

## HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2023/24

“Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun”



### *Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 5 March*



Come one, come all members to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5 March 2024. We want as many members as possible present to elect and welcome the new President and his Committee.

It is also your opportunity to raise any issue that will advance the value of the club.

### *February Presenter - Rob Brand "The Fixer"*



Our first presenter for 2024 was our own ‘Mr Fixit’ and President, Rob Brand.

As Rob revealed the rich tapestry of his working career my head began to spin.

From the development of Emulsion A at Universal Textiles to Australia's first Self-Serve Autogas supplier, to smoothing out the cash flow of Josef Chromy's business, to the Managing Director of the TDA, to extracting the TT shipping line out of the doldrums against all odds and his greatest triumph, providing the access to housing loans for first home buyers. And, if that wasn't enough, to providing thousands of social houses through Centacare and Wilson Homes.

Surely this is a life lived to the full and the message out of it all was; “If you've got good management and interpersonal skills, you can do anything”.

This is a life well lived and worthy of a book! (Graham Sargison)

### *Come in Spinner*

In light of the recent poor performance of the Kiwi cricket team, our Vice President, and part time spin bowler, is ready for a call up. Here Sarge is demonstrating his technique in bowling a wrong un out of the back of his hand.

He's bound to dazzle the Ozzies (and the Mozzies)!



Hadley did it this way!

# *Fun and Frolic at White Beach*

The Annual White Beach beachside holiday is done and dusted for 2024.

It was a fabulous week with almost 50 participants enjoying the fun and good weather. The regulars were there and we welcomed White Beach newcomers, Brian Stafford, John Carter and John Tomson and their partners.

There was a combination of well attended organised activities with ample free time to relax and do your own thing.



The 'Sensible Sedentaries'

The first activity of the day was the peaceful walk along White Beach. As in past years, most of the discussion along the sand was of recent medical procedures. In past years metallic implants dominated but cataracts pipped them this year.

Walkers on the Wednesday were divided into two groups, The 'Hair Shirts' who took on the gruelling five hour walk to Cape Raoul and the 'Sensible Sedentaries' who plodded along the beach as usual.



Hair Shirts on route to Cape Raoul

It was then off to Lucky Ducks or the Pear Orchard for coffee and more medical discussion.

On the Tuesday night the Jamsetters performance was driven inside at the last minute due to the only poor weather of the week. The old favorites were well received (tunes and players) with robust singing from the audience.



Question Time  
Sarge and Nanette

The change to hold Thursday's organised dinner at the park was a big success. Sarge and Nanette hosted a quiz with challenging general and musical questions dating back to our youth. Those with quick recall, or indeed any recall at all, prospered.



Chris Mathers  
I've got mine. You beauty

There was some jostling for prime position in the queue when the ice cream van arrived each night. There was a lot of waffle, both in the queue and with the ice creams.



Lewis cunningly lining up the pins,  
but can he defeat Anthea!

On the Friday evening the annual Finska tournament was held on the back lawn. Sarge demonstrated his unique ability to miss all pins using his 'wrong un' technique, mentioned earlier. Four teams were formed, two men's and two women's. Anthea Hamnett joined a men's team to even up the numbers. This was a huge bonus for the men as Anthea appeared to be the best Finska-er among the players. A knock out round was held with Anthea setting up a win in the final with Brian Butler throwing the winning shot. Brian continued to dance around in celebration claiming sole credit for the win!



Organisers Sarge and Rosemary

Our grateful thanks go to Sarge and Rosemary for their grand organisation. Rosmary's glossy program of the week's events was a stand out.



Ideas have been rocketing in for next year including this diving event from Phil Mathers. Phil has offered to take the lead as a member of the Aqua Aerobics Group.

# March Outing - Wooden Boat Centre

Don't just stay at home and let the dry rot take hold. Shake off the barnacles and join Phil Mathers as he leads you on a journey through the Wooden Boat Centre in Franklin.

**COST: \$12 PER HEAD**

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### Wooden·Boat·Centre ←

### Franklin ←

### Tuesday·19<sup>th</sup>·March· ←

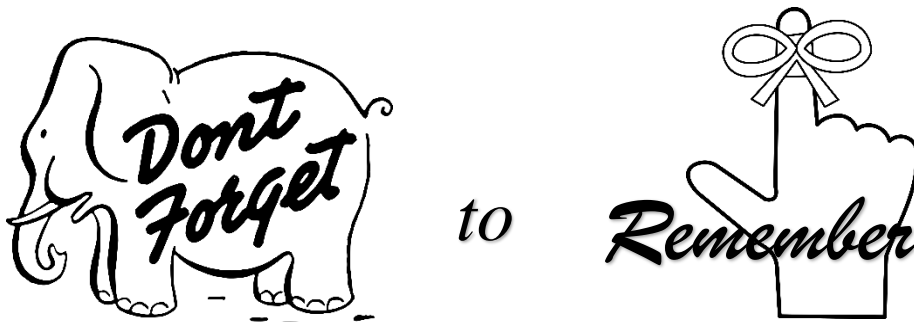
### 11.00·am ¶



Followed·by·lunch·at·Frank's·Cider·House·&·Cafe ¶

Please put your name and details on the circular at the March meeting, or contact Phil Mathers if you haven't already registered.

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS



For those who are yet to provide their emergency contact details, please respond to President Rob's email of 5th February requesting the following:

Member Name: .....

Requirement	Primary Contact	Secondary (Optional)
Emergency Contact Name		
Phone number (mobile preferred)		
Relationship		

If you cannot find the email or have difficulty in responding, please email or text the above details to Rob at: [rmbrand@bigpond.com](mailto:rmbrand@bigpond.com) or 0418 122 671.

# *New Zealand South Island - Tour*



## **Probus Proposed New Zealand South Island Tour**

**28 October to 6 November 2024**

Late November 2023 sale price with savings of NZD \$425 was AU \$5178.  
Allowing for airfares say up to \$6000.

Tour into and out of Christchurch. Full size coach with premium economy  
comfort seats. Airport transfer included.

**Interested persons should confirm with Frank Walker ASAP.**

**fwalker5@bigpond.com 0417 543 057**

Please confirm with number of persons and your email address and phone number.

Hopefully with a small number of members special arrangements / sale price can apply.

Being an overseas trip the Club needs to provide for an agent to undertake all the necessary  
work.

Other travel arrangements are best left to the individual member.

Our Travel Agent Contact : Naeelah Abraham, First Light Travel

naelah.abrahams@firstlighttravel.com 1800 324 917

With positive response this information will be passed to Naeelah who then contacts you to  
finalise travel arrangements directly with you.

*(Frank Walker)*

## *February Lunch Brunch Outing*



Our February munch took place at the well known and much loved Doctor  
Syntax Hotel. Our dining was outside which was just as well due to the  
vigorous debate on issues like elections and wars. Is there a difference?

(Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

## *Post Meeting Yacht Club Lunch* (John Carter)



Please let John Carter know during the coffee break if you wish to  
attend the Yacht Club lunch after the March Meeting, so he can  
inform the Yacht Club of numbers.

Put your name on the list and the meal will be A La Carter.

## Lunch Munch-March Feast - March 14



### Lunch Bunch

The **Boatshed Restaurant** has been unanimously entered into the favourites list. Our last visit was in May last year and all agreed that the setting on the edge of Cornelian Bay, the service and the fare was all top class. This year we will again visit the Boatshed on **Thursday March 14** and all are most welcome, just add your name to the list or phone Geoff on 0418 136 618.

## Joke of the Month!



I was brought up in the era of Steve Jobs, Johnny Cash and Bob Hope.  
Now there are no jobs, no cash, and no hope.

I pray nothing happens to Kevin Bacon!!

*(Thanks Lewis Hamnett)*

## Annual Family BYO BBQ



Boys BBQing Bangers

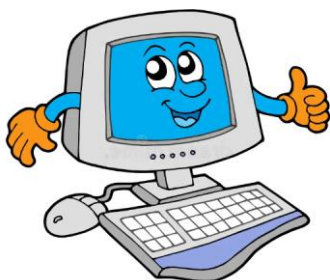
A large group of hungry sausage sizzlers gathered at the Waterworks reserve for the annual Probus BBQ on Monday 26 February.

It was a beautiful day and a strong group of walkers met an hour early to work up an appetite with a stroll around the upper reservoir. Phil Mathers led the way with much frivolity.

The best cooking prize, if there was one, would have gone to Rob Brand for his multi layered hamburger. He amazed our table with how many goodies you could pile on without it collapsing. A certain 'My Barbie Rules' winner if there ever was one.

Thanks to Hamish and Mike Walpole for another great day.

## Website Club Calendar - Reminder



Members are encouraged to utilise the club calendar accessible on our website.

Proposed speakers at monthly meetings are listed with the topic to be addressed. Outing venues for each month with available detail are included as soon as known, and any changes made when/if notified by the organiser.

We hope this will assist members to know the how/what/where of our plans for 2024. *(Brian Butler – IT Guru)*

## PHIL'S PHILOSOPHY – A WONDERFUL LIFE!

I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.  
I don't have to go to school or work.  
I get an allowance every month.  
I have my own pad.  
I don't have a curfew.  
I have a driver's license and my own car.  
I have ID that gets me into bars and the whisky store.  
The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.  
And I don't have acne.  
Life is great. I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

(Phil Mathers)

### 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.

## *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.

## **SCAM WATCH**

