#### THE BULLETIN 7 February 2023

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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!'









2023

This month's Greeter is DENIS NATION

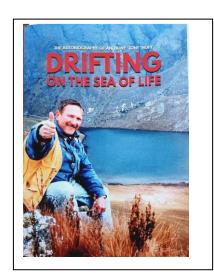
#### Covid is on the rise again - Don't let it spoil your New Year



Fading but still around in 2023

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.

# February Presentation - Tony Hope



Life as it Was- A synopsis of a life lived to the fullest

February's talk is another fascinating presentation from our club's bard, historian and author, Tony Hope, this time recounting stories of his amazing life. Tony will mention of humorous, serious, and dangerous events experienced during his lifetime with reference to the many amazing people he has met on his life's journey.

#### Christmas Lunch Celebration - December 2022



Last December a full house enjoyed another hugely successful Christmas lunch, again held at the Royal Yacht Club.

The turkey and Christmas pud was devoured in quick time before Santa arrived to spread his chocolate largesse amongst the members and guests.

The Jamsetters entertained with some old favourites and led the members and guests in rousing renditions of favourite Christmas carols.

The day's success was the result of the planning and organising capabilities of Rob Brand and Michael Graham. I trust Rob is having a restful summer break after organising the 40 year celebration and the Christmas festivities in quick succession.



Santa sorting out who's been naughty or nice!



Rob Brand's table enjoying the moment.



Jamsetters – On song

# 2013 -2022 Pictorial History Booklet

2013 -2022 Pictorial History Booklets were issued to members at the 40th luncheon. Copies for other members can be collected by arrangement with Brian Butler (0409 218 567).

## Our new Life Member - John Brodribb



A highlight of the Christmas lunch was the presentation of Life Membership to club stalwart John Brodribb. Congratulations go to John for long and continuous service to the club. John has been, and is still, a strong contributor in many areas. John has always been supported in his club activities by his lovely wife Noel. The club thanks John and looks forward to his continued participation in club activities.

John and Noel

# Grandkid's Gag for The Month



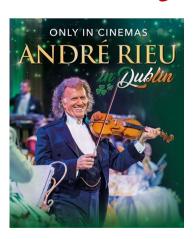
*Granddaughter (aged nine):* Poppy, how excited did the gardener get to see his seedlings grow?

Poppy: I have no idea, how excited was he?

Granddaughter: So excited he wet his plants. (howls of laughter)

(Oh dear, toilet humour reigns supreme)

# An Evening of fine Music - Andre Rieu



The tickets for those who have subscribed to the "Andre Rieu in Dublin" film on Sunday the 5th of February have been purchased and will be available from David Brammall at 12.15 pm in the vestibule on the day.

# Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 7 March



Mark in your diaries the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 7 March 2023. We want as many members as possible present to elect and welcome the new President and his Committee.

It is also your opportunity to raise any issue you wish that will advance the value of the club.

## Travel Delights (Mike Walpole)

#### KING ISLAND - February March 2023



The first group of 17 revellers headed off for King Island on the 1st of February. All is set for a great tour - the itinerary looks wonderful. We will have a report in the March bulletin.

The second group of 14 will be leaving on 20th of March.

#### KANGAROO ISLAND SA – Early 2024



Once again, we have had an overwhelming response to the "Expression of Interest" form passed around at our November meeting. We have 36 names on the list for the 5 day tour to Kangaroo Island in March / April 2024.

So, this tour also looks like a real 'goer'. Now we have approximate numbers your Committee can work on a suggested itinerary.

Watch this space for more details.

For more information please contact Mike Walpole (0429 001 402) or Frank Walker (0417 543 057).

## Annual Family BYO BBQ



# SITE 9 WATERWORKS RESERVE, WATERWORKS ROAD HOBART, MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 12.00PM TO 3.00PM.

All is in hand for our Annual Family Barbecue this year, once again to be at Waterworks Reserve!

I am assured the weather will be perfect!! But the site shelter takes a lot of people, if we need to be under cover.

SO... look forward to seeing you all there. Please come self contained with your BYO BBQ food and drinks.

You might want to bring a folding chair if you're not keen on bench seats. Hat and sunscreen will be obligatory!!

Please record the names of those attending on the Activity sheet which will be available at the February meeting.

Any queries - please contact Mike Walpole 0429 001 402 or Hamish Kyle 0408 544 601 (*Mike Walpole - Sensational Snag Sizzler*)

#### White Beach 2023

#### Vanners, Tenters and Cabiners



Interested Probians, wives and friends are reminded that our annual holiday at White Beach takes place from Monday the 13th to Tuesday the 21st of Feb or for any period of time therein. Please indicate on the sheet being circulated at our February meeting if you are involved and what activities you will be participating in. Members are very welcome to just come down for a day if they wish. It is necessary for catering purposes to sign-in for the Thursday dinner and it is useful to know who wishes to do the Wednesday walk with Graham Sargison.

If you still need to book, contact Bev and Pete (6250 2142) as soon as possible.

Look forward to seeing you there.

**David Brammall** 

#### **PROGRAM**

White Beach is a low key affair with most time free to enjoy the area and the company of your friends. There are, however, several popular activities planned, including pre-dinner drinks most evenings and daily strolls along the beach.

Due to popular demand the Jamsetters will return for a Tuesday evening concert. On Wednesday our intrepid foot slogger Sarge, will lead an enjoyable bush walk to Clark Cliffs. In the evening (Wednesday) Rob Brand (of Brandivino fame) will lead us in singing many of our old favourites. Thursday night is planned for the annual dinner and shindig, supported by the Jamsetters and Nanette calling the dance steps. It is very likely Graham Sargison will again take the microphone to lead the diners in a rousing rendition of the Battle of New Orleans.

Come along and enjoy a great time. - NB

## Lunch Brunch Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



The first Lunch Brunch Munch gathering will be held on Thursday February 16 at Dr Syntax, but with a difference - this time we dine al fresco, a change we all appreciate.

#### Wednesday Walkie Talkers (John Carter 0414 765 910)



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

Contact the ticker off of attendees, John Carter, if you have any queries.

## 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 (0409 218 567) for meeting points for a 9.30 start.

# Post Meeting Lunch



From now on our club has asked me to keep a list of members going to the post meeting lunch. The rationale is that now almost 20 people attend and what was once a casual concern with up to 12 at a maximum is now seen as requiring registration as a club activity. Therefore, I will circulate a sheet around first thing and keep a record of those attending.

John Carter

#### **Brian Butler** has provided the following definitions, in the present vernacular.

- 1 Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
- Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
- 3 Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
- Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- 5 Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
- 6 Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it
- Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
- Decafhalon (n): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- 10 Glibido: All talk and no action.
- Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
- 12 Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web
- 13 Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
- 14 Caterpallor (n.): The colour you turn when you discover half a worm in the fruit you're eating.









Thanks to Sarge and Brian Butler