
Visits and Entertainment, no nomination, Past President Col Burrows volunteered to fill in pending an appointment.
Auditor, Hedley Sealy.

Member George Billing, who had been prominent in photography circles, not only in Tasmania but also on the world scene, passed away early in the year and left behind a legacy of his many achievements in his field.

A particularly interesting guest speaker, Father Michael Tate, addressed the meeting of August 1st. He had had a very varied life, having graduated in Law and being elected to the Senate in Canberra where he served for 15 years including occupying the post of Minister for Justice for some time. He then moved into the ambassadorial field being posted to the Hague where he from time to time represented Australia in hearings in the International Court of Justice. Trips to Vatican City including audiences with His Holiness, meanwhile, to advise on matters Australian, caused him to consider joining the priesthood and on his return home he did so and was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral in May.

Life-Member Les Thirgood, was able to return the compliment of

O.B.E. (over bloody eighty) from the "House of Windsor" to member of the "family", Max Windsor at the October meeting when a lyrical song composed by pianist Ric Burgess was sung and a "gold" medallion presented by Les.

2001

The annual general meeting of March 2001, the first of such in the true "New Millennium", saw Ian Lewis AO elected to the position of President, Other committee members were:-

Vice-President, David Gill.

Past President, Jim Wishart OAM.

Secretary, Bill Bovill.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Owen Carrick.

Treasurer, Adrian Graley.

Guest Speakers, Ted Phillips.

Bulletin, Bill Carrick AM.

Bulletin Production, Rob Irvine.

Liaison, Ric Beams.

Membership, Lew Munro.

Visits and Entertainment, Col Burrows.

Auditor, Hedley Sealy.

Mr. Colin Dean, well known in Hobart musical circles, and the Executive Officer for the Hobart City Mission gave a very interesting talk to members at the June meeting when he outlined the history of the Mission which is the oldest independent welfare agency in Australia having been established in November 1852. From humble beginnings, the Mission now employs 54 part-time/full-time staff together with approximately 60 volunteers and operates 14 separate programs of assistance to those in need.

As a first for the Club, the guest

speaker for the October meeting was the son of one of our members in that John Millington introduced Lt.Col. Richard Millington, Manager Defence Services, Tasmania, who addressed us on 100 years of development of Australian armed services.

Having regard to dissatisfaction with the service again provided by the D.S.S. for the Christmas luncheon the Club decided to return to the R.Y.C.T. which was voted a success.

2002

The February 2002 meeting was one of the more memorable meetings with considerable discussion surrounding the edict from the Probus Centre requiring every member to be provided with a copy of Probus News at a cost of \$3 and a new impost on members for our meetings at the D.S.S.

The major problem with the number of copies to be taken by each Club centred around the fact that some families were members of three or more Probus clubs with the obvious over supply and unnecessary cost. Later advice from the Probus centre has given a more satisfactory outcome.

The sudden increase in rental and morning tea charges at the D.S.S. was soon laid to rest with a change of meeting venue to the headquarters of the Sandy Bay Bowls Club. Members have been happy in the new surroundings with particular praise coming from the "Warblers" who are delighted with the acoustics.

With the 20th. Anniversary of the Club in the offing the Brewers Group advised that arrangements were in hand to have a bottling of special Port to mark the occasion and a special fishing competition, which may become an annual event, was announced by the fishing coordinator, inaugural President and Life-Member, Les Thirgood.

The annual general meeting for the anniversary year at our new venue was well attended and resulted in the election of the Management Committee headed by President David Gill as noted at the beginning of this history. It was particularly pleasing to see some new names amongst those accepting office and hopefully this has set a trend for future committees. .

David Brammall, the member responsible for Visits and Entertainment introduced a new concept in that he co-opted four others to make up a "Probus Activities Committee" which it was hoped would widen the scope of ideas to attract members of the Club to participate in outings. One particular visit for members to look forward to will not eventuate until March 2003 when it is hoped that the ABT Railway project on Tasmania's West Coast will be fully operational.

The August meeting unfortunately saw one of the smallest attendances for a considerable time and those absent missed a well presented repertoire of songs by the Club "Warblers". Following the meeting, the 20th. Anniversary Port, which had been eagerly awaited, was distributed. By all reports the

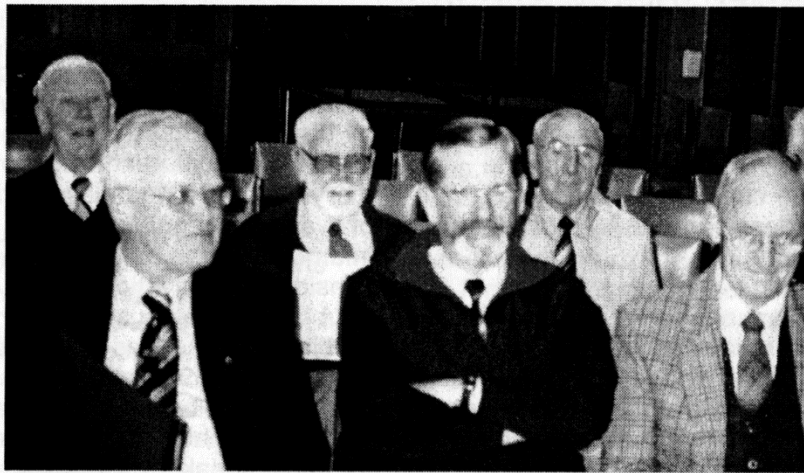
quality of the Port was most satisfactory.

During the month we lost one of our long standing members, Lloyd Phillips. Lloyd will be remembered by his cheerfulness despite his battle with indifferent health over the years. As a Japanese "Prisoner of War" in Changi and on the infamous Burma railway he suffered considerable privations which no doubt were the cause of his problems but he was always the optimist. In 1992 he had presented the Club with beautifully crafted wooden pen holders as mementos for guest speakers. He will be greatly missed.

October 2002 and so we come to the 20th. anniversary of the formation of the Hobart Probus Club (Mens) but there is unfinished business in the pipeline. Despite the concept of incorporation having been discussed on a number of occasions in the past, and dismissed, the present day situation has caused a rethink, particularly as the Probus Centre Inc. has made a strong recommendation for incorporation and a decision has been made to proceed.

Still to come is the inaugural fishing competition to commemorate the Anniversary. It is to take place in November, while in December, 10 members who have been with the Club since 1982 will each receive a commemorative badge to mark the occasion at the combined Anniversary and Christmas luncheon.

Looking forward to our 30th. Anniversary and beyond.



Some Members at a Meeting - 2002



Relaxing after Aquarobics - 2002