

## HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2023/24

“Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun”



### November GREETER – SREE

*Vale Ted Best*

#### VALE Ted Best AM



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of friend and colleague Ted Best.

Ted was greatly respected and admired as an influential business executive and contributor to the Tasmanian community. He won an engineering scholarship from Cadbury's Chocolate Factory at Claremont and progressed from cadet engineer to General Manager in 1976.

In 1978 there was a move to relocate manufacturing to Ringwood, which was successfully subverted by intense lobbying from Ted. The Claremont plant then went on to become the largest confectionary producer in the Southern Hemisphere, producing over 50,000 tonnes per annum and employing many hundred Tasmanians in milk production and confectionary

manufacturing.

In 1982 Ted was instrumental in the establishment of the Cadbury Marathon, which has become a mainstay in the Tasmanian sporting calendar. Last year it celebrated its 40th anniversary and has become the longest continuing naming rights sporting event in Australian history.

Ted was Chair of Little Athletics and was awarded the Athletics Australia Service Award in 2002 for twenty years of service. *(Rob Brand)*

*Vale Max Brown*

We note with sadness that October recorded the passing of two esteemed colleagues. Max Brown, a member for 30 years, resigned in 2022 due to failing health, died 18th October 2023. Our thoughts and condolences go to his family and friends.

# Thankyou Message from Pat Wilkes

A special thank you to all Athol's fellow Probians who sent me condolences and to those attending his farewell, we were very touched.

Pat & Family

## 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 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.

## October Presenter - Dr Scott Meyerink of IMAS



Scott and Trevor

Scott Meyerink gave us a detailed and highly interesting talk regarding his work at IMAS. His research project involves tracking the air-borne particulates carried into the Southern Ocean and analysing the consequent effects on the ocean's capacity to function as a carbon sink. The involvement of such diverse components from microscopic sea life to bushfire and dust storms was explained. Although detailed and scientific in nature, most members managed to keep up with the thrust of Scott's team's actions.

Scott also explained the facets of the work undertaken by IMAS and its partner organisations.

Members expressed their appreciation of the presentation and now understand more clearly the importance of the research being conducted.

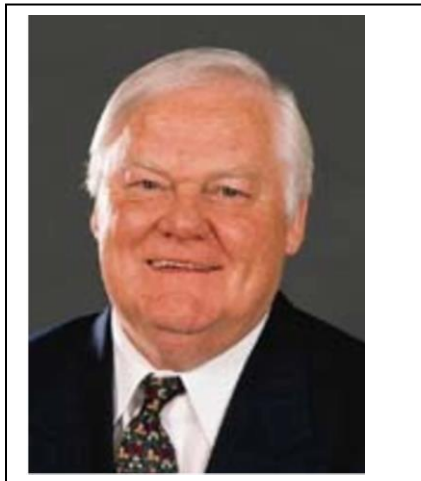
Photo: Scott is wearing a pendant enabling Trevor Willcox to hear his talk clearly. - Brian Butler Reporting

Word of Wisdom



Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it disappears!

## November Presentation - Denis Rogers



Denis Rogers had an illustrious career over many years. He has held many executive positions in both the business and sporting spheres (seventeen in all).

Three of his most high profile positions in the public arena were as the Chairman and Director of Tasmanian Cricket Association, Chairman and Director of Australian Cricket Board and Board Director of International Cricket Council. Denis is also a life member of the Marylebone Cricket Club.

Denis' presentation will concentrate on his time as Chairman of Australian Cricket Board with interesting stories about the many personalities he encountered. Thanks to Terry Kay for organising the presentation.

## NW Tas Excursion Report



Braced for a landing!

(Pic: Nick Mason)

The October NW Coast tour was an enjoyable experience for the 24 participants, who left Hobart and travelled to Smithton via Sheffield, the mural capital of Tasmania.

Staying at Tall Timbers for three nights was central to the tour. On day two we travelled to Arther River for a cruise, going ashore for a guided tour of the rain forest followed by barbeque lunch with limitless wine. Crew members entertained the group feeding sea eagles.

The third day was taken up with a wonderfully guided tour of the forests followed by a visit to the Nut, including a cable car ride and then a visit to historic Highfield House, central to the early operations of the Van Diemen's Land Company farming empire.

Then back into Stanley for an exceptional dinner at the Stanley Hotel.

Visiting the Table Cape tulip farm on a bright sunny morning proved to be the final highlight before returning to Hobart.

Thanks to Mike Walpole for assisting with planning the trip and bringing it together.

-Frank Walker, Tour Leader

## Lunch Bunch - October Feast



Our destination for October was the Motor Yacht Club at Lindisfarne. As always those who attended had a jolly good time straightening out the world's problems (unsuccessfully) and munching at some mighty nice food. Our guest was John Bothman and he was made very welcome.

Geoff Medhurst



## *Post Meeting Lunch Cancellation*



Tuesday 7 November is Melbourne Cup day and there will be no room at the Yacht Club for our regular lunch following the meeting.

As I expect most places to be full as well, I suggest you make your own arrangements for lunch this month.

See you at the meeting. – John Carter

## *Joke of the Month* (Payback for past grandkids jokes)



A dodgy painting contractor won a contract, with a very low price, to paint a church exterior. He started painting but after painting half the church he realised he didn't have enough paint. He thought nobody would notice if he thinned the paint with water to have enough to finish the job. After painting the third wall he still didn't have enough paint for the fourth wall. So, he again thinned the paint he had left with more water.

Immediately after finishing, a huge cloud swept overhead, a bolt of lightning flashed followed by a deluge of rain which washed off all the paint.

A low loud voice then thundered from above,

“REPAINT, REPAINT AND NO MORE THINNING”!!

## *Seagrass - Joint Luncheon.*

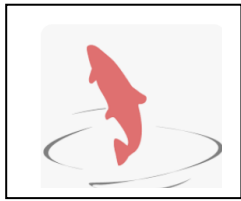
The joint Hobart Men's Probus and Sandy Bay Ladies' Probus combined lunch was hailed as a huge success. Thanks go to Presidents Rob Brand and Noel Brodribb for the idea and organising the event.



Presidents Noel and Rob



# 23 November Outing



## 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

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12:00pm - 3:00pm Tuesday 5 December 2023



It's time to bring out your bells and jingle. Another Christmas lunch is approaching.

The Christmas lunch this year is being held at a new venue, the beautiful Function Room at MyState Arena.

The room will be set up in tables of 10 where a 2-course lunch will be served for \$50.00 per head.

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

There will be some Christmas entertainment provided to make a great start to the festive season.

Please come along with partners or friends and make this a really joyous occasion.

If you are coming, please sign the circulated sheet at the November meeting and see President Rob Brand to arrange table seating.

If not able to attend the November meeting but you wish to attend the lunch, please ring Graham Sargison on 0417 548 379.

*Graham Sargison- Vice President*

## *Lunch Brunch Outing* (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)



### **November Bunch Munch**

Our final munching for 2023 will be held at a very special venue last visited a year ago, the Cascade Brewery Bar in South Hobart, where a real treat awaits. All the Cascade beers and ciders are on tap and the menu displays some fine Tasmanian tucker. The date is Thursday November 16 from 12 noon. Book your place today or by contacting Geoff on 0418 136 618 or

gcmehurst@gmail.com

## *IT Skills Update* – Brian Butler



### **SAVVY SENIORS**

Use of computer resources for daily tasks is more necessary than ever to manage our recreation and our communications. Letters are expensive to send and slow to deliver, banks deal less and less with cash, as do retailers. Business is digitally driven and conducted online.

How can you participate in this modern system?

Be connected!

As demonstrated at the last Probus meeting there is an absolute trove of resources available in the Australian Government site dedicated to assisting seniors in mastering those aspects they need/want to use.

Banking / photographs / online safety / passwords / email /etc? Check out the huge range at <http://Beconnected.esafety.gov.au/sitemap>

Where to access this?

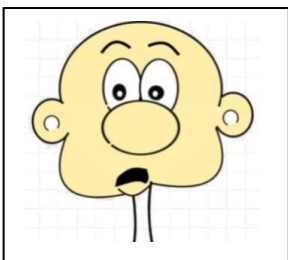
**Good:** Use the club website to access Technology Help.

**Better:** Go directly in your browser to <http://BeConnected.esafety.gov.au>

**Best:** Enrol in BeConnected and actively participate in your own learning.

After this, remember Mike Woolley and Brian Butler have offered their assistance if you get stuck or just bamboozled.

## *Beware the Canary Islands*



Did you know there are no canaries in the Canary Islands?

And, did you know about the Virgin islands?

Same thing, no canaries there either!!!

*(Thanks -Lewis Hamnett)*

## 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.

### *More Horrible Howlers*

#### **A Bit of a Laugh**

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
3. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
4. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
5. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
6. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
7. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stair.
8. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."



The Editor takes no responsibility for the quality of these howlers. Please direct all complaints to Bill Mottershead. (*Thanks Bill, good stuff – NB*)