

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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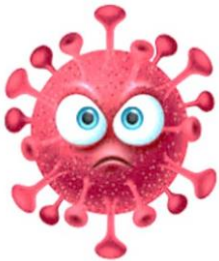
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President's Theme for 2023/24

"Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun".



APRIL GREETER -PHILIP LE GROVE



Winter is coming and I'm expecting a visit from my cousin Ian Flewenz. Ian and I will be out and about to gate crash the plans of the unwary!



Stay Covid and Flu safe!

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.

New Member - Philip Le Grove



New member Philip Le Grove is the first new member to be inducted over the next few months. Philip and his wife Lia tested the waters and got to know many members at the White Beach shindig in February. They had a fun time mixing with members and Philip decided to join. Philip has a history of being a strong contributor, being past president of the Hobart Walking Club.

Philip has hit the ground running, agreeing to be the Greeter at our May meeting. Please give Philip a warm welcome as he greets you at the meeting. NB

2023 Committee - First Meeting



You will be thrilled to know the newly elected Committee met for the first time prior to our April meeting.

Seated here, in deep thought and consideration, are clockwise:

Braithe Wedd, Assistant Treasurer

Nick Mason, Assistant Secretary

Peter Tierney, Treasurer

John Brodribb, Membership

Rob Brand, President

Phil Mathers, Secretary

Graham Sargison, V/President & Outings

Michael Graham, Past Pres (absent)

Neil Blaikie, Bulletin (Taking Picture)

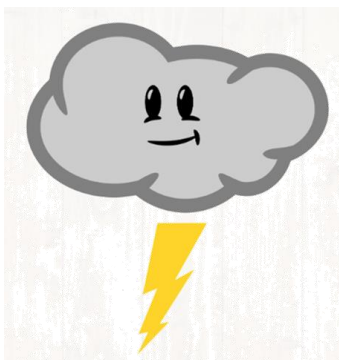
Lunch Brunch Report (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



April Bunch Munch

In April our ravenous bunch were rewarded with multiple courses picked from tables laden with the most delicious goodies. Another plate of prawns? Sure, go getum! Our secret location was the Marquis of Hastings buffet in West Hobart and return we will.

Grandkid's Joke of the Month



Grand daughter (9 years): What do clouds wear under their raincoats?

Poppy (age withheld): I have no idea. What do clouds wear under their raincoats?

Grand daughter: Thunderware!!

I need to start asking the other grandchildren for gags.

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 at the May meeting.** 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

April Presentation - Neil Blaikie



President Rob introducing Neil

Understanding Australia's Electricity System

Our April presenter was our own lad Neil Blaikie who applied his extensive experience in the power industry to unravel the complexities of the Australian electrical system, in simple terms.

Neil explained the key drivers of significant change in the electrical system as we move to renewables. These include the ageing coalfired generators

reaching end of life, advances in cheap renewables, and the legislated limits on greenhouse gas emissions.

Neil stuck to the facts and any political questions were sent straight through to the keeper!

May Presentation - Hayley Brown RACT

YEARS AHEAD: MISUNDERSTOOD ROAD RULES



Hayley is the Southern Community Coordinator who primarily delivers the RACT's range of road safety education programs to pre-school, primary and high schools and the wider community. As part of the Advocacy team, they are passionate about educating Tasmanians on road safety and striving to make our roads safer for everyone. One of these programs is Years Ahead: Misunderstood Road Rules, which explores road rules that are commonly misunderstood by Tasmanian drivers, such as roundabouts, intersections, to name a few. It's designed as a refreshed course for drivers who are unsure of the road rules, would like clarification or are not as confident on the road as they used to be.

White Beach Rocks On



Another enjoyable camping and cabin week at White Beach took place in February. From all reports it was a great success and well enjoyed by many.

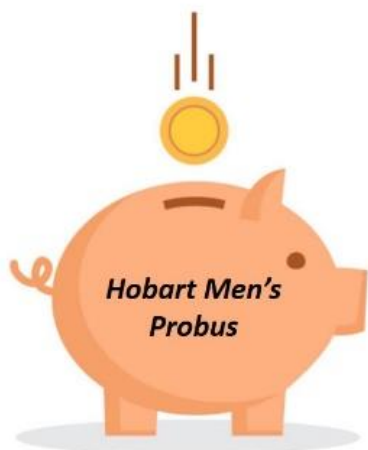
Club stalwart, David Brammall, has organised the event for many years and has decided to hand on the baton to Graham Sargison and his trusty assistant Neil Blaikie.

A recent request for opinions and suggestions was well supported, indicating strong member engagement in the yearly outing. One idea receiving positive feedback was to move the Thursday dinner back to the holiday park with our traditional chefs Kelly and Grant preparing a gourmet BBQ for us. This will mean you will no longer need to navigate the winding roads to and from the homestead at night, and often in the rain.

The White Beach event has been a favourite with members over the years due to the dedicated organisation by David Brammall. Our grateful thanks are extended to David and he can now relax. He no longer will need to circle the park issuing menus and tracking down dinner choices. NB

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES – Injection of Funds Required!

- ⊗ It is time again to renew our annual membership and replenish the Club's coffers.



The outgoing committee has set this year's subscriptions at \$70.00, the same amount as last year. It was considered that a sub of \$70.00 would be sufficient to maintain the Club's cash reserves as well as meet our budgeted income and expenses.

Note that the \$70 subs includes meeting fees.

Our new Treasurer, Peter Tierney, has polished off his abacus and has hit the ground running. Peter is requesting that the first choice for payment is by bank transfer. He is willing to take cash directly or other payment methods if bank transfer is not possible.

PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT YOUR SUBS AT THE BANK.
The bank does not note the name of the depositor and causes confusion and unnecessary work for the Treasurer.

Annual Fee: \$70.00

The Club's bank details are:

Name: Hobart Men's Probus
BSB 017 324
A/C Number 4172-49848

Please include your name and the word 'Subs' in the transfer details.

MAY OUTING - Mushroom Magic

TUNNEL HILL MUSHROOM FARM



The Mushroom Castle March!

There was intense interest amongst the many fans of fungus who rolled up to visit the Tunnel Hill Mushroom farm in April. A good number arrived early for this exciting event. The numbers were bolstered close to starting time when a procession of lost vehicles finally found their way to the farm after circling the area for half an hour, or so.

We were enthralled by a presentation on the complex process of growing mushrooms. We also learnt about the by products including anti-ageing and calming elixirs, valuable commodities to the Probus demographic.

Another by product is the production of Shitake Vodka (not sure about the name but I'm sure it tastes good!).

We entered the tunnel (Mushroom Castle) where the mushrooms festoon from plastic bags stacked on racks and hanging from the ceiling.

Members, partners and friends exited the tunnel with taste buds a twitching at the sight of mushrooms being sauteed on a train themed BBQ.

After demolishing the samples, the mob shot off for a pub lunch in Cambridge.

Thanks to Rob Brand for organizing the outing, Phil Mathers for stepping in to lead the day and of course to our hosts Dean and his family, who manage the farm.



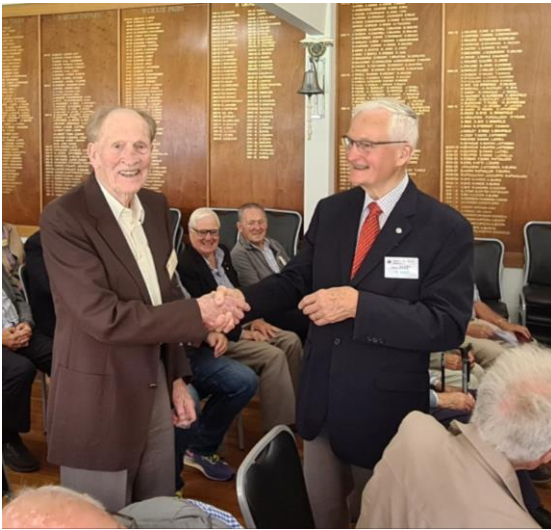
Peter Tierney in raptures at the thought of a mushroom



Phil Mathers- Mushroom Maestro

Organising the mob.

25 Year Membership - Alex Young



Long time club member Alex Young was congratulated by outgoing President Michael Graham at the March meeting.

It is a sign of the success of the club that we have kept the interest of members for such a long period.

Well done Alex for supporting the club over the past 25 years and we hope there are many more happy times ahead. -NB

KING ISLAND CAPERS - Second Tour Group



Picture: George Strickland

The second group of travellers have completed their excursion to King Island. By all accounts it was another outstanding success following the first group earlier in the year.

The weather was fine and the cheese tasty.

Their itinerary visited all points of interest and they enjoyed the unique hospitality of the King Islanders.

It is no wonder the club tours are well supported and such a success. - NB

MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE



In his inaugural address at the AGM, President, Rob Brand, stressed the need for **recruitment of new members** to maintain a thriving Club.

His target was for an annual 10% renewal of Club membership or 10 new members every year, with the target of reaching 100 members by the end of 2023.

To achieve this, we announced the “5 for 1” program last meeting where we asked groups of 5 members to get together and come up with one new member to be invited to attend meetings and/or outings this year.

Also, as we have had no nominations for guest speaker co-ordinator, we are seeking participation from all members in developing our **guest speaker program**.

Therefore, we will ask each group of 5 to nominate at least one guest speaker for this year’s program.

Many thanks for your participation in the process,

Graham Sargison
Vice President

MAY OUTING - *The Hutchins School*



The May outing will be to The Hutchins School and led by distinguished old boy and educator, David Brammall.

WHEN **Tuesday 16th May**

ARRANGEMENTS

10.30 School Bus will pick us up at the RYCT (parking at Hutchins is impossible). Please, park your car on the grass on left of RYCT entry road.

11.00 Short introduction and Tour of School

12.15 Lunch in the Boarding House

1.15 Bus returns us to the RYCT

COST \$30.00 – This covers the lunch which will be an alternate drop and a glass of wine. No charge for the buses.

Wives/partners are welcome. Please deposit your payment in the Club account.

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Acct No. 417 249 848

Don’t forget your **name & write ‘Hutchins’** alongside. **This needs to be done by Thursday the 4th May** as numbers need to be confirmed with the school.

REGISTERING: Add your name(s) to the list circulating at our meeting on Tuesday or contact David Brammall on: 0447 532 327 or by email : david.brammall@bigpond.com

Tantalising Tourist Titbits

NORTH WEST TASSIE - 4th to 7th October 2023



We all love NW Tassie

There has been a great interest in the tour to the far North West of Tassie. To date we have 20 deposits paid for the trip in October. Tas Vacations have arranged a top itinerary for us. Just letting you know there are still some seats on the coach available, together with a few rooms left for us at Tall Timbers in Smithton. If anyone is still interested please give Frank Walker or Mike Walpole a call (Mike 0429 001 402 & Frank 0417 543 057). Further details will be available as it comes through from the travel agency.

(Mike Walpole)

KANGAROO ISLAND SA – Five Day Tour -March/April 2024



There are two travel companies that we have been in contact with requesting a costing and a detailed itinerary for the Kangaroo Island tour next year. One is a local agency, Coal River Coaches, and the other a South Australian tour company specialising in Kangaroo Island tours.

This is another popular tour for our Club members. We have a list of 40 people who have shown interest at this point.

Frank Walker and I will keep you up to date with negotiations when we receive updates from the tour companies.

If you require more information on the tours above please contact Frank Walker (0417 543 057) or Mike Walpole (0429 001 402).

Upcoming Items of General Interest



Lunch Bunch - May Feast

The Boatshed Restaurant was last visited by us way back in July 2014. Now, nine years later we are going back to enjoy another first-class lunch. For those too young to remember we had excellent food and wine whilst taking in the lovely outlook (providing the tide is in). The date is Thursday May 11 from 12 noon. Geoff Medhurst 0418 136 618

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.

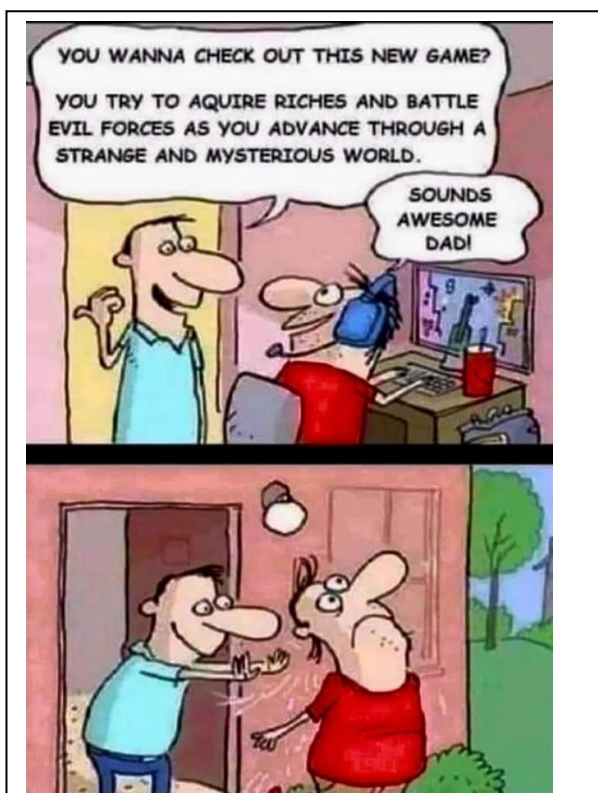
Contact Ian Miller (0407686447) or Brian Butler (0409 218 567) for meeting points for a 9.30 start.



The awkward moment when you drive your Chevy to the levy and the levy isn't dry.

This is what happens when you're drinking whiskey and rye.

(Thanks to Nanette Drielsma – of Jamsetters Fame)



(Thanks to Geoff Medhurst)

Questions Requiring Answers – (Please send responses to Brian Butler)

1. Why can't women put on mascara with their mouths closed?
2. Why don't you ever see the headline, "psychic wins lottery"?
3. Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?
4. Why do doctors call what they do "practice"?
5. Why do you need to click on "start" to stop windows?
6. Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring, while washing up liquid contains real lemons?
7. Why is the man who invests all your money called a 'broker'?
8. Why isn't there mouse flavoured cat food?
9. Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitos?
10. Why don't they make the whole plane out of the same material as the indestructible black box?
11. Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
12. Why are they called 'apartments' when they're all stuck together?
13. Why do they call the airport the "terminal" if flying is so safe?
14. Why is it considered necessary to nail down the lid of a coffin?
15. Why do they call it 'chili' if it's hot?
16. Why can't you make another word using all the letters in "anagram"?
17. Why can't we tickle ourselves?
18. Why do 'fat chance' and 'slim chance' mean the same thing?
19. If Superman is so smart why does he wear his underpants over his trousers?
20. If swimming is good for your shape, then why do the whales look like the way they do?
21. When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?
22. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
23. Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
24. If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
25. Is Disney World the only people trap operated by a mouse?
26. Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
27. Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
28. Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?