

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2023/24

“Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun”



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
EDITION**



DECEMBER GREETER – SANTA CLAUS

November Greeter - SREE



Sree Greeting the Editor

New member Sree warmly greeted members to the November meeting. We are discovering Sree is a man of many talents, one of which is photography. Sree turned up to our November outing to the Salmon Ponds and Russell Falls with his wide angle digital photographic machine and took every photo opportunity available. He was quick as he got in his shots before members could duck for cover. The exception was Sarge who relished in the limelight.

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

Another Melbourne Cup has been and gone with all the sweeps fully subscribed. Members were greeted by our ‘Horse Whisperer’ Charles and his faithful off sider Hamish, managing the sweeps. Charles demonstrated his knowledge as a man of the track and Hamish as a Jockey and Strapper, a sort of Jock Strapper!

3rd place prize, Sheraz (\$19) has not been claimed. The funds will be with treasurer Peter Tierney at the Christmas Luncheon.



November Presenter - Denis Rodgers



Terry Kay and Dennis Rodgers

Terry Kay convinced Denis Rodgers to slip out of retirement to recount his amazing life as a local, national and international senior cricket administrator. Denis was the ICC chairman at a time of substantial change. The members listened intently as Denis gave the inside story of major events in the cricketing world and the many colourful characters in it. He was extremely diplomatic and wouldn't give details of Shane Warne's antics no matter how we tried.

Thankyou Terry for organising the presentation. It was a treat for all of us. – NB

New Member - Alan Pretyman



Rob, Alan and Hamish

It was with much fanfare Alan Pretyman was inducted into Probus at our November meeting. The recent induction of new members, including Alan, is a bright spot in a sad year with the loss of several long term members.

Alan has a long history in service clubs, being Secretary of Australian Lions Clubs and secretary of the Kingborough Lions Club for 6 years.

We welcome Alan on board and trust he will have an enjoyable time in Probus.

Thanks go to Hamish for introducing Alan to Hobart Mens' Probus.

PROBUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH



If you are hearing that familiar jingling of bells, it is likely to be Santa approaching and not your tinnitus.

All is in order for Santa's arrival at the Probus Christmas lunch on Tuesday 5 December at the Mystate Arena, Derwent Room.

Arrival time is midday. The Derwent Room is at the front of the Arena at the northern (far) end. There is parking close by.

A complimentary drink ticket will be presented to everyone on entry after which drinks will need to be purchased from the bar.

Note: The bar is cashless, so please bring your credit card.

Thanks go to Graham Sargison for his hard work and patience in organising this lunch.

It is a good venue and well organised. It will be a cracker!

NOVEMBER OUTING - Salmon Ponds



Master Organisers Mike and Patsy



A splendid group at the splendid falls

The run of fine spring weather continued for our run up to the Salmon Ponds to feed the large fish, and ourselves, and then on to Russell Falls.

We started the day at the Quilted Teapot at New Norfolk, where we had morning tea and where Anthea Hamnett could view the material and ponder the possibilities for her next quilt.

The day's schedule was prepared with precision and surgical timing by Mike and Patsy Graham. At 11:00 (as per schedule), with no questions asked, the mob, who seemed to have settled down for the long haul, were shunted out of the tearooms and pointed in the direction of the Salmon Ponds. After viewing the fish and wandering through the scenic grounds we sat down to a splendid lunch.

Then it was out of there and off to Russell Falls for a gentle walk to the spectacular falls.

It was a great day out, largely due to Mike and Patsy's planning and organising.

As previously mentioned, we discovered that our new member Sree is a keen photographer who took 150 gigabytes of photos on his high end camera. No corner was left unphotographed. He provided the link below if you would like to view his Salmon Ponds photo portfolio!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4TBhEDHyx1edFqAu6>

We were glad to have Ian Eadie's daughter, Karen, with us. Karen took the day off to accompany Ian who obviously enjoyed the day out with his friends.

MONDAY/THURSDAY WALKERS CHRISTMAS BBQ



The Monday/Thursday Walkers are holding their usual Christmas BBQ on Thursday, 14th December 2023, at the Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, from 11.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome (including wives/girlfriends).

It is BYO meat, drinks, salads, etc. and a small contribution (depending on numbers) towards the \$60 cost of hiring the site.

Any queries contact Ian Miller (0407686447) or Brian Butler (0409218567).

Annual Family BYO BBQ - Save the Date



**SITE 9 WATERWORKS RESERVE, WATERWORKS ROAD
HOBART, MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 11:30PM TO 2.00PM.**

All is in hand for our Annual Family Barbecue this year, once again to be at Waterworks Reserve Hut 9!

I am assured the weather will be perfect!! But the site shelter takes a lot of people, if we need to be under cover.

SO... look forward to seeing you all there. Please come self contained with your BYO BBQ food and drinks.

You might want to bring a folding chair if you're not keen on bench seats. Hat and sunscreen will be obligatory!!

Please record the names of those attending on the Activity sheet which will be available at the February meeting.

Any queries - Please contact Mike Walpole 0429 001 402 or Hamish Kyle 0408 544 601
(Mike Walpole - Sensational Snag Sizzler)



FAMILY BBQ PRE-LUNCH WALK – MEET SITE 9 AT 10:30

If you feel like a comfortable walk to work up an appetite for the BBQ to follow, then Phil Mathers is your man. Phil will be leading a leisurely walk around the upper lake, leaving site 9 at 10:30 (weather dependant).

Phil guarantees you will not get lost!

MEMBERS WELFARE - Brian Butler

As we begin the Probus break from meetings I want to record my thanks to members for their support during the past two years. As Welfare Officer I have gained a greater knowledge of, and appreciation for, the various trials faced by some. The strength, fortitude and optimism shown has been heart-warming. The loss of several members has been very difficult.

Stay healthy and vigilant over the next months, and I hope to see some members able to resume their involvement as they recover, and to have all return to active membership following a happy festive season. - Brian Butler

PARTNERS AND FRIENDS LUNCHES



Following the success of the initial 'Partners Lunch' held at Derwent Estate in September, another will be held early in 2024. Date and venue will be advised when known. This purely social gathering was warmly embraced as a concept to be arranged on an ad hoc basis.

Brian Butler

Gag of the Month



“God, how long is a million years?”
“To me, it’s about a minute.”
“God, how much is a million dollars?”
“To me, it’s but a penny.”
“God, may I have a penny?”
“Of Course. Just wait a minute.”

Lunch Bunch - November Feast



Our final lunch for the year was held at the popular Cascade Brewery Bar where the drinks were plentiful, including a full range of Cascade beers on tap and an excellent selection of lunch options. The venue was very busy, however those who attended enjoyed both the meal and the chatter.

SAVE THE DATE

Our lunches are having a short break over Christmas and January but you can look forward to an announcement about our first lunch on Thursday 15th February 2024 at the Doctor Syntax where we will enjoy a most enjoyable al fresco experience.

A registration form will be at our February meeting. *Geoff Medhurst*

Our grateful thanks go to Geoff who organises these popular monthly outings - *Editor*



Word of Wisdom

You will soon see who has no swimming trunks when the tide goes out.

Advice given to student accountants and economists.



POST COVID CHRISTMAS

(Thanks: Nanette Drieslma)



Upcoming Items of General Interest

Wednesday Walkie Talkers (John Carter 0414 765 910)



The Wednesday walkers will continue throughout the summer as usual, despite a higher number of walkers being usually busy at this time of year

The 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.

The aqua group finishes on 22nd December and recommences on the 5th January.

Monday & Thursday Walkers (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)



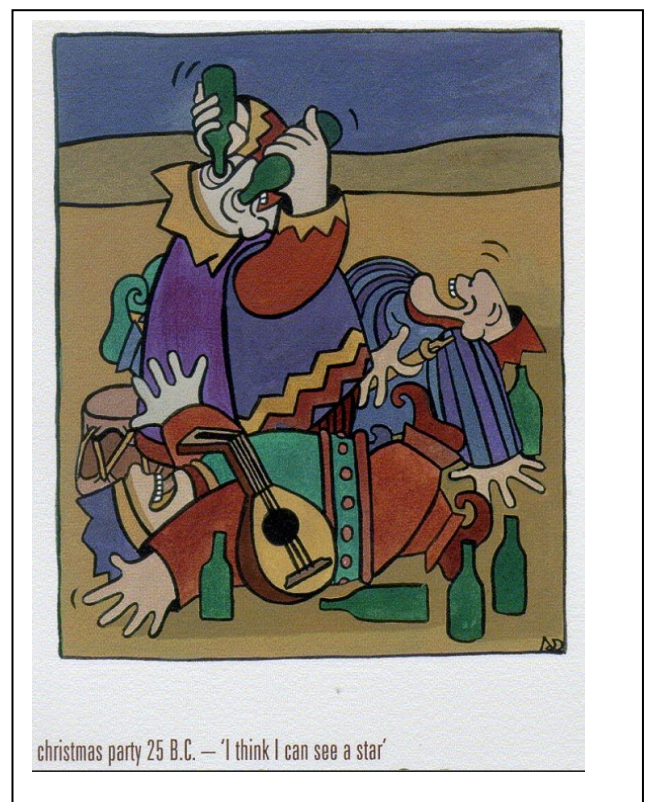
We walk from different venues (eastern shore on Mondays and western shore on Thursdays) with coffee after most walks.

The walking group continues over the festive season, as per the roster.

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



Christmas in the Modern World



christmas party 25 B.C. - 'I think I can see a star'

More Horrible Howlers

12 COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

#1 - Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.

#2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.

#3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.

#4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

#5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

#6-"On time" is when you get there.

#7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.

#8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.

#9 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

#10 - Growing old should have taken longer.

#11-Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.

#12 - You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

(Complaints directly to Brian Butler, please! – Ed)



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.

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