

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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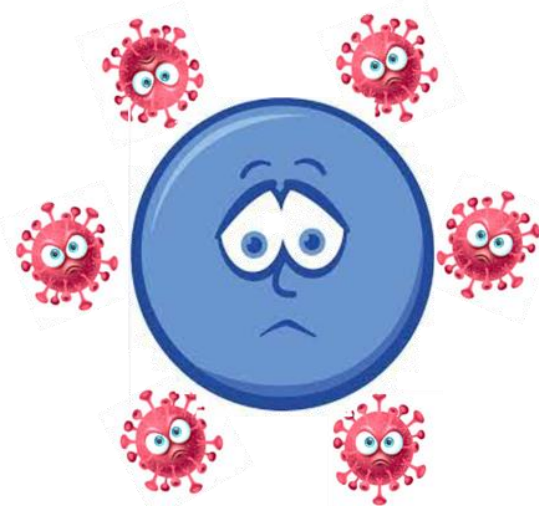
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President's Theme for 2023/24

"Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun".



APRIL GREETER - GRAHAM BROWNELL



LESSON LEARNT!

I recently ventured out on a trip to the mainland feeling chipper that I had my Covid 5 and flu vaccinations, and had not had Covid to date. Covid was not in my thoughts until I woke up one morning feeling rough as the Lyell Highway. I had become complacent and let my guard down. I thankfully recovered quickly but had learnt my lesson. NB

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN AND STAY SAFE.

Please think of your friends and your own health.
Don't attend any functions if you feel unwell.

New Member - Norton Grey



President Rob, Ivan and Norton

New member Norton Grey is the second new member to be inducted over the next few months.

Norton was introduced by club stalwart, Ivan Pearson, and inducted into the club by our President, Rob Brand.

Norton gave a rousing recount of his life and introduction to Probust. It is clear Norton will be a great contributor to the club and will enjoy the fellowship and activities. NB

New Man at the Keyboard

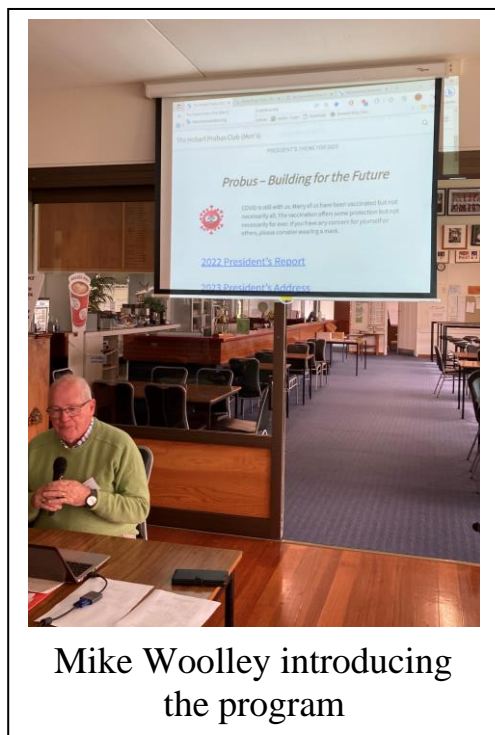


‘Once a Jolly Swagman’, hold on, that’s not right!

Our regular piano master Rob Brand stepped aside to allow our Treasurer, pianissimo Peter Tierney, take to the keyboard and lead the members in the national anthem. Peter described himself as a two fingered pianist (or pianiste à deux doigts, when playing in France).

He tapped out Advance Australia Fair in fine style and had really warmed up towards the end. He seemed keen to launch into the second verse except that nobody present had a clue what the words were, so we stopped there! NB

Increasing your IT understanding



Mike Woolley introducing the program

At the May meeting Mike Woolley introduced an Information Technology information program that he and Brian Butler have been preparing.

This is a wonderful initiative that will help members to navigate and take advantage of modern technology while remaining safe online. For example, the initiative leads you to trusted web sites that provide advice when purchasing a mobile device or computer, or other information that will be of interest and benefit to you. This includes the use of QR codes.

To scan a QR code, open the camera or the QR reader application on your smartphone. Point your camera at the QR code to scan the QR code. A notification will pop-up on screen. Click on the notification to open the website link.

The QR code on this page will lead you to the members’ web site.

As the program develops, further information will be provided at the monthly meetings, on the web page and in this bulletin.

Our thanks go to Mike and Brian for identifying the need and preparing the IT information program. NB



QR Code for members’ web site

Remembering Old Friends and Good Times



Mike Graham with
Adrian

Long time club member ADRIAN GRALEY was visited by the club Support and Welfare Officer, Brian Butler, and Past President Michael Graham, who presented Adrian with a certificate of appreciation for his continuous 27 year association with the club. Adrian was active until 2014 when he moved into his present residence at Glen View Homes.

Adrian's interest in the club remains even though he can no longer attend meetings or events. He enjoys connecting through the bulletin and remembering his old Probus colleagues.

There are several members who are unable to attend club meetings but maintain their interest in the club. We send out a big hello and hope you continue to enjoy the bulletin. NB

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 June 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

Lunch Brunch Report (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



May Bunch Munch

We only had seven starters at the Boatshed Restaurant at Cornelian Bay, which is a pity really because the venue and the meal were absolutely fabulous, better than anything you would get in Queensland. When all our munchers get back we will do a return visit.

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 refresher 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.

Mike Walpole reporting

May outing to Hutchins School



A select group of 11 members, plus two partners, enjoyed a hot drink before embarking on an enlightening and very interesting tour of the Middle and Senior Schools of Hutchins. We were welcomed and taken on the tour by the Registrar of the School, Stuart Hammond, who explained everything and answered all our questions in an informative and comprehensive way. We started in the large seniors' library which has a magnificent view over the Derwent from floor to ceiling windows

and then continued to the Middle School where we called into a class of boys learning to play the guitar, followed by unplanned visits to Senior classes in drama, cooking, woodwork and computer design. Some of the Probus members were interested to look up honour rolls which included names of close relatives. Stuart told us about future Hutchins plans to build a large complex over the existing tennis courts to include underground staff parking, a basketball stadium with spectator seating and a swimming pool which will be available to the whole community. The morning finished with a quick tour of the gymnasium and the school chapel, before proceeding to the boarding house for a delicious lunch and a glass or two of red or white wine.

We thank David Brammall for organising this very interesting and enjoyable outing.

Ian Miller reporting

Grandkid's Joke of the Month



Granddaughter (9 years): What do you call a dog magician?

Poppy (age withheld): I have no idea. What do you call a dog magician?

Granddaughter: A LABRACADABRADOR.!!

June Presentation - Brian Stafford

WINDSHIPS – TALL TALES OF TALL SHIPS



BRIAN STAFFORD is an economist by profession and an alumnus of Sydney University from which he holds two degrees and a Sailing Blue. Although he did not see the sea until he was fourteen years old, it was love at first sight. Since first moving across saltwater in a small dinghy he has owned four sailing boats and has a lifetime interest in all aspects of sailing; especially the history of merchant sailing ships. Forty years ago he moved to Tasmania. Ten years ago he decided to write a book about them. Brian will present at our June meeting.



Thanks to Mike Woolley

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.

There were thirty members who were still to pay their annual membership fees at the time of the May meeting.

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.

Ausmas - Tuesday 20 June

Ausmas Luncheon		
	Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania	
	Tuesday 20 th June 2023	
	Time 12.00 for 12.30 pm	
	COST \$50.00 P.P.	

Come one and come all to celebrate the first half of the year at Ausmas, as it will soon be closer to the next Christmas than the last.

If you have not booked, now is the time to do so.

Please make your payments to our ANZ Account.

Name: Hobart Men's Probus

BSB 017 324

A/C Number 4172-49848

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

Phil Mathers

MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE



We had a strong response to our President's call to achieve 10% renewal of Club membership or 10 new members every year, with the target of reaching 100 members by the end of 2023.

We also received excellent suggestions for guest speakers.

Despite an encouraging start there is still some way to go to achieve our ultimate membership target. Please continue to help increasing the membership and identifying suitable presenters.

Please pass any membership or presenter suggestions to Graham Sargison, Rob Brand, Phil Mathers or any other committee members. NB

Tantalising Tourist Titbits

NORTH WEST TASSIE - 4th to 7th October 2023



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)

We all love NW Tassie

KANGAROO ISLAND SA – Five Day Tour, 8 -13 March 2024



The final itinerary is out, and it looks fabulous. It is action packed and full of interest.

The tour not only covers the sensational scenery but a guided encounter with sea lions and a raptor demonstration. There are visits to several industries on the island, including a eucalyptus distillery, a honey farm and a lavender farm.

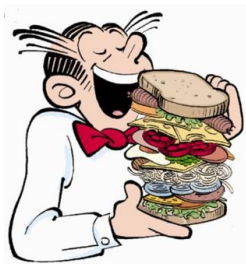
The trip rounds off with a cruise on the Murray River and a visit to historic and beautiful Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills. Cost is \$2,700 twin share and \$3,300 single room.

The full itinerary is located at the end of this bulletin (email version only).

Hop to it if you are interested in joining the Kangaroo Island tour as places will fill quickly.

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 - June Feast

This month we will be attending the Ausmas lunch to be held at the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club on Tuesday June 20, time 12 for 12.30. We can look forward to a delicious meal for only \$50 per head and Wives/Partners are very welcome. Be sure to get your name (and wife/partner name) on the list at the June meeting. Enquiries to Phil Mathers.

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)



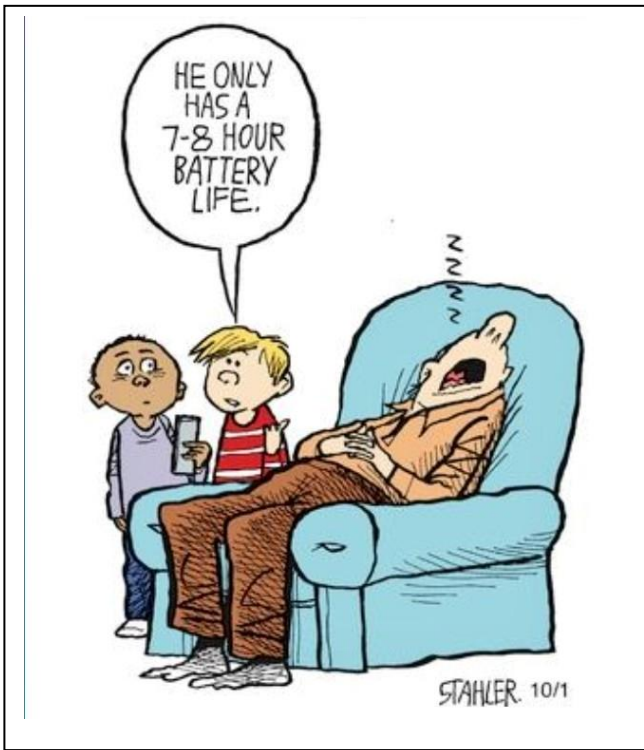
Come and join us for some warm water exercises at the Doone Kennedy Pool. Interested members, wives and or partners are welcome to join us **each Friday morning at 7.45 am in the pool** followed by coffee after in the pool café. *Dunk yourself then dunk a biscuit.*

Monday & Thursday Walkers (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)

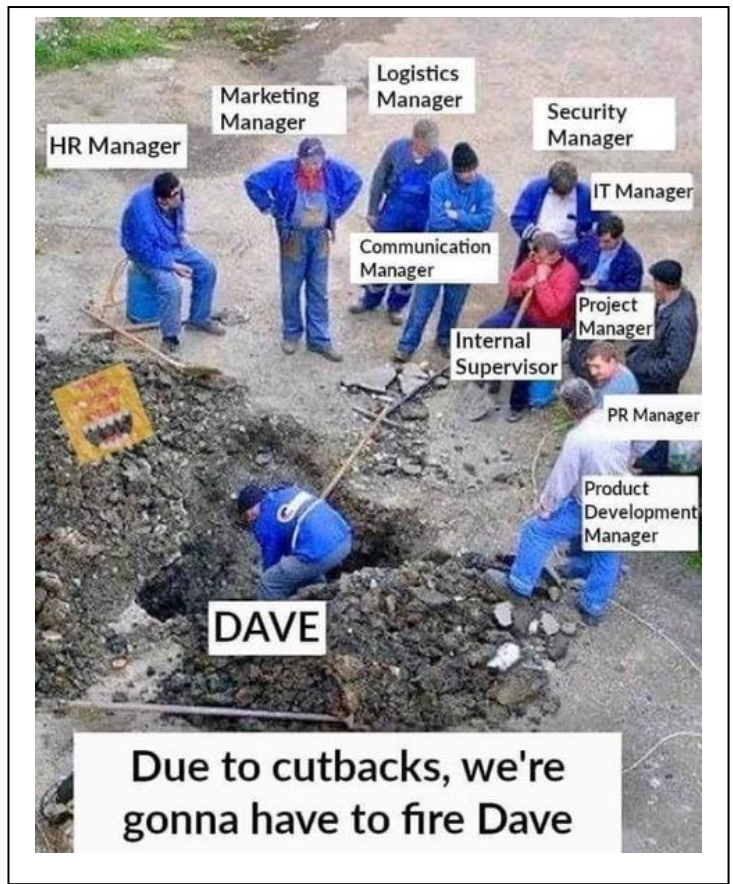


We walk from different venues (eastern shore on Mondays and western shore on Thursdays) with coffee after most walks.

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



Thanks to Brian Butler



"I know it's a dog license!
He was driving."

SOME CLASSICS FROM THE EXPERTS WHO GOT IT WRONG

- “When the Paris exhibition (1878) closes, electric light will close with it” – Oxford Professor Erasmus Wilson
- “It will be gone by June” – Variety magazine on Rock and Roll, 1955
- “We don’t like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out.”- Decca Recording Company on declining to sign the Beatles, 1962
- “This telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication.” – Western Union internal memo 1876.
- “The Americans have need of the Telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of Messenger Boys.” Sir William Preece, Chief Engineer British Post Office.
- “The world potential market for copying machines is 5,000 at the most.” – IBM to the eventual founders of Xerox, saying the photocopier had no market large enough to justify production. 1959
- “The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message to be sent to no one in particular?” – a reply to a letter calling for investors into radio, 1921
- “If excessive smoking actually plays a role in the production of lung cancer, it seems a minor one.”- W C Heuper National Cancer Institute, 1954.
- “Television won’t last because people will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night.” – Darryl Zanuck, movie producer, 20th Century Fox, 1946.
- “There is no reason for an individual to have a computer in his home.” - Ken Olsen, President Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), 1977.
- “The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty – a fad.” The President of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Henry Ford’s lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Company. 1913.
- “X-Rays will prove to be a hoax.” – Lord Kelvin, President of the Royal Society, 1883.

Thanks to Lewis Hamnett

AGEING INSIGHTS *From Mike Walpole*

- To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- Age 70 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
- The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- I run like the winded.
- My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.
- I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days.

6 DAY TOUR | KANGAROO ISLAND



Island Sanctuary and Wildlife Experiences

Discover inspiring landscapes, native wildlife and local produce as we experience the untouched Kangaroo Island.

Price: Single Room \$3,300.00 | Twin Share \$2,700.00

Day1 – Friday 8th March 2024 HOBART TO VICTOR HARBOR (D)

Welcome to our tour to spectacular Kangaroo Island and Adelaide. Sit back, relax and get to know your fellow adventurers as our 6-day tour awaits. Today is a full day of travel as we fly directly into Adelaide South Australia. At the Adelaide airport our local coach operator will meet us and from here we head to the South Coast and arrive in Victor Harbor. This will be an ideal location for our early morning ferry trip to Kangaroo Island.

McCracken Country Club, Victor Harbour (PH: 08 8551 0200)
Lunch at Own Expense / Dinner in Hotel

Day 2 – Saturday 9th March 2024 KANGAROO ISLAND (BLD)

We are up early as we head to Cape Jervis for our morning sailing to Kangaroo Island. We are in for a treat as we spend the next two nights exploring this breathtaking island. We'll discover towering cliffs, wild plains, pristine beaches and unique wildlife. First, visit the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery where we take an interesting tour of the plant and equipment used in producing eucalyptus oil and products. We also enjoy a delicious lunch before visiting the nearby Clifford Honey Farm and finally we head to Emu Bay Lavender Farm to enjoy an interesting talk and pick up some goods before arriving and settling into our accommodation for the next 2 nights in Kingscote.

Auroa Ozone Hotel, Kingscote (subject to availability)
Breakfast and Dinner at hotel / Lunch at Emu Ridge

Day 3 - Sunday 10th March 2024

KANGAROO ISLAND

(BLD)

Kangaroo Island has an abundance of incredible wildlife and today we have a chance to get up close and personal. Our local guide will join us on the coach today as we travel to the famous Seal Bay. We will be taken into the heart of the colony where our experienced guide will teach us about the wonderful Australian Sea Lions. There is nowhere else in the world where you can listen to an expert give you their unique insight while walking amongst the colony. At Raptor Domain, we witness the interactive and inspiring Birds of Prey Demonstration before exploring Flinders Chase National Park. The park's coastal scenery includes Admirals Arch, Remarkable Rocks and an excellent boardwalk where we see a colony of New Zealand Fur Seals below. What a day of truly exceptional wildlife experiences!

Auroa Ozone Hotel, Kingscote (subject to availability)
Breakfast and Dinner at hotel / Lunch at Raptor Domain

Day 4 - Monday 11th March 2024

KANGAROO ISLAND TO ADELAIDE

(BLD)

This morning we venture to the most eastern most point of the island and visit the Cape Willoughby Lighthouse. Being the first lighthouse to be built in South Australia it has a rich maritime history and spectacular panoramic views across Backstairs Passage from the top of the lighthouse. There are 101 steps to navigate to the top if you wish, but the view from the ground is also pretty with excellent views of the remote island coastline. Our majestic views don't end here as we head to Penneshaw for lunch at the Penneshaw Hotel before we make our way to connect with our ferry service to back to Cape Jervis. Once back on the mainland, we travel via the South Vales Wine Region and arrive in Adelaide to check into our Hotel for the next 2 nights.

Day 5 – Tuesday 12th March 2024

ADELAIDE

(BD)

Today we head for the Murray River and the town of Murray Bridge, which is just over 1 hours drive from Adelaide. On arrival we board the Captain Proud Paddleboat for a 1-hour morning tea cruise on the Murray River. The high-water levels on the Murray River in recent months should make for an interesting cruise. Heading back to Adelaide we stop in the small town of Hahndorf for some free time to purchase lunch and look through the many shops. Hahndorf has a distinct German feel, mainly as its one of the oldest German settlements in Australia. This afternoon we take in the views of Adelaide at the Mount Lofty lookout and here you can see all the way out to the Gulf St. Vincent and the Adelaide Plains to the North and South.

Breakfast and Dinner at Hotel / Lunch at Own Expense

Day 6 – Wednesday 13th March 2024

MURRAY BRIDGE TO HOME

(B)

Unfortunately, our time in Adelaide and Kangaroo Island has come to an end and we check out of our hotel and transfer to the Adelaide Airport for our flight back to Hobart.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc. This itinerary is going through a National Park.