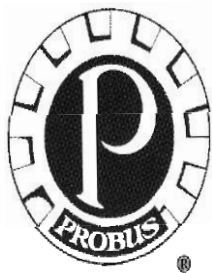


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## **HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC**



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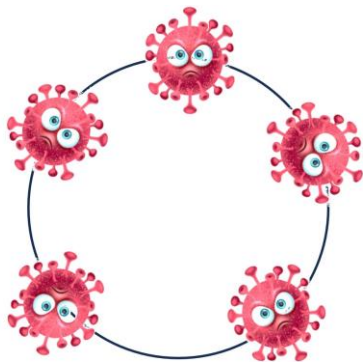
President's Theme for 2023/24

“Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun”.



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### **AUGUST GREETER – ROD MOORE**



#### **I AM STILL AROUND**

Scary but true

**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.



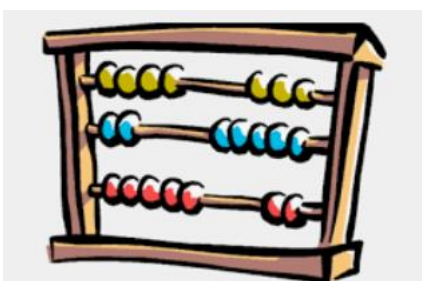
#### ***Pete's Back on the Ivories!***

Returning from a short absence, self styled 'Two Fingered' Pete was back at the piano for the National Anthem and the new member welcome song. Pete played with gusto and the singing was perfectly in tune (well almost).

Pete is seen here displaying all fingers on the keyboard, so it appears he has upskilled from his past two fingered performances.

Well done Pete.

### ***Note From the Treasurer***



When making a payment into the Club's bank account by electronic means, please ensure that in the reference you include not only your name but one or two words as to what the payment is for. A few months ago members were paying \$100 into the club account. Without more information I did not know whether this was a payment for a couple for the Ausmas lunch or a deposit, for one person, for the North West Coast Tour.

Peter Tierney - Treasurer

## *Welcome New Member - Brian Stafford*



New member Brian Stafford is the fourth new member inducted in recent months.

Brian was introduced by club fitness guru (land and water), Ian Miller.

Past President Michael Graham donned the Presidential chains of office in the absence of President Rob Brand to induct and welcome Brian to the club.

Brian presented an outstanding story on the age of tall ships at our June meeting. At his induction he gave an equally amazing story of tacking and jibing through his past life. Brian is a man of many talents. He was a banker in western NSW before travelling to the UK and

becoming an economist in an economic intelligence unit. Changing tack completely he became involved in caravan construction, then into the public service, then into planning and development at ANM, then managing his own economic intelligence unit, and now he is an esteemed member of the Hobart Mens' Probus Club.

Brian is an expert sailor so it will be plain sailing to enjoy the delights of Probus membership.  
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## *Grandkid's Joke of the Month*



Granddaughter :

What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman?

Poppy:

I have no idea. What do you get?

Granddaughter:

Frostbite, of course!

# July Presentation - Dr Kelsie Raspin

## PROSTATE CANCER

### THE LATEST RESEARCH FROM THE MENZIES INSTITUTE



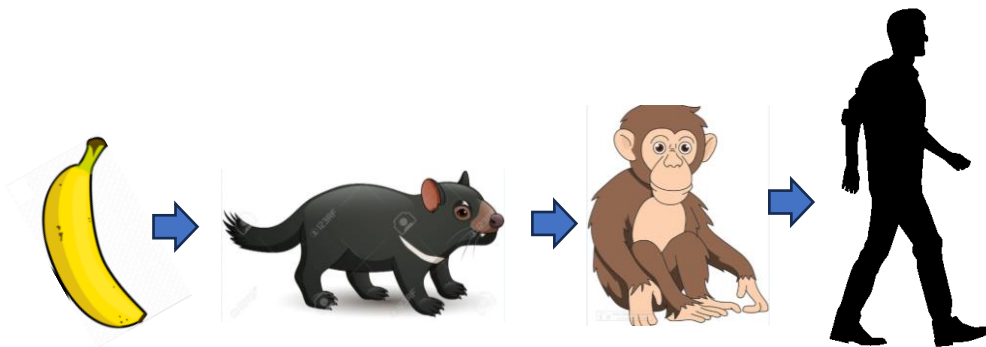
The July presentation was by Dr Kelsie Raspin, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Cancer Genetics at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research. Kelsie provided us great insight into prostate cancer and its links to the human genome. This issue is of prime importance to our members as risk increases with age. The big messages were that your risk increases if a close family member has had prostate cancer, and to ask your doctor about a PSA test.

Kelsie received a good response to her request to members who have suffered prostate cancer to assist with her research.

It is encouraging to know that medical professionals such as Kelsie are undertaking groundbreaking research into the cause, detection and cure for this scourge on men's health.

On a lighter note, Kelsie explained that 99.9% of humans share the same genome. The other 0.1% makes us different to each another. We also discovered that humans shared around 96% genes with chimpanzees, 90% with Tasmanian devils and 50% with bananas! So, if you feel a little yellow, thick skinned, like growling, or swinging from the rafters you will be comforted to know it is just your ancient genome at play.

Grateful thanks are extended to Kelsie for taking time from her busy research schedule to present to our members. Thanks also to Phil Mathers for organising the presentation.



Evolution of the Human genome!  
Darwin would have been surprised.

## Lunch Bunch - July Feast



Our lunch in July was at the Black Buffalo hotel in North Hobart. The senior's menu included two courses so no muncher went away hungry. This was our first time at the B B for our group and I am sure we will be back.



Richard Humphries  
Dean of St David's

## *July Outing - St David's Cathedral*

Richard Humphries, the Dean of St David's Cathedral, gave our group a warm welcome in what is a spectacular but cold St David's Cathedral. We were warned so we were well rugged up. The Dean provided an informative and entertaining presentation of the Cathedral's features and its significant place in the history of Hobart.

We learned that in 1842 Hobart was declared a city and the then existing St David's Church became St David's Cathedral.

The foundation stone of the current cathedral was laid in January 1868 with the building being finally completed in 1936.

It was a fascinating story and we thank the Very Reverend Richard Humphries for providing this interesting insight into the Cathedral's history and significant features.

Richard joined us for lunch at the Customs House where many of us took advantage of the scallop fest, (God bless ém)!

Thank also go to David Brammall who organised the outing under difficult circumstances.

## *August Presenter - Robbie Brammall -*



**ROBBIE BRAMMALL**, Director of Marketing and Communications, Mona



Robbie is the Director of Marketing & Communications at Mona. He's tasked with making mischief and money for over forty creatively driven brands – from the museum and its summer festival, to a brewery (Moo Brew), three wineries (Moorilla, Domaine A, Stoney Vineyard), a skincare company that repurposes river sludge as a luxury face scrub, and most recently a recording studio that features the original mixing desk from Abbey Road Studios.

Whilst at Mona he's been responsible for adding some marketing rigour to owner David Walsh's free-wheeling cultural enterprise, whilst simultaneously growing its reputation for creativity and risk taking. Robbie's pitch to David back in 2016 was that if creativity and risk are the essence of Mona then that philosophy should be reflected in the marketing as well. David foolishly agreed, and Robbie's had fun (and success) with the marketing ever since.

It should be noted that Robbie grew up in Tassie as a Blackmans Bay bogan, and fondly remembers when Harris Scarfe was Fitzgeralds, when St Ives was a nightclub, and when the coolest place to hang out was YD on Sandy Bay Road.

# August outing - Old Kempton Distillery

**Tuesday August 15**



The August outing involves a pleasant drive to beautiful Dysart House in Kempton for a tour of the Old Kempton Distillery.

The tour will cost \$14 per head followed by a soup and toastie lunch for \$16 per head. (Tastings are extra and optional!)

Those of us on the Western Shore will meet at the SBBC at 09.45 to rationalise transport. Those on the Eastern

Shore may wish to make their own transport arrangements and travel directly to Kempton to meet up in reception at 10.45.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Graham Sargison Mob 0417 548 379

*NOTE: This outing is available for all members, partners and friends, conditional on being 18 years of age, or older! NB*

## Lunch Brunch Report (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



### August Bunch Munch

Another rarely visited venue for August. This time it is the **Waterfront Hotel** on the magnificent Bellerive waterfront. Judging by the menu, and from personal experience, we will come away very satisfied. The date to remember is **Thursday August 10** and we will begin arriving from **12 noon**.

## Members Friends and Partners Lunch



Following a positive response at the July meeting the inaugural lunch will be held in August. Commitment required at the August meeting. Please consult your significant other prior to the meeting so numbers can be as accurate as possible.

**Place:** Derwent Estate “The Shed” Granton. <https://www.derwentestate.com.au/the-shed-restaurant/>

**Date:** Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – at 12:00 (Noon)

**Menu:** a la carte (see menu on website) and individual payment. The venue has the capacity to differentiate each individual’s order for payment.

**Seating:** Tables of 6 together in a section of venue. Random seating encouraged to facilitate mixing and social interaction.

Any Queries? Contact Brian Butler 0409 218 567

## *Wishing David a Quick Recovery*



Club Welfare Officer, Brian Butler, recently visited Life Member David Brammall who is home recovering from major surgery. Brian reports that David's recovery is progressing well, and he sends his apologies for missing the August meeting!

We are so pleased that his surgery was a success and sincerely hope to welcome him back for our September gathering.

## *Tantalising Tourist Titbits*

### **WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO TOUR NEXT?**



**The hugely popular travel program is seeking ideas for future tours.**

Over the past few years Probus Members, partners and friends have travelled to Norfolk Island, Flinders Island and King Islands. We have trips planned for the Far North West of Tassie in October and to Kangaroo Island and Adelaide early next year. All of the past tours have been well supported; have provided lots of shared memories and lots of fun for those who came along.

Apart from the organised trips, many of you have travelled to lots of varied interesting places in Tasmania and on the mainland. Our Club Travel Committee / Group who plan these trips are looking to the future and

are asking for your contribution of ideas for travel for 2025. Keeping in mind - value for money, not too far away and easy travel from Hobart.

Many of you may have enjoyed a trip that was organised some time ago and would like to revisit that place again. Travel with like-minded people through Probus is a great experience, everything is organised, easy, affordable and lots of fun.

So, we are seeking suggestions from our membership with your ideas and recommendations for future travel opportunities.

Any ideas that you would like our Club to investigate, please feel free to contact any of our Travel Committee members. They are Brian Butler, Ian Miller, David Brammall, Roger More, Frank Walker and Mike Walpole.

*Mike Walpole*

## Upcoming Items of General Interest

### *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.

### *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.

## *A Little light Humour*

### **HOLY LAND BURIAL**

A man was travelling with his wife and mother-in-law in the Holy Land. Unfortunately, the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker said to the man “we can send your mother-in law home for \$6,000 or we can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$100”. The man thought for a while and respectfully said “I would prefer to take her home”. The undertaker was surprised and asked “why would you take her all the way home for \$6,000 when she could be buried in this Holy Land for \$100”?

The man said, “Well, two thousand years ago a man died here, you buried him and three days later he was back. I just can’t take that chance”!

*(Thanks to Lewis Hamnett)*



(Thanks to Brian Butler)

## Millennial Anti-Theft Device Fitted



(Thanks to Lewis Hamnett)

## Every Senior's Problem



The computer says I need to upgrade my brain to be compatible with the software!



## *Fun Puns* (Ingrid Walpole)

I once dated a guy who broke up with me because I only have 9 toes. Yes, he was lack toes intolerant.

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven.

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" He replied, "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon."

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it but nobody saw it.

Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a song but the chick peas can only hummus one.

How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house.

Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but he made a great ruler.

My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. That's right...Jack and the beans talk.

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You probably have not heard of herbivore.

I was struggling to understand how lightning works and then it struck me.

I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.