

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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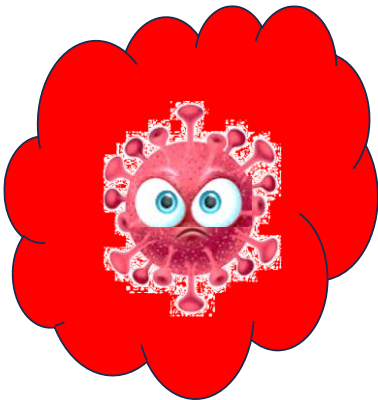
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President's Theme for 2023/24

"Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun".



JULY GREETER – PHILIP LE GROVE



A MENACE AT DARK MOFO

At Dark MOFO I was there,
Inside, outside, everywhere,
Attacking the bald and very hairy,
Taking advantage of those unwary.

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.

June Greeter - Graham Brownell



Charles and Graham

Members were warmly greeted at our June meeting by Graham Brownell, seen here greeting our Melbourne Cup Horse Whisperer Charles Thomas.

The Greeter is such an important role as it both introduces the greeter to the large membership and the membership to the Greeter.

The Greeter is a key part of the President's theme of friendship among members.

If you would like to be a Greeter at future meetings, please contact V/President Graham Sargison.

All that is required is a happy smile and a handshake.

New Member - Stephen Doyle



Sarge, Stephen and Mike

New member Stephen Doyle is the third new member inducted in recent months.

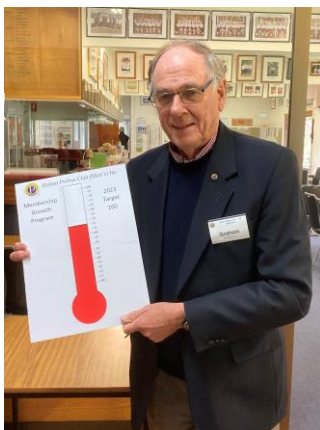
Stephen was introduced by club IT Guru, Mike Woolley, who immediately hitched up his caravan and skipped off to the mainland.

Vice President Graham Sargison donned the Presidential chains of office in the absence of President Rob Brand to induct and welcome Stephen to the club.

Stephen described with great colour his transition from a lifetime practicing law to his new life practicing golf.

I'm sure Stephen will enjoy Probus and we look forward to seeing him at club outings and activities. NB

Growing the Membership



It is full steam ahead for the President's membership drive. Sarge is seen here proudly displaying the membership-o-meter which has risen to 92, well on its way to our end of year target of 100.

There are several potential new members in the pipeline, so the membership-o-meter is heading in the right direction.

Please remember to bring along any male friends to our meetings or outings. If it suits them, they can join our fabulous club. NB

Vale Christine Standen

Chris Standen, wife of Past President Graham, sadly passed away recently. Chris will be missed by all who knew her. Heartfelt condolences to Graham and family from all our members.

No Man at the Keyboard



Is there a pianist in the house??

All went well and the baritones were in full flight until the high notes of 'beauty rich and rare', which started to stretch a few vocal cords. Luckily some tenors came to the rescue of the wavering baritones.

All in all, it sounded pretty good despite the fragile vocal cords and shortness of breath! NB

The piano chair was empty for the national anthem and new member induction song, as our regular pianists Ragtime Rob Brand and Two Finger Pete Tierney were absent.

V/President Sarge jumped at the chance to lead and apply his tonsils to an *a capella* version of our songs.

Sarge led the national anthem in fine style, around two semitones higher than the piano version we are used to. (I think it is the key used for the NZ national anthem).

Remembering Old Friends and Good Times



Brian Gallagher

Our dear absent friend BRIAN GALLAGHER was visited recently by our Welfare Officer Brian Butler who reports:

Although largely confined to his home due to concerns his immune system is not up to scratch, and with mobility limitations as well, Brian has maintained a keen interest in Probus, in Rotary and in his church.

Brian sends contributions to the bulletin editor to help liven the content and enjoys being aware of club activities. He particularly misses the varied and interesting speakers but is at present limited by the need to avoid close contact with groups. He still hopes to attend meetings and mixing with friends. BB

June Presentation - Brian Stafford

WINDSHIPS – TALL TALES OF TALL SHIPS



BRIAN STAFFORD presented the outstanding story of the sailing ships from the golden age of sail, during the one hundred years following the defeat of Napoleon in 1815.

It was a time of substantial technical and design innovation as the first to get their goods to port received the highest price.

We were surprised to know that the sailing ships remained competitive well into the age of steam ships.

The high point in sailing ship development was the US clipper ships, with the fastest ever clipper being the *Sovereign of the Seas* which could reach the amazing speed of 22 knots. This is in the order of the Super Maxi speeds that sail the Sydney to Hobart race.

If you would like to know more about this fascinating story, Brian has written a book entitled 'The Great Windships'.

Thank you Brian for this wonderful story of the mastering of the high seas. NB

July Presentation - Dr Kelsie Raspin



PROSTATE CANCER

THE LATEST RESEARCH FROM THE MENZIES INSTITUTE

Dr Kelsie Raspin is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Cancer Genetics at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research. Her research aims to address a critical gap in our understanding of genetic changes that contribute to prostate cancer development and its progression to metastatic disease. Currently, this gap in our knowledge presents as a significant barrier to the integration of genetics and personalised medicine into clinical care pathways for prostate cancer patients. Kelsie is passionate about bringing equitable access to genomic innovation to clinical cancer care, and aims to improve health outcomes for all Tasmanians.

AUSMAS 2023



Enjoying an Ausmas Lunch



Jamsetters playing old favourites

Beautiful weather and a good roll up resulted in a happy day at the 2023 Ausmas Lunch. Past President Michael Graham acted as Master of Ceremonies together with lunch organiser Terry Kay.

The day was beautiful, just like a real Christmas day in December, only fifteen degrees colder! The Jamsetters played some old familiar tunes to provide a gap between the excellent main meal and launching into the mini pavs. Mike and Neil looked resplendent in their loud colourful shirts. I heard a whisper they looked like tattooed peacocks! (What a cheek). Actually, the Tattooed Peacocks would be a good name for the new Tasmanian AFL team, if we ever get one. Many thanks to Terry Kay, Rob Brand (in absentia), Phil Mathers and the others who made the day a great success. Now roll on the real Christmas, it is only 174 sleeps away!

July Outing - St David's Cathedral



When	Tuesday the 18th of July
Time	10.30 am
Where	Cathedral front entrance (Murray St.)
Cost	\$5.00 per head (cash to be handed to Michael Graham on the day)
Attire	Wear really warm clothes (it can be very cold)
Lunch	12 Noon at The Customs House Restaurant - a la carte

Enter your name on the list of attendees circulating at our meeting on Tuesday the 4th of July or contact Michael Graham on 0400 031 946 - by Thursday the 6th of July.

This tour, talk and question time will be under the guidance of the Dean of the Cathedral, Richard Humphrey. It is open to members, wives and friends but accessing the Belfry and the Crypt is quite taxing so those with mobility issues will be found a place where they can sit and chat. The rest of the group will not keep you waiting long.

The Dean's talk will cover many aspects of the cathedral and its story including the following but much more:

The role of this cathedral in the city; What is a Dean? The history of the building; its architecture; the artwork on display; What is a Rood screen? Why is there a bird in the East Window? Who is the guy with the horns and what is he doing in a church?

Richard is looking forward to giving us all a very warm welcome. – *David Brammall*

Website news

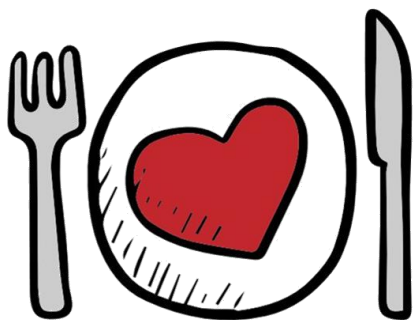
MEMBERS PHOTOS



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 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

Another Activity Choice



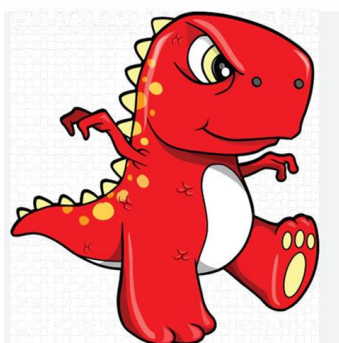
The committee has approved canvassing interest in holding an additional luncheon in the club offerings. A Mixed Luncheon held approx bi-monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month is mooted.

Geoff Medhurst has successfully organised the Men's Luncheon each month for many years and this proposal is to complement his effort and enable more regular interaction with and between members and their partners.

In 2023 such a lunch will be offered, as an option to those interested, in August and in October. A further 4 lunches are proposed for 2024 if warranted. The assistance of a couple of interested members to help decide venue etc would be much appreciated. *Brian Butler*

Grandkid's Joke of the Month

My 10 year old granddaughter came to dinner with her 10 year old cousin (girl). I used the opportunity to ask if they had any new jokes. This unfortunately was their offering, delivered with much giggling.



Granddaughter :

What do you get if you are kicked in the backside by a dinosaur?

Poppy:

I have no idea. What do you get?

Granddaughter:

A Megasaurus

(A mega sore ass) Oh dear, I shouldn't have asked!!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES – Injection of Funds Required!

15 MEMBERS STILL TO SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL FEES



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

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.

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 - July Feast

This month will be a first for our lunch bunch. Our destination will be the Black Buffalo Hotel in North Hobart and I am sure we will wonder why we haven't been there before. The menu looks great and there are senior's specials for those few with a smaller appetite. Plenty of parking is available with level access. As always the time is 12 for 12.30 and the list will head your way now. (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.

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

ENGLISH IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU DRIVE IN PARKWAYS AND PARK IN DRIVEWAYS.

IT'S ALSO THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU RECITE IN A PLAY AND PLAY IN A RECITAL.

YOUR FINGERS HAVE FINGERTIPS BUT YOUR TOES DON'T HAVE TOETIPS.

YET, YOU CAN TIPTOE BUT NOT TIPFINGER.

THE WORD **QUEUE** IS JUST A **Q** FOLLOWED BY FOUR SILENT LETTERS.

JAIL AND **PRISON** ARE SYNONYMS. BUT **JAILER** AND **PRISONER** ARE ANTONYMS.

WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY CAR, IT'S CALLED A **SHIPMENT**. BUT WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY SHIP, IT'S CALLED **CARGO**.

Thanks to Brian Gallagher

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.