
HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2023/24

“Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun”



SEPTEMBER GREETER – Brian Stafford



KEEP YOUR GUARD UP

Don't be hit with a covid sucker punch

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 Probust function if you are feeling unwell



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gentlemen,

In the interests of the future of our Club, it is important that we continue to recruit new members.

Despite adding four new members this year, our membership stands at the same level as December 2022, following the passing of Tony Hope and Athol Wilkes and the resignation of other members.

The only way we can increase our membership is to bring along guests and introduce them to our meetings and activities. This is something that all members can and should do as a contribution to our Club's future.

Most of us find that Probust fills a very important part of our social life, and we should be sharing this good fortune with others. Accordingly, I urge all members to make a serious attempt to invite a guest to one or all of our meetings in September, October and November.

October is national PROBUS MONTH, where clubs are encouraged to engage in promotional activities, so all members should make a special effort to bring along a guest in October.

I look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday, and to meeting many new guests.

Master Greeter - Rod Moore



Master Greeter Rod Moore, with his special Greeter's name tag, provided a warm welcome to members at our August meeting. Members were met with a firm handshake and a friendly smile.

I'm not sure what was in the bag that was in such a prominent position. Can anyone who had a peek into its dark depths please notify the bulletin editor and all will be revealed in the October bulletin - NB

Club Welcomes New member Sree



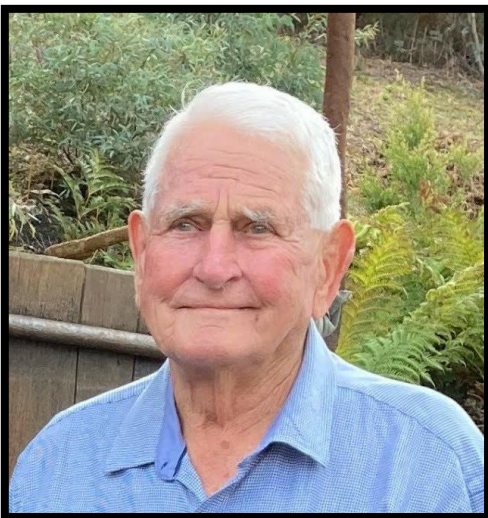
Rob, Sree and Ivan

Our esteemed President Rob Brand was back on deck after extensive travels to welcome and induct our new member Nagaratnan Jeyasreedharan (preferred to be called Sree), proposed by Ivan Pearson. Sree started his career as a Civil Engineer. The club can never have too many Civil Engineers. He had a career change coming to Australia, becoming a hedge fund manager and finally teaching in the UTAS Business School for twenty years.

We welcome Sree to the club and trust he will enjoy the many activities.

Ragtime Rob Brand completed the ceremony leading a fine rendition welcome song.

Vale - Athol Wilkes



It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of a dear friend and great contributor to our club, Athol Wilkes.

Athol was one of our longest serving members, joining Hobart Men's Probus in 2000.

He was president in 2008 and was awarded life membership in 2019 for his years of service.

He was coordinator of aquarobics from 2011 to 2014, and looked after our morning teas for many years.

Athol had suffered from a medical condition for a number of years, which had been slowly deteriorating. He had entered palliative care a short time ago, where an infection associated with his treatment finally took its toll.

Athol was a friend to all and will be sorely missed. His funeral was attended by several members of the club and condolences passed on to Pat on behalf of the club. – Robert Brand

August Presenter - Robbie Brammall



Our August Presenter was Robbie Brammall, the Director of Marketing and Communications at Mona.

Robbie explained the Mona business model and how Mona had broken normal conventions to become one of the most outstanding leaders in the arts, both nationally and internationally.

Their model is:

- Show don't tell. That is, demonstrate don't shout.
Eg Dark MOFO
- Be Honest
- Don't pander to the audience. Do the unconventional.
- Know by doing. Trial and error. Evolving and not necessarily knowing the destination.

It would be a challenge working in this business environment but Robbie is obviously the man revelling in his role.

Many thanks to Robbie for providing this insight to the workings of Mona and to his father David for organising the presentation.



A Word of Wisdom

TO FIND THE PATH TO SUCESS FIRST YOU MUST GET LOST

(How true. I have been told to get lost many times on my road to success – NB)

September Presentation - Rev Prof Michael Tate



Rev Prof Michael Tate AO PP graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968 and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as the Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia, was ordained in May 2000, and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. Currently,

he is the Parish Priest of South Hobart Catholic Parish. Fr Tate was also the Vicar General of the Archdiocese for several years. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

Grandkid's Joke of the Month



Granddaughter :

Why do ants never get sick?

Poppy:

I have no idea. Why do ants never get sick?

Granddaughter:

Because they have little anty bodies!

Poppy:

Curses. Stung again!

Vino in the Vines



Organiser Brian Butler with a vice grip on his favourite Pinot Gris



A voracious bunch belted up the highway to feast and enjoy the fine wines at Derwent Estate winery. The fabulous food and wine were enhanced by the fine day and outstanding outlook over the Derwent River. This lunch with partners and friends was well supported

and thanks go to Brian Butler for the grand idea and organising this inaugural members, partners and friends lunch. Brian is keen to receive any ideas for future lunch venues.

Lunch Bunch - August Feast



Our August munch was held at the Waterfront Hotel in Bellerive. Our close-knit group sorted out the problems of owning a car or a boat or having nothing to spend all our Qantas points on. The food was plentiful and tasty and the marine outlook fabulous. A very pleasant day indeed!

September Outing - Government House Gardens



Our September outing is a tour of the extensive gardens at Government House.

Date: Tues 19 September 2023

Time: Start 2.00pm -Finish 3.00 pm

The tour of the gardens will be led by the Government House Official Secretary, David Owens.

This outing is for all club members, partners and friends but will be weather dependent.

Parking is available in the grounds of Government House.

Lunch Brunch Outing (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



September Bunch Munch

For September we will visit **Wrest Point**. A booking has been made at the very popular **Boardwalk Bistro for Thursday September 14**. Many will be very familiar with the Boardwalk, the atmosphere is casual, the menu caters for all tastes and the prices are all discounted (STAC). We will meet at our own special table at **12 noon**.

Save The Dates



OCTOBER OUTING IMAS Tuesday October 17

A visit to IMAS (The Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies) will be held on Tuesday October 17. This will follow the October meeting presentation by Dr. Scott

Meyerink (MRACI) of IMAS.

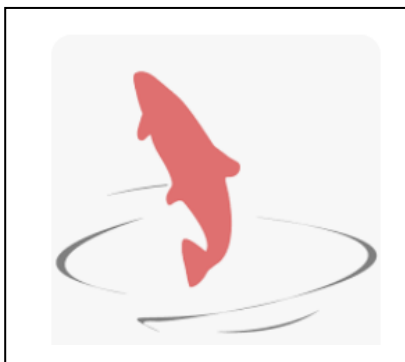
We will be meeting in the Foyer of the IMAS building, 20 Castray Esplanade, Battery Point, at 10:30.

THE 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.

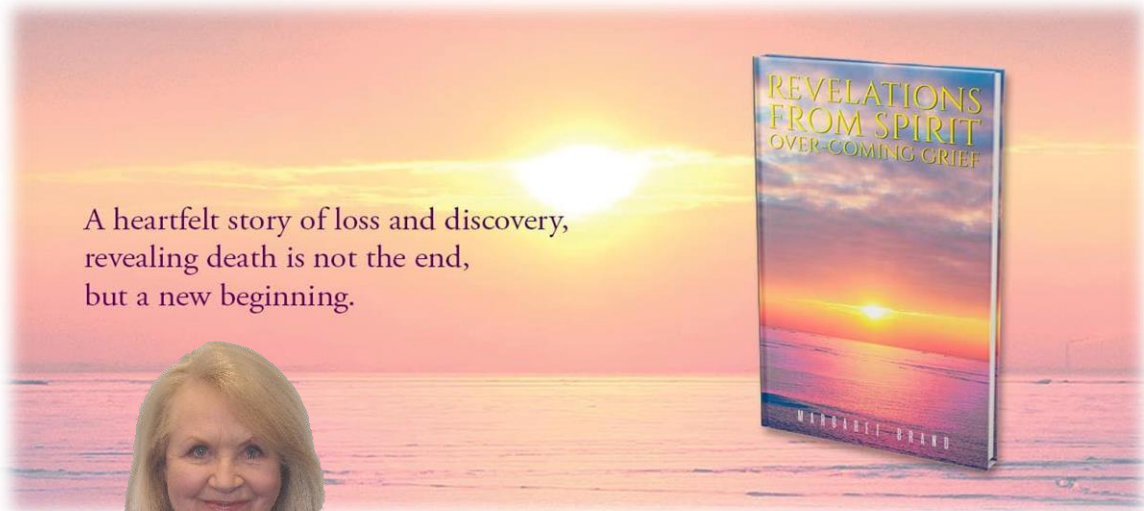
Further details in future bulletins.



A Fighting Spirit

President Rob Brand briefly informed us of the terrible loss of their son Marcus in 1995 and their brave road to recovery.

Rob's wife, Margaret, has written a book on their journey from grief to acceptance. Below is information regarding the book. Please see Rob if you have any enquiries.



A heartfelt story of loss and discovery,
revealing death is not the end,
but a new beginning.



by Tasmanian author
MARGARET BRAND

On 22nd March 1995, Rob and Marg Brand lost their only son, Marcus, aged 22 with no known cause of death. Rob was managing TT Line at the time and was passing through Port Phillip Bay on Spirit of Tasmania that morning, so Marg and their 18-year-old daughter Sarah faced the initial ordeal alone.

Following the Port Arthur massacre a year later, Marg felt the need to record her journey, knowing how many families were experiencing what she was going through. However, after the first draft she found the emotional strain too much while having to meet and greet guests in her tourist accommodation business, so she put it away until she retired.

Marg's book has now been published in London. This emotional story is a beautifully written, insightful, page turning book that will help provide acceptance and peace of mind to those who have lost loved ones or are facing their own mortality.

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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)

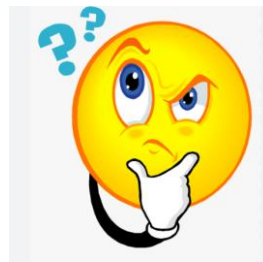


We walk from different venues (eastern shore on Mondays and western shore on Thursdays) with coffee after most walks.

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



There is really nothing dangerous in Oz
(Thanks to Mike Walpole)



There's a fine line
between a numerator
and a denominator.

Sadly only a fraction of readers
will find this funny!

(Thanks to Lewis Hamnett)

Wow, I think you
went too far with
the plastic surgery!



Thanks to Lewis Hamnett)

AFL FOOTBALL QUOTES

'I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father.'

(Shane Wakelin).

'Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein'

(Mick Malthouse - Collingwood).

'I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes.'

(Peter Bell - Fremantle - on his University Law studies).

'You guys line up alphabetically by height.' and 'You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle.'

(Barry Hall Sydney captain at training)..

Brock Maclean (Melbourne) on whether he had visited the Pyramids During his visit to Egypt :

'I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to.'

'He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is.'

(Kevin Sheedy on James Hird).

Jonathan Brown, on night Grand Finals vs Day Games

'It's basically the same, just darker.'

Barry Hall (Sydney) when asked about the upcoming season:

'I want to kick 70 or 80 goals this season, whichever comes first.'

'Luke Hodge - the 21 year old, who turned 22 a few weeks ago'

(Dermott Brereton).

'Chad had done a bit of mental arithmetic with a calculator.'

(Mark Williams).

At least this one could have been ironic?

'We actually got the winning goal three minutes from the end but then they scored.'

(Ben Cousins, West Coast Eagles).

'I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body.'

(Luke Darcy).

'That kick was absolutely unique, except for the one before it, which was identical.'

(Dermott Brereton).

Sure there have been injuries and deaths in football - but none of them serious.'

(Adrian Anderson).

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'If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again.

**(Andrew Demetriou).**

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'I would not say he (Chris Judd) is the best centre man in the AFL but there are none better.' **(Dermott Brereton).**

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'I never comment on umpires and I'm not going to break the habit of a lifetime for that idiot.' **(Terry Wallace).**

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Garry Lyon : 'Have you ever thought of writing your autobiography?'

David Swartz: 'On what?'

AND WE WANT TO BUILD A STADIUM TO HOUSE THEM!!!!!!