

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2022/23

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



I'd just love to
rain on your
parade!

Don't let Covid rain on your parade!

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.

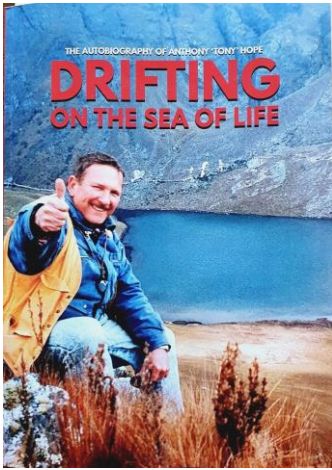
From the President...



Our AGM on Tuesday 7 March marks the end of one Probust year and the beginning of the next. 2022 saw our 40th Anniversary celebration, an update of our history and overseas travel to Flinders and King. 2023 promises an exceptional year for the Brandivinos, some new outing venues and interesting guest speakers. Joining both years will be the Probust favourites of chatter, coffee, aqua aerobics, walking, White Beach and Geoff's lunches. Enjoy them all and do involve those new members.

Michael Graham

February Presentation - Tony Hope



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

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

Tony's life has been indeed amazing. We discovered his many talents and a lifetime full of achievements.

Our Club's Brains Trust - at Work!



Our current club Committee is reaching 'The Term of its Natural Life' and will have its final meeting prior to the March AGM. This group of gallant men has steered the Club's ship over the past 12 months and are congratulated for their efforts in delivering another fabulous year for our members.

A new Committee will be elected at the AGM in March. We have received nominations for all positions, and we look forward another fun year of enjoyable and interesting activities.

Clockwise from front: Rob Brand, Brian Butler, Nick Mason, Tony Hope, Michael Graham, John Brodribb, Graham Standen, Phil Mathers.

(Neil Blaikie absent, taking picture)

Grandkid's Gag for The Month



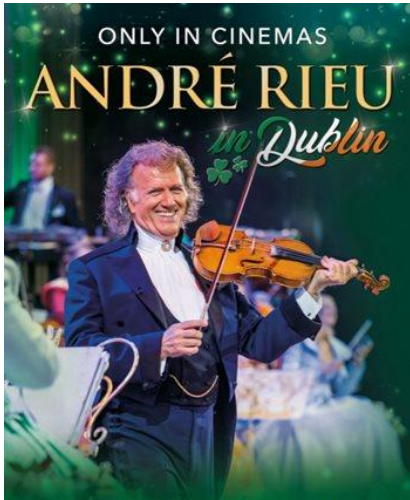
Granddaughter (aged nine): Poppy, have you heard about the new restaurant on the moon?

Poppy (age withheld): Well no, is it any good?

Granddaughter: Well, the food is great but it does lack atmosphere!!

(I should have seen that coming)

An Evening of fine Music - Andre Rieu



Andre Rieu in Dublin

The film of Andre Rieu's concert in Dublin, which 21 of us saw on Sunday the 5th of Feb, was most definitely a film not to be missed. Sitting in the comfort of the State Theatre and viewing everything close up was sensational. The presentation was absolutely first class. The performers were outstanding. Rieu, as always, was the peerless master of ceremonies. The music, both the selection of numbers and the quality of presentation, was spine-tingling. It truly was a joyous occasion -possibly better than seeing it live. It had it all - humour in abundance, wonderful sound, colour, nostalgia and of course so very musical. It was a great way to spend two and a half hours on a Sunday afternoon. – David Brammall

Website news

MEMBERS PHOTOS



Members who have now been to the club's webpage and seen the photos, as demonstrated last meeting, and found they are not represented, will hopefully be seeking to add their likeness to the gallery. **I will be happy to take portraits following the AGM.** Alternatively a photo (head and shoulders) from your own collection can be forwarded to the club email account as provided in the Bulletin masthead.

Brian Butler

March Outing - TWO METRE TALL BREWERY



Our march outing is to the Two Metre Tall Brewery at Hayes, 12.5 km past New Norfolk.

Date: Tuesday 14 March

Shared transport to depart Sandy Bay Bowls Club at 10.00am to brewery at Hayes (45 min)

11.00 Tour of hop fields, brewery and tasting.

12.30pm BYO BBQ - plates and cutlery provided. Bring your own camp chair.

Purchased drinks available.

Cost \$11 per head

For further info contact Sarge 0417 548 379

TALL TALES BUT TRUE FROM KING ISLAND



SAY CHEESE

King Island cheese, that is!

Sixteen intrepid Probus travellers departed on 1st February flying Sharp Airlines to visit King Island for five days. The King Island Historical museum at Currie was most interesting, giving an insight into the life and times of people who lived on the island after it was discovered in 1798. The history of the 140 shipwrecks that occurred before the four lighthouses were built on the island and the life of the descendants of people that survived these terrible ordeals were fascinating.

Four seasons in one day and strong winds gave us amazing scenes of crashing waves onto the jagged rocks. Jet propelled clouds scudded across leaden skies and displayed the occasional rainbow. Then in the evening, hardly any wind and golden sunsets.

The brewery, gin distillery, kelp and cheese industries were most interesting, along with a visit to a farm where the black Angus cows were giving birth to their calves. One calf, only a few days old, was trying desperately to get back into the paddock,

as we were driving up the road. The farmer who was with us on the bus, got out and lifted it over the fence, where among all the other cattle, it was able to detect its mothers call and seeing the two of them finally united together, all of us on the bus gave a great cheer and sigh of relief.

A short walk to the calcified forest was amazing. Once coastal vegetation, the roots have calcified, then the surrounding sand having been blown away by the fierce winds, exposed the weird limestone features. For those interested in golf there are three golf courses on the Island. A lunch at Cape Wickham golf links was the most spectacular with surrounding ocean views and the Cape Wickham Lighthouse, Australia's tallest lighthouse, a prominent feature on the hillside.

The meals definitely filled the spot, King Island beef steaks highly recommended as were the morning and afternoon teas at picnic spots dotted around the island. Cakes and scones with cream and jam never ceased to amaze. Meeting the local people and hearing their stories was so interesting.

Thanks go to Frank and Mike for organising a great tour. Lots of photos on the Probus website thanks to Brian, give an idea of the fun and activities we had.

Ingrid Walpole

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.

Watch this space for more details. Mike Walpole (0429 001 402)

White Beach 2023

Vanners, Tenters and Cabiners



On the return journey

Over 40 campers made the annual pilgrimage to White Beach in February. There was a high participation rate in all regular activities.

Each morning a group of essentially mobile attendees assembled on the lawn for the walk along the beautiful beach. The walkers fell into two categories. One with titanium enhanced joints and the other with joints au naturale. The difference between the groups was clear. The titanium contingent shot off quickly, laughing, joking and walking vertically. The au naturelles would be seen hobbling along

behind in varying stages of discomfort and pain. All made it back though with the lure of a coffee at Lucky Ducks or Pickers Café.



Jolly Jamsetters

Music was a big draw card for the week. The Jamsetters performed their annual concert at dusk on the Tuesday. The audience enjoyed songs of their era while keeping warm under blankets and swatting mozzies.

Wednesday saw Probus walkers joining members of the Hobart Bushwalking Club for a walk to Clark Cliffs, lead by 'Camino Sarge'. All returned in high spirits, with no injuries.

The evening saw a return of Rob Brand's sing along evening. Favourite songs were sung with great gusto. Highlights were a set by Mike Woolley on clarinet and favourites from the Brandivino back catalogue.

Thursday saw a return to Rosedale Homestead for our annual dinner dance. David Brammall organised another fabulous evening. The new owners continued the tradition of good food and hospitality. The Jamsetters provided dance music with Nanette calling the steps. Sarge did not disappoint with his raucous version of Battle of New Orleans (*at least that's what I think it was*).

Our park hosts Pete and Bev joined us for predinner drinks on Friday evening where we thanked them for a wonderful week that shot by all too quickly.

The week was obviously enjoyed as most booked their site or cabin for 2024 when handing in their keys. - NB



Rock Stars!

Chris Mathers and Camino Sarge



Rob and Mike
Rocking the Room



Musos Galore



Finska & Champagne

The annual men V ladies Finska challenge took place on the back drinking green. The men continued their ongoing winning streak, although I have heard from a reliable source, who wishes to remain anonymous, that the men plied the ladies with champagne, which did affect their aim!

Lunch Brunch Report (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



February Munch

Our time was once again well spent at the Dr Syntax Hotel where we enjoyed an excellent meal washed down with a welcome coldie whilst enjoying the fresh air of their outside dining area. Not even a sudden down pour could interrupt the animated chatter.

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.

LUNCH MUNCH BUNCH Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



Don't play golf? Then you may go straight to the nineteenth hole at the **Tasmania Golf Club** as this is the venue for our March munch for 2023. We have visited this fine club before and the menu and the surroundings have been first class. The date is **Thursday March 16** from around 12 noon. To join us please register on the list as it comes around or call or email Geoff Medhurst on 0418 136 618 or gmedhurst@gmail.com

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



YACHT CLUB
LUNCH

At the next meeting a list will be circulated for those wishing to attend the post meeting lunch at the Royal Yacht Club. This lunch is now a club function and you must register your attendance.

For any further information contact John Carter at the meeting.

Annual Family BYO BBQ



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

Any queries - please contact Mike Walpole 0429 001 402 or Hamish Kyle 0408 544 601

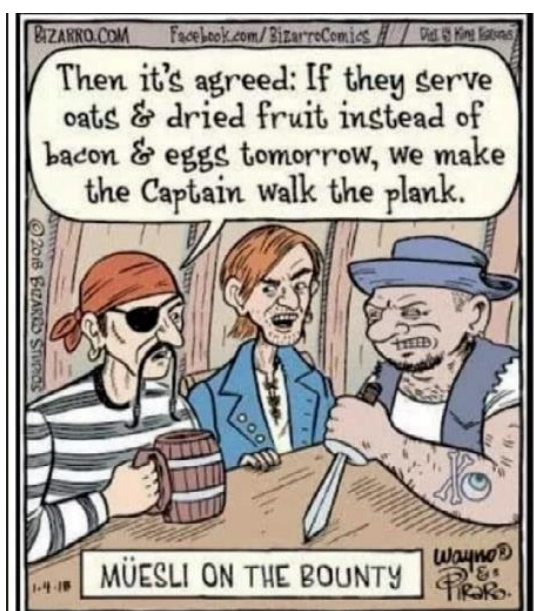
(Mike Walpole - Sensational Snag Sizzler)

Contemplating Aging

Lewis Hamnett provided the following thoughtful insights into ageing:

- "The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." T.S. Elliot
- "At age 20, we worry about what others think of us; at age 40, we don't care what they think of us; ...at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." Ann Landers
- "The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." Unknown
- "It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." ~ Andy Rooney
- "The older I get, the better I used to be." Lee Trevino
- "Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does." J. Norman Collie
- "To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." Oscar Wilde
- "The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for." Will Rogers
- "We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars – more and more repairs and replacements are necessary." C.S. Lewis
- "I'm so old that my blood type is discontinued." Bill Dana
- "The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened. Mark Twain
- "Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." Robert Orben

Dead Man Walking!!



Thanks to Brian Gallagher



Thanks to Brian Butler