

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



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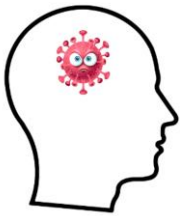
President's Theme for 2023/24

“Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun”



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## **OCTOBER GREETER – STEPHEN GRAETZER**



### **KEEP ME IN MIND**

**Don't have a brain fade! I'm still around.**

Several of our members and their loved ones have been knocked down by Covid or one of his illegitimate relations.

**Be careful and wary.**

Please don't attend any Probud function if you are feeling unwell

## *September Greeter - Brian Stafford*



New member Brian Stafford offered a friendly hand shake to greet members at our September meeting.

Master Greeter, Rod Moore (left), is pictured here generously providing expert greeting advice to Rod.



Last month questions were asked about what was in Rod Moore's 'man bag' when greeting members. It was first thought he could be running a book, however, Rod came clean and explained that he had recently had cataract surgery and his bag was full of glasses for the study, the bedroom, the workshop, the living room, each of the cars, and of course for the bag, in case he couldn't find any elsewhere! Thanks Rod, all is clear now.

## September Presenter - Rev Prof Michael Tate



Michael Tate recounted his amazing life as presenter at our September meeting. The story mapped a journey from St Virgil's College to Oxford University, the national Senate, the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the Holy See, priesthood, and back to academia in Tasmania. Reverend Tate is a man of incredible talent and achievement, especially in serving the Australian nation and its community.

Members were privileged to hear his story in his own words, mainly serious but sprinkled with delightful humour.

What a wonderful contributor to our society. Thanks go to Rod Moore for arranging this outstanding presentation.



### Word of Wisdom

"Old age is something like a plane flying through a storm. Once aboard there is nothing you can do about it." Golda Meir

## October Presenter - Dr Scott Meyerink of IMAS



Dr Scott Meyerink of IMAS will speak to his current research project 'Sampling and Analysis of Trace Metals in Aerosols and Rainwater collected from the Australian Continent and the Southern Ocean', and also about the facilities at IMAS, CSIRO and the marine national facility.

Scott has pursued his interest in earth science, gaining his PhD in Marine Biogeochemistry and through his involvement in practical research projects. His passion for the sciences has led him to recently completing his Master of Teaching degree with a view to a change of vocation to further student knowledge and interest in the field.

Our October outing on Oct 24th will be a tour of facilities at the Salamanca campus of IMAS courtesy of Dr Meyerink.

### Grandkid's Joke of the Month



Granddaughter :

What does a bee use to brush its hair?

Poppy:

I have no idea. What does a bee use to brush its hair?

Granddaughter:

A honey comb, silly.

Poppy:

Curses. Stung again!

## *A Right Royal Treat! - Government House*



Phil Mathers with Marg and Rob Brand



Luncheon for us? How thoughtful!

On a wild and windy day an enthusiastic bunch of Probarians, and their partners, blew into Government House to tour the extensive gardens, only to find the tour had been cancelled due to the dangers posed by the gale force winds.

They say it is an ill wind that does no good. Well, this ill wind provided an opportunity to tour the Government House itself. The Official Secretary of Government House David Owen generously offered to lead a grand tour of this magnificent historical building.

David took us to all ends of the building while recounting historical facts and anecdotes from years gone by.

It was interesting to hear that the original site for Government House was Macquarie Point, and yes, it was to have a roof over the whole structure!

We were given permission to exit the grand building once all the crystal and silverware was accounted for.

Thanks to David Owen for being so generous with his time and providing such a grand insight to this piece of Tasmania's history. Thanks also to Sarge for organising the day.

We look forward to a future tour of the surrounding gardens. - NB

## *Lunch Bunch - September Feast*



Our September munch took place at the Doctor's and because of the magnificent weather we dined al fresco. Attendance was reduced by the intrusion of fun in sunnier latitudes, however those who were able to be present were nourished by the pearls of wisdom and the jolly fine fare.

- Geoff Medhurst



# October Outings

UNIVERSITY of  
**TASMANIA**



**IMAS**  
INSTITUTE FOR MARINE  
& ANTARCTIC STUDIES

## October Outing

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Inspection of the  
Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies

20 Castray Esplanade

Battery Point

Meet in the foyer at 10.30 am

Celebrating  
**PROBUS**  
1 - 31 October 2023

*Month*  
*Show off our Club,*

*Bring a guest to our meetings or outings.*

Probus Month Special Event

*Combined Function*

with Hobart Ladies Probus



Lunch at Botanical Gardens

*Succulent Restaurant*



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Meet at the gates at 11.30 am

*Entertainment by the Brandovinos*

# Lunch Brunch Outing (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



## October Bunch Munch

Ahoy the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club, we are coming alongside and we expect the beer to be cold and the chow to be excellent. We also expect harbour views, plenty of space to park the dinghy, and a grand old time for one and all. Log the date now - Thursday October 12 and we will be splicing the main brace from 12 noon. Sign on by adding your name to the crew sheet or by contacting the Bosun on 0418 136 618 or gmedhurst@gmail.com

## Save The Dates

### THE SALMON PONDS AND RUSSELL FALLS

#### November Outing- Salmon Ponds (and Russell Falls) Thursday 23 November

The November outing involves a visit to the beautiful, tranquil grounds of the Salmon Ponds at Plenty, where we will have a buffet lunch. An optional visit to Russell Falls after lunch is possible but this will require a current National Parks Pass or travel with a PROBUS member who has a pass. We will stop at the Quilted

Teapot at New Norfolk for morning tea at 10.15 am. Details are as follows:

When	Thursday 23 November 2023
Time	9.15am for 9.30 am departure from Sandy Bay Bowls Club carpark.
Cost	Morning Tea at your expense \$6.00 (pay on entry to Salmon Ponds) Lunch-pay to Probus Bank A/C, by EFT, see below.
Attire	Sensible shoes, hat and a jacket
Lunch	12.30 at Salmon Ponds (Buffet) \$36 pp, EFT Payment to Treasurer by 10 November Name: Hobart Men's Probus BSB: 017 324 A/C Number: 4172-49848 (Please include your name and 'SP' in the transfer detail.)

Further information: Michael Graham Mob 0400 031 946

## *MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP Tuesday 7 November*



The sweep is on again, three (3) sweeps on offer, \$5.00 per horse. Prizes 1st \$60.00, 2nd \$40.00, 3rd \$20.00 based on 24 runners.

Charles Thomas our very own Horse Whisperer will be at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club between 4.00pm and 5.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday (depending on where I am playing lawn bowls) and Thursday for collection.

Those prizes not collected will be on hand at the Christmas Luncheon. If you are still not able to collect please ring Charles on 0422 414 861 to arrange collection.

### *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.

## *The amazing Talent in our Midst*

Our President, Rob Brand was absent for Brian Stafford's presentation on Great Wind Ships when he was away caravanning.

However, Rob bought a copy of Brian's book and loved the story and the illustrations. Rob says he always wanted to draw a tall ship, and when he saw his beautiful lithographs of SS Lightning, he just had to draw it.

Rob's drawing is coloured pencil with a touch of crayon.

Perhaps Rob might bring it to a meeting for us all to enjoy.



## *Tantalising Tourist Titbits*

Here we go again!! Another tour group from our Club is setting off from Hobart to the Far North West Coast of Tassie on Wednesday 4th October for four days. 26 members, partners and friends are heading off in a 48 seater coach (so plenty of leg room ) to discover unique areas of our state. Travellers will (amongst other attractions) be taking in Sheffield, Smithton, Edge of the World, Arthur River Cruise, Turks landing, Tarkine experience tour, Stanley, and the Tulip Festival at Wynyard. The full itinerary is included with this Bulletin (below) for information to those who are not coming along.

This is our second tour for this year for our Club members and follows hot on the heels of our very successful King Island tour back in March. Our next Club tour is to Kangaroo Island in March 2024 which at present is fully subscribed with 27 deposits paid, however if any members would like to join this tour there is an opportunity to be wait listed. Please be in touch with Mike Walpole or Frank Walker for more details. – Mike Walpole



## PROBUS CLUB, SANDY BAY

### RUNNING SHEET / ITINERARY - 3 NIGHT NORTH WEST TASMANIA TOUR

WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER - SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2023

DAY 1			
WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER - HOBART / SMITHTON			
TIME	ACTIVITY	INCLUSIONS	CONTACT
8:00am Wrest Point Pickup	Meet your coach and driver this morning at one of the pickup points below.	48-Seat Coach and Driver	<b>Love Tasmania Tours</b>  Driver: James Levett Mobile: 0448 306 481
8:30am Fairway Rise Pickup	8am - Wrest Point Casino 410 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay Meeting point : Lower open car park  8:30am - Fairway Rise Lifestyle Village 1 Toogood Drive, Lindisfarne Meeting point : Main Car Park at Entrance		Phone: 03 6272 2645 Confirmation: ID 9197 by Laura
9:00am - Depart Hobart as you head to Tasmania's north west coast.			
12:30pm	Enjoy lunch at Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm Cafe. The cafe also offers complimentary tastings and a sample of their hand-dipped chocolate-coated raspberries. After your meal, take a stroll along the lakeside boardwalk for a glimpse of the native wildlife and the raspberry farm itself.	2 course lunch - Spring Menu  <i>Drinks at own expense.</i>	<b>Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm</b> 9 Christmas Hills Road, Elizabeth Town Phone: 03 6362 2186 Confirmed by : Scott Dornauf, General Manager
Continue your journey north with stops along the way including Sheffield "The Town of Murals". Set in the foothills of majestic Mount Roland, you will have time to discover this quirky rural town where history and art merge to create an entire town of murals.  Continue onto Smithton, arriving for check in at Tall Timbers late afternoon.			
Approx 5:00pm	Arrive at the beautiful Tall Timbers Tasmania for a 3-night stay, the gateway to the Tarkine Region with world class facilities including bar, restaurant, indoor heated pool and spa and lovely grounds to explore.	Standard Motel Rooms  Full Breakfast Daily Dinner for the first 2 nights	<b>Tall Timbers Tasmania</b> Scotchtown Road, Smithton Phone: 03 6452 9000 Confirmation: TV0407 by Allison
6:30pm	Dinner this evening at Kauri Bistro located at your accommodation.	2-Course Dinner  <i>Drinks at own expense.</i>	<b>Tall Timbers Tasmania</b> Scotchtown Road, Smithton Phone: 03 6452 9000 Confirmation: TV0407 by Allison

DAY 2			
THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER - SMITHTON / ARTHUR RIVER			
TIME	ACTIVITY	INCLUSIONS	CONTACT
	Full breakfast at your accommodation.	Full Breakfast	<b>Tall Timbers Tasmania</b> Scotchtown Road, Smithton Phone: 03 6452 9000 Confirmation: TV0407 by Allison



<b>8:45am</b> - Depart Tall Timbers and travel to Edge of the World, Arthur River where you will enjoy the spectacular Arthur River Cruise today from 10am - 3pm.			
<b>Arrive at 9:30am</b>  <b>10:00am Cruise</b>	Today you will travel to the Edge of the World, Arthur River. Enjoy the serenity of the Arthur River and the unhurried pace aboard <i>MV George Robinson</i> . Admire the reflections of the lush vegetation in the tannin-coloured river and the pristine densely forested river banks of myrtles, blackwoods, leatherwoods, sassafras, silver wattles and endangered Brooker's gums. At Turk's Landing, gaze up at the giant brown top stringybark and marvel at the ancient giant tree ferns.	MV George Robinson - The Red Boat  Morning Tea and Lunch  This cruise also includes white-breasted sea eagle feeding, viewing of their 50 year old nest site, extensive commentary and a guided walk.	<b>Arthur River Cruises</b> Arthur River Road, Arthur River Phone: 0427 885 792 Confirmed by : Suzanne
<b>Approx. 3:00pm</b> - Return journey to your accommodation at Tall Timbers.			
<b>6:30pm</b>	Dinner this evening at Kauri Bistro located at your accommodation.	2-Course Dinner  <i>Drinks at own expense.</i>	<b>Tall Timbers Tasmania</b> Scotchtown Road, Smithton Phone: 03 6452 9000 Confirmation: TV0407 by Allison

DAY 3	FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER - SMITHTON / TARKINE / STANLEY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	INCLUSIONS	CONTACT
	Full breakfast at your accommodation.	Full Breakfast	<b>Tall Timbers Tasmania</b> Scotchtown Road, Smithton Phone: 03 6452 9000 Confirmation: TV0407 by Allison
<b>9:00am</b>	Departing from Tall Timbers this morning, an experienced Tall Timbers Guide will join you on your coach, for a half day Tarkine Experience morning tour. Explore the incredible Tarkine region travelling to Scotchtown, Edith River, Roger River, Kunnannah Bridge, Sumac Lookout, Julius River Reserve and Trowutta Arch. Return back to Tall Timbers at 12:30pm.	Half Day Tarkine Experience Morning Tour  Morning Tea	<b>Tall Timbers Tasmania</b> Scotchtown Road, Smithton Phone: 03 6452 9000 Confirmation: TV0407 by John
<b>Approx. 12:45pm</b>	Upon your return you will enjoy a light buffet style lunch at Tall Timbers.	Light Buffet Style Lunch with Tea, Coffee & Juice	<b>Tall Timbers Tasmania</b> Scotchtown Road, Smithton Phone: 03 6452 9000 Confirmation: TV0407 by Allison
<b>Approx. 1:45pm</b> - Travel to Stanley, a perfectly preserved Georgian village with colonial buildings, cafes and quality B&B cottages, all sheltering in the imposing shadow of the Nut, a volcanic rock formation rising 143m from the sea to the top.			
<b>2:00pm</b>	Take the return chair lift ride - Stanley's famous landmark The Nut is where you will enjoy breathtaking views of the historical and picturesque coastal village of Stanley. There is a circular walking track of approximately 2 kilometres around the summit and several viewing platforms from which to survey the panoramic views.	Return Chairlift	<b>The Nut Chairlift</b> Browns Road, Stanley Phone: 03 6458 1482 Confirmed by Fiona

3:00pm	Whilst in Stanley you will visit Highfield Historic Site. It sits on a hillside overlooking the lands the manager would have once controlled, with views across to Stanley, The Nut and the Bass Strait beyond. The house is being restored over time and its elegant Regency design, convict barracks, barns, stables, and a chapel are surrounded by a large ornamental garden.	Guided introduction to the site. Then use the self-guided map and floorplan to explore the site at your own pace.  Allow 1-hour.	<b>Highfield Historic Site</b> 143 Greenhills Road, Stanley Phone: 03 6458 1100 Confirmed by Lesa
5:30pm	Enjoy dinner this evening at Stanley Hotel Bistro before returning back to your accommodation at Tall Timbers.	Dinner - order off menu  <i>Drinks at own expense.</i>	<b>Stanley Hotel Bistro</b> 19/21 Church Street, Stanley Phone: 1800 222 397 Confirmed by : Stanley Hotel

DAY 4 SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER - SMITHTON / TABLE CAPE / HOBART			
TIME	ACTIVITY	INCLUSIONS	CONTACT
	Full breakfast at your accommodation prior to checking out.	Full Breakfast	<b>Tall Timbers Tasmania</b> Scotchtown Road, Smithton Phone: 03 6452 9000 Confirmation: TV0407 by Allison
9:00am - Depart your hotel this morning and travel to the town of Wynyard, well-known for the Table Cape Tulip Farm.			
10:00am	Arrive at Table Cape Tulip farm and enjoy hectares of tulips in bloom. The tulip farm comes alive with colour in Spring. The farm also has an impressive indoor display featuring floral arrangements, souvenirs, Devonshire teas, an art gallery, potted tulips, cut flowers and information on growing bulbs.	<i>Tickets only available at the door</i> <i>\$15 Adults, \$13 Concession/Seniors</i>	<b>Table Cape Tulip Farm</b> 363 Table Cape Rd, Table Cape TAS 7325 Phone: 03 6442 2012
Approx. 11:30am - Depart the tulip farm and make the return journey back to Hobart with a lunch stop on the way ( <i>own expense</i> ).			
Approx. 5:00pm - Arrive back in Hobart.			



When I was young, I was poor.  
After a lifetime of hard work I am no longer young?